

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture
Section 2-510(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-510.

(a) An owner of agricultural land located in an agricultural district established under this subtitle may offer by written application to sell an easement to the foundation on the entire contiguous acreage of such agricultural land.

(b) In order to be considered by the foundation, an application to sell shall:

(1) Be received by the board not later than [July] JUNE 1 [of] IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING the fiscal year in which the application is to be considered;

(2) Include an asking price at which the owner is willing to sell an easement; and

(3) Include a complete description of the subject land.

(c) Within 30 days after the receipt of an application, the foundation shall notify the landowner of the receipt and sufficiency of the application. If the original application is insufficient, the foundation shall specify the reason for insufficiency, and the foundation shall grant an additional 30 days for the landowner to remedy the insufficiency. If the application is made sufficient within 30 days of the notification by the foundation, the application shall be considered as if it had originally been submitted in a timely and sufficient manner.

(d) Within 30 days after the receipt of an application to sell, the foundation shall notify the governing body of the county containing the subject land, that an application to sell has been received. Within [90] 60 days of the notification, the county governing body shall advise the foundation as to local approval or disapproval of the application. THE FOUNDATION SHALL GRANT A 30 DAY EXTENSION OF THIS RESPONSE PERIOD IF THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY APPLIES TO THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EXTENSION AND STATES ITS REASONS FOR SEEKING AN EXTENSION. In deciding whether to approve the application, the county governing body shall receive the recommendation of the county agricultural preservation advisory board established under § 2-504.1 of this