

August 24, 2009

Re: Property Located At: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

On September 14, 2009, the City of Rockville Forestry staff will be introducing an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.5 of Rockville City Code entitled “Forest and Tree Preservation” to comply with recent changes to the State Forest Conservation Act under Maryland Senate Bill, SB666.

One of the revisions to the Ordinance reduces the forest conservation exemption threshold for the amount of forest clearing that can be done on single recorded residential lots. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the property listed above may be affected by this change.

Previously, homeowners could clear up to 40,000 square feet (0.92 acres) of forest in connection with construction or land disturbing activities and still be exempt from the Forest Conservation requirements. Effective October 1, 2009, under the single dwelling unit residential lot exemption, homeowners will be permitted to clear up to 20,000 square feet (0.46 acres) of forest without requiring forest conservation.

City staff has determined that the above residential-zoned property contains over 20,000 square feet of forest. In the future, any construction or land disturbing activity will require forest conservation when more than 20,000 square feet of forest is being cleared. This exemption does not apply to single dwelling properties when subdivision is involved.

Comments on this Ordinance change should be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850 no later than September 28, 2009. If you have questions concerning the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance, I may be reached at 240-314-8710 or [ecary@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:ecary@rockvillemd.gov).

Sincerely,

Elise Cary  
Assistant City Forester

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By certified mail

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Steve Mader, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities

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