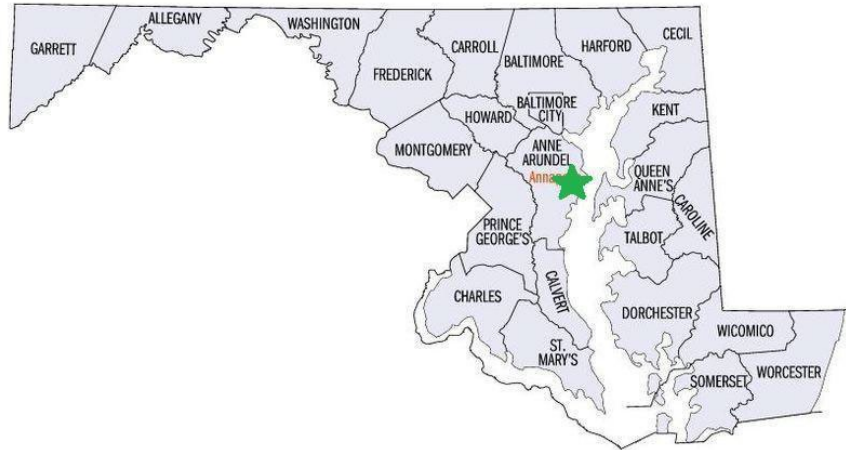


Anne Arundel County - Glebe Creek - South River



What was requested?

The Department received a request to expand a speed zone in Glebe Creek located in the South River. The request is to extend the boundary of the current 6 knot speed zone approximately 100 yards to the northeast. The new zone would begin at the point of land on Shore Drive and include the entirety of the North Branch of Glebe Creek. The affected area is currently regulated during the boating season with a speed limit of 35 knots from sunrise to sunset and 20 knots from sunset to sunrise. The request would change the speed limit to 6 knots during the boating season.

Why was this change requested?

The Department was provided the following information:

- A slower speed zone would provide boater and swimmer safety.
- A slower speed zone would provide protection from damage to adjacent private property.
- A speed zone in this section of Glebe Creek would be consistent with the rest of Glebe Creek.

What are the current regulations in the area?

The requested area is within the speed zone described in COMAR 08.18.25.02A: Lower South River Area. This encompasses the area upstream of a line beginning at Thomas Point, at or near Lat. 38° 54.433' N., Long. 76° 27.615' W., then running 227° (True) to Saunders Point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.108' N., Long. 76° 29.445' W., and downstream of a line beginning at Shadow Point, at or near Lat. 38° 56.783' N., Long. 76° 32.981' W., then running 32° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 57.057' N., Long. 76° 32.762' W.

- Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limits for this area are:
- (1) 35 knots from sunrise to sunset during the boating season; and
 - (2) 20 knots from sunset to sunrise during the boating season.

The request is to extend the speed zone described in COMAR 08.18.25.03F: Glebe Creek encompasses the area upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.800' N., Long. 76° 32.462' W., then running 261° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 55.780' N., Long. 76° 32.615' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot speed limit, during the boating season.

Definitions

“6 knots (6.9 MPH)” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel:

- (a) At a boat speed in excess of 6 knots (6.9 statute miles per hour, or 11.1 kilometers per hour); or
- (b) To tow an individual on a ski, aquaplane, or similar device.

“20 knots (23 MPH)” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel at a boat speed in excess of 20 knots (23 statute miles per hour or 42.6 kilometers per hour).

“35 knots (40.25 MPH)” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel at a boat speed in excess of 35 knots (40.25 statute miles per hour or 74.5 kilometers per hour).

“Boating season” means the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each April 15, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding October 15.

Regulatory Process

Boating rules in Maryland may be created by either the General Assembly or the Department. When the Department creates a boating rule, it is called a regulation. When the General Assembly creates a rule, it is called a statute. The Department often has to create a regulation to implement a statute. The regulatory process begins with scoping and the Department follows normal [procedures](#) as concepts move forward.

During the scoping process, the Department gathers suggestions and ideas from stakeholders and others about how to solve a boating problem or address a need. The goal of scoping is to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the issues so that management actions can be developed. After the public has had an opportunity to comment on possible management actions during the scoping process, the Department considers these comments and develops an appropriate management strategy.

When could this be effective?

The Department projects that this change could be effective in the spring of 2027. However, the exact date cannot be determined at this time.

Maps of the Area - Glebe Creek, South River

The area requested is the polygon outlined in red.



Corresponding satellite image of the requested area.

