



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Can Food Production and a Clean Chesapeake Bay Coexist? How consumer demand is shaping the future of agriculture and water quality**

*6:30 pm | November 17 | @ Washington College*

The conversation about how to balance food production and clean water in the Chesapeake Bay continues this fall at Washington College. A discussion between farmers, environmentalists, and the public will address a role that each and every one of us plays in this delicate balance: the consumer. The event is free and open to the public, followed by a reception with desserts, ice cream donated by Kilby Cream, and a cash bar.

Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 17 for a panel discussion driven by questions from the audience. This is a unique opportunity for the public to engage with Delmarva farmers, industry ag representatives, environmental advocates, and scientists. The panel will be moderated Kim Coble, Vice President for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

The panelists represent a who's who in their respective fields and will provide a wide range of perspectives for the topic at hand: Greg Bowen is a land planner and local food systems specialist from Land Stewardship Solutions; Frank DeGennaro is Vice President of Specialty Crops at Perdue AgriBusiness; Jay Ford is the Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER® and a permaculture farmer in Virginia; Trey Hill is a Kent County, Maryland farmer producing corn, wheat, and soybeans for the Mid-Atlantic region; Allison Howard is an organic grain and vegetable farmer in Maryland's Queen

Anne's County; and Dr. Ray Weil is a soil scientist with the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The discussion promises to be lively and informative.

The event is co-hosted by the Sassafras River Association and the Chester River Association in coordination with the Center for Environment & Society at Washington College. The College is hosting the event and a light reception afterward in Decker Theater in the Gibson Center for the Arts.

### **Panelists**

Greg Bowen – *President, Land Stewardship Solutions, LLC. Prince Frederick, MD*

Frank DeGennaro – *Vice President, Specialty Crops, Perdue AgriBusiness. Salisbury, MD*

Jay Ford – *Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER®; Shine and Rise Farm. Eastville, VA*

Trey Hill – *Harborview Farms. Rock Hall, MD*

Allison Howard – *Homestead Farms. Millington, MD*

Dr. Ray Weil – *University of MD College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. College Park, MD*

### **Moderator**

Kim Coble – *Vice President, Environmental Protection and Restoration, Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Annapolis, MD*

### **Details**

November 17, 2016

6:00 pm Doors open

6:30-8:30 pm Panel discussion

8:30-9:30 pm Reception with desserts, Kilby Cream ice cream, and cash bar

Decker Theater, Gibson Center for the Arts, Washington College

300 Washington Ave.

Chestertown, MD

Free and open to the public

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*The Chester River Association works to protect and restore the Chester River for our community and future generations through science-based advocacy, restoration, and outreach.*

[www.ChesterRiverAssociation.org](http://www.ChesterRiverAssociation.org)

*The Sassafras River Association is dedicated to promoting good water quality, a balance among recreation, wildlife, and economic activity, and an educated community that takes action to restore and maintain the health of the watershed.* [www.sassafrasriver.org](http://www.sassafrasriver.org)

*The Washington College Center for Environment & Society's vision is a Chesapeake Bay and watershed that is healthy and thriving; one in which natural systems and human communities are in balance. Interdisciplinary academic programs promote the integration of environmental issues, social values, and good old river mud.* [www.washcoll.edu/centers/ces](http://www.washcoll.edu/centers/ces)