



# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCESS (EDA) PROGRAM**

Allegheny County – Allegheny Regional Commerce Center

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# Economic Development Access (EDA) Program

- **Provides funding to design and construct roads that serve new or expanding economic development sites**
  - Localities submit applications for EDA Funding to VDOT, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) considers and approves project allocations
- **Projects can be either design-only projects or construction projects**
  - **Design-only projects: Funds are used solely for the design of a new road or improvements to an existing road**
  - **Construction projects: Funds are used for both the design and construction of a new road or improvements to an existing road**
    - Traditional: where an existing qualifying establishment is expanding or a new named qualifying establishment is under firm contract to build
    - Bonded: where no establishment is under firm contract to build or when the identity of the qualifying establishment is held confidential

Fund Source	Design-Only Projects		Construction (Bonded or Unbonded)	
	MEI	Non-MEI	MEI	Non-MEI
State	\$500,000	\$150,000	\$1,000,000	\$700,000
State/Local Match	\$150,000/\$150,000	\$50,000/\$50,000	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000	\$150,000/\$150,000

# Non-MEI Design Only Program Summary

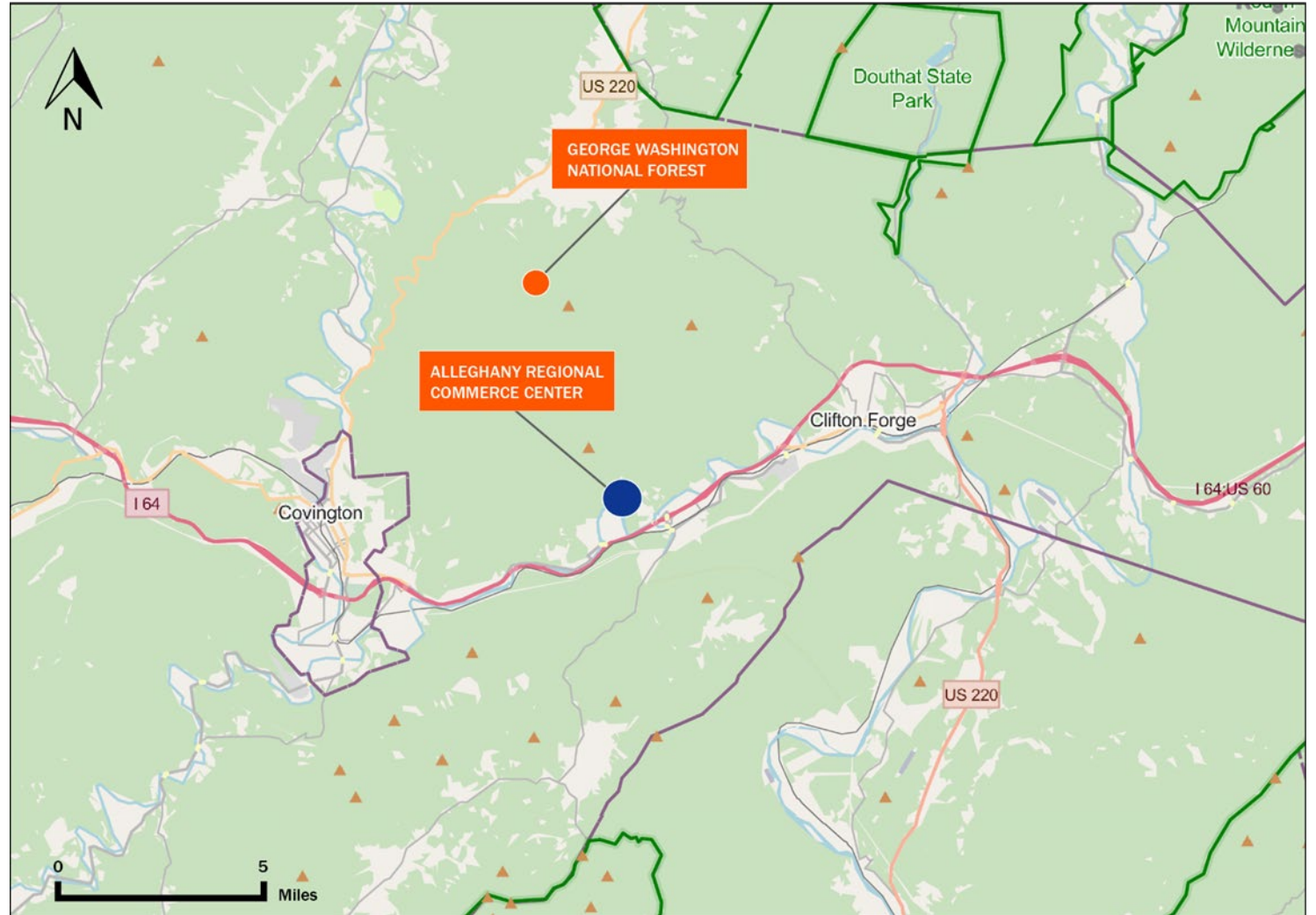
- **On February 2022, the CTB updated the Economic Development Access Policy to include a new allocation for Design-Only Grants to sites which do not meet the MEI criteria**
- **Maximum allocation of \$200,000**
  - (\$150,000 unmatched, \$50,000 matched)
- **Must be guaranteed by an acceptable surety**
- **Surety will be released after VDOT's approval of the final plans**

# Non-MEI Design Only Project – Allegheny County

## Legend:

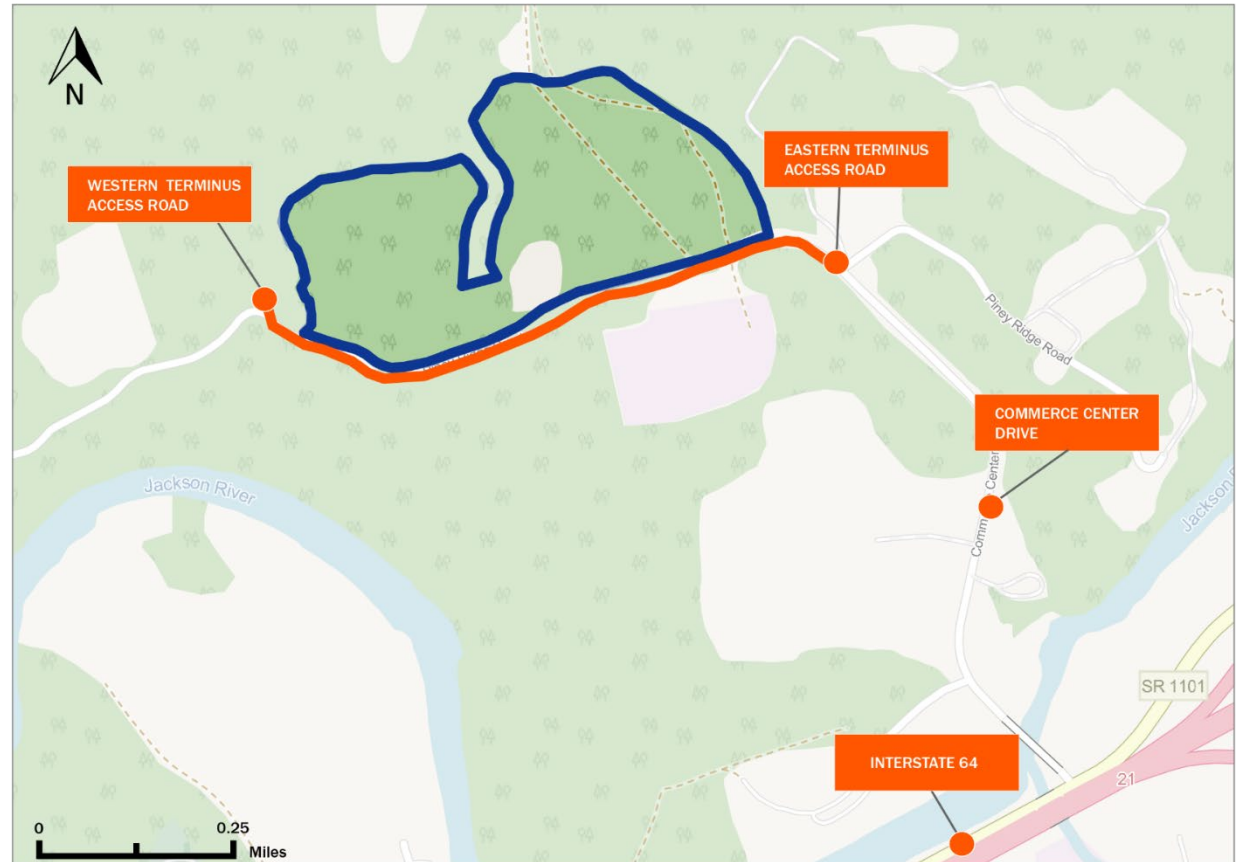
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# Non-MEI Design Only Project – Alleghany County

- This proposed access project will design an extension of Piney Ridge Road, providing access to two graded pad sites
- Project design details:
  - 0.49 mile long, 24-foot-wide new access road
  - Proposed Project Allocation: \$175,000 (\$200,000 total design cost)
    - (\$150,000 unmatched, \$25,000 matched)



## Legend:

- Alleghany Regional Commerce Center Pad Sites
- Access Project

# Next Steps

- **April 2026 meeting, the CTB will be presented with a Resolution proposing to establish a new EDA project**
- **If approved by the CTB, VDOT and Alleghany County will enter into Standard State-Aid Agreement**
- **Alleghany County will administer this project**



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