

Howard County Forest Conservation Program

DECLARATION OF INTENT

Forestry Activities

File Number _____ Election District _____ Tax Map _____ Lot or Parcel _____

Name(s) _____

Location _____

I (We), _____, the Owner(s) of the real property described above hereby declare my (our) intention to continue and/or place into commercial forestry use the above property in accordance with the provisions of the Howard County Code, Sections 16.1202(b)(2) and (c).

- 1. I (We) certify that the proposed commercial forestry activities are exempt from the requirements of Section 16.1202(a) of the Howard County Code to file a Forest Conservation Plan.
2. Upon completion or termination of the commercial forestry activities, I (we) will provide the Department of Planning and Zoning a certification prepared by a qualified professional that the activities are ended.
3. I (We) certify that no activity which requires the filing of a Forest Conservation Plan pursuant to Section 16.1202(a) of the Howard County Code will occur within 5 years of the date of the completion of the exempt commercial forestry activities.
4. This declaration and adherence to the exemption provisions of Section 16.1202 do not exempt the proposed activity from any other requirements or conditions for commercial forestry use.
5. I (We) further certify that this Declaration and all conditions herein shall be expressly referenced in and attached to all deeds and other documents which create or transfer any legal or equitable interest in the aforesaid property, in order to provide notice to the new owner(s) that they assume all obligations to conform to the requirements of Section 16.1200, et seq. should they propose any activity regulated thereunder.

If the Owner makes application for an activity regulated under Howard County Code, Section 16.1202(a), or constructs non-forestry structures or site improvements on all or part of the parcel within five (5) full years following the date of certification that the activities have been completed, the County can require the Owner to meet the reforestation or afforestation requirements established in Sections 16.1206 and 16.1207 of the Howard County Code and may also assess a penalty fee for forested areas cut in violation of the forestry exemption.

I (We) declare that this declaration, including any accompanying forms and statements, has been examined by me (us) and the information contained herein, to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief, is true, correct and complete.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

STATE OF MARYLAND, HOWARD COUNTY, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared _____, party/parties to the within Declaration of Intent, and he/she/they acknowledged the same to be his/her/their act.

AS WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____