

February 20, 2020

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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### Dates to Remember

#### TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 15  
5:00 pm  
Allegany County

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### State Forest Annual Work Plans Public Comment Period

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources seeks public comment on the proposed 2021 fiscal year work plan for Potomac Garrett, Green Ridge, Savage River, Chesapeake and Pocomoke State Forests.

Annual work plans help identify priorities within the scope of the forest's long-range management plan. They address establishment, growth, composition, health and quality management operations, along with maintenance and construction projects, and other actions.

Following the conclusion of the comment period on **February 28, 2020** each forest manager will review, revise and finalize their plan.

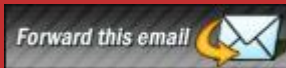
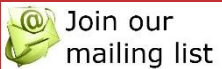
Follow [this link](#) to view the work plans and to comment.

### April 1 is Census Day 2020



The U. S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every person living in the United States every 10 years.

Maryland Department of  
Commerce



### Notice of Funding Availability

#### USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

helps rural communities use telecommunications-based audio and video equipment to connect teachers, students, medical providers and rural residents with each other and the world. **The Application deadline is April 10, 2020.**

#### USDA Now Accepting Rural Business Development Grant Applications

Designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Learn more by following this link.

**The Application Deadline is March 31, 2020.**

Results from the Census are used to ensure OUR area receives its fair share of federal funding for schools, roads and highways, housing, emergency services, health clinics and other public services.

**Census data are being used all around you.**

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

**Your privacy is protected.**

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

**2020 will be easier than ever.**

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

**You can help.**

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

United States Census Bureau  
FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS  
United States Census 2020

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