

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County Commissioners of Carroll County will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 11:05 a.m., in Room 311, Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, to hear public comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 115, Forest Conservation, and Chapter 191, Stormwater Management:

1. Chapter 115, Forest Conservation – **a)** § 115-2 – reduction of the applicable forest impact associated with residential development on existing lots, linear projects, and intra-family transfers from 40,000 to 20,000 square feet; restrictions of interfamily transfer exemptions to only an owner's child; clarification of linear project exemption conducted by a public utility, a municipality, or the County; elimination of exemption for redevelopment sites that are at least 90% impervious; **b)** § 115-6 – clarification for disturbance of priority forests and priority areas prior to approval of the forest conservation plan; **c)** § 115-7 – identification of trees, shrubs, and other associated vegetation and forest resources located in specifically identified sensitive locations to be protected from disturbance unless a variance is granted; **d)** § 115-18 – requiring information on enforcement activity and requiring electronic GIS or CAD format for the annual report.

2. Chapter 191, Stormwater Management – **a)** § 191-1 – specify the goal of managing stormwater by using environmental site design (ESD) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP); **b)** § 191-3 – address the State changes and provide uniform definitions in the County Code; **c)** § 191-4 – clarify that projects which have not received final stormwater management (SWM) and sediment control approvals prior to May 4, 2010 will need to comply with the new code; **d)** § 191-5 – requiring a Total Farm Resource Management System Plan to receive an agricultural land management exemption and changes made relating to cumulative disturbance; **e)** § 191-7 – define the process for granting a waiver if the ESD has been implemented to the MEP; **f)** § 191-8 – provide alternative SWM measures if impervious area reduction has been maximized and implementation of ESD to the MEP; **g)** § 191-9 – detailed variance procedures added; **h)** § 191-10 – require the planning techniques, non-structural practices, and design methods specified in the Design Manual be used to implement the ESD to the MEP; **i)** § 191-11 – prioritize planning techniques, ESD treatment practices for both structural and non-structural SWM measures, and update design requirements; **j)** § 191-13 – outline the three part review and approval process required by State law; **k)** § 191-14 – identify the three distinct levels of plan submission and the requirements relating to each level; **l)** §§ 191-21 and 191-22 – clarified inspection requirements; **m)** § 191-26 – clarified enforcement action; and **n)** § 191-29 – increased maximum penalties as allowed by State law; and other changes as required by the Maryland Stormwater Management Act of 2007.

Prior to the public hearing, County staff will conduct a workshop to answer questions and receive comments on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the County Office Building. While this workshop is not a substitute for the public hearing, comments and proposals made at the workshop will be considered. This informal workshop is an excellent opportunity to raise questions or discuss the proposed ordinances in detail with staff.

The Commissioners may make amendments to the proposed ordinances based upon the comments received at the hearing and may do so without further hearing. Therefore, it is important

for interested persons to be present.

Anyone requiring accommodation 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 proposed ordinances may be reviewed and copies obtained at the Office of the County Clerk, Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Room 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, during normal business hours. The proposed ordinances have been sent to the Carroll County Library branches and copies are available for review there. **The proposed ordinances are also available on the County website [ccgovernment.carr.org].** Written comments may be addressed to Kathryn L. Rauschenberg, County Clerk, 225 North Center Street, Room 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 (krauschenberg@cgg.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 Thomas S. Devilbiss, Deputy Director, Department of Planning (tdevilbiss@cgg.carr.org), phone 410-386-2949, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157; MD Relay 7-1-1/800-735-2258.

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