



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 2, 2024

Andrew Friedson, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: ZTA 23-08, Transferrable Development Rights – Cemetery

Dear Council President Friedson,

During its December 19, 2023 meeting, the Agricultural Advisory Council (AAC) moved to submit recommendations to the Council on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 23-08. The position of the AAC is that this ZTA could have unintended negative impacts on the amount of farmland in the county.

The committee's recommendation is that the ZTA be amended to explicitly exclude family burial sites, which are currently included within the definition of cemetery in the County Code, and to allow existing cemeteries to expand one time only, by a maximum of 10 acres, onto property with a shared boundary.

I would be happy to meet to discuss this.

Sincerely,

Lori Larson, Chair

Cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive

