



## COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA

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### **Conservation Easement & RPA Guidance for: Dead, Diseased or Dying Vegetation**

In addition to the requirements within the Ordinance, the following guidelines for administratively granting the removal of dead, diseased, or dying trees or shrubbery from within Conservation Easements or RPAs shall be applied to all requests.

1. The applicant must be the actual owner of the property.
2. A sensitive area application form along with the fee (if required) must be submitted. A detailed site plan depicting the location and species of the proposed tree(s)/shrub(s) removal must be included along with a narrative describing the reason(s) for the request and the method of tree/shrub removal.
3. Dead, diseased or dying trees or shrubs should not be approved for removal based solely on aesthetic reasons, unless an adequate replanting plan as described below is provided.
4. Requests for the removal of more than 2 trees or shrubs will require the submission of a replanting plan. If a request is submitted for more than 2 trees, replacement of all vegetation removed shall be provided for in a replanting plan. Replanting shall be required at a 1:1 ratio for each dead tree/shrub removed and at a 2:1 ratio for each of the diseased or dying.
5. Replacement trees and shrubs shall be native species with trees being a minimum of 1"- 1-1/2" caliper and 6' -7' in height and shrubs shall be a minimum of 3-5 gal. container size and 18"-36" in height.
6. Multiple requests for buffer modifications on the same parcel of land shall not be permitted unless it results from, an act of god, natural disaster, or other emergency conditions, declared by appropriate agencies within the Commonwealth.
7. A surety shall be required to guarantee the replacement planting.