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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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In the Region

A WEEKLY SNAPSHOT OF NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OTHER TIDBITS FROM THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Appalachian Regional Commission approved a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Washington County, Maryland, to re-align and construct **Wright Road** for its phase I section in the Hopewell Valley area. It is estimated that the project will support the creation of approximately 100 new jobs in the surrounding area.

The ARC funds will be used to construct approximately 0.30 mile of the Phase I section of the new Wright Road. The road will be built as a two-lane roadway with left turn lanes.

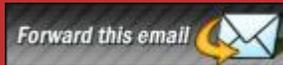
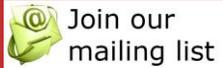
Follow [this link](#) to view the full press release.



CensusMaryland

**The 2020 Census is more than a population count.
It's an opportunity to shape your community's future.**

USDA COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide



Notice of Funding Availability

USDA Offers Temporary Payment Deferrals for the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program

The USDA program will temporarily allow borrowers with direct loans to request payment deferrals to assist those that are experiencing temporary cash flow issues due to the pandemic.

For additional information, visit the notice by following [this link](#).

Effective through September 30, 2020.

The Census helps determine how much each county receives in federal funding to:

- Support emergency services such as hospitals and fire departments
- Ensure families in your community have access to proper food and nutrition through programs like SNAP and WIC
- Maintain and improve schools, transportation infrastructure, and parks and playgrounds

Taking the Census today will have an impact on your community for the **next 10 years**. Ensure your county receives its fair share of federal funding.

Follow [this link](#) to complete the Census online.



Beware of Scams and Fraud Schemes



U.S. Small Business Administration

The Office of Inspector General recognizes that we are facing unprecedented times and is alerting the public about potential fraud schemes related to economic stimulus programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration in response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the largest financial assistance bill to date, includes provisions to help small businesses. Fraudsters have already begun targeting small business owners during these economically difficult times. Be on the lookout for grant fraud, loan fraud, and phishing. Follow [this link](#) to learn more.