The Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) Agriculture Program and Anne Arundel County are refurbishing the Historical Dairy Barn at Rockhold Creek Farm, located at 5349 Sudley Road in West River. The barn on the county-owned property will be licensed to AAEDC, which will then sub-license the barn to the Friends of Rockhold Creek, LLC, an organization that will operate a 4-H/FFA Livestock program on-site.

A UNIQUE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

When fully restored and operating, the barn will be an important resource in educating more youth and encouraging their interest in agriculture.

- Increase membership in a new/expanded 4-H livestock program
- Grow livestock attendance at regional county fairs and livestock shows, such as SMILE.
- Allow youth to participate in SMADC’s JR Southern Maryland Meats program.
- Spur new business opportunities in agriculture.
- Keep our farms viable in the future.

RESTORATION EFFORTS

The barn is being restored and repaired to function as a working agricultural building. Anne Arundel County has invested over $250,000 for asbestos remediation and roof repairs. Grants have been secured to help fund additional restoration and repair costs.

However, more financial support is needed for other upgrades to make the barn structurally compliant and operational.

- $21,000 - 88 windows (must match for historical purposes)
- $TBD – Paddock area and cattle access
- $TBD – Access road to barn
- $TBD – Lighting and receptacles
PARTNERS TO DATE INCLUDE:

- Anne Arundel County Recreations & Parks (Approx $250,000)
- Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation
- Friends of Rockhold Creek, LLC
- Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission ($25,000)
- Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau ($15,000)
- Anne Arundel County Young Farmers ($15,000)
- Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation ($15,000 towards BMPs)
- Preservation Maryland ($10,000)
- Homestead Gardens (donation)

DONATE TODAY AND SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE ROCKHOLD CREEK BARN

Send checks made out to AAEDC to:
Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation
2660 Riva Road, suite 200,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Checks should be noted as “Rockhold Creek Barn Restoration”

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