

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cumberland Valley Area Development District

2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

30-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Public Comment Period: Sept 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District (CVADD) hereby provides notice that the **Draft 2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** is available for public review and comment.

The CEDS is a regional planning document designed to guide economic and community development efforts throughout the Cumberland Valley Area Development District, which serves **Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley Counties** in Kentucky.

The CEDS identifies regional economic conditions, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; establishes goals and strategies for economic development and economic resilience; and identifies regional and local priority projects. The document also assists CVADD and its member communities in planning for and pursuing federal, state, and other funding opportunities.

In accordance with the requirements of the **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)**, CVADD is providing a minimum 30-day period for the public, local governments, community organizations, businesses, economic development partners, and other interested parties to review and provide comments concerning the Draft 2026 CEDS.

Review the Draft 2026 CEDS

The Draft 2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy will be available electronically on the Cumberland Valley Area Development District website at:

www.cvadd.org

A printed copy of the Draft 2026 CEDS will also be available for review or may be requested by contacting the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

How to Submit Comments

Written comments, suggested corrections, additions, or other recommendations regarding the Draft 2026 CEDS may be submitted to:

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Comments may be submitted by email, mail, or delivered to the CVADD office.

Public Comment Deadline

The public review and comment period will begin on **Tuesday Sept. 1, 2026**, and will remain open through **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**.

All comments should be received by 4:30 p.m. EDT on September 30, 2026.

Following the closure of the public comment period, CVADD will review comments received and make appropriate revisions to the document. The revised **2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** will then be presented to the **Cumberland Valley Area Development District Board of Directors** for consideration and approval.

Following Board approval, the final 2026 CEDS will be submitted to the **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)** and the **Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG)**.

CVADD encourages residents, local governments, businesses, community organizations, economic development partners, and other interested parties throughout the eight-county Cumberland Valley region to review the Draft 2026 CEDS and provide comments regarding the region's economic and community development priorities.

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