



# What's Developing in Frederick

*Frederick Buys More Open Space | January 2019*

The Town of Frederick purchased 187.5 acres of property for open space from Dr. Carlos Mendoza in late December 2018. The property is generally located west of and adjacent to Aggregate Boulevard, north of the Wyndham Hill Subdivision.

The Town used open space funds generated by the 0.5% open space tax that was passed by voters in 1999. On a \$10 taxable purchase within Town, \$0.05 is generated toward the open space fund. The revenues generated are dedicated to open space acquisition, construction, and maintenance.

The Town's Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan identifies the preservation of open space as a priority for the community. The Mendoza property is classified as open space: undeveloped areas that provide relief from development while preserving agriculture.

In addition to the purchase of the property, the Town entered into a conservation easement on the property to fully advise how the property is to be used in the future. The property is to be preserved to protect the natural habitat, open space, scenic and aesthetic, and ecological values of the property.

You may be asking yourself what the Town intends to do with the property. For the next three years, the property will continue to be farmed and no public access will be granted. After that time, the Board of Trustees will re-assess what to do with the property.

