

City's Forest Conservation program

- Is there a requirement for DNEP to hold a public hearing and comment period on Forest Conservation plan submissions? If not required, is it good practice?
- Must DNEP require the submission of a Preliminary Forest Conservation Plans? Does it?
- Must DNEP ensure an inventory of the natural resources (FSD) is completed prior to approving a Forest Conservation Plan? If yes, has it followed that procedure? Any exceptions?
- Must DNEP require all FCA jurisdiction developments to submit justifications for clearing priority forests and wetlands? If so, is this done? Any exceptions?
- Must the City make clear what the application, review, appeals processes are for FCA applications? If so, has it done that? Where? Is it part of City Code?
- Must the City adopt a forest conservation technical manual? If so, has it done so?

Project Specific Questions

- Did the Rocky Gorge project go through a proper Forest Conservation review?

Government Operations

- If the above allegations have merit, did DNEP staff bring these issues to management's attention in 2011-2012? If so, what was done?
- If staff raised these issues, where those individuals retaliated against?
- Was any staff member removed from performing environmental reviews because of his or her political affiliation?
- Does FCA review require a certified wetland delineator? If so, what staff members of DNEP hold that distinction? Which of those staff members performed a wetland delineation of the Crystal Spring project?
- Has anyone in management of DNEP restricted staff members' ability to participate with citizen advisory commissions like the Annapolis Environmental Commission? If so, is that harmonious or against either City Code or direction from the City Manager?
- Has anyone in management of DNEP restricted staff members' ability to communicate with the law office? If so, is that harmonious or against either City Code or direction from the City Manager?
- Has anyone in management of DNEP encouraged staff members to avoid Public Information Act requests or to hide staff review comments from the public? If so, is that harmonious or against either City Code or direction from the City Manager?
- Does the City have any whistle-blower protections for City employees?