



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

March 14, 2014

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: The Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – March 18, 2014

1. Introductions:
2. Discussion with County Council Member Roger Berliner-Follow up from FAME-Increasing Technical Assistant to the agricultural community. (See Attachment A.)
3. Approval of the AAC Minutes from February 18, 2014. (See Attachment B.)
4. Update on the Final Council Action March 4, 2014 Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. (See Attachment C.)
5. Update on the March 11, 2014 Full Council Work Session on the Agricultural Preservation Capital Improvement Program. (See Attachment D.)
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6. Update from the Full Council Work Session March 11, 2014-Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-FAME Final Report. (See Attachment E.)
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7. We need to follow up on the discussion from our December 17, 2013 meeting with the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee. The AAC prepared a detailed letter dated February 9, 2009 addressed to the County Executive and copied to the Director of DOT. The AAC recommended a separate CIP project for the Rustic Roads including a list of the roads that needed trees trimmed. (See Attachment F.)
8. Follow up from the High Tunnel and Greenhouse Listening Session. A Public Workshop is proposed for April 29, 2014 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. (See Attachment G.)
9. Update on Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Period February-April 1, 2014. The Base BLT price is \$222,000 and the Max BLT price is \$254,000.
10. New Appointments to the AAC-Doug Lechliden and Michele Cropp may have applied for farmer members. New Appointments to the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-Jean Phillips and Audrey Patton have applied for new farmer members.
11. Agricultural Tourism Signing Program from the State Highway Administration. (See Attachment H.)
12. Agricultural Tire Recycling Collection Program. (See Attachment I.)
13. Next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2014.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Farmers Market-FMNP/SFMNP/FVC Training- March 19, 2014@9:00am
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-April 1, 2014@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-April 8, 2014@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors-April 11, 2014@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-April 15, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
High Tunnel Public Work Shop-April 29, 2014