



**American Farmland Trust's mission is to protect farm and ranch land, promote sound farming practices, and keep farmers on the land. Organized by geographic region, AFT MidAtlantic is home to much fertile farmland. MidAtlantic family farmers grow a diverse variety: fruits and vegetables, grains, poultry and dairy, forest products, as well as the legendary bounty from the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Yet, these valuable farms – from Richmond to Philadelphia – are in the path of some of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. Threatened by suburban sprawl and sky-high land prices, the region experiences some of the greatest farmland loss in the country – yet also has some of the oldest, most active farmland protection programs. AFT has strong roots in the region. Working with communities, farmers and elected officials, we've been fighting to save this precious farmland and the people who farm it since 1980. [www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org)**

## News

### **May 2019 American Farmland Trust Hires Caroline Wade as New MidAtlantic Regional Director**

We are pleased to share that American Farmland Trust has hired Caroline Wade as Mid-Atlantic Director to provide strategic leadership and management for AFT's programs in the Mid-Atlantic Region, with an emphasis on Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Caroline will advance AFT's mission of saving the land that sustains us by protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices and keeping farmers on the land.

Before joining AFT, Caroline served as Illinois director of agriculture at The Nature Conservancy. In her role at TNC, she built, expanded and led the new state agriculture program strategy for the Illinois Chapter. Caroline's knowledge of agriculture and environmental stewardship is extensive, especially in the area of water quality, having also served as nutrient watershed manager for the Illinois Corn Growers Association, watershed specialist for Macon County Soil and Water Conservation district in Illinois and director of sustainability programs at The Zea Mays Foundation. Caroline can be reached at [cwade@farmland.org](mailto:cwade@farmland.org).

### **October 2019 and Early Winter 2020: Upcoming Women for the Land Learning Circles in PA Counties**

This October, MidAtlantic AFT will expand our Learning Circle program into PA! More information about Women for the Land can be found at <https://www.farmland.org/initiatives/womenfortheland> . Contact [womenforthelandmd@farmland.org](mailto:womenforthelandmd@farmland.org) or [mmays@farmland.org](mailto:mmays@farmland.org) to participate or learn more.

October 2019: Learning Circles in Lancaster, Berks, and Chester Counties

Early Spring 2020: Learning Circles in Adams, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties

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