

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2016

The Honorable Craig Rice Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council Member Rice: October 10, 2016 Community Meeting on the

Agricultural Reserve

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter as our sincere thanks and appreciation for scheduling the October 10, 2016 Community Meeting on the Agricultural Reserve.

We were very pleased with the turnout of farmers and residents that live in the agricultural community.

The discussion and questions raised during the meeting demonstrate how residents are very interested in learning more about the Agricultural Reserve including new ways for generating additional farm income.

The discussion regarding the need for more agricultural education was very encouraging and we offer our assistance to help you and the Education Committee of the County Council as expanded agricultural education for Montgomery County is discussed in the future.

It is exciting for agriculture and the broader community to have you, the University of Maryland Shady Grove, and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture coming together to develop the possibilities of new higher education opportunities to the broader community.

Thank you again for the Community Meeting on the Agricultural Reserve and please let us know how we can assist you.

Sincerely,



