



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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County Executive

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Director

MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2012

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

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

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at a NEW LOCATION at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood at a NEW TIME of 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting agenda is on the next page.

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

See you on January 17, 2012.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda –January 17, 2012

1. Introductions: If needed
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from December 20, 2011.
3. Follow up from the December 21, 2011 briefing with the County Executive on the DED Zoning Text Amendment for Agricultural and Horticultural uses in the RDT zone.
4. Follow-up from the January 12, 2012 meeting with county representatives from the UME-Central Maryland Cluster to recommend how to collectively fund the UME-Agronomy Educator Position for the Cluster.
5. New Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee- We need farmer representatives to replace Tom Linthicum, Gene Walker and (Kelly Lewis?). The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee needs a farmer representative to replace Fred Lechluder. The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee needs an agricultural representative to replace Norman Mease.
6. Montgomery County Local Bills- January 19, 2012 Work Session with the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the County Delegation Bills- MC 7-12 Septic Easements (HB 536) and MC 16-12 Enforceability of Recorded Covenants for Ag activities and structures on TDR Easement Properties.
7. **Farmland Preservation Update:**

The County Executive and Council will hold a press event on January 26, 2012 to announce the first BLT program easement settlement. The County Executive will also announce the second BLT Easement Purchase Period.
The AEP program easement purchase period will also be announced and the Base Value will be \$1,600/acre Base AEP price.
8. AAC recommendation on the Bethesda Rezoning application to remove TDR receiving zone.
9. Discussion surrounding the Crown Farm Annexation and the \$2.0 million payment to the County Ag Preservation Fund.
10. Request from Eric Spates for AAC letter of support to install a farm access on the Sweeney property- Sugarland Road-Exception Rustic Road.
11. The next meeting of the AAC is scheduled for Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

MDA Buyer-Grower Meeting January 24, 2011 Navy Stadium
BLT Press Event for County Executive and Council-January 26, 2012
Montgomery County Farmers Market-Masters and FMNP Training-February 23, 2012
Winter Agronomy Meeting February 29, 2012

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