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Calvert County Commissioners Approve Special Tax Districts for Drum Point, Chesapeake Ranch Estates

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 27, 2012 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), on June 26, approved the requests of the Drum Point Property Owners Association (DPPOA) and the Property Owners Association of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE) for special tax districts in each community.

The special tax districts allow the communities to fund improvements for the benefit of property owners within those subdivisions. The county collects the funds from residents through the real estate tax bill sent to every lot owner in the community and the money is then allotted to the communities. This was the fourth application for a special tax district for both communities.

DPPOA was first granted a special tax district on July 1, 2004. The new special tax district will be effective from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2016. The county approved a \$150 annual fee per lot in that community, rather than the \$166 requested, and stipulated that the money must be used for road improvements, infrastructure related to roads as approved by the Calvert County Department of Public Works, administrative and maintenance costs and expenses associated with roads and road infrastructure.

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POACRE's special tax district has been set at \$250 per lot, a reduction from the \$260 requested by POACRE, and will expire June 30, 2013. It is an extension of the current special tax district and is subject to the existing terms and conditions, which include that the money must be used for roads and infrastructure and administrative costs related to roads.

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