2015 Western Maryland Local Government Exchange

Opening the Toolbox for Community Revitalization

Friday, May 1, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Various Sites in the City of Frederick

Hosted by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, University of Maryland Extension, and the Western Maryland Local Government Exchange. Event funding is provided by the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association, and University of Maryland Extension.

We are pleased to provide the opportunity for you to attend the 9th annual Western Maryland Local Government Exchange. The Exchange’s goal is to provide an event where local government representatives and citizens can share information concerning best management practices for land use and other issues. The focus this year is on “Revitalizing Our Region’s Communities”.

Agenda topics include:
- Efforts for Economic Revitalization: Building on Your Community’s Strengths
- Tools and resources are available to communities to assist revitalization efforts
- Infrastructure efforts to support communities

The complete agenda is below or visit: http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Evens.html

Multiple locations are being used for the sessions so walking will be required of participants. The closest available parking is in one of the numerous parking garages located in the area. Parking costs are the responsibility of the participant. A map of the session locations and parking options will be sent to registrants.

Thanks to our funders, the registration fee is $25 per participant. Registrations and payments must be received by Friday, April 24, 2015 unless other arrangements are made.

To register online and pay by credit card go to: http://2015localgovernmentexchange.eventbrite.com
There is an additional processing fee from Eventbrite of $2.37 to register online and pay by credit card.

To register by mail and pay by check:
- Complete the registration form found at the bottom of this email.
- Mail your check payable to the University of Maryland ($25 per participant) and send with the registration form to: Pam Thomas, University of Maryland Extension, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, Maryland 21756-1104. Please include the participant name on the check. If paying for more than one participant, please include the names of all participants.
- Receipts for both types of payment will be provided at the meeting.

** No refunds will be issued.

AICP CM credits have been granted for previous events. Information has been submitted and credits are pending for this year’s event.

For additional information about registration or payment, please contact Pam Thomas at pthomas@umd.edu or (301) 432-2767. For additional information about the program, please contact Nancy Nunn at nnunn@umd.edu or (410) 827-8056, ext. 128.
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Agenda

Registration & Morning Session will be held at the Weinberg Center for the Arts,
20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

8:30 am  Registration and continental breakfast

9:00 am  Welcome
Honorable Randy McClement, Mayor, City of Frederick

9:10 am  Session One: Efforts for Economic Revitalization in Western MD:
Building on Your Strengths

The Past, Present & Future of Frederick City Redevelopment (Keynote)
Richard Griffin, Director of Economic Development, City of Frederick

Hagerstown’s City Center Plan
Kathy Maher, Planning Director, City of Hagerstown

Efforts in Cumberland
Shawn Hershberger, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Cumberland

Addressing the Challenge of Rural Communities: Grantsville’s Revitalization Efforts
Emily Newman Edwards, President of the Greater Grantsville Business Association and
Member of the Grantsville Revitalization Organization

Facilitator: Deborah Carpenter, Director, Garrett County Department of Planning

10:40 am  Tour of Carroll Creek Redevelopment Project
Community volunteers will provide small group tours

Afternoon Sessions will be held at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trunk Hall, 35 East Church Street, Frederick, MD beginning at 11:45 am.
11:45 am  Lunch and Networking

12:15 pm  2015 Maryland Legislative Session Update  
Candace Donoho, Director of Governmental Relations, Maryland Municipal League

Facilitator: Jim Wieprecht, Director of Planning and Zoning, City of Taneytown

12:30 pm  Session 2: Roundtable Discussion on the Community Toolbox  
After a brief orientation by the facilitator, participants will group into tables and discuss what their communities are doing to revitalize, challenges, what works, what has not, etc. Groups will report out to the other groups and some discussion will be facilitated.

Facilitator: Beth Pasierb, Supervisor of Facilities Planning, Frederick County Public Schools

1:30 pm  Walk to Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD

1:45 pm  Session 3: How Infrastructure Grows Communities

How Wood Energy Development grows Local Economies  
Jonathan Kays, Natural Resource Extension Specialist, University of Maryland Extension

Redefining Transit Oriented Development for Rural Areas  
Deborah Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning & Land Management, Garrett County

Agriculture as a Driver for Economic Development and Protector of Rural Land Use  
Colby Ferguson, Director, Government Relations, Maryland Farm Bureau and former Agriculture Business Development Specialist for Frederick County

Facilitator: Alex Rohrbaugh, Planner, City of Hagerstown

2:50 pm  Summary of the day

3:00 pm  Adjourn

3:10 pm  Tour of Frederick Redevelopment (Participants will meet at Trunk Hall)
Alan Imhoff will take those interested on a more in-depth tour of Frederick redevelopment efforts and provide much more detail based on his long-term connection to the community and the projects.
Alan Imhoff, Steering Committee Member, Western Maryland Local Government Exchange
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