



**Committee:** Directly to Council

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**Purpose:** To receive and release a report from OLO - No vote expected

**Keywords:** Agricultural Preservation, Agricultural Reserve, Farming, Zoning, Housing, Transferable Development Rights, TDR, Building Lot, Termination, BLT

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**Receipt and Release**

## SUBJECT

Receipt and Release of Office of Legislative Oversight Report 2023-1, *Transferable Development Rights and Building Lot Termination Programs in Montgomery County*.

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- None

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This report responds to the Council's request for OLO to prepare a report that examines the history of the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) and Building Lot Termination (BLT) programs, reviews the original intent of these programs and assesses how well implementation over time has aligned with program goals and objectives. More specifically, this report:

- describes the origins of the Agricultural Reserve;
- summarizes the origins and intent of the TDR and BLT programs;
- presents information about the demographic composition of the people who manage farms in Montgomery County;
- details the planning and zoning methods used to implement the TDR and BLT programs;
- presents data on the supply of, and the overlay zone receiving capacity for, TDRs; and
- presents data related to the creation and use of BLTs.

The report concludes with OLO's recommendations to the County Council regarding the future direction of the TDR and BLT programs.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The memorandum report will be available online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/olo> after the Council votes to release the report on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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