

FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

In 1991, the State of Maryland required all municipalities with planning and zoning authority to establish their own local forest conservation program or to participate in such a program jointly with another entity with such jurisdiction.

Section 5-1063 (a) (4) of Title 5 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes a municipality to assign to the County its forest conservation program obligations, provided the County concurs. The Town of North East exercised its rights pursuant to Title 5 and in January of 2000, the Board of Commissioners of Cecil County accepted its obligations. The Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning shall have the right and authority to enforce fully the forest conservation program of the Town of North East within the corporate limits of the Town. All applications must be submitted to the Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning and any and all applicable County fees must be paid by the applicant.

The Town of North East will coordinate its development approval activities for building permits, site plan approvals, subdivision plat approvals, and any grading and sediment control permits with the requirements of Cecil County's forest conservation program. No final building permit, site plan, subdivision plat, grading or sediment control permit shall be initiated or approved until the applicant has demonstrated compliance with the provisions of Cecil County's forest conservation program and received approval from the Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning.

