

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE PARCELS FOR
SUBMISSION TO MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION FUND BOARD
FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS GRANT FUNDS**

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners adopted a Purchase of Development Right Ordinance on April 16, 2003, as *amended December 16, 2020*, to preserve farm land and open space; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Farmland and Open Space Preservation PDR Program (“Program”) is qualified to apply to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Purchase of Development Rights Committee scored, ranked and prioritized five applications in a public meeting on December 3, 2020, for consideration into the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Purchase of Development Rights Committee recommends the top two highest scoring applications for submission to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board for Purchase of Development Rights Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, only application property owners willing to follow the Michigan Preservation Fund Board Guidelines will be awarded involvement in the Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes Community Development Department staff to prepare and submit an application to include the top two highest scoring parcels (as recommended by the PDR Committee and attached to this Resolution) to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board for Purchase of Development Rights Grant Funds.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Rob Piercefield, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Matthew S. Bowen, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Lisa Deavers, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

