

# HOWARD COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION

## CB 61 & 62-19, CR 142-19 - SHORT SUMMARY

- **Forest Conservation Requirements**

- Retention thresholds unchanged EXCEPT for mixed use and PUD which are increased from 15% to 20%
- Reforestation ratios for clearing above the threshold
  - $\frac{1}{2}:1$  replanting onsite and within the same watershed
  - 1:1 replanting outside the same watershed
- Reforestation Ratios for clearing below the threshold
  - 2:1 replanting onsite and within the same watershed
  - 3:1 replanting outside the same watershed

- **Waivers**

- Waiver of Forest Conservation standards must be approved by DPZ, Community Sustainability and Rec & Parks
- Necessary disturbance must be approved by DPZ in consultation with DPW and Community Sustainability
- Waivers of design standards and public improvements may be approved by DPZ
- Standard of review for waivers is finding of "unreasonable hardship" and additional criteria

- **In Lieu Fees**

- Afforestation and reforestation inside PFA increased from \$0.75 to \$1.25 /sq. ft.
- Easement abandonment increased from \$0.25 to \$2.00/sq. ft.
- Non-compliance increased from \$1.20 to \$5.00/sq. ft.

- **Grandfathering**

- Signed preliminary plan prior to enactment - 61 days after passage (early February)