

CB54-2022

TIBER WATERSHED

2,368 miles and 3.7 square miles (1.47% of County)



CB80-2016

- Sponsored by Councilmembers Ball and Weinstein to prohibit waivers or variances for floodplain, wetland, stream, and steep slope regulations in the watershed.
- This bill exempted public stormwater projects.

CB80-2016 EXEMPTIONS

- Our bill (CB54) would remove three exemptions to CB80-2016, **but add two exemptions to the code.**
- CB80 exempts waivers filed on or before November 7, 2016 (CB54 removes).
- CB80 exempts stormwater facilities built as part of redevelopment (CB54 removes).
- CB80 exempts projects improving flood control by 10% more than what's required by law (CB54 removes).
- **CB54 would exempt removal of dead or diseased trees certified by an arborist.**
- **CB54 would exempt public infrastructure projects.**

CB38-2019

- Our office's Protect This Watershed bill introduced some of the concepts in CB54-2022.
- “Waivers **shall not be allowed** for division or development of land in the Patapsco Lower North Branch Watershed from any on-site requirement of Subtitle 12 [**Forest Conservation**] of this title or Article II of this subtitle...”

TESTIMONY

- **118 individuals — 98% in support (only 2 testifying against).**
- 65% from D1
- 35% from outside D1

LONG GATE OVERLOOK

- Located at the top of the watershed.
- 0.91 acres of forest swapped for 1.82 acres of plantings in Woodbine.



DORSEY'S RIDGE

- Located off Old Columbia Pike.
- Paid \$55,272 in lieu of preserving 1.6 acres on-site.
- Approved to cut six specimen trees.



TOWNS AT COURT HILL

- Located right above old Ellicott City's Main Street.
- Received waivers for steep slopes, streams, and wetlands before the passage of CB80-2016 (which prohibited these waivers).
- Approved to cut one specimen tree.
- Paying \$15,681.60 in lieu of preserving 0.6 acres of forest.



LACEY PROPERTY

- Located two minutes away from old Ellicott City's Main Street.
- 40 specimen trees on property.
- Historic Preservation Commission application forthcoming from developer asking for permission to cut.



TAYLOR HIGHLANDS

- Located on the grounds of the former Sheppard Pratt facility.
- Cut 72 specimen trees without the authorization of DPZ.
- Wants approval to bank 2.1 acres of forest in a forest bank (location TBD).



43.92 acres of forest from these five developments reduced to only 12.19 acres.

That's 72% of on-site forest gone.

Lacey Property: 4.4 acres to start → 2.34 acres on-site

Towns at Court Hill: 1.6 acres to start → 0.9 acres on-site

Dorsey's Ridge: 3.3 acres to start → 1.48 acres on-site

Long Gate Overlook: 0.2 acres to start → 0.2 acres on-site

Taylor Highlands: 34.42 acres to start → 7.1 acres on-site

Legend

- Lacey Property
- Taylor Highlands
- Dorsey's Ridge
- Towns at Court Hill
- Long Gate Overlook
- Tiber Branch Watershed

