



## **FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

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### **Frederick County Rural Legacy Program Receives \$1.26 Million State Grant**

FREDERICK, MD – The Maryland Board of Public Works today approved the FY2020 Rural Legacy Program grants, including \$1.259 million for Frederick County's Mid-Maryland Frederick-Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area.

Maryland's Rural Legacy Program provides the focus and funding necessary to protect and preserve large, contiguous tracts of rich land from sprawl development. The program preserves large tracts of agricultural and forested lands by partnering with local governments and private land trust sponsors across the state who work with willing property owners to acquire conservation easements.

The Maryland legislature appropriated approximately \$18.85 million for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' program. Rural Legacy purchases conservation easements or fee simple interests in real property from willing property owners, based on Rural Legacy Plans that have been reviewed by the Rural Legacy Board.

To date, 6,588 acres have been permanently preserved in Frederick County through the Rural Legacy Program. In total, the Frederick County Agricultural Land Preservation Program has permanently preserved over 62,000 acres of land in the county.

Information about the Rural Legacy program, and about all of the agricultural preservation programs in the county, may be found by visiting [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/agpres](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/agpres).

For additional details, contact Program Administrator Anne Bradley at 301-600-1474 or via e-mail at [abradley@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:abradley@frederickcountymd.gov).

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