

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2018-13**

BILL NO. 2018-12

Title of Bill: Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Herring Creek Farm

Synopsis: A Bill to approve the application of Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on: July 17, 2018

Public hearing scheduled for: August 21, 2018 at: 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: September 4, 2018

By: _____
Council Manager

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on (dates), a public hearing was held on (date), and concluded on (date).

By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-501-502 of the Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of
2 Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) was established in the
3 Department of Agriculture to protect agricultural land and woodland as open-space land; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-504.1(a), in each county containing productive agricultural land,
5 the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation board; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body
7 with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts and the approval of purchases of easements by
8 the Foundation within the County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(1-2) one or more owners of land actively devoted to
10 agricultural use may file a petition with the county governing body requesting the purchase of an easement
11 by the Foundation on the land owned by the applicants; and said application shall be referred to the county
12 agricultural land preservation board and to the county planning and zoning body; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body
14 as to whether or not the land in the proposed district or proposed easement meets the qualifications
15 established by MALPF; and whether or not the board recommends establishment of the district; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the county planning and zoning board shall advise the local governing body as to
17 whether or not establishment of the district is compatible with existing and approved county plans and
18 overall county policy, and whether or not the planning and zoning body recommends establishment of the
19 district; and

20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(3) if either the county agricultural land preservation board
21 or the planning and zoning body recommends approval, the county governing body shall hold a public
22 hearing on the application;

23 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(5) the county governing body shall render a decision as to
24 whether or not the petition or application shall be recommended to MALPF for approval; and

25 **WHEREAS**, if the county governing body decides to recommend approval of the petition or
26 application, it shall notify MALPF and forward the petition or application and all accompanying materials,
27 including the recommendations of the county agricultural land preservation board and county planning and
28 zoning body; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has recommended
30 approval of the application of Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid
31 18, Parcel 3); and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning has recommended approval of the
33 application of Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3);
34 and

35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
36 the application by Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3)
37 is hereby recommended; and

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the petition be forwarded to the Maryland Agricultural Land
39 Preservation Foundation for their approval.

40 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it
41 becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager