ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2021-07

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT UNDER THE MARYLAND RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM (Re: SHAF 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 2021, Washington County (the "County") was awarded a RLP grant totaling \$1,502,982.00 (the "RLP Funds").

4. Save Historic Antietam Foundation, Inc. (SHAF) is the fee simple owner of real property consisting of 4.218 acres, more or less, (the "Property") in Washington County, Maryland. The Property is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

5. SHAF has offered to donate the Deed of Conservation Easement on the Property for no consideration (the "SHAF RLP Easement").

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that the acceptance 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 donation of the SHAF RLP Easement.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

ant

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

Mail to:

Office of the County Attorney 100 W. Washington St., Suite 1101 Hagerstown, MD 21740

EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT PROPERTY

ALL that lot or parcel of land, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situate in Election District No. 1, Washington County, Maryland, on the East side of Mills Road approximately ³/₄ mile South of its intersection with Burnside Bridge Road, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe set, said iron pipe being a Northeastern corner of the land now or formerly owned by Sherry L. Glenn, and running thence with said lands North 78 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds West 954.97 feet to an iron pipe set; thence with the following two lines of division made North 1 degree 29 minutes 28 seconds East 362.52 feet to an iron pipe set; thence [South] 62 degrees 46 minutes 04 seconds East 1008.85 feet to an iron pipe set; thence South 28 degrees 23 minutes 27 seconds West 55.20 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a right of way to Mills Road over Lot 6; AND BEING shown and designated as Lot No. 3 on a Plat prepared by W.J. Teach and Associates, Inc., [entitled "Final Plat for Knight Brothers"] and recorded at Plat Folio 1487 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland.

THE herein described property contains 4.218 acres of land, more or less, as depicted on said Plat; the improvements thereon are currently known and designated as 0 [no street number assigned] Mills Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland; and is further identified as tax account no. 01-013696.

BEING all of the same property which was conveyed from George W. Knight, Jr., et al, to Save Historical Antietam Foundation, Inc., a Maryland corporation, dated July 31, 2000, and recorded in Liber 1588, folio 11 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland.