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2 **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 a beautiful place in Montgomery County that was created to preserve some of the County's historical farms. It is a little-known gem to some, a well-known treasure to others.

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

I believe we need to protect open space, preserve our forests and ensure clean water. There are many bills in Annapolis every year on environmental sustainability, and we need to prioritize clean air, water, open space and our forests before it is too late.

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

I support preserving the Ag Reserve. As to the specifics, I look forward to meeting with advocates and colleague to create a plan that we can put forth and enact.

5 **Can you identify some of the top challenges to the Reserve's local agriculture and what actions you would take, if elected, to address them?**

Some of the challenges to the Reserve are transportation, keeping farming viable, and ensuring that certain provisions (child lots, sand mounds) are not abused. As mentioned above, I believe solutions are best when brought forth by people who know the issues best, so I would look forward to working with the Alliance and my colleagues to address these challenges.

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

I believe awareness is a large portion of this. From encouraging consumers to buy local to providing support for restaurants and stores that buy local, we can be creative in how to support our local farm business and rural communities. For example, Montgomery County's Buy Local challenge is a great way to raise awareness.

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

Recycling and composting should play a large role; incineration needs to be replaced with more sustainable practices.

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- 8 **How can we expand the role the County's schools play in the support of a healthy local food system and the success of local agriculture? Do you support a rural schools' policy that provides equity for Reserve cluster schools acknowledging the unique nature of schools in region set aside for farmland and open space preservation?**

The County's schools can play a role in the support of a healthy local food system and the success of local agriculture. Thirty-three percent of our County's children are food-insecure and our farmers need our support. By addressing both of these issues we can make this a win-win situation.

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- 9 **Currently the County is exploring how best to support a strong agricultural economy through agritourism and new farming enterprises such as on farm breweries and wineries. What are your thoughts about how best to advance on farm activities within the context of the master plan?**

I am not familiar with the master plan and the recommendations. I support our agriculture economy and look forward to working with advocates and colleagues on how best to do that.

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- 10 **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 believe we need to look at a multi-modal approach and that simply building more roads is not the answer. My understanding is that a second crossing is neither environmentally sound nor a real solution to our traffic woes.