### Sussex County Wetlands & Buffers Working Group

Sussex County West Complex Building 22215 N. DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE Wednesday, March 6 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm





#### Welcome

- History & Background
- Introductions

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### Welcome



- Meeting Goals
- Ground Rules

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## Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Review Prior Meeting and Draft Definitions
- 3. Mapping Database Presentation
- 4. Definitions, Continued
- 5. Ordinance Consistency
- 6. Next Steps
- 7. 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.



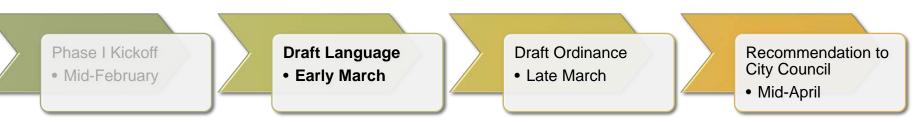


# Working Group Overview

#### PHASE I

<u>Objective</u>: 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







# Working Group Overview

#### PHASE II

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

<u>Approach</u>: 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 Confirm

Discussed at February 13<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting:

- •Tidal Waters (Mean High-Water Line)
- •Tidal Wetlands



## **DNREC** Presentation

Steve Smailer & Tylor Brown

- Overview of Mapping Process
- Overview of the Data Used
- Process for Amendments

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## Terms to Review

- Perennial Nontidal Rivers and Streams
  - Intermittent Nontidal Rivers and Streams
    - "Nontidal" Wetlands

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### Terms to Review

- Buffer Zone
- Others
- Buffer Zone Exceptions/Variances

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### Ordinance Consistency

#### **Review Sections and Suggestions**



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# Next Steps

**Next Meetings** 

- Dates & Locations
- Agenda

#### Action Items/Homework

- Working Group
- Sussex County

