

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2023-02

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

*(Re: Kline 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 FY2023, the State of Maryland ("State") is awarding CREP grants to eligible Counties (the "CREP Funds").

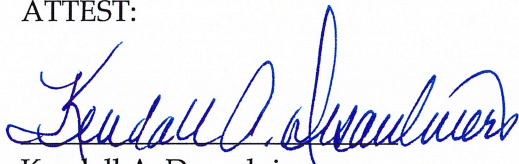
5. Lynne A. Kline (the "Property Owner") is the owner of real property consisting of 10.66 acres, more or less, (the "Property") in Washington County, Maryland. The Property is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

6. The County has agreed to pay the approximate sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$34,660.80), which is a portion of the CREP, to the Property Owner for a Deed of Conservation Easement on the Property (the "Kline CREP Easement").

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland that the purchase of the Kline CREP Easement is approved and that the President of the Board and the Deputy County Attorney 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 Kline CREP Easement.

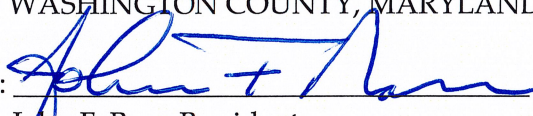
ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

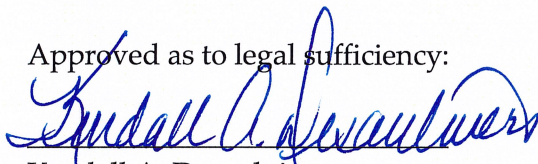
  
Kendall A. Desaulniers  
Deputy County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

  
John F. Barr, President

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

  
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## EXHIBIT A--DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA

TOTAL CREP CONTRACT Area	5.50 Acres+/-
ADDITIONAL EASEMENT AREAS TOTAL ADDITIONAL EASEMENT AREA	1.38 Acres+/-
TOTAL CREP MATCH AREA	+3.78 Acres+/-
TOTAL CREP CONTRACT AREA	+5.50 Acres+/-
TOTAL EASEMENT AREA	10.66 Acres+/-

BEING part of the same property which was conveyed from Drew A. Kline and Lynne A. Kline to Lynne A. Kline by Deed dated August 2, 2021, and recorded in Liber/Book 6719, Folio/Page 422 among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland; and being all of the easement areas identified on the Plat entitled "CREP EASEMENT PLAT ACROSS THE LANDS OF LYNNE A. KLINE" recorded in Miscellaneous Plat Folio 957 among the Plat Records of Washington County, Maryland.