

County Commissioners' Hearing Room 400 High Street Chestertown, Maryland

AGENDA

June 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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FY2022 Easement Application Rankings______Recommendation to CCs

Ag Preservation Districts

Redman Family Farm LLC – 8689 Bakers Lane

Goose Chase Farm LLC – Edesville Road

General Discussion

Adjourn

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Memorandum

To: Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board
From: Kent County Planning, Housing, & Zoning
Subject: FY 2022 Easement Applications - Rankings and Recommendation
Date: June 10, 2021

FY2022 Easement Applications and Rankings

We received 22 applications to sell an easement. Only 12 applications may be submitted to MALPF for appraisal. Because the FY2021 and FY2022 cycles are overlapping, MALPF is allowing counties to submit up to 17 applications by the July 1st deadline, provided that at least five of the 17 applications are still eligible to potentially receive a Round 2 offer in the FY 2021 cycle. We only received one Round 1 offer but anticipate the possibility of receiving several Round 2 offers. All applications have been scored and ranked using our new Easement Prioritization Formula.

I have included a blank copy of the Easement Prioritization Formula and a spreadsheet with the calculated rankings for your review. For your information, the Land Evaluation score is weighted so that it counts for 20% of the total points. There is also a map showing the 22 farms.

Please note that state law requires that these rankings remain <u>confidential</u> until the easement acquisition cycle is officially closed, probably about 12-18 months from now. I will send out a letter to let landowners know if their farm will be submitted to MALPF, but other than that you are not allowed to disclose any other information.

Agricultural Preservation Districts

ALP 21-01: Redman Family Farms LLC – 8689 Bakers Lane

The Redman Family has submitted an application to establish a district on their 118.31-acre farm located on Bakers Lane. The farm is adjacent over 5,000 acres of districts and easements. The farm has over 98% qualifying soils. There is a wireless communications tower on this farm that will be excluded from the district. A staff report with maps is attached.

ALP 21-02: Goose Chase Farm LLC – Edesville Road

The Mark Miller, representative of Goose Chase Farm LLC, has submitted an application to establish a district on his 380.96-acre farm located on Edesville Road. The farm is not adjacent to any other protected lands. The farm has almost 56% qualifying soils. A staff report with maps is attached.

Thanks!

FY 2022 Easement Prioritization Formula Scores/Rankings

Code	Rank		LE	20%	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	40%	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	30%	TOTAL
		Maximum Score	100	20.00	25	25	15	20	10	5	40.00	25	25	20	15	5	10	40.00	100.00
Α	1		53.87	10.77	13	23	15	20	0	3	29.6	25	25		7	5	10	28.8	69.17
В	2		57.03	11.41	15	15	15	20	0	3	27.2	25	25		5	5	10	28.0	66.61
С	3		68.80	13.76	24	17	15	20	0	0	30.4	25	10		10	5	2	20.8	64.96
D	4		68.48	13.70	18	25	15	20	0	1	31.6	2	20	7.40	2	5	10	18.6	63.85
E	5		50.62	10.12	21	9	15	20	0	3	27.2	25	25		5	5	4	25.6	62.92
F	6		67.97	13.59	16	28	15	20	0	0	31.6	2	20	7.07	0	5	10	17.6	62.82
G	7		66.11	13.22	24	15	15	10	0	0	25.6	25	5		10	5	10	22.0	60.82
Н	8		51.22	10.24	19	9	15	20	0	3	26.4	25	15		5	5	10	24.0	60.64
I	9		58.16	11.63	18	23	15	20	0	3	31.6	18.2	10		7	5	2	16.9	60.11
J	10		50.13	10.03	24	11	15	5	0	0	22.0	25	25		10	5	4	27.6	59.63
K	11		57.81	11.56	9	23	15	20	0	1	27.2	25	20		0	5	2	20.8	59.56
L	12		76.92	15.38	6	23	15	20	0	0	25.6	17.9	10		5	5	4	16.8	57.74
М	13		51.00	10.20	11	5	15	20	0	0	20.4	3.5	25	13.29	10	5	8	25.9	56.52
Ν	14		37.13	7.43	10	3	15	20	0	1	19.6	25	25		7	5	10	28.8	55.83
0	15		50.33	10.07	6	17	15	20	0	3	24.4	25	5		10	5	8	21.2	55.67
Р	16		67.60	13.52	21	5	15	20	0	0	24.4	5.4	20		7	5	6	17.4	55.28
Q	17		75.14	15.03	5	23	15	20	0	0	25.2	17.9	10		0	5	2	14.0	54.19
R	18		52.94	10.59	14	13	15	20	0	3	26.0	5.3	20		5	5	6	16.5	53.11
S	19		60.63	12.13	7	15	15	15	0	3	22.0	0.6	25	2.23	10	5	4	18.7	52.86
Т	20		51.76	10.35	5	9	15	15	0	1	18.0	19.6	25		5	5	6	24.2	52.59
U	21		57.74	11.55	5	17	15	20	0	3	24.0	5.1	20		5	5	6	16.4	51.99
V	22		52.73	10.55	2	19	15	20	0	0	22.4	5	25		5	5	6	18.4	51.35

MALPF EASEMENT PRIORITIZATION FORMULA

OwnerName(s)	NUMBER OFACRES	Kent ALP FILE#
LAND EVALUATIONSCORE	SITEASSESSMENT SCORE	TOTAL POINTS THIS CYCLE
RANK		DATE

Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) Ranking Guidelines for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

LAND EVALUATION (LE)	SITE ASSESSMENT (SA)						
Soil Productivity & Capability Index 100 pts (20%)		Farm Quality & Potential 100 points (40%)	Priority Preservation Area Status 100 points (40%)				
Capability Class	F1	Farm Size (compared to median size farm) 25 points, 10%	P1	Protection of Surrounding Area 25 points, 10%			
Score (100 points) =	F2	On-Site Production 25 points, 10%	P2	Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and Distance from a Priority Funding Area (PFA) 25 points, 10%			
Land Evaluation Score	F3	Stewardship/Conservation of Land 15 points, 6%	Р3	New block of Protected Lands 20 points, 8%			
	F4	Farm Ownership and Operation 20 points, 8%	P4	Historic, Scenic, or Habitat Value of Site 15 points, 6%			
	F5	Value-added Production 10 points, 4%	P5	Re-application 5 points, 2%			
	F6	Length of Ownership 5 points, 2 %	P6	Date of Application 10 points, 4%			
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20%		40%		40%			

AGRICULTURAL SITEASSESSMENT

No.	Farm Quality and Potential of Property									Points:(100 pts. max.)	
F1	Farm Size (How large is (Median size Median farm	Points: (25 pts. max.)									
	> 270%	25	220.01-230	20	170.01-180	15	120.01-130	10	70.01-80	5	
	260.01-270	24	210.01-220	19	160.01-170	14	110.01-120	9	60.01-70	4	
	250.01-260	23	200.01-210	18	150.01-160	13	100.01-110	8	50.01-60	3	
	240.01-250	22	190.01-200	17	140.01-150	12	90.01-100	7	40.01-50	2	
	230.01-240	21	180.01-190	16	130.01-140	11	80.01-90	6	< 40%	1	
	includes crop	fields, p	pastureland, liv	vestock	ement plan that operations, fore		<i>sizes wood prod</i> cultural buildin				(25 pts. max.)
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F4	Farm Ownership and Operation		Points:
	Is the landowner a resident, full-time farmer, retired with the farm operated by family a does the landowner live on the farm and lease to a full-time farmer or does a part-time farmer operate the farm?	(20 pts. max.)	
	 Applicant lives in the County and the applicant or a family member is actively farming the subject property Applicant lives in the County and the farm is leased to a non-family member 	20 points 15 points	
	 Applicant does not live in the County and the applicant or a family member is actively farming the subject property Applicant does not live in the County and the farm is leased to a non-family member 	10 points 5 points	
F5	 Value-added Production Farming operation includes animal production such as a dairy, poultry, beef cattle, or hogs with direct sales to consumers 	5 points	Points: (10 pts. max.)
	 Farming operation does direct sales to consumers from the farm or from local markets of non-animal products Farm offers agritourism opportunities 	5 points 5 points	
F6	 Length of Ownership How long has the landowner, or his family, owned the farm? Applicant, or his family, has owned the farm for at least 25 years Applicant, or his family, has owned the farm for at least 40 years The farm has been designated as a Century Farm 	1 points 3 points 5 points	Points: (5 pts. max.)

No.	Priority Preservation Area Status		Points:(100 pts. max.)						
P1	Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and Protection of Surrounding AreaState and county policies have always emphasized the need to preserve large blocks of farmland for the continuance of agricultural operations. How well is the subject property protected by surrounding lands that are permanently protected by easements or protective zoning, or temporarily protected as agricultural districts?								
	The points credited for proximity to permanent easements will carry three times the weight of points credited for Districts. The size of the applicant farm is given credit by including it in theeasement acreage. No points will be awarded if the property is not within the County's PPA.								
	• <u>Easements</u> - The combined total acreage of the applicant property and all properties subject to an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland Environmental Trust, or other easement(s) with similar restrictions, which are located within an adjacent block will be calculated. State or Federal Resource Lands will be considered as equivalent to easements. The applicant will receive one (1) point for each 200 acres, or portion thereof, of the total acres calculated in this subsection.								
	• <u>Districts</u> - The total acreage of all non-easement properties subject to a District Agreement with the Courwhich are located within an adjacent block of the applicant's property will be calculated. The applicant v receive one (1) point for each 300 acres, or portion thereof, of the total acres calculated in this subsection.								
P2	Distance from a Priority Funding Area (PFA) Is the property near a PFA such that it serves as a buffer between a PFA and a conservation zone; or is it sufficiently distant from a PFA or designated growth area to form part of a larger contiguous block offarmland?								
	Identify the correct distance and assign the indicated points. The application can receive points for only one range.	distance							
	 The applicant property is adjacent to a community with sewer and/or water. The applicant property is less than ¹/₂ mile, but is not adjacent to a community with sewer and/or water The applicant property is more than ¹/₂ mile, but less than 1 mile from a community with sewer and/or water 	5 points 10 points 15 points							
	• The applicant property is more than 1 mile, but less than 2 miles from a community with sewer and/or water	20 points							
	 The applicant property is more than 2 miles from a community with sewer and/or water 	25 points							

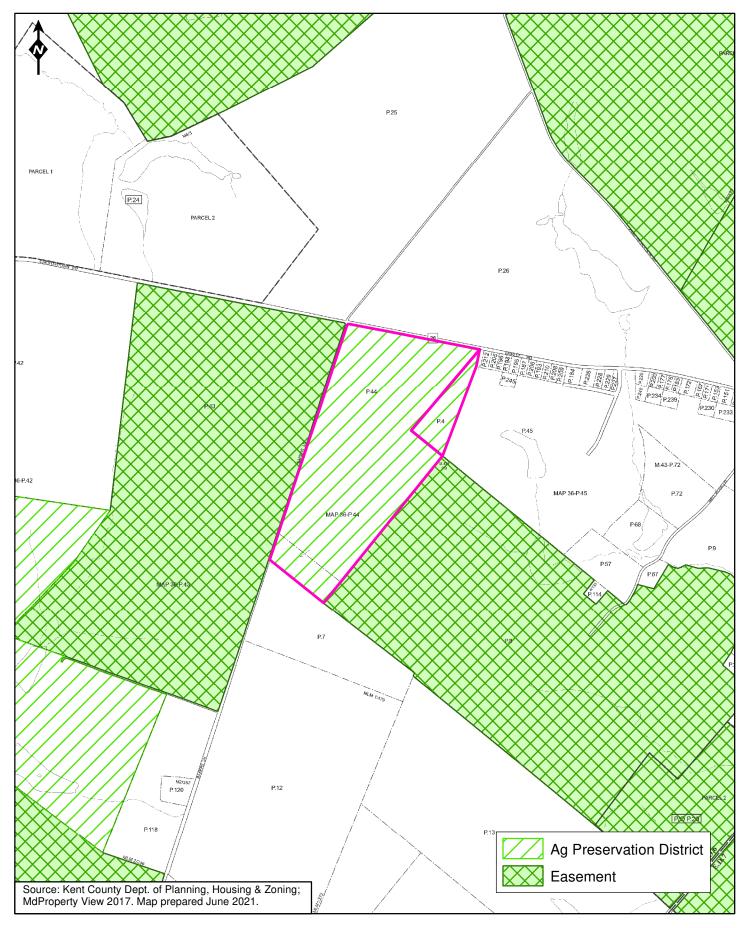
P3	Starting New Block of Protected Lands In order to encourage landowners in areas of the County that are less protected, points will be given for smaller/newer blocks of protected lands. Farms can only qualify for these points if they received 5 or fewer points in P1 above. No points will be awarded if the applicant property is not within the County's PPA.							
	• Easements - The combined total acreage of the applicant property and all properties subject to an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland Environmental Trust, or other easement(s) with similar restrictions, which are located within an adjacent block will be calculated. State or Federal resources lands will be considered as equivalent to easements. The applicant will receive one (1) point for each 50 acres, or portion thereof, of the total acres calculated in this subsection.							
	• Districts - The total acreage of all non-easement properties subject to a District Agreement with the County which are located within an adjacent block of the applicant's property will be calculated. The applicant will receive one (1) point for each 100 acres, or portion thereof, of the total acres calculated in this subsection.							
P4	Historic, Scenic, or Habitat Value of Site Does the subject property have non-agricultural site-specific attributes highly valued by the County?	Points:						
	A property shall receive the points indicated for each of the qualifying designations below. If a property contains several of the designations, the points for each shall be added together for a total score which shall not be greater than 15 points. Do <u>not</u> count historic designations more than once. To verify if a site contains these attributes, an evaluator may need to consult with the appropriate State or County representative or agency, such as the designated local Historic Preservation Planner, the Maryland Historical Trust, or the Department of Natural Resources. • Contains structure/s listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the County Historic Sites Listing 2 points	(15 pts. max.)						
	 Contains Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat or is in an Area of Critical State Concern 2 points 							
	 Critical State Concern Is part of a contiguous forested area (25 acres or greater) 2 points 5 points 							
	Located along a National or State Scenic Byway 5 points							
	Borders tidal waters 5 points TOTAL POINTS (add the point totals above together – not to exceed 15 points) =points							
P5	Re-application	Points:						
	Has an application for this specific property been submitted to the County previously that has not resulted in an easement offer.	(5 pts. max.)						

P6	Date of Application from District Establishment		Points:
	Current calendar year minus 5	10 points	(10 pts. max.)
	Current calendar year minus 4	8 points	
	Current calendar year minus 3	6 points	
	Current calendar year minus 2	4 points	
	Current calendar year minus 1	2 points	
	Current calendar year	0 points	

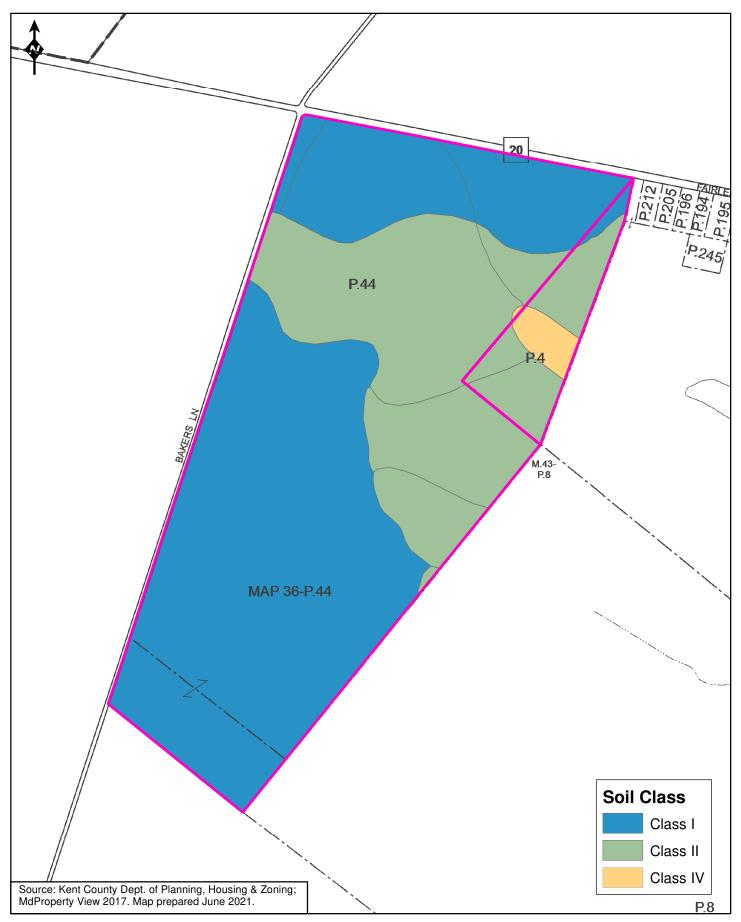
PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

FILE #: LANDOWNER(S):	ALP- 21-01 Redman Family Farms LLC							
LOCATION: TAX MAP, PARCEL #:	8689 Bakers Lane, Chestertown, MD 21620 Map 36, Parcels 4 and 44							
SIZE:	118.31 acres							
RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PRESERVED LAND	This property is adjacent to over 5,360 acres of districts and easements.							
TOTAL LAND USE: ACRES	CROPLANDPASTUREWOODLANDWETLANDOTHER114.50003.5							
DWELLINGS:	One existing dwelling							
GENERAL FARMING OPERATION:	Grain and vegetables							
PART OF LARGER OPERATION:	Yes							
OWNER OPERATED:	Yes							
TOTAL QUALIFYING SOILS: ACRES: PERCENT:	CLASS 1CLASS IICLASS IIICLASS IVGROUP 2= TOTAL75.541.10.000.000.00116.663.834.70.000.000.0098.5							
COUNTY ZONING/DENSITY:	Agricultural Zoning District (AZD), base density 1:30							
DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE:	Moderate							
ACREAGE WITHHELD:	Cell tower compound – 0.5 acres							
OTHER INFORMATION:	Farm is located within the Priority Preservation Area. A Soil and Water Conservation Plan and Nutrient Management Plan are in effect.							
RECOMMENDATION:	Staff recommends approval.							

Redman Family Farms LLC Proposed Agricultural Preservation District



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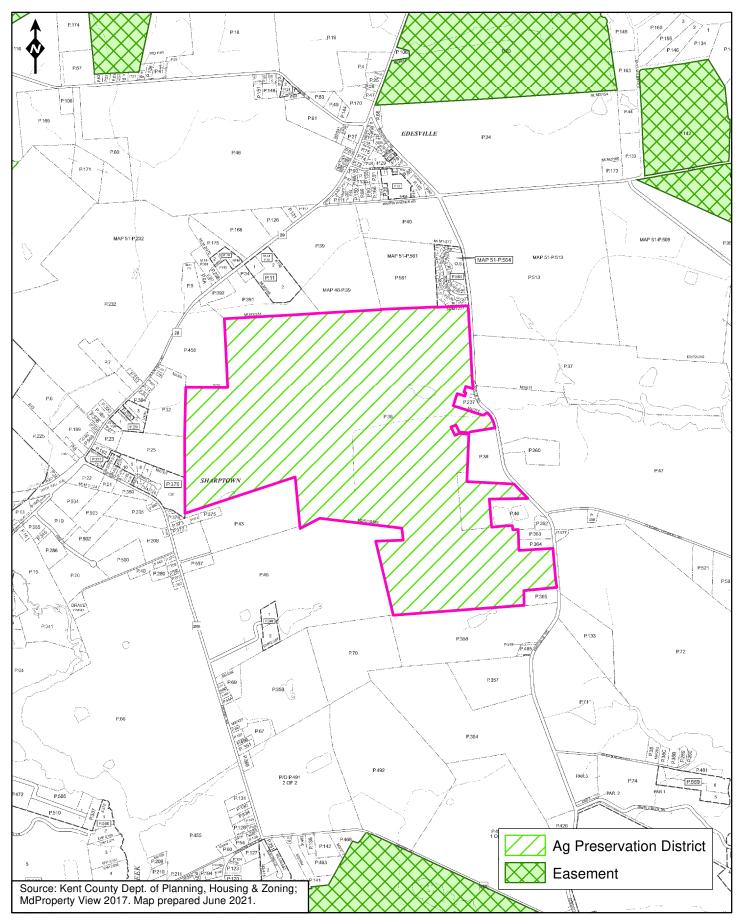
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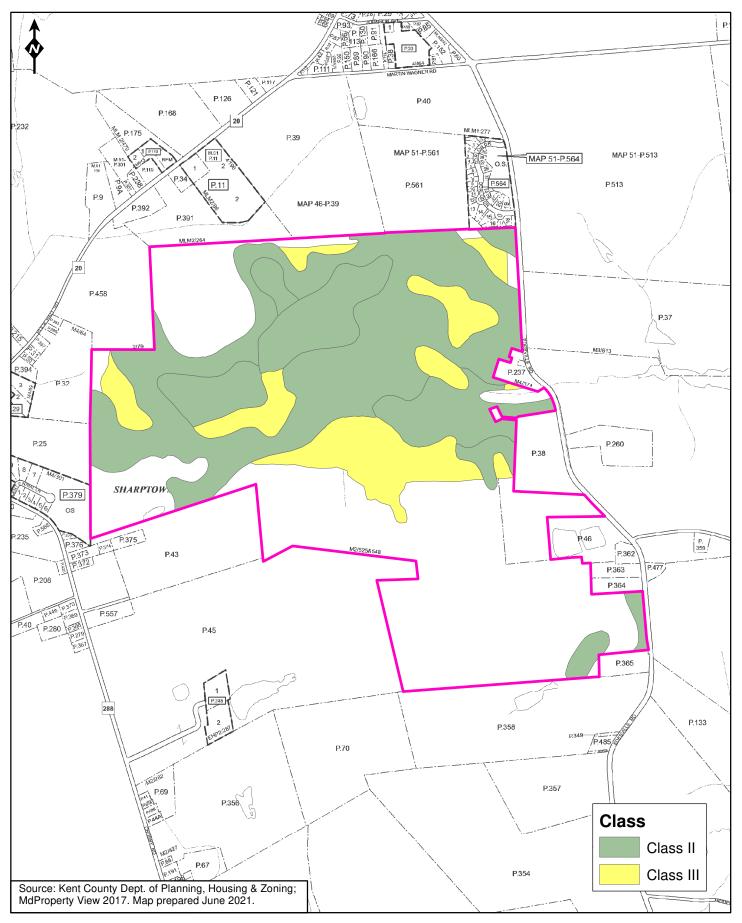
PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

FILE #: LANDOWNER(S):	ALP- 21-02 Goose Chas	e Farm Ll	_C					
LOCATION: TAX MAP, PARCEL #:	Edesville/Piney Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD Map 51, Parcel 36							
SIZE:	380.96 acres							
RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PRESERVED LAND	This property	is not adja	acent to othe	er preserve	l lands.			
TOTAL LAND USE: ACRES	<u>CROPLAND</u> 200	PASTUR 0	R <u>E</u> WOOD 18		<u>ETLAND</u> 0	OTHER 0		
DWELLINGS:	No dwellings							
GENERAL FARMING OPERATION:	Grain							
PART OF LARGER OPERATION:	Yes							
OWNER OPERATED:	No, cash leas	se						
TOTAL QUALIFYING SOILS: ACRES: PERCENT:	<u>CLASS 1</u> 0.00 0.00	<u>CLASS II</u> 164.0 43.0	<u>CLASS III</u> 49.1 12.9	<u>CLASS IV</u> 0.00 0.00	<u>GROUP 2</u> 0.00 0.00	2 <u>= TOTAL</u> 213.1 55.9		
COUNTY ZONING/DENSITY:	Agricultural Z	oning Dist	rict (AZD), b	ase density	1:30			
DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE:	Moderate							
ACREAGE WITHHELD:	None							
OTHER INFORMATION:	Farm is located within the Priority Preservation Area. A Soil and Water Conservation Plan and Nutrient Management Plan are in effect.							
RECOMMENDATION:	Staff recomm	iends appr	oval.					

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