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Raise Your Voice For Forest Health

Rock Creek Conservancy joins partners in the Montgomery Forest Coalition, led by our great partners at the [Audubon Naturalist Society](#), in expressing cautious optimism that Montgomery County Council has just introduced the amended Forest Conservation Law [Bill 25-22](#).

According to an analysis by ANS, this bill is a step in the right direction because it does provide some improvements to the existing Forest Conservation Law like expanding mitigation requirements for variance trees. However, we feel strongly that by taking steps like prioritizing Forest ecosystem protections, increasing replanting ratios, and focusing replanting on forests ecosystems (and not just trees), the County Council can help reach a “net gain” and a “no net loss” of forest ecosystems in the county.

The public hearing is on [October 4th](#) and we need YOU to raise your voice before then!

Click here to read the [Montgomery County Forest Coalition recommendations](#).

RCC is a proud member of Montgomery Forest Coalition, and we encourage you to participate in this public hearing and get involved with your local government.