

Howard County Forest Conservation Program

DECLARATION OF INTENT

***Agricultural Activities Clearing More Than
20,000 Square Feet of Forest Within One Year***

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 clear forest areas for the purpose of agricultural uses on the above property in accordance with the provisions of the Howard County Code, Sections 16.1202(b)(2)(iii) and (c), and State Bill 666 effective 10/1/09. I (We) certify that such clearing is exempt from the requirement of Section 16.1202(a) of the Howard County Code to file a Forest Conservation Plan.

The exempt agricultural uses and the areas affected are: _____

Structures built to carry out agricultural uses are: [description and square feet of ground affected]

Total amount of forest areas to be cleared are _____ and are shown on the attached plot plan.

I (We) certify that upon completion of all forest clearing activity, I (we) will provide the Department of Planning and Zoning written confirmation that the forest clearing is completed. Further, 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 completion of all forest clearing activity.

If the Owner makes application for an activity regulated under Howard County Code, Section 16.1202(a) on all or part of the parcel within five (5) full years following the date of certification that the forest clearing has 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 terms of this exemption.

I (We) understand that any subsequent clearing of additional forest resources for agricultural activities beyond the amounts cited above shall require an amendment to this Declaration to show the amount and location of such clearing.

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.

I (We) declare under the penalties of law, 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 _____