



Photo: Concord Point Lighthouse in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

Greetings!

We've had an exciting summer at the Rural Maryland Council. Our two grant programs, the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) are now in Phase 2 of the application process. This year for FY19, RMC is interested in applications that support Agricultural Education, Economic Development, Health Care, Regional Planning, Entrepreneurship and Infrastructure. Our Grant Review Board will meet on Thursday, August 30, 2018, to review Phase 2 Applications. FY19 Application Grantees from both programs will be announced on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

The RMC Fall Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 12 pm - 2 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant, 4165 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. Register to attend [here](#).

Sincerely,



Josh Hastings

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Message from the Executive Director

The Taskforce for Rural Broadband held meetings over the summer to work on legislative proposals from the 2018 Legislative Session. Currently the task force is working on proposing a draft report to present to the Maryland General Assembly by November 30, 2018. **Our next Task force meeting will be held on Wednesday, September, 26, 2018 from 10am - 2pm at the Rocky Gap Casino and Resort on 16701 Lake View Road in Cumberland, Maryland.**

The Rural Maryland Council attended the [Maryland Municipal League](#) and the [Maryland Association of Counties](#) conferences this summer. We had a chance to network with state and local officials who came to our booth to learn more about our organization. Themes focused on the health of Maryland's Waterways and the Education designed for Maryland's cities and towns. We plan to attend both conferences next year.



Save the Date!! Grow Maryland's Value-Added Agriculture Summit will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, Kent Island. We will be partnering with Grow Maryland and Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit to host the summit. The Value-Added Agriculture summit will bring together attendees that are value-added agriculture producers, come from small food businesses, state and county agency representatives, state and county elected officials, food, aquaculture and agriculture organizations, media and bloggers, and food policy organizations. For more information or to register for the Summit, please visit the website [here](#).

If the Council can be of any assistance, please contact me at charlotte.davis@maryland.gov, or 410.841.5774.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Davis
Executive Director

[MAERDAF/RMPIF Phase 2 Grant Review Board Meeting](#)
8/30/2018
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Maryland State Fair](#)
- 9/1/2018
All Day

[MAERDAF/RMPIF Grantees Announced](#)
9/4/2018
All Day

[Broadband and the Community Reinvestment Act Southern Maryland Roundtable](#)
9/5/2018
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Rural Small Business Lending Forum](#)
9/6/2018
11:30 am - 3:00 pm

[Community Foundation of Southern Maryland Annual Fund Holder Reception](#)
9/13/2018
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

[RMC Executive Committee Meeting](#)
9/14/2018
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Meet the Labs Tech Event](#)
9/25/2018

[Task Force for Rural Broadband Meeting - Cumberland](#)
9/26/2018
10 am - 2 pm

[RMC Fall Quarterly](#)

Committee Updates





RMC Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

The RMC Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee has developed a draft work plan to address problems or issues agriculture/aquaculture. Next meeting date will be sometime in fall 2018.

To learn more about the RMC Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, please contact the RMC at rmc.mda@maryland.gov.

RMC Legislative Committee

The RMC Legislative Committee will meet on Thursday November 12, 2018 via conference call to prepare for the 2019 Legislative session.

To learn more about the RMC Legislative Committee, please contact the RMC at rmc.mda@maryland.gov.

[Executive Board Meeting](#)

9/28/2018
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Rural Maryland Foundation Meeting](#)

10/11/2018
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

RMC In The News

[2019 legislature budget includes historic funding for rural communities](#)
May 16, 2018

[Entrepreneurs offered assistance by USDA's Technology Transfer Office](#)
May 18, 2018

[Taskforce for Rural Broadband Meeting](#)
May 21, 2018

[Job Opportunity: Program Coordinator](#)
June 4, 2018

[Indian Head Innovation and Discovery Day to highlight business opportunities](#)
June 15, 2018

[Grants help support new lift-equipped vans for Bay-CSS](#)
July 18, 2018

[Calvert News- Meet the Labs tech event](#)
8/24/2018

Community Links

Check out what's happening in rural Maryland...

Training Opportunities & Conferences

- [Maryland Rural Health Association Conference](#) - Maryland Rural Health Association - October 22 -23, 2018
- [Food for Profit Training](#) - University of Maryland Extension - October 30, 2018

Awards & Grants

- [Grants for Non-Capital Historic Preservation Projects](#) - Maryland Historical Trust - Applications due by September 10, 2018
- [Nominations for the 2019 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards](#) - Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission - Nominations due by September 21, 2018
- [Fy19 Heat & Power Grant](#) - Maryland Energy Administration - Applications due by February 15, 2019
- [FY19 Animal Waste to Energy Grant](#) - Maryland Energy Administration - Applications due by December 15, 2018

Programs & More

- [2018 Kathleen A. P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program](#) - Maryland Energy Administration - Applications open in September 2018
- [2018 Consumer Survey](#) - University of Maryland Extension

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- [2018 Consumer Survey](#) - University of Maryland Extension
- [Webcast:Using School-based Telemedicine to Treat Mental Health](#) - mHealth Intelligence
- [Maryland State Library for the Blind Resources](#) - Maryland State Library
- [Southern Maryland Agricultural Farmer Mini-Grant Program](#) - Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission- Applications due by September 1, 2018
- [Facilities/Products and Services Directory](#) - United States Department of Agriculture

Got a link to share? Send it to us!

Email: rmc.mda@maryland.gov to share links to your events and programs.

The Rural Maryland Foundation will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 10 am - 12 pm via conference call. View more information about the meeting [here](#).

The Foundation is working on a sequel to our Rural Aspirations video. Click to view the first video [here](#).

2019 Telehealth Summit



2019
CONVERGENCE
TELEHEALTH SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE

March 31 - April 2, 2019
Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA

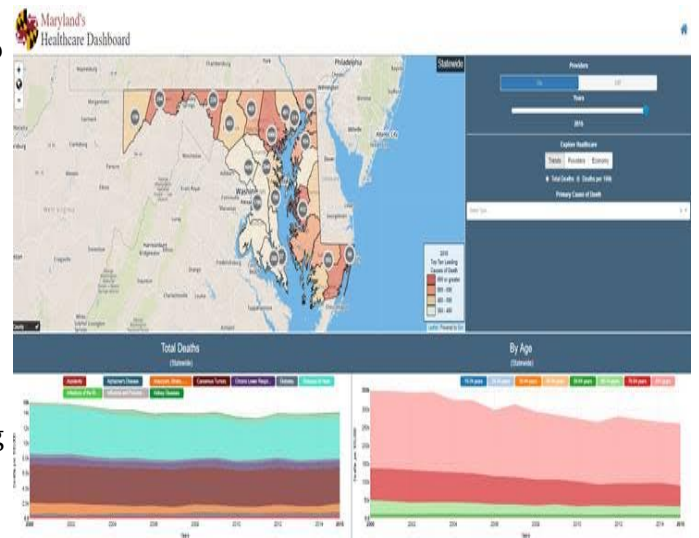
A convergence of technologies in the digital connected care revolution.

MATRCSummit.org



Registration Opens October 1, 2018
Discounted Early Bird Registration Ends January 11, 2019

The Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative's Healthcare Dashboard was developed in partnership with the Mid-Shore Regional Council and the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, and funded by the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund which is administered through the Rural Maryland Council. This dashboard provides Maryland's decision makers with information on the health care industry and on the prominent health conditions in Maryland. Data is utilized from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, ESRI Demographic and Business database, and ESRI Consumer Spending database. Users can analyze data both spatially and temporally as well filtering data by primary cause of death, provider type, or spending category. Learn more information about the Healthcare Dashboard [here](#).



Special Feature -J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake



The Rural Maryland Council proudly sponsored the 42nd Annual J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in Crisfield, Maryland.

This event drew a large crowd featuring many politicians, elected officials and the Governor of the State of Maryland. Attendees enjoyed all-you-can-eat-seafood and live entertainment. Residents from the Lower Shore attended as well as people from around the state. For more information on this event, please visit the website [here](#).

Rural Maryland Council is an independent state agency and Maryland's federally designated State Rural Development Council under the United States Department of Agriculture's National Rural Development Partnership. Our mission is to bring together federal, state, county, and municipal government officials as well as representatives of the for-profit and nonprofit sectors to identify challenges unique to rural communities and to develop and implement policy solutions. As a collaborative partnership, the RMC operates under the guidance of a 40-member Executive Board, in a nonpartisan and non-discriminatory manner.

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