



# News Release

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## **Application Period Opens for Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Program** *April 3 deadline set*

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Agricultural Land Preservation Program has opened up an application cycle for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement program. The MALPF program purchases agricultural preservation easements that forever restrict development on prime farmland and woodland. Since the MALPF program began in 1977, it has preserved more than 25,000 acres of farmland in Frederick County.



MALPF was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1977 and is part of the Maryland Department of Agriculture. MALPF is one of the most successful programs of its kind in the country. The State of Maryland, with the work of the Foundation and its State and local partners, has preserved in perpetuity more agricultural land than any other state in the country.

MALPF is one of several agricultural preservation programs managed by the Frederick County Division of Planning and Permitting. Together, the programs have preserved over 73,000 acres of farmland, of which 69,709 acres have been permanently preserved.

Interested applicants should contact Land Preservation Planner II Shannon O'Neil at 301-600-1411 or via e-mail at [soneil@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:soneil@frederickcountymd.gov). Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023.

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