

2013 Report of the



Agricultural Advisory Committee



**2013 Annual Report
Agricultural Advisory Committee
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ARTICLE 6. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Sec. 2B-21. Agricultural Advisory Committee.

(a) *Definition.* In this Section, “Committee” means the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

(b) *Established.* The Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the Council, an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

(c) *Composition; Term.*

(1) The Committee has 15 voting members.

(2) The Executive should appoint:

(A) 12 members to a 3-year term who are bona fide farmers who represent the total farm community and reflect a variety of farm sizes, geographical locations and agricultural projects, at least 3 of whom must be owner-operators of commercial farm land earning 50% or more of their income from farming, and including:

(i) 1 farm economist; and

(ii) 1 conservationist; and

(B) 3 members who have no significant direct financial interest in farming, to a 1-year term to represent broad non-farm County interests. These members may be appointed to successive terms.

(3) The Committee may designate ex-officio members as necessary.

(4) If a member is appointed to fill a vacancy before a term expires, the successor serves the rest of the unexpired term.

(d) *Officers, meetings, and compensation.*

(1) The Committee must elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members.

(2) The Committee meets at the call of the Chair. The Committee must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than 10 times each year.

(3) A member serves without compensation. However, a member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

(e) *Duties.*

(1) The Committee must:

(A) advise the Executive and Council on all matters affecting agriculture in the County;

(B) bring matters of particular importance to the attention of the Executive and Council;
and

(C) comment on matters referred to it by the Executive and Council.

(f) *Annual Report*. By January 30 of each year, the Committee must submit to the Executive and Council an annual report that:

(1) outlines the activities undertaken the previous calendar year;

(2) identifies problems affecting agriculture in the County; and

(3) make recommendations for government programs that may be necessary to maintain a healthy agricultural economy in the County.

(g) *Advocacy*. The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office fo Intergovernmental Relations.

(h) *Staff*. The Chief Administrative Officer must provide appropriate staff to the Committee. ([2009 L.M.C., ch. 26](#), § 1; [2010 L.M.C., ch. 49](#), § 1.)

Editor's note—[2009 L.M.C., ch. 26](#), § 2, states: Transition. Section [2B-21](#), as added by Sec. 1 of this Act, establishes an Agricultural Advisory Committee. This Committee continues the Agricultural Advisory Committee created under Council Resolution 7-1138 and restructured under Council Resolution 8-705. The County Executive may reappoint, subject to Council confirmation, the members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Executive should continue to stagger the terms of the members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee so that approximately one-third of the terms continue to expire each year.

**Listing of 2013 Projects and Accomplishments for the
Agricultural Advisory Committee**

1. Submitted recommendations to the County Executive regarding new appointments (farmers & non-farmer members) for 2013.
2. Provided input and recommendations to the Planning Board on the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04 to address the remaining agricultural issues including the needs of farmers by amending the accessory uses to farming and conditions in agricultural zones.
3. Responded back to DOT on the 2011 Bridge Inventory that showed many rural bridges have exceeded their useful life and need to be replaced. Recommended to the DOT a process for farmers to obtain waivers from weight restricted bridges for the movement of farm equipment and farm trucks due to the proposed detour once Whites Ferry Road west of Poolesville is closed.
4. Provided recommendations to the County Council for Bill 34-12 Stormwater Management-Water Quality including the request from the MSCD for WQPC funding to increase technical assistance to farmers. Facilitated letters of support from the County Executive to the MSCD to request DEP to allocate WQPC funds to the MSCD.
5. Provided recommendations to the County Council on Bill 41-12 Streets and Roads-Roadside Trees-protections. Coordinated with the County Farm Bureau to provide Council testimony for improving tree trimming along County roads.
6. Participated in the Conference-Farming at Metro's Edge – Sustaining Agriculture in Frederick & Montgomery Counties. 250 people attended including 50 farmers and agricultural representatives. Participated in the drafting of the final report for the FAME conference that was publically released on September 16, 2013.
7. Provided recommendations to the County Council on Bill 35-12 Trees-Tree Canopy Conservation.
8. Provided technical assistance to new farmer pilot program participants.
9. Participated with the County Council Proclamation for National Agriculture Day-March 19, 2013
10. Participated in the Annual Farmer's Market Masters Meeting and WIC/FMNP Training-March 18, 2013.
11. Participated and contributed to the final publication titled-What our Region Grows-Council of Governments-COG Agricultural Work Group-March 27, 2013.

12. Attended the Annual Meeting with the County Executive, AAC, and APAB-April 9, 2013. Lobbied on behalf of the MSCD to gain CE support for WQPC funding allocated to the MSCD for increasing technical assistance to farmers.
13. Attended the Maryland Agriculture Commission Tour of Howard and Montgomery Counties and the public meeting-April 10, 2013.
14. Presented Public Hearing testimony to the County Council on ZTA 13-04 Zoning Rewrite-June 11, 2013. Participated in the PHED Committee Work Sessions on the ZTA 13-04 Zoning Rewrite-June 14, 2013.
15. Coordinated letters of support between Council Member Roger Berliner and the County Executive recommending the expanded high speed internet access as part of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast-June 13, 2013.
16. Participated in the University of Maryland-Extension Strategic Plan for Extension organization over the next five years-July 18, 2013.
17. Sponsored the 24th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale event-July 27 and 28, 2013 and 13 farms participated. The Farm Tour demonstrates the County's participation in the MD Buy Local Campaign that occurs on the same weekend.
18. Participated with the County Council Proclamation for National Farmers Market Week-July 30, 2013.
19. Participated in the Annual Agricultural Fair with displays set-up from DED Agricultural Services and Soil Conservation District-August 9-17, 2013.
20. Developed the program for the Agricultural Leaders Luncheon-August 12, 2013.
21. Facilitated continued discussion between the MSCD and DEP regarding the request for WQPC funding to increase technical assistance provided by the MSCD-August 20, 2013.
22. Hosted the August 20, 2013 AAC meeting where the Director of DEP Bob Hoyt and Steve Shofar attended to discuss the MSCD funding request of WQPC funding allocated to the MSCD.
23. Developed an August 30, 2013 letter to the UM of Chancellor, President, Provost, and Dean-College of Agriculture for increasing resources to fund the Agronomy Educator Position that has been vacant since July 2010 when Doug Tregoning retired.
24. Participated in the Annual Soil Conservation District Cooperators Dinner-September 5, 2013.

25. Participated in the T&E Committee Work Session to discuss a proposed Band on the use of Pesticides-September 9, 2013.
26. Participated in the Food Recovery Work Group and Report presented to the County Council on September 10, 2013. The final report recommended new ways to direct food non-edible food for feeding to livestock or composting to generate additional farm income.
27. Provided Testimony to the Planning Board regarding the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment for the Ten Mile Creek Watershed-September 10, 2013.
28. Participated with the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Farm to Table Dinner-September 20, 2013.
29. Participated in the Annual Poolesville Day-September 21, 2013.
30. Coordinated the Grand Opening of Woodbourne Creamery at Rock Hill Orchard-the first new dairy operation in Montgomery County in over 60 years-November 18, 2013.
31. Cosponsored with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service-ARS, UM-Extension the High Tunnel Listening Session to promote the use of Greenhouses and High Tunnels-December 3, 2013.
32. Presented Testimony to the County Council regarding the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment on Ten Mile Creek Watershed-December 5, 2013.
33. Conducted a Joint meeting of the AAC, APAB and the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed Rustic Roads Guidelines-December 17, 2013.
34. Provided testimony on MC 5-14 Montgomery County-Archery Hunting-Safety Zone of 50 yards.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee
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1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from December 18, 2012.
3. Follow up Discussion regarding Orientation of new AAC members:
4. Update on the MNCPPC-Planning Board Work Sessions on Remaining Issues-AAC letter dated January 4, 2013 Remaining Agricultural issues.
5. Follow up from the Agricultural Reserve Conference-Farming at Metro's Edge- January 11-12, 2013
6. County Bills for the AAC to review:

Bill 34-12 Stormwater Management-Water Quality Protection Charge-Public Hearing
January 15, 2013@ 1:30 pm-Montgomery Soil Conservation District testimony
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4131&meta_id=43562

Bill 41-12 Streets and Roads-Roadside Trees –Protections-Public Hearing
January 17, 2013@ 7:30 pm-Montgomery County Farm Bureau testimony
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=841&meta_id=44053

Bill 35-12 Trees-Tree Canopy Conservation-Public Hearing January 17, 2013 @ 7:30 pm
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4131&meta_id=43563

7. Update on new Appointments to the AAC
8. Discussion on the Montgomery County 2011 Bridge Inventory-Process to request waiver for weight restricted bridge.
9. The AAC is scheduled to meet on February 19, 2013 @ 7:00pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

MDA Annual Buyer-Grower Expo-January 22, 2013@ 9:00am
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Bd of Directors February 5, 2013@7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District-February 8, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-February 12, 2013@7:30pm
Agricultural Advisory Committee-February 19, 2013@7:00pm
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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda –February 19, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from January 15, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up Discussion regarding Orientation of new AAC members and 2012 Annual Report that is posted on the Ag Services web site.
http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/ded/agsservices/pdf/files/aac_annual_reports/aacannualreport2012.pdf
4. Update on the MNCPPC-Planning Board Work Sessions on Remaining Issues-The Planning Board will transmit the final report the County Council-The PHED is scheduled to discuss the Rewrite on March 22, 2013.
5. Related Tree Bill-Follow up from the January 28, 2013 T & E Committee Work session and the Meeting with Council member Roger Berliner on February 6, 2013-(See Attachments B.)

Bill 41-12 Streets and Roads-Roadside Trees –Exemptions for Prescriptive ROW
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=841&meta_id=44053

Bill 35-12 Trees-Tree Canopy Conservation-Exemptions for Ag uses and activities
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4131&meta_id=43563

Expedited Bill 1-13 Erosion and Sediment Control- Amendments- Definition of Agricultural Management Practice and treatment of logging and Timber harvests.
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4470&meta_id=45048
6. Update on new Appointments to the AAC.
7. Discussion on the Montgomery County 2011 Bridge Inventory-Request Annual Waiver for weight restricted bridge-Public meeting- February 26, 2013 @ 7:00 Poolesville Elementary School-Whites Ferry Road bridges construction scheduled during the summer of 2014- (See Attachments C.)
8. Information on Solar for agribusiness-(See Attachment D.)
9. A total of 30 Applicants for the New Farmer Pilot Project are participating in the training courses led by UME-Chuck Schuster and the third was last Tuesday. These training courses have been well received by those in attendance. Two of the applicants are working closely to secure leases with property owners to start production this spring.

10. The AAC is scheduled to meet on March 19, 2013 @ 7:00pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee February 19, 2013@7:00 pm
Public Meeting-Whites Ferry Road Bridges February 26@7:00pm Poolsville Elem.
Winter Agronomy Meeting February 27, 2013@9:00am Urbana Fire Hall
Public Safety Committee-Deer Management-February 28, 2013@9:00am
Montgomery Weed Control Annual Meeting-March 14, 2013@9:30am
Montgomery County Farmers Market meeting-March 18, 2013@9:30am
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**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda – March 19, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from February 19, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up from today's County Council Proclamation for National Agriculture Day
4. Follow up from the Public Meeting in Poolesville on Whites Ferry Road bridges- (See Attachment B.)
5. Status of the T& E Committee on Tree related Bills 41-12 and 35-12-(See Attachments C.)
6. Status of the New Appointments to the AAC-(See Attachment D.)
7. Annual Meeting with the County Executive-April 9, 2013@8:00pm-(See Attachment E.) We need to know how many of the AAC members intend on attending and what items should we discuss with the County Executive
8. Next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday April 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

COG Agricultural Work Group-March 27, 2013@12:00pm-See Final Report Handed Out
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.-April 2, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-April 9, 2013@7:30pm
Annual Meeting with County Executive-April 9, 2013@8:00pm
MD Agriculture Commission Tour of Howard-Montgomery-April 10, 2013
MD/VA Agricultural Marketing Prof-AMPS-April 11-12, 2013
Montgomery Soil Conservation District-April 12, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-April 16, 2013@7:00 pm
Montgomery County Food Policy Council-April 17, 2013@4:00pm

**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda – April 16, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from March 19, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up from the Annual meeting with the County Executive. (See Attachment B.)
4. Status of the T& E Committee on Tree related Bills: (See Attachments C.)

Bill 41-12 –Roadside Trees-Protections-
Bill 35-12- Tree Canopy Conservation-
Bill 1-13-MSCD

5. Follow up from the MD Agriculture Commission Tour of Howard and Montgomery.
6. Update on the Zoning Rewrite Process

PHED Committee-April 5, 2013
Planning Board Public Hearing April 23, 2013
Planning Board Work Session April 25, 2013

7. Please note the next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown and Jeremy Criss cannot attend.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Montgomery County Food Policy Council-April 17, 2013@4:00pm
Montgomery Co Builders Association-April 17, 2013@8:00am
PHED Committee-DED FY14 Budget-April 19, 2013@2:00pm
MNCPPC-Zoning Rewrite Public Hearing-April 23, 2013
MNCPPC-Zoning Rewrite Work Session-April 25, 2013
UCCAB Land Use Committee-April 29, 2013@7:00pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.-May 7, 2013@7:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District-May 10, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-May 14, 2013@7:30pm
Agricultural Advisory Committee-May 21, 2013@7:00 pm???

No May Meeting



Isiah Leggett
County Executive



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda – June 18, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from April 16, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up letter to the County Executive from the April 9, 2013 meeting. (See Attachment B.)
4. Follow up from the June 11, 2013 Public Hearing on ZTA 13-04 Zoning Ordinance-Revised. (See Attachment C.). The Council public hearing scheduled about 60 speakers, including representatives from towns and neighborhood associations, developers, property owners, advocacy groups and others testified. Concerns that repeatedly came up during testimony include:

- Changes regarding animal husbandry (particularly chickens)
- The speed at which the zoning rewrite is moving forward, potentially at the risk of adequate study of effects and public participation
- Retaining the character of single family neighborhoods, with an emphasis on the new building types concept (particularly general buildings in single family neighborhoods)
- Creating more sustainable development (particularly in terms of parking)
- Affordable housing; questioning if the new code did enough to promote more in the County

Others complimented many aspects of the new code, especially its reorganization and clarification/simplification of the current code and certain efforts to modernize the current code. The PHED committee began work sessions on the zoning ordinance rewrite on Friday, June 14, 2013. Click on the link to access the staff packet.

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/cm/2013/130614/20130614_PHED2.pdf

5. Proposed Bill 13-13 Impervious Area and ZTA 13-03 Impervious Area-proposes new defined term permeable pavement- Public hearing June 18, 2013 @ 1:30 pm. The MSCD was assigned to participate in the public hearing and Council Work sessions and take the lead on this issue. (See Attachment D. June 17, 2013 email from MSCD)
6. The County Council approved \$200,000 as part of the FY14 Operating Budget and allocated the funding to the DHHS for improving efforts for Food Recovery and Montgomery County Farmer's Markets. There are 22 markets for 2013 and the proposal to promote EBT machines

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for SNAP customers will help seven of the markets-Rockville, Cross Roads, Takoma Park, Burtonsville, Wheaton, Silver Spring, and Shady Grove.

7. Discussion surrounding the June 13, 2013 letter from Roger Berliner to the County Executive-Franchise Agreement between the County government and Comcast-High speed internet access for rural residents-(See Attachment E.)

8. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

PHED Committee Work Session-ZTA13-04-June 21, 2013@ 9:30 am
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-July 2, 2013 @7:00 pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-July 9, 2013@7:00 pm
Agricultural Advisory Committee-July 18, 2013
Food Recovery Work Group-July 25, 2013 @ 9:00 pm
Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale- July 27-28, 2013
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Week August 9-17, 2013
Agricultural Leaders Luncheon-Monday-August 12, 2013

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – July 16, 2013

1. Introductions:
 2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from June 18, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
 3. Follow up from the Annual meeting with the County Executive and the CE recommendation to coordinate with the Department of Environment Protection-Water Quality Protection Fund that is used for Storm Water Management activities. (See Attachment B.)
 4. AAC response letter to the County Executive regarding the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. (See Attachments C.)
- Update on the Zoning Ordinance Revisions-ZTA13-04-Discussions from the June and July PHED Committee Work sessions
5. AAC thank you letter to Jane Seigler for representing the agricultural community on the Zoning Advisory Panel-Zoning Ordinance Revisions. (See Attachment D.)
 6. 24th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale July 27-28, 2013. (Brochures handed out)
 7. University of Maryland Extension public meeting July 18, 2013 @6-8:30 pm-Strategic Plan for Extension organization over the next five years. (See Attachment E.)
 8. Maryland MDA and SHA Ag-Tourism Signing Program. (See Attachment F.)
 9. County Council Proclamation for National Farmer's Market week-Tuesday July 30, 2013@ 9:30 am
 10. Please note the next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday August 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

PHED Committee Work Sessions-ZTA13-04-The Month of July
UM-Extension Strategic Plan-July 18, 2013@ 6:00-8:30 pm-AHFP
Food Recovery Work Group-July 25, 2013 @ 9:00 pm
Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale- Saturday and Sunday July 27-28, 2013
Proclamation for National Farmer's Market Week-July 30, 2013
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-August meeting cancelled
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-August meeting cancelled
Montgomery Soil Conservation District-August meeting cancelled
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Week August 9-17, 2013
Agricultural Leaders Luncheon-August 12, 2013
Agricultural Advisory Committee-August 20, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – August 20, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from July 16, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Discussion with Department of Environmental Protection representatives-The County Executive recommendation to consult with the Department of Environment Protection on the Water Quality Protection Fund-WQPF used for Storm Water Management activities and explore allocations of this WQPF to the Montgomery Soil Conservation District-MSCD (See Attachment B.)
4. Update on the Zoning Ordinance Revisions-ZTA13-04-Discussions from the June and July PHED Committee Work sessions
5. Follow up to the 24th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale July 27-28, 2013.
6. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Roll out of the final report-September 16, 2013@10:00 am University of Maryland Shady Grove Campus (See Attachment C.)
<http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com/>
7. Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek –Please see the MNCPC staff report and newspaper articles below.
<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/06202013ITEM3Draft62013staffreportrevised.pdf>
<http://www.gazette.net/article/20130612/NEWS/130619710/1096/pulte-housing-plan-for-1000-units-in-boyds-under-fire&template=gazette>
<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Blogs/MoCo-Politics/May-June-2013/The-Battle-Of-Ten-Mile-Creek-Intensifies/>
8. Continued discussion on the need for more University of Maryland Extension resources for that Agronomy Educator Position (Draft letter to the UME to be handed out)
9. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Food Recovery Work Group-August 23, 2013 @ 1:30 pm
PHED Committee Work Sessions-Zoning Ordinance Revisions ZTA13-04-September 2013
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-September 3, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-September 10, 2013@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-September 13, 2013@9:00am
Farming at Metro's Edge-FAME Final Report Release-September 16, 2013 @10:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-September 17, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Farm to Table Dinner-September 20, 2013

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – September 17, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from August 20, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Discussion with Tom Hartsock-Follow up from the Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report-September 16, 2013 at the University of Maryland Shady Grove Campus.
(See Attachment B.) <http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com/>
4. Discussion with Sarah Miller-Update on the first year of the New Farmer Pilot Program.
5. T & E Committee Discussion on September 9, 2013 Pesticide Use in Montgomery County.
(See Attachments C.)
6. Food Recovery Work Group Final Report to the County Council September 10, 2013. On-Farm Composting.
7. AAC and APAB comments on the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek (See Attachment D.)-The MNCPC staff report and newspaper articles are below.
<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/06202013ITEM3Draft62013staffreportrevised.pdf>
<http://www.gazette.net/article/20130612/NEWS/130619710/1096/pulte-housing-plan-for-1000-units-in-boyds-under-fire&template=gazette>
<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Blogs/MoCo-Politics/May-June-2013/The-Battle-Of-Ten-Mile-Creek-Intensifies/>
8. AAC letter to the University of Maryland-Board of Regents-Extension resources for that Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment E.)
9. Discussion on Councilmember Marc Elrich-Proposed Bill to increase the Minimum Wage from \$7.25 to \$12.00 in Montgomery County. (See Attachment F.)
10. DED-Ag Services, U ofMD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS will be partnering on a Listening Session November 7, 2013 and Public Workshop December 2013 for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties
11. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown
Upcoming Meetings and Events:
Montgomery County Food Council-September 18, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Farm to Table Dinner-September 20, 2013
PHED Committee Work Sessions-Zoning Ordinance Revisions ZTA13-04-September 2013
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-October 1, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-October 8, 2013@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-October 11, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-October 15, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – October 15, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from August 20, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Approval of the AAC Minutes from September 17, 2013. (See Attachment B.)
4. Follow up from discussions with Bob Hoyt and Steve Shofar-Water Quality Protection Fund-WQPF-Future Fiscal Impact-FFI request was reassigned from DED to DEP by OMB. The MSCD will request an update from DEP on this FFI request.
5. Response from the UM regarding the AAC letter to the University of Maryland-Board of Regents-Extension resources for the Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment C.)
6. Additional changes for the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. Examples include:
Uses, Accessory to Farming, Agricultural Processing, Grain Elevator and On-Farm Composting-Winery- allows events that should include weddings-clarification on types of events
Agricultural Vending-remove the restriction of 4 lanes of traffic.
PHED Committee-Recommended the new defined Term Agricultural Education and Tourism.
7. Introduction of Bill 27-13 Human Rights and Civil Liberties-County Minimum Wage-Dollar Amount-Public Hearing with HHS Committee October 24, 2013 @ 10:00 am.

Link to Bill 27-13-http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/bill/2013/Packets/20131001_6a.pdf
8. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report-September 16, 2013. Craig Rice-Current Vice President of the Council and in line to be the President for 2014. Craig suggested a Full Council Work Session after the holidays to discuss the recommendations in the report. The Up-County Citizens Advisory Board-Land Use Committee discussion on the FAME report October 14, 2013.
9. DED-Ag Services, MSCD, U of MD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS may be partnering on a Listening Session November 7, 2013 and Public Workshop December 2013 for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties. **Please note the Federal Government Shut down may impact this event.**
10. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

MCPS-School Food Forum-November 2, 2013
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-November 5, 2013@7:00pm
High Tunnel Listening Session-November 7, 2013-**Pending outcome of shutdown**
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-November 8, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-November 12, 2013@7:30pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 19, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – November 19, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from October 15, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Remaining Agricultural Issues for the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. (See Attachment B.)
Council Public Hearing are scheduled for November 12 and 14, 2013. The Agricultural Advisory Committee has forwarded a letter outlining the remaining agricultural issues:

Accessory Uses to Farming, - importing agricultural products on the primary use site to conduct an accessory use.
Agricultural Vending-remove the restrictions at least 2 acres and 4 lanes of traffic.
Winery- allowed events that should include weddings- clarification on types of events.
4. AAC Response letter to Chancellor William Kirwan UM System-Extension Resources for the Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment C.)
5. Grand Opening-Rock Hill Orchard-Woodbourne Creamery-November 18, 2013@11:30
(See Attachment D.)
7. Bill 27-13 Human Rights and Civil Liberties-County Minimum Wage-Dollar Amount-Public Hearing with HHS Committee October 24, 2013. The HHS Committee scheduled a work session on November 21, 2013.
8. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report. Craig Rice-In line to be the President for 2014 suggested a Full Council Work Session after the holidays to discuss the recommendations in the report. Steve Silverman is considering three topics for the CE to comment on: UM-Extension staffing, Zoning for ZTA13-04, and Finance laws for farm LLC transfers.
9. DED-Ag Services, MSCD, U of MD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS may be partnering on a Listening Session December 3, 2013 3:00-5:00 pm for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties.
10. Community Meeting-MNCPPC-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store) December 3, 2013 @ 7:00pm (See Attachment E.)
11. County Council Public Hearing-Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek Water Shed-December 3 and 5, 2013 @ 7:30 pm. (See Attachment F.)
12. New Appointments to the AAC- (See Attachment G.)
13. The Next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2013.

We will discuss the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-RRAC-Please review the Draft Programs Guidelines and representatives from the RRAC will be attending our meeting to answer questions that you have. (See Attachment H.)

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Grand Opening-Rock Hill Orchard-Woodbourne Creamery-November 18, 2013@11:30
Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 19, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
High Tunnel Listening Session-December 3, 2013-3:00-5:00pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-December 3, 2013@7:00pm
County Council Public Hearing-Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-December 3, 2013
Community Meeting-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store)-December 3, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-December 10, 2013@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-December 13, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-December 17, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

**Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda – December 17, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Discussion and Presentation from the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-RRAC-Review of the Draft Programs Guidelines.
3. Approval of the AAC Minutes from November 19, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
4. Update from the PHED Committee Work Sessions on the Remaining Agricultural Issues for the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. PHED did not support including these Ag issues. Full Council Work Sessions scheduled for January 14, 15 & 16, 2013 at 9:30 am.
5. The AAC is still waiting for a response letter from Chancellor William Kirwan UM System-Extension Resources for the Agronomy Educator Position as suggested in the AAC letter dated November 8, 2013. The AAC has yet to receive the Dean's response as outlined in the Chancellor's letter to the AAC dated September 24, 2013.
6. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-FAME Final Report. Council President Craig Rice will be scheduling a Full Council Work Session in March 2014 to discuss the recommendations in the FAME report. Follow up on Agricultural Education in MCPS-(See Attachment B.)
7. Follow up from the High Tunnel and Greenhouse Listening Session for Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties. Sponsored by the DED-Ag Services, MSCD, U of MD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS. Next steps.
8. Community Meeting-MNCPPC-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store) Rescheduled to January 7, 2014 7:00pm (See Attachment C.)
9. AAC testimony to the County Council on the Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek Water Shed- (See Attachment D.)
10. New Appointments to the AAC
We need to identify new farmer members to replace Robert Beall and Woody Woodroof.
We also need to recommend a farmer member to the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee which will serve as the AAC representative.
11. Follow up on MC 5-14 Montgomery County-Archery Hunting-Safety Zone- (See Attachment E.)

12. Next Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting is January 14, 2014 and the next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Community Meeting-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store)-January 7, 2014@7:00pm

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-January 7, 2014@7:00pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-January 10, 2014@9:00am

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-January 14, 2014@7:00pm

PHED/T&E-Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-January 13&17, 2014@2:00pm

Full Council Work Sessions Zoning Rewrite-ZTA 13-04-January 14, 15 &16, 2014@9:30am

Agricultural Advisory Committee-January 21, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Division 59-A-2. Definitions and Interpretation-Agricultural Uses.

📖 Sec. 59-A-2.1. Definitions.

In this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

Abattoir: Any building, place, or establishment where livestock grown off-site are slaughtered for commercial purposes.

Accessory building: See “building, accessory.”

Accessory dwelling: An additional dwelling unit that (1) is located on a tract or parcel that is primarily agricultural in use, and (2) was originally constructed or converted to use on the farm as a principal dwelling, farm tenant dwelling or guest house as defined in this section.

Accessory use: See “use, accessory.”

Agricultural processing: Processing of an agricultural product that causes a change in the natural form or state of the product and that entails operations of a commercial or industrial character that must be regulated to mitigate potential adverse external impacts. Agricultural processing includes, but is not limited to, an abattoir, milk plant and similar non-farm operations. Footnote # 36 Permitted by right as an accessory use to a farm.

Agriculture: The business, science and art of cultivating and managing the soil, composting, growing, harvesting, and selling crops and livestock, and the products of forestry, horticulture and hydroponics; breeding, raising, or managing livestock, including horses, poultry, fish, game, and fur-bearing animals, dairying, beekeeping and similar activities, and equestrian events and activities. Agriculture includes processing on the farm of an agricultural product in the course of preparing the product for market and may or may not cause a change in the natural form or state of the product.

Base density: The maximum number of dwelling units permitted by the zoning classification of a property in a receiving area computed over the gross area of the property without the use of TDR or the MPDU density increase.

Bed-and-breakfast lodging: A one-family detached dwelling unit, as defined in this section, that is owner-occupied and in which (1) a guest room or guest rooms are provided, for compensation, as overnight accommodations for transient visitors who remain no longer than 2 weeks in any one visit, and (2) breakfast is customarily included in the charge for the room. A bed-and-breakfast lodging is not a hotel, motel, inn, country inn, home occupation or other use defined or regulated elsewhere in this ordinance.

Blacksmith: A commercial operation producing forged iron products, including horseshoes, except that a farrier whose operation is limited to shoeing horses or other equines is not a blacksmith.

Building, accessory: A building subordinate, and located on the same lot with, a main building, the use of which is clearly incidental to that of the main building or to the use of the land, and which is not attached by any part of a common wall or common roof to the main building. In addition to any other meaning the word “subordinate” may have in this definition, on a lot where the main building is a one-family detached residential dwelling, except for an accessory agricultural building, subordinate means that the footprint of the accessory building is smaller than the footprint of the main building.

Building Lot Termination (BLT): A transferable development right (TDR) created from land that:

- (a) consists of at least 25 acres;
- (b) is capable of being served by an individual sewage treatment unit which meets the requirements of Chapter 27A and applicable regulations issued under that Chapter;
- (c) is located in the Rural Density Transfer (RDT) zone; and
- (d) could be transferred by a BLT Easement under this Chapter.

When a BLT easement is recorded in the land records, the easement extinguishes the right to build a dwelling unit in the RDT zone; this attribute distinguishes a BLT from other TDRs.

Buildable Lot Termination Easement. A form of an agricultural easement that runs with the land in perpetuity and extinguishes the right to construct a residential dwelling unit on land located in the Agricultural Reserve and zoned Rural Density Transfer.

Country market: The display and retail sale of agricultural products and farm food products certified as non-potentially hazardous by the Department of Health and Human Services. A country market does not include the sale or storage of bread, cheese, or other foodstuffs produced in a commercial kitchen, or the establishment of an eating and drinking establishment, including a drive-in restaurant. A country market includes the display and sale of non-edible farm products only if the products are grown and processed on farms in the State of Maryland

County Council Committees:

Education-ED

Health and Human Services-HHS

Government Operations and Fiscal Policy-GO

Planning, Housing & Economic Development-PHED

Public Safety-PS

Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment-T &E

Dairy farm: A tract of land equipped with buildings, machinery, dairy cattle and other necessary resources for the purpose of producing, cooling and storing fluid milk.

Dairy products or milk plant: Any place or establishment where milk or milk products are collected, skimmed, condensed, evaporated, powdered or processed into butter, cheese, cultured dairy products, frozen dairy products or otherwise prepared for distribution or sale.

Deer Fence: See “fence, deer.”

Development rights: The potential for the improvement of a parcel of real property, measured in dwelling units or units of commercial or industrial space, existing because of the zoning classification of the parcel

Equestrian event: A competition, exhibition, or other display of equestrian skills.

Equestrian event, informal: A competitive or non-competitive event that involves between 26 and 50 participants and spectators, per day.

Equestrian event, major: A competitive or non-competitive event that involves between 151 and 300 participants and spectators, per day.

Equestrian event, minor: A competitive or non-competitive event that involves between 51 and 150 participants or spectators, per day.

Equestrian facility: Any building, structure, or land area that is used primarily for an equestrian activity or event.

Farm: A tract of land, with or without associated buildings, that is devoted to agriculture, as defined in this section. Footnote #1 Products of agriculture and agricultural processing may be sold from a farm if the products are produced on site. The sale from a farm of horticultural products grown primarily on site or, if grown off-site, are planted in the ground or in pots or beds for a period of time on not more than 2 acres or 20% of the site, whichever is less, is an accessory use to the farm.

Farm market: The display and retail sale from a farm of: (1) agricultural products produced on the farm where the farm market is located, or (2) agricultural products produced on another farm under the control of the owner or operator of that farm market.

A farm market includes the display and sale of farm food products certified as non-potentially hazardous by the Department of Health and Human Services. Up to 25 percent of the farm market display and sales area may be used for display and sale of agricultural products not produced on a farm under the control of the owner or operator of the farm market. In the event of crop failure due to drought, insect damage, disease, or other cause beyond the control of the owner or operator of the farm market, the Department of Permitting Services upon the recommendation of the Department of Economic Development and the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee may allow for a limited period of time more than 25 percent of the farm market display and sales area to be used for agricultural products from off the farm where the farm market is located. Footnote # 5 The sale and display area must be located at least 25 feet from the paved edge of the roadway. There must be at least 3 off-street parking spaces. Firewood sold at a farm market must be cut and split on the farm or location where the wood is harvested.

Farm tenant dwelling: A dwelling unit occupied by an agricultural worker actively engaged in farming on a full-time or part-time basis on a farm under the control of the owner or operator of the farm on which the farm tenant dwelling is located.

Farm tenant mobile home: A mobile home occupied by agricultural worker(s) actively engaged in farming on a full-time or part-time basis on a farm under the control of the owner or operator of the farm on which the farm tenant mobile home is located.

Farrier: An individual who shoes horses or other equines. A farrier whose operation is limited to horseshoeing is not a commercial blacksmith. Footnote #4 A farrier whose operation is limited to shoeing horses or other equines is not a commercial blacksmith.

Fence, deer: A fence that is up to 8 feet high and constructed of an open mesh, heavy weight, plastic or similar material that allows a clear view through the fence. Mesh size ranges from 1.5 x 1.5 inches to 2 x 2.75 inches. A deer fence may be constructed with wood, metal, or fiberglass posts.

Fertilizer mixing plant: A dry mixing plant using ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate to provide the nitrogen content, not including any process using liquid nitrate or ground tobacco stems or other process producing fumes and odors difficult to control.

Grain elevator: A facility for elevating, drying, storing, and discharging grain. A grain elevating, drying, or storage facility that functions as part of a farm operation, is an accessory use to a farm. Footnote # 36 Permitted by right as an accessory use to a farm.

Landscape contractor: The business of designing, installing, planting, or maintaining lawns, gardens, or other landscaping and snow removal services, including tree installation, maintenance or removal, at off-site locations with vehicles, equipment, and supplies that are stored, parked, serviced, or loaded at the business location. The delivery

and installation of horticultural products originating on the farm is an accessory use to the farm. Footnote # 3

Milk plant: A plant for the processing or packaging, or both, of milk or milk products from milk animals maintained on or off site for distribution to wholesale or retail outlets. A milking parlor is an accessory use to a farm. Footnote #37 A milk plant and a milk parlor are permitted by right as an accessory use to a farm.

Mulch manufacturing and composting: The manufacture of horticultural mulch from wood, wood products, compost, or similar materials. The production of mulch and compost as part of a farm operation is an accessory use to the farm.

Nursery, horticultural - wholesale or retail: The wholesale or retail business of selling plants and plant materials grown on- or off-site as well as garden supplies and equipment and related items. A horticultural nursery may be a wholesale or retail operation or a combination of both and may or may not be combined with landscape contracting. The sale, from a farm, of horticultural products that are grown on-site or, if grown off-site, are planted in the ground or in pots or beds for a period of time, and that do not occupy more than 2 acres or 20% of the site, whichever is less, is an accessory use to the farm.

Receiving area: An area designated on an approved and adopted general, master, sector or functional plan appropriate for development beyond its base density through the transfer of development rights.

Riding stable: See “Equestrian Facility.”

Sawmill: A plant for sawing logs into lumber or other primary wood products.

Sending area: An area designated on an approved and adopted general, master, sector or functional plan as a sending area appropriate for the conveyance of transferable development rights from the area.

Transfer of development rights: The conveyance of development rights by deed, easement, or other legal instrument authorized by local law to another parcel of land and the recordation of that conveyance among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Use, accessory: A use which is (1) customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use of a lot or the main building, and (2) located on the same lot as the principal use or building. A temporary structure or trailer used for construction administration or real estate sales in conjunction with and during the period of development, construction or sales within the same site or subdivision in which it is located is an accessory use

Winery: A facility for processing grapes or other fruit into wine for sale on site or through wholesale or retail outlets. Footnote # 38 Permitted by right provided no more than two public events are held per year (Please note the Council conducted a public

hearing on March 27, 2012 for ZTA 12-03 to expand the definition of the Wineries in agricultural zones).

Zoning Text Amendment-ZTA: A term that pertains to a specific legislative request to change or amend the Zoning Regulations of the County Government in accordance with Chapter 59 Zoning of the County Code.

Sec. 59-C-9.3. Land uses.

No use is allowed except as indicated in the following table:

— **Permitted uses.** Uses designated by the letter “P” are permitted on any lot in the zones indicated, subject to all applicable regulations.

— **Special exception uses.** Uses designated by the letters “SE” may be authorized as special exceptions under [Article 59-G](#).

	Rural	RC	LDRC	RDT	RS	RNC	RNC/ TDR
(a) Agricultural:							
Agricultural processing, primary						P	P
Equestrian facility. ⁴¹	P/SE	P/SE	P/SE	P/SE	P/SE	P ⁴⁹ / SE ²	P ⁴⁹ / SE ²
Farm. ¹	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fish hatchery.	P	P	P	P	P		
Other agricultural use.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
(b) Agricultural-Industrial:							
Abattoir.	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE			
Agricultural processing. ³⁶	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	SE		
Construction Debris Reclamation Facility.					P		
Contractors storage yard ²⁸ (existing)					P		
Grain elevator. ³⁶	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	SE		
Manufacture of light sheet metal products. ²⁸ (existing)					P		
Manufacture of mulch and composting.	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	SE		
Milk plant. ³⁷	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE			
Sawmill.	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE			

Storage, outdoor		SE					
Storage for recycling of building or construction materials. ²⁸ (existing)					P		
Winery. ³⁸	SE/P	SE/P	SE/P	SE/P	SE/P	SE ²	SE ²
Wood product and furniture manufacturing. ²⁸ (existing)					P		
(c) Agricultural-Commercial:							
Blacksmith. ⁴	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	P	P ²	P ²
Christmas tree sales between December 5 and 25.	P	P	P	P	P	P ²	P ²
Country market.	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	SE ²	SE ²
Farm market. ⁵	P	P	P	P	P	P ²	P ²
Landscape contractor. ^{3, 2}	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	SE ²	SE ²
Nursery, horticultural - retail. ^{1,3}	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	SE ²	SE ²
Nursery, horticultural - wholesale. ^{1,3}	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	P	SE ²	SE ²
(d) Resource Production and Extraction:²							
Rock or stone quarry, as a temporary use.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸			
Sand, gravel or clay pit, or extraction of other natural materials, as a temporary use.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸			
(e) Residential:²							
Accessory apartment. ^{6,7}	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸		SE	SE
Accessory dwelling. ⁷	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Accessory dwelling for agricultural workers. ⁴²				P			
Bed-and-breakfast lodging with one or 2 guest rooms. ³¹	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Bed-and-breakfast lodging with 3, 4 or 5 guest rooms. ¹⁸	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	P	SE	SE
Dwelling, one-family detached.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, one-family semidetached. ⁴⁴						P	P
Farm tenant dwelling. ⁸	P	P	P	P		P	P
Farm tenant mobile home, more than one	SE	SE	SE	SE		SE	SE

but less than 4. ⁸							
Group home, small.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Group home, large. ¹⁵	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Guest house, as accessory use. ⁸	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Guest rooms, for not more than 2 roomers in any dwelling unit.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Housing and related facilities for senior adults or persons with disabilities.	SE	SE	SE		SE	SE	SE
Life care facility.	SE	SE	SE			SE	SE
Mobile home, double-wide. ⁹	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Registered living unit. ^{6,20}	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Townhouse.						P	P
(f) Transportation, Communication and Utilities:							
Airstrip, associated with farming operations.		SE ²	SE	SE			
Amateur radio facility.	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE	P ⁴⁶ / SE
Cable communication system. ¹⁰	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Electric power transmission and distribution line, overhead, carrying more than 69,000 volts.	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Electric power transmission and distribution line, overhead, carrying 69,000 volts or less.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electric power transmission and distribution line, underground.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Helistop.	SE	SE ^{2,11}	SE ^{2,11}	SE ¹¹			
Parking of motor vehicles, other than heavy commercial vehicles, off-street, in connection with any use permitted.	P ⁵⁰	P ⁵⁰	P ⁵⁰	P ⁵⁰	P	P ⁵⁰	P ⁵⁰
Vehicles and machinery for agricultural use may be parked on any size lot without restrictions.							

A tow truck is not permitted to park with a vehicle attached on any size lot or parcel.							
Parking of motor vehicles, off-street, in connection with commercial uses.	P ³⁹			P ³⁹			
Pipeline, aboveground.	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE		
Pipeline, underground.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Public utility buildings and structures.	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE ²	SE ²
Radio or television broadcasting stations and towers.	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE	SE		
Railroad track.	P	P	P	P	P		
Rooftop mounted antennas and related unmanned equipment building, equipment cabinets, or equipment room. ²⁷	P	P		P		P	P
Telecommunications facility.	P ³³ / SE	P ³³ / SE	P ³³ / SE	P ³³ / SE	P ³² / SE	SE ²	SE ²
Telephone or telegraph line.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
(g) Commercial: ²							
Antique shop.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	P	SE	SE
Auction facility. ¹²				SE ⁴⁸	P		
Farm machinery: sales, storage, or service.		SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	P		
Farm supply: sales, storage, or service.		SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	P		
Transitory use. ²⁶	P/SE	P/SE		P ⁴⁸ / SE ⁴⁸		P/SE	P/SE
(h) Services: ²							
Adult foster care home.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Ambulance or rescue squad, publicly supported.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Animal boarding place.	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Cemetery.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Charitable or philanthropic institution. ¹⁹	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Child day care facility:							
—Family day care home.	P	P		P	P	P	P

—Group day care home. ³⁴	P	P		P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
—Child day care center.	SE	SE		SE ⁴⁸	P	SE	SE
Church, memorial garden, convent, monastery, and/or other place of worship.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Day care facility for more than 4 senior adults and persons with disabilities.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Day care facility for not more than 4 senior adults and persons with disabilities. ¹⁴	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Domiciliary care home for more than 16 residents. ³⁵	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Educational institution, private.	SE	SE	SE	SE ^{13, 48}	SE	SE	SE
Family burial sites.	SE	SE	SE	SE			
Fire station, publicly supported.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Funeral parlor or undertaking establishment				SE ^{40, 48}			
Home health practitioner's office.	P ^{22/} SE ²¹	P ^{22/} SE ²¹	P ^{22/} SE ²¹	P ^{22, 48/} SE ^{21, 48}	P ^{22/} SE ²¹	P ^{22/} SE ²¹	P ^{22/} SE ²¹
Home occupation, major. ²¹	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Home occupation, registered. ²²	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Home occupation, no impact. ²³	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hospice care facility.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Hospital, veterinary.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
Nursing home. ³⁵	SE	SE			SE	SE	SE
Offices, general. ²⁹					SE		
Publicly owned or publicly operated use.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Respite care home.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Sanitarium.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE	SE
(i) Cultural, Entertainment and Recreational:							
Boathouse, private.	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P		
Camp retreat, non-profit.		P ⁴⁵					

Campground.	SE						
Country club.	SE	SE	SE				
Golf course.	SE	SE	SE	SE ^{25, 48}			
Hunting or fishing cabin, private. ¹⁶	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸			
Kennel, noncommercial.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Libraries and museums. ³⁰		P				P ²	P ²
Private club or service organization.	SE	SE	SE	SE ⁴⁸	SE	SE ²	SE ²
Recreational or entertainment establishment, or commercial.	SE				SE		
Riding stable, private. ¹⁷						P	P
Rifle, pistol, or skeet shooting range, outdoor.	SE	SE ²	SE ²	SE ⁴⁸	SE		
Swimming pool, community.	SE	SE	SE			SE ²	SE ²
Swimming pool, private. ¹⁶	P	P	P	P ⁴⁸	P	P	P
Theater, legitimate.	SE				SE		
(j) Miscellaneous:							
Accessory buildings, structures, and uses. ⁴⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Security pavilion.	P ⁴³	P ⁴³	P ⁴³	P ⁴³	P ⁴³	P ⁴³	P ⁴³
Signs, in accordance with the provisions of Article 59-F .	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wildlife or game preserve, regulated shooting ground licensed by the Maryland Wildlife Administration, and other conservation areas.	P	P	P	P	P		

1 Products of agriculture and agricultural processing may be sold from a farm if the products are produced on site. The sale from a farm of horticultural products grown primarily on site or, if grown off-site, are planted in the ground or in pots or beds for a period of time on not more than 2 acres or 20% of the site, whichever is less, is an accessory use to the farm.

2 This use or class of uses is not permitted in the portion of any cluster development regulated by section [59-C-9.52](#) or in any rural open space area regulated by section [59-C-9.57](#).

3 The delivery and installation of horticultural products grown on the farm that provides the delivery and installation service is an accessory use to the farm. A landscape contractor or wholesale nursery in operation on October 22, 1985, is a conforming use and is not required to obtain a special exception, unless:

(a) The on-site operation is expanded or enlarged;

(b) The on-site operation is diversified to include retail facilities or a related use not in operation prior to October 22, 1985; or

(c) The operation is discontinued for a period of 6 months or more. A period of seasonal inactivity of up to 4 months does not constitute discontinuance.

4 A farrier whose operation is limited to shoeing horses or other equines is not a commercial blacksmith.

5 The sale and display area must be located at least 25 feet from the paved edge of the roadway. There must be at least 3 off-street parking spaces. Firewood sold at a farm market must be cut and split on the farm or location where the wood is harvested.

6 Not permitted in a mobile home.

7 As a special exception regulated by divisions 59-G-1 and 59-G-2, such a dwelling unit is excluded from the density calculations set forth in sections [59-C-9.41](#), title "Density in RDT Zone," and [59-C-9.6](#), title "Transfer of Density-Option in RDT Zone." Once the property is subdivided, such a dwelling would no longer comply with the special exception regulations or with this exclusion. A special exception is not required for a dwelling that was a farm tenant dwelling in existence prior to June 1, 1958, provided, that the dwelling meets all applicable health and safety regulations.

8 A farm tenant dwelling, farm tenant mobile home, or guest house, as defined in section [59-A-2.1](#), title "Definitions," is excluded from the density calculations set forth in sections [59-C-9.41](#), title "Density in RDT Zone," and [59-C-9.6](#), title "Transfer of Density-Optional in RDT Zone," provided that these uses remain accessory to a farm. Once the property is subdivided, such dwellings would no longer comply with these definitions or with this exclusion. A farm tenant dwelling in existence prior to June 1, 1958, may be rented to a non-farm family without obtaining a special exception as an accessory dwelling, provided that the dwelling meets all applicable health and safety regulations.

9 Provided that such a dwelling has minimum dimensions of 24 feet by 40 feet, a gable roof, and is permanently affixed to a foundation supporting the load-bearing framework of the mobile home and a foundation wall enclosing its entire perimeter, in compliance with the provisions of chapter 8 of this Code. Such a mobile home must have its wheels, axles, transportation light and removable towing apparatus removed.

10 Except as provided in sections [59-A-6.9](#) and [59-G-2.10.1](#).

11 Provided it is a private helistop associated with a farm.

12 Merchandise restricted as stated in section [59-G-2.05.1](#).

13 Limited to individual or small class instruction provided within a dwelling or an accessory use, such as a swimming pool, by a resident of the dwelling. However, a private educational institution for persons with disabilities may be established subject to the special exception requirements of section [59-G-2.19](#), and provided (1) the site was previously used to provide educational services to persons with disabilities, (2) no more than 75 students are enrolled at any one time, (3) enrolled students are not boarded, and (4) improvements exist on the property (as of July 21, 2003) to accommodate the school's educational programs. A residence may be provided on site for use by a caretaker. Educational services to persons without disabilities are limited to enrichment activities related to providing educational services to persons with disabilities. A private educational institution lawfully existing prior to January 6, 1981, when the Rural Density Transfer Zone sectional map amendment was enacted is a conforming use, and may be extended, enlarged or modified by special exception subject to the provisions of section [59-G-2.19](#), "Educational Institutions, Private."

14 As defined under "Day Care Facility for Senior Adults and Persons with Disabilities."

15 Subject to the special exception standards for a group home, section [59-G-2.26](#).

16 For use of the property owner and nonpaying guests only.

17 Reserved.

18 Not permitted in an accessory dwelling, farm tenant dwelling or mobile home. The owner must maintain a record of transient visitors and register the lodging with the Department. Minimum lot size for a lodging with more than 3 guest rooms is 2 acres.

19 Provided the special exception is for re-use of an existing building and has a maximum lot size of 2 acres.

20 In accordance with Executive Regulations and subject to the requirements enumerated in section [59-A-6.10](#).

21 In accordance with section [59-G-2.29](#), title "Home Occupation, Major." A professional office for a resident of a dwelling for which a use-and-occupancy permit was issued prior to February 5, 1990, may be continued as a nonconforming use, as provided in division 59-G-4. Alternatively, an existing resident professional may register a home occupation or home health practitioner's office, in accordance with sections [59-A-3.4](#) and [59-A-6.1](#), or apply for a special exception, in accordance with section [59-G-2.29](#).

22 In accordance with sections [59-A-3.4](#) and [59-A-6.1](#).

23 There must be no more than 5 visits per week, no nonresident employees and no discernible adverse impact on the neighborhood.

24 Reserved.

25 If an application was filed with the Board of Appeals prior to June 16, 1992. Any golf course approved by the Board of Appeals is not a non-conforming use and may be modified in accordance with Sec. [59-G-2.241](#).

26 In accordance with Section [59-A-6.13](#).

27 Refer to Sec. [59-A-6.14](#).

28 Valid only for uses existing as of the date of placement in the zone or on a parcel adjoining I-1 zoned property devoted to a similar use at the time of placement in the zone. Expansion on such a parcel adjoining I-1 zoned property shall require that the entire site is covered by site plan review for both properties.

29 For existing residential structures as of the date of placement in the zone and in accordance with the special exception requirements of Section [59-G-2.38.1](#).

30 Whenever main and accessory structures exceed an aggregate floor area of 5,000 square feet, development will be subject to site plan review under Division 59-D-3. All properties designated as resources in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation are excluded from the site plan review requirement.

31 May be permitted in an accessory building designated as historic on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

32 A telecommunications facility is a permitted use if the height does not exceed the building height of the zone and the monopole is set back one foot for every foot of height from the property line.

33 A telecommunications facility is a permitted use up to 199 feet in height within an overhead transmission line right-of-way but must not be closer than 300 feet to any residence.

34 Not to be located in a townhouse unit or an attached unit.

35 Subject to the special exception standards for a Nursing Home; and Domiciliary Care Home, section [59-G-2.37](#).

36 Permitted by right as an accessory use to a farm.

37 A milk plant and a milk parlor are permitted by right as an accessory use to a farm.

38 Permitted by right if no more than two public events are held per year; however, in the RDT zone, a winery is permitted by right if:

(1) no more than 9 days of events that require an entrance ticket or a cover charge are held per year; and

(2) the lighting level at any property line does not exceed 0.1 footcandle.

39 Parking of motor vehicles is permitted in an historic district in accordance with the provisions of Sec. [59-A-6.22](#).

40 If operated in conjunction with a cemetery established by special exception before (ZTA effective date) [August 20, 2001].

41 Any riding stable, including buildings, show rings, paddocks, activities and events established in an agricultural zone before April 5, 2004 is a conforming use and may be modified, reconstructed, or enlarged in accordance with the standards in effect after April 5, 2004 except that any riding stable existing before April 5, 2004 must be in compliance with the nutrient management, water quality, and soil conservation standards of 59-C-9.31(c) no later than March 2, 2005.

42 Only for workers actively engaged on a full-time or part-time basis in managing or maintaining a lawful agricultural use that is under the control of the owner or operator of property on which the accessory dwelling is located. An accessory dwelling for use by agricultural workers is permitted in addition to a main dwelling.

43 In accordance with Section [59-A-6.17](#)

44 Permitted only as part of a moderately-priced dwelling unit development. The maximum percentage of one-family semi-detached dwelling units in a subdivision is 30%.

45 If established before April 11, 2005.

⁴⁶ Must not exceed 65 feet in height; however, a special exception for additional height may be granted, by the Board of Appeals if it can be demonstrated that the additional height is the minimum needed to engage in amateur radio communications under a license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. Any amateur facility existing before December 26, 2005 that exceeds 65 feet in height is a conforming structure.

⁴⁷ Except for a building accessory to an agricultural use, the footprint of an accessory building on a lot where the main building is a one-family detached residential dwelling must not exceed 50 percent of the footprint of the main building. Any accessory building for which a building permit was issued before July 11, 2006 may continue as a conforming building under the standards in effect at the time the building permit was

issued; however, in the event a building permit that was issued before July 11, 2006 is revoked, but subsequently approved, the accessory building must be in compliance with the standards in effect at the time of the subsequent approval. Any replacement or reconstruction of an accessory building constructed under a building permit issued before July 11, 2006 must comply with the standards in effect at the time the building is replaced or reconstructed.

⁴⁸ If property is encumbered by a recorded transfer of developments rights easement, this use is prohibited. However, any building existing on October 2, 2007 may be repaired or reconstructed if the floor area of the building is not increased and the use is not changed.

⁴⁹ A resident of a lot or parcel at least 2 acres in size may raise, ride, and board horses for personal use. One horse is permitted for every 1 gross acre of the lot or parcel, up to a maximum of 5 horses. Any building or manure storage area must be located at least 100 feet from any existing dwelling on an adjacent tract of land.

⁵⁰ On any lot or parcel smaller than 2 acres in size but larger than .5 acres, not more than 3 light commercial vehicles and not more than one unoccupied recreational vehicle may be parked at any time. One additional recreational vehicle may be used on a lot or a parcel for dwelling purposes for not more than 3 days in any month. On any lot or parcel equal to or smaller than .5 acres in size, not more than one light commercial vehicle and not more than one unoccupied recreational vehicle may be parked at any time.