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## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Planning and Zoning

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Dear Property Owner:

Your property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (CBCA). This letter is being sent to provide you with important information about the CBCA regulations that affect your property. The CBCA is land within 1,000 feet of tidal waters and tidal wetlands; land use activities are regulated in order to protect water quality and fish, plant and wildlife habitat.

The Buffer is land within 100 feet of tidal waters or a tributary stream. This land should be left naturally vegetated, to act as a filter to runoff and provide shoreline habitat. No structures or other impervious surfaces are allowed within this area. Outside of the Buffer, lot coverage restrictions and other regulations may apply. **If you are considering improvements to your property, including the removal of any trees or vegetation, please contact Shawn Krout, Critical Area planner, at 410 638-3103 x 1378 or [slkrout@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:slkrout@harfordcountymd.gov) and he will assist you in understanding the permit process in the Critical Area. Activities commenced without authorization, including clearing of vegetation in the Buffer, are considered violations.** Since regulations may change in the future, please contact Mr. Krout prior to any disturbance.

Additional information may be found at:

<http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning/CBCAP.pdf>  
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/criticalarea>

The Department of Planning and Zoning and the State of Maryland are planning to host a workshop on what it means to live in the Critical Area and how this affects the use of property. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Krout for further information.

Sincerely,

  
C. Pete Gutwald,  
Director of Planning

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