

~~(e) 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;~~

~~(3) Establish or enhance forest buffers adjacent to critical habitats where appropriate;~~

~~(4) Establish or enhance forested areas in 100-year floodplains;~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to prevent any person that ~~submitted~~ submits a forest conservation plan before ~~October~~ July 1, 2007, to the State or local authority in accordance with § 5-1605 of the Natural Resources Article, and has not been issued a building permit, from revising the net tract area, for a tract of land of at least 350 acres of which at least 15% is within the boundaries of a 100-year floodplain or wetland, to include the forested area within the boundaries of ~~a~~ the 100-year floodplain or wetland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 months and, at the end of February 29, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.