

Item 6 - Correspondence

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Subject: MoCo Needs a Stronger Forest Conservation Law
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 3:39:57 PM

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Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson,

I am writing in support of amendments put forth by the Montgomery County Forest Coalition to strengthen our Forest Conservation law.

In the past decade, Montgomery County lost more than 1000 acres of forest. While I welcome updates to the forest conservation law to address this problem, the law needs to be far stronger to result in "no net loss" of forest.

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Protecting and adding forests to our County is a win for public health, environmental protection and water quality. Montgomery County should lead on this issue and a strong forest conservation law is the first step.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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Trees are one of our best defenses against climate change. We need to gain tree canopy and forests, not lose them.

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I am in accord with the letter below. I want to add a couple of things. One, we cannot equate young saplings or whips with 70-150 year old trees, not to mention the ecosystems in older growth woods. The swap is not 1:1. The damage done by cutting down older trees cannot be simply corrected by plantings whips or saplings. Two, the complex ecosystems take many decades to replicate. So we need to be thoughtful in preserving established forests.

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Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson,

As a voter and long-time resident of Montgomery County, I urge you to take action to strengthen MoCo's forest conservation law. Over the past decade, Montgomery County has lost more than 1000 acres of forest. While I am pleased that the forest conservation law has been updated to partially address this problem, I believe the law needs to be much stronger to achieve the goal of "no net loss" of forest. To this end, I support a series of amendments suggested by the MoCo Forest Coalition, including:

1. Protect existing forest ecosystems. All remaining pre-existing forests in Montgomery County should be designated and treated as priority forest under the Forest Conservation Law. Our first priority must be to protect existing forest ecosystems.
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Protecting and adding forests to Montgomery County will benefit public health, environmental protection, and water quality. That's a win-win-win. MoCo should lead on this issue, and a stronger forest conservation law is the first step.

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I am writing as a Montgomery County resident and member of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance. In the past decade, Montgomery County lost more than 1000 acres of forest. While I welcome updates to the forest conservation law to address this problem, the law needs to be far stronger to result in "no net loss" of forest. I support amendments suggested by the MoCo Forest Coalition, including:

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I'm a life-long resident of Montgomery County. Over the years, I've watched forested areas leveled in the name of "development". Now, in the midst of the climate emergency, continued loss of forest is unacceptable.

Forest mitigation measures, while positive, can never replace the original forest - more than trees, a complete, living, ecosystem with extensive benefits to our health and our environment.

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Please do whatever you can to preserve existing trees, especially older trees and forested areas, and plant as many new trees, and create as many new parks and woods/forests as you can. They are an important and necessary component of our planet's ecosystem and in the fight against climate change, and everyone needs a bit of the natural world within walking distance of where they reside, work, or attend school. Thank you.

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7. Mental health and well being of the public who especially during these troubled times have utilized parks and other outdoor areas.

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Top Recommendations for updates to MoCo Forest Conservation Law (FCL)

1. Protect existing Forest Ecosystems. All remaining pre-existing Forests in MoCo are to be designated & treated as priority forest in FCL. First priority is to protect existing forest ecosystems.

- All remaining forest cover is considered priority and may only be removed upon appropriate findings by the Planning Director or Planning Board.
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- Forest removal subject to a variance must be replaced with forest ecosystem at a 2:1 ratio.

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- For all existing forest cover subject to an existing forest conservation easement, the area of forest removed must be reforested at a ratio of 5 acres of forest ecosystem for every 1 acre removed.

- This deterrent allows forest banks time to become mature forest ecosystems, and also keeps forest banks in the sub-watershed where they were originally intended to be planted.

3. Strengthen replanting ratios to ensure no-net-loss.

- Re-planting requirement strengthened from ¼ acre planted for every 1 acre removed to 2 acres forest ecosystem planted for every 1 acre removed; or
- Re-planting requirement strengthened from ¼ acre planted for every 1 acre removed to 1 acre forest ecosystem planted for every 1 acre removed, with no retention credit.
- Require that at least 75% of the re-planting requirement be satisfied by the newly re-planted forest ecosystem.

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5. Strengthen Watershed Considerations: For meeting afforestation and reforestation requirements, areas obtained outside the County or outside the sub-watershed where forest was removed for development, the requirement shall be that existing forest retained through forest mitigation bank shall be at a 4:1 ratio, or replanting of forest ecosystem shall be done at a 2:1 ratio .

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Dear members of the Montgomery County Planning Board,

As you review legislation to modify the current Forest Conservation Law, please keep in mind how very important our forests are now in times of turmoil and a changing climate. Please do everything you can to protect existing forest ecosystems and strengthen replanting ratios to ensure no-net-loss. I have found such solace in our forests in the past two years and I know that our forests provide us with immense benefits, both personally and for the environment.

Thank you!

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Protect existing Forest Ecosystems. All remaining pre-existing Forests in Montgomery County are to be designated & treated as priority forest in FCL. First priority is to protect existing forest ecosystems.

1. Tighten requirements around forest conservation easements so that they may not be so easily extinguished or relocated.
2. Strengthen replanting ratios to ensure no-net-loss of forests after development.
3. Strengthen Re-planting requirements to require the planting of Forest Ecosystem, not just trees.
4. Increase watershed considerations so that replantings improve the water quality of the county.
5. Forest stand delineation must be evaluated & submitted to Planning prior to submitting any application plan for development of a site.

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Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson,

As co-publisher of PLENTY magazine, which extolls the virtues of the Agricultural Reserve, we are very concerned about our forest assets which need to be protected, especially in these times, considering all of the irreplaceable benefits they provide out County.

We wholeheartedly believe that the law needs to be far stronger to result in "no net loss" of forest. To that end, the publishers and staff support amendments suggested by the MoCo Forest Coalition, including:

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Protecting and adding forests to our County is a win for public health, environmental protection and water quality. Montgomery County should lead on this issue and a strong forest conservation law is the first step.

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

When I moved to the DC area, one of the things that attracted me to Montgomery County was the abundance of beautiful natural areas. Over the years I've lived here, I've become more and more aware of the many benefits our forested areas provide - protecting our streams and rivers and even the Chesapeake Bay, helping to stabilize our climate, providing habitat for wildlife, and improving human health and well-being.

Our forests are under threat from development, climate change, and other forces. It is essential that we protect them. As the Planning Board considers the best ways to do this, I urge you to carefully consider the recommendations of the Montgomery County Forest Coalition:

1. Protect existing Forest Ecosystems. All remaining pre-existing Forests in Montgomery County are to be designated & treated as priority forest in FCL. First priority is to protect existing forest ecosystems.
2. Tighten requirements around forest conservation easements so that they may not be so easily extinguished or relocated.
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6. Forest stand delineation must be evaluated & submitted to Planning prior to submitting any application plan for development of a site.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Hello,

I am a resident of Montgomery County, a teacher, and a mother. Please reconsider modifying the existing Forest Conservation Law. It is important for our community to have trees and to implement strategies to grow our forests. Forests help with the air we breathe especially for communities near more polluted areas such as near highways and large roads. Please take all of this information into consideration:

Protect existing Forest Ecosystems. All remaining pre-existing Forests in Montgomery County are to be designated & treated as priority forest in FCL. First priority is to protect existing forest ecosystems.

Do it for yourself, your families, and for the community.

Thank you,

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Dear Planning Board,

As a resident of Montgomery County, I care deeply about our forests and trees. They are essential to combatting climate change. Please take the following steps to protect them:

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2. Tighten requirements around forest conservation easements so that they may not be so easily extinguished or relocated.
3. Strengthen replanting ratios to ensure no-net-loss of forests after development.
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Thank you for using your power to protect and preserve our natural resources.

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

For the last 45 years, I've been involved in forest conservation -- rural forests throughout the nation, and urban forests in municipalities ranging in size from several thousand to several million. I helped write the tree ordinance for Atlanta. Currently I'm consulting on the urban forest management plan for a major northeastern city and a sizeable local jurisdiction through my role as Senior Adviser for Urban Forestry to American Forests.

No doubt the most significant challenge planners face is balancing the demands of growth against the need to maintain a healthy, vibrant ecosystem. Trees and forested landscapes support that ecosystem and create conditions in which people, not just wildlife, can thrive.

The benefits of nature are well known and Montgomery County has taken many effective steps to protect them. But challenges remain. Among them, denser areas of the County lack tree canopy; even in the newest developments concrete crowds out plantable space. As a consequence, heat island impacts are amplified, not curbed. Likewise, land disturbance thresholds on single-family lots may be set too high to prevent unpermitted additions (patios, porches, etc.) from covering plantable spaces.

Finally, I urge the Board to maintain the County's strict stance on removal of significant trees. They shape the character of our neighborhoods and create the places where people want to live, learn, work and play.

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Montgomery County Planning Board,

I am writing today to ask you to protect existing forest ecosystems. All remaining, pre-existing forests in Montgomery County should be designated and treated as priority forest. Please also:

Tighten requirements around forest conservation easements so that they may not be easily extinguished or relocated;

Strengthen replanting ratios to ensure no-net-loss of forests after development;

Strengthen Re-planting requirements to require the planting of Forest Ecosystem, not just trees;

Increase watershed considerations so that re-plantings improve the water quality of the county;

Ensure that forest stand delineation be evaluated and submitted to the Planning Board prior to submitting any application plan for development of a site.

Thank you,
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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board,

It is vital that any changes to the Montgomery County Forest Law put into place real protections of existing Forests ecosystems. It is great that developers have to "replace" any forests taken down but this is not done well now and often takes good farm land out of production. With world wide food shortages we now know how vital our farm land is. We can have more bigger requirements for stream land buffers and more trees planted as under the CREP program. It is vital that replanting requires the greatest diversity in tree species to protect against future destruction by a specific tree killer such as the Ash borer. Native variety is most important.

I am a long time participant in the CREP program and can attest to how much my whole farm has benefitted from the ecosystem that the whole program brings. Please make sure we have tougher forest conservation programs - Not Weaker.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Subject: Forest Conservation Law
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Montgomery County Planning Board,

I am writing regarding the Planning Board meeting on April 28 to consider modifications to the Forest Conservation Law. My husband and I are lucky enough to live across the street from a wooded protected area of about 40 acres. We have the joy of looking out our windows every day and seeing this forest. Most citizens of Montgomery County are not so lucky and in fact some large wooded areas have been completely cleared for housing (example: 42 acres at Tower Oaks in Rockville where ALL trees were removed).

Forests are very important for many reasons. The trees help clean our air, provide habitat for birds and many others animals and give pleasure to those who see and walk through the woods during any season.

I am requesting that the Planning Board provide forests the strongest protections possible to create healthy communities and climate stretching into the future for the citizens of Montgomery County.

The Montgomery County Forest Coalition has listed the following six recommendations for the recommendations and urge the Planning Board to include each of them when revising the Forest Conservation Law. Planning Board to act on in regard to the Forest Conservation Law. I strongly support these

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Increase watershed considerations so that replantings improve the water quality of the county. Forest stand delineation must be evaluated & submitted to Planning prior to submitting any application plan for development of a site.

Thank you for your attention to these important points.

Brenda Corbin
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