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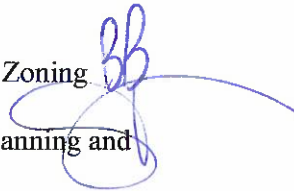
## *Agricultural Land Preservation Program*

### MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** Testimony for MALPF Easement Application, Warfield Property

**To:** Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Administration

**Through:** Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning 

**Through:** Beth Burgess, Chief, Resource Conservation Division, Department of Planning and Zoning 

**From:** Joy Levy, Agricultural Land Preservation Program Administrator, Department of Planning and Zoning

**Date:** August 31, 2022

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution No. -2022. This resolution approves a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) application for the purchase of an agricultural land preservation easement on property owned by The Kennard Warfield, Jr. Family LLLP. Section 15.15.01.09 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) requires the County's governing body to approve agricultural land preservation easement applications to MALPF. The Howard County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board will be reviewing the application on September 19, 2022 to consider making a recommendation to the MALPF Board.

Council approval of this acquisition will preserve 58.5 acres of productive farmland in the County, adding to over 23,100 acres that have been preserved to date. This is a crop farm and 95% of the property comprises an active agricultural use. The farm is improved with a chicken coop, a tool shed, a storage barn and a spring house. The property contains 78% Classes I-III soils, which exceeds MALPF's requirement. According to the Soil Conservation District, there is a longstanding landowner relationship with the Soil Conservation District and the Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan on the property is predominantly implemented with no major resource concerns.

This preservation easement application complies with MALPF's eligibility criteria, therefore, staff supports Council Resolution No. -2022 and recommends Council approval. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator, Department of Administration  
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Warfield File