

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-15

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2019

Title of Resolution: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2020

Synopsis: A Resolution to approve seventeen applications as FY 2020 Application Finalists to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: August 6, 2019

Consideration scheduled on: September 17, 2019

By: 
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by August 6, 2019 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on September 17, 2019.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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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
5 land, the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation board; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing
7 body with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts; and to approve or disapprove an
8 application for certification; 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 establishment of an
11 agricultural district or an application for the purchase of an easement by the Foundation; and shall
12 refer the petition or application to the county agricultural land preservation board and to the county
13 planning and zoning body; and

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

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

22 **WHEREAS**, if either the county agricultural land preservation board or the planning and zoning
23 body recommends approval, the county governing body shall hold a public hearing on the petition or
24 application;

25 **WHEREAS**, the county governing body shall render a decision as to whether or not the petition
26 or application shall be recommended to MALPF for approval; and

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

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has recommended
32 approval of seventeen applications, and

33 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning has recommended approval of
34 seventeen applications, and

35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
36 **MARYLAND**, that seventeen applications be approved as the FY 2020 Maryland Agriculture Land
37 Preservation Foundation Application Finalists; and

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this
39 list of finalists be forwarded to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for their
40 approval.

41 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
42 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County,
43 Maryland.

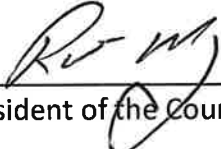
INTRODUCED: August 6, 2019

ADOPTED: September 17, 2019

ATTEST:



Council Manager



President of the Council