



Kevin Byrd, AICP is the Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission in Radford, Virginia. In his capacity as director he oversees a broad range of federal, state and local programs which include housing, transportation, environmental, economic development, land use planning, GIS mapping services and early childhood education. Mr. Byrd began working for the Commission in 2005 as a Regional Planner and was appointed Executive Director in October 2009. He has over 15 years of community development experience in the public sector at the town, county and regional levels of government along with private sector consulting experience. He has a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University.

He currently is in leadership roles serving as 1st Vice President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO); Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions; Past President of 'Round the Mountain and is on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

In 2018 he received the Distinguished Business Leader of the Year Award from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and the President's Award from the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions. Under his leadership, the New River Valley Regional Commission was selected as the Best Place to Work by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce in 2018.