



WELCOME SPRING!

Please join us for the 2020 Spring PFPA Conference at the Adams County Agricultural Center on **Tuesday March 31st**, with a tour scheduled for **Wednesday April 1st**!

The **PALTA Conference** will also be held in Gettysburg from **April 1st through the 3rd** at the **Wyndham Gettysburg**. For information and registration please see: <https://conserveland.org/2020conference/register2020/>

Monday night March 30th

There is nothing ‘scheduled’ for the night before the PFPA Conference; however, we will plan to get together with those traveling in on Monday for dinner! 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 31st - PFPA Conference Day (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

The Conference will take place at the Adams County Agricultural 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”** completed by Tom Daniels, as well as hearing about the two Economic Studies completed in Adams County. In addition, Mark Clowney will demonstrate our Drone and how we have been using it currently - and our plans for the future!

Tuesday Evening, March 31st – Bonfire and cookout (Dress accordingly!)

Join your comrades for an informal barn-style dinner and bonfire at Ellen & Steve’s farm. This event is for PFPA Members, Sponsors, and Guests. Bring a camp chair if you have one, your guitar/instrument, and beverage of choice (some beer, wine, and soda will be provided). Map and directions are enclosed. If you are brave enough to pop up a tent or camper, get in touch with Ellen on what your needs would be and possibly you can camp at the farm as well! **NOTE – if you need/prefer a vegetarian meal tonight, see Registration Form to order – our caterer has a Falafel/Salad option available by special order.**

Please **RSVP by email, mail, fax, or phone** to Cindy Sanderson, Adams County Information Coordinator, on or before Friday March 20th. (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!

Wednesday, April 1st – Tour Day

Plan to join us Wednesday for the “Preserving Local Landscapes with Innovative Techniques” tour which will take you to beautiful Eastern Adams County as we visit one of our largest clusters of preserved land and enjoy lunch provided by local farmers. Please see the enclosed Tour Overview information.

This tour is in conjunction with the PA Land Trust Alliance Conference and will sell out quickly so **please register for the tour NOW!** Registration for the tour is ONLY through the PALTA site at:

<https://conserveland.org/2020conference/register2020/>

Please use code: **PFAMOB20** on the payment page of the online Registration form. **This code is for the TOURS ONLY, not to register for the PALTA Conference!** Tours will leave from the **Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325**. We do hope you will join us!

NOTE: If you are staying for PALTA or just staying in the area, there is a second tour **“Brews and Views”** tour which will take place on **Friday April 3rd**. You would register for that tour through PALTA as well – use **PFAMOB20** for that tour as well to get the discount rate of \$65!

Accommodations:

PFPA DOES NOT HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED! You will need to make your own arrangements for any overnight stays.

If you are attending PALTA, 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. See: <https://conserveland.org/2020conference/register2020/> and click on “Venue/Lodging” to register.

Hotels and Campgrounds in the area:

There are lots of choices in the area! Please see the Destination Gettysburg website for many options: <https://www.destinationgettysburg.com/index.asp#> The closest Hotels to Ellen and Steve’s would be The Comfort Suites, 945 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg or the Holiday Inn Express at 1871 Gettysburg Village Drive, Gettysburg. Another option close to the events is the Gettysburg Hampton at 1280 York Road, Gettysburg. If you are looking for something unique, give us a call as we have lots of suggestions! For campgrounds, Round Top Campground is the closest at 180 Knight Road (a mere 2 miles away!), or there are many other options in the area.

Enclosures:

- ~ **Draft Agenda** - Please contact President Matt Knepper with any additions to the Agenda ASAP.
- ~ **Registration Form** – Please, be sure to **RSVP by Friday, March 20th!** 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 2020 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 717-337-9827 or email her at csanderson@adamscounty.us.)
- ~ **Draft Minutes** from the **Fall 2019 Meeting**
- ~ **Information on Wednesday & Friday Tours**
- ~ **Directions** – Maps are 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!)

Executive Committee

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