

Critical Area Properties in Chesapeake Isle 2026



If you would like to navigate the Cecil County GIS maps to search your property, visit [Cecil Experience Builder Site](#).

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Important Update about Tree Removal in Chesapeake Isle

Most of Chesapeake Isle is in the Critical Bay Area

1. Do you know if your home and/or lot is in the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay watershed?

The majority of homes/properties in Chesapeake Isle are in the Critical Area - yours may be one of them. The setback is 1000 ft. NOT 100 ft. There are specific laws in Maryland regarding properties in the Critical Area.

2. Did you also know that there are numerous other restrictions on properties within the Critical Area?

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) governs the Critical Area program for Maryland residents. The [DNR site](#) has more information for you to review.

3. Did you know that, IF your property is in the Critical Area, any tree removal requires the approval of Cecil County Planning and Zoning?

Review the [County website](#) for information about tree removal and the application.

You can be fined thousands of dollars for violating these regulations regarding tree removal and other prohibited modifications to the land. The County has aerial photos archived to determine what's changed on your property. When applying for the tree removal permit, you will need to upload a copy of your property plot plan and photos of the tree(s) you would like to remove.

Navigating the Cecil County GIS maps to determine if your lot is inside the Critical Area March 2026

Click on link provided. [LINK](#)

Click on small down arrow "v" in the middle of the screen to remove box for full view.

Step 1 Find your property

Go to the right side of the navy-blue tool bar – Click on magnifying glass **Search** icon

Type in your address (number and street name only – DO NOT include Rd. St. Ln etc.)

Click on the correct address point of selection that appears below

You should see an aerial view of your house/property

Step 2 Find the Critical Area Map

NOW Go to the right side of the navy-blue tool bar – Click on **Map Layers** icon

Click on ">" side arrow next to **Map Layers**

Click on ">" side arrow next to **Environmental Features**

Click on first box **Critical Area**

Click on the upper left side box with + and – to **ZOOM out** to see boundaries of Critical Area

Aqua dot is your property/lot

Light Yellow shows properties included in the **Critical Area**

If you are in the natural color (not yellow shade) area, your property is excluded from the Critical Area

