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MAKING THE MOST OF THE AG RESERVE: GREENPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

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Alliance

October 7, 2010

Honorable Isaiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett,

Your strong support for agriculture is well known and appreciated. I remember our chat at the Soil Conservation dinner a couple of years ago and know agriculture is high on your agenda. We thank you for your interest and continued support and want you to know about an important coming event.

The Agricultural Reserve Conference, October, 2011, will focus on healthy, local food, the environmental and cultural aspects of the Reserve in an amalgam for the region. The Conference will feature speakers of national and regional renown and panel discussions focusing on the value of the preserve, including economic benefits to the quality of life for business, industry, education and recreation. Schools will be involved with an essay contest and art competition concerning agriculture in the Reserve. Neighboring counties and regional areas will be included in the panel discussions.

Farmers, politicians, business leaders, environmentalists, equestrians, chefs, bikers, birders, historians--all will be involved in the Ag Reserve Conference.

We need money. We estimate the event we plan will cost \$100,000 and request a sum of \$15,000 from the County.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve.

Sincerely yours,

Peg Coleman
President, Sugarloaf Regional Trails
Conference Chairman

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