

Dear council member,

My family and I moved from DC to the Agricultural Reserve during the pandemic partially because of the picturesque beauty of this area. There were no big apartment blocks or dwelling smashed up against each other. Instead, we found serenity. A suburban paradise.

I understand the value of agritourism, but I'll leave the farmers to wage that war. As for me, a local citizen and father of two young kids, I urge you to please keep beautiful this area that drops the jaw of anyone who comes to visit. It's simply too perfect with wild and farm animals, alike. Horses, alpacas, foxes, and eagles... please don't send them looking for a new home.

Regards,

Arash Arabasadi, Gaithersburg resident