



2021 Rural Summit

Theme: Redefining Resilience and Recovery

Dates: Wednesday, December 1 and Thursday December 2, 2021

Location: DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401

For some, the word resiliency has meant the ability to withstand environmental shocks. For others it means the ability to withstand financial shocks. But the pandemic has made it clear that a resilient community is one that can withstand whatever is thrown at it – education, healthcare or telecommunications. A holistic approach is needed, one that includes small businesses development, identifies new opportunities, and promotes land use policies that encourage land acquisition, conservation and access. As a result, we will ensure a vision that all Marylanders are prosperous with thriving resources, vibrant economies and healthy connected communities.

Day 1: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Opening 2021 Rural Summit				
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Main Concourse Exhibitor Set-Up			
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Main Concourse Participant Registration (Registration Table sponsored by Caroline County Economic Development)			
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mainsail West Welcome (RMC Chair John Hartline) Governor Larry Hogan (Invited) U.S. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen (Invited)			
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Mainsail West (Networking Plated Lunch)			
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Broadband Plenary Secretary Kenneth Holt Director, Kenrick Gordan, Office Statewide Broadband (Supported by Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development)			
<i>15 min. transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Session #1 Discovering Emerging Markets in Cyber Ag and Bio Ag	Breakout Session #2 Unique Approaches to Rural Workforce Development	Breakout Session #3 Cooperative Development 101	Breakout Session #4 Rural Health Transportation
<i>15 min. transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
3:30 pm - 4:30pm	Breakout Session #1 Building Resilient Food Systems	Breakout Session #2 Community Development	Breakout Session #3 Case Study: Economic Development in Harford County	Breakout Session #4 Health Care Workforce Development

	Network: Health and Housing	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception: Meet & Greet the Candidate Cash Bar	
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Mainsail West RMC Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner	

Day 2: Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Main Concourse Registration/Visit Exhibitors (Registration Table sponsored by Caroline County Economic Development) (Continental Breakfast)			
9:00am – 10:00pm	Breakout Session #1 Updates in Forestry Market Development, Economic Adjustment Strategy	Breakout Session #2 New Programs in Community Development and State Funding Opportunities. Restore, Neighborhood Works, Revitalization	Breakout Session #3 Asset Mapping	Breakout Session #4 Updates in Current Substance Abuse Disorder and Opioid Addiction
<i>15 min. transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	General Session (Mainsail Ballroom) Welcome, RMC Chair John Hartline Keynote Speaker, Whitney Campbell Coe, Director of National Programs at the Center for Rural Strategies Sponsored by the Keith Campbell Foundation			
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary: 2021 Legislative Review from Governor’s Legislative Officer, Andrew Cassilly			
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Plenary: Maryland Legislative Panel/Meet Your Legislator (Mainsail Ballroom) President Bill Ferguson/Senator George Edwards/ Senator Michael Jackson/ Speaker Adrienne Jones/ Speaker Pro Tem Sheree Sample-Hughes/Delegate Mike McKay/ (Invited)			
12:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	AG SHOWCASE-Sponsored by Farm Credit			
12:30p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Boxed Lunch (Mainsail Ballroom)			
1:00 p.m.	Summit Concludes			