The Agricultural Reserve is a designated land use zone in Montgomery County, Maryland. The 93,000-acre zone was created in 1980 by the Montgomery County Council to preserve farm land and rural space in the northwestern part of the county.

Agricultural Programs & Services
Montgomery County, MD

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY FARM PARK

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Montgomery County Office of Agriculture

The Office of Agriculture was created in July 2016 and exists to promote agriculture as a viable component of the County’s economic sector as well as to preserve farmland as a resource for future agricultural production.

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Farm Services Agency (FSA)

An agency of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) that serves all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners. FSA offers a variety of programs and services including financial programs.

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Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

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The MSCD is dedicated to conservation education for students, farmers and the public and works to promote Best Management Practices in the farm community.

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University of Maryland Extension (UME)

University of Maryland Extension (UME) is a statewide, non-formal education system within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. UME educational programs and problem-solving assistance are based on the research and experience of land grant universities such as the University of Maryland, College Park.

Agriculture & Horticulture

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Master Gardeners

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Watershed Restoration

Improving water quality through stormwater management and watershed restoration techniques, the Sea Grant Watershed Protection and Restoration Program works with local and state governments, watershed organizations, and community groups in Maryland to build partnerships, identify funding sources, and advise/assist in the planning, implementation and monitoring of restoration projects. 301-590-2816

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