



March 10, 2016

Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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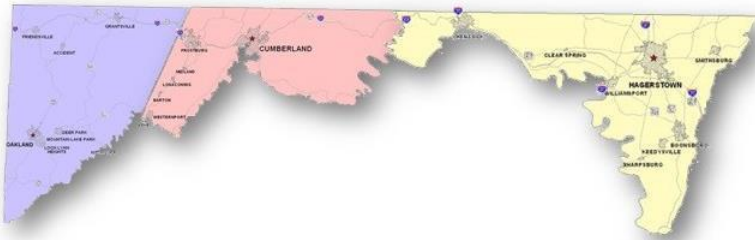
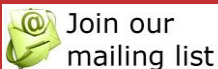
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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
TCCWMD Business Meeting
Allegany County
More Details to Follow



Grant Opportunity Now Available

Requests are currently being solicited for the FY2017 Appalachian Regional Commission grant cycle in **Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.**

Eligible applicants include County Governments, Local Governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Projects should be able to demonstrate measurable outcomes and/or economic impact. ARC Projects must be submitted to the respective county commissioners for review to ensure that they meet the minimum criteria set forth by the guidelines and priority ranking no later than **Friday, April 8, 2016.**

Those interested in submitting a project request should contact the following to obtain further information:

Allegany County Department of Economic
& Community Development
301-777-5967

Garrett County Economic Development
301-334-1921

Washington County Office of Community
Grant Management
240-313-2092

Notice of Funding Availability

Upcoming Deadline: March 14, 2016

USDA Rural Development
Distance Learning and
Telemedicine Grant

The DLT Grant Program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect each other and to the world.

Funding Opportunity for Research Projects to Address Opioid Injection Use and Its Consequences in the Appalachian Region

NIDA and ARC Grants will help develop an epidemiologic understanding of drug use in any of the 420 Appalachian counties.

Recognition for Organizations Working With Military Families

Recognizing Unique Opportunities to Improve Quality of Life for Military Families

Project planning guides: ARC FY2016 Strategy Statement, Appalachian Maryland Development Plan, ARC Five-Year Strategic Plan for Capitalizing on Appalachia's Opportunities 2016-2020, and ARC Goals and Objectives FY16 are available at www.tccwmd.org.



**Maryland Department
of Transportation**

MDOT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS PROGRAM

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) seeks to improve safety, economic prosperity, and community vitality by working cooperatively with local governments to enhance multimodal transportation options. Designating bicycle and pedestrian priority areas (BPPAs) is a tool to facilitate the coordinated planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in areas with a high potential for bicycling and walking. This collaborative approach can help state and local transportation agencies focus on overcoming a wide range of impediments to bicycle and pedestrian travel, regardless of facility ownership.

Follow [this link](#) for the Program Summary, What the BPPA Designation Means, How the Program Works, and Getting Started. Electronic applications will be accepted between March 5th and May 6, 2016.