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AGENDA

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION October 5, 2020, 7:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

MINUTES

1. August 31, 2020 Planning Commission regular meeting minutes *

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

 Solid Waste Management & Recycling Plan Amendment [SW-20-001] Proposed text amendment for "Office Building Recycling Plans"; Planner: Jill Baker

NEW BUSINESS

FOREST CONSERVATION

- 1. <u>Jone L. Bowman Subdivision</u> [S-20-025] Request to move 1.44 acre forest easement off-site; Property located at 11107, 11111, and 11115 Hopewell Road; Zoning: RT (Residential Transition); Planner: Travis Allen
- 2. <u>Soil Conservation Easement Candidates</u> Request to use funds from the Forest Conservation Fund to purchase easements on various properties

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. 17165 Black Stallion Lane Request for a change of use from an assisted living facility to a proposed transitional or shelter care facility located at 17165 Black Stallion Lane; Zoning: A(R) with RB floating zone
- 2. Update of Staff Approvals Ashley Holloway

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Monday, November 2, 2020 – Washington County Planning Commission regular meeting

*attachments

The Planning Commission reserves the right to vary the order in which the cases are called. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact the Washington County Planning Department at 240-313-2430 to make arrangements no later than 10 working days prior to the meeting. Notice is given that the Planning Commission agenda may be amended at any time up to and including the Planning Commission meeting.

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SW-20-001 September 2020

WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT AND ANALYSIS

Chapter 5 - Section 5.1.8

Proposal: Application is being made to amend the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan to include an Office Building Recycling Plan in accordance with new legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2019.

Purpose: The purpose of these amendments is to establish a plan that requires office building owners to be responsible for fulfilling recycling requirements throughout their buildings. This plan will apply to office building located in the County that contain 150,000 square feet or greater of office space.

Proposed Amendments:

5.1.8.1 Office Building Recycling Plan

Collection and Marketing

In accordance with Section 9-1714 of the Environment Article of the Annotate Code of Maryland passed in 2019 by the Maryland State Legislature, office building owners will be responsible for providing all containers necessary to fulfill recycling requirements throughout their buildings that have 150,000 square feet or greater of office space, as well as determining the collection schedule directly with the collection contractor. Each owner of the participating office building must provide by October 1, 2021 recycling receptacles for the collection of paper and cardboard, metals, and plastic materials and for the removal for further recycling of recyclable materials deposited into the recycling receptacles. Distinctive colors and/ or markings of recycling containers should be provided to avoid cross contamination. Office building owners must ensure collection and transportation of recyclable materials from office building locations to markets or tipping as commercial recycling at a processing and transfer station at the prevailing tipping fee rate. Owners and/or tenants will be responsible for placing recyclables in building recycling bins prior to their removal on the scheduled pick up day.

Stakeholders

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Stakeholders include the owners and tenants of applicable office buildings, and Washington County, Maryland.

Required Participants

At the time of the implementation of this requirement, the following properties were identified through SDAT records that met the 150,000 square-foot or greater area of office space:

- Citibank Complex; 14625 Citicorp Drive, Hagerstown; approx. 441,000 sq. ft.
- First Data; 1 Western Maryland Parkway, Hagerstown; approx. 248,000 sq. ft.
- Robinwood Medical Campus; 11110 Medical Campus Road, Hagerstown; approx. 294,000 sq. ft.

Schedule of Implementation

By October 1, 2021:

- Washington County will post literature about the office building recycling program on the County webpage. Office building owners will begin to educate workers/tenants (as applicable) about the program and the requirements of the law.
- Office building owners will coordinate with tenants (as applicable) to reach agreement
 as to which entity will be responsible for carrying out the office building recycling
 program.
- Office building owners will provide recycling receptacles for the collections of recyclable materials.
- On or before October 1, 2021, office building owners meeting the required participant level, must have recycling services in place and operational in order to meet the requirements of the office building recycling program. Owners of all size office buildings are encouraged to voluntarily participate in this recycling effort.

Program Monitoring:

Monitoring of recyclable materials bins will be carried out by office building owners and/or tenants.

Washington County may require the office building owner and/or tenant to report to the County metrics associated with the office building recycling program.

Enforcement:

The County is not required to manage or enforce the recycling activities of an office building located within the boundaries of one if its municipalities; however, an enforcement agent of the County or municipality may conduct inspections in order to enforce this program.

The Department of Solid Waste and Recycling will notify the office building owners of the implementation requirements in accordance with Sections 9-1703 and 9-1714 of the Environment

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Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The County Attorney's Office will determine if a County should enforce the law and what level of enforcement actions should be used.

Analysis: In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 370, Environmental-Recycling – Office Buildings requiring all office buildings that have 150,000 square feet or greater of office space provide separate collection of recyclable materials by October 1, 2021. The law became effective on October 1, 2019 amends Sections 9-1703 and 9-1714 of the Environmental Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Section 9-1703 (b) (15) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland requires Washington County to revise its recycling plan within the Solid Waste Management Plan by October 1, 2020.

There are currently three (3) properties that have been identified through State Department of Tax Assessment records as having office space greater than 150,000 square feet. They included the Citibank Complex located at 14625 Citicorp Drive, First Data located at 1 Western Maryland Parkway, and Robinwood Medical Campus located at 11110 Medical Campus Road. It will be the responsibility of these building owners to coordinate with tenants on the implementation of the recycling program. Monitoring of the programs will be carried out by the building owners/tenants and may be required to report their recycling metrics to the County.

The proposed amendments have been reviewed by Maryland Department of the Environment and have been found to be consistent with the requirements of the Environmental Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Staff Recommendation: Based upon feedback and comments from other government agencies, developers, property owners, and the general public, Staff recommends approval of these amendments in order to provide consistent implementation of our land use policies and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill L. Baker Director



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Washington County Planning Commission

FROM: Travis Allen, Comprehensive Planner

DATE: September 21, 2020

RE: Jone L. Bowman Forest Conservation Easement Relocation Request (S-20-025)

Attached you will find documentation for a request to relocate a 1.44-acre forest easement from its current location at 11107, 11111 and 11115 Hopewell Road. Enclosed for your review are two documents in support of the applicant's request. These include copies of the revised subdivision plat (S-20-025), which shows the requested removal of the existing forest easement at the Hopewell Road properties and the intended offsite location where the owner has proposed to relocate the easement onto land that he owns near Porters Lane and Exline Road; and a justification letter from Qualified Professional Shannon Stotler.

Article 10.1 of the Washington County Forest Conservation Ordinance (FCO) describes the Preferred Sequence of Techniques for Mitigation for forest conservation plans. This list describes a hierarchy of of techniques ranging from onsite retention and planting to payment of fee in lieu. The overall intent of the FCO is to preserve or create as much forest onsite as is feasible within the constraints of each development project before meeting mitigation obligations offsite.

For easement relocation requests, the owner/developer must demonstrate why the current plan cannot be feasibly completed and why other forest mitigation techniques higher in the Article 10.1 Sequence are not suitable for this project. Forest easements are intended to be permanent in the location that they were originally established unless special circumstances require reevaluation.

If you have questions or comments regarding this request, please contact me using the information provided below.

Travis Allen Comprehensive Planner tallen@washco-md.net

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September 9, 2020

Washington County Planning Commission

RE: Jone L Bowman- Replat of lots 2-4 & Parcel B, S-20-025

Our client, Donald M Bowman Trustee, has submitted a replat of subdivision to remove the existing Forest Conservation Easement that has reserved a 75 foot strip of land along the back property lines of 3 residential lots that was originally intended to be planted with trees which would eventually create a forest as described by the ordinance. To mitigate the forest conservation requirement the applicant is proposing to place a Forest Conservation Easement over existing mature forest lands he owns further west in Washington County at a 2:1 ratio or 2.86 acres.

In order to proceed with the re-plat, the Planning Commission, as stated in Section 10.1.C of the Washington County Forest Conservation Ordinance, must approve the alternate sequence in priority regarding mitigation.

As a qualified professional in the State of Maryland I would much rather see large tracts of existing forest be protected in the form of easements rather than much smaller areas of potential forest being created, specifically on residential lots. Protecting large stands of existing forest has a continuing positive effect on storm water management, water quality, wildlife and passive recreation. Small scale afforestation has a limited impact on any of the positive attributes mentioned above in comparison to an existing mature forest.

Beyond the items mentioned above, a brief field visit revealed the area designated to be planted is littered with many existing invasive species that would make a successful planting difficult.

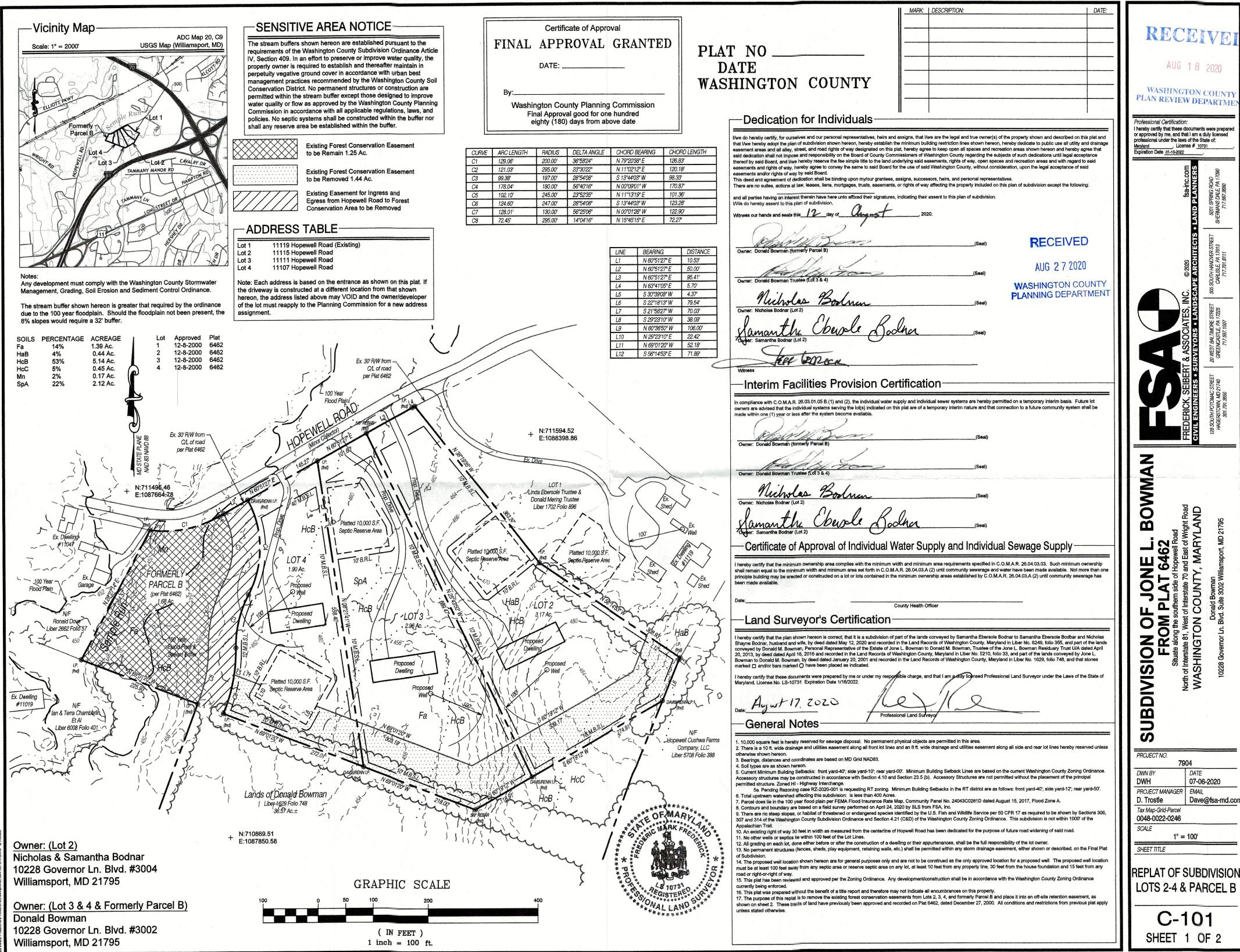
The applicant has the existing forest to use and would not have to go out and plant, post bonds and maintain the area for two years. The lots can be sold without the concern that homeowners will begin to maintain the area as a lawn.

Please consider these items and allow the applicant move forward with relocating the forest easement in a much more suitable area.

Regards,

Shannon Stotler.

Qualified Professional



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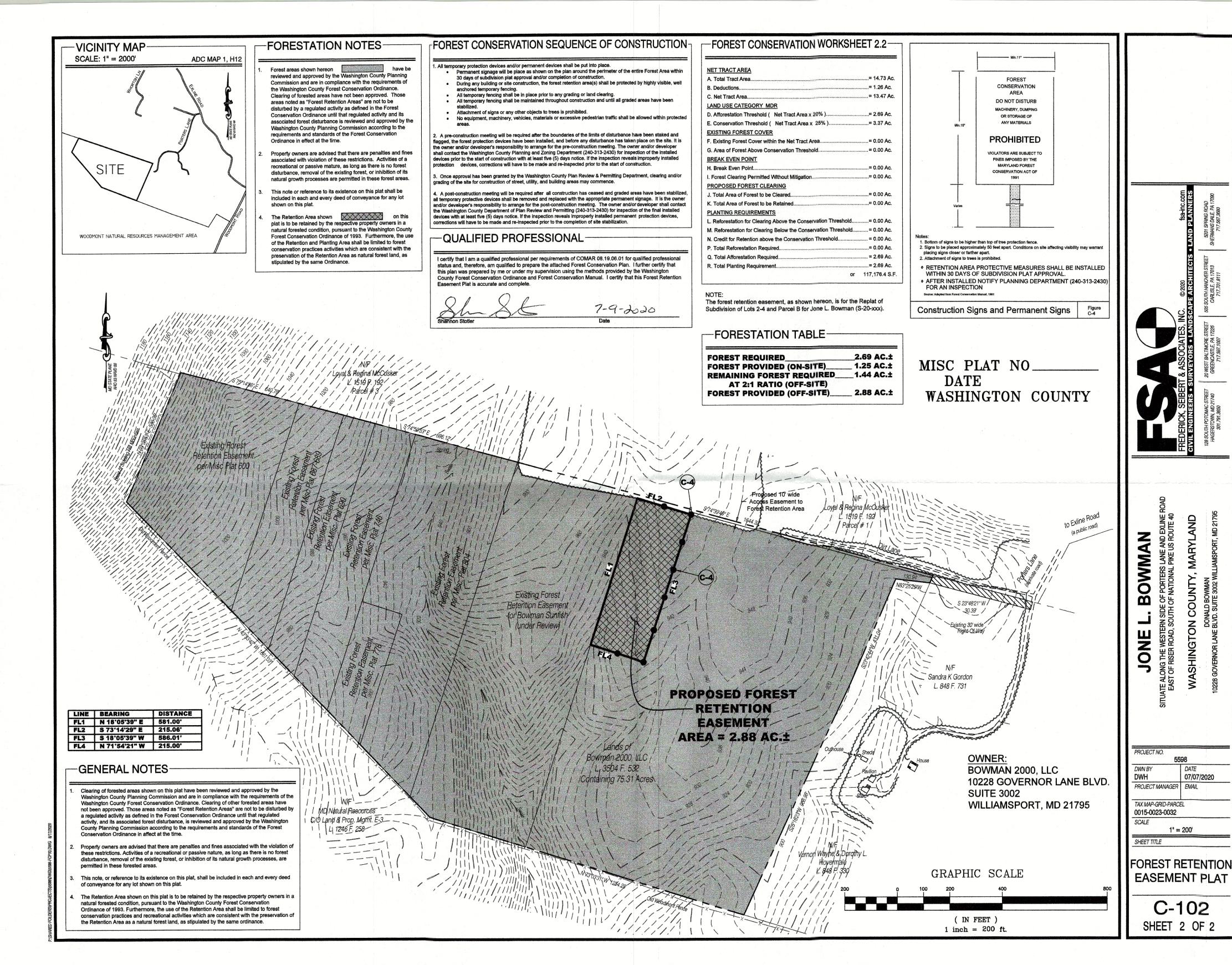
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07-06-2020 PROJECT MANAGER EMAIL Dave@fsa-md.con

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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TO:

Jill Baker, Director

Travis Allen, Comprehensive Planner Department of Planning and Zoning

FROM:

Elmer D. Weibley, CPESC, District Manager

Dee Price, CESSWI, Urban Program Director

DATE:

August 20, 2020

SUBJECT:

FCA Candidates

We have attached information regarding three landowners, who have expressed interest in moving forward with creating a Forest Conservation Easement, on the properties. All the sites were evaluated and scored using the adopted ranking criteria.

We have provided the information below for each site, as well as, a summary spreadsheet with our cost estimates and ranking scores:

- 1. Map of subject property
- 2. Descriptive paragraph for each property prepared by the DNR County Forester, Aaron Cook
- 3. Project Ranking Sheet
- 4. Real Property Data Search

We look forward to presenting these candidates for consideration at the September Planning Commission Meeting and will be happy to answer any questions and provide any further information at that time.

Please contact our office at 301-797-6821, Ext. 3 if you have any questions.

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PROJECT/LANOWNER NAME	PLANTING ACRES	EXISTING FOREST ACRES	COST ESTIMATE	RANKING SCORE
Dirk and Nancy DeVault	0	20.73	\$53,452	60
Gary and Brenda Beachley	0	9.6	\$26,240	55
Jeffery and Susan Lescaleett	0	40.44	\$102,156	49
Total Funds Required			\$181,848	
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Total Acres Protected*		70.77		
* Cost per Acre protected=\$2,698/ac-\$.06/sqft				
Total Funding Request			\$190,948	
Forest Conservation Fund Balance Less Encumbered Funds as of8/5/20			\$375,470	
Forest Conservation Fund balance after project completion			\$184,522	

Dirk & Nancy DeVault Forest Conservation Easement

16315 & 16323 Shinham Road Hagerstown, MD 21740 MPV: 22-13-010-250 20.73 ac.







Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary

Landowner: Devault, Shinham Road Tract

Prepared by: Aaron Cook, Forester

The potential easement area encompasses an undetermined acreage of existing forest areas on the property, primarily along the floodplain and adjacent slopes overlooking Tom's Run, which flows through the center of the tract. This parcel (map 9, parcel 122, 26.96 acres in size) occupies rolling to steep topography along nearly 1,320 linear feet of Tom's Run and several tributaries. As such, much of the property occurs along a major stream terrace to Conococheague Creek and is highly dissected by Toms Run and its ephemeral tributaries, flowing southwest through the property before joining the Conococheague to the south. Almost all of the property was historically utilized for agricultural purposes, remaining relatively open until mid-1970s when intensive agricultural practices were abandoned. Following cessation of these agricultural uses, the current early successional forest dominated by a mixture of black cherry, black locust, black walnut, mulberry and ash began to reclaim the open fields; along with invasive autumn-olive and multiflora rose. The areas immediately adjacent to the ephemeral drainages and Toms Run have been lightly wooded for some time, allowing an older mixed oak-hardwood forest type dominated by northern red oak, black oak, shagbark hickory, and American sycamore to establish. Access is limited given the nature of the terrain and dense nature of the understory, portions of the site north of Tom's Run are landlocked, but accessible by foot.



WASHINGTON COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE PAYMENT IN LIEU PROGRAM EXISTING FOREST PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA

PROJECT NAME

DIRK & NANCY DEVAULT

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROGRAM INCLUSION, THE EXISTING FOREST MUST MEET THE DEFINITION OF "FOREST" CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

	Ranking Factor	Description	Maximum Total Points	Score	Notes
1	Adjacent to perennial or intermittent stream	Perennial stream (10 pts.), Intermittent (5 pts.), No stream (0 pts.)	10	10	
2	Connects forest "Islands" creating forested corridors	Forested corridor is at least 300' wide (10 pts.), 200' wide (5 pts.), does not create corridor (0 pts.)	10	0	
3	Adjacent to critical habitat	Adjacent to Class III Trout Waters with natural populations of trout (10 pts.), within Class III watershed (5 pts), wetlands (3 pts.), No critical habitats (0 pts.)	10	0	
4	Contiguous forest cover	Easement will increase forest to 100 acre block (5pts.), 50 acres(3 pts.), will not adjoin existing forest (0 pts.)	5	0	
5	100 year floodplain	Easement will cover 100% of 100 year forested floodplain (5 pts.), 50% (3 pts.), 0% (0 pts.)	5	5	Easement will protect 100% of the flood plain on the property.
6	Site access	Easily accessible , maintenance and long term monitoring, (10 pts)	10	10	
7	Site conditions, including control of non-native/invasive plant species	Adequately stocked forest of predominately native tree and shrub species of good health and vigor(10 pts.,) over or under stocked forest with no greater than 20% nonnative/invasive species and landowner has demonstrated commitment to control (5 pts.), requires extensive invasive control (0 pts.)	10	10	
8	Total existing forest area	> 5 acres (10 pts.), 2-5 acres (5 pts.), < 2 acres (1 pt.)	10	10	
	Watershed location	Located in Antietam or Conococheague watershed (10 pts.)	10	10	
9	Sensitive species Identified	Sensitive species area Identified for site and no adverse effects from project (5pts.), no sensitive species area Identified for site, (0pts.)	5	5	***
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*** Forest Interior Dwelling Sensitive Species

^{***} DNR Biodiveristy Conservation Network Tier 5 - Significant for Biodiversity Conservation

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Gary & Brenda Beachley Forest Conservation Easement Lots 1 & 2

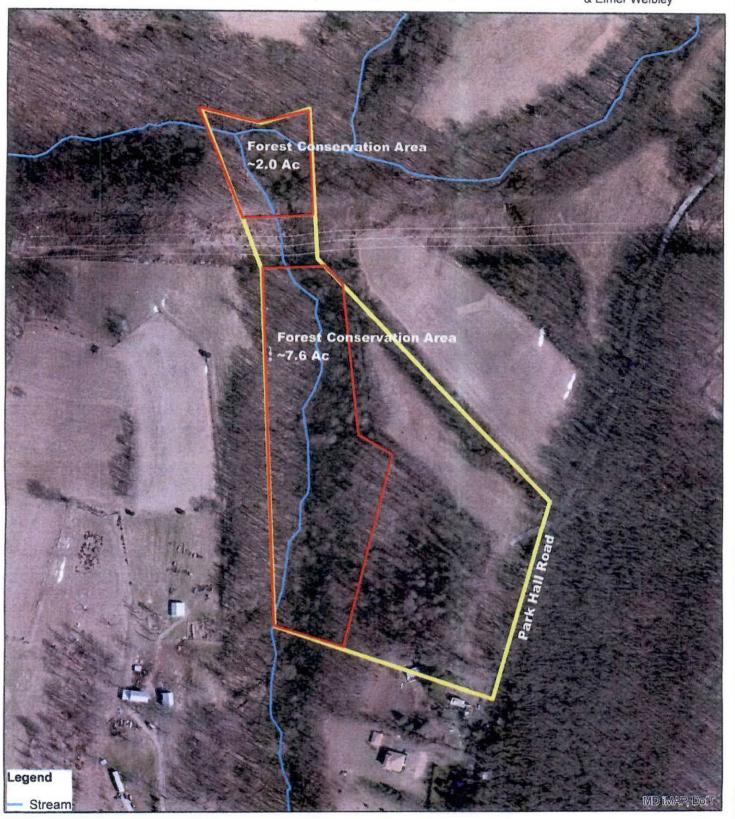
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Approximate Acres: 19.16

Field Office: WASHINGTON COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
Assisted By: Ginger Noble

Legal Description: MPV: 22-08-017514 (12.69 Ac, Lot 1), -012199 (6.47 Ac, Lot 2)

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Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary

Landonwer: Beachley, Park Hall Road Tract

Prepared by: Aaron Cook, Forester

The potential easement area is located on the west slope of South Mountain and encompasses an undetermined acreage of existing forest areas on the property, primarily along the floodplain and adjacent steep slopes overlooking the Dog Creek and an unnamed tributary, which meets Dog Creek in the northwest corner of the site. This parcel (map 78, parcel 77, lots 1 & 2, 12.69 and 6.47 acres in size, respectively) occupies a mosaic of open meadow, utility right-of-way, and mixed oak-hardwood forest. The forest composition is defined by a combination of thin, rocky soil, aspect, and past harvests. Areas with northern aspects and along the floodplain of Dog Creek and its tributary are dominated by an uneven aged mixture of small sawtimber sized yellow-poplar and mixed oak. The understory in these areas in more uniform woody shrub layer of witch-hazel and spicebush. Portions of the western facing aspects were commercially harvested in the mid-2000s, resulting in a residual forest of scattered sawtimber sized chestnut oak and a younger, densely stocked, midstory of regenerated poletimber sized yellow-poplar and red maple. Areas not incorporated into the past harvest are adequately stocked with a mixed oak overstory and sparse ericaeous understory with thickets of chestnut oak seedlings.



WASHINGTON COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE PAYMENT IN LIEU PROGRAM EXISTING FOREST PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA

PROJECT NAME

GARY & BRENDA BEACHLEY (PARK HALL ROAD TRACT)

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*** Forest Interior Dwelling Sensitive Species

^{***} DNR Biodiveristy Conservation Network Tier 5 - Significant for Biodiversity Conservation

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JEFFERY & SUSAN LESCALLEET Forest Conservation Easement 40.44 ac.

10701 Shanktown Road Big Pool, MD 21711 MPV: 22-15-005-831





Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary

Landowner: Lescalleet

Prepared by: Aaron Cook, Forester

The potential easement area encompasses an undetermined acreage of existing forest areas on the property. This parcel (map 45, parcel 173, 46.44 acres in size) occupies rolling to steep topography as much of the property occurs along a major stream terrace to the Potomac River and is highly dissected by several ephemeral tributaries, flowing south through the property before joining the Potomac to the south. A small area of the property was historically utilized for agricultural purposes, remaining relatively open until mid-1970s when intensive agricultural practices were abandoned. Following cessation of these agricultural uses, the current early successional forest dominated by a mixture of black cherry, black locust, black walnut, Virginia pine, and ash began to reclaim the open fields; along with invasive autumn-olive and multiflora rose. The remaining areas are composed of older mixed oak forest. This forest was selectively logged in 2020, the harvest left a desirable mixture of saw and poletimber size white oak and mixed oak, while creating enough disturbance to allow oak regeneration an opportunity to establish in the future.



WASHINGTON COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE PAYMENT IN LIEU PROGRAM EXISTING FOREST PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA

PROJECT NAME

JEFFERY & SUSAN LESCALLEET

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROGRAM INCLUSION, THE EXISTING FOREST MUST MEET THE DEFINITION OF "FOREST" CONTAINED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

	Ranking Factor	Description	Maximum Total Points	Score	Notes
1	Adjacent to perennial or intermittent stream	Perennial stream (10 pts.), Intermittent (5 pts.), No stream (0 pts.)	10	10	
2	Connects forest "Islands" creating forested corridors	Forested corridor is at least 300' wide (10 pts.), 200' wide (5 pts.), does not create corridor (0 pts.)	10	0	
3	Adjacent to critical habitat	Adjacent to Class III Trout Waters with natural populations of trout (10 pts.), within Class III watershed (5 pts), wetlands (3 pts.), No critical habitats (0 pts.)	10	0	
4	Contiguous forest cover	Easement will increase forest to 100 acre block (5pts.), 50 acres(3 pts.), will not adjoin existing forest (0 pts.)	5	4	Adjoins the Beachley tract to create a 70 acre forest easement block.
5	100 year floodplain	Easement will cover 100% of 100 year forested floodplain (5 pts.), 50% (3 pts.), 0% (0 pts.)	5	0	
6	Site access	Easily accessible , maintenance and long term monitoring, (10 pts)	10	10	
7	Site conditions, including control of non-native/invasive plant species	Adequately stocked forest of predominately native tree and shrub species of good health and vigor(10 pts.,) over or under stocked forest with no greater than 20% nonnative/invasive species and landowner has demonstrated commitment to control (5 pts.), requires extensive invasive control (0 pts.)	10	10	
8	Total existing forest area	> 5 acres (10 pts.), 2-5 acres (5 pts.), < 2 acres (1 pt.)	10	10	
	Watershed location	Located in Antietam or Conococheague watershed (10 pts.)	10	0	
9	Sensitive species Identified	Sensitive species area Identified for site and no adverse effects from project (5pts.), no sensitive species area Identified for site, (0pts.)	5	5	***
		TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	85	49	

*** Forest Interior Dwelling Sensitive Species

^{***} DNR Biodiveristy Conservation Network Tier 4 - Moderately Significant for Biodiversity Conservation Targeted Ecological Area

Real Property Data Search (w1)

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^{1.} This screen allows you to search the Real Property database and display property records.



BRITT G. RIFE Writer's E-Mail: Rife@CouncilBaradel.com Writer's Telephone Extension: 3451

September 17, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ashley R. Holloway Director of Plan Review & Permitting/Zoning Administrator 80 W. Baltimore Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Re: 17165 Black Stallion Lane, Hagerstown (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Holloway,

As I indicated in my letter of August 19, I represent and am contacting you on behalf of the contract purchaser ("Purchaser") of the captioned Property. In that letter, I had requested that you determine whether a change in the use of the property from an elderly assisted living center to residential addiction treatment, counseling and support center would require further approval of County authorities. You responded that the Property's use would need to be recategorized from that of an Assisted Living Facility to a Transitional or Sheltered Care Facility, and thus would require a Planning Commission hearing.

Accordingly, please allow this letter to serve as Purchaser's formal request for a hearing on this matter at the Planning Commission's October 5 meeting.

As stated in my earlier letter, Purchaser's prospective tenant, Hilda's Place, is interested in operating at the Property a facility that would provide addiction and other psychological counseling and support services in a residential setting.

Hilda's Place ("Tenant"), a non-profit organization, is interested in the Property precisely because the Property formerly hosted an elderly assisted care facility (Clearview Nursing Home), which can be converted to an addiction treatment facility with very little effort. This is, of course, because the operations are so similar. Like Clearview, Tenant will be providing living quarters and group meals to those in its care. Tenant will have the same need of the resident rooms, kitchen and toilet facilities that Clearview utilized. The only practical difference

between the operations of Clearview and Hilda's Place has to do with the needs of the care recipients.

Ordinarily, it seems that the Planning Commission would review the existing site plan for a property that is subject to a change in use in an RB Zone. In this case, it happens that no site plan is currently on file with the County, given that the original structures have been in place since 1964, prior to the RB Zone designation and various site plan requirements. Nevertheless, I have enclosed a survey of property from 1994, together with a recent aerial photograph, each of which reflects the current configuration of the Property. Owing to the similarity of the previous use of the Property and Tenant's proposed use, Tenant has no need to reconfigure the Property. Its building, its parking area and its vehicular entrances will undergo no change. For all purposes, the exterior, physical attributes of the Property will remain as they are.

From the perspective of County residents, the only change will be the community that is served at the Property. As we are all aware, the recent opioid crisis has taken a dramatic toll upon public health and public order and has severely tested County resources. Tenant's mission is to ameliorate the troubling effects of this crisis. Indeed, the County Health Department recognizes the potential contribution Tenant can make in public efforts to combat this scourge. It has endorsed Tenant's operations at the Property, as evidenced by the enclosed letter. Tenant plans to conduct its services under a public-private partnership, with oversight from public health agencies.

For all the promise that Tenant's operations hold, they create no imposition upon the surrounding neighborhood. Tenant's operations do not involve intensive medical treatments, such as detoxification or the administration of methadone or similar drugs. The residents are simply in need of counseling, encouragement and a place to recuperate. It is not at all unlike what was offered the residents of Clearview.

Nor would Tenant's operations increase traffic to the Property. Like Clearview, Hilda's Place is a *residential* treatment facility with 24-hour care and supervision. Services are not conducted by hourly appointment. Rather, they are provided throughout the day to those who reside at the Property. Indeed, given the nature of Tenant's operations, there will likely be less traffic at the Property, given that the residents will have fewer visitors.

As you are aware, Section 5.E.7 of the Zoning Ordinance provides that the Planning Commission shall determine "whether or not there has been a significant change in the use and intensity of the property that could result in the need for a new public hearing to approve the changed use." In light of the foregoing, we believe that it is evident that the proposed change in use does not represent a "significant change". Rather, the change is merely one of zoning categories. Tenant's proposed use and the Clearview's former use are functionally similar, given

that no physical reconfiguration of the site, no increase in traffic and no fundamental difference in operations will attend the change in use.

I look forward to your response. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I remain

Very truly yours,

Britt G. Rife



WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

925 N Burhans Blvd.,• Hagerstown, MD 21742 240-313-3310

http://washcohealth.org

September 11, 2020

Theresa Thomas MS, CAC Hilda's Place Behavioral Health Org

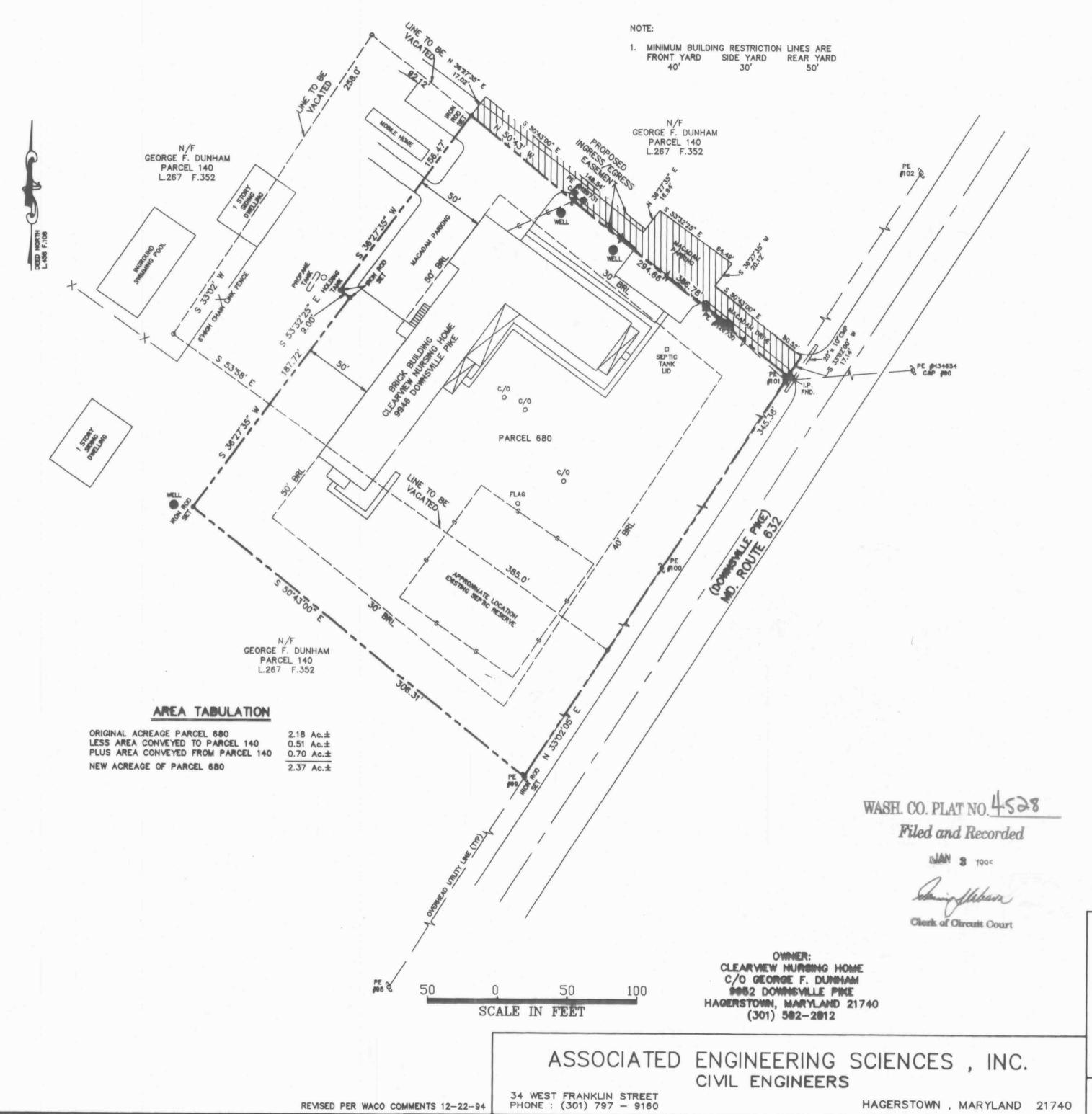
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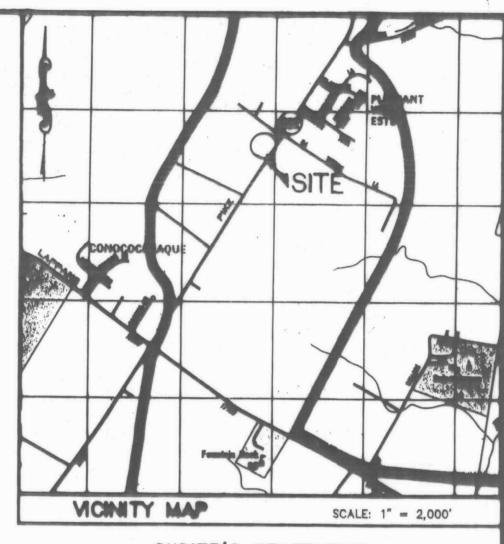
This letter serves as a letter of support of Hilda's Place establishing a Level 3.1 Residential-Low Intensity Program for Adults in Washington County, Maryland, which will be located at 17165 Black Stallion Lane, Hagerstown, Maryland. Continued expansion of substance use disorder services is critical to the health of our community. As the Local Addiction Authority, I look forward to working with you on this project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional support.

Sincerely,

Victoria E. Sterling, LCSW-C Director of Behavioral Health Local Addiction Authority





OWNER'S STATEMENT

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR APPROVAL OF THE INDICATED TRANSFER OF LAND FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF PROPERTY LINES AND NOT FOR DEVELOPMENT. ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LAND WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE REGULAR MANNER FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE.

OWNERS:

APPROVAL GRANTED

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (CHAIRMAN)

APPROVED AS A SUBDIVISION OF LAND NOT FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE FOREGOING OWNER'S STATEMENT BE A PART OF THE DEED OF CONVEYANCE.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLAN SHOWN HEREON IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF; THAT IT IS A SUBDIVISION OF THE LANDS CONVEYED BY GEORGE F. DUNHAM TO CLEARVIEW NURSING HOME, INC., A MARYLAND CORPORATION BY DEED DATED JULT 17, 1967, AND RECORDED IN THE LAND RECORDS OF WASHINGTON





SIMPLIFIED PLAT of SUBDIVISION CLEARVIEW NURSING HOME

TAX MAP: 56, PARCEL 680 ELECTION DISTRICT: 2 ZONED: A JOB NO. 4075 SCALE SHEET NO. 1' = 50'11-28-94 CHECKED BY 1 OF 1

