

January 6, 2024

Dear County Councillors,

As a long-time (41-year) resident of Montgomery County and the aunt of a farmer, I stand with the agricultural groups and community associations who are working to oppose ZTA 23-09.

This ill-advised ZTA is out of touch with the economic complexity of keeping farms viable and supporting new diverse farm operations. If you want to know how to support the Ag Reserve and its farms, ask the farmers what their challenges are and listen to their suggestions before intervening.

For now, please work to withdraw this ZTA, which will do more harm than good by raising property values and making it harder for farmers to buy the land they need to grow our food. As the climate warms and food sources become ever more precarious, we will need the local food producers who are threatened by this ill-considered initiative.

*Sincerely,
Lillian Luksenburg*

