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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## New applications for Agricultural Land Preservation due by August 15, 2017

**July 13, 2017** - The Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation Program is beginning a new application cycle and is now accepting [applications](#) through August 15, 2017.

Owners of at least 60 acres of farm or forestland can find an application on the program's website, or call 410-386-2214. Owners of less than 60 acres but more than 30 acres may also apply if they meet additional criteria. Call 410-386-2214 for more information.

The program will have funding available in the amount of \$4.58 million for fiscal year 2018, according to Program Manager Deborah Bowers.

"We are expecting some good farms to come into the program," Bowers said. "We've had many inquiries."

The County-operated program ranks in the top five most successful programs in the United States, and the top program in the State of Maryland. More than 70,000 acres have been preserved in Carroll County since farmland protection efforts began in 1980.

The county operates three programs: [the County Agricultural Land Preservation Program](#), which is now accepting applications; [the Critical Farms Program](#), which provides finance assistance to buyers of qualified farms; and the Rural Legacy Program, which is funded through grants from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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