## TOWN OF NORTH EAST

## Tree Cutting Permit Application

(Per the State of Maryland Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission)

Property Owner Information: (Name, Address, Telephone Number)
Signature of Property Owner:
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Applicant Information: (Name, Address and Telephone Number)
Signature of Applicant:
Subject Property: (Address, Map and Parcel number)
Certified/Licensed Tree Specialist in the State of Maryland
(Name, address and Phone number)
Location of Property within the Critical Area:
Intensely Developed Areas (IDA)Limited Developed Areas (LDA)
Within the 110' Buffer Within the 160' Buffer
Trees proposed for removal:
Trees/shrubs proposed for re-installation:

Applicant shall submit the following with this permit application:

- 1. Sketch of property layout sufficient for identification purposes, with specific identification of the tree(s) requested for removal.
- 2. Letter submitted from the Certified tree specialist which states the condition of the tree(s) which are proposed for removal with the specific recommendation stated.
- 3. Submission of evidence of current certification of licensed tree expert in the State of Maryland.

After review of the submission, the Town of North East Planning office shall respond in writing to the owner/applicant as to the mitigation requirement and escrow amount required.

## CRITICAL AREA TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The outlined information is simply for tree cutting replacement and shall not be used to reference either violations or clearing of forests or wetlands as there are other regulations which are applicable in those situations.

<u>Intensely Development Area (IDA):</u> Replacement trees shall be of native species and planted on a 1:1 ratio with balled and burlap or containerized trees of 2 inch caliper. Section 5-12. Paragraph 12. (13) (f)

<u>Limited Development Area (LDA)</u> Replacement trees shall be of native species and planted on a 3:1 ratio with balled and burlap or containerized trees of 2 inch caliper. Section 5-12. Paragraph 13. (7) (d)

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## If the tree removal is within the Critical Area Buffer:

110 foot or 160 foot Critical Area Buffer: Individual trees may be cut for personal use provided the cutting does not impair water quality or existing habitat value or other functions of the Buffer. A Maryland Certified Tree Care Expert or a Certified Arborist must perform tree cutting as approved under this provision. Section 5-12. Paragraph 17. g.

Paragraph 17. (g) (2) Individual trees may be removed for personal use, provided the above criteria is met. Trees shall be replaced on an equal basis for each tree cut.

Paragraph 17. (g) (3) Individual trees may be removed which are in danger of falling and causing damage to dwellings or other structures or which are in danger of falling and therefore causing the blockage of streams or resulting in accelerated shore erosion. Individual trees removed must be replaced on an equal basis for each tree cut.

Paragraph 17. (g) (6) Any other tree trimming or cutting must be performed by a licensed tree expert or arborist.

<u>Buffer Management Plan</u>: A Buffer Management Plan is required for all removal of vegetation within the Buffer except for mowing an existing lawn.

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<u>Replacement trees criteria</u>: Replacement tree(s) shall be of native species and a minimum of 2 inch caliber trunk OR three (3) shrubs may be substituted per each tree.

Reference: North East Zoning Ordinance. Article 5-12.

