



Office of County Executive
STUART PITTMAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Hager, Director of Planning Zoning

FROM: Stuart Pittman, County Executive *SP*

SUBJECT: Verification of Non-Tidal Wetlands and Buffers

DATE: May 3, 2019

Section 17-6-401 of the Anne Arundel County Code states "development may not occur within a nontidal wetland or within a 25-foot buffer of a nontidal wetland." To meet this requirement, developers must depict these natural features on a plan via a "wetland delineation." These wetland delineations are submitted to the Office of Planning and Zoning as part of the development review application.

To ensure protection of nontidal wetlands and their buffers, and to facilitate the County's accurate review of applications where wetlands exist or may be present, it shall be the policy of the Office of Planning and Zoning to verify non-tidal wetland delineations in the following manner:

All Subdivision or Site Development Plan applications containing non-tidal wetlands on-site or that are within 25 feet of the boundaries of a MD National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) polygon or a MD DNR Wetlands polygon as shown on <https://watershedresourcesregistry.org/states/maryland.html>, shall include evidence, in the form of an email or other written correspondence, that the Maryland Department of the Environment has verified the existence or absence of non-tidal wetlands and their 25-ft buffers as indicated on the plan.

All requests for verification should be forwarded to Lisa Dosmann at lisa.dosmann@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your continued efforts making Anne Arundel County "The Best Place."