



WELCOME SPRING!



Please read this in its entirety before registering for anything!

Please join us for the **2022 Spring PFPA Conference** at the **Adams County Agricultural Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg on Tuesday March 15th**, with a tour scheduled for **Wednesday, March 16th!**

As of right now, WeConservePA (formally PALTA) and PFPA are planning in-person meetings, and will socially distance, require masks, etc. If things change to virtual, we will make that decision along with WeConservePA.

The WeConservePA Conference will be held in Gettysburg **March 16th** (“**Mobile Workshop/Tour and Evening Reception**”), with sessions being held **Thursday, March 17th** and **Friday March 18th** at the **Wyndham Gettysburg**. For information and registration on the WeConservePA events/sessions, please see: <https://weconservepa.org/conference/>. At the bottom of this site, you can see their **Agenda, Session Outlines and Registration information**.

Monday night March 14th

There is nothing ‘scheduled’ for the night before the PFPA Conference; however, we will plan to get together with those traveling into town on Monday for dinner if they wish to! **There is a place on the registration form to check if you plan to do so, and we will be in touch closer to the time to determine a place and time!**

Tuesday, March 15th - PFPA Conference Day (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

The Conference will take place at the **Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center**, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Registration and breakfast will begin at **8:00**, with the **Conference starting promptly at 9:00!** Our theme is *“The Economics of Agriculture & Farmland Preservation”*. Doug Wolfgang will give an overview of the **“Economic Impact Study of PA’s Farmland Preservation Program”** which was completed by Tom Daniels. You will learn about the two Economic Studies completed in Adams County. Additionally, Mark Clowney will demonstrate our Drone (weather permitting) and how we have been using it for baselines and inspections. Stephanie Williams will demonstrate how they use a tablet in the field for inspections, generating reports, etc.

Tuesday Evening, March 15th – Dinner at Ellen and Steve’s (in the house this time!)

Join your comrades for an informal dinner and bonfire (?) at Ellen & Steve’s farm. This event is for PFPA Attendees, Sponsors, and Guests. Bring a camp chair if you have one (in case we do the bonfire), your guitar/instrument, and beverage of choice (some beer, wine, and soda will be provided). Map and directions are enclosed. **NOTE – if you need/prefer a vegetarian meal tonight, see Registration Form to order!**

Please **RSVP by email, mail, fax, or phone** to **Cindy Sanderson, PFPA Membership/Conference Coordinator, on or before Tuesday, March 1st**. (Please see email, mailing, and fax information on the registration form.) It helps us tremendously if you can get your registration fee in prior to the meeting; however, if you need to pay at the door, just let us know. The most important part is that we have an accurate head count for food! **Fees paid after Tuesday, March 1st will be non-refundable (exceptions made on a case-by-case basis).**

Wednesday, March 16th – Tour Day, and first day of WeConservePA Conference

Please plan to join us Wednesday for the **“Preserving Local Landscapes with Innovative Techniques”** tour which will take you to beautiful Eastern Adams County. We will visit one of our largest clusters of preserved land and talk about our current project partnering with the State, Federal Program, and two Townships. Lunch and a local favorite ice cream stop will be provided. This tour is in conjunction with the WeConservePA Conference and will sell out quickly so **please register for the tour NOW! (see below)**

You have two choices. You can register just for the tour for \$65.00 (includes bus, lunch and ice cream stop) or you can register for the tour and the evening reception for \$105.00 (again, through the WeConservePA website.)

Register for the tour(s) through the WeConservePA site at: <https://weconservepa.org/conference/>

If you want to register JUST FOR THE TOUR, please use code: **PFPA2022** on the Registration Page of the WeConservePA online Registration form. This code is for the **TOURS ONLY**, not to register for the WeConservePA Conference! The tour will leave from the **Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325 at 11:00 AM**. Don't be late! We hope you will join us!

NOTE: If you are staying for WeConservePA or just staying in the area, there is a second tour “**Brews and Views**” which will take place on **Friday March 18th**. You would register for that tour through WeConservePA as well; **however, you will need to do a second registration, separate from the first tour** (it's how their site works!) Use **PFPA2022** for that tour as well to get the discount rate of \$65! Note that after March 3rd you will have to pay a \$50 late fee!

Accommodations:

PFPA DOES NOT HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED! If you are attending the WeConservePA Conference, they have a block of rooms reserved for Tuesday, March 31st through Friday, April 3rd at **The Wyndham Gettysburg**. Room rates are \$139/night for single or double occupancy. This rate is good until February 22nd. See: <https://conservepa.org/2020conference/register2020/> and click on “Venue/Lodging”.

Hotels in the area:

The closest Hotels to Ellen and Steve's home are The Comfort Suites, 945 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg (833)435-0387 or the Holiday Inn Express at 1871 Gettysburg Village Drive, Gettysburg. Another option close to the WeConservePA events is the Gettysburg Hampton Inn at 1280 York Road, Gettysburg (717)338-9121. If you are looking for something unique, give us a call as we have lots of suggestions, or check out the options at Destination Gettysburg website: <https://destinationgettysburg.com/places-to-stay/>

- ~ **Draft Agenda** - Please contact President Ellen Dayhoff with any additions to the Agenda ASAP.
- ~ **Registration Form** – Please, be sure to **RSVP by Tuesday, March 1st!** Your registration fee for the Conference (\$50.00 per person for anyone attending from a PFPA Member County or Organization, or \$70.00 per person for non-members) covers breakfast, lunch, light afternoon snack, and all materials.
- ~ **Membership Form** – The 2022 Membership Invoice is attached in case your county has not yet joined/renewed for this year. We would like to provide a complete, up-to-date membership listing as soon as possible after the workshop, and want everyone included! (Questions or changes to your contact information? Call Cindy Sanderson at 717-968-1513 or email her at cindy.sanderson2021@gmail.com.)
- ~ **Draft Minutes** from the **Fall 2021 Virtual Meeting**
- ~ **Directions** – A map is attached to assist you. If you have any questions, feel free to call Ellen Dayhoff (717) 752-0430, or Cindy Sanderson (717) 968-1513.

Carpooling and sharing accommodations:

We all need to pool our resources when we can, so if you are interested in carpooling or sharing the cost of your room, please contact Cindy and she will form a list of those interested.

We hope you can make it!!

(Use this time to learn, relax, regenerate and enjoy each other's company - it's been WAY too long!)

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