



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2012

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

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

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 18, 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 September 18, 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 Meeting Agenda –September 18, 2012

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from August 21, 2012. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up from the County Council bus tours of the Agricultural Reserve:
Tuesday September 4, 2012 Eastern Agricultural Reserve farm visits to Rolling Acres Farm-Equestrian operation, Sunny Ridge Farm-Grain and Beef operation, Ruppert Nurseries-Nursery and Landscape operation.
Friday September 7, 2012 Western Agricultural Reserve farm visits to Lewis Orchard-Table Food crop operation, Jamie and Kathy Jamison and Sons-Grain operation
4. Discussion on the August 6, 2012 Announcement for the New Farm Pilot Project-September 17, 2012 review of 18 applicants
5. Comments from the agricultural community on the Zoning Rewrite Process-Updated Consolidated Draft dated July 16, 2012 - (See Attachment B.)
6. Update-Agricultural Reserve Conference-Farming at Metro's Edge- January 11-12, 2013
<http://www.farmingatmetrosedge.com/>
7. AAC correspondence for August 2012: (See Attachments C.)
August 21, 2012 letter to Chair of the Planning Board-Treatment of septic areas for calculation of forest conservation mitigation.
August 21, 2012 letter to the President of the Council-Amendment to create new condition of approving record plats of subdivisions prohibiting private covenants that restrict agricultural uses and activities on RDT zoned land encumbered with TDR easements.
8. Discussion with Jim Clifford on Record Plats of Subdivisions: SRA 12-01 Septic Preliminary Plans
9. Discussion regarding Orientation of new AAC members: Woody Woodroof
10. The AAC is scheduled to meet on October 16, 2012 @ 7:00pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee September 18, 2012@7:00 pm
Montgomery Co Farm Bureau Bd of Directors-Tuesday October 2, 2012@7:00pm
Montgomery Co Ag Preservation Advisory Board-Tuesday October 9, 2012@7:30pm
FAME Program and Planning Committees-Thursday October 11, 2012@5:00pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District-Friday October 12, 2012@9:00am

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