

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022-21**

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2022

Title of Resolution: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2023

Synopsis: A Resolution to approve twelve applications as FY 2023 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: October 4, 2022

Consideration scheduled on: October 18, 2022

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by (date) at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on (date).

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-501-502 of the Agriculture Article of the
2 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
3 (MALPF) was established in the Department of Agriculture to protect agricultural land and
4 woodland as open-space land; and

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

8 **WHEREAS**, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county
9 governing body with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts; and to approve
10 or disapprove an application for certification; and

11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(1-2) one or more owners of land actively
12 devoted to agricultural use may file a petition with the county governing body requesting
13 the establishment of an agricultural district or an application for the purchase of an
14 easement by the Foundation; and shall refer the petition or application to the county
15 agricultural land preservation board and to the county planning and zoning body; and

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

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

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

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

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

34 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has
35 recommended approval of sixteen applications; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services,
37 Planning and Zoning Division has recommended approval of sixteen applications; and

38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL**
39 **COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that sixteen applications be approved as the FY 2023 Maryland
40 Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation Application Finalists.

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

44 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
45 **MARYLAND**, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: October 4, 2022

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

President of the Council

Council Manager