

**Critical Area Commission
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays
Meeting at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland**

January 4, 2023

Program Implementation Subcommittee Minutes

Attendees: *Greer (Chair), Adams, Ferguson, Grant, Herr-Cornwell, Hewitt, Lewis, Malkus, Merritt, Mulkey, Taylor*

Guests: Kelly Krinetz (AA County)

Item 1. Approval of October Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the minutes from the October 5 Program Subcommittee meeting. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Item 2. Anne Arundel County – Growth Allocation Provisions

Presented by Jennifer Esposito.

Anne Arundel County has submitted a text amendment to their Critical Area Program for approval by the Critical Area Commission. Bill No. 71-22 amends sections of the County's Zoning Code relating to the growth allocation process. The bill allows for designating new IDA lands of less than 20 acres in size, provided that certain criteria are met, and modifies the criteria for rescission of growth allocation.

Discussion: Commissioners Greer asked whether all three criteria need to be met, and Ms. Esposito confirmed this was the case. Commissioners asked about specific sites in the County that might be affected. Ms. Krinetz from Anne Arundel County stated that there is currently one GA request in the works. There shouldn't be too many because there is a limited growth allocation acreage remaining that would be available for such requests. Commissioners also had questions about the three-year timeframe and Ms. Krinetz responded that the timeframe already exists but that this proposal clarifies it further.

Commissioner Adams moved to concur with the Chairman's determination of a refinement and recommend the Chairman approve the Critical Area Map update as outlined in the staff report. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**