

## **Forest Conservation Qualified Professional Training – Fall 2019**

Take this highly interactive class desired to provide instruction in technical methods needed by professionals to comply with the requirements of the Maryland Forest Conservation Act. Learn the science and methodology in the classroom, and then apply that knowledge in the field collecting the data needed to develop a Forest Conservation Plan to meet the requirements of the Act. Then apply that information to develop a Forest Conservation Plan appropriate for development. This course is a necessary element to apply for “Qualified Professional” status with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Students must be working in the field and have appropriate degree within the field of Natural Resources. Cost: \$599 includes text (Add \$5 for out of county, \$10 out of state)

**Course #: TEC-350-A2P**

Wed. - Sat., Oct 2-19; (8 sessions; no class 10/9. 10/10, 10/11, & 10/12)

- Wed. 6:00 - 9:45 PM,
- Thurs. & Fridays., 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; and
- Sat. 8:00 AM – 12 PM

The course will be held at Carroll Community College, Washington Road Campus, Westminster, MD 21157, Room T317.

The first half of the course includes classroom and field sessions designed to provide the student first with an understanding of the elements needed to collect needed data and develop a competent Forest Stand Delineation, in compliance with the Maryland Forest Conservation Act. Later, the second half of the class students will utilize information gathered in a Forest Stand Delineation to develop a Forest Conservation Plan for a mock development site.

Overall, the course provides a needed element required prior to requesting status as a Qualified Professional under the Forest Conservation Act. The course is open to anyone interested, however, individuals that aspire to Qualified Professional status must have the combination of experience an education delineated in COMAR.

*COMAR Title 08 Subtitle 19 (Forest Conservation) Chapter 06.01.A defines a “QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL” by defining whom may prepare either an FSD or FCP. The rule states An individual is deemed qualified to prepare a forest stand delineation (FSD) and/or a forest conservation plan (FCP), if the individual: Is a licensed forester; a licensed landscape architect; or has otherwise been approved by a local program to perform FC work in that jurisdiction. Such programs must have received final program approval from MDNR, and their adopted criteria for Qualified Professional status must be consistent with the requirements of MDNR;*

*An individual may also apply to MDNR for Qualified Professional status under the Act if the individual:*

- *Possesses the following education or experience requirements:*
  - *A 4-year degree in natural resource sciences, natural resource management, landscape planning, environmental planning, or the equivalent as determined by MDNR, or*
  - *Has 4 years of professional experience in natural resources science, natural resource management, landscape planning, environmental planning, or the equivalent as determined by the Department, or*
  - *Has a graduate degree in natural resources science and 1 year of professional experience;*
- *The individual must also be able to exhibit the ability to meet the obligations required by the Department to prepare a forest stand delineation (FSD) and a forest conservation plan (FCP) and have also satisfactorily completed a forest conservation program approved by the Department. This requirement is satisfied by the successful completion of an MDNR approved Forest Conservation Qualified Professional Training course.*

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