

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF BUDGET

Bill NO. 57-16

DATE: July 18, 2016

**FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT  
– FOREST CONSERVATION**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

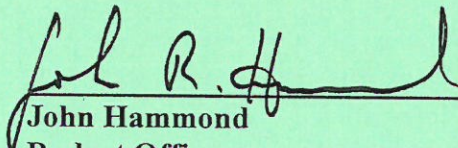
The purpose of this ordinance is to exempt certain stream restoration projects from forest conservation requirements; and revise the calculation of site values for a forest conservation plan; adjust the fee-in-lieu rates.

This ordinance extends the exception of forest conservation requirements to certain stream restoration projects and maintenance and retrofitting of stormwater management structures.

This ordinance also alters the fee-in-lieu of planting for both inside and outside a priority area. The altering of these fees is a result a change in State legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As the fee-in-lieu of planting provides funding for the Reforestation Fund, the changing of the fee-in-lieu structure will likely result in a reduction in the Reforestation Fund. The loss of revenue is a result of fee-in-lieu of planting for land outside the critical area and inside a priority funding area. Currently, the fee is \$0.50 per square foot, this ordinance reduces the fee-in-lieu to \$0.40 per square foot for this category of land. As this revenue source is dependent upon development of these lands, we cannot reasonably estimate the fiscal impact.

  
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