Did you know there are over 500 known historic cemeteries in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, some dating as far back as the 1600s? Many of these important historic sites are located in the Four Rivers Heritage Area. Perhaps you have one on your property, or have seen one in your neighborhood. Join us for a fascinating and interactive discussion of historic cemeteries. Many of these cemeteries are unmarked and hiding their secrets, remembered only through oral history, while many more are still awaiting rediscovery.

At this half-day symposium you will learn how local historians, genealogists, conservationists, and archaeologists unlock the secrets of these historic cemeteries and find out what measures are in place to protect important commemorative landscapes of our past. Experts in history, archaeology, conservation, preservation, genealogy, and archival research will share their work and discuss best practices in the field to inspire preservation of cemeteries in the Four Rivers Heritage Area. Topics will include researching and documenting old cemetery plots, archaeological methods, legal issues, and physical threats related to climate change and development.

Exclusive tour opportunity for registered attendees!

The Quaker Burying Ground Trustees will open the 17th-century Quaker Burying Ground in Galesville for guided tours between 1:30 and 3:00 pm. Stroll through the oldest cemetery in Anne Arundel County, discuss management challenges with the Trustees, observe conservation challenges, and hear stories of those who are buried there.

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