

**You are Invited:  
Award-winning director Josh Fox hosting  
Gasland movie screening & discussion**

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**Tuesday, November 1, 2011 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Enoch Pratt Free Library  
400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Wheeler Auditorium - 3rd floor  
Free to public, donations accepted, parking free on street after 6 p.m. or paid parking at  
15 W. Franklin garage.  
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Did you know that you are standing on top of the Saudi Arabia of natural gas and  
natural gas drillers want to start hydrofracturing (fracking) Maryland's shale today.

**But is fracking safe? Could fracking chemicals find their way into the  
Susquehanna and Potomac rivers and poison the Baltimore and Washington D.C.  
area's water supply? [Gasland](#) chronicles a controversial topic about your  
family's drinking water right here in Baltimore.**

When filmmaker **Josh Fox** is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-  
country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination through our  
country's natural gas drilling world, now dubbed Gasland. Josh Fox will lead a lively  
post-movie discussion sharing his experiences and news of the Gasland 2 sequel.

**Why does this matter to you?**

Hydrofracturing, a.k.a fracking, has been on fire in Pennsylvania and other states. Oil  
companies are knocking on Maryland's door to drill for natural gas in Western Maryland.  
Fracking is a way to release the impossible-to-find gas buried miles down in the  
Marcellus shale. Oil companies shoot water and toxic chemicals into the shale and  
bring the natural gas and the fracking water and chemicals back to the surface.

**Coming to a faucet near you?**

Knowing the facts about fracking is important because the Susquehanna River, which  
runs through Pennsylvania's fracking fields (5,000+ wells), is the Baltimore-area's back-  
up water source. Because Baltimore's water source and watershed are good, our local  
water treatment plant is not designed to clean out chemicals if the Susquehanna is  
tarnished. What happens in Pennsylvania, may not stay in PA?

Also, if Maryland eliminates the current fracking moratorium, Western Maryland is part  
of the Potomac river's watershed which feeds the D.C. area's drinking water supply.  
Given the drilling method and chemicals used in fracking, the lack of regulation and the  
possible upsides, fracking is a highly controversial topic that concerns your drinking  
water, politics, economic policy and the U.S. energy policy.

**Watch the Gasland movie screening on November 1, 2011, engage in Josh Fox's  
post-movie discussion and make up your mind about fracking and it's future role  
in Maryland.**

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