



- SAVING AMERICA'S FARMS AND FARMLAND - CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION

A TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 12-13, 2014 | Hershey, PA

Over the last 40 years local and state governments and land trusts have preserved millions of acres of farm and ranch lands using agricultural conservation easements. How have these programs succeeded and how will they further evolve? ***Come to celebrate and to learn from the nation's most successful programs!***

Select Speakers

- **U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.**, Pennsylvania (*invited*)
- **Michael T. Scuse**, Under Secretary, *Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, USDA*
- **Lynne Sherrod**, Western Policy Manager, *Land Trust Alliance*

Discussion Topics

- How PDR/PACE strengthens the local economy
- Easement monitoring and stewardship
- Appraising & valuation issues
- Land use planning for agriculture
- Legal & tax issues of conservation easements
- Allowed uses on preserved farms
- Keeping preserved farms affordable
- Beginning farmers and 'critical farms' programs
- Aiding farm transition
- Transfer of development rights (TDR)
- Funding and innovative finance
- Navigating and getting the most from federal program assistance
- The research agenda ... *and many more!*

Connect with colleagues from across the country. Learn how you can improve policies and practices and find answers to your most challenging issues. A number of the nation's top local programs will be showcased in detail. ***Participate in lively discussions and come away inspired and informed!***

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Whether you work in land use planning, resource protection, conservation, agriculture, academia, law, or real estate, or you are a local elected official, if your work involves a farmland preservation effort, don't miss this conference, the first of its kind in seven years! ***Make plans now to attend!***

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