



Dear Kent County Zoning Commission,

Members of the Washington College student body wanted to voice our support for the proposed citizen amendment that will strengthen the Forest Conservation act in Kent County by increasing the minimum fine for tree removal per acre in the county. We wish to strongly support all efforts that move Kent County closer to a zero net loss of trees.

Trees of all ages are a vital component for restoration efforts such as green stormwater management practices, stream bed restoration, achieving nutrient reductions in runoff, carbon sequestration, and shading impermeable surfaces. Based on these benefits and more, we support the proposed text amendments as a positive and realistic strategy to improve forest conservation in Kent County and urge the Commissioners and the Planning Department to adopt a favorable report.

The students of Washington College, as residents of Kent County, strongly urge the commission to strengthen the Forest Conservation act in Kent County and take into consideration the hundreds of signatures collected by the ShoreRivers petition in support of these conservation amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Hook | Secretary of Service and Community Relations

The Student Government Association Executive Board