



Maryland's Rural Development Council

Please tell us more about your interests:

_____ Yes, I/we would like to participate on a working committee. (Please check all that you would like to be involved with.)

Committees Currently in Operation:

- _____ Agriculture & Natural Resources
- _____ Health Care
- _____ Housing & Community Development
- _____ Infrastructure
- _____ Economic Development
- _____ Education
- _____ Leadership Development
- _____ Legislative Committee
- _____ Planning & Development Committee

_____ I/we are willing to partner with the Rural Maryland Council to: *(Please specify)*

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Date: _____

Approved: _____

Application for Membership

Any Maryland citizen or organization that subscribes to the mission and goals of the Rural Maryland Council is eligible for membership.

Name

Position or Title

Agency/Organization

Business Address

City State Zip

Business Phone Business Fax

Home Address

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail Address

County of Residence

What rural issues are of special concern to you?

Mail this form to: Rural Maryland Council
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Or Fax this form to: (410) 841-5987

If you have questions, please call (410) 841-5772

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WORKING COMMITTEES

Agriculture & Natural Resources Working Committee

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Working Committee works to improve the employment opportunities, income generation, and general well being of Maryland's rural residents and businesses by strengthening their capacity to compete in the regional and global economy through sustainable development of natural resources. Issue areas include farming, fisheries, forestry and mineral extraction.

Infrastructure Working Committee

The Infrastructure Working Committee considers the infrastructure needs of rural Maryland and focuses on transportation, water, wastewater, and solid waste as infrastructure issues. The committee also identifies ways that telecommunications technology can be better accessed in Maryland's rural areas and provides an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information regarding needs assessments for rural communities.

Housing & Community Development Working Committee

Because of the interdependent relationship between social and economic development, this committee identifies, studies and promotes solutions to problems in rural Maryland related to human and community needs. The Committee works to identify barriers to housing choice as well as devise and attempt to institutionalize practical solutions to overcome those barriers. The Committee makes recommendations that empower local citizens to develop, promote, support, and improve the quality of life in their communities.

Health Care Working Committee

The provisions of adequate and affordable health care are vitally important to rural Marylanders. Moreover, the impact that health facilities and occupations have on rural economies is substantial but increasingly at risk of being lost in the new managed care environment. The Health Care Working Committee coordinates its work closely with the Maryland Rural Health Association to ensure that current issues are being addressed.



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To effectively address the public policy issues that impact rural Maryland, the Rural Maryland Council's Executive Board created Working Committees to provide public policy makers with information, suggestions, and recommended positions that will help create positive change in rural Maryland. These committees also serve as a conduit for citizens and government agencies to exchange information and help development of innovative solutions to the unique problems facing rural Maryland. The working committees are made up of interested Executive Board members, concerned rural citizens, and officials from government agencies, advocacy groups, and academia.



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