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Rebecca L. Flora, Secretary of Planning  
Office of Secretary  
Maryland Department of Planning  
120 East Baltimore St., 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD, 21202

Re: Recertification of Prince George's County's Application to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program

Dear Secretary Flora:

The Prince George's County Council is pleased to support the enclosed application for recertification of Prince George's County by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program. On January 28, 2025, the County Council met to consider the application and this correspondence.

The application was developed pursuant with the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, Title 5, Subtitle 4, Section 5-408 (b)(1) and (2) – Certification of County Agricultural Land Preservation Programs; and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title 34 Department of Planning, Subtitle 03, Land Use, Chapter 03 Certification of County Agricultural Land Preservation Programs.

Prince George's County recognizes that the preservation of agricultural land is important to achieve the goals of the *Plan Prince George's 2035 Approved General Plan* and the 2017 *Resource Conservation Plan (Section III, Agriculture Conservation Plan.)* We have continued to work since certification in 2019 to expand agricultural uses in the Rural and Agricultural Areas of the County, to establish a link between the farming community and the local government through the Agricultural Resources Advisory Committee, and to secure additional revenues for agricultural property owners. The approval of the program will continue to help the County retain an additional percentage of the County's agricultural transfer tax, which will be used to protect agricultural land, open space, and other important natural resources.

We look forward to the Maryland Department of Planning's approval of the recertification and thank you in advance for your support and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact Jeanine Nutter, Prince George's Soil Conservation District, at 301-574-5162 (x3) for additional information.

Sincerely,

Jolene Ivey  
Council Chair

Enclosures

cc: Tara H. Jackson, Acting County Executive, Prince George County  
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