



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Jennifer New

Communications and Policy Manager

Marbleseed

jennifer.new@marbleseed.org

888.906.6737

<http://marbleseed.org>

Marbleseed Announces New Location and Theme for 38th Annual Organic Farming Conference

[Spring Valley, WI] — [August 10, 2026] Marbleseed today announced a new venue for its upcoming 38th Annual Organic Farming Conference. One of the Midwest's premier events for small- and mid-scale, diversified, organic, sustainable, and regenerative agriculture will take place at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI, on February 25, 26, and 27, 2027. Allied organizations can hold pre-conference meetings on February 25, and the other two days will be focused on programming.

The Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference brings farmers together to learn, connect, and shape the future of organic agriculture. For nearly four decades, this annual gathering has been a cornerstone of the Midwest's organic movement, uniting farmers, educators, and advocates for hands-on learning, shared wisdom, and community rooted in farmer-led, organic principles.

The new location was chosen for the facility's strong dedication to sustainability and more intimate size that better fits the conference's current scope.

"We are thrilled to bring our flagship event to Lake Lawn Resort for our annual gathering," said Lori Stern, Executive Director of Marbleseed. "We wanted an opportunity to be in a

more residential setting with a smaller number of attendees. Lake Lawn also aligns with our intention of hosting an event with a low carbon footprint.”

The oldest resort in Wisconsin, Lake Lawn Resort has a sustainability policy that includes recycling services, real meal-ware instead of plastics, and low- to no-paper events. It sits on a large, wooded property and has more than two miles of lakefront.

This year’s theme is “Seeding Our Collective Future.” It was chosen to reflect Marbleseed’s dedication to hosting an event that meets its community’s current needs while preparing for a resilient future.

“The farmers that provided us with the legacy of the conference came together around a specific need – learning about organic certification, both the process and production requirements, that they fought to create,” said Stern.

She added that while some of this is still needed, current and future farmers face new challenges. “Today, consolidation and commodification of farmland are among the most pressing issues. We need to work together on this. The conference provides the opportunity to have a unified voice in seeking just, equitable, and durable solutions for access to land to grow healthy food and slowing climate change through organic stewardship,” said Stern.

Clare Hintz, owner of Elsewhere Farm in Herbster, WI, and Marbleseed’s Board President, concurs that generational transfer of land and knowledge is critical at this time.

“Marbleseed is at the forefront of welcoming the next generation of farmers in an environment where growing food is a bold act,” she said. “I don’t know of any other event that not only supports the breadth of knowledge needed to run a diversified farm, but drills down on how all the pieces fit together.”

Marbleseed is accepting proposals for workshops, panels, hands-on presentations, and other sessions through August 28. The proposal form and more information about the new venue and the decision behind it can be found at <http://conference.marbleseed.org>.

Key Event Details:

- **What:** “Seeding Our Collective Future,” Marbleseed’s 38th Organic Farming Conference
- **New Location:** Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
- **Dates:** February 26 & 27, 2027, with pre-conference meeting space available to partner organizations on February 25, 2027

About:

Marbleseed educates, inspires, and empowers farmers to thrive in a sustainable, organic system of agriculture. Established in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Marbleseed is committed to supporting farmers in their transition toward sustainable, organic farming systems that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just.