

[(2)](II) Assist and guide local authorities in the development of their local forest conservation program by providing:

[(i)] 1. Training of local officials; and

[(ii)] 2. A model local government ordinance that meets the requirements of this subtitle; and

[(3)](III) Assist developers, planners, surveyors, engineers, foresters, biologists, and landscape architects in:

[(i)] 1. Developing methodology and gathering natural resource information required in the preparation of a forest stand delineation and a forest conservation plan;

[(ii)] 2. Determining the size, location, and orientation of forest areas to be retained;

[(iii)] 3. Determining the size, location, and orientation of areas to be afforested or reforested;

[(iv)] 4. Implementing protection techniques and devices used in preserving specimen trees or areas designated for retention during construction; and

[(v)] 5. Determining species, spacing, and timing of afforestation or reforestation.

(2) ALL PROVISIONS OF THE GUIDANCE MANUAL THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY NOTED AS STANDARDS OR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE DEEMED RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL PROGRAM.

5-1610.

(c) Money collected by the State OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY under § 5-1608(c) of this subtitle for noncompliance with this subtitle or regulations adopted under this subtitle, or for noncompliance with a forest conservation plan or the associated 2-year management agreement [,] shall be deposited in the Forest Conservation Fund.

(i) (1) Money deposited in the local forest conservation fund under subsection (g) of this section may only be spent on reforestation and [afforestation] AFFORESTATION, including the costs directly related to site identification, acquisition, PREPURCHASE, and preparation, and may not revert to any other local general fund.

5-1612.

(b) The Department OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY may revoke an approved forest conservation plan for cause, including violation of conditions of the plan, obtaining a plan approval by misrepresentation, failing to disclose a relevant or material fact, or change in conditions. The Department OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY shall notify the violator in writing and provide an opportunity for a hearing.