

## **Forest conservation fee in lieu of planting requirements**

In general, forest conservation plan applicants may pay a fee in lieu of planting when:

1. A person satisfactorily demonstrates that he or she cannot reasonably accomplish the reforestation or afforestation requirements on site or off site.
2. A person has shown that on-site afforestation using forest cover is not appropriate.
3. A person proposes to use credit for landscaping to meet their afforestation or reforestation requirements.
4. A site has an afforestation requirement and the Planning Board finds that no on-site priority area is present and no other appropriate on-site planting area is available.
5. A property is less than 5 acres, there is no on-site priority planting area and no other on-site planting area is available.
6. A property of any size has a reforestation requirement of less than ½ acre and no on-site planting area is present.

For more information on when property is eligible to make a payment in-lieu of planting, please see section 22A-12(g) of the Montgomery County code.

### In-lieu fee rate

Applicants submitting an in-lieu fee payment after July 1, 2017 must pay at a rate equal to \$1.20 per square foot of planting.