

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 18

Resolution No. 29-25

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, October 6, 2025

1 RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Inspections and Permits to develop a
2 Forest Conservation Manual to serve as a guidebook for property owners and homeowners
3 associations who maintain forest conservation easements on their properties

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5 WHEREAS, the Maryland Forest Conservation Act, enacted in 1991, requires local
6 jurisdictions with planning and zoning authority to establish and implement local
7 forest conservation programs; and

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9 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County's program includes over 10,000 acres in forest
10 conservation easements that are required to be maintained by private property
11 owners or homeowners associations; and

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13 WHEREAS, forest conservation easements provide for permanent protection of our
14 natural environment by prohibiting or limiting development, tree clearing, and
15 other land disturbing activities; and

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17 WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure that the forest conservation easements are
18 properly maintained and abided by, Anne Arundel County should provide clear
19 guidance on the process and permitted activities; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Inspections and Permits currently oversees the
22 implementation of the County's forest conservation program and is best positioned
23 to provide clear guidance to the public; now, therefore, be it

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25 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* that the Council
26 requests the Department of Inspections and Permits to develop a Forest Conservation
27 Manual to serve as a guidebook for property owners and homeowners associations who
28 maintain forest conservation easements on their properties; and be it further

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30 *Resolved,* that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the County Executive Stuart
31 Pittman.