



# Howard County Council

George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
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County Council Legislative Work Session  
Friday, November 22, 2019  
C. Vernon Gray Room  
10:00 a.m.

## COUNCILMEMBERS

Christiana Mercer Rigby, Chairperson  
District 3

Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson  
District 2

Deb Jung  
District 4

Liz Walsh  
District 1

David Yungmann  
District 5

## Agenda

- Council Bill 62-2019 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Mercer Rigby, and Liz Walsh - AN ACT repealing and reenacting the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County; providing the purpose of the Act; defining certain terms to be used throughout the Act; requiring a Forest Conservation Plan for any person, or unit of local government, developing land 40,000 square feet or greater, subject to certain exceptions; requiring a Declaration of Intent for certain exemptions; setting forth the requirements of a Forest Conservation Plan; providing for the review process of a Forest Conservation Plan; requiring a Forest Conservation Manual to be prepared and adopted; requiring that the Manual include specific standards and guidelines; setting forth certain Forest Retention Priorities; requiring certain reforestation requirements and providing that reforestation shall be based on certain calculations; requiring certain afforestation and providing that afforestation shall be based on certain calculations; setting forth certain afforestation and reforestation location priorities and preferred methods; requiring certain site design; requiring certain financial security for afforestation and reforestation; authorizing a fee-in-lieu of afforestation and reforestation under certain conditions; providing for Forest Conservation Fund to keep the fee-in-lieu of afforestation and reforestation and providing for the use of monies contained in the fund; providing for certain enforcement and penalties; requiring mitigation by the County when land is developed in violation of the Act; providing for certain appeals; allowing for the grant of variances of the provisions of the Act, under certain circumstances; allowing the abandonment of Forest Conservation Easements under certain conditions; providing for the opportunity to create a Forest Mitigation Bank under certain conditions; and generally related to forest conservation in Howard County. (*Expires 1/13/20; 2/17/20 if extended; or 3/23/20 if extended twice.*)
- Council Bill 63-2019 – Introduced by Liz Walsh, Deb Jung and Christiana Mercer Rigby - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code by altering the requirements for a certain buffer between a road and a new major subdivision that is located along a Scenic Road; altering a certain approval process for a major subdivision that abuts or adjoins a scenic

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road; and generally relating to Scenic Roads. (*Expires 1/13/20; 2/17/20 if extended; or 3/23/20 if extended twice.*)

- Council Resolution 142-2019 - A RESOLUTION increasing Forest Conservation fees-in-lieu. (*No expiration date*)
- Council Bill 61-2019 - AN ACT amending the criteria for granting waivers from the requirements of the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations; requiring survey bearings and distances on plans to delineate wetlands and required wetland and stream buffers; prohibiting the impact on certain steep slopes established by the prior development of the property; requiring that the Office of Community Sustainability and the Department of Public Works review certain requests for necessary disturbances; establishing criteria for alternative compliance from the provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations; providing that the Office of Transportation will also review requests to eliminate sidewalk requirements; and generally relating to alternative compliance, waiver and variances of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. (*Expires 1/13/20; 2/17/20 if extended; or 3/23/20 if extended twice.*)