

# Sussex County Wetlands & Buffers Working Group

Sussex County West Complex Building

22215 N. DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE

Wednesday, February 13

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm







### Welcome

- History & Background
- Introductions



#### Welcome

- Role of Facilitator
- Meeting Goals
- Ground Rules







# Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Overview of the Group's Focus
- 3. Discussion Related to Buffer and Wetlands Definitions
- 4. Next Steps
- 5. Adjourn





# Working Group Overview

The Wetlands and Buffers Working Group tasks:

- 1. Review the Sussex County Code; and
- Develop recommendations on the topic of wetlands and buffers regulations for the Council to consider.





# Working Group Overview

#### PHASE I

Objective: analyze the Code's definitions for wetlands, buffers, and other water features; recommend updates to the Code that balance environmental protection with property right preservation

<u>Approach</u>: review current definitions; work on amendments to these definitions

Phase I Kickoff
• Mid-February

Draft LanguageEarly March

Draft Ordinance
• Late March

Recommendation to City Council

Mid-April





# Working Group Overview

#### PHASE II

Objective: analyze the Code's regulations related to wetlands and buffers; recommend updates to the Code that balance environmental protection with property right preservation

Approach: review current regulations; determine if updates are necessary to improve the future development of land, and if so, what they look like

Phase II Kickoff

May

Draft Language (as needed)

• June - July

Recommendation to City Council

August





## Terms to Review

- Tidal Water Features
- Nontidal Water Features
- Tidal Wetlands
- Nontidal Wetlands

REFER TO WORD DOCUMENT FOR GROUP EDITING





# Next Steps

#### Next Meetings

- Dates & Locations
- Agenda

#### Action Items/Homework

- Working Group
- Sussex County