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TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 15
5:00 pm

Ristorante Ottaviani
Cumberland, Maryland

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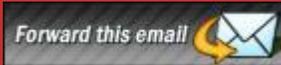
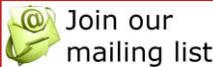
ARC Seeks Partner & Community Input to Guide Investment Priorities

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is collecting input via a [public survey](#) to identify critical opportunities and challenges facing Appalachia's economic future for its new strategic plan for fiscal years 2021-2025.

ARC develops a new strategic plan every five years. More than 3,000 Appalachians provided input to develop ARC's current strategic plan, ***Investing in Appalachia's Future: The Appalachian Regional Commission's Five-Year Strategic Plan for Capitalizing on Appalachia's Opportunities, 2016-2020***, which expires on September 30, 2020.

"As we plan ARC's investment strategy for the years to come, it is important that we be informed by the people we serve," said ARC Federal Co-Chairman Tim Thomas.

In addition to the survey, ARC has announced a series of free public input sessions within the Appalachian region. For more information on the public sessions, survey, and to view the full press release, follow [this link](#).



Notice of Funding Availability

Grants Aim to Protect Coastal Areas of the U.S.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: National Coastal Resilience Fund will award grants to create and restore natural systems in areas that will both increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea- and lake-level changes, inundation, and coastal erosion and also improve valuable habitats for fish and wildlife species.

Pre-Proposal Deadline is April 8, 2020.



COVID-19 Maryland Business Resources

The Maryland Department of Commerce in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Labor, the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, and several other state agencies launched a new webpage dedicated to business resources during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The webpage, available on the Maryland Business Express portal, features several resources available for business throughout the state, including guidelines for employers, fair labor standards, information on insurance claims, opportunities for financial assistance, tax questions, and more.

To find resources or learn more about how to keep yourself, your families, and your workers safe, please visit businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus.



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.

To learn more visit:
<http://census.maryland.gov>

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