



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

September 5, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt  
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke *DHV*  
County Auditor

FROM: Inez N. Claggett *INC*  
Senior Legislative Auditor

RE: Fiscal Impact Statement  
CR-070-2019 Approval of Application to Preserve Property – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Program

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#### *Legislative Summary*

CR-070-2019 recommends the approval of an application to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation by Bonnie Breeze Farm Inc. Dwayne Catterton to permanently preserve property.

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#### *Background*

In 1977 the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation was established as part of the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Foundation purchases agricultural preservation easements that forever restrict development on prime farmland and woodland. Requests for preservation are submitted via an application to the Prince George's Soil Conservation District. Applications are reviewed and must be approved by the local Preservation Advisory Board, the County and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation before preservation is granted.

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#### *Assumptions and Methodology*

CR-070-2019 recommends that the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) approve an application of Bonnie Breeze Farm Inc. Dwayne Catterton to permanently preserve property. The application was reviewed and approved by the Prince George's County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and the Prince George's County Planning Board. The Planning Board attests that the

property has met the qualifying criteria for productivity, size and location, and found the application to be compatible with existing and approved county plans.

The Resolution directs that copies of the application, maps, and letters from the Prince George's County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and the Prince George's County Planning Board be forwarded to the County Executive for consideration and, upon her approval, be transmitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for appropriate action.

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***Fiscal Impact***

- Direct Impact

Enactment of CR-070-2019 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

- Indirect Impact

Enactment of CR-070-2019 should not have an adverse indirect fiscal impact on the County.  
Approval of the application may promote the economic use and conversation of agriculture and natural resources as intended.

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***Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget***

Not applicable.

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***Effective Date***

The proposed Resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption

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If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.