



2023 Rural Summit: DRAFT AGENDA

Theme: Pathways to Prosperity

Dates: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Location: Crowne Plaza, Annapolis 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, Maryland

This is a draft agenda for the upcoming 2023 Rural Summit – Breakout session titles and content are still being developed as staff work with the speakers. Updated agendas (as available) will be found on the RMC website and/or reach out to staff.

Monday, November 13, 2023

Optional Bus Tour	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Forestry Focused Bus Tour Garman Brothers, Inc. Small Family-Owned Sawmill, Crownsville, MD Home Innovations Lab-Full Research Campus, Upper Marlboro, MD (Bus Leaving & Returning from the Crowne Plaza, Annapolis, MD)
RMC Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony	
6:00 pm– 8:00 pm	[Insert Room Location] Crowne Plaza, Annapolis Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony

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Opening 2023 Rural Summit				
7:30 am– 8:30 am	Main Concourse Exhibitor Set-Up			
8:00 am– 9:00 am	Main Concourse Participant Registration/Visit Exhibitors Continental Breakfast Available Registration Table sponsored by _____			
9:00 am – 10:15 am	[Insert Main Ballroom Name] Welcome (RMC Chair Susan O’Neill)			
	Introduction of Keynote: _____ Keynote Speaker: Becky McCray			
	[Insert Elected Officials Invited and Topic of Discussion]			
<i>15 Minute Transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
10:30am – 11:45am Breakout Session A	Agriculture Track 1: Value-Added Agriculture in Maryland	Community Development Track 2: Preserving Local Housing Quality and Affordability: Helping Seniors “Age in Place”	Economic Development Track 3: Maryland’s State Small Business Credit Initiative Funding Provides	Health Care Track 4: Innovation in Action: Open Mental Healthcare in Rural Maryland

			Pathways for Small Businesses to Succeed	
<i>15 Minute Transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
12:00pm-12:30pm	Guest Speaker: Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland Department of Agriculture [Insert Main Ballroom Name] (Networking Lunch) Lunch Sponsored by _____			
12:30pm-12:45pm	Plenary: Andy Bauer, Economist, Federal Reserve, Bank of Richmond			
12:45pm-1:30pm	Plenary: Maryland Legislative Panel [Insert Main Ballroom Name]			
<i>15 Minute Transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
1:45pm – 3:00pm Breakout Session B	Agriculture Track 1: Opening Doors Through Agriculture Education: Formal and Informal Pathways and Resources for Individuals and Community Success	Community Development Track 2: Addressing Rural Homelessness: What are the best practices in helping people experiencing homelessness in rural communities?	Economic Development Track 3: Making It Matter! Impact of Heritage Tourism on Rural Communities	Health Care Track 4: Nurse Led-Community Health Worker for Care Coordination
<i>15 min. transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
3:15pm-4:30pm Breakout Session C	Agriculture Track 1: How Agriculture Can Fit into Maryland's Climate and Environmental Goals w/ a Tree Component	Community Development Track 2: Strategies to Promote Unit Creation	Economic Development Track 3: Innovations in Rural Economic Development	Health Care Track 4: Health Care Workforce Focus
<i>15 min. transition/Visit Exhibitors</i>				
4:45pm-5:00pm	Closing Remarks			
5:00pm	2023 Rural Summit Concludes Guest Speaker: Comptroller of Maryland Brook Lierman			