

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING – NEW TIME AND LOCATION

Steven D. Powell, serving as a Hearing Officer on behalf of The County Commissioners of Carroll County, will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, **at 7:00 p.m., in Room 003** of the County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, regarding a request for a variance from Chapter 115, Forest Conservation of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County. Specifically, a variance has been requested by Carroll County for a timber harvest of six acres of forest located at the Carroll County Regional Airport (“the Airport”). Pursuant to Section 3.3.3(2) of the Carroll County Forest Conservation Technical Manual, a Forest Stewardship Management Plan was submitted to the State Forestry Board (“the Board”). The Board approved the management plan for the incorporation of applicable Best Management Practices (BMP), but since the Technical Manual requires a post harvest basal area of 70 square feet when timbering in areas set aside for a forest conservation easement, the Board did not approve the timber harvest plan. The proposed clear cut would result in a post harvest basal area of 25 square feet. Based on Federal Aviation Regulation 77 and the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) Obstruction Clearance Surfaces of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), those areas scheduled for clear cut are areas identified as a hazard to aviation by penetrating into the Obstruction Clearance Surfaces and must be removed for safety of those using the airport. The requested variance is a requirement of the FAA for safety of those using the Airport and applies to all airports with similar precision approach equipment. The applicant is requesting a reduction in the final forest basal area from 70 square feet to 25 square feet pursuant to the County’s Forest Stewardship Management Plan in order to accommodate the safe operation of the Airport PAPI light system. The hearing will afford interested parties the opportunity to provide comments regarding the requested variance.

Anyone requiring accommodation is asked to please contact the American with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Jolene G. Sullivan, at 410-386-3600 or 1-888-302-8978 at least five days in advance so that arrangements may be made.

The application for variance may be reviewed and copies obtained from Cindy Parr, Chief of Administrative Services, Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Room 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, and is also available on the County website [ccgovernment.carr.org]. Written comments may be addressed to Kathryn L. Rauschenberg, County Clerk, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 (krauschenberg@cpg.carr.org) and will be considered if received prior to the close of the hearing. Both oral or written comments may be given at the hearing. Questions should be addressed to Cindy Parr, Chief of Administrative Services, phone 410-386-2043, 225 North Center Street, Room 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 (cparr@cpg.carr.org); or Thomas S. Devilbiss, Deputy Director, Department of Planning, Room 207, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 (tdevilbiss@cpg.carr.org); TT 410-848-9747.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND