



2023 Rural Summit: DRAFT AGENDA (draft dated 11/3/2023)

Theme: Pathways to Prosperity

Dates: Monday, November 13, 2023 and Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

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	Queen Anne Ballroom Crowne Plaza, Annapolis Annual Dinner & Rural Impact Awards Ceremony

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Opening 2023 Rural Summit	
7:30 am– 8:30 am	Main Concourse Hallway Exhibitor Set-Up
8:00 am– 9:00 am	Main Concourse Hallway Participant Registration/Visit Exhibitors Continental Breakfast Available in the Prince George Room <i>Registration Sponsored by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore</i>
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Arundel Ballroom A/B Welcome (RMC Chair Susan O’Neill) Secretary Josh Kurtz, Maryland Department Of Natural Resources (Invited) [Insert Secretary], Maryland State Office of Rural Health [Insert Secretary], Department of Housing and Community Development Introduction of Keynote:[Insert RMC Executive Committee Member] Keynote Speaker: Becky McCray
<i>15 Minute Transition/Visit Exhibitors - Coffee Breaks Sponsored by: Caroline County Economic Development & Tourism</i>	

10:30 am – 11:45 am Breakout Session A	Agriculture Track 1: Value-Added Agriculture in Maryland	Community Development Track 2: Preserving Local Housing Quality and Affordability: Empowering Seniors to “Age in Place”	Economic Development Track 3: Empowering Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses: Unleashing the Potential of Available Resources	Health Care Track 4: Innovation in Action: Open Mental Healthcare in Rural Maryland
11:45 am-12:00 pm Pick up buffet style lunch in the Prince George Room and Return to the Ballroom Lunch Sponsored by Horizon Farm Credit				
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Arundel Ballroom A/B Guest Speaker: Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland Department of Agriculture Deputy Director Ronnie Hammond, Office of Statewide Broadband (Invited)			
12:30 pm-12:45 pm	Arundel Ballroom A/B Plenary: Andy Bauer, Economist, Federal Reserve, Bank of Richmond			
12:45 pm-1:30 pm	Arundel Ballroom A/B Plenary: Maryland Legislative Panel Senate Minority Whip Justin Ready, House Minority Leader Jason Buckel, Vice-Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee Delegate Regina Boyce, and Chair of the Southern Maryland Delegation Delegate Edith Patterson Moderated by Lindsay Thompson			
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1:45 pm – 3:00 pm 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: Advancing Community Health Workers in a Data-Driven World
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3:15 pm-4:30 pm Breakout Session C	Agriculture Track 1: Building Sustainable Future: Collaborative Climate Solutions for Rural Communities	Community Development Track 2: From Visual to Reality: Accelerating Housing Unit Creation for All	Economic Development Track 3: Innovations in Rural Economic Development: Transforming Communities through Technology and Collaboration	Health Care Track 4: Addressing the Healthcare Workforce Shortages: Strategies for Sustainable Solutions
5 Minute Transition/Visit Exhibitors				
4:35 pm-5:00 pm	Closing Plenary Guest Speaker: Comptroller of Maryland Brooke Lierman (Invited) Sponsored By the Campbell Foundation			
5:00 pm	2023 Rural Summit Concludes			