

Proposed Amendments to Perimeter Buffers

- **Part of County Development Design Initiatives**
- **Progress to date**
- **August 27 Council Meeting**



Proposed Amendments to Perimeter Buffers- Woodlands

Provision	Existing	Proposed
Perimeter Buffer Width	20 ft. to 30 ft. (boundary bordering existing Sub. only)	Standard 30 ft. Boundary
Applicable Zones	Residential Only	All Zones
Protection Area	unclear	Standard 20 ft. of Buffered Area
Forest Assessment	None	Inventory of Tree species
Five year look back for timber Harvesting	None	Mitigation (2 X "cleared area) Plus penalties Off site Mitigation Easement Option
Permanent In-ground Signage	None	Posting of Non-disturbance areas including penalties
Perimeter Buffer Landscape Plan	Planting Standards	Summary Table of # & species
Performance Bond & Guarantees	Limited	Inspection prior to Building Permit 2yr. Guarantee
Perimeter Buffer Maintenance	Limited	Reviewed & Approved by County prior to recording of Restrictive Covenants and perpetual
Mitigation	Limited	Mitigation Plan-Certified Forester
Violations & Penalties	None	\$ 10K fine per acre of disturbance

Proposed Amendments to Perimeter Buffers Non-Woodlands

Provision	Existing	Proposed
Perimeter Buffer Width	20 ft. to 30 ft. Bordering existing Sub.	Standard 30 ft. Boundary
Applicable Zones	Residential Only	All Zones
Permanent In-ground Signage	None	Posting of Non-disturbance/penalties
Perimeter Buffer Landscape Plan	Limited	Summary Table of # & species
Permanent In-ground Signage	None	Posting of Non-disturbance areas including penalties
Perimeter Buffer Maintenance	Limited	Reviewed & Approved by County prior to recording of Restrictive Covenants and perpetual
Mitigation	Limited	Mitigation Plan-Certified Forester
Violations & Penalties	None	\$ 10K fine per acre of disturbance
Performance Bond & Guarantees	Limited	Inspection prior to Building Permit 2yr. Guarantee

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/ordinance-regarding-perimeter-buffers-around-residential-developments>

Thank You !