

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2018-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION
EASEMENT UNDER THE MARYLAND CONSERVATION RESERVE
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)**

(Re: Long CREP Easement)

RECITALS

1. The Maryland Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program ("CREP") is a federal-State natural resources conservation program that addresses state and nationally significant agricultural related environmental concerns related to agriculture.

2. CREP provides financial incentives to program participants to voluntarily remove cropland and marginal pastureland from agricultural production in order to improve, protect, and enhance water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and replacing it with the best management practices including establishment of riparian buffers, grass plantings, forbs, shrubs and trees, stabilization of highly erodible soils, habitat restoration for plant and animal species, and restoration of wetlands.

3. Protection is provided through the acquisition of easements and fee estates from willing landowners currently holding a fifteen (15) year CREP contract and the supporting activities of CREP Sponsors and local governments.

4. For FY2018, the State of Maryland ("State") is awarding CREP grants to eligible Counties (the "CREP Funds").

5. Brooks and Katherine Long are the owners of real property consisting of 20 acres, more or less, (the "Property") in Washington County, Maryland. The Property is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

6. The County has agreed to pay the approximate sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$48,084.00), which is a portion of the CREP Funds, to the Property Owner for a Deed of Conservation Easement on the Property (the "Long CREP Easement").


THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland that the purchase of the Long CREP Easement is approved and that the President of the Board and the County Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, all such documents for and on behalf of the County relating to the purchase of the Long CREP Easement.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2018.


ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND


Vicki C. Lumm, Clerk

BY: 
Terry L. Baker, President

Approved as to legal sufficiency:


John M. Martirano
County Attorney

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EXHIBIT A--DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA

All those tracts, lots, or parcels of land, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situate in Election District No. 20, Washington County, Maryland, being part of the property identified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation as tax account no. 20-004576, and being indicated as "CREP CONTRACT EASEMENT AREA" or "CREP MATCH EASEMENT AREA" on the plat prepared by Triad Engineering, Inc., dated December 15, 2017, and entitled "CREP EASEMENT PLAT UPON THE LANDS OF BROOKS LAWRENCE LONG AND KATHERINE LYNN LONG," recorded on January 14, 2018 as Miscellaneous Plat Number 725 among the Plat Records of Washington County, Maryland.

BEING part of the same property which was conveyed from Brenda L. Shane and Rebecca L. Jackson, Personal Representatives of the Estate of Hazel Lucille Long, to Brooks Lawrence Long and Katherine Lynn Long, his wife, by Deed dated June 14, 2016 and recorded in Liber 5252, folio 497 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland.