



Council Connections

**Bridging Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties
September 3, 2026**



Legacy Planning For Your Business Series (Virtual)

September 2 - October 28, 2026

SBDC Legacy Planning Series Helps Maryland Business Owners Prepare for Successful Transitions

The Legacy Planning for Your Business series, presented by the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC), is a virtual training series designed to help small business owners begin preparing for their business's future today. Whether an owner plans to retire, sell their business, or pass it on to the next generation, it is never too early to begin planning for what comes next.

The Legacy Planning for Your Business series begins September 2, 2026, and runs through October 28, 2026. The cost of the eight-session virtual series is \$79, with partial sponsorship by Tri-County Council, Allegany County, MD. Attendees will receive guidance from subject-matter experts on the critical components of business transition and succession planning, helping owners protect their businesses' value and prepare for a successful transition.

[Follow this link for the full Press Release and Registration Information](#)

Maryland Department of Social and Economic Mobility
Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs

Ready, Set, GROW!
Procurement Connections Expo

Thursday, September 10, 2026
Rocky Gap Casino Golf Resort

[Visit this link for Full details and Registration at economicmobility.maryland.gov](https://economicmobility.maryland.gov)



Ready, Set, GROW!

Procurement Connections Expo

The **free**, in-person Expo is designed to help **small, disadvantaged, minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses** access government contracting opportunities. The workshop includes networking with agencies and procurement officers responsible for **billions of dollars** in annual contracting activity by **Maryland State regulated entities**.



Rocky Gap Casino, Golf & Resort
16701 Lakeview Rd NE
Flintstone, Maryland 21530



Thursday, September 10, 2026

Register at: economicmobility.maryland.gov

Note: Ready, Set, GROW! Procurement Connections Expo attendees do not need to enter the casino floor. Entrance to the Expo is through the hotel entrance.

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Application Deadline: **September 20, 2026**



Preservation as a Housing Strategy

Building new housing is only part of the affordability challenge. Counties also need tools to preserve the affordable homes already in their communities.

As Maryland works to expand its housing supply, preservation remains an important part of keeping existing homes affordable and preventing communities from losing ground.

Click the image above for the latest episode in the housing finance series.

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