



**November 15, 2024 | 9:00am – 4:00pm**

This conference is open to anyone actively engaged in or concerned about the food system. We invite you to join us as we work to **improve and integrate all aspects of the food system** to sustain and enhance the social, nutritional, economic, and environmental health of Western Maryland. The conference will feature guest speakers, local expert panel discussions, and breakout room discussions for participants.

### Conference Themes

- **How to coordinate sellers (Farmers) and buyers (Restaurants, Food Banks, Grocers, etc.) to create a system that works for all.**
- **Food Pharmacy Programs, Restaurant Meal Program, Farmers Markets and Food Access, Restaurant Connections for Farmers, Local Food to Institutions**

### In-Person Locations

**Garrett College | Allegany College of Maryland | Washington Co Extension Office**

**Virtual Attendance is also an option**

We hope the **Buying Local Helps All** conference will strengthen WMFC's efforts to transform the food system. **Your sponsorship will fund** projects in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties, and has provided each with \$1,500 annually since 2018. WMFC initiatives include the Groundhog Day local food celebration, SNAP matching at farmers markets, a teaching garden grant, and food assistance guides. **Thank you for considering our request!**

With gratitude,

The WMFC Executive Committee and Conference Planning Committee





## Sponsorship Levels

### **ALL CONFERENCE SPONSORS WILL:**

- Have their logo displayed on the conference webpage and in the welcoming slideshow.
- Have their logo and/or name placement on social media advertisement for conference.
- Be recognized and have links to their website posted on WMFC's Facebook and website.

**Bumper Crop (\$1,000 or more)** 4 registrations, 1 vendor spot at each location, and recognition as sponsor in conference materials and website.

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**Seed (\$100 to \$249)** 1 registration, 1 vendor spot at one location, and recognition as a sponsor in conference materials and website.

### **TO LEARN MORE:**

- Visit our website at [Western Maryland Food Council](#) or
- Contact Melissa Bolyard, Agriculture Business Specialist Garrett County Government at **301-334-7285** or **mbolyard@garrettcounty.md.gov**