

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2019-24

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

*(Re: KB Farm Properties, LLC 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 FY2020, the State of Maryland ("State") is awarding CREP grants to eligible Counties (the "CREP Funds").
5. KB Farm Properties, LLC is the owner of real property consisting of 20.00 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 FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$57,700.80), which is a portion of the CREP Funds, to the Property Owner for a Deed of Conservation Easement on the Property (the "KB Farm Properties, LLC CREP Easement").

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland that the purchase of the KB Farm Properties, LLC 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 KB Farm Properties, LLC CREP Easement.

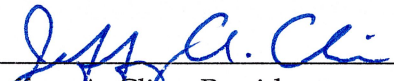
ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

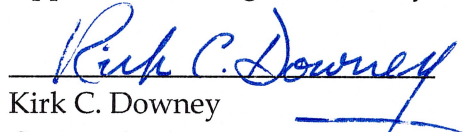


Krista L. Hart, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:   
Jeffrey A. Cline, President

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

  
Kirk C. Downey  
County Attorney

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Office of the County Attorney  
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## EXHIBIT A--DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA

ALL those lots or parcels of land, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situate in Election District No. 7, Washington County, Maryland, being part of the property identified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation as tax account no. 07-016603, and being shown and designated as CREP EASEMENT AREAS on the Plat(s) to be created and recorded among the Plat Records of Washington County, Maryland.

BEING part of the property which was conveyed from Nathan H. Weber and Jane M. Weber, his wife, to KB Farm Properties, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, by Deed dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in Liber 1969, Folio 686 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland.