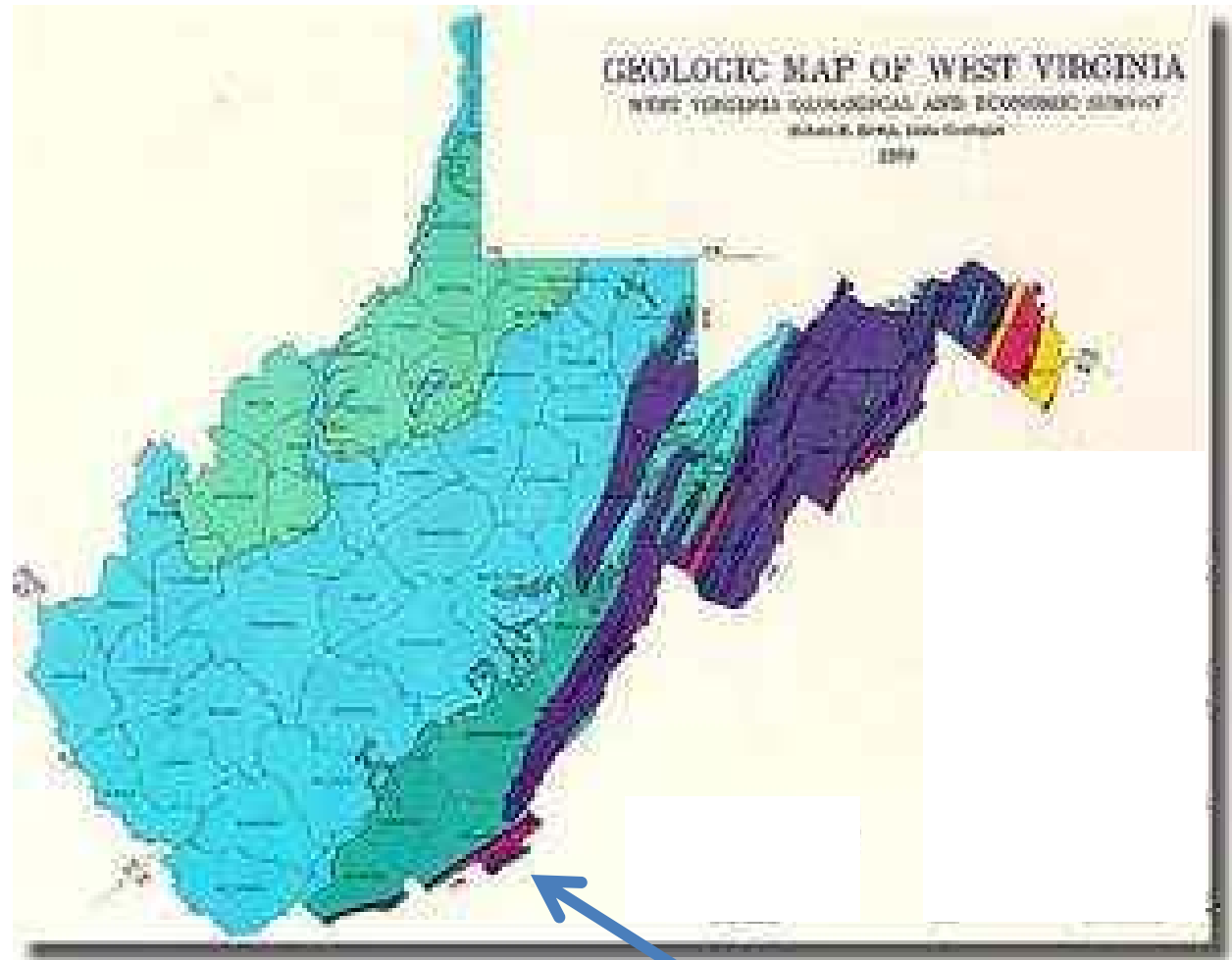


# Monroe County WV

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- 473 square miles
- 13,000 population
- 28.6 people/sq mile
  - - population predicted to decline
- Karst and Mountainous Topography
  - - Watershed drains to Mississippi and James

(Gulf and Chesapeake Bay)

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- County budget: \$1.4 million
- Agricultural base: Beef, Dairy
- Some movement to CSA (farm to market)
- Limited Infrastructure (water, roads, sewer)

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- County has no:

- - 4 lane roads

- - stop lights

- - box stores

- - strip mall

- - motels/hotels

- - franchise restaurants

- - bldgs over 3 stories

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- Monroe County has:
  - - Exceptional water
  - - Exceptional viewsheds
  - - Caves/karst
  - - Stable population for over 200 years
  - - Strong soils and agricultural economy
  - - Miles and miles of one lane roads
  - - Rural values

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- The small community needs a plan:
  - - Leaders lead instead of react
  - - Consider fiscal/environmental/social
  - - Cooperation of industry is vital
  - - Can be divisive
  - - Jobs training – not placards

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- We have no drilling yet
- We have a comprehensive plan
- We have an MOU with the company  
(covers water protection and testing, karst provisions, training first responders, school bus times, etc.)



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We may not be ready

But we have tried