

Part 5: Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Standards

CB-015-2018 (DR-2) has not yet taken effect and is subject to revisions via further legislative action of the Council.

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1 **PART 24-5** **CHESAPEAKE BAY**
2 **CRITICAL AREA**
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4 **Sec. 24-5100 Findings**

5 **24-5101.** The General Assembly of Maryland enacted
6 legislation establishing a Chesapeake Bay Critical
7 Area Protection Program codified in the Natural
8 Resources Article, Annotated Code of Maryland,
9 Sections 8-1801, et seq., 1983 Edition, as amended.

10 **24-5102.** The General Assembly of Maryland has adopted
11 certain standards for development and growth to
12 protect habitat and water quality in the Chesapeake
13 Bay Critical Area.

14 **24-5103.** The standards adopted by the General Assembly of
15 Maryland allow maximum future additional intense
16 and limited development in the Chesapeake Bay
17 Critical Area of only five percent of the total area
18 designated as Resource Conservation Overlay Zone,
19 and the standards allow only 50 percent of the
20 permissible growth increment in the designated
21 Resource Conservation Area.

22 **24-5104.** Prince George's County is required by the State law
23 to develop a local program to implement the State
24 mandated standards.

25 **24-5105.** The quality of life of the citizens of Prince George's
26 County will be enhanced by the effective

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implementation of these standards to restore the
quality and productivity of the waters of the
County, the Chesapeake Bay, and its tributaries.

30 **24-5106.**

The effective implementation of these standards
through the local program is necessary to provide
proper planning and development in the best
interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the
citizens of Prince George's County.

35 **24-5107.**

Development and implementation of the local
program may be compromised unless limited
restrictions are imposed on the subdivision of land
within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

39 **Sec. 24-5200 Limitation on Subdivision**
40 **Approval**

41 No application for preliminary plan for subdivision within a
42 Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zone shall be approved without
43 an approved Conservation Plan prepared in accordance with Subtitle
44 5B: Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

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