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CountrySide Conservancy Offers Farm Planning Course

Planning and Financing For Your Farm

Peninsula, Ohio – CountrySide Conservancy is offering a class, *Planning and Financing For Your Farm*, designed to assist beginning farmers with creating a business plan and securing financing for their business. The first portion of the class, taught by Tracy Emrick of CountrySide Conservancy, will cover all aspects of planning a farm business, including creating a mission statement, analyzing the competition, marketing, planning your operations, and more. The second portion, taught by Rob Ziemkiewicz of Farm Credit Mid-America, will discuss the importance of record keeping, balance sheets, projections, and what typical lenders look for in a loan candidate, as well as options for non-traditional financing. This class is ideal for beginning farmers, but will also be very beneficial to existing farmers looking to grow their business. *Planning and Financing For Your Farm* will take place Wednesday, June 25, from 6 – 9 p.m. in the meeting hall of Church in the Valley, 2241 Everett Rd, Peninsula 44264.

For more information about this class and others in the CountrySide U curriculum, contact Heather Roszczyk, Education & Marketing Manager, at hroszczyk@cvcountryside.org.

About CountrySide Conservancy

CountrySide Conservancy connects people, food, and land. We manage three thriving farmers' markets; offer educational programming for farmers, backyard gardeners, and home cooks with our CountrySide U courses; and through our CountrySide Initiative program have reestablished working family farms in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. To learn more visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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