

**CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION  
FOR THE  
CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS**

**Ayres Creek Mapping Mistake**

A panel of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on a proposed Critical Area map amendment on October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm. The Worcester County Commissioners have reviewed and approved the correction of a Critical Area mapping mistake on a 9.13 acre parcel which is located at 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. The panel will be considering whether the map amendment meets the purposes, policies, and goals of the Critical Area law and regulations. The property is identified as Lot 1 of Parcel 80 on Tax Map 33. The proposed map amendment affects the entire Critical Area portion of the property, approximately 8.34 acres, and proposes to change the designation from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to Limited Development Area (LDA). The hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room of the Worcester County Government Center, First Floor located at One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. Public comments are encouraged prior to or at the public hearing. Copies of the map depicting the Critical Area of the property and supplemental information are available online at the Critical Area Commission's website at [dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea](http://dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea) and at the Worcester County Department of Environmental Programs at One West Market Street, Room 1306, Snow Hill, Maryland, and will be available at the public hearing. Public comment may be limited to 3 minutes depending on the number of people wishing to testify. For additional information, call the Critical Area Commission in Annapolis at (410) 260-3460 or the Worcester County Department of Environmental Programs at (410) 632-1220. Sign language interpreters and other appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. This request must be submitted to the Critical Area Commission at least seven calendar days prior to the public hearing. Written comments can be sent to the Critical Area Commission by email to [cacadmin.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:cacadmin.dnr@maryland.gov) or by mail to 1804 West Street, Suite 100, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 by October 30, 2023, unless the Panel decides to extend the comment period at the meeting.