

# FRONT PAGE

Newsletter of the *Carroll County Land Trust*; March 2017 edition.

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## ATTENTION!

\*\*\***HOLD THAT DATE**\*\*\*

Wednesday Eve, April 19, 2017

### **MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING for 26<sup>th</sup> year**

**6:30 P.M.** Meet & Greet

**7:00 P.M.** Invocation & Buffet Meal

**Place:** County Extension Office Bldg.  
(end of Smith Ave.) Westminster, MD

#### **Program Agenda:**

- + Very Short Business Meeting
- + County Commissioners' Landowner Recognitions
- + Ag Land Preservation Update—  
"Approaching the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
with continuing momentum"!
- + Fundraising Raffle

See **RSVP** form enclosed if planning to attend the Annual Meeting

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### 2017 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

**Members:** your Annual Contribution Slip is enclosed along with this notice of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Please don't forget to make your **annual tax deductible contribution** for 2017. As always, your contribution is vital to helping the *Carroll County Land Trust* carry out its **mission** of helping to

permanently preserve 100,000 acres of Carroll County's agricultural land.

*Many, many thanks and God bless!*

### **Fundraising Raffle-- Back again at the Annual Meeting:**

Members of the Carroll County Land Trust Board are again pulling together good raffle items generously donated by local farmers, businesses, clubs and others for this raffle. Tickets will be available for \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. All monies received from the raffle will be dedicated to the efforts of the Carroll County Land Trust to carry out its mission of securing additional land preservation easements in Carroll County toward the 100,000 acre goal. As you know, the Trust operates virtually entirely on the generosity of individual contributions from its members.

### \*\*\*Breaking News\*\*\* !

### **"Approaching 4<sup>th</sup> quarter" for securing 30,000 additional acres under easement to reach the goal**

Carroll County is just about at the three-quarter turn and starting down the last stretch toward the **100,000 acre goal** (finish) line. Now in its **37<sup>th</sup> year**, Carroll County's Ag Preservation Program has reached the **70,000 acre milestone** with **70,091 acres** of land now permanently preserved!

While it is most fitting to reflect on this impressive accomplishment to date, it is important to realize how essential it is to keep a steady pace and maintain the momentum going 'down the stretch' in order to reach this achievable goal.

**Approaching the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter** (continued from Page 1)

Eligible farmland owners have been and are doing their part by voluntarily applying to enlist in the County's Ag Preservation Program and place easements on their land. The County Commissioners have been and are doing their part by providing steady funding for this over-arching County priority, enabling the pace and momentum to continue as the previous eight (8) Boards of County Commissioners have done. The common thread running through the past 37 years has been the realization and recognition that by preserving the County's farmland base and thereby its rural legacy and agri-business industry, it directly and indirectly influences in so many positive ways the well being of the County, its citizens and its future generations.

**Expanding our Membership**

There is no way to put it other than to say that there is no way the Carroll County Land Trust could exist and function without the generosity of its members who make annual contributions, and without its directors who volunteer their time to serve on the Board. Like most non-profit organizations, survival depends on people willing to give of their time and pitch in for a mission they support. In today's world this is no small challenge.

There is no limit to membership in the Carroll County Land Trust. The more the better. And there is, more often than not, an opening on the Land Trust Board for a member who would be interested to

be considered for serving in the capacity of a Director. Don't be afraid to say so!

As a member of the Carroll County Land Trust, you are encouraged to encourage others you know to become members. To help with that, you will find enclosed a neat little pamphlet you can provide to a prospective member. All they have to do is send a simple note to the address on the pamphlet (CCLT P.O. Box 2137 Westminster, MD 21158) saying: I or We would like to be members and provide us with their names and mailing address. Once received, they will be added to the membership role. They may include a \$25 (or other amount) donation or wait until some later point in the tax year. Contributions are tax deductible.

If you need an additional pamphlet or two for this purpose call 410-848-8247. Please leave a message if no one is available to take your call so we can send it to you or return your call. Thanks.

As a member, your help with expanding our membership will be gratefully appreciated!

***BEQUESTS***

For those who wish to remember the Carroll County Land Trust in their wills, the following form is suggested: ***I give and bequest to the Carroll County Land Trust, Inc., for its general purpose, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.***

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