

# Cybersecurity In Agriculture Forum

Cecil College

Technology Center - One Seahawk Drive - Northeast, Maryland

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm



Welcome to the Cybersecurity in Agriculture Forum - This event features expert speakers, insightful discussions, and networking opportunities focused on protecting our agricultural systems.

Cybersecurity is critically important in protecting Maryland’s food and agriculture industry. This forum will provide farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs, and relevant stakeholders the opportunity to learn about the cybersecurity and privacy threats and challenges that come with the use of modern information technology in food production, transportation, and agriculture.


## Agenda

8:30 am - 9:30 am	Registration, Breakfast & Networking - Sponsored by <i>TEDCO</i>
9:30 am - 9:45 am	<p><i>Welcome</i> Susan O’Neill, Executive Director, Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC)</p> <p><i>Opening Remarks &amp; Introductions</i> Mary Way Bolt, Ph.D., President, Cecil College Senator Jason C. Gallion, Maryland General Assembly, District 35 William “Bill” Sorenson, Cecil County Economic Development Director</p>
9:45 am - 10:45 am	<p><i>Panel Discussion: Smart Farming Challenges &amp; Solutions</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Kelly M. Schulz, Chief Executive Officer – Maryland Tech Council Steve Connelly, Deputy Secretary – Maryland Department of Agriculture Lindsay Thompson, Executive Director --- Maryland Grain Producers Chris Abell, Executive Director – Carroll Technology &amp; Innovation Council Maureen O’Shea Fitzgerald, Horizon Farm Credit</p> <p>Facilitated by Shelly M. Gross-Wade, Founder &amp; Principal Consultant Bay Crossing Consulting Services LLC</p>
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break & Networking
11:00 am - 11:20 am	<p><b><i>Technology and Agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Protecting Your Operations from Cyberattacks and Ransomware</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: Colin Hamill, Founder &amp; IT Solutions Designer – Sentinel Forge Technologies</p>
11:20 am - 11:40 am	<p><b><i>Securing the Future of Agriculture: Cybersecurity and Privacy Threats in Modern Food Production, Transportation and Agriculture</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: Joyce Hunter, Advisory Board Chair – Cyber Ag Council (confirmed); Executive Director – ICIT (Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology), former Deputy CIO and Acting CIO for Policy and Planning at USDA</p>
11:40 am - 12:00 pm	<p><b><i>How TEDCO Supports Rural &amp; Agribusiness Initiatives</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: Karen Zuccardi – Manager, Rural Business Innovation Initiative, Northern Region, TEDCO</p>
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	<p><b><i>Closing Remarks and Transition to SunMed Growers Tour</i></b></p> <p>Speaker: Shelly M. Gross-Wade, Founder &amp; Principal Consultant, Bay Crossing Consulting Services LLC</p>

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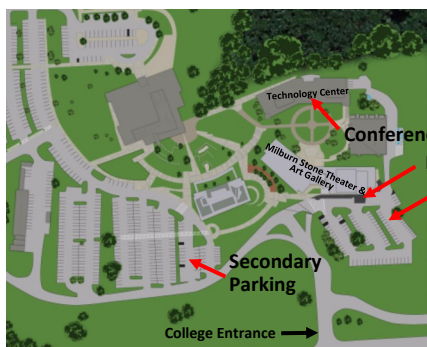


	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SunMed Growers Tour</b> 127 Worsell Manor Road Warwick, Maryland</p>
<p>12:15 pm – 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Box Lunch, Networking &amp; Bus Departure to SunMed Growers</b> – <i>Maryland’s largest cannabis manufacturer.</i></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Lunch provided by TEDCO - Tour provided by the Rural Maryland Council</i></p>
<p>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Arrival and Guided Tour at SunMed Growers</b> with Justin Garcia, Compliance and Public Relations Manager</p> <p>SunMed Growers is a licensed grower and processor in Maryland. Locally owned and operated, SunMed’s greenhouse, processing lab and edibles kitchen live among acres of farmland in Cecil County. One of the first companies awarded a license to grow medical cannabis in the state, SunMed is Maryland’s largest grower and one of the only cultivators to grow its plants in full-spectrum sunlight.</p> <p>SunMed Growers has 200+full time employees and offers the best in industry wages, starting at \$23/hour and over \$100 million in investment to design , construction, and operation of their facility and operations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>—COMFORTABLE CLOSED TOE SHOE AND A PHOTO ID ARE REQUIRED FOR THE TOUR—</b></p>
<p>3:30 pm</p>	<p>Bus returns to Cecil College – Departure</p>

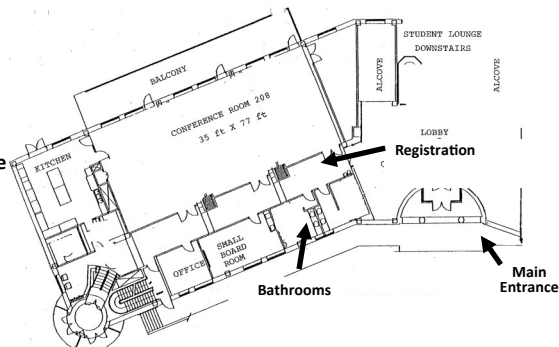
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