

COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS BRPC 5TH THURSDAY DINNER SERIES



Housing opportunity in the Berkshire region is a challenge recognized by more and more communities. In the Southern Berkshires, there is a lack of affordable housing for low to moderate income residents, while residents in urban communities in the Central and Northern Berkshires have ample opportunity but low quality options. The Community Land Trust (CLT) model offers solutions for both contexts. The CLT model is also adaptable to a variety of third-party partnerships with: nonprofit organizations, for-profit administrative agents, local housing authorities and nonprofit housing developers.

Please join **Billie Best**, the Community Land Trust Program Director for the Schumacher Center for a New Economics and President of the Board of Trustees for the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires on **Thursday, October 30** to talk about the CLT model and how it ensures permanent access with long-term affordability, ensuring that the investment is passed on from generation to generation, in perpetuity.

5:30-6:30 PM Cocktail Hour

6:30-8:30 PM Dinner & Speaker



MAZZEO'S RISTORANTE

1015 SOUTH STREET | PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

For Additional Details and Cost Information Please See the Attached Return Sheet

5th Thursday Dinner - October 30, 2014
"Community Land Trusts"

Please remit payment to BRPC, 1 Fenn Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201 prior to the event

Municipality: _____

of Attendees: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please provide the following information for each attendee:

Name(s):

E-mail Address(es):

Municipal Title(s)/Board(s):

Location & Menu

Mazzeo's Ristorante 1015 South Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

Please join us for a family style dinner consisting of the following:

- Italian Salad & Bread**
- Parmigiana Risotto**
- Marinated Beef Tips**
- Grilled Salmon**
- Eggplant Parmigiana**
- Green Bean Almondine**
- Chocolate Bombs**

* Please note on this form if you have special dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate your needs

Cost Information

\$36.00 for Municipal Officials, Municipal Board Members & Guests

Reservations **must** be received by: **October 24, 2012** - Late reservations will not be accepted
Cancellations received after October 24th are non-refundable.

Please RSVP to Linda Ludwig: Lludwig@berkshireplanning.org
Questions to Gwen Miller at gmllder@berkshireplanning.org, (413) 442-1521 x 19 or Tom Matuszko at tmatuszko@berkshireplanning.org or (413) 442-1521 x 34.



SCHUMACHER CENTER for a NEW ECONOMICS

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST PROGRAM 2014-2016

- WHO:** Billie Best is Community Land Trust Program Director for the Schumacher Center for a New Economics and President of the Board of Trustees for the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires. The Schumacher Center is a national educational nonprofit advocating for a more equitable and sustainable economy, and developing guiding principles for model economic programs. CLT in the Southern Berkshires puts those principles into practice by owning and managing land for housing, farms and business on behalf of the community.
- WHAT:** Community Land Trust Program is a multi-year education and outreach initiative advocating for adoption of the CLT model through a process of civic engagement, networking, needs assessment, planning, grassroots organizing, project development, technical support and administrative oversight. This will contribute to a broader knowledgebase, model documents, best practices and other resources to support and empower other similar initiatives locally, nationally and globally.
- WHERE:** We are putting principles into practice in Western Massachusetts through the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires, and in the process building resources to support a national community of practitioners.
- WHY:** The CLT model encourages community investment in the local economy by building synergy between jobs and housing. When the community owns and controls strategic land assets for homes, businesses and farms it can achieve goals like preserving Main Street for locally owned businesses, improving substandard housing, ensuring local farms produce food for local people using good farming practices, establishing sites for community supported industry, and developing strong neighborhoods for fulltime residents with local jobs. This approach to land use builds wealth for the whole community, supporting the workforce, increasing upward mobility and fostering economic resilience.
- HOW:** The CLT model has a democratic membership structure, strong legal mechanisms, carefully designed resale formulas, and dedicated program stewardship to ensure permanent access with long-term affordability. Through the terms of the ground lease and restrictions on the resale of the buildings on the land, the CLT ensures its investment is passed on from generation to generation, in perpetuity. The model is a citizen-led organization designed to adapt to third-party partnerships with nonprofit organizations, for-profit administrative agents, local housing authorities and nonprofit housing developers.