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## **Facilitated Discussion: Strategies for Supporting Small Farms** **FACILITATOR**



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Lillian “Ebonie” Alexander, Executive Director of the Black Family Land Trust, Inc. (BFLT). The BFLT is a niche land trust and one of the nation’s only regional land trust dedicated to the preservation and protection of African-American and other historically underserved landowners land assets. Ebonie designed and implemented the African American Land Ethic© and Wealth Retention and Asset Protection (WRAP) programs. During her tenure the BFLT acquired four easements throughout North Carolina and has one pending closing in Virginia. Ebonie currently serves on the boards of the American Farmland Trust (AFT), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Virginia United Land Trust (VaULT) and the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA). In 2018 the BFLT formed a partnership with the Virginia Bar Association to form a Pro Bono Legal Advisory to focus on heirs’ property issues in Virginia. In 2020 the BFLT was one of the lead organizations in Virginia to successfully have the Uniform Partition for Heirs Property Act passed and signed into law. Also, in 2020 Ebonie worked with a coalition of organizations in Mississippi to the adopted Uniform Partition for Heirs Property Act. In 2022 she worked with another coalition testifying before the Maryland General Assembly on behalf of their successful legislation to adopt the Uniform Partition for Heirs Property Act. Ebonie received the 2020 Gerald P. McCarthy Award for Leadership in Environmental Conflict Resolution from The Institute for Engagement &

Negotiation at the University of Virginia. And in 2022 Ebonie was awarded the 2022 Kingsbury Browne Conservation Leadership Award by the National Land Trust Alliance. A native of Maryland, Ebonie lives in rural Virginia on land that has been in her family for generations. She is a proud Virginian, avid reader and lover of history and grandmother of two. Ebonie can trace her family's history in Virginia to the mid-1750's.