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## Harford County, Maryland Launches Big, Beautiful Barn Quilt Trail



**BEL AIR, Md.,** (May 16, 2019) - Painted quilt patterns on barns and other rural buildings add art and beauty to the landscape, promoting agricultural preservation, agri-business, and tourism. More than a baker's dozen of these magnificent 8-foot quilts appear throughout Harford County, the newest of which was revealed Wednesday at the Harford County Agricultural Center in Street. The unveiling also launched the Barn Quilts of Harford County, a countywide trail and website developed by Harford County's Agricultural Division and Office of Community & Economic Development, and the nonprofit Visit Harford, the county's destination marketing organization.

Quilt designs include bold geometric patterns forming a map of Harford County, a Maryland terrapin, farm animals and one wise old owl. Visitors along the trail will also find farm breweries and opportunities to enjoy fresh ice cream, meats, produce, flowers, and more.

"Harford County is dedicated to preserving our rural landscapes, and the barn quilt trail is a great way to raise awareness and attract business to some of our family farms," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "Anyone who visits the trail will see why we love our county and its rich agricultural heritage."


The trail encompasses all corners of Harford County, which is located in northeast Maryland and bordered by the scenic Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. In addition to showcasing the farming community, trail locations include agribusinesses, nature centers, a wildlife preserve, a local high school, and historic waterfront parkland. Barn quilts on the trail were created by their owners, keeping in mind the history of each property or farm and its current activities. Images of the quilts are also available on the Barn Quilts of Harford County website featuring an online map and histories of the trail locations at [barnquiltssofarfordcounty.com](http://barnquiltssofarfordcounty.com), and on Facebook.

“There’s no better way to experience the culture and history of rural Harford County than by hitting the road to travel through the gently rolling countryside,” Greg Pizzuto, Visit Harford’s executive director, said. “Take time to enjoy spectacular waterfront views, eat a homegrown tomato, pet a cow and watch the sunset with a local craft beer.”



*Barn quilt revealed Wednesday at the Harford County Agricultural Center in Street. Pictured from left: Jason Gallion, Harford County agricultural specialist; Len Parrish, director, Harford County Community & Economic Development; quilt artists Kaitlyn Hayden and Joan Hayden; Greg Pizzuto, executive director, Visit Harford; County Executive Barry Glassman; Kathy Burley, director, Harford County Parks & Recreation.*

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