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2026	Coal Mine Hollow	274
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2026	Lebanon Church	870
2026	Liberty Furnace	1,565
2026	Mill Creek	999
2026	Morning Star	694
2026	St. Luke	691
2026	Wakemans Grove	5,509
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Landowners enrolled in the program forego the option to subdivide and develop the tracts during this 10-year period. In exchange, those areas are protected as "right to farm" regions, with protection against government interference in their farming and forestry operations and other benefits.

Benefits:

- Preserves rural character and ag heritage by maintaining open space.
- Protects lower tax rates if the Board eliminates the land-use program.
- Some protection against eminent domain.
- Protects against County imposing nuisance ordinances that might limit farming practices like noise or dust ordinances.
- Protect against new special taxing districts for sewer, water, or electricity.

For more information, contact:
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