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[Garrett County "Building a Culture of Health in Appalachia" Award Recipient](#)

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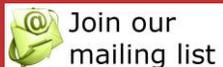
**Monday
December 11, 2017
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting &
Dinner
5:00 pm
Location in Washington
County to be announced**



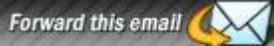
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ISSUES AND IDEAS SHAPING DEVELOPMENT IN APPALACHIA

October 2017 Edition: Putting Appalachia's Health in an Economic Context

Garrett County, Maryland is featured for **"Building a Culture of Health in Appalachia"** in the October edition of **ARC In Focus** as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation award recipient.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded five Appalachian communities a national Culture of Health Prize for their commitment to "pursuing innovative ideas, leveraging their unique strengths, and bringing partners together to ensure good health flourishes for everyone."

Garrett County's story features "A Community Holding Hands to Bridge its Divide," "Education, Opportunity, and 'a Community of Caring'," "Changing Lives by Shortening Distances," and "Natural Resources Become a Landscape for Health"

Excerpt from their story: "To address the challenges and bridge economic, cultural and health divides, Garrett County has capitalized on a deep-rooted strength: Everyone seems to know everyone, and neighbors care for each other and band together. That community spirit has brought about a robust, data-driven health planning process focused on reducing disparities in housing,

Notice of Funding Availability

Local Foods, Local Places

Helping cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. Supporting locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness.

Heritage Fund Grants

The Heritage Fund, a cooperative effort of Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust, provides direct assistance for the protection of historical and cultural resources and promotes innovative demonstration projects that can be successfully replicated to meet Maryland's historic preservation needs. The Fund is intended to serve the needs of tangible cultural resources in Maryland. Historic sites, buildings, districts, objects, and archaeological resources are all eligible for funding.

education, employment, income and health care so that all residents can thrive. This small town spread across farmland and country roads has found a way to enable every high school graduate to attend community college for free and has raised \$4.9 million to build a cancer center in its county seat.

The county's health planners have drawn in the most vulnerable residents - including those struggling with intergenerational poverty, chronic disease, and housing instability - county leadership, and health care and social services partners. They are encouraging participation and tracking progress using an online planning tool, MyGarrettCounty.com. The multifaceted collaborative effort has earned the county a 2017 Culture of Health Prize."



County Commissioner Jim Hinebaugh in front of the historic Garrett County Courthouse. The three-person county commission is working to boost education and jobs and encourage residents to stay or return as Hinebaugh did after a career in the military.

[Click here](#) to view the full **Garrett County Culture of Health Prize Winner** story.

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