

EXHIBIT “A-6”

WOODBIDGE

NATURAL AREAS POLICY

There are large areas within Woodbridge that are open spaces or natural areas required by the Clean Water Act, Section 404, which are to be left in their natural state.

This is to conserve soil that may otherwise be lost from developed areas by providing plant material that filters the sediment from water runoff from houses, streets, parking lots, etc. These areas also serve as habitat for wildlife that is native to the area.

It is the policy of the Association not to remove dead or dying trees from these areas unless they are a safety hazard near a park trail. All other dead or dying trees are left in their natural state to provide wildlife habitat. These dead trees provide a key role in the overall health and vitality of the wildlife of the area. Many birds, reptiles, insects, and so on rely on decaying plant material for their survival. Without dead trees, there would be no owl, wood duck, woodpecker, raccoon, or many other animals for lack of desired habitat.

A similar situation also applies for the cleaning out of the creek. Snags in the creek provide habitat for fish, turtles, frogs and salamanders that in turn support other wildlife. Therefore, unless these snags are a direct danger to the bridges for the trail system, the creeks are left in their natural state.

Leaving our natural areas alone is a key component in keeping our natural areas healthy for all its residents to enjoy.