

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-19**

**BILL NO. 2019-20**

**Title of Bill:** Agricultural Preservation District - William and Wanda Creeger - Hidden Valley Farm

**Synopsis:** A Bill to approve the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcels 155), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** October 1, 2019

**Public hearing scheduled on:** November 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** November 19, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by Date at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on Date and Date, 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 to approve or disapprove an application for  
8 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; and shall refer the petition or application to the county agricultural land preservation  
12 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 body 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  
19 the district; and

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

22           **WHEREAS**, the county governing body shall render a decision as to whether or not an agricultural  
23 district shall be established for this petition or application; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services has  
25 recommended approval of the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson  
26 Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcel 155); and

27           **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has recommended  
28 approval of the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road, Rising  
29 Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcel 155 ); and

30           **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the petition  
31 William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres  
32 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcel 155); and

33           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section A385-3 Standards, in Chapter A385. Purchase of Development  
34 Rights Program and Fund, in the Code of Cecil County, the Cecil County Purchase of Development Rights  
35 Program allows a landowner the option of establishing an agricultural preservation district, a minimum of  
36 five-year agreement by the landowner not to develop the land and sets standards.

37           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
38 **MARYLAND**, that the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road,  
39 Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map11, Grid 9, Parcel 155) is approved for  
40 the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

41           **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it  
42 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.

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BY Council Manager