

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

BILL NUMBER: 53-26

INTRO. DATE: June 1, 2026

**FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL:** Subdivision and Development – General Provisions – Modifications – Nontidal Wetlands and Buffers

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

This bill codifies “Green Notice” OPZ-20-06-REV and provides minimum conditions that the Planning and Zoning Officer shall consider if a modification for wetland disturbance is granted. Environmental modifications for development impacts to wetlands and their buffers are not automatically granted based on whether State or Federal authorities have permitted the impacts. Wetland and wetland buffer impacts may require mitigation in the form of in-kind replacement, out-of-kind replacement, or mitigation credits. Certain types of "projects essential to the public good" may be granted additional flexibility in the granting of mitigation options.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Operating Budget – Personal Services: No effect. This bill codifies existing administrative practice described in an Office of Planning and Zoning “Green Notice.”

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: No effect.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: No effect.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: None.

  
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Date

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