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## **Charlie Ross Recognized for Municipal Leadership**

### **Chamber President Receives Award from Garrett County Municipalities**

SHAMOKIN DAM, Pa. – Charlie Ross, former president of Garrett County (Md.) Chamber of Commerce, received an award Tuesday recognizing his leadership among the municipalities of Maryland’s western-most subdivision.

Leo Martin, mayor of Mountain Lake Park, Md., and chairman of Garrett County Municipalities Inc., went out of his way Tuesday to deliver an award to Ross, who relocated last June to Selinsgrove, Pa., to run the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.

During his seven-year tenure as the president of the Garrett County Chamber, Ross helped develop broadband service for his rural home county and much of the state’s other rural areas. He also engaged state and federal lawmakers to garner dollars for transportation improvements and encouraged cooperation and collaboration between municipalities so as to better serve Garrett County’s taxpayers. The crowning work of that latter initiative was the establishment of GCM Inc., which honored him as a charter member.

According to GCM’s board of directors, Ross demonstrated “loyal dedication and support in creating a coalition that epitomizes the essence of collaboration and resourcefulness that mutually benefits the eight incorporated municipalities of Garrett County.”

As the new president of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Ross now works tirelessly to bring the same benefits to central Pennsylvania’s Susquehanna Valley communities. He is currently engaged in furthering early childhood education initiatives and advocating for funding of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway, a bypass that will improve traffic flow throughout the Valley and make area businesses more productive. He is also encouraging local companies and non-profit organizations to collaborate for business from natural gas prospectors in the Marcellus Shale region of the state.

Charlie Ross’ full biography is attached.