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Forest Stand Delineation Checklist**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FOREST STAND DELINEATIONS**

- A. The forest stand delineation (FSD) should be prepared and approved prior to the design and submission of a subdivision, site plan, grading plan or sediment control plan.
- B. An approved forest stand delineation shall accompany a request for review or approval of a preliminary and/or final subdivision plat, preliminary and/or final site plan, grading plan, mixed use development plan, grading permit application, sediment control application or any combination thereof, whichever is the first applicable step in the plan review procedures specified by Washington County.
- C. Additional details on FSD contents can be found in the Washington County Forest Conservation Ordinance and the Maryland Forest Conservation Technical Manual. These documents can be found online at <https://www.washco-md.net/document-repository/>

FOREST STAND DELINEATION TYPE SELECTION

- A. A simplified forest stand delineation may be prepared when:
 - 1. No qualified forest exists on the site, and the tract does not include any priority forests or priority areas as noted in Article 8;
 - 2. No existing qualified forest on the site will be cut, cleared or graded for the development
 - 3. All onsite forest will be retained and protected under a long- term protection agreement
- B. Full forest stand delineations shall be required for all submissions where the conditions of a simplified forest stand delineation are not met.
- C. Intermediate Forest Stand Delineations are not recognized by Washington County.

METHODOLOGY – SAMPLE PLOTS

- A. The following criteria should be used to estimate the number of sample plots required:
 - 1. One plot per four acres of forest stand area; Two plots minimum per stand; and Three plots minimum for the total forested area of the site

PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS

- A. An approved forest stand delineation may remain in effect for a period of not longer than 5 years from the date of approval.
- B. The Department may require revision of an approved Forest Stand Delineation within the 5-year effective period if it is determined that a change in site conditions has occurred.

PROJECT INFORMATION*

CONSULTANT/SURVEYOR:				
CONTACT PERSON:				
PROJECT NAME:				
LOCATION:				
TAX MAP:	BLOCK:	PARCEL:	LOT:	TAX ACCOUNT ID #:
OWNER(S) NAME:				
OWNER(S) ADDRESS:				

*ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED

CHECKLIST INSTRUCTIONS

This checklist will be used to review your submission. Once the submission has been reviewed, planning staff will return this form to you so comments can be addressed. When any staff comments have been addressed, return this form with your electronic submission.

Please note: These are the minimum requirements; additional information may be required.

In the column identified as “Consultant/Surveyor”, use the review key below to mark whether the item is included or not applicable and the page number(s) of the plat where it is located.

REVIEW KEY FOR THIS CHECKLIST: ✓ = OKAY, I = INCOMPLETE, N/A = NOT APPLICABLE AND U = UNACCEPTABLE

SIMPLIFIED FOREST STAND DELINEATION (FSD) CHECKLIST:

Section	Ordinance Requirements	Consultant/Surveyor 1 st Review	Consultant/Surveyor 2 nd Review	Staff 1 st Review	Staff 2 nd Review	Comments
5.2	Professional Certification					
5.2	Site Location and Vicinity Map (within 1 square mile)					
5.2	Topographic Map (streams, steep slopes over 25 percent)					
5.2	Soils Map					
5.2	Forest Stand Map (Article 8 priority retention areas, location of 100-year floodplains and all environmentally sensitive areas including non-tidal wetlands, intermittent streams and their buffers of at least 50 feet from the stream channel and perennial streams and their buffers of at least 100 feet from the stream channel)					
5.2	Narrative Summary (site characteristics, description or identification of priority areas for long-term protection noted in Articles 8 and 10.2 for forest retention, afforestation or reforestation.					
5.2	Habitat supporting rare, threatened and endangered species as identified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service					
5.2	Any other information required by the Forest Conservation Ordinance and the Forest Conservation Technical Manual					

FULL FOREST STAND DELINEATION (FSD) CHECKLIST:

Section	Ordinance Requirements	Consultant/Surveyor 1 st Review	Consultant/Surveyor 2 nd Review	Staff 1 st Review	Staff 2 nd Review	Comments
5.2	Professional Certification					
5.2	Site Location and Vicinity Map (within 1 square mile)					
5.2	Topographic Map (streams, steep slopes over 25 percent)					
5.2	Soils Map					
5.2	Forest Stand Map (total acres of qualified forest, species, location, and size of trees and showing dominant and co-dominant forest types, Article 8 priority retention areas, sample plot locations and limits of area delineated)					
5.2	Narrative Summary (forest stand characteristics, site description, sampling methodology, sampling data sheets and description or identification of priority forests and priority areas for long-term protection noted in Articles 8 and 10.2 for forest retention, afforestation or reforestation.					
5.2	Location of 100-year floodplains and all environmentally sensitive areas including non-tidal wetlands, intermittent streams and their buffers of at least 50 feet from the stream channel and perennial streams and their buffers of at least 100 feet from the stream channel					
5.2	Habitat supporting rare, threatened and endangered species as identified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service					
5.2	Any other information required by the Forest Conservation Ordinance and the Forest Conservation Technical Manual					

ADDITIONAL STAFF COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT/SURVEYOR COMMENTS:

CONSULTANT SURVEYOR STATEMENT

I (Consultant/Surveyor) conclude that this checklist is completed and the information provided is correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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