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## **County Executive Gardner Recognizes Richard Kanode for Donation of Farmland for Public Agricultural and Equestrian Park**

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today expressed her appreciation to Richard Kanode for the donation of over 180 acres of farmland along Stevens Road in Thurmont to Frederick County Government. The land will be bequeathed by Mr. Kanode to be set apart as an agricultural and equestrian public park administered by the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation.

“I am honored to accept this very generous gift of valuable farmland from Mr. Kanode that will benefit Frederick County residents for years to come, especially those who love agriculture and horses,” commented Executive Gardner. “His legacy will live on and contribute greatly toward the bright future of our community.”

The Division of Parks and Recreation will develop educational and recreational programming for visitors to the park, which will be named the Richard W. Kanode Farm Park.

“Because of Mr. Kanode’s generosity, children and adults of all ages will be able to enjoy this amazing property and learn about the importance of agriculture in our community for years to come. The Division of Parks and Recreation is delighted to receive such a generous gift,” said Division Director Jeremy Kortright

Mr. Kanode also created a park endowment fund of \$1 million through the Community Foundation of Frederick County for the operations and maintenance of the buildings and property in the farm.

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