

January 27, 2023

Kent County Planning Commission
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Dear Kent County Planning Commission Chair and Members:

This letter is to affirm my opposition to the 10% rule in the Agriculture Zoning District. Agricultural owners and entrepreneurs should be provided the opportunity to sell and purchase smaller ag parcels to increase the number of ag businesses here in Kent County. Many new farmers lack the financial resources to purchase 100 or more acres. Likewise a January 2022 Forbes Article on "Trends in Agriculture" highlights a growing demand for more localized and specialized niche farming. Restricting subdivision of ag land via the 10% rule concentrates ag land into fewer large land holding property owners and discourages new ag businesses. I encourage the Planning Commission and the Kent County Commissioners to eliminate the 10% rule in AZD.

I also oppose the proposed forest conservation text amendment to require additional land be put into Forest Conservation, beyond the MD State requirement. This requirement will negatively impact and discourage the sale and improvement of the relatively small amount of industrial and commercial land we have available for development in Kent County. Almost 90% of the land in Kent County is in agriculture use and covered in vegetation most of the year. Only about 6% of our land is zoned for commercial or industrial use. Placing the burden of additional land in forest conservation will have a negative financial impact on potential development. I urge the Planning Commission and the Kent County Commissioners to reject the proposed text amendment.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Genter

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Kent County Re-Zoning Task Force Member

Attachment

William Mackey

From: Ferdinand Thun
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:14 PM
To: William Mackey
Subject: I support forest conservation in Kent County...

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William Mackey

From: Wendy Ingersoll Perry
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:09 PM
To: William Mackey
Subject: I support forest conservation in Kent County...

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Dear Mr. Mackey,

We are unable to attend the Zoning Commission meeting on 2/2 but wish to express our support for any actions to support conservation of our forests in Kent County. I am one of a family with property in the Chestertown area and we are all in favor of such efforts. Thank you!

Wendy Ingersoll Perry

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address and personal phone number

William Mackey

From: Alexander Gilchrist
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:13 PM
To: William Mackey
Subject: I support forest conservation in Kent County...

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Greetings Mr. Mackey,

This is a quick note in support of the text amendment strengthening Forest Conservation Act requirements that you will be considering on Thursday. Unfortunately we cannot be there in person.

Thanks for serving our community,
Alexander and Robin Gilchrist

William Mackey

From: Courtney Leigh
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:42 AM
To: William Mackey
Subject: Comprehensive Rezoning Update

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I am in support of the proposed text amendment to strengthen forest conservation provisions in Kent County's Land Use Ordinances. The proposed text amendments are aligned with the County's vision, and will help to strengthen protection for the natural features of our County while "embracing sufficient economic opportunities to provide for the economic well-being of [it's] citizens." (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 1).

Trees of all ages are a vital component for restoration efforts such as green stormwater management practices, stream bed restoration, achieving nutrient reductions in runoff, carbon sequestration, and shading impermeable surfaces. Based on these benefits and more, these community members support the proposed text amendments as a positive and realistic strategy to improve forest conservation in Kent County, and urge the Commissioners and the Planning Department to adopt a favorable report.

Courtney Leigh, Family Member of owned land in Kent County

William Mackey

From: Billy Norris
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:11 PM
To: William Mackey
Subject: Please share my feelings with the planning commission and County Commissioners

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Dear Kent County Planning Commission,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family who own a farm and have been residents in Kent County for over 52 years. We as a family are strongly opposed to the 10% Rule in the Kent County zoning ordinance, specifically the Agricultural Zoning District. The 10%, rule deprives many people of the opportunity to own smaller farms and partake in multiple other Agricultural endeavors that can survive on smaller acreage. A huge percentage of land in Kent County is zoned Agricultural which limits the opportunity for a well diversified economic balance in the community. Please end the 10% rule and and open up the opportunity for new agricultural businesses to feel welcome in Kent County.

My family and I are also adamantly opposed to placing more stringent regulations pertaining to forestation requirements within Kent County. Please reject the text amendment that will require additional forestation. We should be more willing to accept new business in Kent County and not create more road blocks for new businesses. Kent County needs greater business diversity.

The 10% rule and more stringent forestation requirements negatively impact any new businesses in Kent County, Maryland.

With Respect,
Billy Norris
Kent County Zoning Task Force
Member

William Mackey

From: Karen Pittleman
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 8:47 PM
To: William Mackey
Subject: Forest Conservation

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I support forest conservation in Kent County. I support the proposed amendment to strengthen the Forest Conservation Act requirements beyond the state minimums. Improved forest conservation is critical to stormwater management, stream bed restoration and carbon sequestration, as well as quality of life in Kent County.

Thank you,
Karen Pittleman



February 2, 2023

Kent County Planning Commission & Director of Planning, Housing and Zoning
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Mackey,

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Maryland's leading private land trust, supports the text amendment on the Forest Conservation Act and appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments.

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Kent County is one of the two least-forested counties in Maryland. And according to the Maryland Department of Planning, Kent County is projected to lose an additional 800 acres of forests in the coming years. As the county's land use ordinance states:

"Forest and individual trees greatly contribute to the quality of life in Kent County, the health of the natural ecosystem and the health and welfare of the citizens of Kent County. The county's economic health depends heavily on its natural resources, of which forests are a major component."

Indeed, forests offer many benefits including wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, water filtration to protect our rivers and the bay, sediment control, and a healthier environment. Considering the environmental impacts and the projected loss of forested land, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy supports this text amendment as it will help prevent further loss of forests in the county.

The FCA text amendment will help the county realize its goals and strategies in its current comprehensive plan. Goal: Conserve Existing Woodlands, Encourage Reforestation, and Promote Proper Forest Management Practices. Strategy: Work cooperatively with Federal, State, and non-profit organizations to achieve an increase in area of forest in the County. Eastern Shore Land Conservancy urges the Commissioners to vote favorably for this text amendment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment,

Owen Bailey

Owen Bailey
Director of Land Use and Policy



William Mackey

From: Annie Richards
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:16 AM
To: William Mackey; Carla Gerber
Cc: Zack Kelleher
Subject: Comments for Planning Commission Meeting 2/2/2023
Attachments: ShoreRivers_FCA_Petition.pdf

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Good morning,

Please find attached ShoreRivers comments in support of the proposed text amendment to increase Forest Conservation minimums in Kent County, as well as the 411 signatures and comments captured through our outreach efforts on this matter.

Please share these with the Planning Commission for their consideration. Zack Kelleher, and I both plan to attend the meeting on Thursday.

Thank you for your time,

Annie Richards



February 1, 2023

William Mackey, ATTN: The Kent Planning Commission
Director of Kent County Planning, Zoning and Housing
400 High St, Chestertown MD, 21620

To the Planning Commission of Kent County,

ShoreRivers submits this letter **in support of the proposed text amendment to strengthen forest conservation provisions in Kent County's Land Use Ordinances**. ShoreRivers is a regional nonprofit with more than 2000 members. Our mission is to protect and restore Eastern Shore waterways—including the Chester River, Sassafras River, and the Bayside Creeks of Kent County—through science-based advocacy, restoration, and education.

Maryland loses about 3,000 acres of forest every year. Forest clearing leads to poor water quality, fragmentation and loss of wildlife habitat, reduced carbon sequestration, dirty air, increased temperatures, localized flooding, and lower property values. Development is the single largest driver of forest loss in the state. Kent County is one of the least treed counties in the state, meaning that the negative impacts of development on an already under forested landscape are more acute, as are the detriments to local water quality.

Kent County's Comprehensive Plan acknowledges the "rich agricultural, natural, cultural, and human resources [that] provide the basis for the County's superior quality of life. Fertile soils, gentle topography, mild climate, **verdant woodlands**, the Chesapeake Bay with its productive tidal tributaries, wetlands, and marshes create an environment nearly unrivaled. These natural features enrich our economy and our lives." The plan goes on to specifically outline a no net loss strategy for tree preservation (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 76). **The proposed text amendments are aligned with the County's vision, and will help to strengthen protection for the natural features of our county while "embracing sufficient economic opportunities to provide for the economic well-being of [it's] citizens." (Kent Comp Plan, pg. 1)** In short, trees and forest buffers are one of the most positive long-term investments that can be made to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

Please see below the names and comments of more than 400 members of the Sassafras and Chester watersheds who have signed onto a ShoreRivers Petition voicing support for increased forest protection in the county. Your community members—and ShoreRivers—are in favor of the proposed text amendments, and urge the Planning Commission to adopt a favorable stance.

Sincerely,

Zack Kelleher
Sassafras Riverkeeper

Annie Richards
Chester Riverkeeper

Isabel Hardesty
Executive Director

PETITION SIGNERS:

1. **Chris Lehman** (ZIP code: 19047)
"Greenery is more than a color. Our world is more than our own. We can't save everyone, but we can make it better for them."
2. **Allan Durham** (ZIP code: 21635)
"I'm 100% with all these actions."
3. **Emily Sharpe** (ZIP code: 21620)
4. **William Barron** (ZIP code: 21678)
5. **Katharine Vogel** (ZIP code: 21613)
6. **Ashley Edmunds** (ZIP code: 21043)
7. **Ann Frock** (ZIP code: 21601)
8. **Kimberly Agee** (ZIP code: 21617)
9. **Amy G. Kozak** (ZIP code: 21218)
"As a lifelong resident of the state of Maryland I care about these issues which are especially important as we face the challenges of a changing climate."
10. **Anne Habberton** (ZIP code: 21658)
11. **Anne Highfield** (ZIP code: 21620)
12. **Howe Lagarde** (ZIP code: 21620)
13. **Alexander Gilchrist** (ZIP code: 21620)
14. **Alyssa Kovacs** (ZIP code: 21620)
15. **Alberto Larotonda** (ZIP code: 21620)
"TREES = Kent County clean air + great quality of life!"
16. **Alex May** (ZIP code: 21620)
17. **Alise Wolfgang** (ZIP code: 19010)
18. **Alison MacKenzie** (ZIP code: 21645)
"A healthy forest ecosystem is vital to Kent County. It provides protection for our waterways, habitat for wildlife, natural areas for our citizens to enjoy, opportunities for hunting and other outdoor recreational activities...the list goes on. Please provide this additional protection and keep Kent County a wonderful place to live."
19. **Jon Peterson** (ZIP code: 21620)
20. **Rosemarie Tate** (ZIP code: 21635)
21. **Eleanor Altman** (ZIP code: 21620)
22. **Cindy Anderton** (ZIP code: 21651-1608)
23. **Andy Goddard** (ZIP code: 21620)
24. **Alice Nichols** (ZIP code: 21645)
25. **Ann Robinson** (ZIP code: 21613)
"It should be obvious to us all the importance of maintaining what forests we have left here on the eastern shore of Maryland. Critical to the preservation of the land in addition to supporting wildlife, there should be no consideration of any option but preservation. Thank you."
26. **Anna Cantiello** (ZIP code: 19713)
27. **Anna Irwin** (ZIP code: 20814)
28. **Anne Stevens** (ZIP code: 21645)
"Please support near zero net loss of trees in Kent County!"
29. **Annet Reigel** (ZIP code: 19701)
"We kayak fish in that area and want to protect the surrounding Forest."
30. **Ann Hedgepeth** (ZIP code: 21610)
"Thank You Shore Rivers!"
31. **Anne Singer** (ZIP code: 21620)
32. **Ann Swanson** (ZIP code: 21403)
33. **Arlyn Wesley** (ZIP code: 21678)
34. **Sonia Fad** (ZIP code: 19317)
35. **Dickson Young** (ZIP code: 21620)
36. **Barbara Kurowski** (ZIP code: 21620)
37. **Barbara Sharkey** (ZIP code: 21617)
"I support measures to protect the forests and water quality in Kent County and the Chester and Sassafras Rivers."
38. **Barton Rubenstein** (ZIP code: 21673)
"we need to protect at least 30% of all regions of the earth, so let's start in Kent Island."
39. **Victoria Phillips** (ZIP code: 21919)



40. **Jim Edward** (ZIP code: 21638)
41. **Mary Stew** (ZIP code: 21620)
42. **Amanda Haddaway** (ZIP code: 21638)
43. **Benjamin Rubenstein** (ZIP code: 21673)
44. **Madison Beres** (ZIP code: 21620)
45. **Susan Berman** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I firmly support broad conservation of forests and trees as essential to the health of people, our communities and our planet. Kent County will benefit in so many ways from robust conservation regulations."
46. **Bernadette Nealis** (ZIP code: 21661)
47. **Beryl Kemp** (ZIP code: 21678)
 "Lets get it done....."
48. **Beth Lehman** (ZIP code: 19341)
 "As a home owner in Pa. And Md. and a steward of the land I would encourage the legislators to take the same conservation stance as much of Pa. Trees are integral park of the biome. They filter, provide food and encourage biodiversity. They help manage storm water and soil erosion. They improve the soil. All of which makes for better food and water. Consider the joy and utility that sitting under a tree vs. the barren treeless landscape. How can you not support these amendments."
49. **Betsy Eager** (ZIP code: 21678)
50. **Betsy Nicholas** (ZIP code: 20012)
51. **Anne Rosenberger** (ZIP code: 19734)
52. **Brian Standiford** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "More forest!!!!!"
53. **Paul Schlenker** (ZIP code: 21919)
 "The strength of the Eastern Shore is it's natural beauty; preserve it!"
54. **Bettye Maki** (ZIP code: 21601)
55. **Jonathan Hollomon** (ZIP code: 21620)
56. **Brian Walters** (ZIP code: 21620-1520)
57. **John Hellwege** (ZIP code: 21620)
58. **Brooke Thomas** (ZIP code: 19970)
59. **barbara vann** (ZIP code: 21620)
60. **Daniel Ehrenberg** (ZIP code: 21661)
61. **Michael Clark** (ZIP code: 22191)
62. **Carmelyn Bachman** (ZIP code: 21620)
63. **Carol Davis** (ZIP code: 21620)
64. **Carole Trippe** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Please adopt these important amendments to improve forest conservation in the county where I live: Kent County,"
65. **Karen Hill** (ZIP code: 21620)
66. **Cynthia Gurne** (ZIP code: 21401)
 "Trees are not only good for the environment but good for the soul."
67. **Christopher Bigler** (ZIP code: 21620)
68. **Clark Bjorke** (ZIP code: 21620)
69. **Cindy Fulton** (ZIP code: 21678)
70. **Chrissy Sinatra** (ZIP code: 21620)
71. **Carol Dewet** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Forest cover is crucial for wildlife and protecting the bay. I completely support the Kent County proposal amendments to move the county towards more native trees! They are sensible and important."
72. **Charles Conklin** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I support Kent County's amendments to move the County to zero net loss of trees. Per an article in the Bay Journal's June issue stated that the CBay has been losing more than 20,000 acres per year in the last 4 years to development."
73. **Charles Fithian** (ZIP code: 19904)
74. **Charles Harrington** (ZIP code: 20878)
75. **Christopher Purvis** (ZIP code: 21620)



76. **Christyne Berzsenyi** (ZIP code: 21635)
77. **Charles Kelleher** (ZIP code: 21913)
78. **Hope Clark** (ZIP code: 21620)
79. **Philip Cicconi** (ZIP code: 21661)
80. **Constance Hartwig** (ZIP code: 21620)
81. **Carl Schwartzman** (ZIP code: 21663-0303)
 "We cannot sustain any net loss of our forest acreage in order to sequester carbon and maintain a healthy Chesapeake Bay bioregion."
82. **Courtney Sjostrom** (ZIP code: 21678)
83. **Courtney Leigh** (ZIP code: 21610)
84. **Craig Holberger** (ZIP code: 21666)
85. **caroline schroth** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Keep Kent GREEN!"
86. **Cynthia A. Hoffman** (ZIP code: 21620)
87. **Sharon Klepfer** (ZIP code: 19008)
 save our trees!
88. **Diane Shields** (ZIP code: 21620)
89. **Cynthia Hayes** (ZIP code: 21635)
90. **Daniel Buyse** (ZIP code: 21635)
91. **Danielle DeCormis** (ZIP code: 21635)
92. **Secethia Boardley-Davis** (ZIP code: 21620)
93. **David Hubbert** (ZIP code: 21617)
94. **David Crothamel** (ZIP code: 21919)
95. **Deborah Mizeur** (ZIP code: 21620)
96. **Deborah Reid** (ZIP code: 21620)
97. **David Farrow** (ZIP code: 21919)
98. **Donna Tokosh** (ZIP code: 21043)
99. **David Kalb** (ZIP code: 21211)
 "I urge passage of this important legislation. Thanks for your work."
100. **Dian Klingelhofer** (ZIP code: 21620)
101. **David Milhorn** (ZIP code: 21645)
102. **Emma Dodsworth** (ZIP code: 21620)
103. **Donald Savage** (ZIP code: 21620)
104. **Donavin Gear** (ZIP code: 21635)
105. **Dori Mcmenamin** (ZIP code: 18976)
106. **Dorsey Bramble** (ZIP code: 21620)
107. **Doug West** (ZIP code: 21620)
108. **Doug Klepfer** (ZIP code: 19008)
109. **Debra Abell** (ZIP code: 21401)
110. **Doug Brose** (ZIP code: 21919)
111. **Drew Ades** (ZIP code: 21620)
112. **Carol Droge** (ZIP code: 21645)
113. **Michael Droge** (ZIP code: 21645)
114. **Daria Shirokova** (ZIP code: 21620)
115. **Darran Tilghman** (ZIP code: 21620)
116. **Carol Duhamell** (ZIP code: 21636)
 "Grew up on the Sassafras River where I swam and went boating."
117. **Dennis Liu** (ZIP code: 20854)
 "Forests of native trees are an invaluable community asset. Lead the way toward a healthy and prosperous land for all Kent County!"
118. **Dwight Zilinskas** (ZIP code: 21620)
119. **Elizabeth Peterson** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Intact forests are one of the best ways to combat climate change, ensure crucial wildlife habitat and clean our air. Please support forest conservation!"
120. **Edward Nielsen** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "Maintaining a robust tree cover and healthy waterways is a "no brainer" for a warming planet."
121. **Ed Oceanic** (ZIP code: 21635)
122. **Edwin Fry** (ZIP code: 21620)
123. **Annie Richards** (ZIP code: 21601)
124. **Erin Helgerman** (ZIP code: 20878)
125. **Eleanor Ellsworth** (ZIP code: 21620)
126. **Elizabeth A Healy** (ZIP code: 21620)
127. **Ellen Finney** (ZIP code: 19803)
128. **Elle Bassett** (ZIP code: 21601)



- 129. Ellyn Vail** (ZIP code: 21678)
 "We can't stress enough the importance of trees in helping to reduce runoff from the land in Kent County. Many of our creeks and rivers are choking from over sedimentation from runoff. Trees supply shade, retain water and enhance our beautiful view scapes!"
- 130. Elizabeth Billingsley** (ZIP code: 21645)
- 131. Emily Kaiser** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 132. Emily Lifs** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 133. Jordan Rainville** (ZIP code: 21228)
- 134. Eric Hoyle** (ZIP code: 21617)
- 135. Eric Swanson** (ZIP code: 21403)
- 136. Elizabeth Woolever** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I totally support the forest conservation amendments to reach zero new loss of trees in Kent County and surrounding areas."
- 137. Stanley Rempuszewski** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 138. Faith Wilson** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 139. Faye Dorman** (ZIP code: 21632)
- 140. Frank Lamont** (ZIP code: 21645)
 "These are concrete and practical suggestions in lieu of a comprehensive development plan. I am in support."
- 141. Winifrede Ottinger** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 142. Lydia Companion** (ZIP code: 21912)
- 143. Ferdinand Thun** (ZIP code: 19348)
- 144. Dawn Fumo** (ZIP code: 21678)
- 145. GAIL sezna** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 146. Gale Quist** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 147. Patricia Hornburg** (ZIP code: 21628)
- 148. Anthony O'Sullivan** (ZIP code: 21619)
- 149. Genevieve Menard** (ZIP code: 07901)
- 150. Gary Graeber** (ZIP code: 19380-3725)
- 151. Gary Aston-Jones** (ZIP code: 21620-4133)
 "I strongly support the Forest Conservation Amendments."
- 152. Germaine Lanaux** (ZIP code: 21620)
 I stand for clean water
- 153. Ginger Cushing** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "The amendments support more sustainable developmental practices. Responsible legislation is critical for the benefit of present and future generations."
- 154. Marcus Goldman** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 155. Gracelyn Goforth** (ZIP code: 27021)
- 156. Al Tate** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 157. Gregory Wolfgang** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 158. HENRY INGERSOLL** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 159. Suzanne Hanlon** (ZIP code: 21661)
- 160. Lisa Hatheway** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 161. Daniel Hayes** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 162. Heather Fabritze** (ZIP code: 18011)
- 163. Wendy Costa** (ZIP code: 21651)
- 164. Elizabeth Scott Bryan** (ZIP code: 21645)
 "We have approximately 75 acres of forest on our 250 acre farm on the Sassafras River. We have future plans to increase our tree footprint in forest agriculture. Thank you for doing everything that can be done to promote and protect the forests in MD and ultimately Maryland's waterways"
- 165. Hope Walzak** (ZIP code: 21666)
- 166. Joseph Hopkins** (ZIP code: 21663)
 "We need to keep the amount of trees and natural areas that we have."



167. **David Segermark** (ZIP code: 21919)
168. **Misha Hutchison** (ZIP code: 21620)
169. **Ivette Furneisen** (ZIP code: 21620)
170. **Isabel Bendel-Simso** (ZIP code: 21620)
171. **Judith Ballard** (ZIP code: 21661)
172. **Jacquelyn Hughes** (ZIP code: 85212)
173. **Jill Patton** (ZIP code: 21202)
174. **Jon Teunis** (ZIP code: 21610)
175. **James Dissette** (ZIP code: 21620)
176. **Jaynie Voelz** (ZIP code: 21601)
177. **Dr. John Borneman** (ZIP code: 19085)
178. **Joey Ciganek** (ZIP code: 21620)
179. **Janet Ruhl** (ZIP code: 21635)
180. **Regina Dearden** (ZIP code: 21617)
181. **Jeff Weingarten** (ZIP code: 20904)
182. **Jeff Russell** (ZIP code: 21635)
183. **Jenifer Emley** (ZIP code: 21620)
184. **Jennifer Ellick** (ZIP code: 21661)
185. **Jennifer Cleghorn** (ZIP code: 07040)
186. **Jenny Freebery** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Forest conservation is essential to protecting habitat and water quality in our county!"
187. **Jennifer Warren** (ZIP code: 21620)
188. **Jesse Howe** (ZIP code: 20676)
189. **Joshua Gillelan** (ZIP code: 21678)
 "No development, industrial, commercial, or residential, at the expense of what's left of our precious natural environment. Thx for your work, ShoreRivers."
190. **Jane Scott** (ZIP code: 21620)
191. **Jeffrey Hawver** (ZIP code: 21635)
192. **Jean Knox** (ZIP code: 21620)
193. **Julia Graham** (ZIP code: 21620)
194. **John Lytwynec** (ZIP code: 21635)
195. **Jonah Nicholson** (ZIP code: 21620)
196. **Joanne Coveney** (ZIP code: 21620)

197. **John Valliant** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "How are we supposed to continue as a species if we continue to replace our life sustaining forests with human housing developments? Revenue at no point should outweigh global diversity and sustainability."
198. **JOHN FEHRENBACH** (ZIP code: 19930)
 "I support of the following text amendments proposed to move Kent County closer to a zero net loss of trees: 1 - Increase the amount of new forest required with development in certain zoning districts (AZD, Commercial, Employment Center, and Industrial); 2 - Increase the forest area replacement ratio from 1_4 acre to 1_2 acre per acre removed above certain thresholds; 3 - increase said thresholds in certain districts (Village, Intense Village, Commercial, Employment Center, and Industrial), so the existing higher requirements of twice the area removed is applied below the increased thresholds; 4 - Increase the two-year State-required term for maintenance agreements to five years; 5 - Increase the required contribution for fee-in-lieu from 30.5 cents per square foot to 40 cents per square foot in areas outside the Critical Area and inside the Priority Funding Area and from 36.6 cents per square foot to 50 cents per square foot for projects outside both the Critical Area and Priority Funding Area; and, 6 - Double the length of time that bonds will be held from one growing season to two growing seasons related to interim requests for changes to bonding and from two growing seasons to four growing seasons for final requests to release bonding."



- 199. JOHN KMETZ** (ZIP code: 19711-2071)
 "Preservation is vital, and there is no alternative. Ocean City was once a small town with trees."
- 200. Johnson Fortenbaugh** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 201. Joseph COYLE** (ZIP code: 21620).
- 202. Joseph Halsted** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 203. Joy Mayfield** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "We need more forest in Kent County not only to counter soil erosion in riparian zones but to cool the planet and counter air pollution."
- 204. Jim Pileggi** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "It not only protects forests but also the animals that depend on the forest for food and cover and space to keep healthy populations."
- 205. John Seidel** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "The 6 recommendations offered by ShoreRivers are common-sense, but much-needed amendments to the current and planned Land Use Ordinances. As Director of Washington College's Center for Environment & Society, which has steered numerous efforts at tree planting and protection over the years, I know first-hand the value of our forests. Speaking both as a Kent County resident and someone who has studied the issue, I urge the adoption of these amendments."
- 206. Joanne Shipley** (ZIP code: 21660)
 "Glad I could have a voice! Thanks for sending."
- 207. James Cleghorn** (ZIP code: 19933)
- 208. Julianna Sterling** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 209. Julie Lowe** (ZIP code: 21601)
 "I'm not sure I agree with the 4 year bond period, but we do need to manage our forests and land, or else Kent County will lose it's unique rural/agricultural beauty."
- 210. Kamden Richardson** (ZIP code: 58078)
- 211. Karen Sutter** (ZIP code: 21638)
 "So sad that after selling a 5-acre lot on the Eastern Bay, the new owner promptly removed the 500 trees that the MD Dept of Environment planted to help prevent shore erosion."
- 212. Kim Righi** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 213. Kat Conley** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 214. Kate Ballantine** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 215. Kathleen Mason** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 216. Kathleen Durkee** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 217. Kurt Rodowsky** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "I support efforts to improve our waters. I feel this is a good step forward."
- 218. Kevin Flynn** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Kent County needs strong forest protection!"
- 219. Kristin Junkin** (ZIP code: 21601-5326)
- 220. Kristen Darwin** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 221. Kyle Durham** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "This is extremely important. The new Everton project on edge road will have an extremely negative impact on the critical zone, forest, stream and wildlife on edge rd in millington, Md."
- 222. Kendal Thomson** (ZIP code: 21228)
- 223. Kristen Gialo** (ZIP code: 21663)
- 224. Kelsey Meis** (ZIP code: 21919)
- 225. Marion Grier** (ZIP code: 21623-8004)



- 226. John Knight** (ZIP code: 21912)
 "Our children and grandchildren will thank us for preserving these irreplaceable resources."
- 227. Kate Peacock** (ZIP code: 21620)
 It is vital that we protect Kent County forests and the quality of the water in our local rivers
- 228. Kristin Weed** (ZIP code: 21666)
- 229. Katherine Schinasi** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "This amendment sets the minimum standard for what is easily an action--protecting the tree canopy--that is both cheap and effective."
- 230. James Nealis** (ZIP code: 21661)
- 231. Leah Northup** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 232. Lawrence Ortmann** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 233. Lawrence VanderVeen** (ZIP code: 20038)
- 234. Laurie Sears** (ZIP code: 20854)
- 235. Larissa Conte** (ZIP code: 19808)
- 236. Larry Dinoff** (ZIP code: 21661)
 "Tree cover is vital to preserving and enhancing the health and life quality of Kent County and the bay"
- 237. Louisa Duemling** (ZIP code: 21568)
- 238. Leigh Hopkins** (ZIP code: 19010)
- 239. Lillian Elgayar** (ZIP code: 21620-1197)
- 240. Robert Leigh** (ZIP code: 21610)
- 241. Linda Applegate** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 242. Lisa Longest** (ZIP code: 21666)
- 243. Lisa Raffetto** (ZIP code: 21623-1278)
- 244. Connor Liu** (ZIP code: 80210)
- 245. Elizabeth Janega** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 246. Linda Gaydos** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "I support our air and water quality by protecting our Kent County forests through the proposed conservation amendments"
- 247. Mark Lloyd** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 248. Lynn McLain** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 249. Linda Koczirka** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 250. Linda Sherry** (ZIP code: 94104)
- 251. Leann Standridge** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 252. Libby Witham** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 253. Lydia Woolever** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 254. Lynne Meis** (ZIP code: 21919)
- 255. William Herb** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I have a B.S. degree in forestry and a M.S. degree in forest hydrology, and I understand the vital role that trees play in water quality and quality of life."
- 256. Mark Cofone** (ZIP code: 19342)
- 257. Mallory Collins** (ZIP code: 99567)
- 258. Marcy Ramsey** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 259. Marsha Gerdes** (ZIP code: 19107)
- 260. Marta McCave** (ZIP code: 21661)
- 261. Marthe Reynolds** (ZIP code: 20833)
- 262. Maryann Wasko-Smith** (ZIP code: 21610)
- 263. Mary McCoy** (ZIP code: 21617)
- 264. Susan Buckingham** (ZIP code: 21619)
- 265. Rebecca Krajewski** (ZIP code: 21919)
- 266. Mackey Dutton** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 267. Melissa DeFrancesco** (ZIP code: 07070)
- 268. Merrill Schuetz** (ZIP code: 21613)
- 269. Michael Falcone** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 270. Michael Neumerski** (ZIP code: 21666)
- 271. Michelle R Scism** (ZIP code: 20011)
 "I own a property in Kent County."



272. **Matt Pluta** (ZIP code: 21613)
273. **John-Michael Kramer** (ZIP code: 21661)
274. **Michael Lamb** (ZIP code: 21620)
275. **SUSAN LINS** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "Protecting forests is so important to help with global warming."
276. **Morgan Bench** (ZIP code: 21401)
277. **Erin Heckles** (ZIP code: 21620)
278. **Jeffrey Muller** (ZIP code: 21921)
279. **Muriel Cole** (ZIP code: 21620)
280. **Montague Demment** (ZIP code: 21620)
281. **Maegan White** (ZIP code: 21620)
282. **Nancy Bennington** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Let's work to preserve our trees and forests for the present and future health of Kent County and it's citizens."
283. **Nancy DiAngelo** (ZIP code: 21620)
284. **Nicole Selhorst** (ZIP code: 21667)
285. **August Aull** (ZIP code: 21617)
286. **Neyah White** (ZIP code: 21620)
287. **Nicholas Splendoria** (ZIP code: 21620)
288. **Christiana Perry** (ZIP code: 21401)
289. **Beth Ostrander** (ZIP code: 21620)
290. **Peggy Graff** (ZIP code: 21912)
291. **Paleena Amy** (ZIP code: 21620)
292. **Pattie Kleysteuber** (ZIP code: 21678)
293. **Patrick Linz** (ZIP code: 21620)
294. **Pat Stockwell** (ZIP code: 21645)
295. **Paula Gish** (ZIP code: 21620)
296. **Paul Coleman** (ZIP code: 21620)
297. **Paul Heckles** (ZIP code: 21620)
298. **Peter Selhorst** (ZIP code: 21667)
299. **Patricia Yedinak** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "In support of protecting land in kent county"
300. **Peter Downes** (ZIP code: 22314)
301. **Peggy Christie** (ZIP code: 21620)
302. **Penelope McCrea** (ZIP code: 21620)
303. **Peter Wilmerding** (ZIP code: 21620)
304. **Petra Quinn** (ZIP code: 21619)
 "Preserve the trees and give a that do a tax incentive with forest conservation / tree mitigation banks etc."
305. **Vic Pfeiffer** (ZIP code: 21620)
306. **Philip Dutton** (ZIP code: 21678)
 "Thank you."
307. **allan tucker** (ZIP code: 21635)
308. **judy kelly** (ZIP code: 21620)
309. **Pam Nicholson** (ZIP code: 21666)
310. **Phyllis Roberts** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Please include my name in petition to save tree forests!"
311. **Meghan First** (ZIP code: 21620)
312. **Annie Power** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "We must conserve and plant as many trees as possible. Climate change isn't waiting for us. The time to act is now."
313. **John Elizabeth Callaghan** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "Thank you for helping to protect our beautiful forests and water."
314. **Peter Riondet** (ZIP code: 19348)
315. **Kate Olson** (ZIP code: 21635)
316. **Stephen fitzgerald** (ZIP code: 21048)
317. **FRANK DIGIALLEONARDO** (ZIP code: 21617)
 "These amendments make perfect sense and all the more so given the need to effectively deal with climate change."
318. **Richard Lynch** (ZIP code: 21601)
319. **Richard Budden** (ZIP code: 21620)



- 320. Robert Whitehill** (ZIP code: 07042)
 "As an Eastern Shore native I encourage every form of conservation there. R."
- 321. Robin Gilchrist** (ZIP code: 19107)
- 322. Rosalind Hollingsworth** (ZIP code: 21638)
- 323. Marlise Mellinger** (ZIP code: 17543)
 "Tree buffers are important to reduce air pollution and erosion to protect everyone in Kent County."
- 324. Peter Paige** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 325. Michael Johnson** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Zero net loss is not enough. Forest need to be expanded and restored and the bucolic myth of modern agriculture needs to be exposed for what it is, a lie."
- 326. Richard Gillin** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "So often conservation efforts are sidetracked and put off for some unnamed future time. The time is now for the preservation of our fragile environment."
- 327. Rebekah Hock** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 328. Richard Dean** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "Sassafras is not a commodity to use but a blessing to preserve."
- 329. Richard Furneisen** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 330. Rita Akins** (ZIP code: 21678)
- 331. Robert Limouze** (ZIP code: 19320)
- 332. Robert Meredith** (ZIP code: 34956)
- 333. William Anderson** (ZIP code: 19072)
- 334. Rob Meis** (ZIP code: 21919)
- 335. Rebecca Wagner** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 336. Roseann squire** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 337. Jean Rosenbrg** (ZIP code: 21045)
- 338. janet rose** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 339. Rich Tokosh** (ZIP code: 21043)
- 340. robert ruff** (ZIP code: 21658)
- 341. Ruth Wehden** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 342. Bob Atwater** (ZIP code: 21678)
- 343. Sophie McCarthy** (ZIP code: 21645) .
- 344. Sam Wolf** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 345. Sandy Huffer** (ZIP code: 21617)
- 346. Richard Edwards** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 347. Cynthia Saunders** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I am concerned about the "maintenance agreements" provision.....the change to a 5 year agreement is good, but what about oversight of this maintenance? And, some stipulations about use of native plantings and size and condition of plants at installation would add value to the landscape.....as well as give some assurance of healthy, as opposed to half-dead plants and trees being used!"
- 348. Susan Bayne** (ZIP code: 21645)
- 349. Scot Kessler** (ZIP code: 21912)
- 350. Scott Loveless** (ZIP code: 21628)
- 351. Scott Keep** (ZIP code: 20003)



- 352. Scott Budden** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Trees are one of the most cost-effective ways to improve water quality at the source. They help prevent runoff from ever entering our waters' vs. spending greater societal sums down to road to mitigate the symptoms caused by dirtier runoff. Please consider them as a fiscally responsible long-term investment vs. a short-term impediment to development. Water quality is priced into geographical demand and the opportunity cost of fewer net trees now, is: either more costly mitigation down the road to maintain that demand or less regional demand for the developments considered to be needed today."
- 353. Scott Woolever** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "I totally support the forest conservation amendments to reach zero new loss of trees in Kent County and surrounding areas."
- 354. Sandra Griffin** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 355. Bruce HASHINGER III** (ZIP code: 19701)
 "As a holder of Maryland freshwater and Bay fishing licenses and frequent user of Kent County parks and waterways, I fully support preservation of the forests."
- 356. Martha Susan Harlow** (ZIP code: 21610)
- 357. Sheila Barry** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 358. SHEILA VANANTWERP** (ZIP code: 19010)
 "I am disappointed in the number of free standing for forests with walking trails in Kent County. I support the expansion of forest that have community access."
- 359. Michele Minch** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 360. Stephen Hook** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 361. Shalis Hunt** (ZIP code: 21236)
- 362. Sid Merrill** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 363. Michele Sipala** (ZIP code: 21662)
- 364. Jay Siwek** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 365. Sylvia Moyer** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 366. Stephen Koczirka** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 367. George Cantiello** (ZIP code: 19713)
- 368. Sandra Sears** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 369. Susan Jeter** (ZIP code: 21093)
- 370. Susan Staehlin** (ZIP code: 21655)
- 371. Sky Swanson** (ZIP code: 21403)
- 372. Holly Johnson** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 373. Stanley Watkins** (ZIP code: 21409)
 "Agree. Be certain there are dollars for enforcement."
- 374. Susan Shawhan** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Trees Forever... An irreplaceable gift to our neighbors, our citizens, our world!"
- 375. Suzanne Sullivan** (ZIP code: 21631)
 "I live in East New Market, MD but travel to Kent County for the nature, the kayaking, the hiking at Sassafras Wildlife Refuge. As a shore resident, I implore you to keep our way of life by preserving the nature, especially the trees, that support that natural environment that draws us to this place."
- 376. Susan Coomer** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 377. Suzy Glucksman** (ZIP code: 21620)



- 378. Melinda Bookwalter** (ZIP code: 21651)
 "All amendments are important but for me #3 is personally important because of a proposal for two 256,000 sq ft warehouse/distribution centers bordering Mills Branch Creek and in the close proximity to Rtes 291/301, Edge rd, Chesterville Bridge rd. The particulate matter generated by untold number of diesel trucks will be devastating to the forest surrounding the creek, the creek itself and people living within its' range."
- 379. Sydney Walker** (ZIP code: 23188)
- 380. Tamara Smith** (ZIP code: 23225)
 "Trees are important to ecosystems. Development should come secondary. Preserve forests."
- 381. Taylor Porter** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 382. Trip Thomas** (ZIP code: 19086)
 "This is a must do. I have been fortunate to have had a family place on Fairlee Creek since the late 1970's."
- 383. Theodore Carski** (ZIP code: 21635)
 "I support the proposed Forest Conservation Amendments."
- 384. Nicole Caringal** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 385. Joe Irr** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 386. Clifford Campo** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 387. Theresa Moriarty** (ZIP code: 21930)
- 388. Katherine Thompson** (ZIP code: 21136-2408)
 "Save our trees please!"
- 389. Tim O'Brien** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Additionally please push aggressively for much more no or low mow areas and ditches in county which are needed for milkweed and other plants vital to beneficial insects and bird species. As well as to help control runoff and increase water infiltration."
- 390. Dr. Terry Phillips** (ZIP code: 20016)
- 391. Tracey Beres** (ZIP code: 21645)
- 392. Tracey Moon** (ZIP code: 21666)
 "I would love to see this extended to Queen Anne's county!"
- 393. John Vail** (ZIP code: 21678)
- 394. Kathleen Weber** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 395. Vinton Lawrence** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 396. Victoria Severino** (ZIP code: 21678)
- 397. Wendy Cronin** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 398. Wayne Bell** (ZIP code: 21601)
- 399. Gregory Weaver** (ZIP code: 21617)
- 400. wendy Ingersoll Perry** (ZIP code: 19711)
- 401. Sarah McCoy** (ZIP code: 21645)
- 402. Nancy Balliet** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 403. Leann Miller** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 404. Barb and Bill Flook** (ZIP code: 21620)
 "Please add both our names to this great initiative - thanks."
- 405. Will Beardsley** (ZIP code: 19063)
- 406. Maria Wood** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 407. William Irish** (ZIP code: 21635)
- 408. Wendy Wander** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 409. Wynne Anderson** (ZIP code: 20002)
- 410. Sharon Rushton** (ZIP code: 21620)
- 411. Zack Kelleher** (ZIP code: 21651)