

January 25, 2022

**TO:** Chris Cihlar, Director, Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO)  
**FROM:** PHED Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Request for report

**Re: The Use of TDRs and BLTs in Montgomery County**

On December 13, 2021, the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee held a worksession on ZTA 21-07, Density and Height Allocation – Development with Moderately Priced Dwelling Units. During the worksession, the PHED Committee heard concerns from the Office of Agriculture (OAG) that transferable development rights (TDR) and building lot termination (BLT) in the County have been deemphasized, negatively effecting the ability for farmers to recoup a portion of their lost equity.

Consequently, the PHED Committee is requesting a status report from OLO, with the assistance of the Planning Department, that provides data on the use of TDRs and BLTs in the County. For further assistance, please contact Livhu Ndou, [Livhu.Ndou@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Livhu.Ndou@montgomerycountymd.gov), or Pam Dunne, [Pamela.Dunn@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Pamela.Dunn@montgomerycountymd.gov), from Council Central Staff.

Thank you,



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