

(e) "Designated agricultural area" means those areas of the county identified by the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board as having the greatest potential for maintaining a viable level of agricultural or forest production.

(f) "Development option" means the right of a landowner in an agricultural preservation district to convey the privilege that permits a person to increase the density of residential use of land in a designated transfer zone.

(g) "Development right" means the right an agricultural owner conveys to a person that permits the person to increase the density of residential use of land in a designated transfer zone. A development right comes into existence only after a development option has been conveyed by an owner in an agricultural preservation district.

(h) "Program" means the Calvert County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

(i) "Transfer zone" means the area in Calvert County zoned agricultural "A-1" designated by the County Commissioners as an area where development rights may be used to increase the density of residential use.

(j) "Development option agreement" means a recorded instrument which sets forth the provisions of the conveyance of the development options. The format and minimum contents shall be established by the County Commissioners.

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(a) The Board of County Commissioners [of Calvert County] may appoint an Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board consisting of five members, at least three of whom shall be owner operators of commercial farms who earn 51 percent or more of their income from farming.

(b) One member shall be a resident of each election district.

(c) Original members shall be appointed for the following terms:

- (1) One for a term of [three] 3 years;
- (2) Two for a term of [four] 4 years; and
- (3) Two for a term of [five] 5 years.

Thereafter, terms of office shall be [five] 5 years. A member may not serve for more than two consecutive full terms. Appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired terms.