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Amendment No. 2

(This amendment alters the buffer requirements depending on whether there is landscaping so that the buffer would be 35 feet with landscaping or 75 feet without landscaping.)

2 On page 1, strike lines 1 to 8 in their entirety and substitute:

"On page 2, strike lines 23 to 27 in their entirety and substitute:

"(2) [[Forested or wooded areas Any new developments located along scenic roads must
maintain at least a 35-foot buffer of existing forest or wooded area between the road and
the new development. The buffer shall be wide enough to maintain the road's visual
character with a minimum width of at least 35 feet from the road right-of-way.]] BUFFERS.
New major subdivisions located along scenic roads must maintain at least a 35
FOOT BUFFER FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EXISTING FOREST OR WOODED AREA BETWEEN
THE ROAD AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT ACCOMPANIED BY A TYPE ${ m C}$ Landscape edge in
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER IV, LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS, TABLE 1 OF THE HOWARD
COUNTY LANDSCAPE MANUAL. ALTERNATIVELY, A NEW MAJOR SUBDIVISION MAY
MAINTAIN A BUFFER OF AT LEAST 75 FEET WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF TYPE C LANDSCAPE
EDGE. THESE SHALL BE MODIFIED AS NEEDED AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE
ROAD AND SUBDIVISION TO PRESERVE, MAINTAIN, OR ENHANCE THE VISUAL CHARACTER OF
THE SCENIC ROAD. THE BUFFER SHALL CLOSELY REFLECT THE NATURAL CHARACTER OF THE
UNDEVELOPED LAND. ANY NON-NATIVE, INVASIVE SPECIES SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE

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 BUFFER AND THE BUFFER SHALL BE REPLANTED WITH NATIVE SPECIES. ANY DISTURBANCE

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 TO THE BUFFER ASSOCIATED WITH SITE ACCESS SHALL BE MINIMIZED.". ".