

**CRITICAL AREA
VEGETATION
REMOVAL PERMIT**



Office Use Only

Grading A/P # _____
Received by I&P: _____ Date: _____

Calvert County Inspections & Permits Division, County Services Plaza, 205 Main Street, Floor 1, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
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SITE:						
<i>Premise Address</i>	Address:					
	City:	State:	Zip:			
<i>Directions to site from Courthouse</i>						
APPLICANTS:						
<i>Property Owner Information</i>	Name:					
	Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
	Phone:	Mobile #:	E-mail:			
<i>Contractor Information</i>	Company Name:					
	Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
	Phone:	Mobile #:	E-mail:			
	Contact Name:					
	DNR Tree Expert License #:		MD HBR #:	MHIC License #:		
JOB DESCRIPTION:						
WORK TYPE:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Includes Stump Removal <input type="checkbox"/> Planting Plan included <input type="checkbox"/> Buffer Management Plan included <input type="checkbox"/> Violation Correction (# _____)						
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:						
DETAILS OF PROPOSED WORK:						
Size of Property(sqft):			Total Existing Vegetation(sqft):			
Vegetation Removal inside Buffer(sqft):			Vegetation Removal outside Buffer(sqft):			
Tree Canopy Removed(sqft):		Tree Canopy to Remain(sqft):		# of Trees Removed:		
<i>To be completed by the Critical Area Planner</i>						
Type of Mitigation	Area to be Replanted (sq. ft.)	Bond Amount: (\$)	Approved Planting Plan: (y/n)	Fees: (\$)	Mitigation Ratio	
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffer Replanting						
<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Area Replanting Outside Buffer						
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Erosion Control						
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing 15% Vegetation						
<input type="checkbox"/> Violation						
<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Protection Area						
<input type="checkbox"/> County Project		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization				
Additional Property Information:						
Wetlands <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Streams <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Steep Slopes ≥15% <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Road Access <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private	Agricultural Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Historic Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
APPROVALS:						
Planning & Zoning		Signature:		Date:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Waived		Comments:				
Engineering		Signature:		Date:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Waived		Comments:				
Soil Conservation		Signature:		Date:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Waived		Comments:				
I hereby certify that I have read and understood the above requirements, I have the authority to make this application, the information given is correct, and the use and construction shall conform to the County Health Regulations, the Building Code, Zoning Ordinances, and private deed restrictions, if any, which are imposed on the property.						
OWNER or AUTHORIZED APPLICANT (circle one)						
SIGNATURE:				DATE:		
<i>Information if other than owner</i>	Name:					
	Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
	Phone:	Mobile #:	E-mail:			

Vegetative Removal Permit Application Guidelines

- This permit application and all required information must be submitted to the Inspections & Permits Division for review by all applicable county agencies; incomplete packages and/or unsigned applications will result in processing delays.
- This is an application for removing **any** vegetation or cutting trees within the Critical Area (within 1,000 feet of the mean high water line of the Chesapeake Bay or Patuxent River, its tributaries, or the landward boundary of tidal wetlands). Any removal of understory vegetation, including shrubs and invasive vines, requires a permit. Planting or replacing ornamental shrubs (within 30 days) may proceed without a permit.
- All applications **must include a property sketch**, to scale, showing the location and limits of disturbance for the proposed vegetation or individual trees to be removed. Distance between the location of the activity and buildings, roads, steep slopes ($\geq 15\%$), open water, wetlands and direction of overland water flow should be shown. The sketch must also show the 100' or expanded buffer. Applications submitted without a sketch may be rejected.
- Photos may eliminate the need for a site visit and expedite permit approval.
- Extraction of root systems, including those of invasive vine material, also requires a grading exemption or grading permit. This does not pertain to stump grinding.
- Individual trees proposed for removal must be marked with flagging or paint for field inspection purposes.
- Trees and vegetation to be removed must be mitigated by replanting with **native plants** or paying mitigation fees. Replanting with native species is required. A refundable planting bond is required for all plantings to assure adequate survival of the planting. Mitigation is determined during permit review. More information may be found online at <http://www.co.cal.md.us>
- Access to the water/pier must be non-structural and non-pervious. The size of the pathway and limits of disturbance must be included on the sketch and flagged on the property.
- Pruning of trees may only be performed by the homeowner or a state of Maryland **Licensed Tree Expert**. All work shall be performed to industry standards (ANSI A300). Topping of trees is not permitted and may be considered to be a violation. No permit is required for pruning limited to the lower 1/3 of the height of the tree.
- The project is not exempt from other federal, state or local permits that may be required for the proposed activity. Any required state and federal permits must be obtained prior to permit approval.
- Proposed activities within a wetland, at or below mean high water, or within wetlands or waterways require review/approval by the Department of Natural Resources, Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Department of the Environment, **and** Calvert County. A copy of all state and federal permits or Letter(s) of Exemption must accompany this permit application.
- The permit must be posted conspicuously at the front of the property.
- Permits expire 2 years after issuance.
- Inspections are required as a part of this permit. To schedule an inspection call the Department of Community Planning & Building at 410-535-2348.