



Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Dwight Patel

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What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election? County Council - At-Large

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Please Answer the Following Questions- responses will posted in their entirety and will not be edited.

Someone new to Montgomery County may ask, "What's the Ag Reserve and why is it important?" What's your answer?

The Ag Reserve is 93000 acres set aside for Agriculture purposes. The Reserve is home to 558 farmland, One house per 25 acres. This rural landscape in Montgomery County is enjoyed by hikers, tourists, and many of our families in Montgomery County. It is important that this area is preserved but could be used for future smart road constructions and as a location for affordable housing. Also could be used to install 5G cell towers to improve cell receptions for those who use the reserve for recreation.

What is your vision for the future of the County's Agricultural Reserve? Briefly, how would you achieve that vision?

My vision for the future of the County Ag Reserve is to conduct studies to see if it's feasible to build roads through the reserve. We should think about building a Potomac crossing through the ag reserve. We must be smart about how this land is used. If we can solve our transportation problems by building a few roads, I say go for it.

What are your priorities regarding stewardship of the County's natural resources (water, forests, open spaces) and parkland?

Again I think we need to clean up our parks, especially in the more problematic parts of the County. We need to look at reassessing the uses of underused parks, perhaps selling to developers to put up affordable housing in these underused parks.

What role will you play with regard to ensure that we safeguard our drinking water supply both surface and groundwater?

I think we should crack down on those who violate our environmental regulations. We should also look to modernize our regulations as well.

What are your top priorities to help the County address climate change? What role will the Ag Reserve play?

Maryland has tough regulations to address the Environment Under Gov. Hogan the Bay has been the healthiest in Generations. We are doing all that is humanly possible to fight "Climate Change".

What more can be done to support our local farm businesses and rural communities?

Eliminate Regulations for farmers on what kind of fertilizer they can use. Offer tax exemptions for Local farmers (Eliminate property taxes for local farmers) End the Rain Tax.

What are your regional transportation priorities? Do you support M83 and an additional Potomac bridge and outer beltway through the Reserve or adjacent rural zones?

I do support more Potomac river crossings. In addition to widening of the beltway and I270 as well as widening Route 28 to Poolesville, Muncaster Mill Road, from 1 lane to 3 lanes. I support outer beltway along with an Eastern and Western Bypass. More roads keep cars moving pose to idling i better for the environment.

How should our County manage its solid waste? What role should incineration, composting and recycling play?

we should incinerate, as well as increase recycling programs by giving away larger Recycling bins like they do in other jurisdictions. Bin for paper, a bin for a plastic, a bin for glass.

What are your views on the general plan update "Thrive 2050," both the process and the draft now before the Council?

I am against Thrive 2050. This is a giveaway for big developers.

Do you believe that the way that local government branches, state entities, and the public currently interact can be improved? If so, what steps would you take?

Be nice to the current council would be more supportive of Gov. Hogan's plans pose to oppose the Hogan Agenda for the sake of opposing. Current Council isn't capable of working with Republicans.