

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-72-2018

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION HOUSING and the ENVIRONMENT

Date: 10/11/18

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Turner, Lehman and Taveras; Absent: Franklin and Toles)

CR-72-2018 pertains to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program regarding the approval of the application to preserve the property of the Meloy Family Real Estate Partnership.

The MALPF Program is a State program that encourages the preservation of agricultural land by allowing one or more landowners to apply voluntarily to preserve their land if certain criteria are met. This resolution is required by MALPF to obtain governing body approval of the application to preserve property for the Meloy Family Real Estate Partnership.

Jeanine Nutter, Land Preservation Administrator, Soil Conservation District and Fatimah Hasan, Planner Coordinator, M-NCPPC provided additional information and responses to Committee questions. M-NCPPC initiated the application process with the approval of the Planning Board. Ms. Nutter explained the MALPF process indicating the need for approval from the Council, County Executive and MALPF Board.

This is a 255-acre waterfront farm with two houses. The property is farmed primarily in hay. Should Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation purchase an easement five (5) development rights will be extinguished and no additional houses will be allowed. The property will remain a 255-acre farm with two houses in perpetuity. If the easement is purchased thru MALPF there will not be a fiscal impact to the County.

State law requires the Prince George's Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and the Prince George's County Planning Board to review and approve the application. Both the Advisory Board and the Planning Board recommended approval.

The Office of Law finds it to be in proper legislative form and sees no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of the County Executive liaison indicated support of CR-72-2018.

A Public Hearing is required on CR-72-2018 and is scheduled on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.