



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 19-574, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 12/18/2019

TITLE: Resolution of Intent to Amend Design Standards for Land Disturbing Activities

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Adoption of resolution of intent to amend the design standards for land disturbing activities in the zoning ordinance.

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Filardo, McCulley, Svoboda, Brumfield

PRESENTER (S): n/a

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: During a May 3, 2017 work session, the Board of Supervisors endorsed a Natural Resources Program for the County, including a review of stream buffer requirements of the Water Protection Ordinance. After a review of the Water Protection Ordinance, County staff determined that both the Water Protection Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance would require amendment in order to implement the proposed stream health protections. County staff presented the findings of that review to the Board on November 6, 2019.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities

DISCUSSION: At a work session on January 9, 2019, staff proposed the implementation of the County's steep slope design standards for all land disturbing activities that require a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) or a Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP). The Board directed staff to proceed with this proposal, as well as eight additional proposals. The proposed zoning text amendment (ZTA) would expand the design standards from the Steep Slopes Overlay District to any regulated land disturbing activity in either the Development Areas or the Rural Area.

BUDGET IMPACT: Staff estimates this proposal will require an increase in staff time approximating a 0.5 full time equivalent position in engineering plan review, to be performed by a Civil Engineer I. The ZTA process to implement this proposal will include an analysis of impacts to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of Intent (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Resolution of Intent