



PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

- The purpose of this project is to provide transportation improvements that are responsive to planned economic development.

PROJECT NEEDS

- To support local and regional economic growth, efficient highway operations for development, and community access
- To provide enhanced access to the proposed 340-acre mixed use/industrial site known as the Casselman Farm Development and is part of the Chestnut Ridge Development Corridor (CRDC)
- To meet the regional goals for the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) by contributing a 1.4 mile segment to the completion of Corridor N
 - The goal of the ADHS is to generate economic development in previously isolated areas, supplement the interstate system, connect Appalachia to the interstate system, and provide access to markets within the Region and the rest of the nation.
- To address safety throughout the project area
 - There are 29 residential access points and 15 commercial access points along existing US 219 in the study area. The large number of access points in a relatively short distance (at an average spacing of every 180 feet) is a safety concern for vehicles entering and exiting US 219 from the adjacent residences and businesses.