



WVEC Annual Meeting 2025

Cedar Lakes Conference Center | September 20, 2025

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Location: Jackson Hall, Cedar Lakes Conference Center

9:00 am Continental Breakfast in the meeting room. (Provided by WVEC!)

9:30 am Welcome and Introductions. We will discuss the day's agenda and goals.

10:00 am Partner Updates. Time to hear about any WINS!

10:30 am Speakers

- **HB 2014 and air permits, land use, and zoning**
Andrew Earley, Fairshake Environmental Legal Services
- **Data Centers: A perspective from Virginia**
Julie Bolthouse, Director of Land Use, Piedmont Environmental Council
- **Flooding and resiliency policy, WV and Appalachian perspective**
Brendan Muckian-Bates, Policy & Advocacy Associate at Appalachian Citizens' Law Center and a leader of the Appalachian Appalachian Flood Resilience Coalition

12:00pm Lunch* in the Lions Shelter, adjacent to Jackson Hall

1:00 pm 2025 Legislative Session Recap, Kasey Russell, WVEC Lobbyist

1:15 pm Policy Briefing Book Preview, Question King, WVEC Vice President

1:30 pm Speakers

- **Public land updates and what could be on the horizon**
Mike Jones, Conservation Manager, WV Rivers Coalition
- **Attacks on community air monitoring: A Kentucky perspective**
Byron Gary, Program Attorney, Kentucky Resources Council

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Working Groups Presentations

- Preview of 2026 Priorities
- Flood Resiliency/River Trails and Access
- Data Centers
- Energy Policy

3:30 pm Q&A with Delegate Evan Hansen

4:00 pm Legislative Strategy Brainstorming

- **Tools:** Legislator tracking, citizen advocate recruitment, utilize coalitions/groups we have something in common with; public awareness campaigns
- **Flood resiliency next steps with Grace Dever**, Assistant Director of WVU Center for Resilient Communities
- **Break-out groups for each priority**

4:45 pm Wrap Up

- Final reflections
- Next steps and follow-up timeline
- 2026 E-Day Overview, Environmental Day is Monday, Feb. 23, 2026!!
- Thank you to all participants

5:00 pm Dinner* and a campfire at #66 around 7:30 pm!

*Meals can be purchased when you [register](#).