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(A) A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVING PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP A LOCAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM, CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(1) BY ~~DECEMBER 31, 1991~~ APRIL 30, 1992 ALL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WITH PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM, WHICH MEETS OR IS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

(2) A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS AN EXISTING PROGRAM OF FOREST CONSERVATION ~~AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER ITS CURRENT PROGRAM BUT SHALL, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991, PROVIDE A PROPOSED FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM, WHICH MEETS OR IS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL, OR SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTS SUCH A PROGRAM PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1992, MAY CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER ITS PROGRAM PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE LOCAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM.~~

(3) A MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY MAY, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT, ASSIGN ~~THIS RESPONSIBILITY~~ ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE COUNTY BY DECEMBER 31, 1991.

(B) (1) BY JULY 1, 1992 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER APPROVE A PROPOSED LOCAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR PROVIDE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS NEEDING REVISION.

(2) LOCAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAMS REQUIRING REVISIONS SHALL BE ~~RE-SUBMITTED~~ RESUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN ~~3~~ 2 MONTHS OF THE DATE THE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE NEED FOR REVISIONS.

(C) ALL UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, BY DECEMBER 31, 1992, THEIR ADOPTED FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM WHICH MEETS OR IS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(1) A LOCAL FOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL INCLUDE: