

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2016-02

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2016

Title of Resolution: Rural Legacy Program - Prioritization

Synopsis: A Resolution to approve the ranking of applications of two Rural Legacy Areas for submission to the Department of Natural Resources. Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area will be first and the Sassafras Rural Legacy Area will be second.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the Department of Planning and Zoning

Introduced and ordered posted: January 19, 2016

Scheduled for consideration: February 2, 2016

By: _____
Council Manager

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By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, § 5-9A-04 – Natural Resources Article, the
2 Rural Legacy Board has the authority to adopt regulations to implement the Rural Legacy Program as
3 established in Md. Code Ann., § 5-9A; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Rural Legacy Board has promulgated regulations for the application, evaluation and
5 process of Rural Legacy applications as more fully set forth in the Code of Maryland (COMAR) Title 08,
6 Subtitle 05, Chapter 01, Regulation 01; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the evaluation criteria was established under the provisions of COMAR 08.05.01.01, and
8 said criteria requires counties with multiple Rural Legacy Areas to rank said Rural Legacy Areas; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area and a portion of the Agricultural Security Corridor -
10 Sassafras Focus Area (Sassafras Rural Legacy Area) are both located within Cecil County; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a request for a prioritization letter has been requested by both the Rural Legacy Area
12 sponsors in order to complete their applications; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the application of the Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area includes Cecil County properties
14 exclusively, and the application of the Sassafras Rural Legacy area includes Cecil County properties and
15 properties in other jurisdictions; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning staff has recommended and the
17 County Executive has determined that the Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area shall be Cecil County's top priority for
18 the Fiscal Year 2017 Rural Legacy applications.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, that
20 the Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area shall be the County's top priority for the Fiscal Year 2017 Rural Legacy
21 applications.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
23 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: January 19, 2016

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager