

Article V

Forest Stand Delineation

§31-5.1 Criteria

- A. A Forest Stand Delineation shall be submitted at the sketch plan stage for a subdivision or project plan approval, as the sketch plan processes are defined in the Town of Easton's Zoning Code and before a grading permit application or before a sediment and erosion control application is submitted for the tract being developed.
- B. The delineation shall be prepared by a licensed forester, licensed landscape architect, or a qualified professional who meets the requirements stated in COMAR 08.19.06.01A.
- C. The delineation shall be used during the sketch review process to determine the most suitable and practical areas for forest conservation and shall contain the following components:
- (1) A topographic map delineating intermittent and perennial streams, and steep slopes over 25 percent;
 - (2) A soils map delineating soils with structural limitations, hydric soils, or soils with a soil K value greater than 0.35 on slopes of 15 percent or more;
 - (3) Forest stand maps indicating species, location and size of trees and showing dominant and codominant forest types;
 - (4) Location of 100-year floodplains;
 - (5) Information required by the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resource's Forest Conservation Technical Manual; and
 - (6) Other information the Department determines is necessary to implement this Ordinance.
- D. If approved by the Department, a simplified delineation, a concept plan or plat, preliminary plat or plan, sediment and erosion control plan or other appropriate document, verified by a site visit, if appropriate, may substitute for the Forest Stand Delineation:
- (1) When no forest cover is disturbed during a construction activity; and
 - (2) If designated to be under a long term protective agreement.
- E. The Department shall consider a simplified Forest Stand Delineation, or other substitute plan described in §31-5.1D, complete if it includes:
- (1) All requirements under §31-5.1C (1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) of this article;
 - (2) A map showing existing forest cover as verified by field inspection; and
 - (3) Other information required by this Ordinance.
- F. An approved Forest Stand Delineation may remain in effect for a period not longer than 5 years.

G. Time for Submittal.

- (1) Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the Forest Stand Delineation, the Department shall notify the applicant whether the Forest Stand Delineation is complete and correct.
- (2) If the Department fails to notify the applicant within 30 days, the delineation shall be treated as complete and correct.
- (3) The Department may require further information or provide for an additional 15 calendar days under extenuating circumstances.