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Forests: Goal: Protect and conserve large tracts of contiguous forestland and forest interior dwelling bird habitat (FIDS).  
– Strategy: Consider different options to accomplish conservation of environmentally sensitive areas and tracts of forest 50 acres or larger in area. Priority areas have been identified by DNR Forest Service to target land conservation practices and there are existing maps that identifies areas with high stewardship potential. The most heavily wooded areas of Charles County include Nanjemoy, Zekiah Swamp, Mattawoman Creek and Cobb Island Neck. An outreach program to promote the ecological and financial benefits of maintaining forestland in Charles County would help conserve forestland. – Performance measure: The number of acres enrolled in the various conservation programs to maintain large blocks of forest cover. Monitor approved Forest Harvest Operation permits to ensure BMPs are being implemented and timber harvest permit costs are not deterring active forest management in order to promote healthy forests. – Performance target: Preserve 1,000 or more acres per year. – Possible actions include the following: 1. Recommend regulations that protect natural resources (prohibit mass clear-cutting for development projects, etc.). 2. Actively promote land conservation programs (MALPF, Rural Legacy, Forest Conservation Management Act (FCMA), Tree Farm, Transferable Development Rights(TDR/Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) to residents. 3. Plant trees for carbon sequestration, especially in urban areas.