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## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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### Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**  
**Tri County Council for Western Maryland**  
Business Meeting  
Tour of EDA and ARC Garrett County Projects

**Maryland Farmer's Markets**  
Follow this link.



## USDA Reports How Food and Forestry Are Adapting To A Changing Climate

As part of USDA's commitment to a healthier planet for future generations, USDA is working on innovative strategies to reduce pollution while helping farmers, ranchers and forestland owners adapt to the intensifying impacts of climate change.

The first results of **USDA's Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry** have been shared. A year after the plan was originally unveiled, you can read the progress report and see how these building blocks are working on the ground by exploring a series of case studies [online](#).





### Notice of Funding Availability

#### Biking Infrastructure and Advocacy Initiatives Funded

PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program provides for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted initiatives to make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride.

#### Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

USDA Rural Development helps make expensive repairs, accessibility improvements, and energy efficiency changes to small town homes.

## Transportation Association of Maryland Conference and Expo 2016

The **TAM 2016 Conference and Expo** is the premier conference, networking event, and trade show for Maryland transit providers, human service organizations, and vendors. Over four days in sunny Ocean City, TAM will hold multiple-day RTAP (*Rural Training Assistance Program*) sessions, a vendor showcase, general and breakout sessions, and hands-on training along with networking events in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Held from September 26-29, all persons from transit-related organizations and vendors are welcome to register and join us at the beach!

To register and learn more, [click here](#).

