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Newsletter of the *Carroll County
Land Trust*; September 2021 edition.
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GREETINGS LAND TRUST MEMBERS

Hoping this Newsletter finds you and your family well and doing the best you can.

As you know, the pandemic necessitated postponing to this Fall, the grand celebration of Carroll County's Ag Preservation Program reaching the **75,000 acres milestone of permanently preserved farmland**. Again, you as a contributing member to the Carroll County Land Trust, certainly owe it to yourself to be proud of your being a part of this 75,000 acres permanently preserved achievement and the continuing effort to reach the 100,000 acres goal—a monumental land mark!

CELEBRATING 75,000 ACRES PRESERVED & GROWING EVENT

Save the date, to celebrate this **75,000 Acre Milestone** on **Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 12:30 PM** where a special ceremony is planned on the Farm Museum Stage at the free *Fall Harvest Day Celebration* at the **Carroll County Farm Museum** (which runs from **10 AM to 4 PM**) This **special ceremony at 12:30 PM** will include a special exhibit

recognizing this agricultural land preservation accomplishment. A free, 'first come first served' morning bus tour featuring nearby preserved farms will be available with registration on the County event webpage. An educational element accompanies the event to clearly show benefits of land preservation to the community and importance of "growing" the County's permanently preserved land to attain the remaining 25,000 acres. For more info and updates about this celebration and event, stay tuned to the County's event webpage:

CelebratingAgPres.CarrollCountyMD.gov

For more info closer to the event, contact bdinne@carrollcountymd.gov

CARROLL COUNTY LAND TRUST MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Thursday Evening October 14, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm. meet n' greet; dinner 7 pm
**Courtesy of MidAtlanticFarmCredit & Carrollton Hounds*

Place: Westminster Catering & Conference Center at Westminster Best Western Hotel, 451 WMC Drive, Westminster, Md.

**Program: Short Business meeting
Commissioner Landowner Recognitions
Deb Bowers, Prog. Manager Recognition
75K acres milestone celebration briefing
at Farm Museum Saturday Oct. 16, 2021.**

***** *please see* letter invitation enclosed from President Jason Duddar, Carroll County Land Trust and **RSVP return slip**, if planning to attend.

2021 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Members: the *Annual Contribution Slip* is also enclosed for your *tax deductible contribution*. Your contribution is vital to helping the *Carroll County Land Trust* carry-on in its *mission* to help reach the County goal

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of **permanently preserving 100,000 acres** of Carroll County’s agricultural land. As always, *many, many thanks and God bless!*

Board Meeting Logistics

Scheduled in-person meetings of the Board have just recently resumed following a year of phone conference meetings due to covid. Work and progress on updating our Website has advanced greatly thanks to the efforts of Board member Alice “Sissy” Altstatt and Keir Knight, “Plain English Writing & Design. LLC” . You can check it out at: www.carrollcountylandtrust.org

Deborah Bowers, Program Manager for the Carroll County Ag Preservation Program, with 10 years of steadfast service behind her, retired from her position April 23, 2021. The Ag Program Manager also serves as the *ex officio* Board member on the Carroll County Land Trust. Fortunately, Deborah has agreed to continue serving on the Board, and J.P. Smith, Ag Preservation Specialist, who also served as a Board member and has been named Program Manager, is now serving on the Board as *ex officio*. This longstanding close association between the Trust, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, and the County Ag Preservation Program has been most beneficial to the entire effort and mission ever since the Land Trust was formed in 1991.

2021 REFLECTIONS---To Date

As we anticipate celebrating the 75K milestone, keeping our momentum to reach the County goal of 100,000 acres permanently preserved, is vital. At this point, we must be grateful and encouraged because **this covenant has not been broken by our County Commissioners, our volunteer county landowners, and our county tax payers.** If we can do 75,000 acres in 40 years as has been done, looking ahead, our County Commissioners, our volunteer county landowners and tax payers together can do the remaining 25,000 acres in 10 years and reach the goal by or before 2030. Pretty amazing!

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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