

Agricultural Declaration of Intent
Affirming Exemption from Article II of the
Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law

I (we), _____ (“Owner”) of real property located at _____ and as described as _____ hereby declare my (our) intention to continue and/or place into commercial agricultural use the above property, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22A-5(b) of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law for a period of at least five (5) consecutive full taxable years following this date.

This declaration affirms that this property meets the requirements to be exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law, in that:

- (a) The agricultural activity is not required to obtain a sediment control permit under Section 19-2 of the Montgomery County code;
- (b) the activity is subject to a declaration of intent filed with the Planning Director stating that the agricultural areas will remain in commercial agriculture; and
- (c) The Agricultural support buildings and related activities are built using best management practices.

If the land does not remain in commercial agricultural use, the Owner must notify the Montgomery County Planning Department, a part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. If the Owner makes application for or performs an activity regulated under the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law, on all or part of the parcel within the five (5) year period, the Planning Department may require the Owner to meet the forest conservation threshold established in the county law, and may also assess a noncompliance fee for forested areas cut as part of the agricultural exemption.

I (we) declare, under the penalties of law, that this declaration, including any accompanying forms or statements, has been examined by me (us) and the information contained herein, to the best of my (our) knowledge, information, and belief, is true, correct and complete.

Signature of owner(s): _____

Printed name of owner: _____

Date: _____

NOTARY STATEMENT

State of _____

County of _____

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned individual, personally appeared _____, who acknowledged to be the _____ and that as such being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

SEAL

Signature of notary public

My commission expires _____