

ORDINANCE NO. 07-10-2

MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

An Ordinance amending the Marlborough Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to add Section 420.6 [Landscape Standards for the Riparian Corridor Conservation District] to Article IV [Design Standards], providing for landscaping and planting requirements in the Riparian Corridor Conservation District.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Township of Marlborough is desirous of amending its Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to ensure the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend its Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to add Section 420.6 [Landscape Standards for the Riparian Corridor Conservation District] to Article IV [Design Standards].

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board that the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance be amended as follows

SECTION 1. Article IV, Section 420.6 shall read as follows:

420.6 Landscape Standards for the Riparian Corridor Conservation District. In areas within the Riparian Corridor Conservation District, as defined in the Marlborough Township Zoning Ordinance, the edge of water features and stream corridors shall be in forest cover to further the ecological and environmental benefits, as stated in the Riparian Corridor Conservation District (RCC). To promote re-establishment of forest cover and woodland habitat, new tree planting shall be implemented in Zone One wherever existing trees do not meet the minimum tree planting requirements.

A. Planting Requirements.

1. Within the area defined as Zone One in the RCC, new trees shall be planted at a minimum rate of one tree per 225 square feet of Zone One area. Such trees shall be planted in staggered rows or an equivalent informal arrangement.
2. New trees shall be a variety of sizes ranging from a minimum 4 to 5 foot branched whip to an approximately 1 1/2 inch caliper balled and burlapped planting stock.
3. New tree plantings shall be composed of native species.

4. Tree plantings shall be located along the streambank to provide shade for the stream, soil erosion control and stormwater benefits.

Existing trees within Zone One shall be preserved and retained. Existing tree cover should be surveyed and inventoried to assess the need for any new plantings.

SECTION 2. Repeal and Ratification. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the ordinances of the Township of Marlborough that are unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

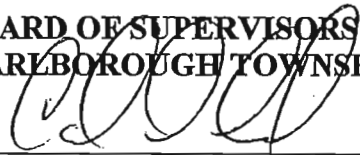
SECTION 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

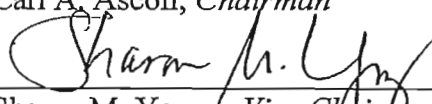
ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Marlborough this 10th day of October, 2007.



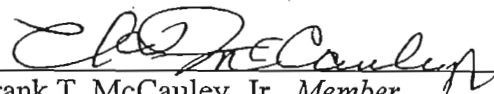
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