

**Critical Area Commission**  
**Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays**  
Meeting held via Google Meet

**June 27, 2025**

**Program Implementation Committee Minutes**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** *Bunker (Chair), McCall (Co-Chair), Adams, Burris, Etherton, Richards, Wilson*

**1. Welcome and Roll Call:**

- Chair: Commissioner Bunker welcomed all attendees. Nick Kelly confirmed a quorum of seven members.
- The meeting was conducted virtually on Google Meet, and the video will be posted online to comply with open meeting requirements.

**2. Approval of May 23, 2025 Program Implementation Committee Minutes**

- Motion to Approve: Commissioner Burris
- Second: Commissioner McCall
- Vote: The minutes were approved unanimously, with Commissioner Wilson abstaining, as he was not present at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**3. Kent County – Text Amendment: New RCA Use, Fox Hunting Kennels**

**Presenter:** Katie Hayden. Recommend Concurrence with the Chair's determination of refinement; Approval.

Ms. Hayden presented in accordance with the staff report, the contents of which are incorporated into and made part of the minutes. Kent County is requesting that fox hunting kennels be added as an allowed accessory use in the Resource Conservation District (RCD), an underlying zoning district of the Resource Conservation Area (RCA). On March 4, 2025, the County Commissioners of Kent County adopted Bill No. 9-2024, which amends *Chapter 222, Zoning*, of the *Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County* (i.e., the Land Use Ordinance), allowing fox hunting as an accessory use in the RCA. This new use in the RCA was requested by a county resident and is proposed to only impact one property at this time. Properties in the RCA that request this specific accessory use must comply with all other RCA requirements, including clearing, lot coverage limits, and Buffer requirements.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Wilson:** How much waste is generated by the dogs and how is it disposed of?

**Carla Gerber (Kent County):** Kennels are cleaned and disinfected daily, with the waste being hosed into a septic system holding tank which is then pumped out as needed. Additionally, waste from dogs released into the field is picked up and brought back to the holding tank.

**Commissioner Bunker:** Is this only for the kennels, or does it pertain to fox hunting as well?

**Carla Gerber:** No, just for the kennels. Only for foxhounds, and not to allow commercial kennels in the RCA.

**Commissioner Etherton:** Are the dogs being bred?

**Carla Gerber:** Possibly one litter per year, in order to maintain the pack.

**Commissioner Adams:** Is there a limit to the number of dogs that can be kept?

**Carla Gerber:** There's nothing specified in the text amendment, but this particular hunt club has 35-40 hounds. Again, it's about maintaining the pack, not growing.

**ACTION:**

Commissioner Bunker asked for a motion to concur with the Chair's determination of refinement, and to approve. Commissioner Richards so moved. Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned.**