

# Resolution

10-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY APPROVAL TO INCORPORATE A DISCOUNT FACTOR INTO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (MALPF) EASEMENT PRIORITIZATION AND RANKING SYSTEM AS OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT A

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners appreciate and support all of the preservation efforts of the Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism and;

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners recognize and support the importance of land preservation in Queen Anne's County and;

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners recognize and support Queen Anne's County's participation in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) program and;

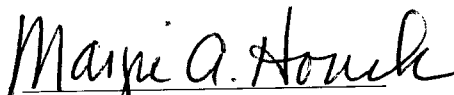
WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners acknowledge that the existing LESA scoring system used to prioritize easement applications for the MALPF program results in the identification of the highest quality farms in the County, and;

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners desire to maintain the current LESA scoring system and are in agreement with the Local Agricultural Advisory Board regarding the importance of incorporating a discounting factor as a means to ensure that quality, quantity and costs are considered as a part of the MALPF prioritization process, as outlined in Attachment A,

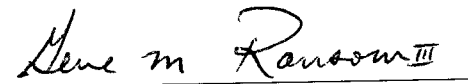
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010, that the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County hereby approve the immediate use of the LESA scoring system equally weighted with the discounting factor for easement application prioritization as presented by the Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism at its meeting on July 27, 2010 as the accepted prioritization process for use during upcoming MALPF easement cycles.


BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Agricultural Advisory Board with the support of the Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism is authorized and empowered to prioritize the easement applications submitted for consideration consistent with this process and with the provisions of State law.

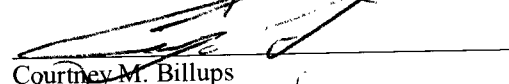
ATTEST:


  
Margie A. Houck  
Executive Assistant

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
QUEEN ANNE S COUNTY

  
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Paul L. Gunther

  
Carol R. Fordonski

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Gunther

VOTE: 5 YEA 0 NAY

DATE OF VOTE: August 24, 2010

***ATTACHMENT A***  
**APPLICATION OF DISCOUNTING AFTER**  
**APPRAISAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM MALPF**

STEP 1:

Initial  
**LESA ranking**  
 system

FARM NAME TM/P	INITIAL RANKING	POINTS
Farm A	1	10
Farm B	2	9
Farm C	3	8
Farm D	4	7
Farm E	5	6
Farm F	6	5
Farm G	7	4
Farm H	8	3
Farm I	9	2
Farm J	10	1

STEP 2:

Ranking  
 According  
 to **discounted**  
**ratio** – easement  
 values received  
 from MALPF  
 Ratios are for example  
 purposes only.

***\*New for 2010 – FY11***

FARM NAME TM/P	ASKING PRICE	EASEMENT VALUE/ ACRE PER APPRAISAL	*RATIO OF ASKING PRICE/EASEMENT VALUE (LOWEST RATIO TO HIGHEST)	RANKING	POINTS
Farm C			.560	1	10
Farm H			.561	2	9
Farm G			.701	3	8
Farm I			.764	4	7
Farm D			.776	5	6
Farm J			.776	6	5
Farm A			1.066	7	4
Farm F			1.069	8	3
Farm B			1.406	9	2
Farm E			1.553	10	1

STEP 3:

Reprioritization  
 final Ranking –  
**Add points from**  
**Step 1 and Step 2**

In case of duplicate final  
 scores, properties with  
 the **highest LESA score**  
 prevails

FARM NAME TM/P	TOTAL POINTS	FINAL RANKING
Farm C	18	1
Farm A	14	2
Farm D	13	3
Farm G	12	4
Farm H	12	5
Farm B	11	6
Farm I	9	7
Farm F	8	8
Farm E	7	9
Farm J	6	10

Local Agricultural Advisory Board approved on June 21, 2010.  
 Approved by the County Commissioners July 27, 2010