TO: **Bowling Green Planning Commission**
FROM: **Darla Odom Orr, Deputy Zoning Administrator**
COPY: **John Anzivino, Town Manager**
SUBJECT: **TOWN COUNCIL ADOTOPN OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ARTICLE 10.24 "CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION AREA" OF THE BOWLING GREEN ZONING ORDINANCE**
DATE: **November 19, 2026**

Summary:

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act is a comprehensive framework that integrates land use planning, local government authority, and environmental protection to safeguard the Chesapeake Bay. By designating Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (CBPAs), enforcing Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) and Resource Management Area (RMAs), and incorporating climate resilience measures, the Bay Act ensures that development and water quality protection are mutually supportive objectives. Amendments to the Town ordinance were recently drafted based on recent amendments to state code and comments from DEQ during their review of the Town's CDPA program.

The Planning Commission and Town Council had a joint public hearing on October 22, 2026. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Ordinance Text Amendments. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Ordinance to repeal and replace Article 10.24 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area of the Bowling Green Zoning Ordinance.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

Town Council adopted the Ordinance to repeal and replace Article 10.24 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area of the Bowling Green Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission and Staff.