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TO: Consulting Foresters & Forest Harvest Operators

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DATE: September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for  
Forest Harvest Operations (Standard Plan)

This memo and attachment are being sent following discussions between the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) having identified a need for additional technical assistance to forest harvest operations in Maryland.

In July 2018, MDE and DNR executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a commitment to working collaboratively to: 1) ensure the continued protection of the State's natural assets, resources, wetlands, and waterways during forest harvest operations; 2) maximize opportunities to improve efficiencies and streamline agency's review and permitting of erosion and sediment control plans for forest harvest operations and 3) enhance technical expertise and natural resource protection before, during, and following harvest operations.

Effective, **October 1, 2020**, Washington County Government, Plan Review and Permitting Office, as well as, our office, Washington County Soil Conservation District, will require the attached form to be utilized for proposed projects moving forward. There is also a fillable form for the Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for Forest Harvest Operations available on our website <http://www.conservationplace.com/>, under Urban Services, Program Specifics, **Forest Harvest Operation Procedures/Forms**. Additional forms, for Streamside Management Zones, etc. are also available within the 2015 Maryland Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards and Specifications for Forest Harvest Operations document, which is also available within the above referenced section of our website. Hard copy forms are available on our website for printing and/or may be obtained at our office, 1260 Maryland Avenue, Suite 101, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Please note, the two areas of significant revision on the form are: 1) permissions given to the Maryland DNR Forest Service for right-of-entry and 2) landowner's responsibility in preventing erosion and sedimentation, as well as, the landowner/operator signing to adhere to the Standard Plan and its associated references/requirements.

As noted on the attached form, Aaron Cook and Robert "Bob" Schwartz with DNR Forest Service are the individuals, for Washington County, to contact prior to mobilizing any harvesting equipment. They may be contacted via telephone at 301-791-4733 or via email at: [aaron.cook@maryland.gov](mailto:aaron.cook@maryland.gov) and [robertr.schwartz@maryland.gov](mailto:robertr.schwartz@maryland.gov).

Please contact our office at 301-797-6821, Ext. 3 with any questions.

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