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Dear Talbot Farm Landowner:

Enclosed is the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easement application for the upcoming 2020 round. Please complete one copy of the application for each property you wish to be considered in this round, whether or not you have applied in previous years. The instructions are included as a separate file. You can make additional copies of the applications or contact me for duplicates.

If you prefer, complete the electronic version of the form call or visit our webpage here: [Land Preservation](#). When completing your application, leave blank anything you are unsure about. We have records of many applicant's properties and deed references and land records on file. If anything more is needed I will be in touch after applications are returned.

If you are applying for the first-time please contact me as soon as possible in order to process your submission in a timely manner. We can provide maps and some details from our records. The Talbot Co. Soil Conservation District will review your data and confirm that your farms conservation plan is up to date.

You will see a change in the accounting for best management practices when applications are ranked. There are more possible practices on the revised list but everything included must be enrolled in a program through the SCD in order to receive points in the ranking.

The MALPF program has been again been fully funded by the State. The County has returned some transfer tax funds to add to the total available for acquisition. As always the number of applications is limited to the top ranking properties from among Talbot applications this year. When setting your asking price, remember MALPF offers between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of appraised fair market value that year.

Completed applications are due to this office by May 6, 2109.

This office is always ready discuss MALPF or other land preservation options. Please call or stop by with any questions about this year's application or other program questions. Call 410-770-8032, or email msokolich@talbotcountymd.gov.

As always, thank you for all you do to help preserve farming and agricultural land in Talbot County.

Sincerely,

Martin Sokolich,
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