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**Green Burial Conference Explores Issues, Options and Practicalities
October 11, 2014, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor**

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Ann Arbor, MI – There is quite a buzz about Green Burial in Michigan. The idea is attractive to many but how to achieve it can be elusive. The Michigan Green Burial Conference is your opportunity to think about questions such as: Do you or a loved one want your body to go back to the earth naturally? Are you interested in learning about how to make these services available in your cemetery?

“The natural burial movement is a significant manifestation of the baby boomer generation’s desire to express personal ethics and belief systems about sustainability in the types of burial and memorialization that they choose,” says Jack Goodnoe, conference presenter, landscape architect and cemetery planner. “Accordingly, the philosophical and physical landscape of the American cemetery is changing.”

Other speakers include Barbara Lucas, producer and host of *The Green Room* on CTN and WEMU, who will discuss the impacts of conventional burial on the environment, Michael Mitchell, licensed funeral director, who will demonstrate how to wrap a shroud and other practical aspects of natural burial, and Charles Morris, President of the Green Burial Council International.

A panel of cemetery professionals will discuss their experiences with green burial, including Russell Burns, director of The Preserve at All Saints, a natural burial cemetery in Waterford and Dan Wagner, Board President of Marble Park Cemetery in Milan.

As a bonus, *A Will for the Woods*, the award-winning green burial documentary, will be shown Friday evening, October 10, at 7:30 pm with discussion to follow, and *The Preserve at All Saints* will host a free tour of its natural burial cemetery on Sunday, October 12 from 11 am to 3 pm. A lunch will be included and guests will see first-hand the beauty of a Green Burial Council certified cemetery.

Space is limited!

Tickets for the conference are available at greenburialannarbor.eventbrite.com.

Tickets for the film are at awillforthewoods.eventbrite.com.

For cemetery tour info and registration contact [All Saints](http://AllSaints.org) at 248-623-9633.

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