

Fairlee Farms Partnership

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Chestertown, MD 21620

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Kent County Task Force

RE: Proposed AZD Changes

Dear Task Force:

We have owned farmland in Kent County for over 40 years. We were happy to discover Kent County and have been very pleased with how it respects farmers and their property rights. Our five farms are operated with best management practices by Trey Hill of Harborview Farms, so you know they are highly productive and operated with positive environmental benefits.

We have been trying to follow the rezoning process virtually, but that is difficult with the inadequate audio provided, so here are our concerns about proposed changes in the AZD:

Removing the 10% rule would cause many farms to be subdivided, then sold to non-farm interests. This will not benefit the farm industry in Kent County.

By making data centers an agricultural use, they will compete the water rights of farmland.

We use chicken litter on our farms and find it to be a good agricultural practice, but we do not want permanent large manure storage buildings near our property line which will devalue our property values. They should be at least 600 feet from a property line.

We should try to respect all property owners with good zoning rules.

Sincerely,


Fairlee Farms Partnership

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