

2018

MARYLAND LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

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Maritime Conference Center | Linthicum Heights, MD

Welcome to the 2018 Maryland Land Conservation Conference!

Maryland Environmental Trust, together with our partners and sponsors, is honored to bring together land trusts, conservancies, local and state government agencies, heritage organizations, community groups, members of the agricultural community and other partners for the annual statewide land conservation conference.

This event provides a unique opportunity for a comprehensive discussion about the future of land conservation in our region. Of particular focus, are topics aimed at advancing conservation through science and technology, exploring themes related to land stewardship and sustainability, attracting the next generation of land stewards and regional partnerships.

We thank our generous sponsors who help make the conference accessible and affordable. We are also grateful for our partner land trusts, speakers, and attendees for their continued support.

As we exchange stories, learn about recent innovations, develop new and exciting partnerships, and share these meaningful discussions, we help strengthen the land conservation movement in Maryland. Moving forward, MET will continue to maintain the momentum and our conservation partners' role in creating healthy communities through the protection open spaces, forests, farmland and wildlife areas.

Thank YOU for your long term commitment to this vital work, and we hope you have a wonderful and informative time!

Sincerely,



James W. Constable
Maryland Environmental Trust Chair



William H. Leahy II
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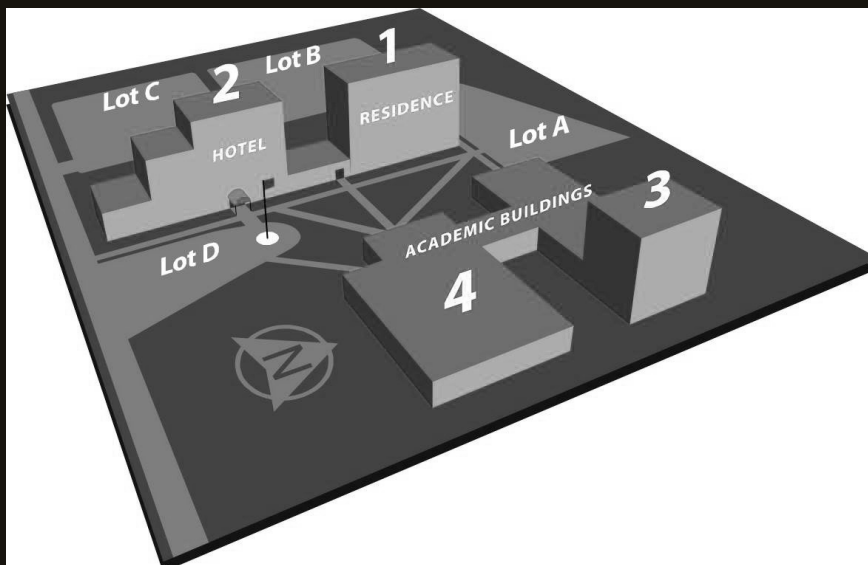
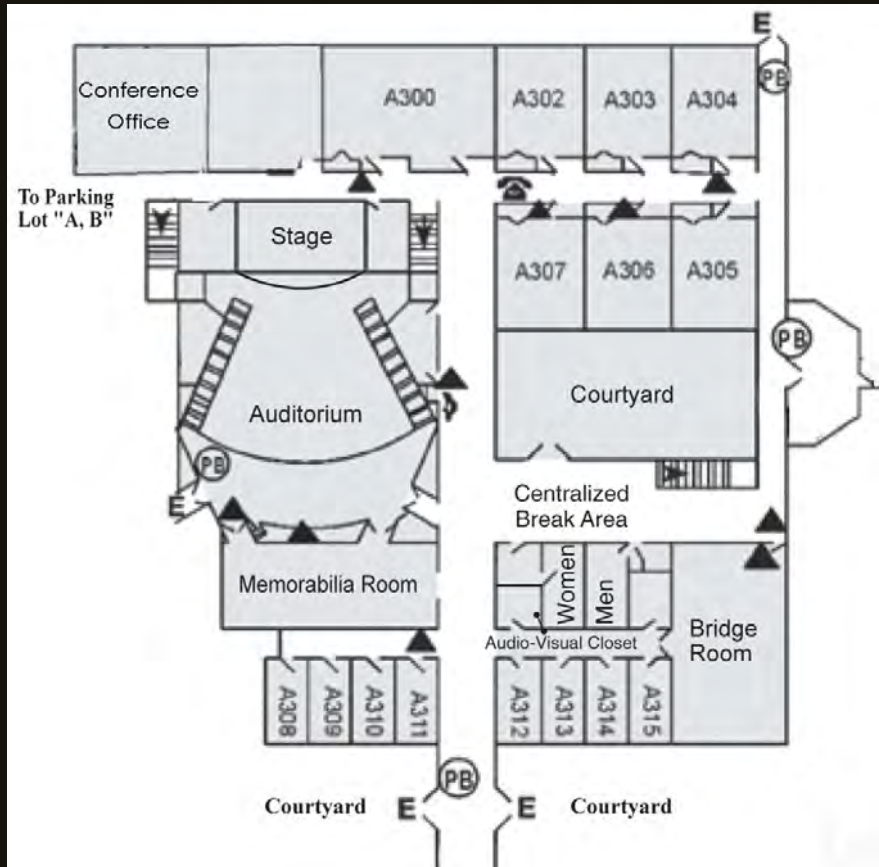
AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

8:30am	Registration / Light Breakfast
8:30am	Exhibits Open
9:00am	Morning Meeting
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
11:00am	Lightning Talks: Using Science and Technology to Further Conservation Goals
12:00pm	Lunch
1:10pm	Concurrent Sessions I
2:25pm	Break
2:45pm	Concurrent Sessions II
4:30pm	End

FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING 3

First Floor
North Academic Wing



BUILDING 2

Dining Room
Front Desk, Lobby
Lounge

BUILDING 3

Auditorium
A300 to A315
Bridge Room

Using Science and Technology to Further Conservation Goals

LIGHTNING TALKS

Transforming Conservation Through Technology

Jeffrey Allenby, GISP
Chesapeake Conservancy

New DIY Parcel Report Cards: Conservation Values Just a Click Away!

Christine Conn, PhD
Chesapeake and Coastal Service, DNR

Reimagining the Role of Technology in Stewardship

Michelle Grafton
Maryland Environmental Trust

Innovation Through Collaboration - Improving Government One Project At A Time...

Michael Herzberger, GISP, CFM
Maryland Environmental Service

From GIS to Anthesis: Mapping and the Evolution of Social Programs

Barbara L. Hopkins, JD, ASLA
Neighbor Space of Baltimore County

Driving Engagement and Advocacy with Science

Katherine Lautar
Baltimore Green Space

LandScope Maryland: Tracking Land Protection, Registering Conservation Projects and Sharing Maps

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NatureServe





LAND TRUST CAPACITY, EXCELLENCE AND STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

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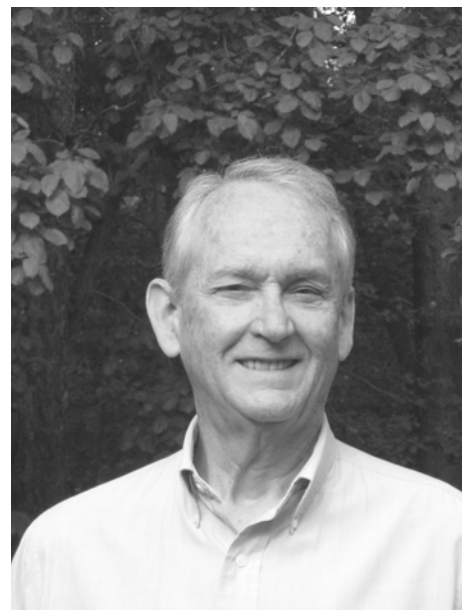
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Scenic Rivers Land Trust
The Land Preservation Trust
Urban Ecosystem Restorations

2018 AILEEN HUGHES AWARD

Each year, the MET Board of Trustees presents the Aileen Hughes award to an individual representing a Maryland land trust for outstanding leadership, partnership and/or innovation in a conservation project. This annual award is presented in honor of the late Aileen Hughes, a true leader of the conservation movement in Maryland. This year's recipient is:

WALTER H. (HAL) DELAPLANE

President, Conservancy for Charles County



A 300

The Legal End of Stewardship

RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION



Sarah Everhart - Agriculture Law Education Initiative
Kelly Nuckolls - Agriculture Law Education Initiative

This presentation will focus on recent court decisions that impact agricultural land conservation. Conservation of working farms can be a mutually beneficial way to preserve rural heritage and open spaces, however, all parties need to understand and appreciate the legal parameters of agricultural land conservation to prevent unexpected consequences. Also, information on an upcoming series of educational workshops on how lease language and communication strategies can be used to increase implementation of conservation practices on leased farmland.

A 307

Engaging the Next Generation

CONSERVATION SERVICE: MARYLAND CONSERVATION JOB CORPS



Fred Banks - Maryland Park Service, DNR
Wendy Hershey - Maryland Environmental Trust
Lynette Tully - Maryland Environmental Trust

Managed by the Maryland Park Service since 1984, the Maryland Conservation Job Corps provides both skills training and opportunities for young adults to serve Maryland's conservation needs. Join this session to learn how the Corps engages the next generation and works with partner organizations. Participants will hear how the Corps worked with Maryland Environmental Trust to monitor easements using the KoboCollect App.

BRIDGE ROOM

Targeting Conservation

PRESERVATION IS ONLY THE BEGINNING: USING LAND PRESERVATION AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND FUNCTION



Scott G. McGill, Sr. - Ecotone, Inc.
Robert D. Porter, Esq. - Porter Law LLC

This session will explore ways to integrate ecological function with traditional preservation efforts. By adopting an interconnected preservation approach, the land conservation community can facilitate lasting, macro-environmental benefits on preserved properties, adjacent properties, and watershed-wide water quality improvements. This session will present sustainable methods for ecological restoration, both active restoration opportunities as well as conservation biology, and the unique ecosystem services provided by beavers. Participants will consider problems related to easement overlays and discuss case studies where agricultural, ecological, and preservation components were integrated to provide long-term resiliency and function.

A 300

The Legal End of Stewardship

TRYING TIMES: LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM FEDERAL TAX CASES INVOLVING CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONATIONS



Nancy A. McLaughlin - University of Utah College of Law
Karin Gross - Internal Revenue Service
Charlie Gorham - Internal Revenue Service

Since 2005, the courts have issued more than 100 opinions involving challenges to federal charitable income deductions claimed with regard to conservation easement donations. These opinions address a variety of qualification, valuation, and other compliance issues. Professor McLaughlin and IRS attorneys will discuss the lessons to be learned from this growing body of case law, the issues the IRS is focusing on in audits and litigation, and how to minimize the risk of audit and litigation.

A 307

Engaging the Next Generation

ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY STEWARDS



Tobias Bollum-Fauth - Student Conservation Association
Nathan Cabrera - Volunteer Maryland
Tara Drennan - Chesapeake Conservation Corp

This presentation will introduce three organizations whose missions are to engage and mentor the next generation of conservation leaders. The session will provide a program overview, outline eligibility requirements, and discuss available funding assistance. Join this session to learn more about the opportunities of being a host partner organization, increase your organization's capacity and to connect the next generation of stewards to the meaningful work being done by Maryland's land trust and conservation community.

BRIDGE ROOM

Targeting Conservation

TARGETING CONSERVATION: USING THE RIGHT TOOLS AT THE RIGHT TIME



Jeffrey Allenby - Chesapeake Conservancy
Christine Conn - Chesapeake and Coastal Service, DNR
Michael Herzberger - Maryland Environmental Service
Rachel Marks - Chesapeake and Coastal Service, DNR

This presentation will focus on web-based toolsets from the Chesapeake Conservancy, Department of Natural Resources and Maryland Environmental Service. Participants will learn about the latest tools available to guide conservation planning and increase decision-making efficiencies. Join this session to target the right tools for your organization.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Jeffrey Allenby, GISP: *Director of Conservation Technology - Chesapeake Conservancy*

Jeffrey Allenby is the Director of Conservation Technology at Chesapeake Conservancy. His team explores new methods to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Conservancy's projects and focuses on developing ways to empower partner organizations. Before joining the Conservancy, Jeff worked with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, managing a grant program focused on local governments' response to climate change and coastal hazards, and at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Jeff has a Masters in Environmental Management and Certificate in Geospatial Analysis from Duke University and a BS from University of Richmond.

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In 2009, Fred joined the Maryland Park Service to become the Civic Justice Corps Program Director where his focus is providing experiential learning and environmental service opportunities for youth. In 2014 the program expanded to include the Conservation Corps and Veteran's Conservation Corps. Working with state, county and national partners the Corps continues to be a part of improving conditions of the Bay, state parks and other public lands. Before working at the Park Service, Fred worked at the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, the Department of Parole and Public Safety and Morgan State University. Fred earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Sociology from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

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Christine Conn, PhD: *Office of Science and Stewardship Director - Chesapeake and Coastal Service, DNR*

Christine Conn directs the Office of Science and Stewardship in the Chesapeake and Coastal Service Center at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Since joining the Department in 2000, she has spent most of her career developing and managing conservation and restoration policies, strategic plans and decision-support tools to ensure the long term protection of Maryland's high value natural resources and outdoor recreational assets. Prior to DNR, Christine taught college level natural resource science for several years after earning a Ph.D. in Ecosystem Sciences from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Tara Drennan joined the Trust in 2011 and leads the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program and K-12 Environmental Education programs and initiatives that focus on building capacity for the advancement of environmental literacy in schools and improving the green career pathway for youth in Maryland and the region. Tara graduated from Ursinus College with a B.A. in Political and Environmental Science, M.S. in Environmental Science and Policy from Johns Hopkins University and a certified Maryland Master Gardener. She also is a Senior Fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program for the Chesapeake Region.

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Charlie has worked for 12 years as an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service, specializing in the charitable contribution deduction under Internal Revenue Code section 170, general business deductions, and the timing of income and deduction inclusion. Before working at the IRS, Charlie was in private practice in St. Louis, Missouri, specializing in exempt organizations. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama Law School and holds a tax law degree from Georgetown University Law School.

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Karin has worked for more than 30 years as an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service, specializing in the charitable contribution deduction under Internal Revenue Code section 170(h). She is a frequent speaker on conservation easement deduction issues. Before working at the IRS, Karin was a member of the Office of Legislative Counsel, US House of Representatives, where she was responsible for drafting legislation. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and holds a tax law degree from Georgetown University Law School.

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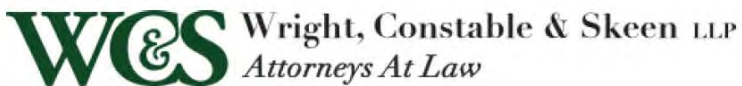
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