

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management will be holding three public information meetings regarding the development of a Priority Preservation Areas Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan. Section 2-518 of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires Priority Preservation Areas to (1) contain productive agricultural and forest soils (2) be governed by local policies, ordinances, regulations and procedures that stabilize the land base so that development does not compromise agricultural or forest resources, supports the ability of working farms to engage in normal agricultural activities and (3) be large enough to support normal agricultural and forestry activities in conjunction with permitted development.

The purpose of the public information meetings is to present a draft Priority Preservation Area Plan Element and associated Plan options and to gather comments from stakeholders.

Three public information meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department, 12245 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD, hosted by the Charles County Farm Bureau

Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Southern MD Association of Realtors Building, 8440 Old Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, MD, hosted by the Southern MD Association of Realtors

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