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**MALPF Easement Applications Now Available**

**Leonardtown, MD** - The Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) is now accepting applications for the FY2020 Easement Cycle. A landowner, who has a minimum of 50 contiguous acres, is not in the 10 year water and sewer plan for the county and has a minimum of 50% Class I, II, or III soils, can apply to sell an easement to MALPF. The number of applications MALPF will accept from each county has yet to be determined.

All easement applications must be received by the Department of Economic Development Agriculture Division by **May 1, 2019**. Once applications are received, they will be ranked by St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board (ALPAB) using the state mandated Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system. The top ranked applications will be submitted to the State for easement consideration.

Applications can be obtained by calling the Department of Economic Development Agriculture Division at 240-309-4021.

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