

Resource Protection Area Signs

WHAT IS A RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA (RPA) SIGN?

A Resource Protection Area sign is a 5-inch by 8-inch brown sign with white lettering that identifies the boundary of the Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area.

WHY DO I NEED TO INSTALL RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA SIGNS?

It is required per the Isle of Wight County Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance to delineate the Resource Protection Area buffer zone on properties that contain Resource Protection Area features.

The signs are meant to raise awareness about the Resource Protection Areas that are part of the Chesapeake Bay. The signs are also intended to help protect sensitive environmental areas from secondary impacts after completion of construction activities.

WHERE DO I OBTAIN RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA SIGNS?

Initial signs are provided by permit staff at the time the zoning and stormwater permits are issued for land disturbance. Additional signs may be purchased from Central Permitting at any time.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO LEAVE THESE SIGNS UP?

They are a permanent sign and must be installed and maintained at the expense of the owner/developer.

WHAT IS THE COST PER RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA SIGN?

Each sign is \$10.00.

HOW DO I INSTALL THESE SIGNS?

Where possible, you should mount the signs to a tree larger than three (3) inches in diameter at breast

height. The signs must be mounted between four (4) and six (6) feet above the ground surface.

Where it is not possible to mount the signs to a tree, a treated wooded 4-by-4 or a metal signpost may be used to install the Resource Protection Area signs. The post must extend below the ground surface at least twenty-four (24) inches.

HOW DO I POSITION THE SIGNS ON MY PROPERTY?

Place the Resource Protection Areas signs on the lot lines at the intersection of the landward edge of the Resource Protection Area and at other locations that will approximately delineate the Resource Protection Area buffer boundary.

Any additional signs required to meet the spacing requirement must be located on the Resource Protection Area buffer delineation line.

WHAT ABOUT THE SPACING OF RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA SIGNS?

The signs shall be spaced no more than one hundred (100) feet apart. Signs shall be equally spaced on the lot lines.