

VIRGINIA INLAND PORT STUDY

Q3 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

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[Virginia Inland Port Study Q4 2023 General Assembly Update – December 1, 2023](#)

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the twelfth update in accordance with the Biennial Budget (HB 30 from the 2026 Special Session I), Item 450 E.3.

This document provides an update to ongoing work associated with the potential for a new inland port facility in the Mount Rogers Planning District and related next steps, for which the Commonwealth allocated funds in the FY2027 – FY2028 budget to pursue further development.

Readers of this update are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project's intent by reviewing the initial Inland Port Study ("Inland Port Study: Feasibility Analysis of Locating an Inland Port in the Commonwealth") which was jointly released with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) and previous updates, the most recent of which was released in June 2026.

This twelfth update:

- Focuses on work accomplished over the most recent past three months, through September 1, 2026.

II. PROGRESS TO DATE

The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) has engaged Moffatt & Nichol to advance the design of the proposed inland port facility to the 100 percent design stage. Notice to Proceed (NTP) has been issued, and design activities are now underway. Completion of the final design is anticipated to take approximately one year, with work expected to conclude in early fall 2027.

In parallel, VPA has been working with Kimley-Horn to develop the scope and cost estimate for the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Notice to Proceed has also been issued for this effort, and the environmental review process is expected to require approximately one year to complete, with work expected to conclude in early fall 2027.

As both the design and environmental review efforts advance, VPA will continue to refine project requirements, schedules, and cost estimates. A more detailed outline of the scope of work for both initiatives, including key milestones and deliverables, will be provided as part of the December 1, 2026 project update.