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# Required Chesapeake Bay Act Code Amendments

June 3, 2025



# Required Updates

- Virginia Code § 62.1-44.15:72 amendment: Adding “coastal resilience and adaptation to sea-level rise and climate change”
- In September 2021, the state Water Control Board adopted a new section of the regulations that will require state mandated revisions to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas ordinance.

# Local Updates

- Local governments are required to perform a resiliency assessment on proposed developments encroaching into a Resource Protection Area (RPA)
- Guidance must be updated regarding mature trees
- Local ordinances are required to be updated to reflect Bay Act updates
- In addition to the ordinance changes, the York County Buffer Requirements, Part I and York County Buffer Requirements, Part II guidance documents will be revised.

# Ordinance Updates

- Review proposed ordinance updates and revised Buffer Requirement documents
- Local ordinance adoption required by September 29, 2025
- Public Hearing scheduled for June 17, 2025