

~~(ff) (1) "Reforestation" or "reforested" means the creation of a biological community dominated by trees and other woody plants containing at least 100 trees per acre with at least 50% of those trees having the potential of attaining a 2-inch or greater diameter measured at 4.5 feet above the ground, within 7 years.~~

~~(2) "Reforestation" includes landscaping of areas under an approved landscaping plan that establishes a forest that is at least 35 feet wide and covering 2,500 square feet of area.~~

~~(3) "Reforestation" for a linear project which involves overhead transmission lines may consist of a biological community dominated by trees and woody shrubs with no minimum height or diameter criteria.~~

~~(jj) "Stream buffer" means all lands lying within 50 feet, measured from the top of each normal bank of any perennial or intermittent stream.~~

~~5-1607.~~

~~(c) The following trees, shrubs, plants, and specific areas shall be considered priority for retention and protection, and they shall be left in an undisturbed condition unless the applicant has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the State or local authority that reasonable efforts have been made to protect them and the plan cannot reasonably be altered:~~

~~(1) Trees, shrubs, and plants located in sensitive areas including 100-year floodplains, intermittent and perennial streams and their buffers, coastal bays and their buffers, steep slopes, and critical habitats;~~

~~(2) Contiguous forest that connects the largest undeveloped or most vegetated tracts of land within and adjacent to the site;~~

~~(3) Trees, shrubs, or plants identified on the list of rare, threatened, and endangered species of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the Department;~~

~~(d) The following shall be considered priority for afforestation or reforestation:~~

~~(1) Establish or enhance forest buffers adjacent to intermittent and perennial streams and coastal bays to widths of at least 50 feet;~~

~~(2) Establish or increase existing forested corridors to connect existing forests within or adjacent to the site and, where practical, forested corridors should be a minimum of 300 feet in width to facilitate wildlife movement;~~