



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2011

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager  
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, in Room B at 7:30 p.m.**

The attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site next week. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

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**Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting  
Agenda for April 19, 2011**

1. Introduction of new members. (See Attachment A for updated list of AAC members)
2. Approval of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting minutes from March 15, 2011. (See Attachment B.)
3. Farmland Preservation Update: BLT Easement Purchase Period was announced April 1, 2011 through May 30, 2011-\$1.5 Million is available for BLT easement acquisitions. (See Attachment C.)
4. Follow up from the Planning Housing and Economic Development Work Session on the DED-Agricultural Services operating and capital budget for FY 2012. (See Attachment D.)
5. Update on the proposed changes to the Commercial Residential Zones ZTA 11-01 and the linkage with the Building Lot Termination BLT Program. (See Attachment E.)
6. Discussion surrounding MCPS property in Potomac rented by Nick Maravell-Nick's Organics. The DED has been asked to explore an alternative location for the 2012 growing season.
7. House Bill 536 regarding septic easements did not pass. The bill was approved by both the House and Senate Committees (See Attachment F.) and the bill sat on the Senate Floor for 7 hours waiting for a final vote and the 2011 session ended. The DED and DPS worked out all of the amendments with MDE and CBF. Once the MDE COMAR regulations are adopted septic easements will be prohibited.
8. Update on House Bill 209 MALPF Allowable Residential Uses-Child Lots. Montgomery and Baltimore Counties opposed this bill (See Attachment G.)

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

WIC/FMNP Training for farmers/vendors April 19, 2011 @ 11:00am  
Earth Day Tree Planting by MSCD April 22, 2011 Closed Oaks Landfill  
Zoning Rewrite Process-Renewable Energy April 26, 2011 @ 3:00 pm  
Regional Ag work Group in Loudoun C. VA April 29, 2011