

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF BILL 21-8  
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Take Notice that Bill 21-8 (Natural Resources – Critical Area Law) was passed by Worcester County Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Church, Mitrecic, Nordstrom, and Purnell on December ,7, 2021:

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§NR 3-101: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-102: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations (i.e. provide definition for lot coverage which took the place of the term impervious surface).

§NR 3-103: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-104: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-105: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections.

§NR 3-106: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations, including updating adjacency regulations.

§NR 3-107: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations. Some language changes made to reflect new terminology (i.e. lot coverage vs impervious surface).

§NR 3-108: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections. Special Event Language added, as previously adopted locally by the County Commissioners on May 19, 2020 with passage of Bill # 20-3.

§NR 3-109: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-110: Changes made to update current State regulations.

§NR 3-111: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations, including After the Fact variance requests and Administrative variances.

§NR 3-112: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-113: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections.

§NR 3-114: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations. Unauthorized clearing section originally from §NR 3-116(g) moved to this section.

§NR 3-115: This section was entirely placed within §NR 3-114, then the Lot Consolidation and Reconfiguration section (from COMAR) was added to the Worcester County Code; therefore, the language in this section is completely new and added to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-116: Parts of this section were deleted because they are not in COMAR. Other parts of this section (g-Enforcement) were placed in §NR 3-114.

§NR 3-117: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-118: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-119: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections.

§NR 3-120: No changes.

§NR 3-121: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections. Removed section on Bald Eagles as they are no longer considered an endangered species.

§NR 3-122: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections. Removed “wetlands” from section.

§NR 3-123: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-124: Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

§NR 3-125: No changes.

§NR 3-126: This is a completely new section, taken from COMAR/State regulations.

§NR 3-127: This section was renumbered from §NR 3-126. Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coast Bays sections and to update current State regulations.

§NR 3-127 (original code): This section was removed because Maryland Department of Environment oversees wetlands.

§NR 3-127: This section was renumbered from §NR 3-126. Changes made to combine the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sections and to update to current State regulations.

§NR 3-128: This is a new section based on recent regulations passed by the Critical Area Commission on April 1, 2021.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public

inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center. A full copy of the bill is available on the County Website at [www.co.worcester.md.us](http://www.co.worcester.md.us) .

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