Forest Conservation Program Annual Report
Chapter 22A-26(f)
The Planning Board must make all reports on the County forest conservation program to the General Assembly and State Department of Natural Resources that are required under State law or regulation.
Forest Conservation Program Data

- Cleared Forest
- Planted Forest Total
Forest Conservation Program Data

- Retained Forest Onsite
- Cleared Forest
- Planted Forest Total
- Retained Forest Offsite

Years: 1994 to 2016

Values: 0 to 1,600
Spring Arbor Development

- Facility has been designed to fit well with the topography and environmental constraints of the site.
- Approximately 8 acres of existing forest will be cleared, 27 acres of forest and sensitive environmental areas will be retained.
Barnesville Oaks Subdivision

- Subdivision was designed to allow agriculture to continue.
- Approximately 40 of the 136 acres of existing forest were removed. The remainder of the forest was permanently protected.
Forest Conservation Banks
Montgomery County, MD in 2015

What is a forest bank?
A forest bank consists of a piece of land or a series of adjacent or non-adjacent terrains which are designated to conserve the county's forest resources from development activities.

What is its importance?
The forest banks provide the insurance of permanently protecting forested land in the county. Development projects must protect or plant forest on-site as part of the environmental mitigation requirements. However, when it is not possible, the banks offer the opportunity of meeting the requirements in an off-site space inside the county. Instead of paying the mitigation fees for not achieving the requirements, the developers could pay to protect forest lands.

How do they work?
The program is administered by Montgomery County Planning Department. They monitor the location and transactions. Banks may be created by planting a new forest or by protecting an area where a forest is already established. Once a bank is formulated, its tracts are permanently protected. The Department promotes the use and creation of newly planted forest banks. The developer needs twice the amount of acres for its mitigation requirements if it is buying from a bank with an established forest. A bank could have both planted and established forest. An open bank means that they have acres available for mitigation requirements. Once all the acres are sold for mitigation, or if the bank owner no longer wants to do more transactions, the bank is considered closed.

How many are they?
There are 38 forest banks in the program. Approximately 1,238 acres of un-developed land are protected. There are over 1,000 acres of existing forest and over 300 acres of new planted forest protected in the county.
Bennett Creek Conservation Park

Dayspring
Tracking Forest Conservation Plans

Exemptions
2843

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There is a County Forest Conservation Fund. Money deposited into the Fund must be used in accordance with the adopted County budget and this Section:

(a) In lieu fees. Money deposited in the Forest Conservation Fund must be spent on the reforestation and afforestation for which the money is deposited, including costs directly related to site identification, acquisition, design, preparation, or maintenance of existing forests, and achieving urban canopy goals, and must not revert to the General Fund. The permanent preservation of priority forests, including identification and acquisition of a site, may be substituted for reforestation and afforestation at a rate of 2 acres of forest preservation for each acre of planting required. Funds remaining after all reforestation and afforestation requirements are satisfied may be spent on any other tree conservation activity, including street tree planting.
Reforestation

Fee In Lieu Planting Acres on Parkland

- Oak Ridge: 7.0
- Rachel Carson: 3.2
- Watts Branch: 8.0
- Rays Meadow: 1.0
- Rock Creek: 4.9
- Reddy Branch: 8.3
Volunteer Program
MONEY GROWS ON TREES

$40 off
MONTGOMERY COUNTY’S LEAVES FOR NEIGHBORHOODS TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN COUPON

This coupon is worth $40 toward the purchase of one qualifying tree with a retail purchase price of at least $75 for residents of Montgomery County. Complete all information below to validate coupon and present it to the participating nursery/garden center for reimbursement.

Name of purchaser:

Street address (where tree will be planted):

City/Town:______________________________ Zip code:____________________

Type of tree:______________________________

Size of tree (approximate height in feet):______________________________

Name of nursery/garden center tree purchased from:

Retail value:____________________ Date purchased:____________

TERMS: This coupon is worth $40 off the purchase of one tree that qualifies under Montgomery County, Maryland’s Leaves for Neighborhood tree-planting campaign from a participating nursery or garden center retailer. The tree must have a pre-discount retail price of at least $75. The discount will be taken at the register at the time of sale and may not be mailed. One coupon must be filled out for each tree purchased. Partial or incomplete information on a coupon invalidates the offer. If you purchase more than one tree, download and print a coupon for each tree at www.montgomeryplanning.org/ environment/forest. Wholesale trees do not qualify. This offer is on a first-come, first-served basis.
Forest Trend Analysis

1951

2008
Staff Recommendation

Transmit Data to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)