

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 6-24

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 20, 2024

1 RESOLUTION confirming appointment of members of the Anne Arundel County  
2 Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

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4 WHEREAS, § 2-504.1(a) of the Agriculture Article of the State Code requires the  
5 governing body of each county with productive agricultural land to appoint an  
6 agricultural preservation advisory board; and

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8 WHEREAS, § 2-504.1(b) and (c) provide that each agricultural preservation  
9 advisory board shall consist of five members, at least three of whom shall be owner-  
10 operators of commercial farms who earn 50 percent or more of their income from  
11 farming, and who shall serve no more than two consecutive five-year terms; and

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13 WHEREAS, § 17-10-201(2) of the County Code requires that at least one member  
14 of the agricultural preservation advisory board have a background in forestry; and

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16 WHEREAS, Section 1014 of the Charter provides that, when State law confers a  
17 power or duty on the governing body of the County, the action required shall be  
18 taken by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed Emily Wilson, the owner-  
21 operator of a commercial farm who meets the requirements of ~~§ 2-504.1(a)~~ § 2-  
22 504.1(b)(1) to serve an initial five-year term beginning on February 1, 2024, and  
23 expiring on January 31, 2029; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed Stephen Hopkins, the owner-  
26 operator of a commercial farm who meets the requirements of ~~§ 2-504.1(a)~~ § 2-  
27 504.1(b)(1), to serve the remainder of a second term that expires on May 20, 2027;  
28 and

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30 WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed John Houser, who has a  
31 background in forestry, and Kayla Griffith to serve the remainder of first terms that  
32 expire on September 30, 2024, and to serve second terms that expire on September  
33 30, 2029; and

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EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to the resolution.

~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from the resolution by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that Emily Wilson, Stephen Hopkins, John  
2 Houser, and Kayla Griffith meet the requirements for membership on the Anne  
3 Arundel County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it  
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5 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That the County  
6 Council confirms the appointment to the Anne Arundel County Agricultural Preservation  
7 Advisory Board of: Emily Wilson to serve an initial five-year term beginning on February  
8 1, 2024, and expiring on January 31, 2029; Stephen Hopkins to serve the remainder of a  
9 second term that expires on May 20, 2027; and John Houser and Kayla Griffith to serve  
10 the remainder of first terms that expire on September 30, 2024, and to second terms that  
11 expire on September 30, 2029; and be it further  
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13 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;  
14 and Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED: March 4, 2024

READ AND PASSED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 6-24 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison Pickard  
Chair