

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
Section 275(e), (f), and (g)
Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1963 Edition and 1970 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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275.

(a) The Board of County Commissioners 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.

(E) THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT AND USE GIFTS AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GRANTS FOR THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS. THE BOARD MAY EXPEND THE COUNTY SHARE OF DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES AND ANY OTHER FUNDS WHICH MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WITH APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE:

(1) THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

(2) USE AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

(3) USE FOR PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS TO PROTECT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREAS AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICTS.

(4) USE FOR PURCHASE OF FARMLAND STRATEGICALLY LOCATED WITH REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHED AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICTS; THE LAND PURCHASED SHALL BE PLACED IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT AND THE BOARD-MAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD, SELL THE LAND AND THE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS.

(F) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE, FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS, MONEY FOR USE BY THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE COUNTY AND STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS.

(G) THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE AUDITED ANNUALLY AND ALL AUDIT EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.