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Dates to Remember

**Monday
December 11, 2017
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting & Dinner
5:00 pm
Nick's Airport Inn
Hagerstown, Maryland
[View the Agenda](#)**

**Thursday, January 25 -
Friday, January 26, 2018
Mountain Maryland PACE
Reception
Annapolis, Maryland
www.mtmarylandpace.com**



Notice of Changes to Eligible Area Maps for USDA Rural Development Housing Programs

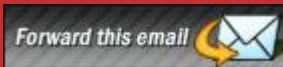
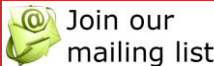
**The public shall have 90 days from Friday,
December 1, 2017 to submit comments regarding
the potential loss of eligibility for Rural
Development housing programs.
Comments should be sent
to Mailbox@wdc.usda.gov.**

USDA Rural Development is conducting a review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for housing programs. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2012-2013 using the 2010 census data. This review, which is done every five years, will utilize the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data.

Based on the 2015 ACS data and rural area guidance located in Handbook HB-1-3550, Chapter 5, the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas:

Maryland

Calvert County - Lusby Area
Carroll County - Westminster City Area
Cecil County - Elkton Area



Notice of Funding Availability

National Park Service Program Funds Technology for Historic Preservation

The Preservation Technology and Training Grants program provides support to create better tools, materials, and approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, sites, and collections.

Application deadline is January 4, 2018.

Funds Available to Improve Air Travel for Small Communities

The Small Community Air Service Development Program provides support to small communities to help them enhance their air service, including support for underserved airports. Criteria allows grant applicants to self-identify its air service deficiencies and propose an appropriate solution. The program can involve, among others, revenue quarantees, financial assistance for marketing programs, start-up costs and studies.

Application deadline is December 15, 2017.

Dorchester County - Cambridge Area
Frederick County - Urbana & Frederick City Areas
Harford County - Aberdeen Area
Montgomery County - Clarksburg Area
St. Mary's County - Lexington Park Area
Talbot County - Easton Area
Washington County - Hagerstown/Halfway Area
Worcester County - Ocean Pines Area

[CLICK HERE](#) for a detailed description of each area under review.

Please contact the Delaware/Maryland Rural Development Housing Program staff at (302) 857-3595 for questions about specific changes.



Maryland InfoPortal A Digital Catalog of State Assistance Programs

Maryland InfoPortal (formerly called Redbook Online) is the best one stop for finding financial and non-financial assistance offered by Maryland state government agencies on the web. The Maryland Department of Planning, through the State Clearinghouse, hosts this digital catalog and coordinates the timeliness and accuracy of the information with a network of more than 80 sponsoring agencies.

Maryland InfoPortal contains links to 700-plus state programs providing financial, non-financial and technical assistance and direct development to local government, civic and private organizations, and individuals.

What type of program information is available to search through the Maryland InfoPortal?

- Financial Assistance & Direct Development
- Non-Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance

Follow [this link](#) for full details and Search the InfoPortal for assistance programs and the agency sponsor.