



2010 Regional Working Lands Forum: *The Growing Local Challenge*

Where: The Great Frederick Fairgrounds

When: Wednesday, April 21st

Time: 8:00 – 5:00

Registration Fee: \$25

Agricultural land is an integral part of our regional green infrastructure. The 3,000 square mile Washington Metropolitan Area (WMA) is home to more than 3 million people with a population projected to grow to 4.5 million by 2030. Given these population growth projections, there are significant challenges in meeting the growing demand for a secure, high quality local food supply.

Agricultural production and commerce continues to contribute over \$1 billion annually to the local Washington economy. Given that growth projections will add an additional 2 million residents to the region in the next 25 years; can local agriculture continue to thrive and supply our region with quality local food?

The purpose of this forum is to both examine and discuss the role of agriculture in the rapidly growing WMA, as well as the opportunities that enable local agricultural producers and markets to flourish in this highly competitive landscape.

Agenda highlights include:

- The State of Regional Agriculture;
- Capitalizing on the 'Growing Local' Food Movement;
- Regional Local Food Supply and Demand;
- The Green Incubator Industry;
- Cornell University's Beginning Farmer Program;
- Impediments to Local Agriculture
- Integrating Agriculture in the Region

Come join us on April 21st, 2010 for this regional discussion about the importance of our agricultural community and how we may work together to sustain their contributions to our local economy, providing high quality local food, for a better quality of life.

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