

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-73-2018

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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-73-2018 pertains to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Program regarding the approval of the application to preserve the property of Carol D. and John A. Flewelling, Jr.

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 the property of Carol D. and John a. Flewelling, Jr.

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 an 86-acre property and is comprised of four separate parcels. Preserving this property will extinguish 15 development rights. Currently, there is no house located on any of the parcels. Should this property be preserved thru MALPF a survey will be required. It will put all four properties together and be recognized as one parcel. The landowner has elected the option of a non-subdivided building envelope. The landowner or a subsequent owner will have the right to build one house on the 86 acres that will never be subdivided from the property. 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-73-2018.

A Public Hearing is required for CR-73-2018 and is scheduled on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.