

*The Times They Are A'Changin'*  
*Threats to Maryland's Native Plant Communities*

**Maryland Native Plant Society CONFERENCE 2018**

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Saturday September 15

Lecture Hall 105, Public Policy Building,

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:10 **Overview of Threats to Maryland's Flora**  
Jil Swearingen, Board member, MAIPC
- 9:30 **Why Should We Care About Invasive Species?**  
Dr. Vanessa Beauchamp, Associate Professor, Towson University
- 10:15 **Greening Baltimore's Vacant Lots**  
Dr. Christopher Swan, Professor, University of MD – Baltimore County
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 **Invasive Plant Management Decision Systems**  
Art Gover, Invasive species specialist, Penn State University
- 12:00 Lunch in the Library, 7th Floor Open Space
- 1:00 Field Trips – Carpool from the University
- 5:00 Evening Social, Cash Bar, Appetizers, Posters, Treasure Table
- 6:00 Buffet Dinner
- 7:15 **Implications of Climate Change for Plant Physiology**  
Dr. Lew Ziska, Research Plant Physiologist, USDA