

Agricultural Resources Advisory Committee (ARAC)

October 8, 2025 – HYBRID meeting

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

AGENDA

Old business:

Draft July 2025 minutes - review / adopt

Membership and vacant positions

- Update on outreach to:
 - o Agriculture Preservation Advisory Board (Steve)
 - o Equine community (Pharyn)
 - o Status of interested party - Esther Mitchell of Extension; Abiola Afolayan of Bread of the World
 - o Update on the timeline (due dates) for appointments and the name of Ms Brewer's replacement (Danielle Hunter of the County Executive's Office).

New business:

- Presentation - Ujamaa Farm
- Farmers Market Tour.
- Updates from the MD Farm Bureau (Jennifer)
- Update/ Report on County Fair
- Follow-up action items from the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment Committee or County Council briefing on Agriculture in the County: 2022 Recommendation
- Annual Report
- PAMC program – 2 potential projects: Shallow Well study and Agrivoltaics Study (Dan)
- Possible request from SMADC for \$50,000 to support USDA farm to school grant program, provide box food from So Md growers to school system for families. Charles County already has the program. SMADC will be applying for \$250,000 for all 5 So Md Counties.