



Montgomery County 2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Reid Novotny

Personal Information:

Name Reid Novotny

What Office Are You Seeking in the 2022 Election? Senate District 9

Where Can Voters Learn More About Your Positions Or Contact Your Campaign?

www.reidnovotny.com

Please Answer the Following Questions- responses will posted in their entirety and will not be edited.

Someone new to Montgomery County may ask, "What's the Ag Reserve and why is it important?" What's your answer?

It is important to protect the farmland and not overdevelop the farmland area. I personally moved to this area with my family to be a part of the farmland area.

What is your vision for the future of the County's Agricultural Reserve? Briefly, how would you achieve that vision?

My vision would be to continue the actions from the past going forward.

What are your priorities regarding stewardship of the County's natural resources (water, forests, open spaces) and parkland?

Keeping the scenic rural area all it has to offer, it's going to take the will and vigilance of Montgomery County citizens and elected officials.

What role will you play with regard to ensure that we safeguard our drinking water supply both surface and groundwater?

Ensure that residents and farmers can join with the government to keep the water clean and usable to help with all the agricultural needs.

What are your top priorities to help the County address climate change? What role will the Ag Reserve play?

To ensure that there is a balanced approach between government, business, and the people of Maryland to do our part to be the best stewards of our environment. The Ag Reserve has been a part of the solution since 1980.

What more can be done to support our local farm businesses and rural communities?

When I talk to my neighbors who are farmers, the number one thing they want is to be left to take care of their land the best they can. I will listen to their request and push back against burdensome bureaucracy.

What are your regional transportation priorities? Do you support M83 and an additional Potomac bridge and outer beltway through the Reserve or adjacent rural zones?

It is most important to contact and listen to those most closely affected by new construction and I will

continue to do so as your Senator.

How should our County manage its solid waste? What role should incineration, composting and recycling play?

Investing in new technology will help to reduce the amount of solid waste in our landfills. I will work with the local government to ensure that we have plans to keep these technologies up to date.

What are your views on the general plan update "Thrive 2050," both the process and the draft now before the Council?

The plan needs to be fully reviewed by all of the stakeholders before implementation.

Do you believe that the way that local government branches, state entities, and the public currently interact can be improved? If so, what steps would you take?

Transparency and accountability are always important and can be improved in all interactions.