COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 19

Resolution No. 42-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair (by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, October 21, 2024

RESOLUTION approving the application of Land Preserve, LLC to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 84.55 acres in Edgewater, Maryland

WHEREAS, Land Preserve, LLC has made application (the "Land Preserve Application") to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (the "Foundation") to sell an agricultural land preservation easement on real properties identified as follows: 1) parcel comprised of 79.55 acres, more or less, known as 305 Mill Swamp Road in Edgewater, Maryland, and described as "Parcel No. 1" in a deed dated October 31, 2014, recorded in the land records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland ("Land Records"), in Book 27769, Page 191 (hereinafter "Parcel 1"); and 2) parcel comprised of 4.892 acres, more or less, known as (unnumbered) Mill Swamp Road in Edgewater, Maryland, and described in a deed dated January 20, 2017, recorded in the Land Records in Book 30560, Page 151 (hereinafter "Parcel 2"), and both Parcels 1 and 2 are shown generally on Exhibit 1, a copy of which is attached hereto (collectively, the "Land Preserve Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 2, Subtitle 5 of the Agriculture Article of the State Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the County governing body is required to advise the Foundation as to a local recommendation of approval or disapproval of the Land Preserve Application; and

WHEREAS, in deciding whether to approve the Land Preserve Application, the County governing body is to receive the recommendation of the Office of Planning and Zoning and the County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (the "Board") based on criteria and standards identified in Title 2, Subtitle 5 of the Agriculture Article of the State Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, the Board, and the County Executive have recommended approval of the Land Preserve Application; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that approval of the Land Preserve Application is in the best interest of the citizens of Anne Arundel County; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby approves the recommendation of approval of the Land Preserve Application to sell an agricultural land preservation easement on the Land Preserve Property to the Foundation; and be it further

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Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman; Eddie Franceschi, Agricultural and Woodland Preservation Program Manager at the Office of Planning and Zoning; and Michelle Cable, Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

READ AND PASSED this 4th day of November, 2024

By Order:

Kaley Schultze Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 42-24 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Allison Pickard Chair

