



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

April 4, 2002

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** John A. Carter, Chief *JAC*  
Community-Based Planning Division

Judy Daniel, Rural Team Leader  
Community-Based Planning Division

**FROM:** Maria Martin, Planner *MAM*  
Community-Based Planning Division

**SUBJECT:** Agricultural District Petitions

- Damascus Road, Gaithersburg
- Bucklodge Road, Boyds

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** **APPROVAL** to establish Agricultural Districts, and transmit recommendation to the County Council.

Attached are copies of the petitions, and supporting documents, for the establishment of two Agricultural Districts. The first is on the Suddath property and the second on the MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C, MDR Friends Advice L.L.C., and MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C. Copies of the tax maps indicating the location of these farms are attached.

1. Howard F. Suddath made a written application to Montgomery County's Agricultural Easement Program (AEP) to sell an agricultural land preservation easement on 106.3 acres located at 7373 Damascus Road in Gaithersburg. The Agricultural District consists of one parcel totaling 118.3 acres and is subject to two exclusions. One exclusion consists of five acres and the other of seven acres, therefore bringing the total acreage under the District to 106.3 acres. The property is located within the Agriculture and Rural Open Space Master Plan Area and is currently zoned RDT. This property is in active agricultural production consisting of a rotation of small grains and hay. The property is over one mile from the incorporated municipality of Laytonsville (Attachments 1 and 2).

2. MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C., MDR Friends Advice L.L.C. and MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C. made a similar written application to Montgomery County's AEP to sell an agricultural land preservation easement on three properties consisting of 491.595 acres located at 18601, 19301 and 20306 Bucklodge Road in Boyds. The Agricultural District consists of three parcels totaling 591.595 acres and is subject to four exclusions of 25 acres each, therefore bringing the total acreage under the District to 491.595 acres. The property is located within the Agriculture and Rural Open Space Master Plan Area and is currently zoned RDT. This property is in active agricultural production consisting of a rotation of small grains and hay. The property is over one mile from the incorporated municipality of Poolesville (Attachments 3 and 4).

Planning Board action on these petitions is required under State law and subsequent guidelines established by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Planning Board responsibility is as follows:

"Within 60 days of the referral of a petition, the County planning and zoning body shall inform the local governing body whether establishment of a district is compatible with existing and approved County plans, programs and overall County policy, and whether the planning and zoning body recommends establishment of the district. In the process of review, the local planning and zoning body shall consider compatibility of district establishment with state and local plans and programs."

Planning Board action is required before County Council review, scheduled in late April or early May. The Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board approved creation of the Suddath Farm and MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C., MDR Friends Advice L.L.C., and MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C., Farm Agricultural Districts on December 13, 2001.

The current status of the proposed Agricultural Districts is outlined on the attached memo from John Zawitoski, Director of Planning and Promotions, Agricultural Services Division of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development (Attachments 5 and 6).

Staff believes that the proposed Agricultural Districts are compatible with local programs and policies to preserve agriculture. Therefore, staff recommends approval of these farms for inclusion in Agricultural Districts.

Attachment 1: Vicinity Maps for Suddath Farm

Attachment 2: Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board letter to recommend approval for Suddath Farm

Attachment 3: Vicinity Maps for MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C etc.

Attachment 4: Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board letters to recommend approval for MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C etc.

Attachment 5: Transmittal letter dated February 28, 2002, from Department of Economic Development for Suddath Farm and status of Agricultural District

Attachment 6: Transmittal letter dated March 22, 2002, from Department of Economic Development for MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C and status of Agricultural District

VICINITY MAP FOR

# AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT - SUDDATH 106.3 ACRES



Map compiled on March 14, 2002 at 2:45 AM | Site located on base sheet no. 226N002

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Key Map



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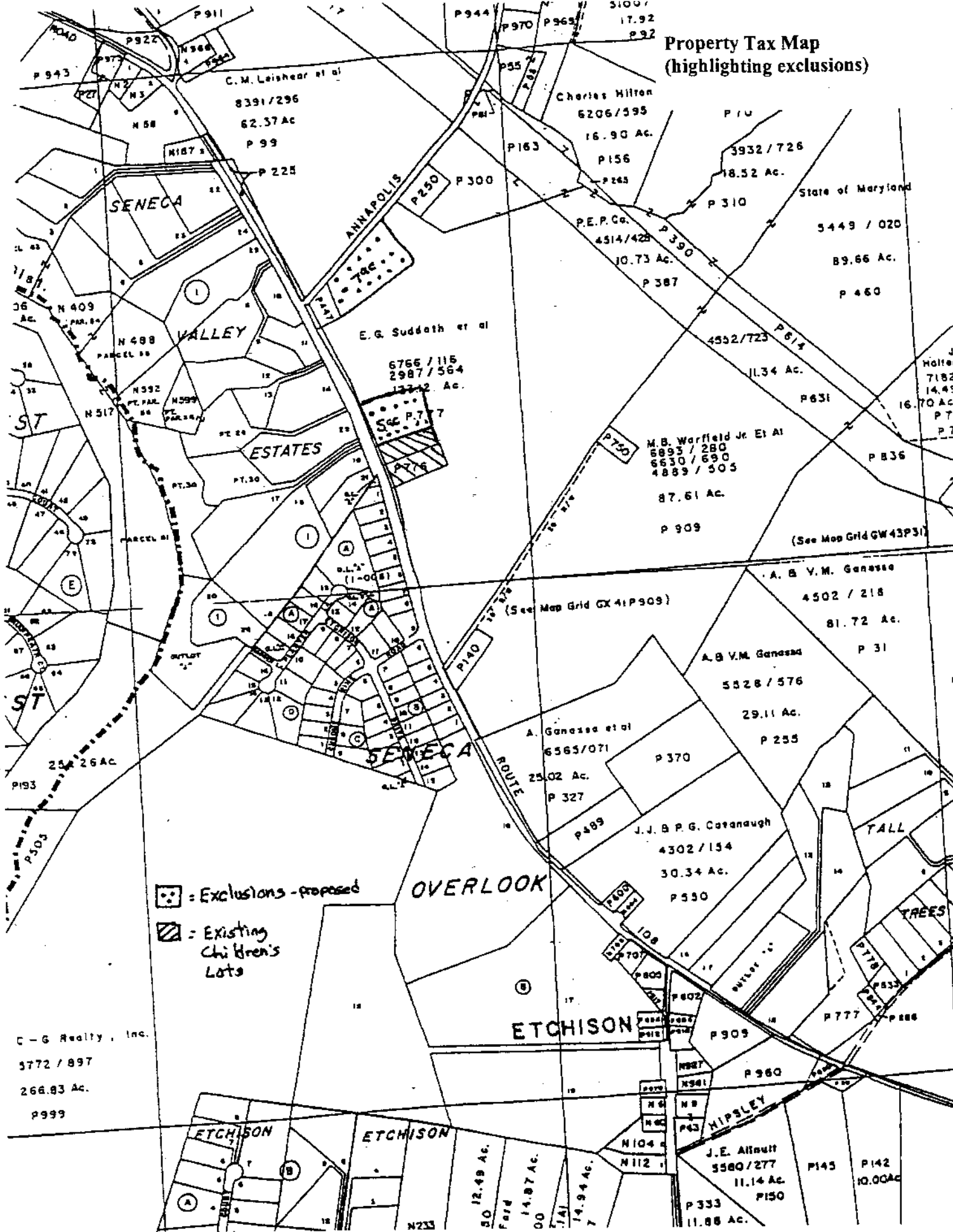




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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING**  
 THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

2007 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-0208

**Property Tax Map  
(highlighting exclusions)**



-  = Exclusions - proposed
-  = Existing Children's Lots

C - G Realty, Inc.  
3772 / 897  
266.83 Ac.  
P999

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J.E. Allbutt  
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11.14 Ac.  
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11.88 Ac.  
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P145 P142  
10.00 Ac

(See Map Grid GW43P31)

(See Map Grid GX41P909)

Map labels and data points:

- Streets:** SENECA, VALLEY, ESTATES, OVERLOOK, ETCHISON, HIPSLEY, ANNAPOLIS, ROUTE 202, ROAD, ST, ST, ST, TALL TREES.
- Parcel Owners and Data:**
  - C.M. Leishear et al: 8391/296, 62.37 Ac, P 99
  - Charles Hilton: 6206/595, 16.90 Ac, P156
  - State of Maryland: 5449 / 020, 89.66 Ac, P 460
  - E.G. Suddath et al: 6766 / 115, 2987 / 564, 137.42 Ac, P 777
  - M.B. Worfield Jr. Et Al: 6895 / 280, 6630 / 690, 4889 / 505, 87.61 Ac, P 909
  - A.B.V.M. Ganasso: 4502 / 218, 81.72 Ac, P 31
  - A.B.V.M. Ganasso: 5528 / 576, 29.11 Ac, P 255
  - A. Ganasso et al: 6565/071, 25.02 Ac, P 327
  - J.J.B.P.G. Cotanough: 4302 / 154, 30.34 Ac, P 530
  - J.E. Allbutt: 5580 / 277, 11.14 Ac, P150
  - Other parcels: 3932 / 726 (18.52 Ac, P 310), 4514 / 428 (10.73 Ac, P 387), 4552 / 723 (11.34 Ac, P 613), 7182 (14.43 Ac, P 7), 16.70 Ac (P 7), 25.26 Ac (P193), 12.49 Ac, 14.87 Ac, 7.41, 19.94 Ac, 11.88 Ac, 10.00 Ac.
- Parcel Numbers:** P 943, P 922, P 944, P 970, P 965, P 955, P 951, P 981, P 163, P 300, P 250, P 310, P 390, P 387, P 613, P 631, P 836, P 909, P 370, P 489, P 707, P 800, P 802, P 811, P 812, P 813, P 814, P 815, P 816, P 817, P 818, P 819, P 820, P 821, P 822, P 823, P 824, P 825, P 826, P 827, P 828, P 829, P 830, P 831, P 832, P 833, P 834, P 835, P 836, P 837, P 838, P 839, P 840, P 841, P 842, P 843, P 844, P 845, P 846, P 847, P 848, P 849, P 850, P 851, P 852, P 853, P 854, P 855, P 856, P 857, P 858, P 859, P 860, P 861, P 862, P 863, P 864, P 865, P 866, P 867, P 868, P 869, P 870, P 871, P 872, P 873, P 874, P 875, P 876, P 877, P 878, P 879, P 880, P 881, P 882, P 883, P 884, P 885, P 886, P 887, P 888, P 889, P 890, P 891, P 892, P 893, P 894, P 895, P 896, P 897, P 898, P 899, P 900, P 901, P 902, P 903, P 904, P 905, P 906, P 907, P 908, P 909, P 910, P 911, P 912, P 913, P 914, P 915, P 916, P 917, P 918, P 919, P 920, P 921, P 922, P 923, P 924, P 925, P 926, P 927, P 928, P 929, P 930, P 931, P 932, P 933, P 934, P 935, P 936, P 937, P 938, P 939, P 940, P 941, P 942, P 943, P 944, P 945, P 946, P 947, P 948, P 949, P 950, P 951, P 952, P 953, P 954, P 955, P 956, P 957, P 958, P 959, P 960, P 961, P 962, P 963, P 964, P 965, P 966, P 967, P 968, P 969, P 970, P 971, P 972, P 973, P 974, P 975, P 976, P 977, P 978, P 979, P 980, P 981, P 982, P 983, P 984, P 985, P 986, P 987, P 988, P 989, P 990, P 991, P 992, P 993, P 994, P 995, P 996, P 997, P 998, P 999.
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AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 13, 2001

Mr. Howard Suddath  
7373 Damascus Rd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Dear Mr. Suddath:

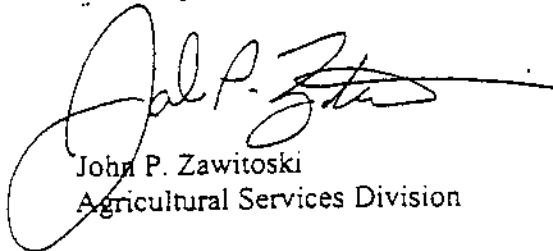
I am writing to you today on behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, to inform you that the Board met on December 11 to discuss the Agricultural District application for your farm.

The Board recommends the approval of the Agricultural District and instructed me to actively pursue the preservation of this farm by obtaining the necessary approvals by both the County Planning Board and County Council. The agricultural productivity of the farm is excellent due to 86% of the soils consist of prime and productive classifications: 70.3 acres of USDA Class II prime soils classification and 21 acres of USDA Class III prime soils classification. I explained to the Board how the preservation of this farm would enable you to ensure the continued viability of this farming operation.

The recommendation at this time is to create an Agricultural District through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. The designation of the District will enable an agricultural easement to be purchased on the farm as a part of the FY03 program cycle.

I look forward to working with you on this property in an expeditious manner. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-590-2831.

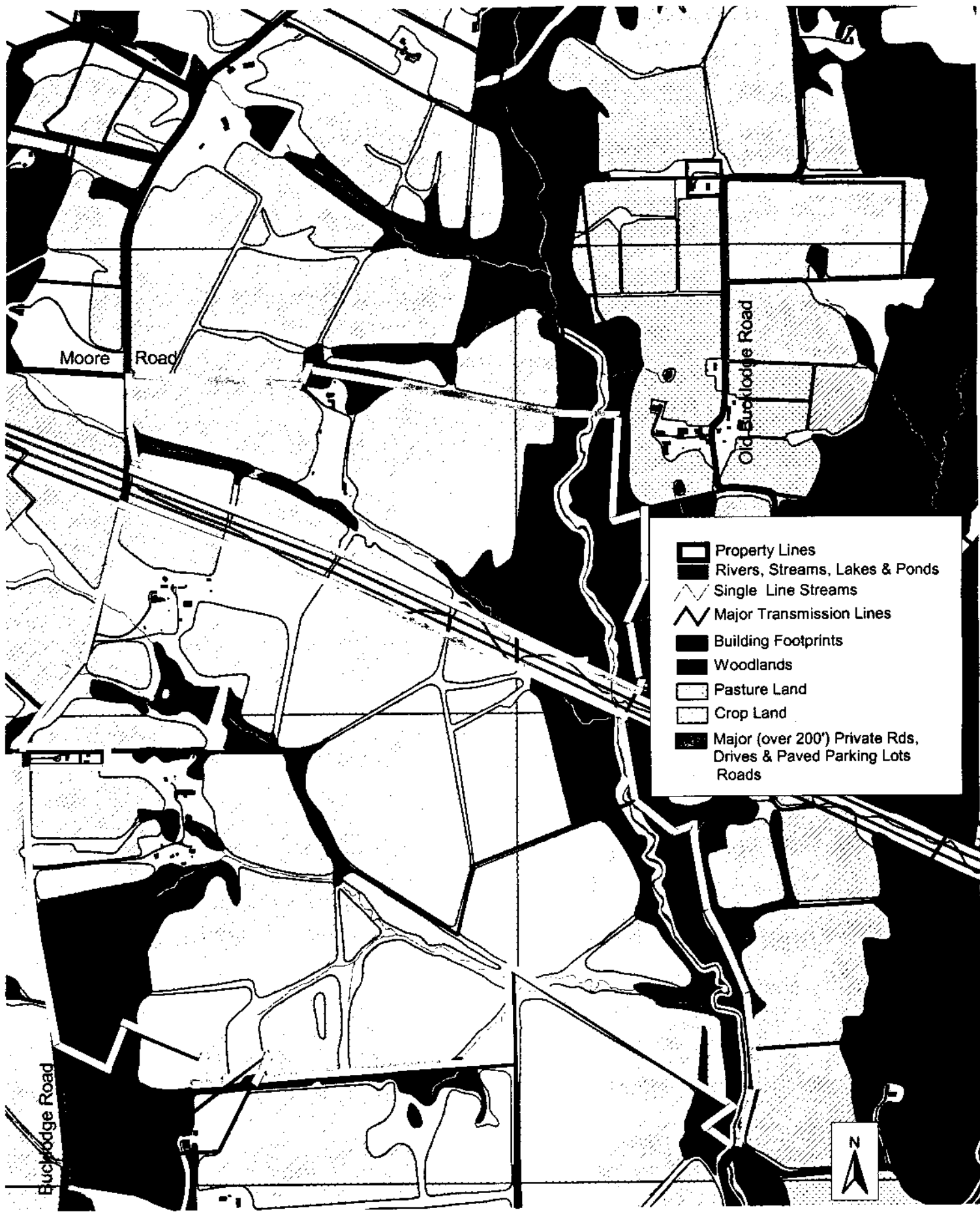
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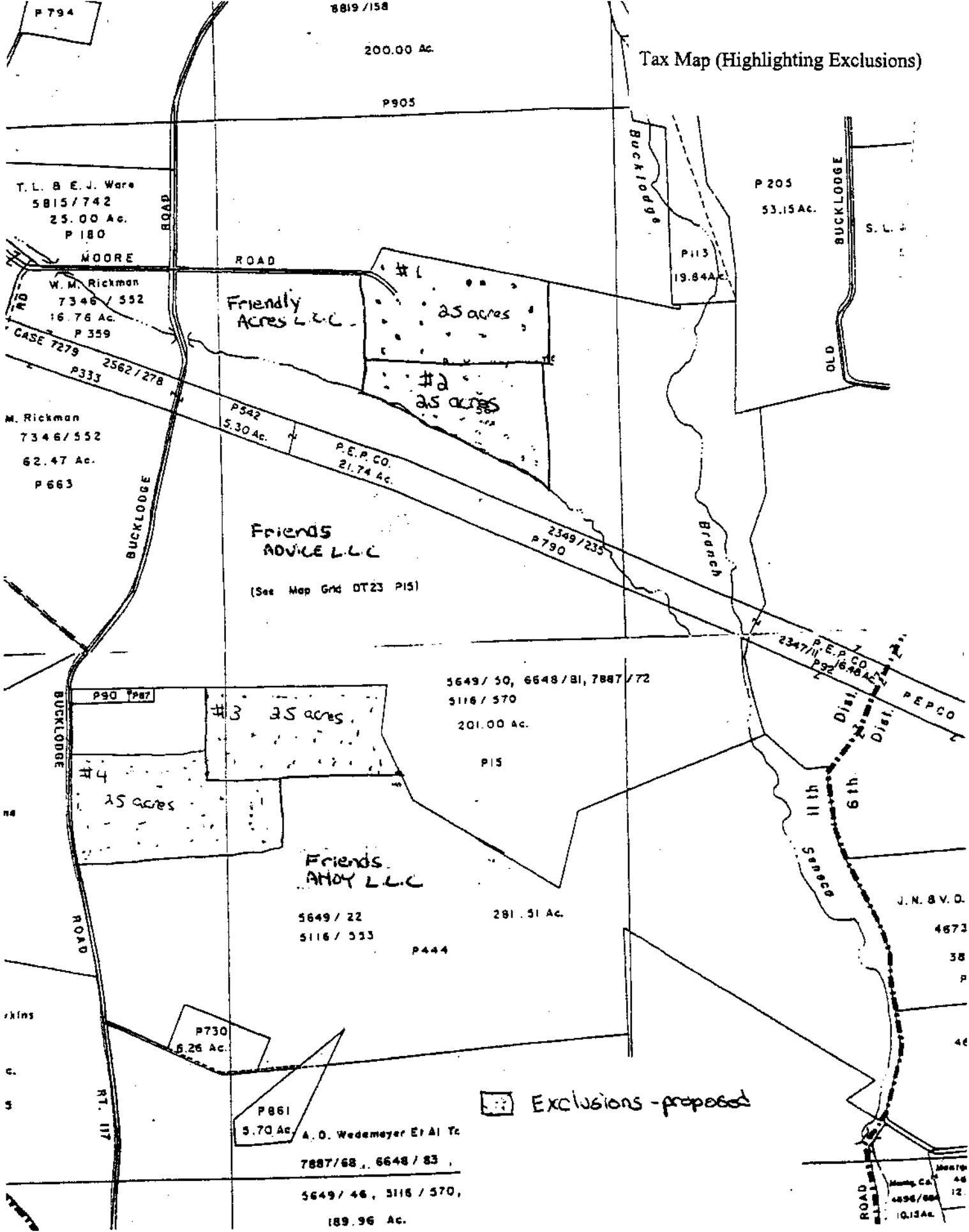
John P. Zawitoski  
Agricultural Services Division

cc: File  
a:suddath(dec2001)

# Agricultural Districts- MDR Friendly Acres etc.



Tax Map (Highlighting Exclusions)



Friendly Acres LLC

Friends Advice LLC

(See Map Grid DT23 P15)

Friends Andy LLC

Exclusions - proposed

Map of  
Montg. Co.  
4896/88  
10.13 Ac.

**ATTACHMENT 4**

APAB District Approval Letter



AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 13, 2001

Mr. Michael Rubin  
MDR/Friendly Acres LLC  
20306 Bucklodge Road  
Boyd's, MD 20841

Dear Mr. Rubin:

*Mike*  
I am writing to you today on behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, to inform you that the Board met on December 11 to discuss the Agricultural District application for your farm.

The Board recommends the approval of the Agricultural District and instructed me to actively pursue the preservation of this farm by obtaining the necessary approvals by both the County Planning Board and County Council. The agricultural productivity of the farm is excellent due to 93% of the soils consist of prime and productive classifications: 92.65 acres of USDA Class II prime soils classification and 28.88 acres of USDA Class III prime soils classification. I explained to the Board how the preservation of this farm would enable you to ensure the continued viability of this farming operation.

The recommendation at this time is to create an Agricultural District through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. The designation of the District will enable an agricultural easement to be purchased on the farm as a part of the FY03 program cycle.

I look forward to working with you on this property in an expeditious manner. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-590-2831.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Zawitoski  
Agricultural Services Division

cc: File  
a:friendlyacres(dec2001)





AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 13, 2001

Mr. Michael Rubin  
MDR/Friends Advice LLC  
20306 Bucklodge Road  
Boys, MD 20841

Dear Mr. Rubin,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, to inform you that the Board met on December 11 to discuss the Agricultural District application for your farm.

The Board recommends the approval of the Agricultural District and instructed me to actively pursue the preservation of this farm by obtaining the necessary approvals by both the County Planning Board and County Council. The agricultural productivity of the farm is excellent due to 98% of the soils consist of prime and productive classifications: 126.15 acres of USDA Class II prime soils classification and 21.88 acres of USDA Class III prime soils classification. I explained to the Board how the preservation of this farm would enable you to ensure the continued viability of this farming operation.

The recommendation at this time is to create an Agricultural District through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. The designation of the District will enable an agricultural easement to be purchased on the farm as a part of the FY03 program cycle.

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Sincerely,

John P. Zawitoski  
Agricultural Services Division

cc: File  
a:friendsadvice(dec2001)



AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Mr. Michael Rubin  
MDR/Friends AHOY  
20306 Bucklodge Road  
Boys, MD 20841

Dear Mr. Rubin: *Mike*

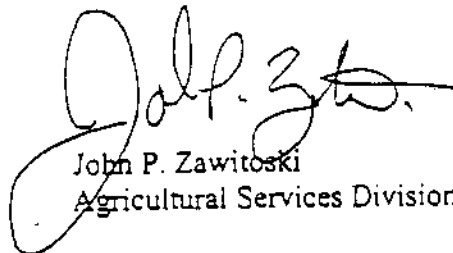
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The Board recommends the approval of the Agricultural District and instructed me to actively pursue the preservation of this farm by obtaining the necessary approvals by both the County Planning Board and County Council. The agricultural productivity of the farm is excellent due to 95% of the soils consist of prime and productive classifications: 178.67 acres of USDA Class II prime soils classification and 40.41 acres of USDA Class III prime soils classification. I explained to the Board how the preservation of this farm would enable you to ensure the continued viability of this farming operation.

The recommendation at this time is to create an Agricultural District through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. The designation of the District will enable an agricultural easement to be purchased on the farm as a part of the FY03 program cycle.

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Sincerely,

  
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Agricultural Services Division

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## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive

February 28, 2002

David W. Edgerley  
Director

To: Mr. Arthur Holmes Jr., Chairman  
Montgomery County Planning Board

From: John P. Zawitoski, Director of Planning and Promotions  
Department of Economic Development

Subject: Creation of a Maryland Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)  
Agricultural District- Suddath: 106.3 acres.

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In accordance with the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), a petition to establish an Agricultural District (See Attachment A.) has been received from the following entity and is described in detail below.

1.	Mr. Howard F. Suddath. 7373 Damascus Road, Gaithersburg Md 20882	106.3 acres
Total Acres for Agricultural Districts		106.3 acres

The Agricultural District consists of one parcel totaling 118.3 acres and is subject to two exclusions. One exclusion consists of five acres and the other exclusion consists of seven acres as outlined on Attachment B, therefore bringing the total acreage under District to 106.3 acres. The above property outlined on the tax map identified as Attachment B, is in active agricultural production consisting of a rotation of small grains and hay. The properties are over 1 mile from the incorporated municipality of Laytonsville.

The Planning Board is required to make written comments to the County Council as to whether creation of such a District is compatible with the planning policies of the County.

**The status of the Agricultural District is as follows:**

On December 11, 2001 the Montgomery County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board approved the creation of the Agricultural District (Attachment C).

Montgomery County Planning Board to review the petition to establish the Agricultural District in March 2002.

The Montgomery County Council will introduce District establishment resolution in late April/early May 2002.

The County Council must hold a public hearing and vote to approve the resolution to establish the District in late April /early May 2002.

The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Board of Trustees to review and approve the District during June 2002.

The application to sell an easement and other supporting documentation must be processed by the Department of Economic Development (DED) pending the approval of the resolution to create the requested Agricultural District.

The landowners wish to submit an easement application to MALPF prior to July 1, 2002.

To enable this landowner to make application to sell a MALPF easement by the July 1, 2002 application deadline, we will need the Planning Board's support in approving this District prior to the County Council Introduction of Resolution, Public Hearing, and final action on the Resolution. Once the County has approved the Resolution, the DED will process the Agricultural District and Easement Application.

Please let me know, at your earliest opportunity, when the Planning Board can schedule review of this Agricultural District. We would like to get the District before the Council in early April if possible. The Planning Board should forward written comments on the creation of the Agricultural District to the Montgomery County Council and also to the DED.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 301-590-2831.

Attachments:

- (A) Petition to Establish an Agricultural District
- (B) Tax Map (highlighting exclusions)
- (C) APAB Approval Letter
- (D) Soil Map and supporting documentation

cc: David W. Edgerley, Director DED  
Jeremy Criss, Manager DED  
Judy Daniel, Rural Area Team Leader



## ATTACHMENT 6

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive

March 22, 2002

David W. Edgerley  
Director

To: Mr. Arthur Holmes Jr., Chairman  
Montgomery County Planning Board

From: John P. Zawitoski, Director of Planning and Promotions  
Department of Economic Development

Subject: Creation of a Maryland Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)  
Agricultural Districts- MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C: 109.539 Acres, MDR Friends  
Advice L.L.C: 150.9797 acres, and MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C: 231.0764 acres.

In accordance with the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), petitions to establish Agricultural District's (See Attachment A.) have been received from the following entities and are described in detail below.

1.	MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C. 19301 Bucklodge Road, Boyds, Md 20841	109.539 acres
2.	MDR Friends Advice L.L.C 20306 Bucklodge Road, Boyds, Md 20841	150.9797 acres
3.	MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C 18601 Bucklodge Road, Boyds, Md 20841	231.0764 acres
	<b>Total Acres for Agricultural Districts</b>	<b>491.595 acres</b>

The Agricultural Districts consists of three parcels totaling 591.595 acres and are subject to four exclusions. Two (2) exclusions totaling 50 acres will occur on the Parcel identified as MDR Friendly Acres L.L.C and the remaining two (2) exclusions totaling 50 acres will occur on the Parcel identified as MDR Friends Ahoy L.L.C., thus bringing the total acreage under District to 491.595 acres. The above properties and proposed exclusions, outlined on the tax map identified as Attachment B, are in active agricultural production consisting of a rotation of small grains and hay. The properties are well over 1 mile from the incorporated municipality of Poolesville.

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**Agricultural Services Division**

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