

**Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
**Agenda**  
**November 16, 2021**

1. Call the Meeting to Order-Introductions:
2. Approval of the October 19, 2021, AAC meeting minutes.
3. **Introduction October 19, 2021 - Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-08, Landscape Contractor Use Standards (Ndou)**  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211019/20211019\\_2A.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211019/20211019_2A.pdf) *Public Hearing is scheduled for 11/30/21 at 1:30 pm.*  
The Office of Agriculture was not aware of this ZTA until it was introduced.  
The members of the PHED Committee were not aware of this ZTA until it was introduced.
4. **Introduction of Bills: November 2, 2021- Bill 40-21- Individual Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Systems - Amendments (McCartney-Green)**  
Lead Sponsor: County Executive at the request of the Council President  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211102/20211102\\_9.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211102/20211102_9.pdf) *Public Hearing is scheduled for 11/30/21 at 1:30 pm.*  
The Office of Agriculture has continued to report on this proposed legislation during your monthly meetings since the June 1, 2021, MCFB meeting.
5. **Follow up on Bill 5-21-GO & PHED Committee-October 28, 2021**-The Bill does not address the Racial Equity and Social Justice Impact Statement requirements. The OAG recommends \$5.0 million be added to the Ag Land Preservation CIP FY23-24 to purchase easements on both large farms and smaller farms (less than 50 acres) that will provide access to land for BIPOC farmers both men and women.  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2021/20211028/20211028\\_GOPHED1.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2021/20211028/20211028_GOPHED1.pdf)
6. **Public Hearing on ZTA 21-07 Density and Height Allocations-MPDUs**-*Please see the attached letter from the Office of Agriculture.*
7. Update on the proposed Acquisition by County Parks of the Broad Run Creek Farm II LLC. The CE is proposing to approve this acquisition although the OAG and the APAB are not completely clear on the terms of the transaction-Treatment of TDRs that will be retained with the property verses the TDRs that will be extinguished?
8. Update on the MCDOT staff report for the Gravel Portion of River Road. *Please see the attached correspondence from the OAG and MCDOT staff.*
9. Update on the progress for Expanded Farm to Food Bank Program-November 30, 2021, deadline for applications. *Please see the attached correspondence from the Manna Food Center. There will be an Information Exchange and Listening Session on November 18, 2021, at 3:00 pm.*

10. **Follow up on Bill 16-21-Environmental Sustainability- Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Performance Standards – T&E Committee on October 28, 2021**

The DEP recommends the bill should apply to equestrian facilities in the County with buildings 25,000 square feet in size or larger to assess the energy being used for lighting, heating, and air conditioning, etc. The DEP presentation included a summary of other jurisdictions around the country including Washington State that exempts all agricultural buildings.

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11. **Electric Lawn Care** – We are still waiting for legislation from DEP that proposes the prohibition on the use and sale of gasoline leaf blowers. A broader Electric Lawn Care bill may also be proposed.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

Montgomery Soil Conservation District-November 12, 2021

Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 16, 2021

F2FB Information Exchange and Listening Session-November 18, 2021

Ribbon Cutting for 61 Vineyard-November 19, 2021

F2FB Capacity Building Grants deadline-November 30, 2021

Public Hearings on ZTA 21-08 and Bill 40-21-November 30, 2021

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors- December 7, 2021