

Turners Creek Farms
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Kent County CRU Task Force

Dear Committee members:

We appreciate you that are taking on the difficult task of updating the Kent County Land Use Ordinance. We understand the need to keep these regulations current, but we do have some concerns about recommended changes in the Agricultural Zoning District.

In 1999, after looking for good farmland in Maryland and Delaware, we were fortunate to find Kent County. We purchased here because of the great farms, great farmers, and lack of development in the agricultural areas. We are pleased to have the Miller Family till our prime farmland acreage, and we have completed habitat work for waterfowl, deer, and upland birds on the less productive soils.

Please do not make changes which will cause increased development in the AZD and will hurt our farmers and the farm industry. Specifically:

Data buildings, industrial solar projects (not farms) & wind turbines are not agricultural uses and should not be allowed in the AZD.

Do not change densities by allowing a "reset" of the 1989 density determination.

Do not alter the 10% rule which will allow developers to create small parcels which will hurt our current farm industry.

Do not allow manure storage buildings closer than 600 feet from neighbor's property lines so you do not impact a neighbors use and value of their property.

We chose to permanently preserve our land which creates less burden on the county. Development should be directed to our towns and villages with public water and sewer, so we don't reduce our prime farmlands and the wildlife habitat they provide. The best manner to preserve landowners' property rights is with a fair and effective Land Use Ordinance. We trust you will do this.

Sincerely,



The D'Alonzo Family
Turners Creek Farms

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