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Legislation Affects MD Forests

A new policy under the Maryland Forest Conservation Act, which goes into effect October 1, 2009, requires:

- DNR to develop policies to achieve no net loss of forest;
- A reduction of the exemption threshold for activity conducted on a single lot or project from 40,000 to 20,000 SF of forest; and
- An increase in the fees for developments that affect forests.

The entire bill can be read at:
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2009rs/bills/sb/sb0666t.pdf>

Huron Helps MDE Process and Issue NPDES Permits

Huron provided onsite support to MDE to help process and issue hundreds of individual NPDES discharge permits for stormwater associated with temporary regulations requiring permits for development of more than one acre of disturbed land. Our engineers worked side by side with MDE staff to review an abundance of applications, check discharge points, determine the use classification of receiving waters, coordinate advertisements and public hearings, and prepare final permits.

VAMC Expansion in DC is Underway

Huron Consulting is providing site design services for two expansion projects at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Surgical Suite/Emergency Department/Decontamination Facility

Huron is teaming with Global Engineering Solutions and Oudens Knoop Knoop + Sachs Architects for the design of an approximately 5,500-square-foot, two-story expansion to the main hospital building which will be comprised of an operating room, emergency department and decontamination facility.



South elevation rendering courtesy of Oudens Knoop Knoop + Sachs Architects.

Fisher House and a new Domiciliary Building

Huron is teaming with Polu Kai Services and Nika Technologies for the design of the Fisher House and a new Domiciliary Building. Huron mapped the improvements and utilities on the entire campus and prepared construction documents for new water, sanitary sewer, electrical power, natural gas, storm sewer, lawn sprinkler, street and parking lot lighting and telephone/network utilities.

Huron Celebrates Five Years; Upgrades to FAR-compliant Software

July 7, 2009 marked Huron's five-year anniversary. Ongoing relationships and recent team-building efforts with national architectural and engineering firms, as well as an increase in federal work, have helped the firm grow to a staff of 13 and annual revenues of about \$1.5 million.

Huron's success and commitment to growth have allowed the firm to invest in new tools to more effectively track project budgets, schedules and expenses. The firm

has joined the ranks of 78% of ENR's top design firms in implementing Deltek Vision®, a web-based application developed for contractors, architectural and engineering firms, and federal agencies. The software, which allows for efficient management of accounts, backlog and performance, has the capability to produce FAR-compliant invoices and reports that can be customized to meet the requirements of a project or a specific client's needs.

