

**Proposed Amendments to Chapter 12 (Vegetation Preservation and Planting)
of
The Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual**

1 **Amend §12-0500 (Tree Conservation Plan Requirements), 12-0516 (Requirements and**
2 **Specifications for Replacement Trees and/or Vegetation), by revising paragraph 12-0516.4**
3 **to read as follows:**

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5 12-0516.4 When RPAs have been disturbed without prior approval by the Director, or are
6 proposed to be disturbed as part of a construction plan, buffer areas with native vegetation shall
7 be restored or created as required under Chapter 118 of the Code, and planting shall be consistent
8 with Performance Criteria found in the “Riparian Buffers Guidance and Mitigation Guidance
9 Manual” published by the Division of Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance, Virginia Department of
10 Conservation and Recreation. At least 25 percent of the area shall be planted with trees as
11 specified in § 12-0516.2. In addition, one seedling as specified in § 12-0705.5 shall be planted
12 for each 100 square feet of disturbed area and one shrub with a minimum height of 18 inches
13 shall be planted for each 100 ~~40~~ square feet of disturbed area. Soil preparation, soil amendments,
14 and/or seed mix shall be required as determined by the Director. The surface area associated with
15 these plantings may be used to meet 10-year tree canopy requirements when being planted to
16 offset allowable disturbances to RPAs. Wetland plantings (including herbaceous plantings)
17 and/or wetland seed mix shall be used where site conditions warrant (see Tables 12.14 and
18 12.17).

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20 **Amend §12-0500 (Tree Conservation Plan Requirements), 12-0516 (Requirements and**
21 **Specifications for Replacement Trees and/or Vegetation), by revising Table 12.14**
22 **(Replanting of Temporary Use and Resource Protection (RPA) Areas) to read as follows:**
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Area Type	Trees 2 inches in caliper or greater	Shrubs	Seedlings	Other
Temporary Use (§ 12-0516.3)	25% of the disturbed area	N/A	15 per 1,000 ft ²	Grass, and perennial seed mixes
RPA (§ 12-0516.4)	25% of the disturbed area	25 10 per 1000 ft ²	10 per 1,000 ft ²	Wetland plants, Wetland seed