

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COMMITTEE

SAVE THE HORSE FARMS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

VALERIE ORMOND BOWIE, MARYLAND
HARRY KETTS AQUASCO, MARYLAND
(and looking for more committee members)

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- SEARCH COUNTY CODE FOR ALL TERMS REQUIRING UPDATE
- SOLICITED MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
SAVE THE HORSE FARMS COMMITTEE FROM THE
MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
- REVIEWED COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANS AND SUB-REGION
MASTER PLANS TO DOCUMENT LINKAGES BETWEEN
COUNTY PLANS AND SAVE THE HORSE FARM EFFORTS
- PREPARED LISTING AND SHOWED NEW/REVISED DEFINITIONS
- CONTACTED COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNING
ACTIVITIES
- CONTACTED AND MET WITH MNCPPC STAFF TO COORDINATE
WITH COUNTY ZONING AND USE UPDATES
- REQUESTED COUNTY COUNCIL ASSISTANCE TO REVIEW DATA
AND PREPARE DOCUMENT(S) FOR CODE UPDATES
- BRIEFED PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
- BRIEFED PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP

RESULTS TO DATE:

THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE BEEN ADDED OR REVISED THANKS TO THE USE OF THE COUNTY CODES FROM MONTGOMERY, QUEEN ANNE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, WITHOUT WHICH WE WOULD NOT HAVE PROGRESSED AS FAR AS WE HAVE.

AGRICULTURE (REVISED)	FARM ANIMAL (REVISED)
AGRICULTURAL LAND (ADDED)	FARM BUILDING (ADDED)
AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (ADDED)	RIDING SCHOOL OR STABLE (REVISED)
EQUINE ACTIVITY (ADDED)	RIGHT TO FARM (REVISED)
EQUESTRIAN EVENT (ADDED)	EQUESTRIAN FACILITY (ADDED)
(GENERALLY ACCEPTED) AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (ADDED)	

AREAS REMAINING TO BE REVIEWED:

- PERMITTED USES
- SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES
- RELATIVE TO **EQUINE** AND FARMING USE IN GENERAL
- URBAN AGRICULTURE APPLICABLE TO THE **EQUINE** INDUSTRY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PASSING OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESOLUTION

CR-29-2010

EQUINE INDUSTRY TASK FORCE

(NO CREDIT TO THE MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL OR THE PINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SAVE THE HORSE FARM COMMITTEE AS THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BEFORE WE CAME ON THE SCENE – OUR THANKS TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THEIR FORESIGHT)

NOTE: THE MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH, AND ASSIST BOTH THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY TASK FORCE IN CARRYING OUT THE CHARGE OF THE TASK FORCE.

EQUINE FACTS

NUMBER OF STABLES <u>ADVERTISING</u> IN THE COUNTY	29
NUMBER OF HORSE BREEDS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY	17
NUMBER OF TYPES OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY	18*
- DRIVING: COACH AND WAGONS	
- TRAIL RIDING	
- ENDURANCE RIDING	
- DRESSAGE	
- RODEO: CUTTING, HERDING, BARREL RACING	
- SHOWING: HUNTERS, JUMPERS	
- SADDLEBRED: PLEASURE RIDING, SHOWING	
- FOXCHASING	
- EVENTING: CROSS COUNTRY, DRESSAGE, AND STADIUM JUMPING	
- STEEPLECHASING	
- FLAT TRACK RACING: THOROUGHBRED AND STANDARD BRED	
NUMBER OF BUSINESSES SUPPORTING THE EQUINE INDUSTRY/ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY	unknown**
NUMBER OF FARMS SUPPORTING THE EQUINE INDUSTRY/ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY	unknown**
THE SHOW PLACE ARENA, I.E., THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER, HAS 20 INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS SCHEDULING 78 DAYS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD 27 MARCH AND 14 NOVEMBER 2010.	

*THIS NUMBER IS SUBJECT TO A MAJOR INCREASE

** THE NUMBERS SUPPORTING THESE SUBJECTS ARE STILL UNDER STUDY

EXAMPLES OF CODE CHANGE ACTIVITIES
CURRENT RIGHT TO FARM CODE

SUBTITLE 30. AGRICULTURE.
DIVISION 1.
RIGHT TO FARM.

Sec. 30-101. Purpose.

It is the policy of the Prince George's County Government to promote and encourage the agricultural industry within the County. The encroachment of nonagricultural land uses into rural areas may interfere with efficient agricultural production by encouraging litigation against farmers. Protection must be provided to farms, so that they may continue established operations despite adjacent nonagricultural neighbors.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CODE

RIGHT TO FARM:

It is the declared policy of the Prince George's County Government to preserve, protect, enhance and encourage Agricultural Operations and the development and improvement of its Agricultural Land for the production of food and other agricultural products. The encroachment of nonagricultural land uses into rural areas may interfere with efficient agricultural production by becoming the subject of nuisance complaints and lawsuits due to lack of information about such operations. Therefore it is in the public interest to promote a clearer understanding between Agricultural Operations and non-agricultural neighbors concerning the normal inconveniences of Agricultural Operations that follow generally accepted agricultural practices and do no endanger public health or safety. Protection will be provided to farms, so that they may continue established operations on agricultural land, despite adjacent non-agricultural neighbors.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE CODE

(AGRICULTURE) EQUINE ACTIVITY**

The care, breeding, boarding, rental, riding or training of equines or other farm animals or the teaching of equestrian skill and open houses, clinics and demonstrations

(AGRICULTURE) EQUINE EVENT**

A competition, exhibition, or other display of equestrian skills on private lands, where and admittance entry fee is charged for competitors.

**The use of the word "AGRICULTURE" in the titles of these definitions is still under study.