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Maria T. Broadbent
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145 Gorman St.
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Re: review of 0-22-16 Forest Conservation Act, Working Group Amendments, July 17, 2016

Dear Ms Broadbent:

The Department has reviewed the additional information submitted in your July 28, 2016 email, the 0-22-16 Forest Conservation Act Working Group Amendments July 17, 2016 which is included here :

Chapter 21.71 Forest Conservation

Section 21.71.020 Forest and Tree Conservation Definitions

gg) *the definition of healthy forest*

Per Amendment 6, the definition has been removed. (pg 9, lines 17-24)

fff) *the definition of priority retention area*

Per Amendment 6, the term "healthy forest" has been removed. (pg 14, line 33)

vvv) *the definition of tract [3/2016 proposal www]).*

Per Amendment 1, the phrase has been removed. (pg 17, lines 37-38)

yyy) *the definition of unwarranted hardship. [3/2106 proposal zzz])*

Per Amendment 2, the term has been removed. (pg 18, line 9 and line 15)

Section 21.71.040 Technical Manual

B.2. *the use of term "healthy forest"*

Per Amendment 6, the term "healthy forest" has been removed. (pg 24, lines 33-41)

Section 21.71.070 Forest Conservation Plan

A.6. *the language regarding "if site conditions change".*

Per Amendment 3, the language has been removed. (pg 31, lines 5-7)

C.5.iv. *the language "through inaction by operation of the city code"*

Per Amendment 4, the language was removed and replaced with clearer language. (pg 36, lines 6-7)

Section 21.71.180 Enforcement

A.1. and A.2. *clarify the noncompliance fine*

Per Amendment 5, a word was deleted and a word and phrase added to clarify. (pg 52, line 9 and line 11)

Section 21.71.080 – Afforestation and Retention

B.1.i. *the use of the term "healthy forest".*

Per Amendment 6, the term "healthy forest" has been removed. (pg 38, line 2)

and has determined the proposed ordinance with the 0-22-16 Forest Conservation Act Working Group Amendments dated July 17, 2016 meets the standards and intent of the Maryland Forest Conservation Act and Regulations.

Please forward a copy of the approved and signed version to my office.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (410) 260-8511 or via email at marian.honeczy@maryland.gov

Sincerely,



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