

## City of Radford Receives VTCA Award

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The City of Radford, VA and Anderson & Associates have been awarded the top 2015 Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) Engineering Award in their category for the transformation of the Second Street and Park Road intersection from a dangerous three-way intersection to an attractive and safe roundabout, boasting landscaping and even pedestrian bikeways. The City of Radford is committed to providing safer routes for its citizens, who had long awaited improvements to this heavily travelled corridor.

The award is an accomplishment both the City and A&A were pleased to receive at the annual VTCA Forum in Richmond. City Engineer, Jim Hurt received the award on behalf of the City of Radford along with Ken Anderson and Bill Bushman from Anderson & Associates.

The VTCA award program recognizes outstanding design work in Virginia's transportation industry. To be eligible for consideration, projects must be located in Virginia and must have been managed by a Virginia office with the major portion of the consultant work performed in the Commonwealth.

This seemingly simple project involves almost every task encountered in urban transportation design, including an archeological site, urban stormwater considerations, maintaining traffic during construction, and close attention from public and environmental groups.

The Park Road and Second Avenue corridor serves multiple purposes. It is a major east-west connector for City residents and visitors as well as a vital artery between Belle Heth Elementary and the Radford High School.

It meets the transportation, social, and environmental needs of the City, and offered vast improvements to the previous roadway which was two-lane with narrow shoulders and ditches. It also meets the needs for pedestrian traffic, which continues to increase from local residents and students attempting to travel to and from the high school, elementary schools, recreational department, and the pre-existing trail system. A parallel multi-use trail system is incorporated along the entire project corridor and provides a vital connection in the community. Now you will find citizens and visitors safely commuting, exercising and socializing.

Construction of the project was completed in May 2015.

