



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY. APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS ALL ITEMS IN THE CHECKLISTS ARE ADDRESSED.

The Maryland Conservation Act of 1991 requires that prior to the approval of any public or private subdivision, project plan, grading permit on a unit of land 40,000 square feet or greater, applicants shall submit a Forest Stand Delineation (FSD) and a Forest Construction Plan (FCP).

1. PROJECT

Project Name: _____
Location: _____
Total Acreage: _____ Wooded Acreage: _____
Tax Identification No.: _____

2. APPLICANT

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Suite No.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

3. PROPERTY OWNER (IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT)

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Suite No.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

4. FORESTER/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Suite No.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

5. FOREST CONSERVATION WORKSHEET

The following worksheet must be submitted with the Forest Conservation Plan Application

NET TRACT AREA

Total Tract Area:

Deductions:

Net Tract Area:

LAND USE CATEGORY:

Afforestation Threshold:

Conservation Threshold:

EXISTING FOREST COVER

Forest Cover within Net Tract Area:

Area of Forest Above Conservation Threshold:

BREAKEVEN POINT

Breakeven Point:

Forest Clearing Permitted without Mitigation:

PROPOSED FOREST CLEARING

Total Area to be Cleared:

Total Area to be Retained:

PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

REFORESTATION

Clearing Above the Conservation Threshold:

Clearing Below the Conservation Threshold:

Credit for Retention Above Conservation Threshold:

Total Reforestation Required:

AFFORESTATION

Area of Forest Above Afforestation Threshold:

To Meet Afforestation Minimum:

For Clearing Below Afforestation Threshold:

Total Afforestation Required:

TOTAL PLANTING REQUIRED:

6. FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Forest Conservation Plans MUST be submitted with or include on the plan(s) the following: (Provide 15 copies of plan. Plans must be 24"X36" and be folded.

- (1) Preliminary subdivision or site plan;
- (2) approved Forest Stand Delineation;
- (3) table showing in square feet the Net Tract Area, the Area of Forest Conservation required, and the Area of Forest Conservation proposed both on-site and off-site;
- (4) proposed afforestation or reforestation areas;
- (5) clear graphic indication of on-site Forest Conservation areas;
- (6) proposed construction timetable showing sequence of Forest Conservations actions;
- (7) proposed limits of disturbance (LOD);
- (8) proposed stockpile areas;
- (9) a proposed 2-year Maintenance Agreement to ensure protection and satisfactory establishment of Forest Areas; and
- (10) any other information as required in the Forest Conservation Technical Manual.

An electronic copy of the plan on CD in AutoCAD format showing all property lines and building footprints is also required.

Two (2) mylar originals for final approval signatures.

Signature Blocks for final plans.	
City of Laurel Planning Commission	
Approved: _____	
Date	
_____	_____
Chairman	Secretary

The fee-in-lieu for off-site reforestation is \$1.00 per square foot of required planting per Sec.20-41.12 (a) (2) of the Unified Land Development Code.

7. FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN CRITERIA

Sec. 20-41.6 of the Unified Land Development Code contains the full criteria against which Forest Conservation Plans are reviewed.

- (1) All Forest Conservation Plans shall be subject to approval by the Planning Commission. In developing a Forest Conservation Plan, the applicant shall give priority to techniques for retaining existing forest on the site.
- (2) If existing forest on the site, subject to a Forest Conservation Plan, cannot be retained, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission:
 - a. How techniques for forest retention have been exhausted;
 - b. Why the priority forests and priority areas specified in Sec. 20-41.7(b) Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), cannot be left in an undisturbed condition;
 - c. If priority forests and priority areas cannot be left undisturbed, how the sequence for afforestation or reforestation will be followed in compliance with Sec. 20-41.9(a)(1) and (2) ULDC; and
 - d. Where on the site in priority areas afforestation or reforestation will occur in compliance with Sec. 20-41.9(a)(3) ULDC.
- (3) The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission that the requirements for afforestation or reforestation on site or off site cannot be reasonably accomplished if the applicant purposes to make a payment into the local Forest Conservation Fund instead of afforestation or reforestation.
- (4) Nontidal wetlands. A regulated activity within the net tract area that occurs wholly or partly in areas regulated as nontidal wetlands pursuant to the Environment Article Title 9, Annotated Code of Maryland, is subject to both the nontidal wetlands regulatory requirements and the requirements of this chapter subject to the following:
 - a. Any area of forest in the net tract area, including forest in nontidal wetlands that is retained, shall be counted towards forest conservation requirements under this subtitle;
 - b. For the purpose of calculating reforestation mitigation under this chapter, a forested nontidal wetland permitted to be cut or cleared and required to be mitigated under Environmental Article Title 9, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be shown on the Forest Conservation Plan and subtracted on an acre-for-acre basis from the total amount of forest to be cut or cleared as part of a regulated activity;
 - c. Nontidal wetlands shall be considered to be priority areas for retention and replacement;
 - d. Forested nontidal wetland identification and delineation should be included at the earliest stage of planning to assist the applicant in avoidance and reduction of impacts to the nontidal wetlands and to avoid delay in the approval process.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

APPLICANT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name _____

<u>Fees</u> (see fee schedule)	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Filing Fee		10-43105
Zoning Sign	\$30.00	10-43105
<u>Total:</u>		