

## **STANDARDS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL USE:**

- 1) The qualifying area must be a minimum of five (5) acres.
- 2) The qualifying area must have been devoted to the production for sale of plants or animals and/or plant or animal products useful to man.
- 3) In a hay cutting operation, the grass must be cut when ready (one, two, three times a year) and must be picked up and/or baled.  
**\*\*\* Bush-hogging, mowing or clipping only is not sufficient.**

Failure to control the growth of weeds will result in the parcel being removed from the Use Value Assessment Program.

## **STANDARDS FOR FORESTRY USE:**

- 1) The qualifying area must be a minimum of twenty (20) acres.
- 2) The qualifying area must have existent on it, and well distributed, commercially valuable trees of size and density meeting stocking requirements set by the State Land Evaluation Advisory Council.
- 3) The landowner is required to have a Forest Management Plan prepared for the qualifying area. Cutting timber without proper reforestation will result in the parcel being removed from the Use Value Assessment Program.

## **STANDARDS FOR OPEN SPACE:**

- 1) The qualifying area must be a minimum of twenty (20) acres.
- 2) The real estate must be used to provide or preserve park or recreational purposes, conservation of land or other natural resources, floodways, historic or scenic purposes, or assisting in the shaping of the character, direction, and timing of community development or for the public interest and consistent with the local land-use plan under uniform standards prescribed by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- 3) You must record a signed open space agreement approved by Prince William County. Please contact the Real Estate Assessments Office at [realestate@pwcgov.org](mailto:realestate@pwcgov.org) for additional information.