Resolution No.: 15-1523
Introduced: June 13, 2006
Adopted: June 27, 2006

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of Petition for Richard and Nancy Biggs for the Purpose of Establishing an Agricultural District

Background

1. Section 2-509 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the establishment of Agricultural Districts in the State of Maryland.

2. By enactment of Chapter 2B of the Montgomery County code 1994, the County Council provided for a system to aid in the preservation of agricultural land in the County by the creation of agricultural districts.

3. The County Council has received a petition to establish Agricultural District on 127.85 acres owned by Richard and Nancy Biggs located at 28600 Ridge Road in Mount Airy, Maryland.

4. The 137.85 acre property consists of 105.74 acres (76.9%) of Class I, II & III soil capability units. This District exceeds the minimum soil requirements for approving an Agricultural District.

   Property description information:

   Richard and Nancy Biggs
   Liber: 14556 Folio 557
   Tax Account # 12-00923967
   Parcel P800
   Rural Density Transfer
   Property Address:
   28600 Ridge Road
   Mount Airy, Maryland 21771

5. Favorable comments have been received from the Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, by letter dated March 14, 2006.
6. The Montgomery County Planning Board endorsed the creation of the Agricultural District at the May 25, 2006 Planning Board Meeting.

7. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

The Montgomery County Council approves the establishment of an Agricultural District on the 137.85-acre Richard and Nancy Biggs farm property. The establishment of this District will enable this entity to move forward in making application to the State of Maryland's Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF).

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive