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Berkeley County Farmland Protection Adds 280 Acres in Final Months of 2024

Martinsburg, WV – The Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board (BCFPB) closed on three easements over the past two months. Just before Thanksgiving, Louie Talbott protected 135 acres in South Berkeley County. After serving in the Army as a OH-58 Helicopter Pilot, Talbott said he moved back to West Virginia to become a pilot in the 167th West Virginia Air National Guard and “was determined to acquire farmland adjacent to either my parents’ or grandparents’ property—both already protected—to help preserve our agricultural heritage and way of life.” He takes pride in knowing his land will be preserved for future generations. Executive Director of the BCFPB, Resa Ingram-Orsini, noted that “Talbot is the third generation in his family to protect their farmland with the Berkeley County Farmland Protection program. This really speaks to the program and the roots of agriculture in the county.”

On December 19th, the BCFPB protected two more farms. These two farms are adjacent to each other in Hedgesville and are surrounded by development pressure. The first farm is 46.9 acres. The second farm is 97.89 acres. Both are beautiful, working farms as well. The addition of these three farms brings Berkeley County’s easement total to 86 farms and over 9,056 acres protected forever.

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