

**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 of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution having been posted by (date) at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on (dates), a public hearing was held on (date) and concluded 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 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

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29 materials, including the recommendations of the county agricultural land preservation board and  
30 county planning and zoning body; and

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: \_\_\_\_\_**

ATTEST:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

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President of the Council