



Western Maryland Food Council

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- Sustaining and enhancing the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of Western Maryland
- Created in 2015 – Garrett, Allegany and Washington Counties
- 21 member council – 7 from each county
- Meet Quarterly
- Each county has a workgroup – local issues
- Bi-Annual Conference – engage participants in food system work



Projects

- Allegany County Buy Local Campaign
- Groundhog Day – Washington County – Buy Local Event
- Nourishing Neighbors – Garrett County
- Together We Eat – Garrett County Community Schools
- Fill the Gap – SNAP food resource funds
- Regional Food Assessment
- Applying for USDA Farm to School Grant



HUNGRY?



**GUIDE TO
FOOD
ACCESS**



**GARRETT COUNTY
MARYLAND**

Appalachian Farm and Food Alliance



- Non-Profit Organization to support agriculture and the food system throughout the region.
- 12 - member board of directors
- Serve as a financial partner for organizations
 - Western Maryland Food Council
 - Mountain Maryland Hemp Alliance
 - Together We Eat – Garrett County Community School Specialist Fund

<https://www.appalachianfarmandfood.com/>

Garrett Growers Cooperative, Inc



- Small farmer cooperative selling local, fresh produce to restaurants, grocers and food access programs.
- Organized in 2009
- Focused on marketing high quality fruits and vegetables.
 - Farmer Education
 - Infrastructure Improvement
 - MDA Healthy Soils Grant
 - MARBIDCO Aggregation Grant
 - Marketing
 - Rural MD Council Grant - Software



De-centralized Aggregation System

- Farm Products moved directly from the farm to the consume

