

**Comparison of Current Open Space Zoning Requirements
Versus Bill 15-12 Requirements**

<u>Protection</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Bill 15-12</u>
Setbacks from stream, river and waterways.	100' buffer setback.	200' buffer setback.
Limit on tree clearing.	None.	No more than 25% of forest may be cleared for active recreational uses.
Reforestation requirement.	Per Forest Conservation Act, for recreational uses, ¼ acre must be planted for each acre cleared if 20% or more of site remains forested. 2:1 planting required below 20% threshold.	Must plant 1.5 acres of forest for every acre of forest cleared irrespective of forest conservation threshold.
Additional tree planting requirements.	None.	Must afforest or reforest ½ acre for every acre of active recreational uses established and protect with easement.
Soil conservation/water quality plan required?	No.	Yes.
Maximum coverage for parking and structures.	20% limit only applies to structures for administrative and custodial uses.	20% limit applies to all OS uses.
Zoning Setbacks.	50' from lot line, 75' from Road ROW.	Greater of 50' from lot line or 100' from dwelling, 100' and 150' respectively for active recreational accessory structures.