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IN-PERSON 2021 MARYLAND LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT RIPKEN STADIUM

The Forever Maryland Foundation to Host the Two-day July 2021 'Preserving with a Purpose' Conference

(*Forest Hill, MD – April 29, 2021*) The Forever Maryland Foundation, a new statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of Maryland's land, water, wildlife, and other natural values, announces its **2021 Maryland Land Conservation Conference** – "**Preserving with a Purpose**" – to be held on July 13th & 14th at Ripken Stadium, in Aberdeen, MD. This in-person event will be held in the airy and spacious club level floor of Ripken Stadium and will feature nearly 50 speakers — including the region's most influential innovators, conservation leaders, elected officials, and more.

This year's two-day conference will feature various topics including: the creation of a new Chesapeake National Recreation Area; the future of Maryland agriculture; the latest conservation & restoration mapping tools; advancing DEIJ within environmental & conservation priorities; a local government leaders panel; a Chief Sustainability Officers Roundtable and so much more.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic increase of individuals seeking to be in and among nature and to truly appreciate its benefits. Coming out of this global health crisis, we hope to build on the appreciation for nature and natural resources — and to help communities recommit to investing in local foods, recreation, species protection, climate resilience and much more," said Wendy Stringfellow, President of the Forever Maryland Foundation. "This conference will be a great place to learn and reconnect in a safe and fun environment."

This event will allow for indoor and outdoor attendance and will follow all CDC recommendations for preventing the spread of COVID-19. Conference registration is now open and Forever Maryland is still accepting sponsorships.

For more information on the conference, visit: www.forevermaryland.org/2021-conference/

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Forever Maryland forges networks of diverse collaborators to provide pathways for all generations to connect with and care for the beautiful and vitally important lands and waters of Maryland that sustain healthy, vibrant, and economically resilient communities.