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The Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, created by Chapter 463, Acts of 1937, and Chapter 493, Acts of 1947, and renamed by Chapter 85, Acts of 1980, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board encourages and fosters agriculture through the promotion and assistance of *bona fide* agricultural fairs and exhibits. It extends financial assistance to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-301 through 10-303).

## MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

*Chairperson:* F. Grove Miller, 1984

*Ex officio members:* Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., *Secretary, Department of Agriculture*; William S. James, *State Treasurer*

*Appointed members:* William E. Burall, 1981; Bradford Reeves, 1981; Charles Zepp, 1981; John R. Sherwood III, 1983; T. Allan Stradley, 1983; George Wills, 1983; Erna R. Chapman, 1984; Samuel C. Linton, Jr., 1984.

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The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation was created by Chapter 784, Acts of 1977. The Foundation is governed and administered by a Board of Trustees composed of the State Treasurer and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, both of whom serve as *ex officio* members, and nine at large members from the State who are appointed by the Governor, at least five of whom must be farmer representatives from different areas of the State and one non-farm representative, who is a representative of the Department of State Planning. The chairperson of the Board of Trustees is appointed by the Governor from among the nine at large trustees. The Foundation employs an Executive Director appointed by the Secretary upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees at large.

The principal responsibility of the Foundation is to implement the Agricultural Land Preservation program promulgated in the Agriculture Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-515, of the Maryland Annotated Code.

The intent of the program is to preserve productive agricultural land and woodland in Maryland, to provide for the continued production of food and fiber, to curb the extent of urban sprawl, and to protect agricultural land and woodland as open space.

The program is voluntary on the part of landowners and is dependent upon the cooperation of local governments, which appoint five-member Agricultural Preservation Advisory Boards.

Landowners may initiate by agreement with the Foundation the creation of Agricultural Preservation Districts, in which subdivision and development are restricted for at least five years. The creation of a District results in the protection of normal agricultural activities and in the eligibility of landowners to make application to sell a development rights easement. The Foundation may acquire easements based upon the availability of funds as allocated by the counties, in accord with a competitive formula provided by law and subject to local recommendation and appraisal. Easements acquired are effective for at least twenty-five years.

In addition, the Foundation may receive by gift, devise, bequest, or grant easements in gross or other rights to restrict the use of agricultural land and woodland (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-515).

## STATE APPLE COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* John T. Stegmaier, 1984

Robert Black, 1981; Edward W. Hepburn, 1981; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr., 1982; Theodore Stegmaier, 1982; Allen Baugher, 1983; John Rinehart, 1983.

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created by Chapter 628, Acts of 1947. The seven-member Commission is appointed to four-year terms by the Governor from a list of fruit growers approved by the executive committee of the