



## Grant Awarded for Economic Study of Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport



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Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport south of Martinsburg was awarded \$22,500 in federal funds to complete an economic-impact study for the airfield, U.S. Sens. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said Monday.

The purpose of the study is to assess the economic value that the airport has on the local and regional economy of the Eastern Panhandle and surrounding area, the senators said in a news release.

The funding award was among \$301,811 in U.S. Department of Agriculture funding for rural economic development announced for projects in Martinsburg, Charleston, Keyser, Lewisburg, Parkersburg and Talcott.

In addition, \$29,796 was awarded to Innovative Community Solutions in Martinsburg to continue an entrepreneurship and business-leadership-training program in Berkeley County, W.Va., serving veterans and people who have been incarcerated, the release said.

Grant funds will be used to cover costs associated with personnel involved in delivering training, equipment and supplies to be purchased. It is anticipated that the project will create 22 jobs in the region.

To read more, see excerpt: [https://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri\\_state/west\\_virginia/grant-awarded-for-economic-study-of-eastern-west-virginia-regional/article\\_8be2d0e4-c5b8-11e8-ab35-87cf0e168a4f.html](https://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri_state/west_virginia/grant-awarded-for-economic-study-of-eastern-west-virginia-regional/article_8be2d0e4-c5b8-11e8-ab35-87cf0e168a4f.html)



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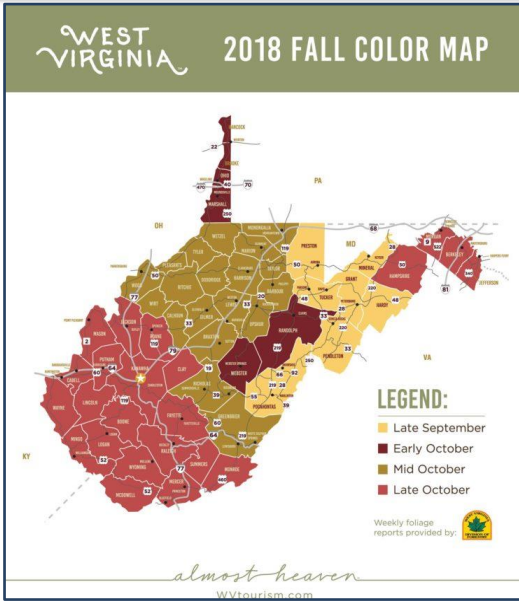
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### About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient. Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

# Fall Foliage Season Starts in West Virginia



The West Virginia Tourism Office has partnered with the West Virginia Division of Forestry on the 2018 fall foliage season and preliminary reports forecast good fall color across the state.

The agencies plan to continue their longstanding partnership and have started

producing weekly fall foliage reports.

“From gorgeous fall foliage and autumn activities to annual harvest festivals and events, fall in West Virginia is truly almost heaven,” said Tourism Commissioner Chelsea Ruby. “I’m excited to continue our partnership with our friends at the Division of Forestry, and it looks like residents and visitors alike are in store for gorgeous color this fall.”

Weekly updates will detail the percentage of color change throughout the state and will also include a featured country road trip of the week. The road trips are designed to take travelers of the beaten path and introduce them to favorite fall pastimes, places to stay and picturesque spots across the state.

“There’s no better time to travel down our country roads than when they are lined with beautiful fall color. And with so many things to see and do across the state, we want travelers to find

their favorite country road and make the stops that help generate tourism spending in our local communities,” Ruby said.

Weekly fall foliage updates will be provided by Division of Forestry personnel, and the Tourism Office will compile them and create corresponding fall foliage trip ideas. The reports will be released each Wednesday.

“As the evenings start to cool and frost begins, the first color will start in the northern part of the state and in higher elevations, then gradually work its way south and to lower elevations,” said Barry Cook, Director of the Division of Forestry. “This year, we should have some really great fall color. We’ve had plenty of moisture over the summer, which helps keep the foliage from drying up and turning brown before full color is achieved.”

As vibrant colors begin to peak across the state, travelers are encouraged to post and share their favorite fall photos using #AlmostHeaven for a chance to appear in the Tourism Office’s marketing efforts this fall.

For fall travel inspiration and events, visit [www.WVtourism.com/fall](http://www.WVtourism.com/fall).

A popular activity in the early autumn is to drive around and view the changing colors of the local trees as the green of spring and summer turns into the reds, yellows and other colors of the fall season.

The scientific reason for the color changes is a process called photoperiodism. As the sun moves farther south, the hours of daylight shorten and the temperatures fall, causing leaves to cease production of chlorophyll, the chemical that colors leaves green. As the chlorophyll disappears, the underlying colors of the leaves are unmasked. The next strongest pigment becomes dominant giving the leaves a “new” color.

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