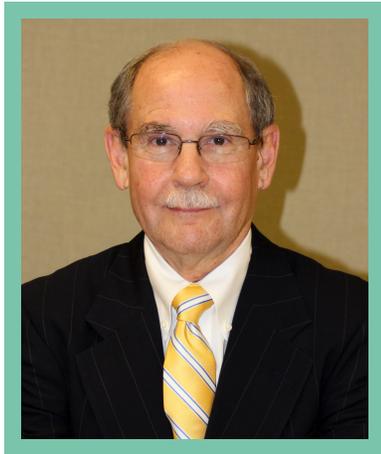




Appalachian Regional Commission - A Critical Federal Partner



FROSTBURG, Md.

We were pleased to welcome ARC’s Guy Land to our September Zoom Speaker Series to provide an overview of ARC’s mission and programs of work and share its response to the pandemic. Land, a senior staffer in the office of the Federal Co-Chair, directs the agency’s legislative work, serves as a policy advisor on economic development issues and administers the agency’s ethics programs. He shared how ARC has nimbly and efficiently worked throughout the pandemic to redeploy recovered POWER funds, restructure outstanding grants and allow States to use ARC money to recapitalize

Revolving Loan Funds. ARC has also focused its attention on supporting local leaders to navigate this challenging time on behalf of their communities and has leveraged the region’s leadership strengths through the Appalachian Leadership Institute whose inaugural class of 2019-2020 includes our own Executive Director, Jennifer Walsh. As the leading regional convener, TGCC will continue to work with ARC and our three State Alternates to explore creative ways to work together as a region and to pursue ARC funding opportunities to amplify the impact of our work.

Selected Recent Maryland ARC Projects

ARC operates as a regional economic development agency, which represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. The ARC Region encompasses 13 states, 420 counties, 205,000 square miles, 25M people and 73 local development districts. It’s mission includes creating economic opportunities, developing a ready workforce, building critical infrastructure, cultivating natural and cultural assets and fostering leadership and community capacity.

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- “ARC is a critical federal partner to help Western Maryland and our neighbors transform our economies, prepare a 21st century workforce, and build critical infrastructure. Guy Land’s presentation to The Greater Cumberland Committee – and the participation of Maryland’s ARC State Alternate Wendi Peters and her counterparts from West Virginia and Pennsylvania – strongly underscored the importance of working together across state and political boundaries to bring economic progress to our region.” Robin Summerfield, Senator Cardin’s Office
- If you missed the September 3rd meeting, you can watch it here: <https://bit.ly/32FOE2P>
- A link to Guy Land’s slide presentation can be found here: <https://bit.ly/33C00II>

TGCC 2020 Year of the Woman Honorees



Maryland Special Secretary of Smart Growth, Wendi Peters



Jennifer Ferrell, Interim Director of Community Advancement and Development Division of the WV Development Office



Sheri Collins, Sr. Director of the Office of Corporate Relations at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

It is our great pleasure to recognize three women who have had an important impact on the implementation of ARC's programs in our region. This month, we have the honor of recognizing the three ARC State Alternates for their incredible leadership of ARC's programs of work in our tri-state region. In Maryland, Special Secretary of Smart Growth, Wendi Peters, in West Virginia, Jennifer Ferrell, Interim Director of Community Advancement and Development Division of the WV Development Office and in Pennsylvania, Sheri Collins, Sr. Director of the Office of Corporate Relations at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

We congratulate each of them for their tireless work on behalf of ARC to create more vibrant and resilient Appalachian communities. For more information about these incredible women go to <https://www.greatercc.org/membership/year-of-the-woman/>.

Executive Director's Update

- We are excited to announce that the remaining miles of the proposed four-lane highway between Meyersdale and the Maryland state line have been designated as a Critical Rural Freight Corridor. We applaud the work of our Pennsylvania partners, particularly Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission (SAP&DC) who led this initiative. "The recognition and designation of the proposed U.S. 219 four-lane highway between Meyersdale and the state line, as a Critical Rural Freight Corridor (CRFC,) is an important step toward construction. Whether it be improved safety, travel resiliency, or economic potential, it's clear that a more complete four-lane corridor adds significant value to the regional transportation system. A CRFC designation can strengthen an application for competitive federal funds to begin engineering and construction." Brandon Peters – Transportation Program Manager, SAP&DC
- Congratulations to our partner, and valued member of the I-68 Regional Alliance Board, Kellie Goodman Shaffer, President and CEO of the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and her team for leading the effort to bring the Silver Lining Drive-In to the Bedford County Fairgrounds. "With the coronavirus wreaking havoc on the county's event schedule, we are thrilled to be able to provide a safe, responsible and fun series of events...[i]t shows our county's creativity, collaborative spirit and commitment to excellence." - Kellie Goodman Shaffer. You can find more information, including the schedule of events, at www.bedfordcountychamber.com



Upcoming Events

Greater Good Award Reception – Thursday, October 15, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at 1812 Brewery

I-68 Regional Alliance – Friday, October 2, 11:30am, Zoom

Executive Committee – Thursday, October 8, 9:30am, Zoom