COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive
and Councilmembers Leventhal and Ervin

AN [[EXPEDITED]] ACT to:

(1) further define the application of certain forest conservation requirements to certain
religious institutions; and

(2) generally amend the law regarding forest conservation.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 22A, Forest Conservation - Trees
Sections 22A-3 and 22A-12

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Sections 22A-3 and 22A-12 are amended as follows:

22A-3. Definitions

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Institutional development area means land occupied by uses such as schools, colleges and universities, military installations, transportation facilities, utility and sewer projects, government offices and facilities, fire stations, golf courses, recreation areas, parks, [and] cemeteries, and religious institutions. [In this Chapter, institutional development does not include a religious institution which is a permitted use in any zone and would not require a special exception.]

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22A-12. Retention, afforestation, and reforestation requirements.

(a) Table.

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<th>Land Use Category</th>
<th>Forest Conservation Threshold</th>
<th>Required Afforestation</th>
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A religious institution must comply with the requirements that apply to the base zone in which it is located.]

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[[Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date. The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date when it becomes law.]]

Approved:

Marilyn J. Praisner, President County Council
August 1, 2007

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
August 8, 2007

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
August 9, 2007