



Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire William Montier

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What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election? County Council 5th District Montgomery

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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?

I would say the Ag Reserve is important because it promotes sound economic, land-use and transportation policies that preserve the natural environment, open spaces and rural lands in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve.

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

My vision is that they continue to be maintained at a high level. I want to keep the agricultural preserves that we currently have and use them responsibly. I would like to see more school field trips to the various preserves to build in our students an appreciation and desire for their conservation.

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

It is so important in this busy metropolitan area to have our forests, open spaces and of course our natural water ways as a place to visit to keep the right perspective on life. Being able to take a bike ride on a country road is priceless as is seeing just the peaceful beauty of the Sugar Loaf Forrest. My priority is to protect these areas. Proper planning and zoning to achieve these ends is a must.

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

I will be to fight for and win the preservation of our drinking water and ground water.

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

I want the county to be true to current carbon footprint reduction goals. This includes the swapping out of gas powered buses to electric powered buses. It also includes making public building "green".

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

I would encourage residents to buy locally grown produce. I would look into whether our public schools are sourcing the vegetables and fruit locally and at what percentage. I want to know if we have long term plans for building the relationship between local farmers and consumption.

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?

As to both of those proposed transportation additions I favor increased bus rapid transit as a means of addressing the congestion problem.

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

I believe we need to use incineration, composting and recycling in the right proportions given the volume and type of waste our county produces. I think we have to help families understand better how they can go a little further in their recycling habits.

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

No one can disagree with the goals of Thrive 2050. It seeks to restore East County equity and competitiveness, improve access to and create more parks, add more housing, and build spaces where people can connect. I be better served by a more streamlined plan that has clear measurable goals. It is too fuzzy to be effective. It needs to be re-written.

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?

There needs to be more connectivity among all branches. I would seek to reach out to state delegates and state senators as well as our federal reps and our US senators to bring greater effectiveness to the process of legislation in the county and to bring greater attention to the issues facing East County.