



## The Upper Shore Regional Council Celebrates 20 Years of Bridging Opportunities and Cultivating Regional Success

**Chestertown, MD** (Oct 23, 2023) - This year, [The Upper Shore Regional Council \(USRC\)](#) is celebrating its vicennial anniversary, commemorating its distinguished efforts to bridge opportunities, cultivate success, and bring regional prosperity to Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties in the region for two decades.

Established in 2003, the Upper Shore Regional Council has been instrumental in fostering comprehensive planning and nurturing the Upper Shore region's physical, economic, and social development.

"This milestone is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dedicated work and outpouring of support that has allowed the Upper Shore Regional Council to carry out our mission of fostering economic growth and enhancing the quality of life in our communities," shares Susan O'Neill, Executive Director of USRC.

During the past twenty years, the USRC has implemented diversified programs and initiatives that have fueled agricultural innovation, advanced educational opportunities, catalyzed business growth, fostered job creation and retention, and enhanced transportation connectivity across the Upper Shore region.

To celebrate this significant milestone and look to the future, the Upper Shore Regional Council hosted a 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club on October 11. The event brought together regional and state partners, stakeholders, and featured an insightful keynote address by Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources Joshua Kurtz. Proclamations were issued by U.S. Senator Cardin's office, U.S. Senator Van Hollen's office, the Maryland Department of Commerce, Kent County Commission, Cecil County, and Queen Anne's County.

USRC remains committed to championing the development of the region's rural areas, ensuring their continued vibrancy and prosperity, and will tirelessly work towards nurturing new avenues of opportunity for all residents of the Upper Shore region for years to come.

To learn more about the USRC, visit the [website](#).

**About the Upper Shore Regional Council:** Since 2003, the Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC) has fostered planning and development in Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties. USRC affords federal, state, county, and local governments a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities. USRC plans and implements programs to improve the quality of life in the Upper Shore Region of Maryland.

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IMAGES FROM THE EVENT:

Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources Joshua Kurtz (*photo credit: Adam Jacono, Little Bean LLC*)

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From left to right: Upper Shore Regional Council Executive Board Chair Ron Fithian, President of Board of Queen Anne's County Commissioners, Christopher Corchiarino, Queen Anne's County Commissioner representing District 1 Jack Wilson, Upper Shore Regional Council Executive Director Susan O'Neill (*photo credit: Adam Jacono, Little Bean LLC*)

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Maryland State Delegate District 36 Jay Jacobs (*photo credit: Adam Jacono, Little Bean LLC*)

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