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Greetings,

You received this letter as either a recent purchaser of farmland in Talbot County, or because you previously applied to the program but may have fallen from our mailing list.

Funds for easements has improved considerably and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) will be accepting program applications this spring.

The MALPF program preserves productive farmland and woodland for continued food production while curbing the expansion of unplanned development. In Talbot County easements also enhance Chesapeake Bay water quality as a secondary benefit.

MALPF manages one of the few programs that makes cash payments on select farms to retire development rights. From the first easement in 1980 through 2018, MALPF has enrolled some 12,000 acres on 78 Talbot County farms in permanent farmland preservation.

You may visit the MALPF website at <https://mda.maryland.gov/malpf/> for more information about the program. For Talbot county information see <http://www.talbotcountymd.gov/> The 2020 Easement application will be posted there soon. I hope you will consider supporting our efforts to preserve agricultural land in the coming years.

Sincerely

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