Workshop: Land Trusts, Ag. Easements, Active Use & Conservation
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Since the late 1970’s over 75 state and local government-funded Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) programs have protected over 2.0 million acres of farm and ranch lands across the country. A motivation of some landowners to participate in a PACE program has been to manage and facilitate the transfer of the farm operation to a new generation within the family. Results of studies by the American Farmland Trust exploring the use and application of PACE programs in estate planning and generational transfer, along with case examples of specific farm transfers will be presented and discussed.