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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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## IT'S MORE THAN A COAT



Can you think of a time when you were cold? The teeth-chattering, knee-knocking, Able-to-see-your-breath, type of cold? In this instance, you may have been wearing a coat, but imagine if you weren't... imagine if you didn't own a coat and that was out of your control.

**hagerstown** | **OPERATION**  
**firefighters** | **warm**

For **16.1 million children** in the US, this is a harsh reality. Many of these children are forced to walk to and from school or wait for the bus in sub-freezing temperatures.

Hagerstown Professional Firefighters, Local 1605, has decided to take action. We're committed to providing new, American-made, winter coats to children living in these unfortunate circumstances.

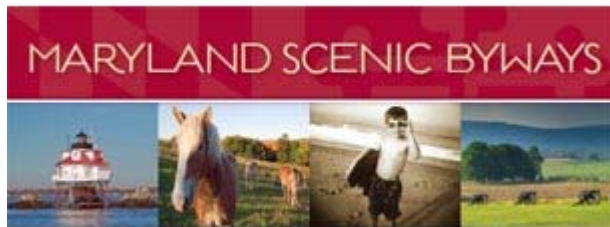
### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As a sponsor, you would have the opportunity to volunteer for our distribution event(s), be publicly recognized for your support, and experience first-hand, the joy that comes along with putting a brand new coat on a child in need. We gratefully accept monetary or in-kind donations to fund this initiative!

[operationwarm.org/hagerstown](http://operationwarm.org/hagerstown)



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**MSBP Planning Workshops: Increasing Economic Effectiveness of Managing Byways, Heritage Areas, Main Streets, and Trails**

October 14th  
12:00 pm-4:30 pm  
Penn Alps Restaurant  
125 Cassleman Road, Grantsville, MD 21536

The Maryland Scenic Byways Program will be coordinating workshops on Increasing Economic Effectiveness of Managing Byways, Heritage Areas, Main Streets, and Trails. These half-day workshops will focus on making better use of limited funds and resources for heritage and nature-based tourism assets and attractions. These workshops will be held twice-once in Western Maryland and once on the Eastern Shore with changes in the program to reflect the geography.

This is a great opportunity to hear from experts concerning best practices that help communities to link together the resources of related community development programs (Main Street, Community Legacy and Sustainable Communities, Rivers and Trails, and Heritage Areas) to fund and finance development of new or expanded heritage and nature-based tourism assets and attractions.

The Western MD workshop has a minor fee to cover lunch. The Eastern Shore workshop is free and space is limited for both. To register for this event click [here](#). For more information about the workshop click [here](#).



**Mikulski, Cardin, Delaney Announce  
Nearly \$1.3 Million in Federal Funds to Grow**

## Critical Water and Wastewater Infrastructure in Garrett County

U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin together with Congressman John Delaney announced that the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County has been awarded nearly \$1.3 million in federal grant funding to upgrade critical wastewater infrastructure serving businesses in Western Maryland and support continued job growth in the region. This federal funding is made available through the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant program.

The federal EDA grant funding will support the installation of a regional wastewater treatment plant system in Garrett County that provides critical water and sewer infrastructure improvements to multiple sites leased to Strata Worldwide within the Keyser's Ridge Business Park, supporting jobs throughout Western Maryland and neighboring states. These assets are often lacking in parts of the country that need it most, yet they are a prerequisite for private industry to invest in job creation and economic growth activities in these areas.

According to Strata Worldwide, an international firm which specializes in the design and manufacture of safety equipment, water and sewer infrastructure upgrades will enable future expansion of businesses, creating jobs in manufacturing and distribution. In the long-term, the project is expected to lead to business expansion at the Business Park and the creation of as many as 500 jobs within the next nine years.

The Economic Development Administration is the only Federal agency dedicated exclusively to promoting economic development. EDA supports American innovation and competitiveness by awarding grants for infrastructure and development in distressed communities, and leverages local and private investments to create jobs throughout the United States.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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