

Project Summary

This project will deliver critical infrastructure improvements that unlock long-term economic growth and strengthen Jefferson County's role as a strategic hub for industry and government operations.

Summit Point, located in Jefferson County, WV, is a nationally recognized 785-acre campus integrating motorsports with critical U.S. Government training and testing functions. Originally opened in 1969, the facility now supports 254 employees, 47,800 annual visitors, 300 trainings, and 157 contracted events. All operations currently rely on decentralized well and septic systems, which limits reliability and growth.

A June 2025 sanitary survey identified a centralized water and wastewater system as the most viable and cost-effective solution to meet current and future needs. This modernization will ensure environmental protection, operational resilience, and capacity for expansion—strengthening Summit Point's strategic role and economic contribution. The Charles Town Utility Board (CTUB) is requesting \$10.6 million through the WDA Economic Enhancement Grant to implement this critical infrastructure upgrade.

The proposed infrastructure upgrade will generate \$37.2 million in new economic activity statewide over the next 10 years, including \$23.9 million locally in Jefferson County, and drive \$7.7 million in annual tourism growth post-expansion. Combined current and future impacts total \$94 million for West Virginia and \$59.7 million for Jefferson County, with tourism contributing \$19.6 million annually statewide and \$12.6 million locally. Following the upgrade, Summit Point is projected to employ 420 people, host 78,950 visitors, deliver 495 trainings, and support 260 contracted events annually.

Investing in this project ensures the long-term viability of a nationally significant facility while delivering measurable economic benefits to Jefferson County and the State of West Virginia. By modernizing essential infrastructure, Summit Point will continue to attract visitors, create jobs, and support mission-critical operations for decades to come. This grant will catalyze growth, strengthen regional competitiveness, and advance the WDA's goal of enhancing economic opportunity across West Virginia.