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**Farming at Metro's Edge: Sustaining Agriculture in Frederick and Montgomery**

A conference to be held in cooperation with farmers, consumers, citizen advocates, government agencies and other interested parties to realize the future of a healthy, truly local and sustainable agricultural industry.

**Friday, January 11, and Saturday, January 12, 2013**

**At The Universities of Shady Grove**

**9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850**

- *What does the future hold for farming and the health of our local food system in Maryland's Montgomery and Frederick Counties?*
- *As the growth pressures increase, will Montgomery's nationally recognized Agricultural Reserve and Frederick's productive farm belt continue to exist as a working landscape?*
- *For two days in January, consumers, farmers, experts, advocates, businesses and policy makers will come together for important, lively discussion aimed at a developing an collaborative and innovative "green print" for the future of food in the D.C. region.*
- ***Don't miss your chance to make a real difference in our region's quality of life!  
Be part of the solution . Register Today!***



*Keynote Speaker, Kathleen Merrigan  
US Deputy Secretary of Agriculture*

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the conference, please visit*

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