

**Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:00am-6:00pm**

Maryland Land Conservation Conference at the Maritime Conference Center

8:30am	Registration Opens	
8:30am - 9:00am	Continental Breakfast & Networking	
9:00am - 9:50am  Morning Meetings	<p><b>Conservation Finance 101</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allegra Wrocklage - The Conservation Finance Network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maryland's Forest Conservation Act and the Impact on Residential Development and Forest Cover Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Newburn - University of Maryland, College Park</li> </ul>
9:55am – 10:15am	20 Minute Break Visit Exhibitors	
10:15am – 11:15am  Welcome and Keynote	<p><b>Welcome and Keynote</b> <i>Preparing the Next Generation with Passion, Inspiration, and Excellence (PIE)</i> Dr. Mamie Parker - Former Head of Fisheries and Northeast Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	
11:15am – 12:15pm  Plenary	<p><b>Morning Plenary</b> <u>The State of the State of Maryland's Conservation Programs:</u> Readying land conservation to better serve Maryland in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hilary Bell - Land Acquisition and Planning, DNR</li> <li>Michelle Cable - MD Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation</li> <li>Colleen Kenny – Maryland Forest Service, DNR</li> <li>Jennifer Ruffner – Maryland Heritage Areas Program</li> <li>Stacy Schaefer - Land Acquisition and Planning, DNR</li> <li>John Turgeon – Maryland Environmental Trust</li> </ul>	
12:15pm – 1:45pm  Lunch	<p><b>Lunch</b> <i>Sacred Spaces: Addressing Individual and Community Health Through Nature</i> Erin Robertson - Nature Sacred</p>	

	Track 1: <b><u>Conservation Innovation in Agriculture:</u></b> Partnerships and funding programs for the current and next generation of Maryland farmers	Track 2: <b><u>Frontiers in Conservation Finance:</u></b> Innovative tools and funding programs that are changing the way we accomplish mutual goals	Track 3: <b><u>Advanced Topics in Conservation</u></b> Tips and tools for conservation practitioners and easement defense
1:45pm – 3:15pm  Concurrent Sessions I	<b>Updates and Innovations Concerning Maryland Agriculture and Next Generation Farmers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keith Wills - MidAtlantic Farm Credit</li> <li>▪ Stephen R. McHenry – Maryland Agriculture &amp; Resource Based-Industry Development Corporation</li> <li>▪ Dale P. Hawks - National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA</li> </ul>	<b>New Tools for the Conservation Finance Toolbox: New and Innovative Sources of Funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jennifer Miller Herzog - Land Trust Alliance (Moderator)</li> <li>▪ Craig Highfield – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay</li> <li>▪ Nick Dilks – Ecosystem Investment Partners</li> </ul>	<b>Trying Times: Lessons to be Learned From Recent Federal Tax Cases Involving Conservation Easement Donations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Karin Gross - IRS Office of Chief Counsel</li> <li>▪ Nancy A. McLaughlin - University of Utah SJ Quinney College of Law</li> <li>▪ Charles Gorham - IRS Office of Chief Counsel</li> </ul>
3:15pm – 3:35pm	20 Minute Break Visit Exhibitors		
3:35pm – 5:00pm  Concurrent Sessions II	<b>Funds To Protect Agricultural Lands And Aid Landowners With Conservation Stewardship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ M. Tiffany Davis - Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA</li> <li>▪ Jason Gardner - Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA</li> </ul>	<b>How the Overhead Myth Hurts Nonprofits and What Can be Done About It</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Barbara Hopkins – NeighborSpace of Baltimore County</li> </ul>	<b>Agricultural Conservation Leasing Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sarah Everhart - Agriculture Law Education Initiative</li> <li>▪ Nancy Nunn - Hughes Center For Agro-Ecology</li> </ul>
5:00pm	<b>Conference Networking Hour</b>		
6:00pm	<i>Thank you for participating in the Maryland Land Conservation Conference</i>		