County Council Bill No. 134-89 requires this agency to establish policies “to promote agricultural uses and protect Baltimore County’s soil resources”.

Any plan and/or plat submitted to this agency for development approval that involves RC-2 zoning needs to be reviewed by the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability to determine its consistency with the interim policy detailed below. All other existing requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations continue to be applicable.

RC-2 zoned land within the “Agricultural Preservation Priority Areas” as established in the Baltimore County Master Plan, 2020 shall be subject to the following additional requirements.

1. Lots created within RC-2 zoned areas shall be 60,000 square feet or less or greater than 50 acres in size except that exceptions can be made in regard to these standards based on sewerage and water system requirements; unique physical characteristics of the site; adjacent development characteristics; and other factors which create practical difficulties in satisfying these lot size requirements as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability.

2. Lots created within RC-2 zoned land shall not be located on prime and productive soils as referred in the Baltimore County Soil Survey unless it is demonstrated that no other suitable area for lot placement exists and the location of lots shall not seriously impact the utility of a farming operation or significantly diminish the agricultural land resources.

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