2. The requirement for planting of herb/shrub vegetation at (a)2 above can be satisfied by preserving equivalent wooded areas or planting an equivalent area of trees in addition to that required under (a)1 above.

#### TABLE F Tree Preservation and Planting Percentages for a Forested Site

|                            | Tree<br>Preservation | Tree Preservation and/or Planting |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Development Intensity      | Percentage           | Percentage                        |
| High development intensity |                      |                                   |
| in an urban area regior    | 1 25 percent         | 5 percent                         |
| Medium development in-     |                      |                                   |
| tensity                    | 25 percent           | 5 percent                         |
| Low development intensity  | 30 percent           | 0 percent                         |

TABLE G

Tree Planting Percentages for an Unforested Site

Tree Preservation

|                              | and/or Planting |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Development Intensity        | Percentage      |
| High development intensity   | 5 percent       |
| Medium development intensity | 20 percent      |
| Low development intensity    | 5 percent       |
|                              |                 |

Amended by R.2003 d.60, effective February 3, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 74(a), 35 N.J.R. 632(a). In (c), added 1 and 2.

## SUBCHAPTER 5B. IMPERVIOUS COVER LIMITS AND VEGETATIVE COVER PERCENTAGES IN THE CAFRA AREA

### 7:7E-5B.1 Purpose and scope

(a) This subchapter sets impervious cover limits and vegetative cover percentages for sites in the CAFRA area. For a site in the CAFRA area, impervious cover limits and vegetative cover percentages are based on the site's location in a coastal center; in a Coastal Planning Area; in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node; or on a military installation.

(b) Except as may be required by law, it is not the intent of this subchapter that the extent to which a municipality has or has not conformed its ordinances or development master plan to this subchapter be considered by any department, agency, or instrumentality of State government in:

1. Administering any State grant, loan, or any financial assistance program involving the expenditure of State funds;

2. Making any permitting decision involving infrastructure that is deemed necessary by the permitting authority to alleviate significant and imminent threats to public health and safety; or

3. Making any permitting decision involving transportation infrastructure deemed necessary by the permitting authority solely to meet the needs of existing populations or anticipated populations based on valid development approvals by all relevant entities at the time of permit application, provided the permit application meets all of the substantive requirements of this chapter.

(c) Subsection (b) above shall not be construed to limit the ability of any department, agency, or instrumentality of State government to give preferential treatment to any municipality that is certified as a Sector Permit municipality under N.J.A.C. 7:7–9.

(d) Subsection (b) above shall not be construed to:

1. Prevent the awarding of any financial assistance, grant, or loan for planning purposes;

2. Contravene the legislative intent concerning capital projects pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9S-2 et seq.;

3. Contravene the legislative intent concerning coastal planning policies pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-206; or

4. Prevent the Department from considering secondary impacts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7E–6.3.

(e) Compliance with the impervious cover limits and vegetative cover percentages of this subchapter shall not exempt any development from the Special Areas rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7E–3, the resource rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7E–8, or any other provision of this chapter.

Amended by R.2001 d.81, effective March 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 352(a), 32 N.J.R. 682(a), 33 N.J.R. 843(a).

Added designation to first paragraph, and added (b) through (e).

#### 7:7E–5B.2 Coastal Planning Areas

(a) For purposes of this subchapter and consistent with all other rules in this chapter, descriptions and policy objectives for the Coastal Planning Areas are set forth in (b) through (f) below.

(b) The Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area includes a variety of communities on the New Jersey coast. This Coastal Planning Area generally has a high population density and existing public water and sewer systems. The policy objectives for the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area are as follows:

1. Guide development and redevelopment to ensure efficient use of scarce land while capitalizing on the inherent public facility and service efficiencies of concentrated development patterns;

2. Accommodate a variety of housing choices through development and redevelopment;

3. Promote economic development by encouraging redevelopment efforts such as infill, consolidation of property, and infrastructure improvements, and by supporting tourism and related activities;

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4. Promote high-density development patterns in coastal urbanized areas to encourage the design and use of public transit and alternative modes of transportation to improve air quality, to improve travel among population and employment centers and transportation terminals, and to promote transportation systems that address the special seasonal demands of travel and tourism along the coast;

5. Encourage the reclamation of environmentally damaged sites and mitigate future negative impacts, particularly to waterfronts, beaches, scenic vistas, and habitats;

6. Promote public recreation opportunities in development and redevelopment projects, and ensure meaningful public access to coastal waterfront areas; and

7. Encourage the repair or replacement of existing infrastructure systems where necessary to ensure that existing and future development will cause minimal negative environmental impacts.

(c) The Coastal Suburban Planning Area is generally located adjacent to the more densely developed Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area, but can be distinguished by a lack of high intensity centers and by a more dispersed and fragmented pattern of development. The existing inventory of undeveloped and underdeveloped land in this Coastal Planning Area should be sufficient to accommodate much of the market demand for future growth and development in the CAFRA area. Internally oriented, mixed-use centers should be encouraged in the Coastal Suburban Planning Area. While development patterns are well established here, development intensities should be highest within CAFRA centers to concentrate development and take advantage of infrastructure efficiencies. Development in the Coastal Suburban Planning Area outside of centers should be less intense than in centers, and less intense than in the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area. Development in areas not in centers and not in or adjacent to an existing sewer service area should be less intense than in other parts of the Coastal Suburban Planning Area. The policy objectives for the Coastal Suburban Planning Area are as follows:

1. Encourage mixed-use development and redevelopment in compact centers;

2. Guide opportunities for economic development and employment in centers, and promote seasonal and yearround travel and tourism activities in the coastal resort areas;

3. Encourage links from coastal suburban areas to employment centers with public transit, and promote transportation systems that address the special seasonal demands of travel and tourism along the coast; and

4. Ensure adequate wastewater treatment capacity, and minimize off-site stormwater runoff by encouraging the use of best management practices which protect the character of natural drainage systems.

(d) The Coastal Fringe Planning Area is generally located adjacent to the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area or the Coastal Suburban Planning Area. It is a predominantly rural area that is neither prime agricultural nor environmentally sensitive land, but which supports agriculture and other resource-based activities. The Coastal Fringe Planning Area is served primarily by a rural, two-lane road network and on-site well water and wastewater systems. It generally lacks public wastewater systems except in existing centers. This Coastal Planning Area is characterized by scattered small settlements and free-standing residential and commercial developments. The policy objectives for the Coastal Fringe Planning Area are as follows: 1. Encourage development in more compact, deliberately designed community patterns to minimize land conflicts and to accommodate growth that would otherwise occur elsewhere, encourage development that does not exceed the carrying capacity of natural or built systems and that maintains or enhances the character of existing communities, and maintain existing low-density and lowintensity development patterns that do not exceed the carrying capacity of natural systems and are consistent with the existing landscape;

2. Encourage rural economic activities, such as agriculture and recreation, and guide higher intensity activities to the centers;

3. Encourage transportation systems that link centers in the Coastal Fringe Planning Area to each other and to the Coastal Metropolitan and Coastal Suburban Planning Areas; and

4. Encourage infrastructure that supports development in centers.

(e) The Coastal Rural Planning Area generally contains most of the CAFRA area's remaining prime agricultural land, as well as large contiguous tracts of forested areas and other open lands. It is interspersed with centers and with scattered commercial, industrial, and low density residential development. It is served by rural road networks and on-site wastewater and water supply systems. The Coastal Rural Planning Area also supports rural economic activities such as recreation related business. The policy objectives for the Coastal Rural Planning Area are as follows:

1. Protect and enhance the rural character and agricultural viability of the Coastal Rural Planning Area by guiding growth into centers, maintain existing low-density and low-intensity development patterns that are supporting rather than conflicting with the rural landscape, encourage creative land use techniques to minimize the impact of new development on rural features, and ensure that development does not exceed the capacity of natural and built systems;

2. Encourage a transportation network that accommodates agriculture and access to markets;

3. Encourage economic activities in centers that complement and support rural and agricultural communities and that provide diversity in the rural economy, accommodate economic activities outside of centers in ways that maintain or enhance the rural environment, have minimal impact on agricultural resources, and minimize the need for infrastructure improvements; and

4. Protect and preserve large contiguous areas of farmland and open space, and protect the critical resources and environmentally sensitive features of the coastal ecosystem, including water resources and wildlife habitat, by maintaining development outside of centers at low densities, and minimize conflicts between development, agricultural practices, resource based activities, and sensitive coastal resources.

(f) The Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Area generally has large contiguous land and water areas with critical coastal ecosystems, wildlife habitats, geological features, and other valuable coastal resources. Some of these lands have remained rural and relatively undeveloped, while others have been dominated by development for many years, such as the coastal barrier islands and spits. The barrier islands represent a major public investment in infrastructure systems that should be maintained while protecting the economic and ecological value of adjacent coastal resources. Centers on the barrier islands are almost all served by public wastewater facilities whereas centers in other environmentally sensitive areas are not often. Centers are usually linked by rural roads and separated by open spaces, or linked to the mainland by State highways crossing coastal wetlands and waterways. Areas outside of centers in the Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Area are by definition more vulnerable to disturbance from new development. Damage may include fragmentation of landscapes, degradation of aquifers and potable water supplies, habitat destruction, extinction of plant and animal species, and destruction of other irreplaceable resources that are vital to the preservation of the ecological integrity of the coastal area. The Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Area also supports recreation and tourism industries, and resource based industries such as mining and forestry. The policy objectives for the Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Area are as follows:

1. Protect environmentally sensitive features by guiding development into centers and maintaining low intensity development patterns elsewhere, carefully link the location, character and magnitude of development to the capacity of natural and built environments to support new growth, accommodate development at higher intensities in the Coastal Environmentally Sensitive Planning Area barrier island centers, compatible with development patterns in existing centers, and discourage the development of public infrastructure facilities outside of centers;

2. Encourage transportation systems that link centers and support the travel and tourism industry, recreational and natural resource-based activities, and address the special seasonal demands of travel and tourism to barrier islands;

3. Locate economic development opportunities in centers that serve the surrounding region and the travel and tourism industry and accommodate in other areas appropriate seasonal, recreational, and natural resource basedactivities that have a minimal impact on environmental resources; and

4. Protect sensitive natural resources critical to the maintenance of coastal ecosystems by maintaining large contiguous areas of undisturbed habitat, open space and undeveloped land, maintain the balance of ecological

systems and growth, and protect the areas outside of centers from the effects of development by maintaining it as open space.

New Rule, R.2001 d.81, effective March 5, 2001. See: 32 N.J.R. 352(a), 32 N.J.R. 682(a), 33 N.J.R. 843(a). Former N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.2, Boundaries for Coastal Planning Areas, CAFRA centers, CAFRA cores, and CAFRA nodes; Coastal centers, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.3.

### 7:7E–5B.3 Boundaries for Coastal Planning Areas, CAFRA centers, CAFRA cores, and CAFRA nodes; Coastal centers

(a) The boundaries of the Planning Areas, the community development boundaries of centers, and the boundaries of cores and nodes formally approved by the State Planning Commission as of August 1, 1999 are incorporated by reference into this subchapter. These boundaries are the boundaries of the Coastal Planning Areas, CAFRA centers, CAFRA Cores and CAFRA nodes and shall be operative for the purposes of applying the requirements for impervious cover and vegetative cover under N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5 and this subchapter, unless the Department, in accordance with (b) and (c) below, accepts a State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed boundary, or unless the Department, in accordance with (b) and (e) below, rejects a State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed boundary and subsequently promulgates a revised boundary.

(b) Whenever the State Planning Commission formally approves (see (h) below) any new or changed Planning Area boundary, any new or changed community development boundary, or any new or changed core or node boundary, the Department shall evaluate the new or changed boundary to determine whether it is consistent with the purposes of the Coastal Area Facility Review Act, N.J.S.A. 13:19-1 et seq., and this chapter. The Department shall not reject or reject and revise a boundary unless it finds that accepting the State Planning Commission approved boundary would result in unacceptable harm to the coastal ecosystem or the resources of the built or natural environment, or would otherwise be clearly inconsistent with the purposes of the Coastal Area Facility Review Act, N.J.S.A. 13:19-1 et seg., or this chapter. For those new or changed community development boundaries or new or changed core or node boundaries which are located within the Pinelands National Reserve, the Department shall also, in consultation with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, determine whether the boundaries are consistent with the intent, policies and objectives of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-625, section 502, creating the Pinelands National Reserve, and the State Pinelands Protection Act of 1979 (N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq.). Within 90 calendar days after the date on which the State Planning Commission formally approves such boundary, the Department shall publish in the New Jersey Register a notice of its determination to accept, reject, or reject and revise the boundary for the purposes of N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5 and this subchapter.

(c) If the Department determines under (b) above to accept the State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed Planning Area boundary, community development boundary, or core or node boundary, the accepted new or changed boundary is incorporated by reference as the boundary of the Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core and CAFRA node, and shall be operative 30 calendar days after the date of publication of the New Jersey Register notice under (b) above. A CAFRA center boundary shall supersede the boundary for a corresponding coastal center, if any, in Appendix 2 or Appendix 3, as applicable. CAFRA centers are listed for informational purposes in Appendix 4 of this chapter. As part of the New Jersey Register notice published under (b) above, the Department shall incorporate into Appendix 4 by administrative change the name of each CAFRA center for which the Department has accepted the boundary. However, in order to determine the location of a site with reference to the accepted boundaries of a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node for purposes of determining the applicable impervious cover limit, an applicant shall refer to the CAF-RA Planning Map in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5B.4(b).

(d) If the Department determines under (b) above to reject the State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed Planning Area boundary, community development boundary, or core or node boundary, the boundary incorporated by reference under (a) above shall continue to be operative, except as provided under (e) below.

(e) The Department may determine under (b) above to reject the State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed Planning Area boundary, community development boundary, or core or node boundary and to establish a revised Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAF-RA core, or CAFRA node boundary by promulgating an amendment to this chapter in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B–1 et seq. Until the Department promulgates such revised boundary, the Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node boundary under (a) above shall continue to be operative.

(f) The CAFRA Planning Map, with all Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core, and CAFRA node boundaries operative under this section for purposes of N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5 and this subchapter, is available on the Department's Geographic Information System (GIS) and may be reviewed at the Department, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, (609) 292–1143.

(g) The boundaries delineated by the Department for coastal centers, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5.2, are described in Appendices 2 and 3 of this chapter. The boundaries of the coastal centers in Appendix 2 shall expire on February 7, 2005. On and after February 7, 2005, the impervious cover limits and vegetative cover percentages for all sites in the CAFRA area, except for sites in the coastal centers in Appendix 3, shall be determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.4(c), (e) or (f).

(h) For purposes of this section, a State Planning Commission formally approved new or changed boundary is one that the State Planning Commission has amended in accordance with the New Jersey State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A–196 et seq., and the State Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 17:32.

(i) A site in the CAFRA area may include land in more than one coastal center, Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node. Where this occurs, the impervious cover limits and vegetative cover percentages appropriate to the respective coastal center, Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node portions of the site apply.

(j) Neither formal approval by the State Planning Commission of a new or changed boundary for a Planning Area, a new or changed community development boundary, or a new or changed core or node boundary, nor the incorporation by reference and acceptance or revision by the Department of such boundary as the Coastal Planning Area, CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node boundary under this section shall exempt any development from this subchapter or from any of the requirements in this chapter.

Public Notice: Atlantic Highlands Borough CAFRA center boundary acceptance.

See: 32 N.J.R. 2504(a).

Public Notice: Manasquan Borough CAFRA center boundary acceptance.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3182(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.2 and amended by R.2001 d.81, effective March 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 352(a), 32 N.J.R. 682(a), 33 N.J.R. 843(a).

In (b), added the second sentence; rewrote (c); in (g), amended the N.J.A.C. reference. Former N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.3, Impervious cover limits for a site in the CAFRA area, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.4. Public Notice: Planning area boundary acceptance or rejection. See: 33 N.J.R. 2347(a).

#### **Case Notes**

Procedures of Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for reviewing and incorporating new or changed boundaries established by State Planning Commission did not amount to rule-making and were not subject to notice and comment requirements of Administrative Procedures Act (APA). In the Matter of the Protest of Coastal Permit Program Rules, 807 A.2d 198, 354 N.J.Super. 293.

# 7:7E–5B.4 Impervious cover limits for a site in the CAFRA area

(a) The impervious cover limit for a site in the CAFRA Area shall be determined as follows:

1. If a site is located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, the impervious cover limit is determined under (c) below. Note that the impervious cover limit for such a site is calculated based on the acreage of the total land area on the site, as opposed to the acreage of the net land area on the site;

2. If a site is not located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node but is located in the Coastal

Metropolitan Planning Area or in a coastal center, the impervious cover limit is determined under (d) below;

3. If a site is not located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, and is not located in the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area or in a coastal center, the impervious cover limit is determined under (e) below; and

4. If a site is located on a military installation, the impervious cover limit is determined under (f) below.

(b) To determine the location of a site for the purposes of determining the applicable impervious cover limit:

1. Determine if the site is located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node by referring to the CAF-RA Planning Map;

2. If the site is not located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, determine if the site is located in a coastal center by referring to Appendix 2 and 3;

3. If the site is not located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, and is not located in a coastal center, determine the Coastal Planning Area in which the site is located by referring to the CAFRA Planning Map; and

4. If the site is located on a military installation, see (f) below.

(c) If a site is located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, the impervious cover limit is the limit at (c)1, 2 or 3 below, whichever is higher:

1. The acreage of the total land area on the site as determined under N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5.3(d)1, multiplied by the impervious cover percentage in Table H below for the type of CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node in which the site is located;

2. For a site located in the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area, the acreage of the net land area on the site as determined under N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5.3(d), multiplied by the impervious cover percentage in Table H below for the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area; or

3. The amount of legal, existing impervious cover located on the site, as determined under (g) below.

(d) If a site is located in the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area or in a coastal center, the impervious cover limit is the limit at (d)1 or 2 below, whichever is higher:

1. The acreage of the net land area on the site as determined under N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5.3(d), multiplied by the impervious cover percentage in Table H below for the type of coastal center in which the site is located; or

2. The amount of legal, existing impervious cover located on the site, as determined under (g) below.

(e) If the site is not located in a CAFRA center, CAFRA core, or CAFRA node, is not located in the Coastal Metropolitan Planning Area, and is not located in a coastal center, the impervious cover limit is the limit at (e)1, 2, or 3 below, whichever is higher:

1. The acreage of the net land area on the site as determined under N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5.3(d), multiplied by the impervious cover percentage in Table H below for the Coastal Planning Area in which the site is located; or

2. The acreage covered by buildings and/or asphalt or concrete pavement legally existing on the site at the time the application is submitted to the Department, excluding any buildings, asphalt and/or concrete paving placed on a site in accordance with (e)3 below; or

3. For a marina support facility at a legally existing and operating commercial marina including a marina operated by a public agency, commission or authority, the limit at (e)1 or 2 above or the amount of legal existing impervious cover located on the site, as determined under (g) below, provided the marina support facility is placed on existing legal impervious cover, whichever is higher. For the purposes of this subsection, marina support facilities are boat rack systems, facilities for sewage treatment and marina support buildings. Marina support buildings include, but are not limited to, showrooms, sheds, restrooms, and buildings for marine supplies, bait and tackle, boat sales, dock masters office(s), and boat repair, maintenance and manufacturing.

(f) If a site is located on a military installation, the impervious cover limit is the limit at (f)1 or 2 below, whichever is higher:

1. The acreage of the net land area on the site as determined under N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5.3(d), multiplied by the impervious cover percentage in Table H below for a military installation; or

2. The amount of legal, existing impervious cover located on the site, as determined under (g) below.

(g) For the purposes of determining impervious cover limits under (c) 3, (d)2, (e)3, and (f)2 above, the amount of existing impervious cover is the highest of the following, provided the impervious cover was legally placed on the site:

1. The amount of impervious cover located on the site at the time the application is submitted to the Department;

2. The amount of impervious cover that appears on the applicable 95–97 imagery; or

3. The amount of impervious cover that was placed under the authority of a coastal permit and after the date the photography was performed for the imagery in  $(g)^2$ above.

| TABLE H                                      |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Percentages For Calculating Impervious Cover |  |  |  |
| Limits Under N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5B.4              |  |  |  |

| Site Location                  | Impervious Cover Percentage |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CAFRA Urban center             | 90 percent                  |
| CAFRA regional center          | 80 percent                  |
| Coastal regional center        | -                           |
| CAFRA core                     |                             |
| CAFRA node                     |                             |
| CAFRA town                     | 70 percent                  |
| Coastal town                   |                             |
| Military installation          |                             |
| CAFRA village                  | 60 percent                  |
| Coastal village                |                             |
| CAFRA hamlet                   | 50 percent                  |
| Coastal hamlet                 |                             |
| Coastal Metropolitan Planning  |                             |
| Area                           | 80 percent                  |
| Coastal Suburban Planning      |                             |
| Area, within a sewer service   |                             |
| area*                          | 30 percent                  |
| Coastal Suburban Planning      |                             |
| Area, outside a Sewer service  |                             |
| area*                          | 5 percent                   |
| Coastal Fringe Planning Area   | 5 percent                   |
| Coastal Rural Planning Area    | 3 percent                   |
| Coastal Environmentally Sensi- |                             |
| tive Planning Area             | 3 percent                   |

\* "Sewer service area," for the purpose of this section, means the "sewer service area" as described at N.J.A.C. 7:15–5.16(a) and 5.18(c)4 and (c)5, and identified in a wastewater management plan in accordance with the Water Quality Management Planning rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15–5 and/or in an areawide water quality management plan in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15–3. Wastewater management plans and areawide water quality management plans may be reviewed at the Department's Division of Watershed Management, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey; 609–984–0058.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.3 and amended by R.2001 d.81, effective March 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 352(a), 32 N.J.R. 682(a), 33 N.J.R. 843(a).

In Table H, amended the N.J.A.C. reference in the title. Former N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.4, Vegetative cover percentages for a site in the CAFRA area, recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:7E–5B.5.

Petition for Rulemaking.

"(c)2" and inserted "(e)3".

See: 33 N.J.R. 1210(b), 33 N.J.R. 1475(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.60, effective February 3, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 74(a), 35 N.J.R. 632(a). In (a)3, deleted "based on the Coastal Planning Area in which the site is located"; rewrote (c) and (e); in (g), substituted "(c)3" for

#### **Case Notes**

Numeric limitations on impervious cover established by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in connection with subchapters of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) rules pertaining to development intensity were supported by ample evidence. In the Matter of the Protest of Coastal Permit Program Rules, 807 A.2d 198, 354 N.J.Super. 293.

## 7:7E–5B.5 Vegetative cover percentages for a site in the CAFRA area

(a) The area (in acres) on a site in the CAFRA area in which trees and/or herb/shrub vegetation shall be planted or preserved is calculated as follows: