

1 properties, a municipality may deny a building permit or refuse to
2 approve a site or subdivision plan for a period of three years following
3 completion of the harvest if all or substantially all of the perimeter
4 buffer trees that should have been protected were removed from the
5 tract of land for which the permit or plan approval is sought. A
6 municipality may deny a permit or refuse to approve a site or
7 subdivision plan for a period of two years if the owner replants the
8 buffer area within 120 days of harvest with plant material that is
9 consistent with buffer areas required under the municipality's
10 ordinances.

11 **SECTION 2.** Before adopting an ordinance authorized by Section 1 of this
12 act, the governing board of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed
13 ordinance. Notice of the public hearing shall be given in accordance with G.S.
14 160A-364.

15 **SECTION 3.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit or be limited by
16 any other existing laws or ordinances.

17 **SECTION 4.** This act shall apply only to the Town of Holly Springs and to
18 property located within the Town's corporate limits and extraterritorial planning
19 jurisdiction under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004.