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William Mackey

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Dear Mr. Mackey and Kent County Comprehensive Rezoning Task Force,

[ShoreRivers](#), along with nearly 500 area residents, recreationists, and students, submit this letter in support of the proposed citizen amendment to strengthen forest conservation protection in Kent County's Land Use Ordinances. ShoreRivers is a regional nonprofit with over 3,500 members. We are dedicated to the protection and restoration of the waterways of the Eastern Shore through science based advocacy, education, and restoration.

Beyond serving as carbon sinks, trees are essential to protecting and improving water quality. Trees decrease erosion and sediment from entering the waterways, remove excess nutrients, slow stormwater runoff, shade impervious surfaces, and reduce pollutants in our watershed. Protecting and restoring trees on the Eastern Shore and in our county is instrumental in the long-term preservation of the Chesapeake Bay.

Kent County's Comprehensive Plan acknowledges the "rich agricultural, natural, cultural, and human resources [that] provide the basis for the County's superior quality of life. Fertile soils, gentle topography, mild climate, **verdant woodlands**, the Chesapeake Bay with its productive tidal tributaries, wetlands, and marshes create an environment nearly unrivaled. These natural features enrich our economy and our lives." The plan goes on to outline a strategy for no net tree loss in Kent County (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 76). The proposed text amendment supports protection of forests without having a negative impact on development in the area. Other countries have increased their fee in lieu and there is no evidence that it deters development in the area. **The proposed citizen amendment aligns with the county's comprehensive plan to "embrace sufficient economic opportunities" (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 1) while working towards a net zero loss of trees and protection of the bay.**

Nearly 500 members of the Sassafras and Chester Watersheds have signed onto [a ShoreRivers Petition](#) voicing support for increased forest protection in the county. When signing onto the petition, the signator said:

...The proposed text amendments are aligned with the County's vision, and will help to strengthen protection for the natural features of our County while "embracing sufficient economic opportunities to provide for the economic well-being of [it's] citizens." (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 1).

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, these community members 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.

Based on the numerous benefits that trees have in our watershed and the hundreds of supporters of our petition, ShoreRivers supports the proposed text amendments, and urges the Task Force to adopt a favorable stance.

Sincerely,

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First name	Last name	City	State/Province	Comments
Annie	Richards	Easton	Maryland	
carole	trippe	Chestertown	Maryland	Please adopt these important amendments to improve forest conservation in the county where I live: Kent County,
Leann	Miller	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ferdinand	Thun		Pennsylvania	
Linda	Leigh		Maryland	
Vinton	Lawrence	Chestertown	Maryland	
Sheila	Barry	Chestertown	Maryland	
Eleanor	Ellsworth	Chestertown	Maryland	
John	Ellick	Rock Hall	Maryland	
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Misha	Hutchison	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jennifer	Warren	Chestertown	Maryland	
Richard	Edwards	Chestertown	Maryland	
Janet	Ruhl	Galena	Maryland	
Matt	Pluta	Cambridge	Maryland	
Janet	Ruhl	Galena	Maryland	I fully support this petition. In my 25 years in the Sassafras watershed, I have seen the forested river buffers shrinking and, in some cases, disappearing.
Taylor	Porter	Chestertown	Maryland	
Roseann	squire	Chestertown	Maryland	
Anne	Highfield	Chestertown	Maryland	
Hope	Walzak	Stevensville	Maryland	
Ivette	Furneisen	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jill	Patton	Baltimore	Maryland	
Montague	Demment	Washington	District of Columbia	
Susan	Staehlin	Preston	Maryland	
judy	kelly	Chestertown	Maryland	
Melissa	DeFrancesco	Rutherford	New Jersey	
Kimberly	Agee	Centreville	Maryland	
Kat	Conley	Chestertown	Maryland	

Ann	Hedgepeth	Betterton	Maryland	Thank You Shore Rivers!
Cynthia	Saunders	Chestertown	Maryland	I am concerned about the "maintenance agreements" provision.....the change to a 5 year agreement is good, but what about oversight of this maintenance? And, some stipulations about use of native plantings and size and condition of plants at installation would add value to the landscape.....as well as give some assurance of healthy, as opposed to half-dead plants and trees being used!
Nancy	Balliet	Chestertown	Maryland	
Elizabeth	Billingsley		Maryland	
Julie	Lowe	Easton	Maryland	I'm not sure I agree with the 4 year bond period, but we do need to manage our forests and land, or else Kent County will lose it's unique rural/agricultural beauty.
Stephen	fitzgerald	Finksburg	Maryland	
J.P.	Borneman, PhD		Pennsylvania	
Marta	McCave	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Joanne	Shipley	Ridgely	Maryland	Glad I could have a voice! Thanks for sending.
Christiana	Perry	Annapolis	Maryland	
Scot	Kessler		Maryland	
Elizabeth Scott	Bryan		Maryland	We have approximately 75 acres of forest on our 250 acre farm on the Sassafras River. We have future plans to increase our tree footprint in forest agriculture. Thank you for doing everything that can be done to promote and protect the forests in MD and ultimately Maryland's waterways
Kim	Righi	Chestertown	Maryland	
Joy	Mayfield	Chestertown	Maryland	We need more forest in Kent County not only to counter soil erosion in riparian zones but to cool the planet and counter air pollution.
Karen	Sutter	Grasonville	Maryland	So sad that after selling a 5-acre lot on the Eastern Bay, the new owner promptly removed the 500 trees that the MD Dept of Environment planted to help prevent shore erosion. Karen Sutter
Philip	Dutton	Worton	Maryland	Thank you.
Alison	Mackenzie	Kennedyville	Maryland	A healthy forest ecosystem is vital to Kent County. It provides protection for our waterways, habitat for wildlife, natural areas for our citizens to enjoy, opportunities for hunting and other outdoor recreational activities...the list goes on. Please provide this additional protection and keep Kent County a wonderful place to live.
Ed	Fry	Chestertown	Maryland	

Rebecca	Wagner	Galena	Maryland	
lydia	woolever	chestertown	Maryland	
James	Dissette	Chestertown	Maryland	
Doug	Brose		Maryland	
Richard	Budden	Chestertown	Maryland	
David	Crothamel		Maryland	
Carol	Droge		Maryland	
Sonia	Fad	Chadds Ford	Pennsylvania	
John	Ellick	Rock Hall	Maryland	
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Jean	Rosenbrg	Columbia	Maryland	
Annie	Power	Chestertown	Maryland	We must conserve and plant as many trees as possible. Climate change isn't waiting for us. The time to act is now.
Judith	Ballard	Rock Hall	Maryland	
William	Herb	Chestertown	Maryland	I have a B.S. degree in forestry and a M.S. degree in forest hydrology, and I understand the vital role that trees play in water quality and quality of life.
Vic	Pfeiffer	Chestertown	Maryland	
Nancy	DiAngelo	Chestertown	Maryland	
Anthony	O'Sullivan	Chester	Maryland	
Daniel	Hayes	Galena	Maryland	
Marcy	Ramsey	Chestertown	Maryland	
Brian	Walters	Chestertown	Maryland	
Carole	Trippe	Chestertown	Maryland	
Doug	West	Chestertown	Maryland	
Michael	Clark	Woodbridge	Virginia	
Diane	Shields	Chestertown	Maryland	
Penelope	McCrea	Chestertown	Maryland	
Muriel	Cole	Chestertown	Maryland	
John	Valliant	Centreville	Maryland	How are we supposed to continue as a species if we continue to replace our life sustaining forests with human housing developments? Revenue at no point should outweigh global diversity and sustainability.

Mary	Syew	Chestertown	Maryland	
Wendy	Costa	Millington	Maryland	
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Betsy	Eager	Worton	Maryland	
Bettye	Maki	Easton	Maryland	
Theresa	Moriarty		Maryland	
Christopher	Purvis	Chestertown	Maryland	
Bettye	Maki	Easton	Maryland	
Faith	Wilson	Chestertown	Maryland	
Martha Susan	Harlow	Betterton	Maryland	
Richard	Lynch	Easton	Maryland	
George	Cantiello	Brookside	Delaware	
Anna	Cantiello	Brookside	Delaware	
Gregory	Wolfgang	Galena	Maryland	
Kathleen	Durkee	Chestertown	Maryland	
Petra	Quinn	Chester	Maryland	Preserve the trees and give a that do a tax incentive with forest conservation / tree mitigation banks etc.
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				Trees are one of the most cost-effective ways to improve water quality at the source. They help prevent runoff from ever entering our waters' vs. spending greater societal sums down to road to mitigate the symptoms caused by dirtier runoff.
				Please consider them as a fiscally responsible long-term investment vs. a short-term impediment to development. Water quality is priced into geographical demand and the opportunity cost of fewer net trees now, is: either more costly mitigation down the road to maintain that demand or less regional demand for the developments considered to be needed today.
Scott	Budden	Stevensville	Maryland	
Peter	Downes	Alexandria	Virginia	
Amy G.	Kozak	Baltimore	Maryland	As a lifelong resident of the state of Maryland I care about these issues which are especially important as we face the challenges of a changing climate.

SHEILA	VANANTWERP		Maryland	I am disappointed in the number of free standing for forests with walking trails in Kent County. I support the expansion of forest that have community access.
Anne	Stevens	Kennedyville	Maryland	Please support near zero net loss of trees in Kent County!
Anna	Irwin	Bethesda	Maryland	
Kristin	Junkin	Easton	Maryland	
Ginger	Cushing Valliant	Centreville	Maryland	The amendments support more sustainable developmental practices. Responsible legislation is critical for the benefit of present and future generations.
Kristen	Darwin	Chestertown	Maryland	
Suzanne	Hanlon	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Sylvia	Moyer	Galena	Maryland	
Christyne	Berzsenyi	Galena	Maryland	
Doug	Klepfer	Broomall	Pennsylvania	
Beth	Lehman	Lionville	Pennsylvania	As a home owner in Pa. And Md. and a steward of the land I would encourage the legislators to take the same conservation stance as much of Pa. Trees are integral park of the biome. They filter, provide food and encourage biodiversity. They help manage storm water and soil erosion. They improve the soil. All of which makes for better food and water. Consider the joy and utility that sitting under a tree vs. the barren treeless landscape. How can you not support these amendments.
Karen	Hill	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ann	Frock	Easton	Maryland	
Chris	Lehman		Pennsylvania	Greenery is more than a color. Our world is more than our own. We can't save everyone, but we can make it better for them.
Susan	Buckingham	Chester	Maryland	
Lynn	McLain	Chestertown	Maryland	
Kristin	Weed	Stevensville	Maryland	
SUSAN	LINS	Centreville	Maryland	Protecting forests is so important to help with global warming.
Tim	O'Brien	Chestertown	Maryland	Additionally please push aggressively for much more no or low mow areas and ditches in county which are needed for milkweed and other plants vital to beneficial insects and bird species. As well as to help control runoff and increase water infiltration.
Dickson	Young	Chestertown	Maryland	

Scott	Loveless	Millington	Maryland	
Lawrence	VanderVeen	Washington	District of Columbia	
Jonathan	Hollomon	Chestertown	Maryland	
Sharon	Klepfer	Broomall	Pennsylvania	save our trees!
William	Anderson	Narberth	Pennsylvania	
John	Seidel	Chestertown	Maryland	The 6 recommendations offered by ShoreRivers are common-sense, but much-needed amendments to the current and planned Land Use Ordinances. As Director of Washington College's Center for Environment & Society, which has steered numerous efforts at tree planting and protection over the years, I know first-hand the value of our forests. Speaking both as a Kent County resident and someone who has studied the issue, I urge the adoption of these amendments.
David	Kalb	Baltimore	Maryland	I urge passage of this important legislation. Thanks for your work.
Ellyn	Vail	Worton	Maryland	We can't stress enough the importance of trees in helping to reduce runoff from the land in Kent County. Many of our creeks and rivers are choking from over sedimentation from runoff. Trees supply shade, retain water and enhance our beautiful view scapes!
Michele	Sipala	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Julia	Graham	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jane	Scott	Chestertown	Maryland	
Suzy	Glicksman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Germaine	Lanaux	Chestertown	Maryland	I stand for clean water
Benjamin	Rubenstein	Trappe	Maryland	
Joseph	Coyle	Chestertown	Maryland	
Peter	Wilmerding	Chestertown	Maryland	
Scott	Keep	Washington	District of Columbia	
Michael	Droge		Maryland	
Meghan	First	Chestertown	Maryland	
Betsy	Nicholas	Washington	District of Columbia	
Linda	Gaydos	Galena	Maryland	I support our air and water quality by protecting our Kent County forests through the proposed conservation amendments
Jeff	Hawver	Galena	Maryland	
Pam	Nicholson	Stevensville	Maryland	
Courtney	Leigh	Queenstown	Maryland	

Laurie	Sears	Potomac	Maryland	
Hope	Clark	Chestertown	Maryland	
Lisa	Longest	Stevensville	Maryland	
Mark	Cofone		Pennsylvania	
Rita	Akins	Worton	Maryland	
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Lisa	Raffetto	Church Hill	Maryland	
Vinton	Lawrence	Chestertown	Maryland	
Peter	Riondet		Pennsylvania	
Stephen	Koczirka	Chestertown	Maryland	
Linda	Koczirka	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jim	Edward	Grasonville	Maryland	
Jeff	Weingarten	Silver Spring	Maryland	
Debra	Abell	Annapolis	Maryland	
Mary	McCoy	Centreville	Maryland	
Carol	Dewet	Chestertown	Maryland	Forest cover is crucial for wildlife and protecting the bay. I completely support the Kent County proposal amendments to move the county towards more native trees! They are sensible and important.
Maria	Wood	Chestertown	Maryland	
Peggy	Christie	Chestertown	Maryland	
Kurt	Rodowsky	Centreville	Maryland	I support efforts to improve our waters. I feel this is a good step forward.
Marthe	Reynolds	Brookeville	Maryland	
Marcus	Goldman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Richard	Furneisen	Chestertown	Maryland	
Regina	Dearden	Centreville	Maryland	
Amanda	Haddaway	GRASONVILLE	Maryland	
Merrill	Schuetz	Cambridge	Maryland	
Ann	Lagarde	Chestertown	Maryland	
Michael	Falcone	Chestertown	Maryland	
Barton	Rubenstein	Trappe	Maryland	we need to protect at least 30% of all regions of the earth, so let's start in Kent Island.
Ann	Lagarde	Chestertown	Maryland	

John	Vail	Worton	Maryland	
Robert	Meredith		Maryland	
Paula	Gish	Chestertown	Maryland	
Nicole	Selhorst		Maryland	
Peter	Selhorst		Maryland	
JOHN	KMETZ		Delaware	Preservation is vital, and there is no alternative. Ocean City was once a small town with trees.
Jennifer	Cleghorn	Maplewood	New Jersey	
Susan	Berman	Chestertown	Maryland	I firmly support broad conservation of forests and trees as essential to the health of people, our communities and our planet. Kent County will benefit in so many ways from robust conservation regulations.
Dennis	Liu	Potomac	Maryland	Forests of native trees are an invaluable community asset. Lead the way toward a healthy and prosperous land for all Kent County!
Nancy	Bennington	Chestertown	Maryland	Let's work to preserve our trees and forests for the present and future health of Kent County and it's citizens.
Carol	Davis	Chestertown	Maryland	
Tamara	Smith	Richmond	Virginia	Trees are important to ecosystems. Development should come secondary. Preserve forests.
Daniel	Buyse	Galena	Maryland	
James	Nealis	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Bernadette	Nealis	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Kristen	Gialo	St. Michaels	Maryland	
Pattie	Kleysteuber	Worton	Maryland	
Marion	Grier	Church Hill	Maryland	
Joseph	Hopkins	St. Michaels	Maryland	We need to keep the amount of trees and natural areas that we have.
Cindy	Anderton	Millington	Maryland	
Charles	Fithian	Dover	Delaware	
Cynthia	Hayes	Galena	Maryland	
Carl	Schwartzman	St. Michaels	Maryland	We cannot sustain any net loss of our forest acreage in order to sequester carbon and maintain a healthy Chesapeake Bay bioregion.
Linda	Leigh		Maryland	We need more trees to help our rivers recover and survive for seafood and a healthy recreation environment.
James	Cleghorn	Bridgeville	Delaware	

janet	rose	Chestertown	Maryland	
Leigh	Hopkins		Pennsylvania	
Ashley	Edmunds	Ellicott City	Maryland	
Ann	Robinson	Cambridge	Maryland	It should be obvious to us all the importance of maintaining what forests we have left here on the eastern shore of Maryland. Critical to the preservation of the land in addition to supporting wildlife, there should be no consideration of any option but preservation. Thank you.
John	Knight		Maryland	Our children and grandchildren will thank us for preserving these irreplaceable resources.
Jenny	Freebery	Chestertown	Maryland	Forest conservation is essential to protecting habitat and water quality in our county!
Jon	Teunis	Betterton	Maryland	
Dr. Terry	Phillips	Washington	District of Columbia	
Michael	Lamb	Chestertown	Maryland	
Holly	Johnson	Chestertown	Maryland	
Carmelyn	Bachman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Janet	Ruhl	Galena	Maryland	I have noticed in the last 25 years that the forest buffer between the Sassafras River and the farm fields is becoming thin. The shoreline is eroding so the strip between field and river is narrowing. I would like to see forest restoration targeted within Kent County to provide incentives to farmers to take field edges out of production and replant forests, expanding the protection for the rivers.
Gale	Quist	Chestertown	Maryland	
Linda	Applegate	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dorsey	Bramble	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dian	Klingelhofer	Chestertown	Maryland	
Elizabeth	Peterson	Chestertown	Maryland	Intact forests are one of the best ways to combat climate change, ensure crucial wildlife habitat and clean our air. Please support forest conservation!
Cynthia A.	Hoffman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jon	Peterson	Chestertown	Maryland	
Susan	Coomer	Chestertown	Maryland	

Susan	Coomer	Chestertown	Maryland	We have to continue to build on the work of the past so that our future children and grandchildren have a viable world to live in. Please do the right thing!
Sharon	Rushton	Chestertown	Maryland	
Kathleen	Mason	Chestertown	Maryland	
Joanne	Coveney	Chestertown	Maryland	
caroline	schroth	Chestertown	Maryland	Keep Kent GREEN!
Emily	Lifs	Chestertown	Maryland	
Constance	Hartwig	Chestertown	Maryland	
Michele	Minch	Chestertown	Maryland	
Leah	Northup	Chestertown	Maryland	
Secethia	Boardley-Davis	Chestertown	Maryland	
Theodore	Carski	Galena	Maryland	I support the proposed Forest Conservation Amendments.
Maegan	White	Chestertown	Maryland	
Victoria	Phillips		Maryland	
Darran	Tilghman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Bruce	Hashinger	Bear	Delaware	As a holder of Maryland freshwater and Bay fishing licenses and frequent user of Kent County parks and waterways, I fully support preservation of the forests.
Annet	Reigel	Bear	Delaware	We kayak fish in that area and want to protect the surrounding Forest.
Barbara	Kurowski	Chestertown	Maryland	
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Sandra	Griffin	Chestertown	Maryland	
maryann	Wasko-Smith	Betterton	Maryland	
Trip	Thomas		Pennsylvania	This is a must do. I have been fortunate to have had a family place on Fairlee Creek since the late 1970's.
Morgan	Bench	Worton	Maryland	
Marsha	Gerdes	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	
Bob	Atwater	Worton	Maryland	
Susan	Bayne		Maryland	
Rebecca	Krajewski		Maryland	
Alise	Wolfgang		Pennsylvania	

Gregory	Wolfgang	Galena	Maryland	
Carol	Duhamell		Maryland	Grew up on the Sassafras River where I swam and went boating.
Sophie	McCarthy		Maryland	
carole	trippe	Chestertown	Maryland	
Christopher	Bigler	Chestertown	Maryland	
Linda	Koczirka	Chestertown	Maryland	
Wendy	Wander	Chestertown	Maryland	
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Beryl	Kemp	Worton	Maryland	Lets get it done.....
Joseph	Halsted	Chestertown	Maryland	
Sandra	Sears	Chestertown	Maryland	
Donald	Savage	Chestertown	Maryland	
Cindy	Fulton	Worton	Maryland	
Emily	Sharpe	Chestertown	Maryland	
Constance	Hartwig	Chestertown	Maryland	
linda	Applegate	Chestertown	Maryland	
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Leah	Northup	Chestertown	Maryland	
Stephen	Koczirka	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ellen	Finney		Delaware	
Mackey	Dutton	Chestertown	Maryland	
Stephen	Hook	Chestertown	Maryland	
Gracelyn	Goforth	King	North Carolina	
Paleena	Amy	Chestertown	Maryland	
Libby	Witham	Chestertown	Maryland	
Heather	Fabritze	Alburtis	Pennsylvania	
Brooke	Thomas	Ocean View	Delaware	
Mary	Syew	Chestertown	Maryland	
Nicholas	Splendoria	Chestertown	Maryland	
Alex	May	Chestertown	Maryland	
Larissa	Conte		Delaware	

Mallory	Collins	Chugiak	Alaska	
Erin	Helgerman	Gaithersburg	Maryland	
Kamden	Richardson	West Fargo	North Dakota	
Daria	Shirokova	Chestertown	Maryland	
Erin	Heckles	Chestertown	Maryland	
Phyllis	Roberts	Chestertown	Maryland	Phyllis Roberts Please include my name in petition to save tree forests!
Jonah	Nicholson	Chestertown	Maryland	
Isabel	Bendel-Simso	Chestertown	Maryland	
Julianna	Sterling	Chestertown	Maryland	
Leann	Standridge	Chestertown	Maryland	
Alyssa	Kovacs	Chestertown	Maryland	
Sydney	Walker		Virginia	
Kendal	Thomson	Catonsville	Maryland	
Shalis	Hunt	Perry Hall	Maryland	
Faye	Dorman	Federalsburg	Maryland	
Paul	Heckles	Chestertown	Maryland	
Rebekah	Hock	Chestertown	Maryland	
Patrick	Linz	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dori	Mcmenamin		Pennsylvania	
Larissa	Conte		Delaware	
Jordan	Rainville	Catonsville	Maryland	
Michael	Neumerski	Stevensville	Maryland	
Ed	Fry	Chestertown	Maryland	
Pat	Stockwell		Maryland	
Patricia	Hornburg	Millington	Maryland	
Debra	Abell	Annapolis	Maryland	
Robert	Whitehill		New Jersey	As an Eastern Shore native I encourage every form of conservation there. R.
wendy	Ingersoll Perry		Delaware	
Craig	Holberger	Stevensville	Maryland	

Beth	Ostrander	Chestertown	Maryland	
Richard	Dean	Galena	Maryland	Sassafras is not a commodity to use but a blessing to preserve.
				<p>I support of the following text amendments proposed to move Kent County closer to a zero net loss of trees:</p> <p>1 - Increase the amount of new forest required with development in certain zoning districts (AZD, Commercial, Employment Center, and Industrial);</p> <p>2 - Increase the forest area replacement ratio from 1/4 acre to 1/2 acre per acre removed above certain thresholds;</p> <p>3 - increase said thresholds in certain districts (Village, Intense Village, Commercial, Employment Center, and Industrial), so the existing higher requirements of twice the area removed is applied below the increased thresholds;</p> <p>4 - Increase the two-year State-required term for maintenance agreements to five years;</p> <p>5 - Increase the required contribution for fee-in-lieu from 30.5 cents per square foot to 40 cents per square foot in areas outside the Critical Area and inside the Priority Funding Area and from 36.6 cents per square foot to 50 cents per square foot for projects outside both the Critical Area and Priority Funding Area; and,</p> <p>6 - Double the length of time that bonds will be held from one growing season to two growing seasons related to interim requests for changes to bonding and from two growing seasons to four growing seasons for final requests to release bonding.</p>
JOHN	FEHRENBACH	Bethany Beach	Delaware	
Wynne	Anderson	Washington	District of Columbia	
Winifrede	Ottinger	Chestertown	Maryland	
Doug	West	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jesse	Howe	PORT REPUBLIC	Maryland	N/a
Katharine	Vogel	Cambridge	Maryland	
Rich	Tokosh	Ellicott City	Maryland	
Donna	Tokosh	Ellicott City	Maryland	
Paul	Schlenker		Maryland	The strength of the Eastern Shore is it's natural beauty; preserve it!
John-Michael	Kramer	Rock Hall	Maryland	
J.P.	Borneman, PhD		Pennsylvania	
Linda	Leigh		Maryland	
Sandy	Huffer	Centreville	Maryland	

Suzy	Glicksman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Stanley	Watkins	Annapolis	Maryland	Agree. Be certain there are dollars for enforcement.
Germaine	Lanaux	Chestertown	Maryland	I support clean water and air.
Nancy	Balliet	Chestertown	Maryland	
Gale	Quist	Chestertown	Maryland	The future demands conservation of trees at every opportunity. Please strengthen the proposed zoning to save our forests and our precious waters.
David	Farrow		Maryland	
Melissa	DeFrancesco	Rutherford	New Jersey	
Wayne	Bell	Easton	Maryland	
Michael	Johnson	Chestertown	Maryland	Zero net loss is not enough. Forest need to be expanded and restored and the bucolic myth of modern agriculture needs to be exposed for what it is, a lie.
David	Hubbert	Centreville	Maryland	
Susan	Shawhan	Chestertown	Maryland	Trees Forever... An irreplaceable gift to our neighbors, our citizens, our world!
Merrill	Schuetz	Cambridge	Maryland	
Anne	Habberton		Maryland	
Doug	Brose		Maryland	
Robert	Limouze	East Fallowfield	Pennsylvania	
Alexander	Gilchrist	Chestertown	Maryland	
Tracey	Moon	Stevensville	Maryland	I would love to see this extended to Queen Anne's county!
HENRY	INGERSOLL	Chestertown	Maryland	
David	Milhorn		Maryland	
Clifford	Campo	Galena	Maryland	
John	Vail	Worton	Maryland	
Eric	Swanson	Annapolis	Maryland	
Ann	Swanson	Annapolis	Maryland	
Peter	Paige	Chestertown	Maryland	
Arlyn	Wesley	Worton	Maryland	
David	Segermark	Earleville	Maryland	

Anne	Rosenberger		Delaware	
Sam	Wolf			
Kate	Peacock	Chestertown	Maryland	It is vital that we protect Kent County forests and the quality of the water in our local rivers
Jenifer	Emley	Chestertown	Maryland	
David	Kalb	Baltimore	Maryland	
Susan	Jeter	Lutherville	Maryland	
Morgan	Bench	Worton	Maryland	
Johnson	Fortenbaugh	Chestertown	Maryland	
Montague	Demment	Washington	District of Colum	Critical for not only improving water quality but also the vast amounts of carbon the forests sequester.
Joy	Mayfield	Chestertown	Maryland	We need more and more trees to keep our water and air clean and to sequester carbon. We need trees to cool the planet, to provide shade to keep our homes cooler. Trees need to be part of the RX to combat climate change.
Nancy	DiAngelo	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jaynie	Voelz	Easton	Maryland	
Bruce	Hashinger	Bear	Delaware	As a kayak fisherman and MD Bay and freshwater license holder, I am a frequent visitor to the Eastern Shore. I support all efforts to preserve the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay.
Gary	Graeber		Pennsylvania	
Kathleen	Weber	Chestertown	Maryland	
Jeff	Weingarten	Silver Spring	Maryland	
robert	ruff		Maryland	
Sheila	Barry	Chestertown	Maryland	
Philip	Cicconi	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Philip	Dutton	Worton	Maryland	Thanks for your good work.
Betsy	Eager	Worton	Maryland	
Larry	Dinoff	Rock Hall	Maryland	Tree cover is vital to preserving and enhancing the health and life quality of Kent County and the bay
Dwight	Zilinskas	Chestertown	Maryland	
SHEILA	VANANTWERP		Maryland	It is critical to expand and maintain forestation in the Chester & Sassafras river watershed.

Susan	Berman	Chestertown	Maryland	Preserving and adding trees and woodlands is imperative for the health of Kent County, the Chesapeake Bay and the planet. I support and encourage this!
Frank	Lamont		Maryland	These are concrete and practical suggestions in lieu of a comprehensive development plan. I am in support.
Robin	Gilchrist	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	
Nicole	Caringal	Chestertown	Maryland	
Paula	Gish	Chestertown	Maryland	
Katherine	Thompson	Reisterstown	Maryland	Save our trees please!
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Gary	Aston-Jones	Chestertown	Maryland	I strongly support the Forest Conservation Amendments.
Barb and Bill	Flook	Chestertown	Maryland	Please add both our names to this great initiative - thanks.
lydia	woolever	chestertown	Maryland	Keep Kent County the last magical corner of the Eastern Shore!
Ellyn	Vail	Worton	Maryland	
Courtney	Sjostrom	Worton	Maryland	
Richard	Gillin	Chestertown	Maryland	So often conservation efforts are sidetracked and put off for some unnamed future time. The time is now for the preservation of our fragile environment.
Gregory	Weaver	Centreville	Maryland	
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Barbara	Sharkey	Centreville	Maryland	I support measures to protect the forests and water quality in Kent County and the Chester and Sassafras Rivers.
Elizabeth	Woolever	Chestertown	Maryland	I totally support the forest conservation amendments to reach zero new loss of trees in Kent County and surrounding areas.
Scott	Woolever	Chestertown	Maryland	I totally support the forest conservation amendments to reach zero new loss of trees in Kent County and surrounding areas.
Jacquelyn	Hughes	Mesa	Arizona	
Jean	Knox	Chestertown	Maryland	
Charles	Harrington	Gaithersburg	Maryland	
Alice	Nichols		Maryland	
Anne	Stevens	Kennedyville	Maryland	
Anne	Singer	Chestertown	Maryland	
Lynne	Meis		Maryland	
Rob	Meis		Maryland	

Kelsey	Meis		Maryland	
Muriel	Cole	Chestertown	Maryland	This is very important. Thank you for your work.
William	Barron	Worton	Maryland	
Peggy	Graff		Maryland	
GAil	sezna	Chestertown	Maryland	
barbara	vann	Chestertown	Maryland	
Robert	Meredith		Maryland	It is beautiful just the way it is.
Joseph	Coyle	Chestertown	Maryland	
Vic	Pfeiffer	Chestertown	Maryland	
Daniel	Hayes	Galena	Maryland	
Chrissy	Sinatra	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dawn	Fumo	Worton	Maryland	
Sky	Swanson	Annapolis	Maryland	
Neyah	White	Chestertown	Maryland	
Marlise	Mellinger		Pennsylvania	Tree buffers are important to reduce air pollution and erosion to protect everyone in Kent County.
John	Hellwege	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dickson	Young	Chestertown	Maryland	
Dr. Terry	Phillips	Washington	District of Columbia	
Drew	Ades	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ferdinand	Thun		Pennsylvania	
Lawrence	Ortmann	Chestertown	Maryland	
Joshua	Gillelan	Worton	Maryland	No development, industrial, commercial, or residential, at the expense of what's left of our precious natural environment. Thx for your work, ShoreRivers.
Daniel	Ehrenberg	Rock Hall	Maryland	
Louisa	Duemling			
Cynthia	Gurne	Annapolis	Maryland	Trees are not only good for the environment but good for the soul .
Charles	Kelleher	Cecilton	Maryland	
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Paul	Coleman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Deborah	Mizeur			

Elizabeth	A Healy	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ruth	Wehden	Chestertown	Maryland	
Alberto	Larotonda	Chestertown	Maryland	TREES = Kent County clean air + great quality of life!
Katherine	Schinasi	Centreville	Maryland	This amendment sets the minimum standard for what is easily an action--protecting the tree canopy--that is both cheap and effective.
Jay	Siwek	Chestertown	Maryland	
Eleanor	Altman	Chestertown	Maryland	
Andy	Goddard	Chestertown	Maryland	
Kate	Ballantine	Chestertown	Maryland	
Connor	Liu	Denver	Colorado	
William	Anderson	Narberth	Pennsylvania	
Kevin	Flynn	Chestertown	Maryland	Kent County needs strong forest protection!
Wendy	Cronin	Chestertown	Maryland	
Genevieve	Menard			
Lydia	Companion		Maryland	
Elle	Bassett	Easton	Maryland	
Madison	Beres	Chestertown	Maryland	
Joey	Ciganek	Chestertown	Maryland	
Susan	Buckingham	Chester	Maryland	
Victoria	Severino	Worton	Maryland	
Eric	Hoyle	Centreville	Maryland	
Melinda	Bookwalter	Millington	Maryland	All amendments are important but for me #3 is personally important because of a proposal for two 256,000 sq ft warehouse/distribution centers bordering Mills Branch Creek and in the close proximity to Rtes 291/301, Edge rd, Chesterville Bridge rd. The particulate matter generated by untold number of diesel trucks will be devastating to the forest surrounding the creek, the creek itself and people living within its' range.
Suzanne	Sullivan		Maryland	I live in East New Market, MD but travel to Kent County for the nature, the kayaking, the hiking at Sassafra Wildlife Refuge. As a shore resident, I implore you to keep our way of life by preserving the nature, especially the trees, that support that natural environment that draws us to this place.
Elizabeth	Janega	Chestertown	Maryland	
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Julia	Graham	Chestertown	Maryland	
Deborah	Reid	Chestertown	Maryland	
Ginger	Cushing Valliant	Centreville	Maryland	
Tracey	Beres		Maryland	
Clark	Bjorke	Chestertown	Maryland	
Michelle R	Scism	Washington	District of Colum	I own a property in Kent County.
Edward	Nielsen	Centreville	Maryland	Maintaining a robust tree cover and healthy waterways is a "no brainer" for a warming planet.
Linda	Sherry	San Francisco	California	
Linda	Gaydos	Galena	Maryland	
Jeff	Hawver	Galena	Maryland	
Allan	Durham	Galena	Maryland	I'm 100% with all these actions.
Danielle	DeCormis	Galena	Maryland	
Kate	Olson	Galena	Maryland	
Patricia	Yedinak	Galena	Maryland	In support of protecting land in kent county
Jeff	Russell	Galena	Maryland	
Stanley	Rempuszewski	Galena	Maryland	
Jim	Pileggi	Galena	Maryland	It not only protects forests but also the animals that depend on the forest for food and cover and space to keep healthy populations.
Joe	Irr	Galena	Maryland	
William	Irish	Galena	Maryland	
Ed	Oceanic	Galena	Maryland	
Kyle	Durham	Galena	Maryland	This is extremely important. The new Everton project on edge road will have an extremely negative impact on the critical zone, forest, stream and wildlife on edge rd in millington, Md.
John Elizabeth	Callaghan	Galena	Maryland	Thank you for helping to protect our beautiful forests and water.
Mark	Lloyd	Galena	Maryland	
Sarah	McCoy		Maryland	
Shirley	Gear	Galena	Maryland	
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Lillian	Elgayar	Chestertown	Maryland	
allan	tucker	Galena	Maryland	
August	Aull	Centreville	Maryland	

John	Lytwyne	Galena	Maryland	
Brian	Standiford	Chestertown	Maryland	More forest!!!!
Emily	Kaiser	Chestertown	Maryland	
Rosalind	Hollingsworth	Grasonville	Maryland	