




Loudoun County, VA Farm Tour

**November 16
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**

**The Montgomery County
Office of Agriculture would like
to extend our appreciation to
Kellie Hinkle and Cassie Twigg
from the Loudoun County, VA
Economic Development Office
for arranging this tour.**




Agritourism—one of the fastest growing segments of agricultural direct marketing—allows farmers to diversify their core operations, add jobs for family members and others, and keep farmland in production while preserving scenic vistas and maintaining farming traditions. By providing authentic farm experiences for visitors, agritourism helps educate the public about the importance of agriculture to a community's economic base, quality of life, history, and culture.

Interest and demand for agricultural products and experiences by visitors and residents is high while price sensitivity is low, thus creating positive conditions for business success.

University of MD Extension /MD Rural Enterprise Development Center



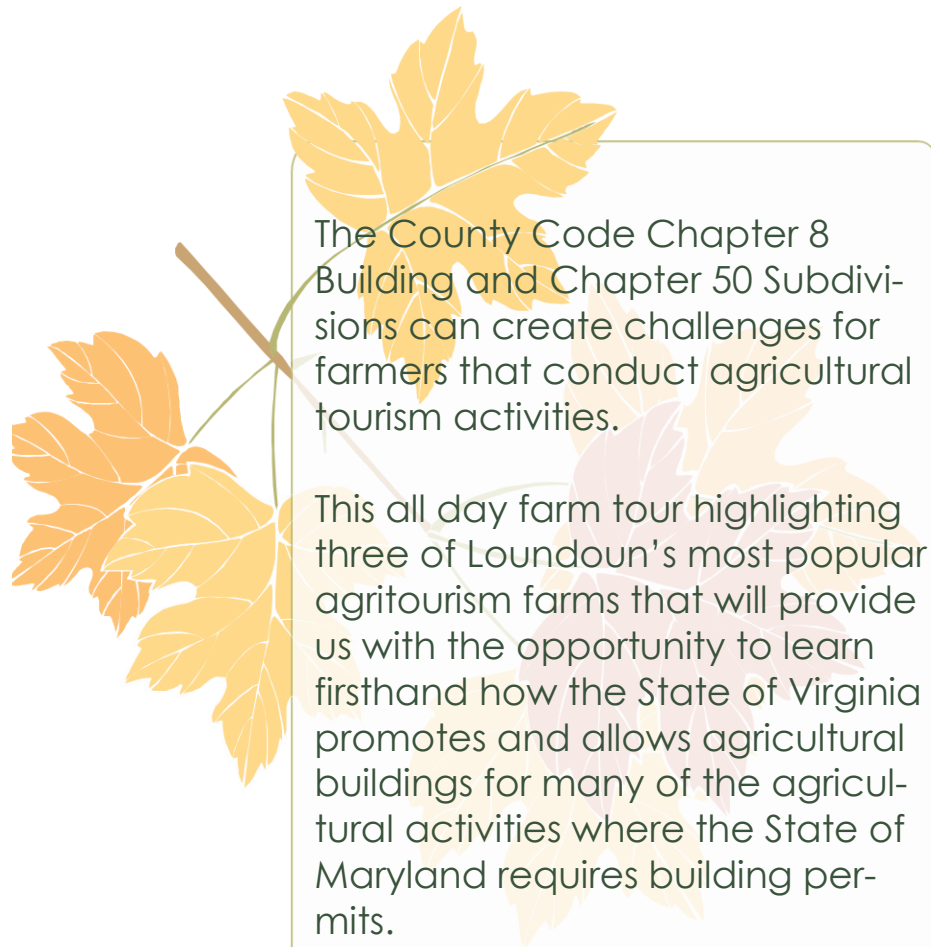
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Thank you for taking time from your schedules to participate in this tour. We hope you found the information valuable.



**The Montgomery County
AGRICULTURAL RESERVE**



The County Code Chapter 8 Building and Chapter 50 Subdivisions can create challenges for farmers that conduct agricultural tourism activities.

This all day farm tour highlighting three of Loudoun's most popular agritourism farms that will provide us with the opportunity to learn firsthand how the State of Virginia promotes and allows agricultural buildings for many of the agricultural activities where the State of Maryland requires building permits.

Tour Schedule

Hope Flower Farm

10:30 A.M.-11:15 A.M

The Estate, farmed by the Hope family for many years, was once a working dairy farm. In July 2015, the property was purchased by Holly and Evan Chapple as the new home for their successful floral and event design business.

Boasting a stunning stone Quaker house dating back to 1820, Hope Flower Farm sits on 25 lush acres deep in the Northern Virginia rural landscape. With two traditional barns, a quaint tenant house and an abundance of ground for planting, it is the perfect environment for Holly Chapple's highly sought after services which include:

teaching and mentoring fellow floral designers, farm-to-table dinners, styled shoots and workshops.

A picturesque haven for all who visit her, Hope Flower Farm is also a registered Bed & Breakfast.

40905 Stumptown Road
Waterford, Virginia 20917
703-777-8227
www.hopeflowerfarm.com/

Discussion

- I. Follow up discussion from the 2017 Maryland Legislative Session—Public Safety Code 12-508—Montgomery County adopting a local version of this code.
- II. Impact of ZTA 16-12 & Bill 35-16— International Building Code
- III. Challenges facing our agricultural community due to new DPS policies
- IV. Farmers currently requesting Assistance
- V. How can we work together to find Solutions
- VI. Next Steps



The County has several farms where agricultural education and tourism opportunities are already permitted:

Butler's Orchard

Rock Hill Orchard

Homestead Farm

Rocklands Farm

Aix La Chapelle Farm

Brookeville Beer Farm

Waredaca Brewing Company

We are looking forward to working with you to make it possible for other farmers to offer agritourism and education opportunities as well.



Vanish Farm Brewery

11:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M.

When Jonathan Staples launched Black Hops Farm in 2014 the goal was to provide local hops to Virginia's thriving alcohol industry. This would not only support the beverage industry but also local agriculture by promoting further hop farming. With an emphasis on hops it was a no brainer that a brewery belonged on the farm. Thus, Vanish Farmwoods Brewery was born!

Vanish resides on the 53 acre Black Hops Farm in beautiful Lucketts, Va. With the use of local ingredients they focus on bringing you beer that is plant to pint and seed to sip. They offer up to 20 beers on tap at a time in our massive Taproom. They boast plenty of outdoor space with scenic views as well as options for private events both big and small. Come see us and don't miss out on our Mega Flight of 12 tasters!

42245 Black Hops Lane
Leesburg, Virginia 20176
703-779-7407

www.vanishbeer.com



LUNCH

1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

ROOTS 657 is Chef Rich Rosendale's eat-in and take-out café and market located in Leesburg, Virginia. The café and locally-inspired market offer the chef's regionally curated products, featuring local artisans alongside our own house-made soups, salads, sandwiches and fresh-baked goods.

The ROOTS 657 Greenhouse will soon be located next to the café and market. It will be a place where hosts can make an unforgettable impression on their guests. The space can be reconfigured to fit their needs—from hosting a reception, a sit-down dinner, a workshop, or attending one of Chef Rosendale's popular cooking classes.

This space will sit adjacent to a custom-designed live fire theater, where we will cook local meats and vegetables using locally procured Virginia hardwood.

Intersection of Routes 657 and 15
Leesburg, Virginia 20176
703-779-9657
www.roots657.com



Fabbioli Cellars

2:15 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Fabbioli Cellars, owned by Doug Fabbioli and Colleen Berg, has been in the works for over 30 years.

In 2000, they purchased 25 acres of land in Virginia and planting began in 2001. The passion that Doug Fabbioli has for making quality wines has been passed down from his paternal grandfather, Leone Fabbioli. When Leone made his wine in the basement of his Elmira home in the 1940's and 50's, he would take special care to sort the fruit, keep the lots of wine separate, and get to know the growers of the fruit before deciding to buy. Doug employs the same time honored traditions of constant care, evaluation of quality, and modern scientific techniques to both grow the grapes, and make the wine at Fabbioli Cellars.

15669 Limestone School Road
Leesburg, Virginia 20176
www.fabbioliwines.com