

# Baltimore County/ MALPF Easement Applications

## Due May 1, 2018

Private landowners interested in preserving their farmland are encouraged to apply to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) for the FY19 easement cycle.

**DEADLINE:** To participate in the MALPF easement program, landowners must submit applications to Baltimore County Land Preservation no later than **May 1, 2018**. Submit applications on line to *kbrine@baltimorecountymd.gov* or by mail to:

Baltimore County Department of Planning, Land Preservation Program  
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 101  
Towson, MD 21204

**APPLICATION:** To obtain an FY19 application to the FY19/20 MALPF Easement Cycle please visit: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/landpreservation/easementprograms.html>. For assistance in completing the application, please contact a Northern Sector Planner with the Department of Planning at 410-887-3480. To see details on the MALPF program including the restrictions in the Deed of Easement that would be placed on your property if you sell an easement, please visit [mda.maryland.gov/malpf](http://mda.maryland.gov/malpf).

**OFFER PRICE:** The application requires the landowner to submit an offer price that once submitted cannot be changed throughout the consideration of the application. When the State makes an offer it either makes an offer to the top farms on the County's ranking list or from a state wide list of farm owners whose asking price is at a greatest discount from the State determined easement value (Fair Market Value minus agricultural value). Please be aware that the funding for top farms is limited and all offers are capped at 75% of Fair Market Value as determined by state appraisals. Below are some gross numbers on easement prices. By March, we will have additional information from the last easement cycle available by request.

### **LAST EASEMENT OFFERS (FY17):**

Number of Applicants: 21

Number of Accepted Easement Offers: 11

Average Easement Price of Ranked (top tier) Farms = \$7,500 (range \$9,000 to \$6,000)

Average Easement Price of Farms Accepted Based on Discounting: \$7000

Thank you for your interest in preserving Baltimore County farmland and forests. If you have any questions, please contact Wally Lippincott, Jr., Northern Sector Planner, Baltimore County Department of Planning at 410-887-3480.