

AFD Fact Sheet  
Application to Join Existing District

**AG & FORESTAL DISTRICT PROGRAM IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY:**

Landowners throughout the County have made the commitment to keep their land in farming or forestry by joining the Ag & Forestal District (AFD) program. In this program, a landowner commits to keeping their land in agricultural or forestry production for ten years. There are 18 Agricultural & Forestal Districts in the County with over 39,000 acres enrolled. This is a voluntary program.

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.

Currently, the following 3 AFD’s are up for renewal in 2018 by the Board of Supervisors:

- Bauserman – Clem- Grove
- Fisher Hill – Sandy Hook
- Toms Brook

During the renewal period, landowners with parcels currently enrolled in a district can renew, add to, or remove their parcels without special consideration. This is also an excellent opportunity for landowners to enroll their land in a district for the first time.

The State Code provides details about the program, for more information see: <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter43/>

Contact the Community Development Office at 540-459-6185 or 459-6204 to discuss your options as a landowner and learn more about the program.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Date/Time	Event
12/11/2017 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Ag and Forestal District Committee Meeting Board Conference Room, Woodstock VA

**AFD Program Summary Presentation**

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