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Celebrate Economic Development Week with Worcester County

Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development (WCTED), in partnership with the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), invites the public to join in celebrating **Maryland Economic Development Week**, taking place **October 20–24, 2025**.

Throughout the week, WCTED will showcase how local and state partnerships work together to strengthen communities by attracting new residents, supporting local businesses, and creating opportunities for growth and investment.

“Supporting business growth strengthens our entire community,” said **Michele Burke**, WCTED Business Development and Retention Specialist. “When our towns thrive, it builds a stronger sense of pride and connection to Worcester County and the State of Maryland.”

WCTED will share resources, business success stories, and highlight local initiatives that help grow businesses and improve quality of life through **in-person events** and **social media features** throughout the week.

The week kicks off on **Monday, October 20**, at **9:00 a.m.**, when Michele Burke will join **Ocean 98.1 FM Irie Radio** to share details about Economic Development Week and highlight Worcester County’s thriving business community.

On **Tuesday, October 21**, at **10:00 a.m.**, the **Worcester County Commissioners** will recognize WCTED with a **proclamation** honoring Maryland Economic Development Week during their monthly meeting. Later that day, local business owners are invited to visit the **WCTED office**, located at **107 West Green Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863**, to meet with **Scott Hines**, Director of

the Small Business Development Center. Scott will be available to provide **confidential and free one-on-one assistance** to help strengthen and grow small businesses.

On **Wednesday, October 22**, from **12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, WCTED will host a **Community Open House** at their Snow Hill office. This free event invites residents and business owners to meet the WCTED team, explore available resources, and learn more about how the department supports economic growth and community development. **Light refreshments will be served.**

The week concludes on **Thursday, October 23**, at **5:00 p.m.**, with a **networking mixer** where local partners and business owners can connect and celebrate the week's accomplishments. To RSVP and receive event details, please contact the WCTED office at **410-632-3112**.

Throughout the week, follow **@ChooseMarylandsCoast** on Facebook for **photos, videos, business spotlights**, and updates highlighting local entrepreneurs and Economic Development Week activities.

Learn more about Economic Development Week festivities by contacting Michele Burke at 410-632-3112, x2122 or mburke@worcestermd.gov or visit www.choosemarylandscoast.org.