

## Where does my donation go?

MCA is lean, yet highly regarded for effective use of its resources... With only two staff assisted by volunteer board members and interns, we are selective and strategic in the work that we take on. MCA has been very successful in a variety of areas – from issue advocacy, to policy, education and coalition building. Your voice, in the form of issue participation, and your donations enable us to:

- ✿ **Help new farmers grow and build community – facilitate new Land Link and Labor Link programs that will help keep our Reserve in farming and thus defend against sprawl and industrial uses.**
- ✿ **Create publications (including interactive on-line versions) of such as the popular Ag Guide: Explore that serve as invaluable tools aimed at bringing residents to the Reserve and the Reserve to residents.**
- ✿ **Educate our political representatives and the region’s residents about the critical need for a vital, working landscape and open space preservation within the Reserve.**
- ✿ **Collaborate with the County, business community and other stakeholders to create a means to bolster greater food production, while creating business opportunity, jobs and a means to feed the growing number of area residents in need.**
- ✿ **Help create a Montgomery County Food Council aimed at building a strong, sustainable food system.**
- ✿ **Promote awareness and protection of the Reserve’s natural resources, including the federally designated Sole Source Aquifer, the only source of potable water for much of the County’s rural communities.**
- ✿ **Monitor and weigh in on the County’s comprehensive zoning code (which includes the Reserve) re-write and important legislative initiatives including forest conservation.**
- ✿ **Press forward with a formal County rural schools’ policy that will ensure that Reserve communities are not penalized because they have been preserved and are small, by design.**
- ✿ **Produce a full length film showcasing the Reserve: [Growing Legacy on Metro's Edge.](#)**

### **Current Wish List: For folks who like to donate items rather than funds:**

**3 folding tables for events – 4 – 6 feet long**  
**Clip Boards also for events**  
**Items for silent auction**  
**Banner with MCA name and Logo**  
**Good, used lap top for staff/intern use**