



# Council Connections

**Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
May 14, 2026**



Your programs are  
our possibilities.



TAKE THE SURVEY

Share your experience supporting entrepreneurs in  
Western Maryland.

## **Western Maryland Entrepreneurial Landscape Survey**

### **Survey Now Remains Open Through May 31**

The **TCCWMD** is committed to strengthening our regional economy by better supporting the entrepreneurs and organizations that make it thrive. To do this effectively, we need to hear directly from you.

We have partnered with an **independent nonprofit organization, [Bridging Innovation Institute](#)**, to conduct a comprehensive survey of our entrepreneurial ecosystem. Your feedback is essential to helping us understand current challenges and inform a broader strategy to ensure our community has access to accurate, actionable information.

**Your Privacy is Our Priority:** To ensure an objective and impartial assessment, this survey is being managed entirely by our independent partner. All results will be provided back to the TCCWMD only as **aggregate, non-identified data**. Your individual responses will remain confidential and will not be linked to your identity.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

*The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will close on **May 31.***

Whether you are an active business owner or a support organization, your voice is a critical foundation for our future strategy. Thank you for your time and your dedication to our community.



**Heritage Areas: a Tool for Local and Regional Planning**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**  
**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Heritage areas are places where historic, cultural, and natural resources combine to form cohesive, significant landscapes that offer meaningful experiences for tourists and improved quality of life for residents throughout Maryland. Heritage areas can be designated by the National Park Service or through state programs, and can receive benefits - including financial investment - to further historic, cultural, and natural resource protection and enhancement. This webinar will review the heritage area concept and its intersection with local and regional planning, spotlighting the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and local case studies in Central Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

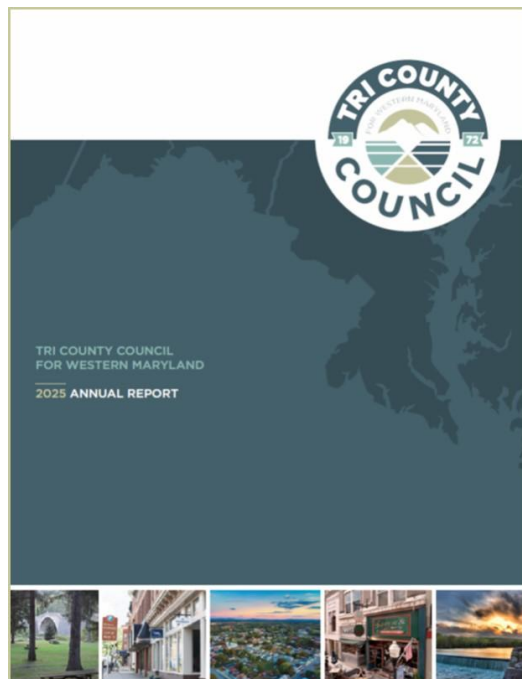
Following the webinar, participants will be able to...

- Define heritage areas and how they connect to the network of heritage areas in Maryland and nationally
- Apply heritage area priorities to comprehensive planning

- Describe how heritage areas contribute to placemaking and placekeeping and historic, cultural, and natural resource stewardship
- Apply heritage area funding and networking support to local planning goal implementation

Find out more and Register for this Free Webinar by following [this link](#).

**The 2025 Annual Report of Tri County Council is Now Available!**



We are pleased to share this document with you, as it has been sometime since our agency has produced a comprehensive report of what we do. This report tells many stories of the impact of our work in the region - plus it's a beautiful document! We hope you enjoy the read: **2025 Annual Report of TCCWMD**.

And, if you would like a hard copy of the report - please let us know by [email](#).

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