

ORDINANCE

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING AND READOPTING AN AMENDED RURAL LEGACY AREA MAP

WHEREAS, Title 5 of the *Natural Resources Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code, as amended, established a Rural Legacy Program to enhance natural resource, agricultural, forestry and environmental protection while maintaining the viability of resource-based land usage;

WHEREAS, the Rural Legacy Program provides funds to local governments and land trusts to purchase interests in real property from willing sellers, including easements, transferrable development rights, and fee estates focused in designated Rural Legacy Areas;

WHEREAS, the stated goal of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, is to maintain and/or improve the overall quality of life for all citizens of Calvert County, in part by promoting sustainable development and preserving the natural, cultural, and historic assets of Calvert County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Calvert County Commissioners is the local sponsor of the Rural Legacy program as defined in §5-9B-01 of Title 5 of the *Natural Resources Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners approved an expansion of Calvert County’s Rural Legacy Areas as part of the FY 2023 Rural Legacy grant application in accordance with §5-9A-05 of Title 5 of the *Natural Resources Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code at a public meeting on January 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, the proposed Rural Legacy Area expansion received approval from the State of Maryland Board of Public Works October 8, 2022;

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing of the Calvert County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County was duly advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in Calvert County for two consecutive weeks before a joint public hearing on April 19, 2023, at which time the proposed expansion was discussed, and the Planning Commission recommendation was considered, and public comment was solicited;

WHEREAS, upon consideration of all staff reports, the comments of all relevant departments and agencies, and public comments, written and oral, the Calvert County Planning Commission voted to recommend by resolution to the Board of County Commissioners that Rural Legacy Area expansion be adopted, and the current map be amended and replaced by the proposed *Rural Legacy Area Map*; and

WHEREAS, after considering the staff report, testimony presented at the public hearing, the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland determined it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to adopt the Rural Legacy Area expansion and amend the current map as set forth in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that the Rural Legacy Area expansion, as represented in Exhibit “A” hereto is hereby adopted as the official Rural Legacy Area Map of

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Calvert County and incorporated herein by reference; superseding all previous Rural Legacy Maps of Calvert County, which are repealed and of no further force or effect;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, in the event any portion of this Ordinance or the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be enforceable and valid;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this amendment shall be effective upon recordation and without publication of a fair summary, but not sooner than ten (10) days following adoption.

DONE, this 19th day of April 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County.

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| Aye: | <u>5</u> | _____ |
| Nay: | <u>0</u> | _____ |
| Absent/Abstain: | <u>0</u> | _____ |

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Katie Brittain
Katie Brittain, Clerk

Earl F. Hance
Earl F. Hance, President

Mike Hart
Mike Hart, Vice President

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Mark C. Cox Sr.
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[Signature]
Jelveh H. Roberts, County Attorney 204/20/23
11:29 o'clock A M. Same day
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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION.

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