



FOREST CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2017

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

The Honorable Roger Berliner
County Council President
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett and Mr. Berliner,

The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee has reviewed the ZTA 16-05. This amendment proposes changes to cellphone tower construction in rights-of-way.

We strongly recommend including requirements to protect trees, including high-quality future planting sites, in either a limited or conditional use applications.

We are concerned about the impact cellphone tower installation will have on trees located in rights-of-way, especially if a limited use scenario is adopted. We request the County Council consider impacts to trees both above and below ground by including in the ZTA specific language requiring compliance with the state and county roadside tree protection laws.

Our committee looks forward to working with you on the revised language to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Jean Cavanaugh, Chair
Montgomery County Forest
Conservation Advisory Committee

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