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COUNTY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CRITICAL FARMS PROGRAM

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County [Agricultural Land Preservation](#) office is currently accepting applications for the [Critical Farms Program](#). Applications are due by April 2, 2012.

The Critical Farms Program works to supplement local land preservation efforts by providing funding to enable farmers to purchase land for farming purposes. The land must meet certain criteria to qualify for the program.

Land Preservation Administrator Anne Bradley said, “This program is designed to help full-time farmers compete with all the non-farming interests in agricultural land. The county has assisted 28 farmers in acquiring farms since the inception of this program in 1994, enabling over 3,000 acres to be transferred to full-time farmers for continued agricultural use.”

Information about the program may be found by visiting www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/criticalfarms.

For more details or to submit an application for the Critical Farms Program, contact Ms. Bradley at 301-600-1474 or via e-mail at abradley@frederickcountymd.gov.

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