

**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 sixteen 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.  
~~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  
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.l(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:

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President of the Council

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Council Manager