

**Description:**

The purpose of the section is to highlight the current applicable state forest conservation regulations that govern all site development at the UMD campus.

**Related Sections:**

- TBD

**Effective Date:**

January 1, 2021

**Applicable Standards:**

- The Maryland Forest Conservation Act (FCA) (latest edition)

**General Requirements:**

- Any activity requiring an application for sediment control permit on areas 40,000 square feet (approximately (1) acre) or greater is subject to the Forest Conservation Act and will require a Forest Conservation Plan prepared by a licensed forester, licensed landscape architect, or other qualified professional unless subject to exemptions (determined by the State FCA Coordinator).
- The University of Maryland-College Park campus also has an approved long-term forest protection easement which has been developed for specific existing and future projects. The intent of establishing the forest protection easement is to provide for mitigation requirements as determined by the forest conservation plan for each project. Use of the easement is subject to university approval.
- The consultant is solely responsible for submitting all requirements of the Forest Conservation Act to the Department of Natural Resources. All projects shall be developed in accordance with the Forest Conservation Act and its pertinent Regulations as established in 1991 and in the revised third edition, 1997, or the most recent edition.
- Copies of the Forest Conservation, Annotated Code of Maryland Natural Resources Article Title 5, Subtitle 16 and Code of Maryland Regulations 08.19, May 2003; and State Forest Conservation Technical Manual, 3rd edition, 1997 by Maryland Department of Natural Resources may be obtained from:

The Division of State Documents  
410-974-2486  
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Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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