

Critical Area Commission

STAFF REPORT January 6, 2021

APPLICANT: Kent County

PROPOSAL: Critical Area Mapping Update
Request for Extension of Time

COMMISSION ACTION: Vote

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Alex DeWeese

**APPLICABLE LAW/
REGULATIONS:** Ch. 119, Acts of 2008, §1—4
COMAR 27.01.11

DISCUSSION:

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The Commission's regulations, COMAR 27.01.11.06.C, requires a local jurisdiction to approve its Critical Area maps within 24 months from the date the Commission transfers the Summary Draft Map. February 4, 2021 is the 24-month deadline for Kent County's adoption of the updated Critical Area Maps. The County is unable to meet this deadline due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has delayed the Kent County Comprehensive Rezoning and Critical Area map update process. Kent County is requesting a 90-day extension of the Critical Area updated map adoption timeline; therefore, the new deadline for local approval of the Critical Area maps will be May 3, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the requested time extension.