

HB1267/773926/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1267
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring, prior to any development on certain property, a certain local zoning authority to hold a hearing and make a decision, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment, that the proposed development will not have a substantial impact on that property;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with “**DISTRICT**” in line 7 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 8 and substitute “**CENTRAL NATURAL AREA**” MEANS AN AREA WITHIN THE **PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE OR THE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER THAT PROVIDES HABITAT FOR NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA, INCLUDING FORESTS, WOODLANDS, WETLANDS, MEADOWS, AND EARLY SUCCESSIONAL GRASSLANDS AND SHRUBLANDS**”; in line 10, strike “A LOCAL JURISDICTION” and substitute “**FOR LAND LOCATED IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COUNCIL OR OTHER BODY WITH AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS**”; in line 11, strike “PROPERTY” and substitute “**LAND**”; in line 13, after “COUNCIL” insert “**, AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THIS ARTICLE**”; and after line 26, insert:

“(D) A CENTRAL NATURAL AREA IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE MAY NOT BE CONVERTED TO BE USED FOR AGRICULTURE, ACTIVE RECREATION, FORESTRY, OR OTHER PLANT HARVESTING.

“(E) PRIOR TO ANY DEVELOPMENT ON LAND IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE, THE LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY SHALL:

(1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING; AND

(2) MAKE A FINAL DECISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON ANY LAND IN A CENTRAL NATURAL AREA.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE” and substitute “**THE**”; in line 13, after “THAT” insert “:

(1)”;

in the same line, after the second “SPACE” insert “;**AND**

(2) DOES NOT PERMIT COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR RESIDENTIAL USES”;

and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) A CENTRAL NATURAL AREA, AS DEFINED IN § 4-217 OF THIS ARTICLE, IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER MAY NOT BE CONVERTED TO BE USED FOR AGRICULTURE, ACTIVE RECREATION, FORESTRY, OR OTHER PLANT HARVESTING.

(D) PRIOR TO ANY DEVELOPMENT ON LAND IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER, THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING; AND

(2) MAKE A FINAL DECISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON ANY LAND IN A CENTRAL NATURAL AREA.”