Zoning Resolution

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Definitions specifically applicable in this Chapter are set forth in this Section. The definitions of other defined terms are set forth in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

Area of no disturbance

An “area of no disturbance” is an area designated on a site plan or #area plan# to be protected from #site alteration#, except for new native planting. An #area of no disturbance# shall contain natural features including trees of six-inch caliper or more, #designated open space#, and aquatic features.

#Plan review sites# may include safeguards such as an #area of no disturbance# to define areas where #site alterations# shall not be proposed.

Area of no land alteration

An “area of no land alteration” is an area adjacent to a wetland or other body of water regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) where a permit indicates #development# restrictions may occur such as those pursuant to permits or deed restrictions issued by NYSDEC.

Area plan

An “area plan” is a proposed layout for a #zoning lot# subdivision with traffic circulation, including curb cuts on #arterials#; access easements; #areas of no disturbance#; #areas of no land alteration#;

areas of #designated open space#; #building# envelopes; required #building# setbacks within proposed #zoning lots# in #Residence Districts#; and any other information prescribed by the City Planning Commission.

Arterial

An “arterial” is a #street# listed in Section 107-24 (Special Regulations for Arterials or Railroad Rights of Way) whose function is primarily the accommodation of through vehicular traffic and to which special provisions of this Chapter apply.

Caliper (of a tree)

“Caliper” of a tree is the diameter of a tree trunk measured 4 feet, 6 inches from the ground. If a tree splits into multiple trunks below this height, the trunk is measured at its narrowest point beneath the split. For trees with a diameter of less than three inches measured 4 feet, 6 inches from the ground, the #caliper# shall be measured 12 inches from the ground.

Designated open space

“Designated open space” is a portion of the #open space network# located on a #zoning lot# as shown on the District Plan (Map 3 in Appendix A), and is to be preserved in its natural state in accordance with the provisions of the #Special South Richmond Development District#.

Open space network

The “open space network” is a planned system of #open spaces# as shown on the District Plan (Map 3 in Appendix A), which includes #public parks#, #designated open space# and the #waterfront esplanade#.

Plan review site

A “plan review site” is any #zoning lot# that contains one or more acres, where there is a proposed #development, #enlargement#, #site alteration#, or subdivision of such #zoning lot# into two or more #zoning lots#.

Site alteration

A “site alteration” is an alteration on any vacant tract of land, #land with minor improvements# or any tract of land containing #buildings or other structures#, which includes permanent topographic modifications, removal of topsoil, removal of trees of six-inch caliper or more, excavating, filling, dumping, changes in existing drainage systems, whether or not a permit is required from the Department of Buildings or other public agencies.

Tree credit

A “tree credit” is a credit for preserving an existing tree or for planting a new tree which is counted towards tree requirements.

Waterfront esplanade

The “waterfront esplanade” is a pedestrian way to be provided for public #use# within the #open space network# along the Raritan Bay waterfront, as shown on the District Plan (Map 3 in Appendix A).