



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports incentive-driven approaches to tree canopy preservation, but is wary of mandates to the same effect. SB 1393 includes a provision for a stakeholder work group to meet this year and to report not later than October 1 to make recommendations to encourage conservation and to “increase incentives for preservation, planting, or replacement of trees during the land development process.” It further includes a reenactment provision to allow the General Assembly to consider the Work Group’s report and incentive recommendations in legislation. The Chamber encourages the House to retain these provisions in SB 1393.