

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION WORK GROUP MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2007

1. **Attendance:** Thomas Dernoga, Marilynn Bland, Daniel Filippelli, Fred Tutman, Debra Naylor, Stephanie DeVille-Eugene, William Moore

2. **Meeting Agenda:**

I. **Approval of Minutes (November 14)**

Minutes of November 14th were approved with one change noted by Fred Tutman.

II. **Discussion –**

Betty Carlson-Jameson of the M-NCPPC Community Planning Division distributed copies of a power point presentation entitled “State of Agriculture and Agriculture Preservation in Subregion 6.” The presentation was made by Philip Gottwals during the Subregion VI Community Outreach meeting held at Baden Fire Hall on November 15, 2007.

Yates Clagett reported on the General Assembly public hearing on PG/MC 116-08 (Prince George’s County Agricultural Preservation Easement Program) held on November 27th and thanked Debra Naylor and William Moore for testifying in support.

Chair Dernoga discussed his visit to two wineries in Baltimore County, Woodhall Wine Cellars and Boordy Vineyards. The Work Group members continued previous discussions on grape growing/vineyards as an alternative for local farmers.

- CB-44-2007 Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) Legislation

The Work Group continued with the “TDR Discussion Points” handout. There was considerable discussion on the first point of a “voluntary” agricultural zone for landowners who agreed to downzone their properties. The discussion included the density of

such a zone, the benefits to be provided to landowners who chose to accept downzoning, how it would be implemented, the potential impact on other owners and the types of uses to be allowed. Chair Dernoga suggested that the Use Lists for the Baltimore and Carroll Counties that he distributed be considered for appropriate uses within an agricultural zone.

4. **Next Meeting:** December 12, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.