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### County seeks stricter rules for Critical area law

A bill revising the county's Critical Area Program will be the subject of three public hearings in the coming weeks. The changes would:

Ban all clearing of trees, vegetation, roots, ground cover and stumps in the Critical Area without prior county approval.

Require the Board of Appeals and administrative hearing officer, when denying a variance to Critical Area laws, to tell applicants what the minimum acceptable variance is.

Allow impervious surface to be changed so long as the surface is moved away from the water.

Require planting in connection with all impervious surface.

Double the fines for illegal clearing in the Critical Area.

Public hearings will be held from:

6:30 to 9 p.m. June 20 in the Glen Burnie High School cafeteria.

6:30 to 9 p.m. June 21 in Anne Arundel Community College's lecture hall.

6:30 to 9 p.m. June 27 in South River High School's auditorium.

To arrange special accommodations, call the county land-use office at 410-222-7502.

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