

CRITICAL AREA BUFFER NOTIFICATION FORM
NOTICE TO SHORE EROSION CONTROL APPLICANTS

WHEN submitting a shore erosion control application to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the riparian property owner or their representative shall include this form along with the draft Buffer Management Plan.

Examples of Buffer Management Plans can be obtained by contacting the local government or the Critical Area Commission. This information is also available on the Commission’s website found [here](#):

1. MDE may determine the application is incomplete if a **COMPLETED** DRAFT Buffer Management Plan or this form is not included with the application.
2. In addition to a federal or State authorization, a local government approval is required before you begin your project.
3. Before beginning any work, including site preparation and stockpiling of materials, the riparian property owner or their representative must obtain:
 - a. An authorization from MDE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct and install a shore erosion control measure;
 - b. Approval of the Buffer Management Plan from the local jurisdiction; AND
 - c. Any other required local permits.
4. Buffer disturbance without a locally approved Buffer Management Plan or buffer disturbance that is not consistent with a locally approved Buffer Management Plan is a violation of State and local laws.

CERTIFICATION;

I have read and understand the requirements described in this NOTIFICATION FORM. I will abide by these requirements and the conditions of any State authorization and/or local approval. I will not begin any work without all required proper authorizations. Upon reasonable notice, I authorize the right to enter for periodic on-site evaluation by official representatives of the local Critical Area permitting authority.

SIGNATURE OF RIPARIAN PROPERTY OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE:

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS OF SHORE EROSION CONTROL PROJECT (Include city and zip):

CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS
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