



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
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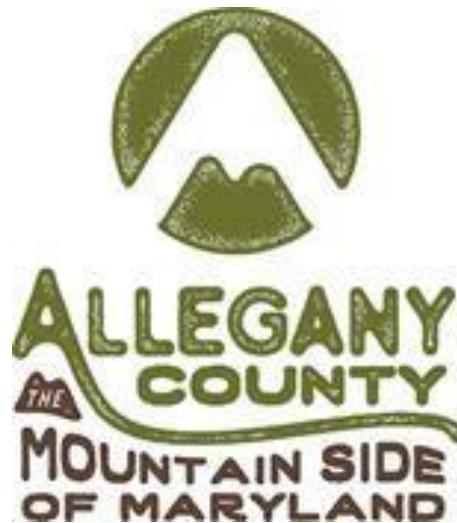


### Seeking Public Input on the Maryland State Freight Plan

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is updating the Maryland State Freight Plan and is in the process of compiling freight-relevant needs and projects across Maryland's five regions. The Plan is also evaluating statewide freight strategies across seven goal areas that are aligned with the 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan. MDOT is seeking input from the public and freight stakeholders on this milestone regarding your opinions on priorities or other ideas related to these findings on statewide freight needs, priorities, and strategies.

The purpose of the Maryland State Freight Plan is to examine existing and projected freight and supply chain conditions in the state and identify policy positions, strategies and projects that can improve freight movement efficiency and safety. The plan is updated every five years. The most recent plan was published in 2017 and can be found [HERE](#).

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



### Allegany County, Maryland Recreation Survey

The Allegany County, MD, Department of Public Works is seeking community input to update the Allegany County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. The valuable feedback you provide will assist with guiding the future use of funds made available to the citizens of the county by the State of Maryland and the federal government for preservation of open space and provision of recreational opportunities. This plan is updated every five years. All responses are anonymous. The survey will close on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

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



## **Appalachian Regional Commission Seeks Applicants Addressing Substance Use Disorder Recovery-to-Work Efforts**

**\$10 million available for ARC INSPIRE Initiative Grants to Help Appalachian Communities and Economies Thrive**

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), a federal-state partnership working to strengthen economic growth and community development in 13 Appalachian states, recently issued a **Request for Proposals (RFP)** for its **INvestments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE)** Initiative. The grant program addresses the region's substance use disorder crisis with investments of \$10 million in the creation and expansion of a recovery ecosystem that helps facilitate workforce entry and re-entry.

Follow [this link](#) for the full Press Release.



### **Upcoming Webinars**

#### **Use YouTube to Grow Your Business**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Click [here](#) for more information and to Register.

#### **Understanding Business Insurance**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Click [here](#) for more information and to Register.

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