



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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County Executive

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Director

MEMORANDUM

November 16, 2012

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

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

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 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. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on November 20, 2012.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Revised Meeting Agenda –November 20, 2012

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from October 16, 2012. (See Attachment A.)
3. Discussion regarding Orientation of new AAC members: Woody Woodroof
4. Update on the MNCPPC-Planning Board Work Sessions on Agricultural and Rural zones. (See Attachment B.)
5. Update-Agricultural Reserve Conference-Farming at Metro's Edge- January 11-12, 2013
<http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com/> (See Attachment C.)

The three panels are as follows:

Navigating the Economic Future of Our Region's Agriculture

Panelists include: Billy Willard, Wade Butler, Robert Butz, Jane Seigler, Doug Tregoning, Steve McHenry, Dick Stoner, Chuck Schuster

Keeping Agriculture Viable in a World of Growing Environment Concerns

Panelists include: Pam Saul, Doug Lechliden??,

Building Organizational Policies and Public Support for Farming and Farm Communities.

Panelists include: Drew Stabler, Woody Woodroof, Caroline Taylor,

6. The County will not include Landscape Contractors in the DED-ZTA for agricultural and horticultural uses permitted by right in the RDT zone. This decision was made in light of the opposition from several civic organizations and some folks in the agricultural community.

7. The County Council PHED Committee postponed the work session for an update on the Agricultural Services Funding that was scheduled for December 3, 2012.

8. The County Executive is seeking interest in conducting a Deer Forum including the status of Lyme disease cases. (See Attachment D.)

9. The AAC is scheduled to meet on December 18, 2012 @ 7:00pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee November 20, 2012@7:00 pm

Montgomery County Council PHED-December 3, 2012@2:00pm

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-December 11, 2012@7:30pm

Montgomery Soil Conservation District-December 14, 2012@9:00am

Agricultural Advisory Committee-December 18, 2012@7:00pm

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