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Newsletter of the *Carroll County
Land Trust*; March 2018 edition.
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ATTENTION !

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

Wednesday Eve, April 18, 2018

MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING (27th 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
- + Program
- + Raffle

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

2018 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 **2018**. As always, your contribution is vital to helping the *Carroll County Land Trust* carry out its *mission* of helping to reach the goal of permanently preserving

100,000 acres of Carroll County's agricultural land. *Many, many thanks and God bless!*

In Memorium—

Alice Mildred Shipley 1927-2017

This past year in June, **Alice Mildred Shipley** passed away at age 90, but not before leaving her mark on Carroll County, its people and the mission of permanently preserving the County's farmland.

Known to her family and friends as Millie, she taught school in Carroll County for forty years. Thru-out her life, she championed the importance of agriculture and land conservation. Coming from a farm family that dates back to 1687 in this country, and to 1856 in what is now Carroll County, she never failed to pass her knowledge and enthusiasms onto her students in the form of tours, curricula and writing contests. Special "hands-on" school projects inherently reflected her passion for teaching her students the importance of farming and farmers to society and our general welfare.

In 1980 when the County first initiated a farmland preservation program, Mildred was a strong supporter of the program. She made regular periodic visits to the County Office Building to keep abreast of the progress being made by the County's Ag Preservation Office and always took the time to personally thank and compliment the county ag preservation program staff on their accomplishments.

In 1991, a group of seven citizens joined to organize and create a 501(c) 3

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non-profit organization—the **Carroll County Land Trust**. (One of those seven citizens was Richard Weaver who currently serves on the Board of County Commissioners). The purpose of the Trust was to help the County by having an organization of citizen members who could join in and support the County Commissioners commitment to the noble long-term effort underway of securing easements that permanently preserve Carroll County’s farmland for farming. Once again, Mildred was there becoming a member of the Trust providing moral and financial support for this fledgling organization.

In 1997, the **Land Trust Board**, reflecting on Mildred’s continuous outstanding financial support over the years, established the *Alice Mildred Shipley Award*. This award is given to a person who the Board determines has made a substantial commitment or contribution in the furtherance of permanent agricultural land preservation, or has been a strong advocate for the mission of the Land Trust, or has made substantial contributions (financial or otherwise) to the Land Trust. To date, there have been thirteen (13) recipients of the award, which is customarily presented at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Whether you knew Mildred or not, take it from those who did, that she fully expects the people of Carroll County to keep faith with the County’s legacy and reach its goal of permanently preserving at least 100,000 acres of the Nation’s best farmland right here in her beloved Carroll County.

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STAYING THE COURSE

Now in the County’s 38th year, work continues toward securing the remaining 30,000 additional acres of permanent easements to reach the goal, with 70,000+ acres in place.

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. As we have noted previously, 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. Likewise, Governor Larry Hogan has increased State funding in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program which should be a positive in keeping the all important momentum going. It cannot be repeated too many times, that the common thread running through the last 38 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.

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 \$_____.*