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
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
2. Develop recommendations on the topic of wetlands and buffers regulations for the Council to consider.

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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

Approach: review current definitions; work on amendments to these definitions

Working Group Overview

Phase I Kickoff • Mid-February
Draft Language • Early March
Draft Ordinance • Late March
Recommendation to City Council • Mid-April

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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
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