



## **New Announcements!**

### **Maryland Land Trust Alliance Land Conservation Conference 2011**

**May 13 and 14, 2011**

**Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt, Towson**

**Visit [www.conservemd.org](http://www.conservemd.org) for details!**

#### **Friday**

##### **Conservation Easement Stewardship Roundtable**

This workshop gives you opportunity for discussion on stewardship challenges, particularly for all volunteer land trusts. Modeled on successful forums at the Land Trust Alliance Rally, this session will discuss free resources to bring to your land trust, tips, techniques and the advantages in preparing for some of the challenges of accreditation indicator practices for stewardship.

##### **Tour ~ Community gardens, horseshoe pits, chess parks**

Tour some of the wonderful open spaces that Baltimore's residents have created for their neighborhoods on land that would otherwise attract blight. Join us for lunch and a tour of some of Baltimore's best community-managed open spaces, including several that are now permanently preserved by Baltimore Green Space.

##### **Tour ~ Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park**

Join an introduction to the Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture on a 149-acre property located at 1114 Shawan Road, on the corner of Shawan and Cuba Roads.

Learn how farm life, education, demonstration, equestrian and recreation are being brought together for the region and state to enhance the rural economy; to foster conservation of agricultural and natural resources through educational and technical services; and to provide a unique open space experience.

#### **Saturday**

##### **Workshop - How to use the Conservation Easement Appraisal**

Land trust folks need to understand and evaluate appraisals of conservation easements. Find out what you need to know to effectively review appraisals, including discerning among various types of appraisals, spotting what needs to be in an appraisal to pass IRS standards, discovering the accepted methodology to appraise conservation easements, and identifying red flags.