

Perimeter Buffer Amendment Update

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- **Forested and /Landscape Buffer Strip**
 - **A strip of land, not less than 20 feet in width located along the entire outer perimeter of any portion of a major subdivision**
 - **Function is to filter views from and into the subdivision**
 - **Current language is open for interpretation**
 - **Plagued by poor enforcement**



Development Design Perimeter Buffer Update



Five Broad Categories:

1. OpenSpace
2. Superior Design
3. Subdivisions Standards
4. Forest Preservation
5. Site Work



Perimeter Buffer

- Planning & Zoning
- County Council

Recommendations

- **Recognize the function of Perimeter Buffers are valued beyond just screening.**
- **Mitigation requirements must be greater for cleared areas for timber harvest to discourage practice.**
- **50 ft. Buffer for existing woodlands, 30 ft. for planted buffer**
- **No disturbance allowed in woodland buffer protection areas**
- **Redefine Clearing or cleared**
- **Buffer planting standards that insure a full functioning buffer**