**Update**

**Waynesboro Advocacy Committee**

**Virginia Museum of Natural History**

**May 2022**

1. Detailed Design

* The selection committee interviewed four firms and their subcontractors.
* One was selected for further engagement, but high costs with an observable lack of how the state processes work led to the decision to move to a second firm.
* The selection team, with the help of the JMU construction managers, has begun work with the second firm to obtain a cost proposal which is due to the week of 16 May 2022.
* Detailed Design consists of:
	+ An approximate 2-month review of the 2019 Preplanning document (*Schematics*). Does what is provided in this document still work as far as building design, layout, content, exhibit narrative, visitor experiences, landscape design, and integration into the local community?
	+ This review will inform the next step (*Preliminaries*) which is a year-long process to develop content needed to produce working drawings (the documents that are essentially handed to the contractors who will improve the site, erect the building, and install exhibits).

2. Community connections

* VMNH had a strong presence at the Waynesboro River Fest on 30 April 2022. Large crowds were present who interacted with VMNH staff, many of whom were well familiar with the VMNH-Waynesboro branch campus project and eager to learn more.
* The Wayne Theatre Signature Science Talks series continued, and the 2022-2023 schedule is being planned.
* Joe Keiper presented the VMNH-Waynesboro project and timeline to the Shenandoah Valley Partners on 22 April 2022.