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Bridging Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties



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July 9, 2014
Garrett County
Location TBD
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



A Resource for
Businesses along the
Great Allegheny Passage

Planning Achievement Award for Innovation in Economic Planning & Development

Trail Towns: Boosting Appalachian Communities Through Tourism

The [Trail Town Program](#)® and Certified Trail Friendly Program, supported by [ARC](#), receives major national planning recognition. The programs are cooperative efforts of the [Maryland Department of Planning](#), the [Allegheny Trail Alliance](#), and [The Progress Fund](#) to revitalize a 150-mile corridor of trilside communities along the Great Allegheny Passage.

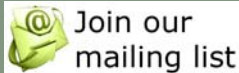
These programs reap the economic benefits of recreational tourism using a two-state approach to regional economic development. The Certified Trail Friendly program builds upon the Trail Town Program® by strengthening links between recreational trail users and local businesses. The successful voluntary business certification program

At the Water Cooler

Remembering our fallen heroes this Memorial Day



Thank You Soldiers



encourages all trail users to patronize participating businesses along the GAP in Maryland and Pennsylvania.



State of Maryland Secretary for Planning Richard Hall (right) and Bill Atkinson, (left) Regional Planner & Trail Town Program Coordinator for Maryland, show the National Planning Achievement Award their programs received at the APA's national convention in Atlanta.



SBDC NETWORK
Maryland Small Business Development Center

Small Business Financing Seminar in Allegany County

The SBA 504 program has made a significant impact in small business financing, but some lenders, borrowers, and others in the real estate industry may still have questions on how to make the most out of the program for fixed asset financing.

Additionally, this seminar will cover details on the new

Intermediary Lending Program (ILP), Community Advantage loan program, and updates to the SBA 7(a) loan program.

Speakers will include a representative from the local SBTDC Western Region, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Business Finance Group, Inc.

June 24, 2014
8:30 am - 11:30 am
City Place
14 South Water St, Frostburg, MD

Please RSVP to Brenda Miller at 703-352-0504 or bmiller@businessfinancegroup.org



Frostburg Business Park Access Road

The Appalachian Regional Commission ([ARC](#)) approved \$600,000 for Allegany County, MD, to construct an access road to the proposed Frostburg Business Park located off US 36 South near Frostburg, Maryland. The ARC funds will be used to construct approximately 0.20 mile of roadway providing access to the business park. The road will be built according to MSHA standards and specifications. It is estimated that the project will support the creation of approximately 100 new jobs in the business park.

The Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) will administer the project and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will serve as the basic federal agency for the project.

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