

Critical Area Commission

STAFF REPORT

January 6, 2021

APPLICANT:	St. Mary's County
PROPOSAL:	Critical Area Mapping Update Request for Extension of Time
COMMISSION ACTION:	Vote
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Approval
STAFF:	Annie Sekerak
APPLICABLE LAW/ REGULATIONS:	Ch. 119, Acts of 2008, §1 – 4 COMAR 27.01.11

DISCUSSION

The Commission's regulations, COMAR 27.01.11.06.C, require a local jurisdiction to approve its Critical Area maps within 24 months from the date the Commission transfers the Summary Draft Map. The 24-month deadline for St. Mary's County to approve their draft Critical Area maps is February 2, 2021. The County is unable to meet this deadline due to the pandemic. The draft maps are scheduled for review by the St. Mary's County Planning Commission on January 25, 2021; and then subsequently for review and approval by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Therefore, the County is requesting a 60-day extension. If this extension is granted, the new deadline for local approval of the draft Critical Area maps will be April 2, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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