DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULE
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This fee schedule requires developers to pay for the costs of inspection by the County or designee for compliance with the County guidelines for Forest Conservation regulations and is adopted pursuant to Section 5-1603 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland that allows for the recovery of costs incurred in a local forest conservation program.

FOREST CONSERVATION INSPECTION FEES	
Forest Conservation Surety Amount	**Percentage of Surety***
$0-100,000	.4%
$100,001-$150,000	.3%
$150,001 and up	.2%

***Fee not to be less than $400 for three inspections.**

Note: A half-fee or no less than $200 will be charged for the fourth and subsequent inspections.

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UNIT PRICES FOR FOREST CONSERVATION SURETY	
Forest Retention	$0.20 per square foot
Regeneration or Selective clearing with supplemental planting	$0.40 per square foot
Reforestation/Afforestation	$0.50 per square foot

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

This fee schedule allows a developer to pay for the costs of afforestation or reforestation by the County in accordance with the County guidelines for forest conservation regulations set forth in the Howard County Code, Section 16.1211.

Forest Conservation Fees	
Afforestation or reforestation	$1.25 Per square foot within the Planned Service Area boundary $1.50 per square foot outside of the Planned Service Area boundary
Easement abandonment	$2.00 Per square foot
Non-compliance with forest conservation	$5.00 Per square foot