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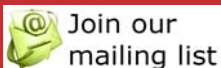
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Ocean City, MD

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Loews Annapolis Hotel



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### Fiber Extension Downtown Cumberland & Board of Education

The [Appalachian Regional Commission](#) announced approval of a grant in the amount of \$110,000 to the Allegany County Board of Education for the Fiber Extension - Downtown Cumberland & Board of Education Fiber Route Project.

This grant helps extend the One Maryland Broadband Network to additional sites in Cumberland. The Allegany County Board of Education Facilities and Maintenance building will have fiber run to the facility and fiber will also be deployed in downtown Cumberland to be used by ISPs to provide high speed bandwidth to businesses in the downtown business district.

Estimates are that 40 existing businesses will benefit from the new fiber plus the availability of high speed broadband will significantly improve new business recruitment efforts.

In addition to ARC funds, the Allegany County Board of Education will provide \$55,000 and the City of Cumberland will provide \$55,000, bringing the total project funding to \$220,000.



### Local Foods Expansions [Survey](#)

Garrett County Economic Development is working with Downstream Strategies, LLC to learn about Garrett County's local food system, assess needs of producers, distributors, processors, and commercial buyers, and help increase the amounts of local foods produced and consumed. We are asking for your help. If any (or all) of the following categories apply to you - agricultural food producers, food producers, food distributors, or businesses that purchase food products - please complete the [survey](#)!

The survey results will include aggregate responses. Your individual responses will not be released. Your responses may be used to connect you to resources that can help you with your business. Please provide as much information as possible.

For more information about these surveys, please contact [Cheryl DeBerry](#), Garrett County Economic Development or 301-334-6968 or [Emily Carlson](#) at Downstream Strategies.



The Transportation Association of Maryland ([TAM](#)) is pleased to announce its Inaugural Expo! hosted at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland from September 29 - October 2, 2015.

TAM's inaugural Expo! offers a unique opportunity to join colleagues from Maryland and around the country in a seaside setting dedicated to providing value for every attendee whether a transit provider, non-profit organization, or supplier.

Also, for the first time ever, the TAM annual Roadeo will be held at the Expo! Join as we put drivers from Maryland's transit providers through their paces in an obstacle course skills challenge. Enjoy a complimentary carnival style lunch as we announce the winners and who will compete in the national Roadeo in 2016.

To register, please click [here](#).

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