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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRIAN MOORE

As we embark on another exciting year in Kent County, I want to extend my warmest greetings to all our Chamber members. I am incredibly proud of the work our Chamber has accomplished, and continues to accomplish year by year, as we work in concert with local businesses and non-profit organizations to improve the quality and nature of business in the county.

Kent County is not just a place on the map; it's a community of vibrant businesses and dedicated individuals. Our Chamber plays a vital role in nurturing this community spirit. We provide a platform for businesses to connect, collaborate, and thrive. We support our local economy, driving growth and prosperity for everyone. We continually strive to provide opportunities and tools to help local organizations grow and flourish.

Over the past year, our Chamber has achieved numerous milestones. We've organized engaging events, facilitated networking opportunities, and advocated for the interests of our members.

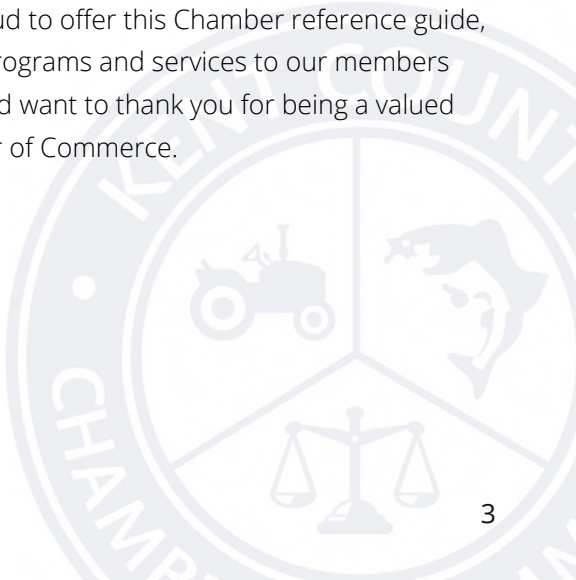
Our commitment to the economic well-being of Kent County is unwavering. We will continue to work tirelessly to promote growth, sustainability, and the overall quality of life in our community. We are here to be your voice, your resource, and your advocate. Together, we can achieve remarkable things!

I want to express my gratitude to our members, board, and staff for your dedication and support. It is your enthusiasm and commitment that make our Chamber a dynamic force in our local communities. Let's continue to stand together and push for a bright and prosperous future for Kent County!

Once again, this year, we are proud to offer this Chamber reference guide, a comprehensive list of community programs and services to our members and visitors. We hope you enjoy it and want to thank you for being a valued member of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,  
**Brian Moore**  
*President*  
Kent County Chamber of Commerce

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SARAH KING

I am thrilled to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to each and every one of you as we launch the latest edition of our Resource Guide and Membership Directory. This publication has long been a valuable asset for our members, serving as a comprehensive reference tool for local businesses, community resources, and, most importantly, a reflection of our collective strength as the Kent County business community.

As the Executive Director of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, I am excited to share that this year marks a pivotal moment in our journey. It’s not just about unveiling a new directory; it’s about embarking on a new mission and creating a strategic plan that will revolutionize the way we serve our members and provide even greater value.

In our continuous effort to support the growth and prosperity of Kent County’s businesses, we have adopted a new mission that reflects our dedication to your success - see page 6! This means that we are committed to empowering your businesses with the knowledge and resources you need, connecting you with invaluable networks and opportunities, and elevating your presence and influence within our vibrant community.

The driving force behind our new mission is the recognition that our members deserve nothing but the best. To that end, we are diligently working on a fresh strategic plan aimed at enhancing the value you receive from your membership. This strategic plan will include: Targeted Networking Opportunities, Educational and Training Programs, Enhanced Marketing and Promotion, and Advocacy and Representation. Stay tuned! We’re excited to take this journey with you, and I invite you to join us in shaping the future of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Your input, engagement, and collaboration are vital as we move forward.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community and for your continued support. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we will connect, engage, and elevate Kent County’s businesses to new heights.

Warm regards,  
**Sarah King**  
*Executive Director*  
Kent County Chamber of Commerce





# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen, support and promote the economic vitality of our member businesses and the community of Kent County. It is marked by:

- Positive Connections:** Meaningful connections that help our business community thrive, and connect our members with customers, partners, mentors, and friends;
- Business Growth:** The growth of local businesses through effective promotion & business development opportunities;
- Community Engagement:** Community engagement through programs and events, we can influence the culture of our community and enhance the quality of life; and
- Collaborative Advocacy:** Advocacy for a healthy economy and aligning businesses and government, we provide a voice for initiatives relevant to our members.

## ABOUT THE CHAMBER

With hundreds of member businesses, nonprofits, and individuals, the Chamber is Kent County's premier business-to-business facilitator. Through our many unique programs, events, and advocacy, we provide a platform for leaders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to engage with each other to grow their respective organizations for the ultimate benefit of Kent County and its residents.

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce works tirelessly to build and maintain relationships with key leaders and stakeholders throughout multiple industry sectors and government on behalf of our members. By being the number one champion and advocate for business in Kent County, we provide our members with direct access to business decision-makers, thought-leaders, and elected officials to amplify their message so they can get the job done.

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce boasts a robust and highly engaged email subscriber list, offering members the very best value when it comes to marketing their business or organization. Advertisement e-blasts go right to the inbox of business leaders, presenting members with unprecedented access to the decision-makers that determine which businesses to contract with. Sponsors of the Chamber get the added benefit of being featured on all Chamber documents and marketing materials, showcasing their organization as a premier supporter of Kent County's business climate and quality-of-life.

### Membership

Membership is open to all businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations in Kent and neighboring counties. The cost of membership is based on the number of employees and membership dues are billed annually on the anniversary date of the member.

### Sponsorship

The Kent County Chamber offers members the opportunity to increase their recognition in the community with five levels of sponsorship. Sponsor benefits include a recognition plaque prominently displayed in the Chamber office, advertising and promotion at all Chamber events, recognition in all Chamber communications tools, advertising discounts in our publications, tickets to Chamber events, and promotional links on our website.



The Kent County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1928 as the Kent County Business Men's Association. The Association was incorporated in 1958 and evolved into the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Today the Chamber is the leading advocate for business in the County, serving our members in ways that enhance our business community, the quality of life and the well-being of residents and visitors.

### Sponsorships levels:

Diamond .....	\$5,000
Platinum .....	\$3,000
Gold .....	\$2,000
Silver .....	\$1,000
Bronze .....	\$500
For details and information about sponsorship benefits call the Chamber office at <b>410-810-2968</b> .	



# CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

## 1. BUSINESS REFERRALS

The Chamber office receives requests for information on availability of goods and services from local businesses every day. We gladly give referrals and recommend ONLY our Chamber members!

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

The Chamber promotes our members and sponsors in our annual Kent County Membership Directory and County Map publications. Both of these publications present a wonderful opportunity to purchase an ad that will be seen all year by residents of and newcomers to Kent County.

## 3. PRESS RELEASES

We spread the good news of our members by publishing press releases from our members to our website, social media, and through our newsletter - for free!

## 4. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We publish a monthly newsletter which provides information of interest to Chamber members. The Newsletter is distributed via email and is available on the Chamber website. Reminders keep members aware of important, time-sensitive events and topics.

## 5. BROADCAST EMAIL SERVICE - E-BLASTS

In an effort to help you build your business and get your message out efficiently and cost effectively, the Chamber office will send an email specifically on your behalf to all Chamber members who have signed up for our mailing list. This is an excellent way to announce new products, services, or events. As a Chamber member, you can take advantage of this service at a very reasonable cost. Please contact the Chamber office for further details.

## 6. CHAMBER WEBSITE – INTERNET EXPOSURE

All members are listed on the Kent County Chamber of Commerce website in the online directory. Your address and website are established as links from the Chamber’s site, which can mean an increase in customers.

## 7. BUSINESS DISPLAY

Display of your materials in the Chamber Resource Area of the Visitors Center is available to Chamber members for free.

## 8. RIBBON CUTTINGS

We conduct Ribbon Cutting ceremonies to announce new Chamber members or the relocation of current members.

## 9. PROUD MEMBER LOGO

The Chamber has created a “Proud Member” logo that is available digitally and can be used for just about any advertising or promotion for your business; an added value that we know will help grow your customer base. Use this logo in your business print ads, direct mail, business cards, web sites, email blasts, promotional items, and much more! The logo lets your client base know that you are proud Commerce member.

## 10. SPECIAL EVENTS

We hold networking events such as Mixers and Open Houses to showcase our member businesses. Members that attend these events are provided opportunities to engage with other members and promote their business. We host Educational Seminars on topics of interest to local businesses to educate and encourage growth. Annually, we sponsor the Post-Legislative Session Discussion to keep our members informed on current events.

## 11. COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD PRESENTATION

We recognize the county’s best businesses, nonprofits, and leaders at our annual Community Excellence Award event.



2023 Regional Mixer at Chesapeake College.

## 12. BULK MAILING PRIVILEGES

The Chamber offers exclusively to its members the use of its Bulk Mail Permit. For detailed information on using the Bulk Mail Permit, please contact the chamber office at **410-810-2968** or [director@kentchamber.org](mailto:director@kentchamber.org).

## 13. MEMBER MAILING LABELS

The Chamber’s membership list is available for print or electronically for a small fee to any interested Chamber member.

## 14. BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

We celebrate our members who are celebrating business anniversaries ending in ‘0’ or ‘5’ by presenting them with an official Certificate of Recognition from the Kent Chamber and Kent County Economic Development.

## 15. FREE USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM

A large conference room in the chamber office is made available for members in need of a professional space to host a board meeting or seminar.

### Join us today!

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce membership form can be found [kentchamber.org](http://kentchamber.org).



## Chamber of Commerce Leadership 2024

President - **Brian Moore**, WCTR Radio

Vice President - **Joseph Goetz**, Kent County Public Schools

Treasurer - **Melissa Haber**, The Gunston School

Past-President - **Meghan Livie**, The Peoples Bank

Executive Director – **Sarah King**

## Board Members – 2024

### Board Members:

**Steven Atkinson**, ShoreToBeFun Photography

**Zane Carter**, Chestertown RiverArts

**Adam Cole**, Horizon Farm Credit

**Genevieve Croker**, Rebuilding Together Kent County

**Tom Eleuterio**, Chesapeake College

**Andrew Gillespie**, Gillespie Precast

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## KENT COUNTY

# 1642

The year Kent County was founded.

## KENT COUNTY

# HISTORY

In 1706, the Maryland General Assembly pressed for the establishment of a “New Town” along the Chester, where trade could be centralized, warehouses built, and customs collected – and Chestertown was founded. In the 1730’s, Kent County became a center of colonial economic activity, as the first Maryland county to diversify, turning from tobacco to a grain-based economy, and the shortest route from the Virginia Colony to points north. George Washington really did sleep in Kent County. Other famous visitors included Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and James Madison.

Chestertown became an international port. Locally built ships, known for their sleekness and speed, were particularly useful for sailing along the coast, from New England to the Caribbean Islands. Craftsmen moved into the town, as did powerful planter merchants who built their mansions along the river. Respectable brick homes lined the streets. Chestertown was not only a center of economic activity, but of colonial culture. The wealthy enjoyed balls, horse races, a gentlemen’s club, and traveling theatre troupes.

The labor force in the 1600s was largely supplied by indentured servants. By the late 1600s, captured Africans began to be imported and sold as slaves. In the transition from tobacco to less labor-intensive wheat, slaves were sometimes freed, as it was often cheaper to hire people during planting and harvest. Quakers, who had abandoned slavery in the 1770s, led the moral outrage against slavery. An abolitionist society was formed in Chestertown in the late 1700s, and a free black population established itself. Washington College was founded in 1782 - the 10th oldest college in America, and the first college in the United States. By 1790 Chestertown was the geographic center of the American population.

But as land opened up to the west, Baltimore became the preeminent port, and by 1800, Kent County wheat and other products were shipped across the Bay. Although prosperity continued, the heyday of international trade was over in Kent County. The free black population continued to expand, and black owned businesses joined in the prosperity. Although the number of slaves continued to decrease, slavery remained a constant. The underground railroad had “guides” in Kent County, and a number of slaves managed dramatic escapes to freedom. On

### Did you know?

Although the first English settlement in Maryland was established in 1631 on Kent Island, once part of Kent County, it wasn’t until the 1650’s that Colonists settled in present day Kent County, (bounded by the Chesapeake Bay, the Chester and the Sas-safras Rivers), on Eastern Neck Island ... primarily focused on tobacco production.



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the eve of the Civil War, political tension grew. Southern sympathies were strong, but local white leaders cautioned strongly against secession, a certain path to economic ruin. Even those who were pro-union, however, were also largely anti-abolition. Eastern Shore men fought on both sides of the war, truly brother against brother in many cases. Hundreds of Kent County black men served, many of them escaping slavery by steamships that went up and down the bay recruiting union soldiers.

The steamship era played a key role in the local economy through the 1800s and into the 1900s, transporting local goods and produce across the

Bay, and often returning with tourists. The Victorian resorts of Betterton and Tolchester became two of the most popular destinations on the Chesapeake into the 1960s.

In the late 1800s the railroad enhanced the ability of local farmers to send produce north. Transportation and technology along with canning and refrigeration, boosted the fishing industry, and Rock Hall became a major hub of the Chesapeake seafood industry.

For African Americans the burden of Jim Crow laws replaced that of slavery. Nonetheless, they continued to play an integral role in Kent County life. In

Chestertown, African American performance venues attracted nationally known performers and regional audiences throughout the 1950s and 60s, bringing a vibrancy that would otherwise have been lacking in town life.

To this day, agriculture plays a dominant role in the economy. Watermen continue to ply their trade, although pollution of the watershed and Bay has reduced their numbers enormously. Several decades ago a preservation effort began in Chestertown that led to the creation of a National Landmark Historic District that boasts more historic homes in use than any Maryland community except Annapolis. Preserva-



Park Row Floats Ribbon Cutting. Photo Credit: Steven G. Atkinson, ShoreToBeFun Photography

tion has also saved many of the historic country homes, a number of them lived in by the same families for centuries. The County retains its sense of

community. Local businesses know residents by name, and support the County's nonprofit organizations that also serve the community. There is

a tremendous sense of place in Kent County, and an understanding that the history of this region is integral to both its present, and its future.

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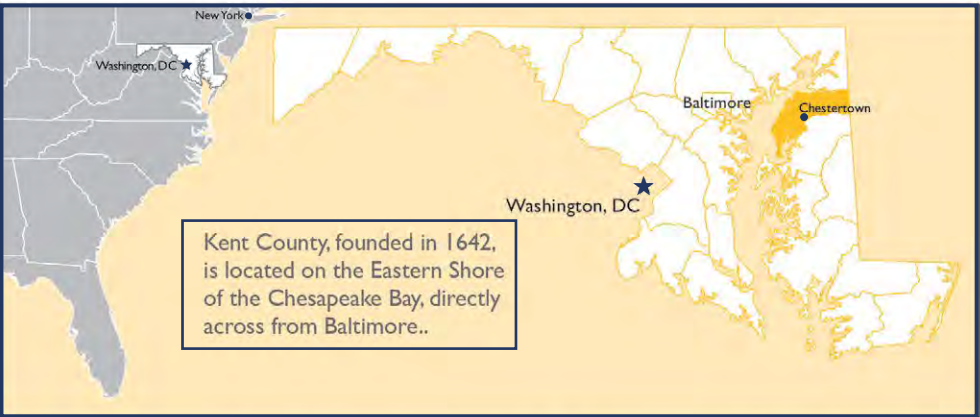


KENT COUNTY  
\$873 MILLION  
in Private Sector Gross Regional Product

KENT COUNTY  
ECONOMIC FACTS

Kent County, founded in 1642, sits directly east of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay with Washington DC 50 miles to the southwest and Philadelphia 60 miles to the northeast. The county is located within 90 minutes of three international airports and three major seaports. Route 301 links Maryland to Delaware thus making the county a prime location for warehouse and distribution operations and commercial transportation. The county's private sector industries generate over \$960 million in gross regional product in 2022.

With its diverse business landscape, affordable land, and low cost of living, it is a great place for businesses and new residents. Kent County is one of only five counties in Maryland with no business personal property tax and offers sales and use exemption for qualified datacenters. Investing in its open-access fiber broadband availability becoming one of the most connected counties in the state to encourage the growth of



diverse businesses such as datacenters, call centers, cyber security, telemedicine, training, and education centers. Kent County is ideal for emerging technologies including environmental, aquaculture, and agriculture businesses, with over 134,000 acres of farmland, 265 miles of tidal shoreline, and proximity to federal labs and research centers. For more information visit [www.kentcounty.com/business](http://www.kentcounty.com/business)

LOCATION

Driving distance from Chestertown:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	692	1,113
Baltimore, Maryland	64	103
Boston, Massachusetts	381	613
Chicago, Illinois	747	1,202
New York, New York	170	274
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	81	131
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	283	456
Richmond, Virginia	173	279
Washington, DC	76	122

CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY<sup>1</sup>

Yearly Precipitation (inches)	44.1
Yearly Snowfall (inches)	16.4
Summer Temperature (°F)	75.3
Winter Temperature (°F)	35.7
Days Below Freezing	89.5
Land Area (square miles)	278.3
Water area (square miles)	25.3
Shoreline (miles)	343
Elevation (ft)	sea level to 102

POPULATION<sup>2,3</sup>

	Kent County Households	Kent County Population	Upper Eastern Shore*	Maryland
2010	8,175	20,197	235,623	5,773,552
2020	7,850	19,192	244,242	6,055,802
2030**	8,600	19,340	261,360	6,254,500

\*Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent and Talbot counties  
\*\*Projections  
Selected places population (2020): Chestertown 5,532; Rock Hall 1,192; Galena 536; Millington 547

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION<sup>2,3</sup> (2021)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5yrs	754	3.9%
5 - 19 yrs	3,325	17.2%
20 - 44 yrs	5,017	25.9%
45 -64 yrs	5,213	27.0%
65 and over	5,026	26.0%
Total	19,335	100.0%
Median Age		47.1 Years

Kent County Chamber of Commerce Mixer at The Brampton Inn.



LABOR AVAILABILITY<sup>3,4,5</sup> (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

Civilian Labor Force (2022 avg.)	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Total civilian labor force	9,734	227,346
Employment	9,384	219,082
Unemployment	350	8,264
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.6%
Residents commuting outside the county to work (2017-2021)		Percent 17.7%

Employment in selected occupations (2017-2021)		
Management, business, science and arts	3,790	42%
Service	1,460	16.2%
Sales and office	1,827	20.2%
Production, transp. and material moving	1,103	12.2%

\*Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester; Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties

MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>6,7</sup> (2021-2022)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Dixon Valve	Valves & couplings	465
Washington College	Higher education	435
LaMotte	Chemical testing equipment	235
University of Maryland Shore Regional	Medical services	215
David A. Bramble	Asphalt paving & road construction	191
YMCA Camp Tockwogh *	Recreation facility	181
Heron Point of Chestertown	Nursing care	180
Angelica Nurseries *	Plants & flowers	150
Gillespie & Son	Concrete-transit mix & blocks	140
Kent Center	Medical & support services for person with disabilities	126
Waterman's Crab House*	Restaurant	80
Peoples Bank	Bankings services	79
Food Lion	Groceries	71
Redner's	Groceries	70
Chester River Yacht & Country Club*	Yacht & country club	65
Haven Harbour*	Marina	64
Resorts at Chester Manor	Hospitality and Accomodations	64
Peak Healthcare	Medical services	63
The Molly's Group	Restaurant	61
Acme Markets	Groceries	58

Excludes post offices, state and local governments, national retail and national food service; includes higher education

\*Includes seasonal workers

EMPLOYMENT<sup>4</sup> (2022)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Empl. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal Government	11	58	0.8%	\$1,234
State Government	7	236	3.1%	1,094
Local Government	17	743	9.8%	1,033
Private Sector	715	6,521	86.3%	922
Natural resources and mining	34	257	3.4%	1,013
Construction	73	422	5.6%	1,047
Manufacturing	32	1001	13.2%	1,183
Trade, Transportation, and utilities	125	1,147	15.2%	761
Information	7	66	0.9%	1,261
Financial activities	57	255	3.4%	1,322
Professional and business services	119	542	7.2%	1,401
Education and health services	102	1,719	22.7%	823
Leisure and hospitality	91	890	11.8%	540
Other Services	77	223	3.0%	811
Total	750	7,558	100.0%	941

Includes civilian employment only  
\*Confidential

HOURLY WAGE RATES<sup>4</sup> (2021)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Skilled
Accountants	\$33.72	\$22.59	\$42.08
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$17.98	\$13.43	\$20.26
Biological technicians	\$24.42	\$18.95	\$28.21
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	\$21.05	\$14.90	\$24.13
Computer systems analysts	\$38.01	\$26.86	\$51.56
Computer user support specialists	\$22.32	\$16.39	\$25.45
Customer service represenatives	\$17.48	\$13.38	\$20.58
Electrical engineers	\$43.50	\$32.08	\$63.64
Electronics engineering technicians			
Freight, stock and material movers	\$14.39	\$12.86	\$17.94
Industrial truck operators	\$18.10	\$13.99	\$20.02
Inspectors, testers, sorters	\$18.23	\$14.29	\$22.14
Machinists	\$23.05	\$19.45	\$27.90
Maintenance workers, machinery	\$27.79	\$15.34	\$30.22
Mechanical Engineers	\$36.85	\$25.89	\$39.32
Network support specialists	\$42.00	\$29.35	\$53.50
Packaging/filling machine operators	\$14.48	\$12.18	\$16.06
Packers and packagers hand	\$13.63	\$12.67	\$14.98
Secretaries	\$18.19	\$14.56	\$22.61
Shipping/receiving clerks	\$17.48	\$13.22	\$20.10
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$13.64	\$11.77	\$16.01

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive on the Upper Eastern Shore (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties) and may vary by industry, employer and locality

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES<sup>3,8</sup>

Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2017-2021)	
High school graduate or higher	90.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	37.5%

Public Schools	
Number: 3 elementary; 1 middle/comb.; 1 high	
Enrollment: 1,751	
Cost per pupil: \$19,451	
Students per teacher: 13.2	
High school career / tech enrollment: 411	
High school graduates: 130	

Nonpublic Schools Number: 8

Higher Education (2020)	Enrollment	Degrees
2-year institution		
Chesapeake College*	1,904	298
4-year institutions		
Washington College	1,089	297

\*A regional community college serving residents of Kent County; main campus is located in adjacent Queen Anne's County

TAX RATES<sup>9</sup>

	Kent County	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2023)	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
Personal Income Tax (2023)	3.20%	2.0-5.75%
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000		
Sales & Use Tax (2023)	none	6.0%
Exempt – sales for resale; manufacturer's purchase of raw materials; manufacturing machinery and equipment; purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products; purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale		
Real Property Tax (2023)	\$1.012	\$0.1120
Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value		
In an incorporated area, a municipal rate will also apply		
Business Personal Prop. Tax (2023)	none	none
Rate per \$100 of depreciated value		
No county personal property tax on ordinary business property		
\$2.555/\$100 applicable to utility-scale electricity generating equipment only		
In an incorporated area, a municipal rate may apply		
Major Tax Credits Available		
Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, More Jobs for Marylanders, R&D, New Jobs, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, A&E District		

INCOME<sup>3</sup> (2017-2021)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Kent County	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	18.5%	12.3%	17.2%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	22.3%	14.6%	19.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14.6%	14.7%	16.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	10.7%	12.6%	12.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	17.1%	19.4%	16.3%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	10.1%	11.5%	7.8%
\$200,000 and over	6.7%	15%	9.5%
Median household	\$64,451	\$91,431	\$69,021
Average household	\$88,935	\$120,234	\$97,196
Per Capita	\$39,658	\$45,915	\$37,638
Total income (millions)	\$737	\$275,849	\$12,053,372

HOUSING<sup>3,10</sup>

Occupied Units (2017-2021) 8,291 (68.0% owner occupied)	
Housing Transactions	
Units Sold	317
Median Selling Price	\$308,950

\*All multiple listed properties excludes auctions and FSBO

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY<sup>6</sup>

Industrial sites in the county range in size and price, depending on location and infrastructure. Wireless broadband is available. **Radcliffe Creek Business & Professional Park** - Located on Route 291 in Chestertown with campus-style professional and industrial buildings. **Chestertown Business Park** - Located on 28 Acres on High Street, the Chestertown Business Park is comprised of five buildings with space ranging from warehouse space to flex space to professional office space within walking distance to restaurants, shops, and services in Downtown Chestertown. **Interstate 301 Industrial Area** - Easy access to MD Route 301 near the town of Millington and less than 20 miles south of Middletown, DE. **Chestertown Business Campus**- Covering 80 acres on MD Route 213, this innovative business-living campus offers a balanced lifestyle of work and healthy activities which is environmentally friendly with green construction and energy saving strategies. Designed as a bike friendly, walkable community, there is easy access to a variety of businesses and recreation. Kent County is home to many diverse businesses such as, oyster farms, wineries, hydroponic farms, professional services, biotechnology, manufacturing, restaurants, and healthcare. The county welcomes clean industrial development and agriculture, biomedical, and technology partners.

Market Profile Data (2019)	Low	High	Average
Land – cost per acre			
Industrial	\$50,000	\$160,000	\$122,500
Office	\$115,000	\$173,000	\$144,000
Rental Rates – per square foot			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$7.00
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$7.00



## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** U.S. 301 and MD 213

**Rail:** Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company with access to Norfolk Southern Railway; Amtrak passenger service provided in Wilmington, Delaware approximately 60 miles from Chestertown

**Truck:** More than 100 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located on the Upper Eastern Shore

**Water:** Served by the Port of Baltimore, 50' channel; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility

**Air:** Served by Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), approximately 64 miles from Chestertown, and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), approximately 72 miles from Chestertown; Massey Aerodrome (3000' turf runway) is approximately 19 miles from Chestertown

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

**Parks:** Nine county parks; in addition, Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Chesapeake Farms, Turner's Creek and the Sassafras River Natural Resource Management Area appeal to nature lovers.

**Recreation:** Public beaches, marinas, county-owned landings, private yacht clubs, fishing charters and other boat charters provide opportunities for water-related activities; hunting of geese, ducks, deer and upland game, fishing and paddling are other recreational pastimes.

**Attractions:** 18th and 19th century buildings, several museums, and open landscapes that complement Kent County's Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway, Star-Spangled Banner Trail, and Maryland certified Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area.

**Arts & Entertainment District:** Chestertown.

**Events:** Tea Party, National Music Festival, River Arts Studio Tour and Show, Music in the Park, Historic Chestertown House Tour, Sultana Downrigging, Dickens of a Christmas, Rock Hall's Pirates & Wenches Weekend, Rock Fish Tournament, FallFest and Rock Hall New Year's Eve Celebration; Betterton Day; Galena Dogwood Festival; Massey Air Show; and the Kent County Fair.

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.; customers of investor-owned utilities and major cooperatives may choose their electric supplier

**Water:** Municipal systems in Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall; county systems serve Edesville, Fairlee, Kennedyville, Millington and Worton

**Sewer:** Municipal systems in Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall; county systems serve Edesville, Fairlee, Galena, Kennedyville, Millington, Quaker Neck, Rock Hall, Tolchester and Worton

**Telecommunications:** Verizon Maryland, BridgeMAXX, Delmarva Wifi, AT&T, Sprint, Thinkbig Networks, Tidewater Wifi, Talkie, and others; cable provided by Atlantic Broadband; satellite TV provided by Direct TV

## GOVERNMENT

**County Seat:** Chestertown

**Government:** Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms; code home rule government allows for broad local legislative authority

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- 11 Maryland State Archives; Maryland Association of Counties



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## KENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Kent County is governed by a three-member Board of Commissioners, elected by the public for four-year terms. Kent County is a “code county” meaning that the County has adopted the optional powers of home rule as provided under Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution.

The Commissioners strive to be responsive to the needs and concerns of its citizens. The Commissioners are committed to the creation of accessible, affordable, robust, and high capacity internet access to meet the technological needs of today, tomorrow, and in the future.

### Kent County Office of Economic Development and Tourism Development

Kent County Economic Development promotes activities that seek to enhance the business community, the services and income opportunities available to residents, as well as the social well-being and quality of life for all members of the county. We take pride in our economic diversity by hosting and providing opportunities for various industries to grow and prosper. With over 130,000 acres of agricultural land, 265 miles of shoreline, and located in close proximity to major US highways, Kent County's location has been a strategic asset for many of our industries while providing the rural lifestyle that many desire. Kent County Economic Development supports existing and new businesses in growth and prosperity, focusing on improving the County's business climate. The importance of a healthy business environment is critical to maintaining the quality of life the County has enjoyed for over 400 years. Economic Development coordinates with public and private organizations for sustainable economic growth. For more information, contact the Economic Development Office at **410-810-2168**, or visit [www.kentcounty.com/business](http://www.kentcounty.com/business).

As the marketing arm of Kent County, the mission of the Tourism Office is to increase visitation to the County, through advertising, social media, media relations, content development, public relations and internal marketing support to tourism related organizations, attractions and businesses. Its vision is for Kent County to be a tourism destination that primarily utilizes and is compatible with its existing char-

### Our Vision — Kent County Government

To ensure accountability to the County's citizens for the delivery of essential services consistent with our mission statement.

The County Commissioners may meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., but shall meet at least two Tuesdays each month, or at other times. The public is encouraged to attend. Agendas and minutes for each meeting are published on the Kent County website: [www.kentcounty.com/government](http://www.kentcounty.com/government).



*Kent County Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Crow Vineyards & Winery.*

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Kent County Chamber of Commerce Post-Legislative Session Discussion & Breakfast. Photo Credit: Steven G. Atkinson, ShoreToBeFun Photography

acter, heritage, natural resources and its way of life. The Office works closely with the Kent County Tourism Advisory Board and the State Office of Tourism in the creation, development and imple-

mentation of communication strategies. For more information please contact the Tourism Development Office at **410-778-0416**, or visit the Kent County website at [www.kentcounty.com](http://www.kentcounty.com).

## The Upper Shore Regional Council

The Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC) is a regional planning and development agency for Cecil, Kent & Queen Anne's counties. The mission of the USRC is to foster physical, economic and social development and to improve the quality of life on Maryland's Upper Shore Region. Projects focus on agricultural, technological and economic improvements in the region.

The USRC's members include elected officials from Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties, municipalities, and members of the Maryland General Assembly. For more information contact the USRC Office at **410-810-2124**, email [soneill@kentgov.org](mailto:soneill@kentgov.org), or visit [www.usrcmd.org](http://www.usrcmd.org).



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## 2023 KENT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

### Modern Stone Age Kitchen

For Modern Stone Age Kitchen, this year's Business of the Year, it all started in 2020 when Bill and Christina Schindler's 16 year old daughter started Rise By Brianna, baking sourdough out of their home wood fired oven. Rise has now evolved into the Modern Stone Age Kitchen. At the Modern Stone Age Kitchen, located in Chestertown, Maryland, they transform familiar foods such as bread, pizza, cheese, tacos, soups, sandwiches and even cookies into their healthiest versions by using ancestral and traditional approaches to maximize the safety, nutritional value, and flavor of everything they produce. All of their food is made 100% from scratch in-house. They ferment all of their grains using a wild, long fermented sourdough process; nixtamalize their maize; soak all nuts, seeds and legumes; butcher and cook using a nose-to-tail approach; make their own fermented dairy products including cheese, yogurt, and fermented butter, and rely upon solely on unrefined sweeteners and animal based fats for cooking to optimize the safety and nutritional value of their foods.

In their nomination by a neighboring local business owner, Modern Stone Age Kitchen is described as "A 'foodery' that is a unique blend of a traditional restaurant, cafe, bakery, grocery store, and community supported kitchen, providing a unique food destination that brings 'Foodies' & more to visit Kent County from all over the world and 'Eat Like a Human.' They celebrate local ingredients, nose to tail use of meat products, artisanal sourdough products, sustainable packaging & some of the best Pizza in the Mid-Atlantic! The Schindler family continues to provide the community with ever evolving products to make MSAK a food and education destination truly unique to our community!" ●



Christina (center) and Bill Schindler (left) of Modern Stone Age Kitchen accept the Business of the Year award from Sarah King (right), Executive Director of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy Steve Atkinson, ShoreToBeFun Photography

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**Chestertown - County Seat**

Chestertown was chartered in 1706 and was once a bustling Royal Port of Entry for the colonies. Today it is a National Historic Landmark district where brick side-walks are lined with Georgian, Federal and Victorian homes and independently owned shops and restaurants. The town is home to Washington College, the 10th oldest liberal arts college in the United States, and the records in the county court house are the oldest in the State, dating to the 1640s.

Chestertown draws families and retirees who want to experience small town living and a rich cultural life on the Eastern Shore. Visitors from across the country enjoy strolling, gallery-hopping, shopping, and dining in the charming Historic District. Boaters can now enjoy the totally renovated municipal marina on the Chester River, just two short blocks from the heart of downtown.

The Town knows how to throw great parties: thousands come to Chestertown each Memorial Day weekend to re-live colonial history at the Chestertown Tea Party Festival, one of a half dozen annual festivals that also include the National Music Festival, African American Legacy Day, Downrigging Weekend, The Chestertown Jazz Festival, the HP Fest of wizarding, and Dickens of a Christmas. And every Saturday, the award-winning Farmers Market fills Fountain Park with fresh vegetables, flowers, baked goods and more!

**Millington**

The Town of Millington is located a short distance from the Delaware State line. Records dating back to 1672 or earlier identify this area as “Head of Chester”. It was named Millington in 1818 when the Town of Bridgetown, on the Kent side of the river, was merged with Sandtown, on the Queen Anne’s County side. One of the mills for which the town was named, built in 1763, still stands. Not without its tragedies, Millington experienced several devastating fires. One in 1904 destroyed more than 100 structures. And in 1918 water rose from a broken dam and flooded portions of the town. Misfortune notwithstanding, Millington continues to thrive. Visitors enjoy peaceful visits to restored Victorian homes with winding gardens on tidy streets and pathways.

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A wonderful sense of community exists throughout Kent County, created by the eclectic mixture of families who have lived here for generations, and newcomers who have moved into their midst.

The word ‘neighbor’ means more than just the person who lives next door. Kent County has many small, rural towns and villages, with five major communities.



Kent County Chamber of Commerce Creative Collaborators Mixer with Kent Cultural Alliance



Rock Hall

Rock Hall, also known as the ‘Pearl of the Chesapeake’ is a working watermen’s town. It is a popular destination for pleasure boaters and has spectacular views of the Bay. Twelve miles southwest of Chestertown on Route 20, it was originally known as Rock Hall Crossroads, established in 1707. Washington, Madison and Jefferson traveled through Rock Hall often. Since water routes were often the safest routes to travel, it was an important port for packets bringing people from the South and Western Shore to inland routes headed north to Philadelphia and New York. For over 300 years, locals have earned their living from the water. The town muse-

um in the municipal building and the Watermen’s Museum next to Haven Harbour Marina offer a closer view of Rock Hall’s history. Nature lovers enjoy the abundance of wildlife on Eastern Neck Island, a federal wildlife refuge since the 1960s. Rock Hall’s Ferry Park affords some of the most splendid sunsets in the area.

Betterton

Betterton, located on the north end of the county where the Sassafras River meets the Chesapeake Bay, dates back to 1664 when it was called Fish Hall. In 1715, Mr. Edward Crew leased the property for one ear of corn and changed the name to Crew’s Landing. Then, in 1851, William Townsend Turn-

er named the town after the family of his wife, Elizabeth Betterton. In 1870, the location began to draw wealthy patrons from Washington and Newport who would travel by steamboat and stop on their way to New York and Boston. Expensive and extravagant hotels offered accommodations for the wealthy and the popularity of Betterton continued to grow. In 1906, the town of Betterton was officially incorporated. The town’s popularity continued to 1930, when restaurants, taverns, dance halls, bowling alleys, and amusement arcades all helped create the town’s resort image. After 1930, the popularity declined as fewer steamboats made the trip. Today, there is no better place to lounge on the beach, fish, or swim in the nettle-free waters. Visitors can stop by and see the Victorian homes or tour the Betterton Heritage Museum to learn about the town’s rich history. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the beautiful view, good food, and lively conversation at Barbara’s on the Bay and can also be found grabbing a pizza, sub, or salad at Marzella’s. Seasonal residents who come back year after year say that the beauty and serenity of Betterton makes it a charming place to live.

Galena

A small rural town located at the crossroads of Maryland Routes 213 and 290, Galena’s history dates back prior to the Revolutionary War. The town was founded in 1763 as Downes Crossroads, a name derived from Mr. William Downes, a local businessman who owned a tavern frequented by

George Washington. In the early nineteenth century, the town was renamed Georgetown Crossroads. When Galena ore was discovered in a local, silver mine, the town once again underwent a name change and became known as Galena. Galena has become known as the antiques center, embracing new

businesses that help maintain that growth at an even pace. Life in Galena is pleasant and quiet with family and community being fundamental to its existence.



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2023 KENT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Richard Keaveney

Individual of the Year, Richard Keaveney, the previous President of the Board and current Executive Director of the Kent County Animal Care Shelter, has been a tireless advocate for humane, no-kill animal care. Richard guided the design process, fundraising and construction of the new, expanded and improved animal care facility in Worton and has led fundraising efforts to build the new center, raising over \$5 Million to-date. The construction of this facility required nearly five years of planning, designing, building and supervising the construction of the 10,00 square foot facility. Richard’s presence on a daily basis ensured building efforts were going as planned. Richard has served on the board of Main Street Chestertown and chaired its Economic Growth Committee helping to craft a mid-term and long-term strategy for economic growth. He and his spouse, in an attempt to encourage more businesses to open on High Street opened “Poor Richards.” Over time, ownership was passed on to talented retailers who gave our town “She She” and the current “Walnut & Wool” store. Richard has also welcomed many new residents to our community as a prominent real estate agent with Cross Street Realtors, in Chestertown.

Richard was nominated by three different individuals for his work in and impact on our community. In their nomination, each separately commented on his character, work ethic, and community involvement, saying, “Richard is a devoted and tireless champion for the humane care and treatment of all animals.” Also, that, “He has worked tirelessly to get the new Animal Care Shelter project to fruition.” And, “Richard has been active throughout the community and always willing to help with a worthwhile cause.” ●



Richard Keaveney (left) receives the Individual of the Year Award from Kent Chamber’s Executive Director, Sarah King (right). Photo courtesy Steve Atkinson, ShoreToBeFun Photography

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## KENT COUNTY ARTS

### Chestertown Arts & Entertainment

Chestertown's Arts & Entertainment District was certified in 2015 under a program administered by the Maryland Department of Commerce and the State Comptroller's Office. The District encompasses 51 acres of the historic downtown area, stretching from the Chester River waterfront to Mill Street. It offers state and local tax abatements for qualified artists who create and sell their creative works in the District and for property owners who build or renovate structures for qualified arts purposes.

The A&E designation highlights the importance of the visual, performing and literary arts to the Chestertown community and their positive impact on quality of life. Arts patrons visit downtown galleries and performing arts venues to be entertained, enlightened, challenged and inspired. They stay to dine in downtown restaurants and cafes, shop in independently owned boutiques, stroll historic tree-lined streets, and explore the natural beauty of the Chester River.

### Chestertown RiverArts

With a mission to grow community, creativity, and connection through the Arts, RiverArts is a hub for artists, art lovers, and the art-curious from our local community and beyond. Since 2012, RiverArts has been an active and growing part of the lively Kent County arts scene. Anchored by monthly exhibits in the main Gallery on High Street and online in a virtual viewing room, and a full calendar of annual arts events including Paint the Town, the Studio Tour, and the winter Holiday Show, RiverArts is also home to a myriad of Arts related programs and activities for people of all ages, with robust online programs, activities, and shopping opportunities as well as in person programs in Chestertown.

KidSPOT, RiverArts' children's creativity center, serves children and families through free drop-in arts exploration sessions, enrichment programs offered both independently and through the local public schools, Arts Summer Camps, guided "Kids in the Gallery" tours, KidSPOT Craft Bag giveaways, and collaborations with other community organizations. ArtsAlive offers classes for teens and adults at all levels and in an array of mediums and techniques, weekly Salon discussions on interesting topics with local luminaries and thinkers as special

Kent County's diverse offerings draw a wide audience: art and music lovers, heritage and eco-tourists, day-trippers, week-enders, romantic retreaters, families, and outdoor enthusiasts. Our serene natural environment, vibrant cultural life, well-preserved historic district, and small town charms combine to create a remarkable quality of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Along an enchanting stretch of coastline with historic small towns, rolling farmlands, scenic wildlife preserves, and bustling marinas, residents and visitors can enjoy museums, galleries, boutiques and gift shops, concerts, farmers'markets, and restaurants offering Chesapeake Bay cuisine at its best.



guests, hosts groups for arts enthusiasts including photographers, life drawing artists, and plein air painters. The RiverArts Clay Studio offers all kinds of ceramics classes, special events, and provides equipment, studio space, and a warm and vibrant community of area potters.

**Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theater**

The Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre’s mission is to invigorate the cultural life of our community by nurturing, celebrating and supporting arts and artists through performance and education. Their vision is a community where arts and artists thrive, are accessible, and are an essential element of life. The building at 210 High Street, known first as the New Lyceum and later as the Prince Theatre, operated as a movie house for most of its history. In 2002, the Prince Theatre Foundation Inc was established as a Nonprofit organization and was renamed to the Garfield Center Foundation Inc in 2012.

The Garfield Center produces a variety of entertainment and educational programming throughout the year, including self-produced live plays and musicals, theatre camps for kids, educational outreach programs, and live music events featuring local, regional and national artists. Partnering with over a dozen community organizations for fundraising and other events that benefit us all, the Garfield Center is recognized and valued as a unique community and cultural center for the arts on the Upper Eastern Shore. To

learn more about the GCA, visit [www.garfieldcenter.org](http://www.garfieldcenter.org).

**Kent Cultural Alliance**

The Kent Cultural Alliance (formerly the Kent County Arts Council) serves the residents of Kent County supporting and creating inclusive artistic and cultural experiences designed to connect communities through shared conversations. It is the vision of the Kent Cultural Alliance that all residents of Kent County engage in important civic and social conversation using artistic and cultural experiences as a conduit for connection. The KCA provides competitive grant funding for nonprofit arts organizations, community groups and independent artists. In 2021 the KCA will open its new Vincent & Leslie Prince Raimond Cultural Center as a hub for artistic and cultural exchange and featuring a year-round visiting artist residency program. For more information please go to [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org).

**The Mainstay**

The Mainstay is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the arts and serving Rock Hall and the surrounding region having the mission of invigorating the cultural experience of Eastern Shore life by presenting outstanding musical programming and providing a setting for creativity, inquiry and conversation. The Mainstay programs a diverse offering of concerts by local, regional, national, and international musicians at a reasonable ticket price. Including our weekly Mainstay Monday series, the Mainstay is programming 100+ concerts each year. The Mainstay is especially proud of its reputation for jazz excellence dating

back to our early association with jazz great Charlie Byrd.

The 125 (mismatching) seat room is cozy, quirky, and intimate and offers a near perfect listening experience without a bad seat in the house. The Mainstay is continually growing in its programming reach and vision, and is increasingly proving to be one of the best places to see a concert in all of the Mid-Atlantic.

**The National Music Festival**

The National Music Festival brings together inspiring mentors and the next generation of gifted musicians, providing education, scholarships and affordable, adventurous public performances. The Festival, a division of OuterArts Maryland, Inc., combines world-class mentor musicians and gifted pre-professional apprentice musicians for an intense Festival experience the first two weeks of each June. All apprentices receive full scholarships and housing in private homes. The two groups rehearse and perform side by side in orchestral, chamber, solo recital, choral and chamber opera repertoire. In two weeks, these musicians present over 30 concerts and over 200 free open rehearsals for music lovers from around the world. Each year the Festival serves approximately 110 apprentices and employs approximately 30 mentors (including the Artistic and Executive Directors, who also teach). Musicians come to the Festival each year from more than 15 countries and 30 U.S. states. The average age of apprentices is 22, although some are older and have already completed their advanced degrees and have begun their careers.

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## KENT COUNTY BUSINESS

Kent County's major industries include Agriculture, Education, Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Tourism.

Kent County, founded in 1642, is located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, directly east of Baltimore. The boundaries include the Sassafras and Chester Rivers, the State of Delaware, and the Chesapeake Bay. The county is located within 90 minutes of three international airports and three major seaports. Route 301 provides a major north-south artery for commercial transportation. Route 301 provides a major north-south artery for commercial transportation, linking Maryland to Delaware and making the area a perfect location for warehouse and distribution operations.

A border-to-border, open-access, high-capacity, fiber-optic network with an international point of presence in the county encourages the growth and development of diverse businesses such as data centers, call centers, cyber security, telemedicine, training and education centers. In addition, Kent County is the perfect locale for emerging technologies including environmental, aquaculture, and agriculture businesses, with over 133,000 acres of farm land, 265 miles of tidal shoreline, and close proximity to federal laboratories and research centers. Chestertown, the county seat, is home to a Maryland Arts & Entertainment District and a state Enterprise Zone offering tax credits for job creation and investment. Commerce Zone and Job Creation Tax Credits are available throughout the county. Kent's rural setting provides an excellent quality of life with easy access to urban areas.

### Downtown Chestertown Association (DCA)

The DCA is a business membership organization representing retailers, restaurants, professional services and lodgings. Their mission is to work together to create a healthy and prosperous downtown economy through activities that promote tourism and encourage residents to shop and dine locally. They sponsor First Fridays in Chestertown and collaborate in numerous festivals and events throughout the year. Contact [downtownchestertown@gmail.com](mailto:downtownchestertown@gmail.com) for information

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Open Doors Partners in Education

Open Doors Partners in Education, this year's Organization of the Year, is a 501c3 non-profit organization which provides literacy support to students in Kent County and the surrounding community. The organization was founded by Ashley Singer and Julie Rice Blyman in fall of 2020 as a direct response to the learning loss seen with the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, the organization provided free and low cost Orton-Gillingham approach reading instruction to 55 students. Orton-Gillingham is a multisensory, explicit and sequential approach to reading intervention that is widely regarded as the gold standard by educational psychologists. While the initial mission was to help students in first and second grade, a time when intervention can be most efficient and successful, as word spread through the county, students of all ages, pre-k through 9th grade were found on their roster. Open Doors Partners in Education strives to increase the literacy rate of struggling readers by providing tutoring, offering educational enrichment opportunities, and increasing community awareness of learning differences in Kent County and its surrounding communities.

In their nomination by a local parent, Open Doors is recognized for "having made literacy a priority in Kent County by allowing public school children to be tutored, for free weekly, so that students that have fallen behind or need a boost after COVID can get the help they need. Making room to provide literacy tutoring for adults as well expands their incredible impact. Open Doors is providing an invaluable service to our community, with passion, commitment and empathy." ●



Open Doors Partners in Education founders Ashley Singer (left) and Julie Rice Blyman (right) accept the Organization of the Year award, presented by Sarah King (center), Executive Director of the Kent Chamber. Photo courtesy Steve Atkinson, ShoreToBeFun Photography

Upper Shore Division of  
Workforce Development &  
Adult Learning (DLLR)

The Upper Shore Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, within the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and operated the Maryland Workforce Exchange, a Website that provide Maryland job opportunities throughout the state. In the Upper Shore, with assistance of partners DLLR/DWDAL operates the American Job Centers that creatively and effectively coordinates job seeker services and training, business ser-

vices, adult learning programs, and labor market information. The goal is to ensure that businesses have skilled workers and job seekers have access to employment and training resources and services. Locally, services are provided at the American Job Center – Chestertown (Kent County Career Center, 115 A South Lynchburg Street in Chestertown. Call **410-778-3525** or visit **www.dllr.maryland.gov**.

Small Business  
Development Center

The Maryland Small Business Development Center (MD SBDC) Network is

a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration and the University of Maryland, College Park. This partnership links private enterprise, government, higher education and local economic development organizations to provide management training and technical assistance to Maryland's small businesses. The SBDC Eastern Region offers free counseling services, a comprehensive resource library, and affordable training programs. Contact Richard Loeffler at Chesapeake College at **410-827-5304** or email **rloeffler@chesapeake.edu**.

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Association

The Kent County Lodging Association provides a united voice for independent local inns and B&Bs. Members address proposed legislation, shared accommodation availability, and educational and promotional opportunities. The organization meets regularly around the County and membership is open to people with lodging businesses in Kent County. Information is available at **www.kentcounty.com/lodging**.

Greater Rock Hall  
Business Association

The Greater Rock Hall Business Association is a member based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting business in the Rock Hall area. We

advertise, educate and serve as an advocate for our member businesses and we support community events that

contribute to the success of our membership. For more information, contact **rockhallbusiness@gmail.com**.



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KENT COUNTY  
EDUCATION

Board of Education

The Board of Education consists of a 5-member panel elected to staggered four-year terms by the citizens of the County. The Board determines the policies of the county school system under the guidance and direction of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools. Public meetings normally take place on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Character Counts! Kent County

Character Counts Kent County is a nonprofit community-based Character Education program whose mission is to strengthen our community by encouraging a culture of kindness and strong ethical values through The Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. CCKC is the leading facilitator of character education lessons in Kent County. The organization provides educational tools and support to community members who desire to make a difference in the lives of children in their schools and communities. These dedicated individuals teach lessons that reflect one or more of the six pillars. The strength of the program lies in the work of the volunteer character coaches. The success of the coaches' efforts will result from the demonstrative support from teachers, school staff members in the schools and parent involvement at home. The Character Counts program is conducted in Kent County Public Schools, the Chestertown Christian Academy and Kent School.

Chesapeake College

Chesapeake College, Maryland's first regional community college, serves Kent County residents of all ages. Located in Wye Mills, the comprehensive two-year college offers associate's degree programs, workforce training and personal enrichment. Students choose their own paths and Chesapeake helps them reach their goals – whether it is training for a new career or earning credits toward a degree.

Noncredit career training, including skilled trades instruction and health career programs, provides expanded learning opportunities for the community. Adult Basic Education classes allow students to earn a GED or study English as a Second Language. Personal enrichment classes are designed to develop skills and discov-

Residents of Kent County have excellent choices in education with both public and private school options for students from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary levels. A number of adult education programs are also offered by the County School District as well as at our local colleges to provide continuing education opportunities and work force training assistance.



2023 Regional Mixer at Chesapeake College.

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er talents from computers to cooking. High school students can get a head start on college with credits they earn in Chesapeake's Dual Enrollment Program. Businesses in the region turn to Chesapeake College to help their employees acquire new skills and keep up with in-

dustry changes. Chesapeake will design customized on-site training programs and workforce development courses for both the public and private sectors. For more information, visit our website at [www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu)

# Kent County Public Schools



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**Chestertown Christian Academy**

Chestertown Christian Academy was founded in 1979 as a ministry of Chestertown Baptist Church. CCA's mission is to assist families and the local community in cultivating the next generation to be spiritually, academically, socially and physically well-balanced. A complete academic program is offered in Pre-K through twelfth grade with a strong college preparatory emphasis for secondary students. Daily Bible classes and weekly chapel services are also integrated into the curriculum. CCA is a member of the Delaware Valley Athletic Conference as well as the Maryland Association of Christian Schools. Athletic opportunities include soccer, volleyball, and basketball. For more information, please call **410-778-5855** or visit our website at [www.chestertownchristian.org](http://www.chestertownchristian.org).

**The Gunston School**

Founded in 1911 and serving approximately 205 students, The Gunston School is an independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school for students in grades 9 through 12. The Gunston School offers an intellectually rigorous, highly personalized, and nurturing college preparatory educational experience. Valuing a healthy balance between mind and body, a strong sense of community, the creative process, and our connection to the Chesapeake Bay, Gunston strives to educate ethically and environmentally minded scholars, citizens, and leaders for our globalized society. The Gunston School is accredited in the Middle States Association of College and Secondary Schools, the Associ-



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ation of Independent Maryland and DC Schools, and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. For additional information contact us at **410-758-0620**, or visit [www.gunston.org](http://www.gunston.org).

**Kent School**

Located just outside of historic Chestertown on the beautiful Chester River, Kent School offers an unparalleled environment for learning serving boys and girls from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. Kent School's mission is to help students realize their full academic promise. The school accomplishes this by setting high academic and personal standards; by understanding how each student learns best; by having a devoted and highly skilled faculty; and by actively living its

community values of integrity, respect, responsibility, and friendship. Kent School educates students through active learning experiences which develop understanding of academic content, appreciation of the arts, use of learning skills, ability to engage in critical thinking, and a strong sense of community. The School is known for its nationally recognized Chesapeake Bay Studies program and uses mind, brain and education science from its work with the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning to inform program. Special talents and passions are nurtured and celebrated. Kent School is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Association of Independent Maryland DC Schools (AIMS MDDC). It is a member of AIMS MDDC and the National

Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Learn about us online at [www.kentschool.org](http://www.kentschool.org) and then visit us to see firsthand how joyful learning can be.

**Kent County Public Schools**

Anchored in excellence, Kent County Public Schools will provide personal learning experiences within a collaborative community of learners that inspire our students to reach their highest potential and become engaged global citizens. This is the mission of the Kent County Public Schools. To accomplish this goal, the Kent County Public School System recognizes that our schools must challenge and support all students; provide a safe and orderly environment; prepare students to be responsible citizens and promote recognition and respect of diversity



# THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS

## Kent County Parks and Recreation

- **Worton Park** – 10932 Worton Road, Worton
- **Betterton Beach** – 5 Ericsson Avenue, Betterton
- **Toal Park** – 13753 Augustine Herman Highway, Galena
- **Edesville Park** – 22020 Lovers Lane, Rock Hall
- **Kent Agricultural Center** – 21349 Tolchester Beach Road, Chestertown
- **Bayside Landing Pool** – 20927 Bayside Avenue, Rock Hall
- **Millington Pool** – 154 Millington Road, Millington

## Chestertown Parks:

- Ajax Park
- Bailey Park
- Gateway Park
- Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School Playground
- Kent County Middle School Basketball Court
- Wilmer Park

## Kid Friendly Business and Organization

Visit: [www.kentcounty.com/category/edu-dir](http://www.kentcounty.com/category/edu-dir)

- Echo Hill Camp
- Echo Hill Outdoor School
- Garfield Center for the Arts Summer Camps
- Hester Academy of Irish Dance
- Imagination Library
- Kent County Public Library – Chestertown
- Kent County Public Library – North County
- Kent County Public Library – Rock Hall
- Millington Community Center and Free Library
- Music Life
- KidSPOT – Chestertown RiverArts
- Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School
- Sultana Education Foundation
- Worthmore Equestrian Center
- Kent County YMCA
- YMCA Camp Tockwogh

and multiculturalism. By achieving these objectives, the system prepares students to lead in a global technological society and enables students to enjoy the opportunities offered as information systems change. The Kent County Public School System sees these responsibilities as a shared endeavor among teachers, parents, students, and the community. Kent County Public Schools are committed to the continuous improvement required in a world of exponential change. The Kent County Public School System includes five schools: one comprehensive high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools. Additionally, there is an Intensive Behavior and Academic Learning Center offered as an alternative school program in the district. As a comprehensive High School, Kent County is able to provide a rigorous academic program, as well as access to nine Career and Technology Pathways. High school students may also participate in dual credit enrollment opportunities with both Washington College and Chesapeake Community College, including participation in a variety of sports and clubs that are offered as part of the well-rounded high school experience.

Through strong community partnerships, Kent County Middle School students have the opportunity to engage in project-based learning where academic skills are applied to real-life problem solving. Students earn service-learning hours by becoming actively engaged in their communities. Kent County Public Schools provide personalized instruction to the students in a caring family atmosphere. Free full day universal pre-kindergarten is offered to all children who reside in Kent County. Kent County Public Schools prides in providing all students a designated

technology device throughout the school year, with unlimited digital access to educational resources both in and outside of school. Students in kindergarten through grade six (6) receive instruction on computational thinking and coding through their Media curriculum, with additional specialized course opportunities in STEM and Advanced Placement at the secondary level. Secondary students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academies learn in a platform that provides ubiquitous information and personalized learning. KCPS offers a variety of summer learning experiences in the areas of fine arts, physical education, and critical and creative thinking. System-provided transportation makes these opportunities available to all students. The Kent County community continues to rally behind the school system efforts to offer quality programs services. The Character Counts program supports the character development of students and is made possible because of the many dedicated volunteers. Additionally, Kent County Public Schools’ students benefit from the services provided by Echo Hill, SEEC, Sultana, Washington College staff and many other partners in learning such as Kent County Arts Council and River Arts.

### Radcliffe Creek School

The mission of Radcliffe Creek School is to empower children in a dynamic environment that celebrates unique learning. At Radcliffe Creek School, the student is at the center of the learning process, therefore classroom instruction is tailored to each individual student with a 3:1 student to teacher ratio. This process begins with the identification of each student’s strengths



Echo Hill Outdoor School Ribbon Cutting and Mixer. Photo Credit: Kate Live

and weaknesses. The School creates an environment where customized learning goes hand-in-hand with academic success and better self-awareness. Radcliffe Creek School believes that as each student develops a positive belief about oneself, he or she is able to engage in the learning process and become a more self-regulated and independent learner. Radcliffe Creek draws students from across Maryland and also includes a preschool, Little Creek, for infants through pre-kindergarten. For more information, call **410-778-8150** or visit **[www.radcliffecreekschool.org](http://www.radcliffecreekschool.org)**.

### Washington College

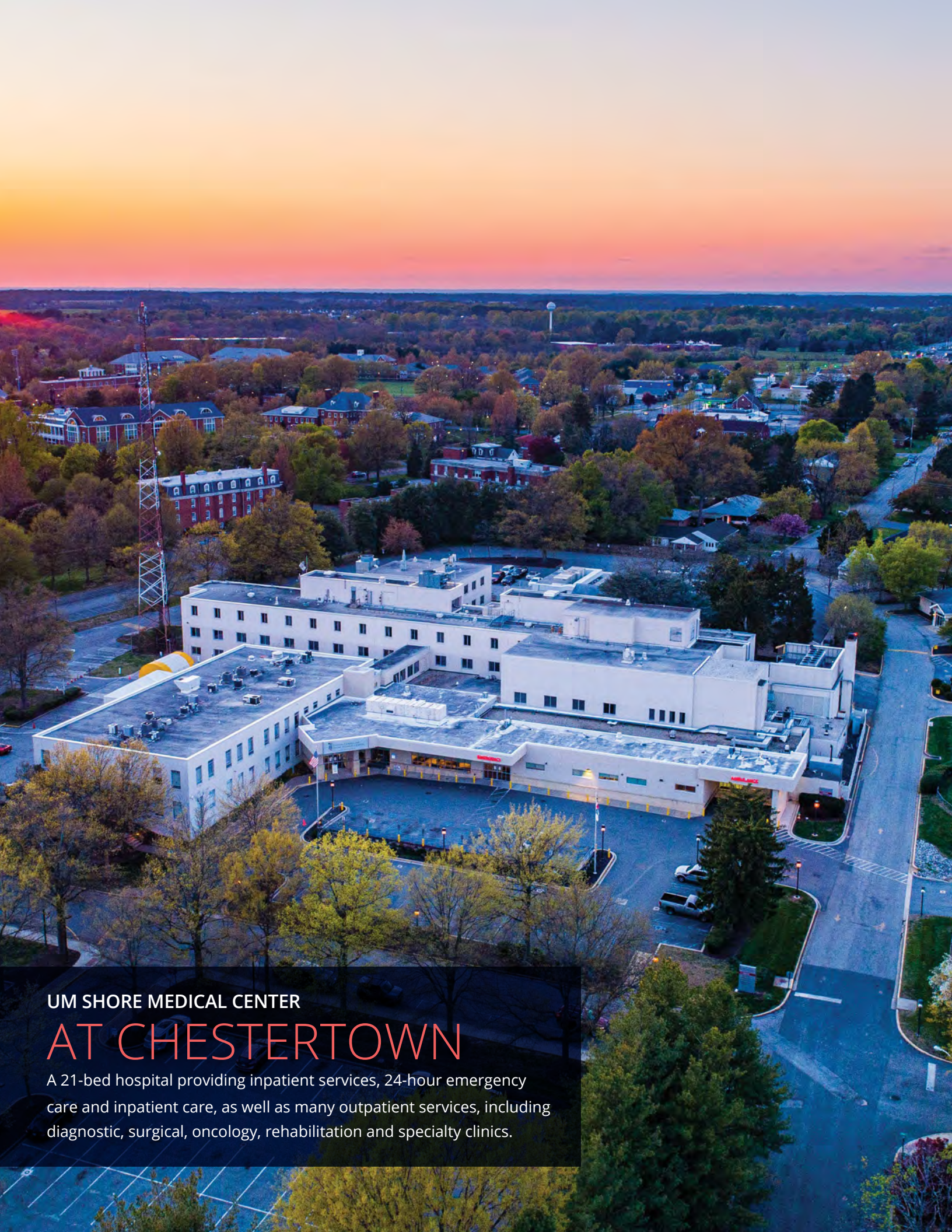
The first college founded in the United States after the Revolutionary War, Washington College was established in Chestertown in 1782 under the patronage of George Washington, to educate leaders and responsible citizenry for a changing world.

As one of the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions, Washington College provides students with a distinctively hands-on education that often draws on the history and ecology of the region. WC’s three signature centers regularly enrich the area’s cultural life: **The Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience** engages

students in local explorations of history and hosts prominent authors and experts for public lectures and special events. The **Center for Environment & Society** promotes interdisciplinary learning, research, and stewardship of natural and cultural resources, monitoring the health of its waterways, training the next generation of environmentalists at the River and Field Campus, and presenting national experts in areas of biodiversity, sustainability, food production, and more. The **Rose O’Neill Literary House** hosts significant writers, poets, and editors for readings and workshops. Campus visitors are welcome to attend an array of public lectures and sporting events, as well as performances in music, theater and dance, and exhibitions of visual art, in its Gibson Center for the Arts.

This private liberal arts college with an enrollment of about 1,450 also offers a rich variety of continuing education courses through the **Washington College Academy for Lifelong Learning (WC-ALL)**. Residents who join The 1782 Society are invited to special campus events and are eligible to use the College’s fitness facilities for an additional annual fee. **[www.washcoll.edu](http://www.washcoll.edu)**.





**UM SHORE MEDICAL CENTER**  
**AT CHESTERTOWN**

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KENT COUNTY  
**HEALTHCARE**

**Assisted Living in Kent County**

Kent County has many assisted living facilities – residences for those who need help with daily activities that may include mobility, medications, meal preparation, and household chores. The definition of assisted living” excludes skilled nursing care. These facilities are set up in a home-like configuration that promotes independence. Assisted living facilities are certified for specific levels of care by the Federal and State governments. Most accept Medicaid payments.

**Chester River Health Foundation**

Chester River Health Foundation raises funds to support the patient care services provided by UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown (formerly Chester River Hospital Center) and Chester River Home Care. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of local community representatives. Funds are raised through a variety of programs, including special events such as the annual golf tournament, annual gifts, memorial gifts, charitable gift annuities, grants and bequests. Contributions remain in the local community and are used to purchase new technology, enhance facilities, add new services and provide staff training and development. The Foundation is a member of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. For more information contact the Chester River Health Foundation, **410-810-5660**.

**Choptank Community Health System**

Choptank Community Health System provides medical and dental services in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot counties to more than 30,000 adults and children, with a mission to provide access to exceptional, comprehensive, and integrated healthcare for all. Choptank Community Health’s medical services include primary healthcare, women’s health, pediatrics, behavioral health, chronic health management, and care navigation, with new medical patients now being accepted. More information is at [www.choptankhealth.org](http://www.choptankhealth.org).

**Compass Hospice**

Compass Hospice provides hospice care and grief support services to people of all ages in Kent, Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties. “Care on your terms” is the

**The Kent County Health Department provides many services including:**

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- Communicable Disease
- Environmental Health
- Child Health and School Health
- Family Planning
- Medical Adult Day Care
- Geriatric Evaluation Services
- Medical Assistance – Personal Care & Monitoring
- Medical Assistance
- Transportation
- Diabetes Prevention Program
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- Addictions Treatment

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promise that guides us as we care for patients in private residences, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and our residential Hospice Centers in Chestertown, Centreville and Denton. Through our Palliative Care program, we offer resources for people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and are not yet ready for hospice. Compass Kids specializes in hospice and palliative care for the youngest, medically frail patients along with support programs and counseling for their families. The Hope & Healing Center hosts the annual grief retreat Camp New Dawn and a collection of support groups, individual counseling and school-based programs designed to help children, teens and adults live beyond significant losses. As a non-profit organization, Compass Hospice relies on financial support from the community to provide services not

covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. For more information, call **443-262-4100** or visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

## The Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center

The Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a private, non-profit, 501(C) 3 organization, which became operational in 1997. Governed by a 16 person Board of Directors, AHEC services the nine counties comprising Maryland's Eastern Shore. To accomplish our mission, AHEC works to recruit and retain health professionals in the medically underserved areas on the Eastern Shore and offers health care education programs for health professionals in the service area and students from colleges and universities in Maryland and surrounding areas.

For information: [esahec@esahec.org](mailto:esahec@esahec.org), **410-221-2600**, [www.esahec.org](http://www.esahec.org).

## Kent Center

Kent Center is a not-for-profit charitable organization that provides 24-hour a day services for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Through various programs – including Supported Employment, Residential, Special Olympics/Athletic Club, Day/Vocational, and Community Volunteering – we elevate each individual's diverse abilities to comprise a meaningful, fulfilling, and independent life. Additional occupational training is provided through our enterprises: Hidden Treasures thrift store, Confidential Shredding, and Kent House Kitchen. For more information, visit [www.kentcenter.org](http://www.kentcenter.org) or call **410-778-7303**.

## Eastern Shore Urgent Care

After several years of discussion and careful planning, ESUC was formed in 2021 to help address the health-care needs of the residents of Queen Anne's and Kent counties and their visitors. Our community on the eastern shore deserves access to high-quality, affordable health care, and ESUC can fill that gap. We are proud to be an independently owned urgent care and will take pride in providing the best patient-centered care to help you feel like you again as soon as possible.

## Kent County Health Department

As a member of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), University of Maryland Shore Regional Health is a coordinated network providing comprehensive health care services to

the residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. The network includes:

- UM Shore Medical Centers at Chestertown, Dorchester and Easton;
- UM Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown;
- UM Shore Medical Pavilions at Chestertown, Dorchester, Denton, Easton and Queenstown;
- UM Chester River Home Care and UM Shore Home Care;
- Multiple physician practices and outpatient diagnostic, rehabilitation, and clinical services located in Kent County and throughout neighboring Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties;
- Regional physicians specializing in endocrinology, family care, ENT, urology, OB/GYN, pulmonology and cardiology at Shore Medical Center – Chestertown or at the Shore Medical Pavilion at Chestertown;
- Urgent Care Centers, in partnership with ChoiceOne, in Denton and Easton.

## Transitional and Post Acute Care Services

UUM Shore Regional Health's **Transitional Nurse Navigator (TNN)** and **Outpatient Palliative Care** programs assist patients in managing chronic and/or life-limiting conditions after discharge from the hospital. The transitional nurse navigator at UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown works with the patient, his or her physicians and nurses, case manager and other personnel to make arrangements for the patient's care after discharge and identify any special needs that may be met through vari-

ous community resources, including transportation and home care. The goal of the transitional care program is to provide patients and their loved ones with the support and education needed to manage their condition and maintain their best possible health in their home environment. The **Outpatient Palliative Care Program**, which is staffed by physicians and nurses with special expertise in palliative care, works with patients and their primary care and specialist providers to alleviate symptoms and complications of various chronic, life-limiting conditions (for example, cancer, COPD, congestive heart failure, advanced dementia, etc.). Palliative Care is a medical specialty focused on preventing, treating and relieving pain and other debilitating effects of serious and chronic illnesses. With the goal of improving the quality of life for patients and families dealing with a condition that is chronic and/or advanced, palliative care provides education and support at any stage during an illness. For more information about TNN care, call **410-822-1000, ext. 5359**. For more information about Outpatient Palliative Care, call **410-822-1000, ext. 5041**.

## University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown

UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown is a 21-bed hospital providing inpatient services, 24-hour emergency care and inpatient care, as well as many outpatient services, including diagnostic, surgical, oncology, rehabilitation and specialtyclinics. The hospital is licensed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and accredited by The Joint Commission. With generous

financial support from the community and the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), the hospital opened the Eleanor and Ethel Leh Women's Health Center in 2013; a new, expanded and state-of-the-art emergency department in 2014; and a renovated and updated Critical Care Unit in 2016. Compass Regional Hospice operates a four-bed inpatient hospice unit on the third floor of the hospital. The medical staff currently includes more than 130 active and consulting physicians representing many specialties.

## VNA of Maryland – Chestertown

The specialized home care and therapeutic services provided by VNA of Maryland - Chestertown help reduce hospitalizations and allow many patients to live more independently and remain in their homes. For many patients, recovering in the comfort of home has a therapeutic value that enhances the healing process. Professional home health nurses, therapists, and social workers treat a wide range of medical conditions. They help patients recovering from illness, injury, or surgery, as well as people living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, and many others. Home health also offers several specialized therapy programs. Under the direct supervision of their physicians, VNA of Maryland - Chestertown helps patients of all ages make the transition to the right kind of home care for their needs. The agency's primary goal is – and has always been – the health and well-being of the patients and families it serves.





KENT COUNTY

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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**Bethel A.M.E. Church**  
237 North College Avenue  
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**Boardly Chapel AME Church**  
100 Hynson Road  
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Phone: 410-928-5677

**Bond Chapel Evangelical Methodist Church**  
6735 Quaker Neck Road  
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Phone: 410-778-2457

**Calvary Chapel of Chestertown**  
11015 Augustine Herman Highway  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-348-5702

**Chester River Friends Meeting**  
124 Philosopher's Terrace  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-2797

**Chestertown Baptist Church**  
401 Morgnec Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-5844

**Chestertown Church of the Nazarene**  
6943 Church Hill Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-6146

**Chestertown Havurah Jewish Community**  
101 North Cross Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-5145

**Chestertown Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
305 North Kent Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-4333

**Christ United Methodist Church**  
401 High Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-0911

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
101 North Cross Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-3477

**Emmanuel United Methodist Church**  
6698 Church Lane  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-0430

**First Baptist Church of Chestertown • Chestertown Baptist Church**  
401 Morgnec Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-5844

**First United Methodist Church**  
105 N. Mill Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-778-2977

**Gospel Church of God**  
201 N. Lynchburg Street  
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Phone: 410-778-4216

**Grace Community A Bible Fellowship Church**  
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**Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall**  
2020 McGinnes Road  
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**Living Water Greater Highway Church of Christ**  
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**Presbyterian Church of Chestertown**  
905 Gateway Drive  
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**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
508 High Street  
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**Salem Church Fairlee**  
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Chestertown, MD 21620  
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**St. Paul's of Kent**  
7579 Sandy Bottom Road  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
101 Greenwood Avenue  
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Phone: 410-778-2744

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Chester River**  
914 Gateway Drive  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
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**Word of God Ministry**  
819 High Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Phone: 410-810-0688

**Crumpton**

**Crumpton United Methodist Church**  
115 2nd Street  
Crumpton, MD 21628  
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**Galena**

**Eastern Shore Bible Church**  
13984 Gregg Neck Road  
Galena, MD 21635  
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31579 Galena Sassafras Road  
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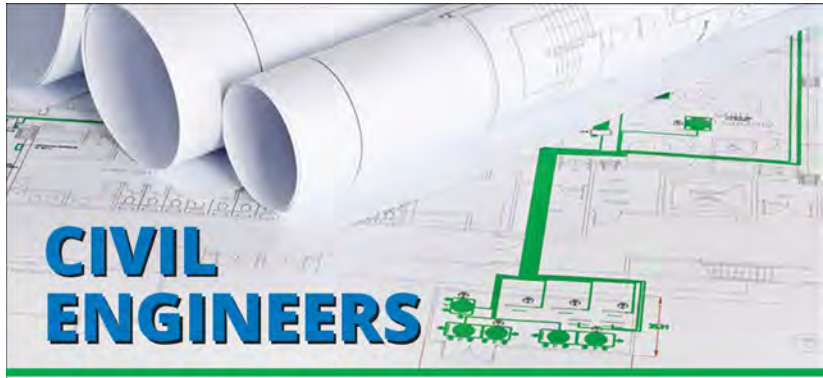
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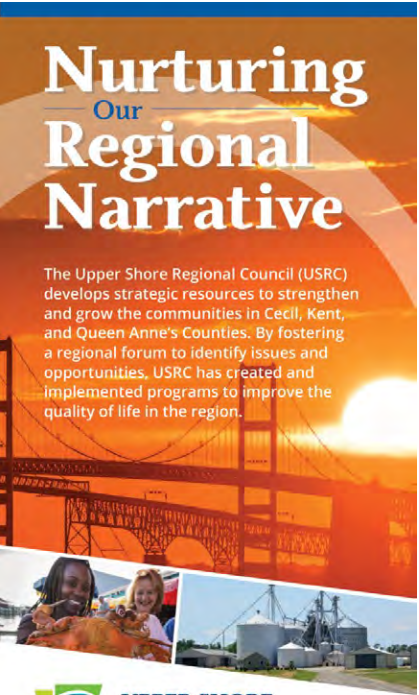
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