



**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OR ADDITION
TO THE
SOUTH FREDERICK
AGRICULTURAL & FORESTAL DISTRICT

FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Name _____

I would like to include the following tract(s) to the South Frederick Agricultural and Forestal District:

Tax Map #:

Acreage:

The following conditions will apply:

1. The South Frederick Agricultural & Forestal District shall comply with Chapter 165 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Code of the County of Frederick and with Section 15.2-4300 through 15.2-4314 (Agricultural and Forestal Districts Act) of the Code of Virginia.
2. Parcels of land owned by sole owners, co-owners, partnerships, trusts or corporations shall be eligible for inclusion in this Agricultural and Forestal District so long as all involved owners sign the application indicating their desire that the parcel be included in the District.
3. Land within the District may only be subdivided to immediate family members in compliance with Section 165-401.06 of the Code of Frederick County.
4. Parcels of land shall not, without approval of the Board of Supervisors be developed to any more intensive use other than agricultural and forestal production. Any other uses may require removal from the district.

Benefits of the Agricultural District include:

1. Districts **insure land use taxation**. Qualified land in the Agricultural District is eligible for use-value taxation and guaranteed use-value taxation for the term of the District.
2. Districts offer some **protection from eminent domain**. The acquisition of land or easements for utilities, roadways, or other infrastructure within a District is subject to special review by the Board of Supervisors.
3. Districts **prohibit the expenditure of public funds** for non-farm related purposes within a District except when a public service corporation or public agency files a notice of intent.
4. Districts offer **protection from nuisance ordinances** that might limit customary farming and forestry practices.
5. **Local and state governments** are required to take the District and its purpose into account in all planning decisions and procedures.
6. Districts allow neighbors to join together to **maintain the critical mass of farm and forest land** needed to continue to produce and market agricultural and forest products.

The proposed period before first review: May 2010

Signature

Date

Address

Phone Number

City, State, Zip

Witness

Date

To be completed by the local governing body

1. Date submitted to the local governing body _____
2. Date referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (ADAC) _____
3. Date referred to the Planning Commission _____
4. Date of action by local governing body _____

Approved Modified Rejected

(ONE COPY OF THE APPLICATION WITH MAPS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY ALONG WITH THE FINAL APPROVED PLAN.)