



Legislation Details

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Title: Natural Resources - Forest and Tree Conservation
 For the purpose of amending the Forest and Tree Conservation provisions of Article 7 of the Baltimore City Code to comply with new State requirements, to coordinate with other City environmental requirements, and to align the Code with existing policy; correcting certain references; allowing for mitigation to be provided through forest mitigation banks located within the City; updating the requirements for mitigation fee usage; aligning the allowed uses of forest conservation funds with the definitions allowed by the State; adding annual reporting and biennial review requirements, as required by the State; reducing the amount of required land that triggers a review to conform with the amount of required land for grading or building permits; requiring that a Forest Stand Delineation be an element of other reviews, including Site Plan Review, subdivision, grading, and erosion and sediment control; requiring that all grading and building permits, and sediment, and erosion control, subdivision, or development plan approvals be conditioned on approval of and compliance with an approved Forest Conservation Plan; modifying mitigation fees to conform with Critical Area and Landscape Manual mitigation fees and modifying the amount of violation fines; adding a definition for "critical root zone" to the Code and modifying the definition of "specimen tree"; allowing notifications to applicants to be sent by email; adding a specimen tree mitigation policy to the Code; requiring that applicants notify adjacent property owners for significant impacts to off-site specimen trees; establishing a procedure, with criteria and requirements, for modifying existing forest conservation easements; clarifying that variances may be granted in advance of activity requiring Forest Conservation approval and that variances may not be granted after violation of the provisions of this Code; and generally relating to forest and tree conservation; and approving and adopting a new Baltimore City Forest Conservation Manual (2020 Edition).

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Code sections:

Attachments: 1. Planning Staff Report 20-0546, 2. Law 20-0546, 3. 20-0546 Natural Resources - Forest and Tree Conservation UPDATED SIGNED, 4. 20-0546~1st Reader, 5. Planning 20-0546, 6. Office of Sust. 20-0546 - Updated, 7. DPW 20-0546, 8. BCRP 20-0546, 9. Public Testimony - 20-0546, 10. Bill Synopsis 20-0546, 11. Hearing Agenda 20-0546, 12. Hearing Notes 20-0546, 13. Planning Staff 20-0546, 14. Hearing Minutes 20-0546, 15. Testimony City Council Bill 20-0546 BGS, 16. 2nd Reader Amendment 20-0546, 17. 20-0546~3rd Reader, 18. Signed Ordinance 20-0546

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
10/5/2020	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
9/21/2020	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
8/17/2020	0	City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
8/17/2020	0	Judiciary Committee	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
8/4/2020	0	Judiciary Committee	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	Pass

7/20/2020	0	Judiciary Committee	Scheduled for a Public Hearing
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Office of Sustainability
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Public Works
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Recreation and Parks
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Planning Commission
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
6/25/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Housing and Community Development
6/22/2020	0	City Council	Assigned
6/22/2020	0	City Council	Introduced