

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2020-~~33~~

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION
EASEMENT UNDER THE MARYLAND RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM
(*Re: Kraft RLP Easement*)**

RECITALS

1. The Maryland Rural Legacy Program (“RLP”) provides the funding necessary to protect large, contiguous tracts of land and other strategic areas from sprawl development and to enhance natural resource, agricultural, forestry and environmental protection through cooperative efforts among State and local governments.

2. Protection is provided through the acquisition of easements and fee estates from willing landowners and the supporting activities of Rural Legacy Sponsors and local, State, and federal governments.

3. For FY 2020, Washington County (the "County") was awarded a RLP grant totaling \$1,502,982.00 (the "RLP Funds").

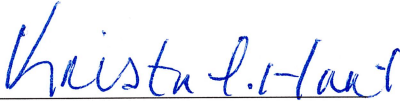
4. Nathan L. and Natalie B. Kraft are the fee simple owners of real property consisting of 43.89 acres, more or less, (the “Property”) in Washington County, Maryland. The Property is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

5. The County has agreed to pay the sum of approximately One Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Five Hundred Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$104,896.95), which is a portion of the RLP Funds, to the Contract Purchaser, after he has acquired good and marketable title to the Property, in exchange for a Deed of Conservation Easement on the Property (the “Kraft RLP Easement”).

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that the purchase of a conservation easement on the Property be 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 Kraft RLP Easement.


ADOPTED this seventeenth day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:




Krista L. Hart, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 

Jeffrey A. Cline, President

Approved as to legal sufficiency:



B. Andrew Bright
Assistant County Attorney

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EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT PROPERTY

ALL that tract of land, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging on in anywise appertaining, situate in Election District No. 8, Washington County, Maryland, and being depicted and identified as:

“LANDS OF NATALIE BROOKE KRAFT AND
NATHAN L. KRAFT
LIBER 6235, FOLIO 486
45.94 ACRES
-5.00 ACRES AREA OF PERMITTED USE
-2.05 ACRES ROADBED AREA
38.69 ACRES RURAL LEGACY AREA”

on the Plat entitled “Survey of Rural Legacy Easement for Natalie Brooke Kraft and Nathan L. Kraft” recorded at Plat Folio 837 among the Miscellaneous Plat Records of Washington County, Maryland.

BEING part of the property which was conveyed from Nathan L. Kraft, et al, to Nathan L. Kraft and Natalie Brooke Kraft, husband and wife, dated April 10, 2020, and recorded in Liber 6235, Folio 486 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland.