



## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

May 19, 2015

Dear County Executive Leggett:

Noxious Weeds in Front of the Up-County Regional  
Services Center

The Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC met on May 19, 2015 and we continued our discussion in opposition to Bill 52-14 Pesticides-Notice Requirements-Non-Essential Pesticides-Prohibitions. The AAC does not believe the County Government can afford to implement this law given the fiscal impact statement shows "a six year total of \$12,804,070 for M-NCPPC as part of converting maintenance practices on current fields to allowable practices under Bill 52-14."

The Committee acknowledges that Bill 52-14 provides an exemption for the control of Noxious Weeds as outlined in section 33B-10 Exceptions and Exemptions. This exemption is important because there are Noxious Weeds (Thistle) growing in the flower beds in front of the Up-County Regional Services Center where the AAC meets each month. We have contacted the staff of the Up-County Regional Services Center regarding these weeds and it is our understanding the staff contacted the County Building Services to remove them.

The agricultural community must constantly battle the growth of noxious weeds because the Maryland Department of Agriculture requires noxious weeds must be controlled or eradicated on all properties (public or private) in the State as outlined in the attached notice. Please help us to make sure that Montgomery County complies with the State Noxious Weed Control Law.

The AAC would like to thank you for this opportunity to present our continued opposition on Bill 52-14 and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Weitzer, Chairman

Members of the Montgomery County Council

Cathy Mathews, Director, Up County Regional Services Center



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Noxious Weed Control Program

April 13, 2015

Dear Landowner/Property Manager:

Just a reminder that the growing season has started, which means noxious weeds have started growing as well!

Last year we noted noxious weed problems on many properties. Now's the time to plan ahead before thistle and Johnsongrass get out of control.

With the winter that we just experienced, we expect a very active growing season for noxious weeds.

Please contact our office for specific recommendations. We will be glad to work with you to prevent future problems with noxious weeds, such as thistle and Johnsongrass, as well as other invasive weeds.

Montgomery County Weed Control Program

My telephone mobile number is **301-503-6024**

Thank You!

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Weed Control Coordinator