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## **Frederick County Unveils Comprehensive Life Sciences Roadmap to Propel Innovation and Economic Growth**

FREDERICK, Md. – Today at the Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Frederick County Director of Economic Opportunity Lara Fritts announced the launch of a groundbreaking Life Science Roadmap: a strategic initiative designed to foster innovation, drive economic growth, and position Frederick County, Maryland as a global leader in the life sciences industry. This roadmap outlines a clear vision for the future, leveraging the county's unique assets and resources to attract top-tier talent, cutting-edge research, and high-impact investments.

“I am excited to unveil the Life Sciences Roadmap, a visionary plan that will help generate new jobs for people in the life sciences industry,” said County Executive Jessica Fitzwater. “This roadmap is a testament to our commitment to innovation, collaboration, and sustainable economic growth. We are confident this plan will position Frederick County as a premier destination for life science research and development.”

“The development of the Life Sciences Roadmap is the result of extensive collaboration between key stakeholders, including local government, industry leaders, academic institutions, and community organizations and our office. This united approach ensures that the roadmap is both ambitious and achievable, reflecting the diverse needs and strengths of Frederick County,” Ms. Fritts said.

The Roadmap articulates a forward-thinking strategy that aligns with Frederick County’s commitment to fostering a robust life sciences ecosystem. Key objectives of the roadmap include seven pillars to success:

- Developing industry champions
- Investing in knowledge and talent
- Infrastructure to support the industry
- Site readiness
- Marketing and promoting the industry
- Facilitating funding and services to facilitate research, innovation and commercialization

As Frederick County embarks on this exciting journey, the Life Sciences Roadmap will serve as a guiding framework, ensuring that the county remains at the forefront of scientific innovation and economic prosperity. The county invites all stakeholders, residents, and businesses to join in this transformative effort, working together to build a brighter, healthier future.

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You can find the digital version of the Life Sciences Roadmap at [discoverfrederickmd.com/LSRoadmap](https://discoverfrederickmd.com/LSRoadmap). For more information about the life sciences and technology industries in Frederick County, contact Solash Aviles in the Office of Economic Development at [SAviles@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:SAviles@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

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