



# Atiya Wells & Vernon Hustead

## Equity in Nature: Transforming vacant land from blight to BLISS

Hear from Atiya Wells, founder of Backyard Basecamp in Baltimore City, and Vernon Hustead, President of HUSTEAD Landscape Architecture, LLC, as they discuss the importance of equity in greenspace design, creation, and community cultivation. With their BLISS Meadows Project, Backyard Basecamp has reclaimed 10-acres of vacant land in their neighborhood to be used as a place for environmental education and community greenspace.

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**LECTURE**

**SERIES**

**February 28, 2022**

**PLSC Building: RM  
1140**

**Time:**

**12PM**

**[UMD Zoom](#)**

**Graduate student  
lunch w/ speakers**

**1PM**

**PLSC RM 2107/2109**

**Atiya Wells** is the Founder and Executive Director of Backyard Basecamp, Inc. - a nonprofit with a mission to (re)connect Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to land and nature.

**Vernon Hustead** is President of HUSTEAD Landscape Architecture, LLC. (HLA). HLA is best known for their environmental design strategies and low impact development projects. HLA is a leader in the Anne Arundel and Eastern Shore areas in promoting the use of native plantings that blend in with the surrounding landscapes, sustainable practices and stormwater management designs.



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