



DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

30 North Market Street • Frederick, Maryland 21701 • (301) 600-1138

FOREST MODIFICATION REQUEST

Application is made on the Application Portal <https://planningandpermitting.frederickcountymd.gov/>

Required for Submission: Provide existing A/P number and Site Plan/Subdivision number

TO PLANNING COMMISSION (prior to plan approval): used for seeking modifications of code requirements during the review of the FRO plan \$480.00

- Applicant must demonstrate that enforcement would result in unwarranted hardship
- Provide a Justification Statement per Section 1-21-21(b) responding to six (6) criteria
- Submit a revised FRO plan illustrating changes to the easement area and proposed method of providing replacement mitigation

FRO PLAN REVISIONS (minor changes after plan approval but prior to mitigation): **fees are 50% of the plan type being revised at the current rates**

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FRO PLAN OR EASEMENT REVISION AFTER EASEMENT RECORDATION OR MITIGATION: \$480.00

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Minimum information for plat submittal listed below. Additional code requirements may be applicable and will be reviewed at the time of submission.

Sheet Composition Requirements

1. Vicinity Map must be in upper right corner – Scale 1"=2000', with Tax Map, Parcel, and Property account # shown beneath map
2. Title Block – Plan Type (Type 1), Plan Title, Project Name, previous names in brackets, Type of Project, situated along..., Election District, Frederick County, and Planning Region (located bottom right corner)
3. Landscape Architect seal or Qualified Professional Certification (located along the bottom if possible)
4. North Arrow, Standard Notes (Exhibit J), and Legend(s) (located far right)
5. Owner/Applicant address and phone # (located bottom left)
6. A 4"x4" space left blank in the upper left corner of each sheet
7. The [Development Review Routing Stamp](#) (located bottom right above title block)
8. Soil Map with Soil Legend (located top right near Vicinity Map) – Scale 1"=1000 or more

Standard General Notes

Standard FRO reference notes for plans that contain FRO easements:

This (These) perpetual Forest Easement(s) is (are) established in accordance with the Frederick County Forest Resource Ordinance (FRO), as specifically set forth in the terms of the recorded FRO easement(s).

- A. The Owner/Developer shall execute a long-term protective FRO Deed of Easement with the County for the areas shown hereon as forest retention and/or forestation.
- B. The Owner/Developer shall schedule and hold a pre-construction meeting with the Environmental Compliance Section of the Division of Planning and Permitting prior to any earth or site disturbance.

For projects utilizing existing forest and/or when planting 1" or 2" stock:

- The Owner/Developer shall execute a two (2) year Forest Improvements and Protection Agreement (FIPA) with the County.

For projects utilizing seedlings, whips, container tubes, or natural regeneration:

- The Owner/Developer shall execute a three (3) year Forest Improvements and Protection Agreement (FIPA) with the County.

Additional Plan Requirements

1. Digital Submission (PDF) uploaded per [Electronic Plan Submission Guide](#)
2. Plan Scale – min 1" = 100', Sheet size 24" x 36" landscape orientation unless approved by Staff
3. Soil Types (hydric, wet, flooding, prime ag, erodible) denoted on plan on proposed site and 100' beyond the property line
4. Map of all land holdings involved in the application
5. Match line shown and labeled per Plan view sheet – for a 2 or more plan view sheet submittal
6. Existing information labeled and shown as dashed lines, extended 100' beyond the property line
7. Proposed information labeled and shown as solid lines
8. Existing and proposed topography labeled (elevations)
9. Existing natural features – steep slopes, rock outcrops, wooded areas, including specimen trees
10. 100-year Floodplain, wetlands, streams, and all applicable buffers
11. Steep slopes (25% and greater) delineated and hatched
12. Specimen Trees (dbh 30" or greater)
13. Critical Roots Zones (CRZ's)
14. Adjacent Land Uses
15. Historic and Cultural Resources
16. Critical Habitats
17. Current Forest & Unforested
18. Worksheet
19. FRO Tracking Data
20. Forest Stand Locations
21. Sampling Points
22. Tree Lines
23. Protective Devices
24. Retention Areas
25. Reforestation Areas
26. Forest Conservation Easements
27. Planting Plan
28. Cost Estimate
29. Narrative (see NRI/FSD checklist)
30. Standard FRO Notes (Exhibit J)

PAYMENTS: Payment may be made online using the Application Portal. You may also mail a check to the Department of Development Review and Planning, 30 North Market Street, Frederick, Maryland, 21701 or in person. Please make check payable to Frederick County and reference the Project Number. Fees may not be paid until notice to pay fees is received.