

# **Working Lands**

## **In the Washington Metropolitan Area:**

*A Forum to Discuss the Future of Agriculture within the WMA*



Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Training Center / Lobby Level  
Washington, DC  
Tuesday April 12, 2005  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm



Generally overlooked, agricultural production and commerce continues to contribute over \$1 billion annually to the economy of the Washington Metropolitan Area (WMA). Given that growth projections will add an additional 2 million residents to the region in the next 25 years, can local agriculture and other “green and open space” lands survive?

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.

Come join us to discuss the importance of our local agricultural community and programs and how we may work together regionally to assure their continued success, so as to ensure their continued contribution to our local economy, quality of food and quality of life.

Forum Discussion Topics Are:

- **Past and Present State of Agriculture in the WMA**
- **Agriculture’s Contribution to the WMA Economy**
- **Government Support for Local & State Agricultural Programs**
- **Surviving in the Urbanizing Landscape: A Farmer’s Perspective**
- **Eating and Drinking Local: Farmers’ Markets, Wineries & Restaurateurs in the WMA**
- **Agricultural Perspectives: Farming Trends in the Hudson River Valley**
- **A Reality Check: Preserving Agriculture as Green Infrastructure**
- **How Do We Better Support the Future of Agriculture in the WMA**

For more information, visit <http://www.mwcog.org/environment/green/agriculture/default.asp> or call Brian LeCouteur at COG 202-962-3393 or Glenn Eugster at the National Park Service 202 619-7492.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 – Lunch and beverages provided

Space is limited and reservations are required for attendance.  
You may register online at <http://www.mwcog.org/>

For Directions, please visit <http://www.mwcog.org/contact/directions/>

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