



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ACT

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (“the Chesapeake Bay Act”) Regulations are administered by DPW and are contained in the [County Code](#) under Chapter 10, Environmental Management; [Article II Chesapeake Bay Preservation](#). These requirements provide the review criteria for development and redevelopment within environmentally sensitive areas of the County known as Chesapeake Bay Preservations Areas (CBPA).

The Chesapeake Bay Act Regulations provide that no building permit can be issued until the applicant can show that the permit complies with those regulations. As part of the building permit application process, scale drawings of the areas being developed are required. [DPW’s Form 201](#), Erosion and Sediment Control and Chesapeake Bay Permit Application for Residential Permits, contains a listing of the required site features to be included on the drawing, including environmentally sensitive areas subject to regulation under the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Act such as Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas, wetlands, and streams with perennial flow. The Chesapeake Bay Act Regulations also require minimum setbacks from environmentally areas. In addition, sewage disposal systems located in CBPA are subject to more rigorous design and maintenance requirements.

Anyone desiring to develop or redevelop any land within the County is required to submit [DPW’s Form 202](#), Water Quality Impact Assessment. This form must be prepared by a qualified professional.

Where proposed development or redevelopment within a CBPA exceeds 50,000 square feet, additional water quality impact assessment information may be required. Applicants proposing to construct a single-family dwelling or accessory structure may request that DPW determine that the construction is in conformance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation requirements.

For additional information on the Chesapeake Bay requirements contact the Hanover County Department of Public Works at 804-365-6181.

For additional information on the Chesapeake Bay Act, regulations, or programs, contact the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation [Division of Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance](#) Toll-free/TDD: 1-800-CHESBAY.

DON'T GET HUNG UP!!

If the property you are interested in has any rivers, streams, creeks, natural drainage ways, or wetlands on it, these could potentially limit the amount of developable land. Please contact an engineer with Public Works at 365-6181 to discuss the potential impact of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act on the property.

