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What is MRDC?

The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) is a results oriented resource for Maryland's rural, low income families and communities.



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Mission of MRDC...

To provide resources that promote self-sufficiency in low-income families and build strong, sustainable communities throughout rural Maryland





Education, Environment and Equality for Rural Maryland through...

- *HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP SERVICES*
- *HEAD START SERVICES TO FAMILIES and CHILDREN*
- *RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES*
- *SMALL TOWN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE*
- *LEADERSHIP TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT*





This morning's schedule...

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Greetings

R. Kevin Brooks, Executive Director. MRDC

Honorable Richard B. Weldon, Jr. State Delegate (D-District 1B)

Honorable Wendell R. Beitzel, State Delegate (R-District 1A)

Honorable George C. Edwards, State Senator (R-District 1)

***10:15 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Financial Tools for Communities
Affordable Housing Resources and
Approaches***

Cherie Ross, Vice President Garrett Co CAC

Jay Corvan, Architect Trappe, Maryland

Timothy T. Taylor, Housing Specialist, USDA Rural Dev.

*John R. Maneval, Dep. Dir. Multifamily Housing Dev.
DHCD*





Morning schedule...

Roundtable Presentation

Surviving Foreclosure / Preserving Homeownership *Understanding mortgages and foreclosure*

- Charles Cephas, Housing Res. Specialist and Housing Counselor
- Kelly L. Vaughn, Outreach Director, MD DHCD
- Courtney Thomas, Director, Allegany Comm. Action Partnership
- Donald W. Mathis, President & CEO Comm. Action Partnership
"Community Action on the Frontline - a National perspective"



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Luncheon Speaker...

Donald W. Mathis,
President & CEO
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*"Community Action on the Frontline,
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This afternoon's schedule...

1:15 – 2:20 p.m. Green and Affordable Housing

Financial Resources and Technical Approaches for Retrofit and New Construction

- David Cronin, Assistant Director Maryland Energy Administration
- Dan H. Lewellen, Deputy Director, Allegany Co HRDC
- Erin Shaffer, V. P. Federal Outreach Green Building Initiative
- Ken Rafferty, Manager Rehabilitation Housing, Allegany County HRDC





The Rural Roundtable...

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

The Rural Roundtable Sponsored by the Rural Maryland Council (RMC)
Identifying Policy and Program Solutions for the Future

- Reginald Stanfield, Director, Office of Community Programs, DHCD
- David G. Jordan, ASLA Exec. Dir. Wash Co. Comm. Action Council, Inc.
- Tim Hann, Coordinator, W. MD Resource Conservation and Dev. Council

Facilitator: David M. Jenkins, Exec. Dir. Rural Maryland Council





The issues...

- Impact of rapid growth in the rural Maryland
- Increased pressures on existing infrastructure
- The need for new infrastructure and services to handle the current and projected growth
- Economic and environmental factors of planned and unplanned growth
- Impact of the current foreclosure tsunami on our rural communities
- Sustainable, viable small towns and villages
- Affordable, “green” housing stock
- “Quality of Life” in rural Maryland





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