COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2021-13

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2021

Title of Resolution: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2022

Synopsis: A Resolution to approve twelve applications as FY 2022 Application Finalists to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: July 6, 2021

Scheduled for consideration on: <u>July 20, 2021</u>

By: James Wassey
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by <u>July 6, 2021</u> at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on July 20, 2021.

By: School Manager Council Manager

Explanation:

<u>CAPITAL LETTERS</u> INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT

Strike through indicates language deleted from existing document Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-501-502 of the Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of
Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) was established in the
Department of Agriculture to protect agricultural land and woodland as open-space land; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-504.1(a), in each county containing productive agricultural land,
the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation board; and
WHEREAS, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body
with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts; and to approve or disapprove an application for
certification; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(1-2) one or more owners of land actively devoted to
agricultural use may file a petition with the county governing body requesting the establishment of an
agricultural district or an application for the purchase of an easement by the Foundation; and shall refer the
petition or application to the county agricultural land preservation board and to the county planning and
zoning body; and
WHEREAS, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body
as to whether or not the land in the proposed district or proposed easement meets the qualifications
established by MALPF; and whether or not the board recommends establishment of the district or the
purchase of the easement; and
WHEREAS, the county planning and zoning body shall advise the local governing body as to whether
or not establishment of the district or the proposed easement is compatible with existing and approved
county plans and overall county policy, and whether or not the planning and zoning body recommends
establishment of the district; and
WHEREAS, if either the county agricultural land preservation board or the planning and zoning body
recommends approval, the county governing body shall hold a public hearing on the petition or application
and
WHEREAS, the county governing body shall render a decision as to whether or not the petition or
application shall be recommended to MALPF for approval; and

WHEREAS, if the county governing body decides to recommend approval of the petition or

application, it shall notify MALPF and forward the petition or application and all accompanying materials,

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including the recommendations of the county agricultural land preservation board and county planning and 29 30 zoning body; and WHEREAS, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has recommended 31 32 approval of twelve applications, and WHEREAS, the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services, Planning and 33 Zoning Division has recommended approval of twelve applications, and 34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, 35 MARYLAND, that twelve applications be approved as the FY 2022 Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation 36 Foundation Application Finalist. 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this list 38 of finalists be forwarded to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for their approval. 39 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this 40 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage. 41

INTRODUCED: July 6, 2021

ADOPTED: July 20, 2021

President of the Coup

Attest:

James Wassy Council Manager