

2017 Rural Broadband Forum

May 24, 2017 | 8:00am to 2:00pm | Governor Calvert House 58 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

8:00am to 8:30am	Registration – Breakfast – View Exhibitor Booths	
8:30am to 9:00am	Current Broadband Efforts in Maryland Welcome address from the State of Maryland and an update on broadband efforts throughout the state.	
9:00am to 10:00am	Investing in Last Mile Service Discussing how New York's "Broadband for All" initiative is using previously unaccepted Connect America Fund Phase II grant dollars to make sure every rural New Yorker has access to high-speed internet.	
10:00am to 10:15am	Move to Breakout Sessions – View Exhibitor Booths	
10:15am to 11:15am	Broadband Technologies 101 Showcasing the different broadband technologies rural communities can use to gain internet access.	Public-Private Partnerships for Broadband Development Exploring successful public-private partnership models used to expand broadband access in rural areas.
11:15am to 11:30am	Move to Breakout Sessions – View Exhibitor Booths	
11:30am to 12:30pm	Making Your Community Attractive to a Broadband Provider Best practices for making your community attractive to a broadband service provider.	Using Local Franchise Agreements to Increase Broadband Access Tips for addressing unserved rural customers when negotiating local cable franchise agreements.
12:30pm to 12:45pm	Move to Ballroom – Working Lunch Begins – View Exhibitor Booths	
12:45pm to 1:15pm	Funding Rural Broadband Initiatives Highlighting available federal resources to support rural broadband initiatives.	
1:15pm to 2:00pm	Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II Funds – The Practical Challenges An overview of how communities can support organizations interested in using unaccepted Connect America Fund Phase II grant funds to expand broadband access to underserved rural areas. A call to action to work together to increase broadband access across the region.	