Critical Area Commission

STAFF REPORT
July 6, 2022

APPLICANT: Town of North East, Cecil 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

The Natural Resources Article, §8-1807 Annotated Code of Maryland allows a local jurisdiction 24 months to accomplish local approval of their draft Critical Area maps. July 6, 2022 is the 24-month deadline for the Town of North East, located in Cecil County, to adopt their updated Critical Area Maps. The Town is unable to meet this deadline due to two anticipated public hearings in mid-July 2022. The Town expects to adopt the proposed map updates by July 27, 2022. As such, the Town of North East 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 October 4, 2022.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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