

**Howard County Forest Conservation Program**

**DECLARATION OF INTENT**

**Single Residential Lot Exemption  
Clearing Less Than 20,000 Square Feet of Forest**

File Number \_\_\_\_\_ Election District \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map \_\_\_\_\_ Lot or Parcel \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I (We) \_\_\_\_\_, the Owner(s) of the real property described above and such lot being a single residential lot, hereby declare and certify my (our) intention to make the site improvements listed herein but not clear more than 20,000 square feet of existing forest resources in accordance with the provisions of Howard County Code, Section 16.1202(b)(2)(i) and State Bill 666, effective 10/1/09, for a period of five years following this date. *[Please note: The limit of disturbance may extend off-site provided that the purpose of the disturbance is to facilitate the development of the single lot or parcel, and that the total area of forest cut, cleared or graded both on and off-site is less than 20,000 square feet.]*

I (We) further certify that upon completion of the forest clearing activity, I (we) will provide the Department of Planning and Zoning written confirmation that the forest clearing is completed. In the absence of such confirmation, the date of completion shall be deemed to be one year following the date of the last of the following to occur:

- a) approval of the site development plan;
- b) issuance of grading permit;
- c) issuance of the building permit.

I (We) further certify that any forest resources to be cleared are not protected by any previously approved Forest Conservation Plan.

Site improvements proposed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description and extent of any forest resources to be cleared: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the present or subsequent Owners make application for an activity regulated under Howard County Code Section 16.1202(a), or if total clearing of forest resources following the date of this declaration exceeds 20,000 square feet, the County may require the Owner to meet the reforestation or afforestation requirements established in Sections 16.1206 and 16.1207 of the Howard County Code and may also assess a penalty fee for forested areas cut in violation of the terms of the exemption.

I (We) further certify that this Declaration and all conditions herein shall be expressly referenced in and attached to all deeds and other documents which create or transfer any legal or equitable interest in the aforesaid property, in order to provide notice to the new owner(s) that they assume all obligations to conform to the requirements of Section 16.1200, et seq. should they propose any activity regulated thereunder.

I (We) declare under the penalties of law, that this declaration, including any accompanying forms and statements, has been examined by me (us) and the information contained herein, to the best of my (our) knowledge, information, and belief, is true, correct and complete.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**STATE OF MARYLAND, HOWARD COUNTY, TO WIT:**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, party/parties to the within Declaration of Intent, and he/she/they acknowledged the same to be his/her/their act.

AS WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_