

PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

I, or we, Trustees of St. Charles College, legal owner... of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from an D.R. 5.5 zone to an D.R. 16 zone; and (2) for the following reasons:

SEE ATTACHED BRIEF, PLATS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

See attached description

and (3) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property, for...

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification, and/or Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Baltimore County, this 10th day of September, 1976, at 10:30 o'clock

County, on the 11th day of September, 1976, at 10:30 o'clock

William S. Baldwin
Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

(over)

MANDATE

Court of Special Appeals of Maryland

No. 63, September Term, 1976

Trustees of St. Charles College

v.

Carl E. Boettcher et al.

Appeal from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Filed: March 17, 1976

November 12, 1976: Request to Dismiss Appeal filed by counsel for the appellant.

November 16, 1976: Appeal dismissed.

STATEMENT OF COSTS:

In Circuit Court:

Record 25.00
Stenographer's Costs

In Court of Special Appeals:

Filing Record on Appeal 20.00
Printing Brief for Appellant 0
Reply Brief 0
Portion of Record Extract - Appellant 0
Printing Brief for Cross-Appellant 0

Printing Brief for Appelles 0
Portion of Record Extract - Appellee 0
Printing Brief for Cross-Appellant 0

STATE OF MARYLAND, Set:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is truly taken from the records and proceedings of the said Court of Special Appeals.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affixed the seal of the Court of Special Appeals, this sixteenth day of November, A.D. 1976.

Julius A. Amaro
Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

Costs shown on this Mandate are to be settled between counsel and NOT THROUGH THIS OFFICE.

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and D.R. 16 NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Williams Avenue
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
1st District
Trustees of St. Charles College Petitioners - Appellants
File No. 73-43-R
Carl E. Boettcher, et al. Protestants-Appellants
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ORDER

The above-entitled case having come on for hearing before the Honorable Court on the respective Appeals filed herein, all parties having been represented by their respective counsel, and argument having been heard, it is this 30th day of January, 1976, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County,

ORDERED, that that portion of the Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, dated June 5, 1975, granting the rezoning of 26.047 acres of land owned by the Petitioners-Appellants herein from D.R. 5.5 Zoning to D.R. 16 Zoning is hereby REVERSED, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that that portion of the Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, dated June 5, 1975, denying the rezoning of 3.953 acres of land owned by the Petitioners-Appellants herein from D.R. 5.5 Zoning to D.R. 16 Zoning is hereby AFFIRMED, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that that portion of the Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, dated June 5, 1975, granting the rezoning of 10 acres of land owned by the Petitioners-Appellants from a D.R. 5.5 zone

to a B.L. Zone is hereby REVERSED, and
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that that portion of the Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, dated June 5, 1975, denying the rezoning of the remaining land owned by the Petitioners-Appellants herein from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. Zoning is hereby AFFIRMED.

John Brown
JUDGE

ASSENT AS TO FORM

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and D.R. 16 NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkens Avenue 1st District
Trustees of St. Charles College, Petitioners
COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
No. 73-43-R

OPINION

This case comes before the Board on an appeal by the Protestants from an Order of the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County granting the Petitioner the reclassification from a D.R. 5.5 zone to a D.R. 16 zone and a Business Local (B.L.) zone.

The Petitioner in this case, the Trustees of St. Charles College, are the owners of a large parcel of land near Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane in the southwestern section of Baltimore County. The College has entered into certain contractual arrangements with the contract purchasers in this case in order to divest itself of unused and unneeded property so as to obtain sufficient monies and/or income from the property in question to be able to continue the work of the College, located on the balance of the land owned by the Trustees. The property that is the subject of this petition comprises two tracts of land designated as Parcel A and Parcel B. The Petitioner's request is for reclassification from D.R. 5.5 to D.R. 16 on Parcel A, and a reclassification from D.R. 5.5 to a Business Local (B.L.) classification on Parcel B. Petitioner's Exhibit #1 filed in this case details the site plan layout and location of both parcels, together with the necessary data as to parking, land use, etc. Parcel B comprises an area of approximately twenty-five (25) acres and is situated at the northeast corner of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane, approximately 850 feet east of the Baltimore County Beltway. The Petitioner proposes, if the reclassification is granted, to construct a shopping center on Parcel B, containing approximately 310,400 square feet of retail shopping area and parking as required by the Code for 1,582 vehicles. Parcel A comprises approximately thirty (30) acres and lies immediately to the northeast of Parcel B, adjoining said Parcel B at its north-east corner. The Petitioner proposes to construct three hundred and sixty-four (364) apartment units on the subject parcel (less than the density allowed by the regulations; i.e., 480 units). Included would be seven hundred and fourteen (714)

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parking spaces (more than the 557 spaces required by the regulations).

The hearing required six full days of testimony; there were nine witnesses for the Petitioner and eight witnesses for the Protestants, with twenty-two exhibits being filed by the Petitioner and seven by the Protestants. Due to the length of the hearing and the voluminous testimony, it will be impossible in this Opinion to cite all the testimony of each and every witness in detail, however, in arriving at its decision the Board has carefully considered all of such testimony and exhibits.

The zoning and land uses surrounding the property are as follows: Immediately to the west, between the subject property (Parcel B) and the Baltimore County Beltway, the zoning is D.R. 16 and is presently the Wilton Farms Dairy tract (the Zaiser property). Some totals approximately forty-five acres of D.R. 16 land and lies between Maiden Choice Lane and the Baltimore County Beltway. On the south side of Wilkens Avenue, immediately east of the Baltimore County Beltway, the zoning is D.R. 10.5 and is developed as a group home development. Immediately to the east of this, along the south side of Wilkens Avenue, is a small portion of D.R. 5.5 development. Directly opposite Parcel B of the subject property, the zoning is D.R. 10.5 and is developed with more group houses. Immediately to the east of the D.R. 10.5 zone is a large tract of D.R. 16 zoning and consists of the Meadow Lane Apartments. This apartment development was built in the early to mid 1940s. Immediately to the east of this tract the zoning is D.R. 5.5 with a small parcel of B.L., and then the Baltimore City Line. East of Parcel B of the subject property and immediately south of Parcel A is the property of Our Lady of Victory Church, a Catholic church and school complex. East of the church property to the city line, the zoning is D.R. 5.5 and is developed with individual housing, known as Kensington. To the north of Parcel A is the Catonsville Shortline Railroad, the Baltimore City Line, and immediately across the Baltimore City Line is the Paulist Seminary and the Beechfield group home and apartment complex. All of the property to the north of Parcel B and to the west of Parcel A is zoned D.R. 5.5, and is owned by the St. Charles College and is used for college purposes. In addition to the aforesaid zoning and land uses, the United States National Cemetery is immediately to the north of the balance of the St. Charles College property. The Westland Gardens apartment development (zoned

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D.R. 16) is immediately to the south of the D.R. 5.5 tract opposite the Wilton Farms Dairy property. Across the Baltimore County Beltway, in the northwest quadrant, are extensive land holdings devoted to the Spring Grove State Hospital, while on the southwest quadrant of Wilkens Avenue and the Beltway is the University of Maryland-Baltimore County campus. A graphic picture of the subject property and the surrounding land uses is presented in Petitioner's Exhibit #16.

A recitation of the zoning history of the subject property is as follows: There are two parcels of land: Parcel B which is proposed for commercial development and Parcel A which is proposed for apartment development. Originally one of the parties to this case, the Klein-Goldman interests, entered into an Agreement of Sale with the College for Parcel A and filed a zoning petition on the property with the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County. On February 1st, 1971, the Zoning Commissioner granted the requested R-A zoning on the property. The Protestants at that time filed an appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner to the Board of Appeals (Petition #71-111-R). Prior to the hearing on appeal in case #71-111-R, the County Council, on March 24, 1971, adopted the present zoning map for the area and in doing so either ignored the decision of the Zoning Commissioner or was not aware of the same, and placed the property in a D.R. 5.5 zone. In the late summer of 1970, the other joint venturer, Fairlans, Inc., entered into a land lease agreement with the College, contingent upon zoning for that portion of the land which is Parcel B in the present case. The Planning Board, by its map and official recommendations to the County Council dated November 24, 1970, recommended ten acres of B.L. on Parcel A with the intent that the remaining area (approximately fifteen acres) surrounding the ten acre parcel be utilized for shopping center parking by means of a special permit. This recommendation of the Planning staff and the Baltimore County Planning Board was not followed by the County Council in the adoption of the maps on March 24, 1971, and the Council placed D.R. 5.5 zoning on the entire tract. Subsequent to the action of the County Council in March of 1971, the Klein-Goldman interests and Fairlans, Incorporated's interests entered into a joint venture agreement combining the two properties and filed a petition on the subject property, which was granted by the Zoning Commissioner and is the subject of this case before the Board.

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Father William Flynn, Director of the College and Vice President of the University and the person who is responsible for the operation of the College, testified that the College has entered into a contract with the purchaser (contingent upon being successful in obtaining proper zoning for the property) to divest itself of approximately fifty-five (55) acres of land. This is excess property to the College and has become a burden to the College operation. He testified that there were two separate agreements; the one on Parcel B (a land lease), and the other on Parcel A (an outright sale of the property to the contract purchasers). He testified that the property presently produces no income. The College has a substantial deficit and faces a dismal financial picture unless it is able to lease or sell this property. Such a sale and/or lease will enable the College to remain a viable institution in the neighborhood. He stated that the deficit in 1974 would amount to approximately \$185,000, and that they could no longer sustain this loss. He went into some detail as to the history of the institution, noting that the College was founded in 1791 and moved to the subject property in 1911 as a training school for St. Mary's Seminary. When the witness first came to the College, in approximately 1968, the tuition was \$650, while it is now (1973) \$2,300, and the College is subsidizing each student at a cost of \$700 per year. He testified at some length as to the changing economic picture and the general dismal financial condition of the Catholic higher education system. He further stated that he had consulted with the Council regarding the proposed sale of the property, and that it is the Church's decision that the property must be sold at a price sufficient to maintain the institution on the balance of the tract owned by the College. He stated that the College had no plans to divest itself of any more property as the balance of the land is necessary to its operation. He further stated their investigation indicated that a sale and/or land lease based upon the existing D.R. 5.5 zoning would not be of substantial assistance to the College, and a forced sale within the existing zoning would not produce enough revenue to maintain the institution on the balance of its land. Father Flynn testified at length as to the changing social and economic conditions that have reduced the Order to its present plight. The solution seems to be either to produce some revenue from this property, or to close the institution and sell the entire holdings. The latter course of action is one that they do not want to take as the Church wishes to maintain the institution

in its historical form, both for the benefit of the neighborhood and for the Order's purposes.

The contract purchasers presented a comprehensive site plan for the development of both parcels of the subject property prepared by Daft, McCune, Walker, Inc., who had studied the property in depth and presented plans and exhibits before the Board. Jack Daft, of the aforementioned firm, an expert in the field of planning, land use and landscape architecture testified on the second hearing day. He discussed the existing development in the general area, the existing schools and church property, the proximity of high density housing, together with the close proximity of the Baltimore County Beltway and its interchange with Wilkens Avenue. He also discussed the extensive public institutional use and industrial areas in the general vicinity, the excellent access to the property by major highways and in addition, discussed the alternatives of attempting to develop the property at densities of D.R. 5.5, D.R. 10.5 or D.R. 16. He referred to an aerial photograph (Petitioner's Exhibit #2) which had superimposed thereon various markings to illustrate his testimony. He also produced (Petitioner's Exhibit #3) a copy of the official zoning map for the area on which he had imposed red lines showing the major transportation corridors, circles indicating major interchanges, blue areas indicating industrial areas, green indicating major educational sites, yellow indicating the subject site and had marked off circles in 1, 2 and 3 mile radius from the subject site. He generally discussed the relationship of the subject site to the surrounding properties and its desirability for high density residential and commercial development. Through the witness Daft, Exhibits #4, 5 and 6 were entered showing the site plan for the subject property in a cross section showing grades and elevations. Mr. Daft testified that due to the severe topography of Parcel A and the extensive stream and flood plain area going through the property, there were only three buildable areas on the subject site and that the largest buildable area would be in a transition area on which apartment buildings would be prohibited in a D.R. 5.5 zone. (Under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, a developer may build apartments in any zone as long as he does not exceed the density per acre prescribed in that zone; i.e., under a D.R. 5.5 zone a developer could develop the tract with apartments provided he did not exceed five and one-half units per acre for the overall tract; however, there is a requirement in the code providing for a transition zone between the tract under development and

any other existing D.R. zone in which high density dwelling units cannot be built.) This, the witness indicated, is one of the major problems of development with the subject tract that precludes, in his opinion, any economically feasible development of the property in any density classification other than D.R. 16. This is brought about by the unusual topographic problems involved with the property that require any buildings on the property to be constructed on the three buildable areas shown on his exhibit, the largest of which would be in the transition zone under its existing D.R. 5.5, and thereby rendering a large part of the parcel unusable within its existing zoning classification. Mr. Daft's development plan for the subject tract proposes 364 units, and it was his testimony that this would be the number that should reasonably be constructed on the property taking into account the environmental considerations, the extensive storm water retention basin that is proposed to be constructed on the property and other topographic difficulties. The ultimate end to this is that, according to the witness' testimony, the property could only be developed at a density of a little more than twelve units per acre instead of sixteen units per acre, which would conceivably be allowed under D.R. 16 zoning. He further testified to various development plans that he had attempted to place within a D.R. 5.5 and a D.R. 10.5 classification, none of which would be proper or even possible for the subject property due to excessive land development costs. He testified that he had been retained to do a site analysis of the property between the time of the Zoning Commissioner's decision and the Board of Appeals' hearing, and the site plan and the development plan that he proposes greatly differs from that as presented to the Zoning Commissioner. He had made numerous changes to the plan to try to satisfy the objections of the residents of Kensington, especially with regard to view or elevation. He noted, as set out on Petitioner's Exhibit #6, that he had retained open space of twenty-four percent on the overall tract, and that the present plan presents an excellent storm water management program reducing the downstream flow of storm water off of the subject property toward Wilkens Avenue. He discussed the relationship of the proposed apartment development to the proposed shopping center and the shopping center site itself, which he considered to be a good site for a community shopping center. He stated that, in his opinion, the present D.R. 5.5 zoning is error and he gave many reasons for this opinion. In summary, he felt that

there was no consideration by the County Council of the need for a shopping center in this area despite the recommendation of the Planning staff and the Planning Board for commercial zoning on Parcel B of the subject property, and that there had been no consideration of the topographic configuration nor the storm water problem on Parcel A. He further felt that the Council considered the entire St. Charles College property as one parcel when, in reality, it should have been viewed as three separate parcels; namely, (1) the existing college and its use, (2) Parcel B of the subject petition as a shopping center site and (3) Parcel A of the subject petition as a residential site. He further stated that there have been substantial changes in conditions since the adoption of the maps in 1971, and cited the dynamic growth of nearby college and institutional uses, and growing industrial areas.

The Petitioner produced extensive engineering testimony from two expert witnesses, the first, Wilson F. Outen, and Robert H. Price, a professional engineer with excellent qualifications and who is also a Vice President in the Engineering and Production Division of Fairlawn, Inc., one of the contract purchasers of the subject property. Mr. Outen testified generally as to availability of utilities on the property, the storm water situation and the development plans, while Mr. Price concentrated more of his testimony upon the sewerage situation, especially with regard to the Patapsco treatment plant.

Without going into extensive detail as to the witness Outen's testimony, briefly, he stated that there is adequate water serving the subject property from existing twelve inch mains in Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane, and that there is a pressure reducing valve in Maiden Choice Lane approximately 400 feet north of Wilkens Avenue which reduces the pressure south of this point, and that any fears about lower water pressure from the residents along Warwick Road in the Kensington development are unfounded as these properties would not be affected by the proposed development here as they are in different zones of service. He stated that there is an existing twelve inch sanitary sewer in Wilkens Avenue and an existing ten inch sewer passing through Parcel A connecting to the Wilkens Avenue sewer, which then connects to the Herbert Run interceptor and thence to the Patapsco interceptor, and that the sewer in Wilkens Avenue has more than sufficient capacity to handle the flow from the proposed commercial and apartment development on this site. He stated that there had been downstream problems

caused by Hurricane Agnes in 1972, but that this damage has since been repaired and the system returned to service. With regard to storm water runoff, he stated that the design for the apartment portion was based on a 100 year storm and the commercial portion for a 20 year storm, in conformance with accepted engineering practices and Baltimore County requirements. Several of the Protestants in the Kensington development, immediately to the east of Our Lady of Victory Church property and south of Parcel A in this case, stated that the existing storm water runoff from the stream going through the center of Parcel A and to the rear of their houses presents a problem and their fear that the development of Parcel A would aggravate the situation. The witness Outen testified in general detail as to the proposed storm water retention basin situated on Parcel A which would reduce the existing storm water flow downstream by fifteen percent, and would in fact be a benefit to the downstream property rather than a detriment.

The witness Price testified in technical detail of the situation regarding the Patapsco treatment plant, and it would serve no useful purpose in this Opinion to cite the various statistics and figures given by him. The Board, however, is convinced from Mr. Price's testimony, taking into consideration the lead time before this project could begin and the necessary construction time for the project, that there will be more than adequate capacity in the sewer system, both at the subject property and downstream, to serve the development.

Both the Petitioner and the Protestants presented expert witnesses in the field of traffic and traffic engineering. The Petitioner's witness was Stephen G. Petersen, a well recognized traffic expert, while the Protestants' witness was William E. Cargill, also a well qualified expert witness in the field of traffic and traffic engineering. In addition, C. Richard Moore, Assistant Traffic Engineer for Baltimore County, testified in the case. Mr. Moore testified generally as to what effect he felt the proposed development of the property would have on traffic in the immediate area and referred to his comments, dated April 28, 1972, submitted to the Zoning Advisory Committee.

All three traffic witnesses agreed that the peak hour traffic is controlling; i.e., that the actual daily traffic count is not as important as the traffic count at the peak hours in the morning and in the afternoon, as that is the time of maximum potential congestion.

tion. The witnesses also agreed that the shopping center at peak hour traffic does not coincide with the apartment peak hour traffic on the peak hour traffic on the roads, which is primarily persons driving to and from work. Mr. Petersen, for the Petitioner, furnished the Board with voluminous statistical data to support his opinion that the proposed development of the tract as a twenty-five acre shopping center and a thirty acre apartment complex would not tend to create congestion in the streets nor cause any undue hazard to traffic on the streets. He stated this considering the maximum development of the apartment project with 480 units allowed under D.R. 16, even though the proposal is for only 364 units. In addition, he had studied the traffic situation as if the entire forty-five acre Wilton Farms Dairy (Zaiser) tract were developed in full capacity as D.R. 16, and still expressed the opinion that traffic would not be unduly congested. The witnesses agreed that the controlling factor with regard to the capacity of the streets to carry traffic is the intersection of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane. Mr. Petersen testified that the project as proposed, even with the development of the Zaiser tract, would not cause the intersection to operate below traffic level C, which is acceptable by traffic engineering standards. There was very little, if any, difference between the statistical data used by the witness Petersen or the witness Cargill, and on cross-examination the witness Cargill admitted that the additional traffic generated by the proposed project added to the existing traffic at the intersection of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane, would not cause it to fall below that of traffic level C. The Board finds that the proposed shopping center and apartment project would not cause undue congestion in the roads and streets of the immediate vicinity.

Walter Hall, an officer of Fairlawn, Inc., one of the contract purchasers of the property, testified in detail as to the need for additional retail shopping facilities in the immediate area. He defined the market neighborhood as Frederick Road on the north, Caton Avenue on the east, Rolling Road on the west and Washington Boulevard on the south. All of the area within the above mentioned boundaries is within ten minutes driving time of the subject property. In addition, he had made an in-depth market survey of the entire area and furnished detailed statistics to the Board with regard to population figures, average income and sales volume per square foot of retail shopping area

to support his opinion that there is a need for retail shopping facilities here. He further indicated that the proposed shopping center at this location is in the nature of a community shopping center as distinguished from either a neighborhood or a regional type of shopping center. With regard to the timing of the construction of the center, the witness indicated that the lead time for construction would be two to three years and the construction could not begin before the year 1976-77; that it would take approximately one year to build, and in all likelihood could not be opened before 1978.

Bernard Willemain, a land planner, testified for the Petitioner that, in his opinion, the zoning on both parcels, A and B, is in error and that there have been numerous and substantial changes in the neighborhood to warrant the reclassification requested here. He assigned as reasons that the property is unique, that it is exceptionally well suited for the use proposed, that it will have no adverse effect on school population, and that there are no other tracts of sufficient size in the southwest area to fulfill the need for additional shopping and apartment uses in the vicinity.

Philip Klein, one of the joint venturers here, and also a builder and developer of considerable experience as well as a well qualified real estate expert, testified. Through witness Klein was introduced Exhibit #16 (an aerial photo referred to earlier in this Opinion), which showed the subject property and all the surrounding land uses. Mr. Klein said that he considered the neighborhood to be the Southwestern Boulevard on the southeast side; Baltimore City Line on the northeast side; Baltimore National Pike on the northwest side, and Rolling Road on the southwest side. In his opinion, the zoning on the property is in error in that this property is in an enclave of high density uses. He also stated that the topography dictates a higher density use other than single family D.R. 5.5 in that, due to the high development cost of the land, individual houses would have to sell for prices of at least \$60,000 which, in his opinion, the market would not support. He testified that the reclassification would not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the community, nor would it depreciate the surrounding residential property values. He stated that the proposed apartment project would have a mix of approximately fifty percent one bedroom and fifty percent two bedroom units, and a rental range of \$225 to \$250 per month, and that it would require at least one and one-half

to two years lead time before the first section could be built. He testified that if the zoning were granted immediately, the first section could not be ready until at least the Fall of 1976, the second by Spring 1978, and the third by the Fall of 1979. He further stated, in answer to a Board question, that, in his opinion, the Zaiser property could not be developed in the near future because of various problems, with which he was familiar, regarding the ownership and possibly federal tax implications.

An independent real estate broker and appraiser, Ronald Lipman, testifying on behalf of the Petitioner, stated that, in his opinion, the property is erroneously zoned and that because of the unique topography it could not be developed in a D.R. 5.5 classification at its full density. He further stated that there is a definite lack of acceptable commercial facilities in the immediate area, there being no such facilities between the Westview Shopping Center area and the Ritchie Highway. He stated that, in his opinion, it would be absolutely not feasible to build single family residences on the tract due to the excessive development cost and that there were only two ways in which the property could be developed; that is, with either townhouses or garden apartments. He further stated that this was not incompatible with the rest of the neighborhood as there are only two very small one or two single family developments in the general southwestern area. In addition, he produced several exhibits (#18, 19 and 20) to substantiate his opinion that the development of the subject tract as proposed would not depreciate surrounding residential property values. With regard to Parcel B, he stated that, in his opinion, the Wilkens Avenue frontage is not usable for residential purposes and that commercial zoning there would have adverse effect upon other residences. He stated that the highest and best use of the property fronting on the corner of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane is for commercial uses and that the present D.R. 5.5 zoning is erroneous, and based his opinion on several reasons among them being that there is no other suitable site of this size in the entire southwest quadrant which can be used for shopping facilities and that the Planning Board, in its recommendations of November, 1970, recognized the need for shopping facilities in this area.

Several Protestants who reside in nearby areas testified in opposition to the petition and their testimony was generally that, in their opinion, there was no need for

additional shopping facilities nor apartments in the area. In addition to the neighborhood witnesses, the Protestants also produced the testimony of Mr. William E. Cargill, a traffic expert. His testimony, as well as that of Mr. Richard Moore, the traffic engineer for Baltimore County, has been referred to above in this Opinion.

In addition to the aforementioned witnesses, the Protestants called Mr. Norman E. Garber, Chief of the Community Planning Division of the Baltimore County Planning staff, and he testified that the staff and the Planning Board recommended ten acres of Business Local zoning on Parcel B as they felt that twenty-five acres would allow a larger shopping center than was desirable for the area, and that the balance of the property could be used for off-street parking in conjunction with the ten acre retail center. He stated that the Planning staff had been aware of the prior request for commercial, as well as the Zoning Commissioner's decision with regard to Parcel A of the subject property. He stated that the zoning maps did not deal directly with the need for single family dwellings as opposed to multi-family dwellings because of the then new D.R. regulations which permit apartments in any zone, provided the density per acre is not exceeded. In answer to a question put to him by one of the Board members as to whether or not any consideration to a vacant apartment inventory had been given, Mr. Garber's answer was "yes," but that they had considered the entire County as a whole and that they did not consider the availability of D.R. 16 in the southwestern sector of Baltimore County. He further agreed that there is no vacant D.R. 16 land in the southwestern area. A Board (Reiter) question was asked as to what part the physical characteristics of the property played in the recommended zoning which, because of the stream valley and transition zone, could only be developed to 12.1 unit per acre density even in the D.R. 16 zone. His answer was general in that they attempted to look at it singularly, but they do not look at every site that closely. He did not recall that the problem was considered as a specific factor in recommending D.R. 5.5 zoning for the property.

The area involved is almost completely surrounded, at least on three sides, by church owned and used property, and vacant land for which any development in the predictable future is improbable. The Board cannot see any detrimental effect from the proposed use upon the residential areas to the south of Wilkens Avenue or to those to the

east, which are on the Baltimore City Line. It is to be noted that there are also large existing developments of D.R.16 (apartment) land nearby, if not contiguous to, the subject property.

On the above cited evidence and after due consideration of all the circumstances, it is Board finds that the original zoning of this tract was in error (either of omission or commission), and that there have been substantial changes in the character of the neighborhood sufficient to warrant the granting of at least part of the rezoning requested without damage to the general welfare of the community, its health or safety. The Order of the Zoning Commissioner will, therefore, be affirmed in part and reversed in part; i.e., the Board will order a reclassification of only a portion of the requested D.R. 16 petition, and only a portion of the requested B.L. petition. The areas to be reclassified are described in the Order set out below.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the foregoing Opinion, it is this 5th day of June, 1975, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the reclassification petitioned for, as delineated on Petitioner's Exhibit #1, shall be and the same is hereby GRANTED on the westernmost 26.047 acres of Parcel A from the existing D.R. 5.5 zoning to a D.R. 16 zone; it being the intention of this Order to save and except from the reclassification a rectangular like strip (approximately 150 feet in depth) along the easternmost portion of Parcel A (containing approximately 3.953 acres, as outlined on the attached copy of Petitioner's Exhibit #1 and as indicated in the attached metes and bounds description), as same bounds upon the Kensington subdivision and portions of the Baltimore City Line; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this easternmost area of approximately 3.953 acres of Parcel A shall be retained in its existing D.R. 5.5 zoning classification and, therefore, the reclassification petitioned for on said area of Parcel A (as outlined on the attached copy of Petitioner's Exhibit #1 and as indicated in the attached metes and bounds description) be and the same is hereby DENIED; and it is

system. Testimony further indicated that the property can be served by a sewer line. Although there has been some question as to the availability of the use of the new Bull Run Interceptor and the damaged Paapasco Interceptor, this project is not anticipated to be completed for a minimum of three (3) to four (4) years following any final decision concerning the zoning. By this time, the interceptor will be ready and adequate for use. Mr. Smith further described the area in question by citing that the Baltimore County Beltway is approximately one-half (1/2) mile to the west of the subject properties. "Parcel A," is bounded on the north by the Catonsville - Shortline Railroad, institutional uses to the west, medium and high density residences to the south and medium density residences to the west. Beyond Warwick Road and within Baltimore City, high density development exists.

The Reverend William J. Lee, President of the St. Mary's University and Rector of St. Charles College, indicated that the four (4) year college program for the education of young men to the priesthood, commenced at this location in 1911. At present, the college has no further use of the subject property and because of a financial dilemma, wishes to convey certain properties to the prospective contract purchasers and/or lessees. The college changed its concepts several years ago as to its excess land, intending that it not be used for institutional purposes. The concept of education has shifted from the renewal approach to the urban.

Mr. Walter Hall, qualified real estate expert and consultant, gave extensive testimony pertaining to a market study that was made of the general area, citing the present existing retail facilities and the needs of the area. He indicated that the retail needs are not being met. He further indicated that three hundred and thirty thousand (330,000) square feet of retail space is proposed at this location and this amount, added to the present footage in the general vicinity, would meet the market needs of the area. He stated that this location was ideal for this type of center in the market area.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the reclassification to B.L. zoning petitioned for on Parcel B shall be and the same is hereby GRANTED for no more than ten (10) acres of this parcel; the area to be reclassified being so much of Parcel B as contained within that portion of said Parcel B outlined in red on Petitioner's Exhibit #1 (see outlined attached copy of Petitioner's Exhibit #1); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the requested B.L. zoning for the remaining portions of Parcel B shall be and the same is hereby DENIED, and the existing D.R. 5.5 zoning upon these remaining areas of Parcel B shall be retained.

Use under this reclassification is subject to the approval of the site plan by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the State Highway Administration, the Department of Public Works, and all other proper and necessary regulatory agencies.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Chapter 1100, subtitle B of Maryland Rules of Procedure.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Walter A. Miller, Jr.
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Mr. P. T. Lemmon, qualified real estate investor and consultant, testified on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Petitioner, indicated that he felt error had been committed on the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map, pertaining to "Parcel A." It was indicated that there is a need for higher density housing in this area and that "Parcel A" would be a unique tract for said development. This additional residential use, as stated, the development of the property lying to the west, better known as the Zaiser property which partially enjoys D.R. 16 zoning, would create and justify a need for the proposed shopping center.

Mr. Robert W. Czaban, qualified traffic engineer, felt that the roads most affected by the granting of these Petitions, would be the intersection of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane. He testified that as a result of a count and other studies made, this intersection is now under capacity. It was determined that when the properties are developed, as proposed, this intersection and the roadways in the general area would be able to handle the increased traffic and would not meet the ultimate capacity. Mr. Czaban stated that the granting of these Reclassifications would not have a detrimental affect upon the area, pertaining to the traffic.

Mr. Philip E. Klein, qualified real estate appraiser, developer and zoning consultant, and also the contract purchaser of "Parcel A," testified specifically as to "Parcel A," indicating that he felt that the Comprehensive Zoning Map, as adopted on March 24, 1971, was in error. He cited reasons for error as follows:

1. The University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus, within one (1) mile of the subject property, now enjoys a population of approximately five thousand (5,000) pupils with an ultimate enrollment of approximately fifteen thousand (15,000) to twenty thousand (20,000) pupils.
2. The subject property is bounded in the main by high density uses and that same are zoned for such use.

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SAVE AND EXCEPTED PORTIONS OF PARCEL A

Saving and excepting therefrom all that part of the above described parcel of land, the description of said part being as follows:

Beginning for the same at the end of the fifth, or S 61° 30' E 680 foot line of the above described parcel of land and thence running with and binding on the sixth line and part of the seventh line of said parcel (1) S 15° 53' E 1065 feet, more or less, thence (2) S 66° 49' W 151.22 feet, thence running for a new line of division, parallel to and 150 feet measured at right angles from the first, or S 15° 53' E 1065 foot line of this description, (3) N 15° 53' W 1231.02 feet to intersect the fifth, or S 61° 30' E 680 foot line of the above described parcel of land, thence running with and binding on a part of said fifth line, (4) S 61° 30' E 209.88 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 3.953 acres of land, more or less.

3. The identity of the subject property is with apartment and group home uses, in that, directly across Wilkens Avenue and to the southwest, are large areas of group home and apartment developments.
4. A need for apartments and rental units in this general neighborhood, in that many families and individuals under the ages of thirty-five (35) and over the age of fifty-five (55) are in need and do desire apartment living.
5. The subject property is the last remaining large tract of land in the entire vicinity, except for that of the Zaiser tract, that can be open for development.

He further testified that the proposed development of the apartments would be of one (1) and two (2) bedroom garden type apartments, approximately fifty (50) percent of each. The rental fee would range from Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the one (1) bedroom apartment and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) for the two (2) bedroom apartment. Mr. Klein cited that twenty (20) percent of the overall tract has been provided for open space. He noted that the minimum requirements, as set forth in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, indicate that the minimum amount for local open space is fifteen (15) percent.

Mr. Bernard Willemain, qualified consultant on planning and zoning matters, indicated that he had made a study of both "Parcel A" and "Parcel B," and gave certain reasons as to the allegations that both of these properties were classified D.R. 5.5 zoning in error. Mr. Willemain indicated that there are extensive industrial uses to the west of "Parcel A" in Baltimore City and creates a housing need. He stated, as did Mr. Klein, that University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus, and Catonsville Community College, with their increased enrollments annually, created a further need of housing. He also cited the access to the Baltimore County Beltway, its convenience to the subject properties and opens the area for development. Furthermore, he alleged that both the Baltimore County Planning Board and the Baltimore County Council, in the final adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map on

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION
NE/Corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkens Avenue - 1st District - Trustees of St. Charles College - Petitioners
NO. 73-43-R (Item No. 36)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

The Petitioners request a Reclassification from a D.R. 5.5 Zone to a D.R. 16 Zone, said property containing thirty (30) acres of land, more or less and known herein as "Parcel A"; the Petitioners further request a Reclassification from a D.R. 5.5 Zone to a B.L. Zone for a parcel containing 24.9997 acres of land, more or less, and referred to herein as "Parcel B," both parcels located on the northeast corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkens Avenue, in the First District of Baltimore County.

Evidence submitted by the Petitioners, pertaining to both parcels, by Richard L. Smith, qualified engineer with Metz Childs and Associates, indicated that "Parcel A" has topography with grades up to ten (10) per cent, and "Parcel B" has ideal terrain for a shopping center type use. Access to "Parcel A" would be by way of a private road from Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkens Avenue. Four hundred and thirty-nine (439) garden type apartments are proposed to be erected on "Parcel A" and "Parcel B" would contain approximately three hundred and thirty-six thousand (336,000) square feet of retail space. The shopping center would be of a mall type area with two (2) large department stores, one (1) at each end, with satellite stores in between. Testimony pertaining to the availability of water and sewer facilities, indicated that water is available to the subject properties and would be serviced by the western third zone of the metropolitan water system. On cross-examination, Mr. Smith indicated that the homes on Warwick Road have experienced some difficulty as to water pressure. Warwick Road lies to the east of the subject property and is presently served by the second zone of the metropolitan water

March 24, 1971, disregarded the availability of this land, as cited by the Reverend Lee, and zoned same in a D.R. 5.5 zoning capacity, assuming that it would remain in an institutional use. He further cited the decision of the Zoning Commissioner on February 1, 1971, wherein the request for R.A. (now D.R. 16 zoning) for "Parcel A" was granted. However, this matter was appealed to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals. Under the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, the decision on a Reclassification of the Zoning Commissioner has the force and effect of law. Mr. Willemain felt that both the Baltimore County Planning Board and the Baltimore County Council disregarded the fact that the property was, at the time of the adoption the maps, zoned R.A. (now D.R. 16 zoning).

In addition to the reasons set forth in the justification for the Reclassification of "Parcel A," Mr. Willemain felt that there was no reasonable use for "Parcel B" as presently zoned, as it is bordered on Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane. He was of the opinion that an institutional use is normally an asset to a community in that it creates stability, open space, aesthetics, etcetera. At this time, this vacant land is now available and has been available for some time for development. He felt that it could not be assumed, by the legislative enactment of the Comprehensive Zoning Map, that the institutional use would continue indefinitely. He further indicated that the Baltimore County Council completely failed to recognize the recommendations of the Baltimore County Planning Board, pertaining to "Parcel B," prior to the adoption of the map.

He cited the Baltimore County Planning Board comments, both prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map on 1971, and Item No. 36 of the Baltimore County Planning Board recommendations to the Zoning Commissioner. In both instances, ten (10) acres of commercial zoning were recommended.

Mr. Willemain supplied statistics that illustrated the school yield from the development of the combined properties. He stated that a greater yield

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would occur if the properties were developed as proposed than if developed as presently classified.

Residents of the area in protest of the subject Petition were concerned with water pressure, the over population of the area and the environmental aspects, claiming that following several large storms recently, flooding did occur. One of the main concerns of all the residents was the traffic element along Wilkens Avenue, claiming that it took a lengthy amount of time to exit from Warwick Road and the adjoining streets onto Wilkens Avenue and that the traffic has been heavy at various different times.

Several residents indicated that they were fearful of a depreciation value of their homes. They also felt that there was no need for the development of apartments or a shopping center in this area.

Without reviewing the evidence further in detail but based on all the evidence presented at the hearing, in the judgment of the Zoning Commissioner, the Comprehensive Zoning Map, as adopted by the Baltimore County Council on March 24, 1971, is in error in classifying both "Parcel A" and "Parcel B" in D.R. 5.5 classifications.

First of all, it must be taken into consideration that on February 1, 1971, and prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map, "Parcel A" was reclassified from the then R. 6 to a R. A. classification (D.R. 16). It is questioned whether or not the Baltimore County Council took into consideration that the Order did have the force and effect of law. It is true that it was appealed and that under many Court of Appeals decisions, a land owner does not have a vested right in a zoning classification. There is some question as to whether or not the decision of the Zoning Commissioner was given full consideration after he had heard several days of testimony at that time.

Secondly, the topography of the land, as cited as having grades up to ten (10) percent, makes the property conducive for a higher density classification than in the present classification. The growth of both the Catonsville Community College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus, necessitates the additional housing in the southwest section of Baltimore County. The accessibility of the Baltimore County Beltway, the width and capacity of Wilkens Avenue, does not create a detrimental affect upon the area if this property is zoned D.R. 16. Sewer and water capacity is sufficient and the definite indication by Mr. Philip E. Klein, who will develop "Parcel A," as to the type of housing that would be placed on the subject tract, in the Zoning Commissioner's opinion, would have a beneficial affect upon the general area. The surrounding area, in the main, is in a high and semi-high residential density.

The Baltimore County Planning Board did in fact recommend commercial zoning (C. L.) for "Parcel B" prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map, and as stated previously, under Item No. 36 of the recommendations to the Zoning Commissioner, did so. The Baltimore County Planning Board and Staff, had made an in-depth study of the locality and recognized the need for shopping facilities in this area. The proposal by the Baltimore County Planning Board to only grant ten (10) acres of commercial zoning would in effect, have no bearing on the size, shape and type of retail outlets that could be constructed.

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations stipulate that a parking ratio requirement must be met, which is based on the square footage of the use. Any size smaller, than requested and planned, would not make it a viable center for retail sales. The statistics, as presented by expert testimony, as to the market area and the availability of retail space, was very controlling. It is a well known fact that the southwest area of Baltimore County is growing and much more housing is being constructed not only in high density, but in medium density, and this type of facility is not available, except at the center known as Westview, along Route 40, which lies to the northwest. There are very little shopping facilities in the area of this magnitude, lying to the south

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and west. It should be noted that the peak hours of traffic for a shopping center would not conflict with that of apartment development. The peak hours of traffic for the apartment development would be when the residents of such a use are emanating from the site in the morning and returning in the evening as they go to and from work. Most of the peak hours involved with shopping centers are in the late evening and on Saturdays, which would coincide with the traffic patterns of residential developments. It should also be noted that the apartment dwellers in "Parcel A" would undoubtedly use the proposed shopping center for their needs and would not have to use the local roadways for shopping reasons. The topography of this land, namely, being flat, makes it an ideal location for a shopping facility as proposed.

It is obvious that at the time of the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Map on March 24, 1971, consideration was not given to the fact that St. Charles College had given up both parcels and had made same available for development. It must be presumed that the Baltimore County Council knew this fact. The granting of the Petition for Reclassification on February 1, 1971, the various correspondence and requests of the Baltimore County Council prior to the adoption of the map pertaining to "Parcel B," indicates that the Baltimore County Council did not take into consideration the availability of this land use and that it was no longer needed by the St. Charles College for an institutional use.

Furthermore, the property known as the Zaiser tract was given a certain amount of high density zoning, which it did not enjoy prior to the adoption of the map, and "Parcel A" of the subject tract, having enjoyed this high density zoning, in the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, makes the matter of taking the D.R. 16 zoning from "Parcel A" and shifting it to the Zaiser tract confiscatory in nature.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore

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County, this 23rd day of March, 1973, that the herein described properties or areas should be and the same are Reclassified, "Parcel A" from a D.R. 5.5 Zone to a D.R. 16 Zone and "Parcel B" from a D.R. 5.5 Zone to a B.L. Zone, from and after the date of this Order subject to a site plan being approved by the Department of Public Works, State Highway Administration and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Philip E. Klein
Zoning Commissioner of
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DESCRIPTION

30 ACRE PARCEL, NORTH OF WILKENS AVENUE, WEST OF
DORCHESTER ROAD, FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, BALTIMORE
COUNTY, MARYLAND.

This Description is for "DR-16" Classification

Beginning for the same at a point located S 66° 53' W 1070 feet, more or less, and N 23° 21' W 840 feet, more or less, from the intersection of the northwest side of Wilkens Avenue and the southwest side of Dorchester Road, said point being the northwest corner of the property conveyed by The Associated Professors of Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore City and Trustees of St. Charles College to The Most Reverend Francis P. Keough, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore for The Time Being and His Successors in the Archbishopric of Baltimore, according to the Discipline and Government of the Roman Catholic Church, by deed dated December 6, 1954 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Liber G. L. B. 2608, page 286, running thence, (1) N 23° 21' W 1815 feet, more or less, to the southwest side of the Catonsville Short Line Railroad, thence binding thereon (2) N 71°

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BRIEF OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAINT CHARLES COLLEGE IN SUPPORT OF ITS REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION

1. That substantial changes have occurred in the neighborhood since the adoption of the presently existing zoning map in 1971.
2. That there is a strong demand and therefore need, for additional shopping facilities and apartment housing in the neighborhood.
3. That the County Council erred in adopting the presently existing zoning map in the area in that it did not follow the recommendations and expertise of the Baltimore County Planning Board, which had proposed Business Local zoning for a portion of the property.
4. That the County Council erred in the adoption of the presently existing zoning map in that it did not give proper weight to the expertise of the zoning authorities of Baltimore County and failed to give proper weight to the affect of a decision of the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, dated February 1, 1971, granting an RA classification (now DR 16) classification on a portion of the subject property.
5. That the County Council erred in failing to recognize the need for additional shopping facilities in the immediate area as was recognized by the Baltimore County Planning Board in its recommendations, prior to the adoption of the presently existing map.
6. That the comprehensive plan for the development of the subject property as submitted by your Petitioner's herein, would bring about orderly development of the subject property within the concepts of good planning practice.

7. That the present DR 5.5 zoning on the property is confiscatory to the Saint Charles College, in that it does not allow any reasonable use of the property other than for institutional use and since the College does not have any use for the property on an institutional basis it is excess property to the College.
8. That the proposed comprehensive plan of development of this property as proposed by the Petitioner in a shopping center and high density residential use, would greatly benefit Baltimore County and therefore all its citizens by adding a substantial amount to the assessable base and tax rolls of Baltimore County as contrasted to its present Church category which yields no tax revenue to Baltimore County.
9. That the proposed BL and DR 16 zoning would impose a lesser demand upon the public facilities in the area than could occur under its existing DR 5.5 zoning.
10. That it is illogical and not reasonable planning practice to insert a small tract of DR 5.5 zoning along the north side of Wilkens Avenue between the higher density DR 16 zoning immediately to the west of the subject property across Maiden Choice Lane, and the highly developed institutional use immediately to the east of the subject property.
11. That the County Council erred in that it did not give adequate consideration to the unusual topography and shape of the subject tract.
12. That the subject tract of land is excess property to the Saint Charles College and that the College should be allowed to dispose of the land for a reasonable use, otherwise it imposes an undue burden upon the College and is confiscatory to require

the Petitioner to retain land which is not suitable or useable for its purposes.

AND FOR SUCH OTHER REASONS that may be assigned at the time of the hearing hereon.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Baldwin
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00' E 160 feet, more or less, (3) S 85° 00' E 295 feet, more or less, and (4) S 68° 00' E 110 feet, more or less, to the southwest boundary of Baltimore City, thence binding thereon, (5) S 61° 30' E 680 feet, more or less, to the westernmost outline of the land shown on the plat of Kensington, recorded among said Land Records in Plat Book W. P. C. 8, page 46, thence binding thereon, (6) S 15° 53' E 1065 feet, more or less, thence (7) S 66° 49' West 772 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Containing 30 acres of land, more or less.

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March 30, 1972



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DESCRIPTION

24.9997 ACRE PARCEL, NORTHWEST OF WILKENS AVENUE, NORTHEAST OF MAIDEN CHOICE LANE, FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND.

This Description is for "BL" Zoning

Beginning for the same at a point on the northwest side of Wilkens Avenue, said point being distant 1140 feet, more or less, southwesterly from the intersection of said Wilkens Avenue and Dorchester Road, running thence binding on the northwest side of said Wilkens Avenue, as widened, three courses: (1) S 67° 56' 30" W 486.67 feet, (2) S 66° 49' 00" W 346.00 feet, (3) N 80° 04' 00" W 141.09 feet to a point on the northeast side of Maiden Choice Lane, as widened, thence binding on the northeast side of said Maiden Choice Lane, two courses: (4) N 46° 50' 00" W 188.00 feet, and (5) S 43° 10' 00" W 27.00 feet, thence binding on Maiden Choice Lane as originally laid out, two courses: (6) N 46° 41' 40" W 679.32 feet, and (7) N 41° 02' 50" W 93.27 feet, thence for new lines of division two courses: (8) N 66° 39' 00" E 1344.71 feet, (9) S 23° 21' 00" E 963.65 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 24.9997 acres of land.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mrs. Muriel E. Buddemeier
Norman E. Garber, Chief
FROM: Community Planning
SUBJECT: St. Charles College Petition
Date: August 27, 1975

Attached please find the information requested by Board of Appeals concerning
Vacant Commercial and Vacant Residential around St. Charles College Cycle III
Item 36 Petition Number 73-43-R.

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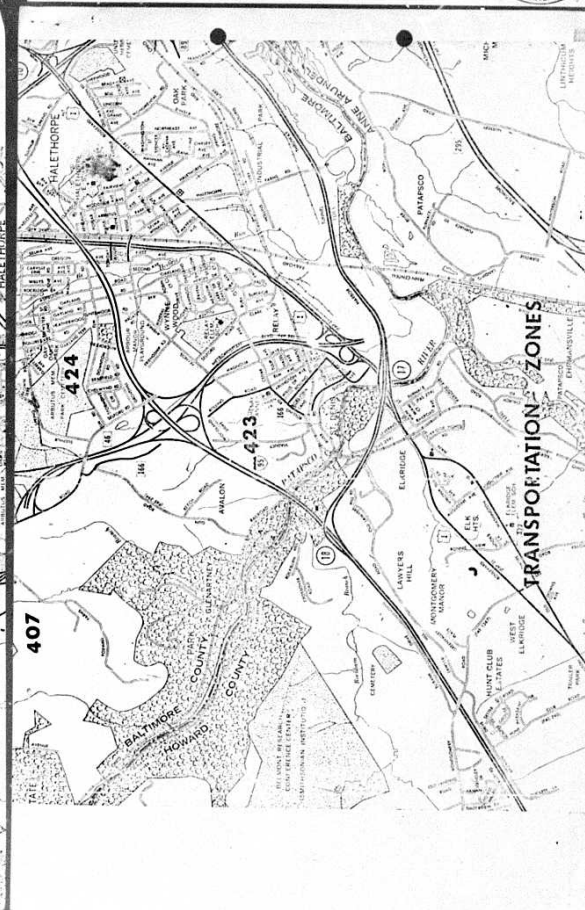
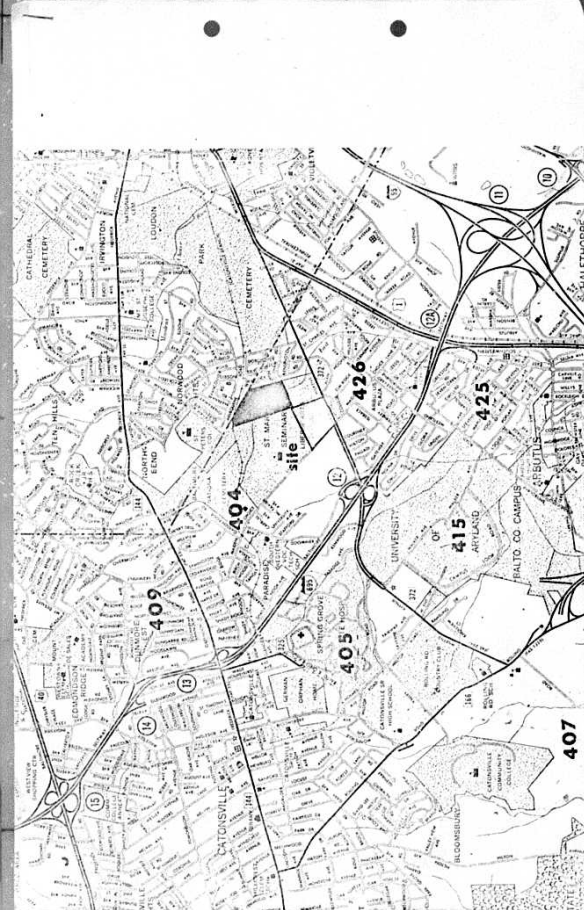
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Vacant Commercial and Vacant Residential by Transportation Zones Around St. Charles College based on "Baltimore County Land Use Data by Transportation Zones 1973"

Transportation Zones	Vacant Commercial			Vacant Residential				
	BL	BR	BM	DR1	DR2	DR3.5	DR5.5	DR10.5
404	-	-	-	-	-	11.9	205.4	1.6
409	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	15.1	-
405	-	-	-	-	24.5	58.7	0.6	-
407	-	-	-	142.1	309.8	109.0	40.1	-
423	-	7.1	-	89.1	-	66.9	100.7	-
424	8.3	-	-	-	-	12.2	33.7	57.6
425	10.6	-	-	-	-	-	18.8	-
426	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.3

Ray Potter
Southwest Area Planner 8-25-75



RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION * IN THE
from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and * CIRCUIT COURT
D.R. 16 *
NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Williams Avenue *
1st District * FOR
BALTIMORE COUNTY
Trustees of St. Charles College * Misc. Docket No.: 10
Petitioners-Appellants * Folio No.: 66
File No.: 73-43-R * File No.: 5630

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please note an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals by the Trustees of St. Charles College from the Order of Court in the above entitled case dated January 20, 1975.

William S. Baldwin
William S. Baldwin
Attorney for Trustees of St. Charles College - Appellants
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CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed this 27 day of January, 1976 to Harry S. Swartzwelder, Jr., Esquire, 210 East Redwood Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

William S. Baldwin
William S. Baldwin

WILLIAM S. BALDWIN
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10:45 AM*

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION * BEFORE THE
NE/Corner of Maiden Choice Lane * COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
and Williams Avenue - 1st District - * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Trustees of St. Charles College *
Petitioners *
NO. 73-43-R (Item No. 36) *

ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

DEC 3 1975

CITIZENEN:

Please dismiss the appeal of P. T. Lemmon as one of the Protestants in the above-entitled matter, and strike the appearance of John H. hessey, IV as counsel for said Protestant.

John H. Hessey, IV
JOHN H. HESSEY, IV
Counsel for P. T. Lemmon,
One of the Protestants

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August 3, 1973

County Board of Appeals
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Re: Petition for Reclassification
NE Corner of Maiden Choice Lane
and Wilkens Avenue - 1st District
Trustees of St. Charles College -
Petitioners
No. 73-43-R (Item No. 36)

Gentlemen:

Please enter my appearance as counsel for P. T. Lennon,
Protestant in the above-entitled matter, who filed an appeal from
the March 23, 1973, decision of the Zoning Commissioner on April 18,
1973.

In scheduling this matter, it would be appreciated if you
would avoid the month of October, since I will be out of the city
for practically that entire month.

I would appreciate being advised of scheduled hearing dates,
etc.

Very truly yours,

John H. Hesse, IV

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S. Eric DiNenna
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Re: Petition for Reclassification
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73-43-R

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

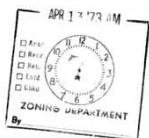
Please enter an Appeal from the Order passed in the
above entitled case on March 23, 1973, on behalf of
Donald E. Martin and Carl Scattergood, Protestants therein.

I am enclosing herewith a check in the amount of
\$500.00 to cover the costs of this Appeal.

Very truly yours,

Harry S. Swartzwelder, Jr.

HSS/rh
enclosure



1 RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
2 from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and *
3 D.R. 16 * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
4 NE corner of Maiden Choice *
5 Lane and Wilkens Avenue *
6 1st District * File No. 5610
7 Trustees of St. Charles College * Misc. Picket No. 10
8 Petitioners-Appellants * Folio No. 66
9 File No.: 73-43-R * December 22, 1975
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11 BEFORE: HONORABLE JOHN GRASON TURNBULL, JUDGE
12 *
13 APPEARANCES:
14 WILLIAM S. BALDWIN, ESQUIRE
15 On behalf of the Petitioners
16 HARRY S. SWARTZWELDER, JR., ESQUIRE
17 On behalf of the Protestants
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20 OPINION OF COURT
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Reported by:
Paul G. Griffin
Official Court Reporter
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

1 THE COURT: Gentlemen, I have gone through the
2 record, I have checked the citations. There is no doubt that
3 there is a strong presumption of correctness on the part of
4 the action of the County Council when it adopts a comprehensive
5 map. There is also no doubt that there is a presumption of
6 correctness when the administrative body, to wit, the Board
7 of Appeals, makes a decision. The presumptions conflict on
8 occasion. As I read the cases, particularly Coppolino
9 unless the record has presented to the Board evidence which
10 is almost overwhelming to the effect that the Council was in
11 error, then the presumption of correctness of the Council's
12 action is the presumption which must be followed by the Court.

13 The Board of Appeals wrote a very strong opinion
14 reciting the essence of the testimony of the important witnesses
15 in the case. The recitation by the Board of Appeals took
16 about twelve pages of legal size paper to summarize the evi-
17 dence. The Board concluded as follows: "The area involved is
18 almost completely surrounded, at least on three sides, by
19 church-owned and used property and vacant land for which any
20 development in the predictable future is improbable. The
21 Board cannot see any detrimental effect from the proposed use
22 upon the residential areas to the south of Wilkins Avenue or
23 those to the east which are on the Baltimore City Line. It
24 is to be noted that there are also large existing developments
25 of R 16 (apartment) land nearby, if not contiguous to the

1 subject property. On the above cited evidence, and after due
2 consideration of all the circumstances, this Board finds that
3 the original zoning of this tract was in error (either of
4 omission or commission) and that there have been substantial
5 changes in the character of the neighborhood sufficient to
6 warrant the granting of at least part of the rezoning requested
7 without damage to the general welfare of the community, its
8 health or safety." The Board affirmed the Zoning Commissioner
9 in part, reversed in part, and filed an Order pretty much as
10 Mr. Baldwin has described in his original argument. The Board
11 had to be in error in part when they denied the fifteen acres,
12 I am using round figures, the fifteen acres part, because under
13 existing zoning, as I understand it, as pointed out by Mr.
14 Baldwin, the ten acre grant of R zoning, commercial zoning,
15 would be meaningless, and unusable by the owner because of
16 lack of parking facilities.

17 Be that as it may, gentlemen, I have read and re-
18 read, and reread again the Coppolino case, and I could
19 almost quote it verbatim.

20 Gentlemen, I know the Court of Special Appeals is
21 going to handle this matter, so that I see very little point
22 in my belaboring it. Under Coppolino I cannot find under
23 the testimony in this case, under the record, that there was
24 any fairly debatable question before the Board of Appeals, and
25 that the Board of Appeals, therefore, in granting any

1 reclassification, was in error, and the presumption of correct-
2 ness of the comprehensive zoning map adopted by the County
3 Council requires that the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
4 be reversed, and that the petition be denied. Prepare an
5 Order to that effect, gentlemen, and I will sign it.
6 * * * * *

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE



PETITION AND SITE PLAN
EVALUATION COMMENTS

Item # 36
BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
Frank E. Cloone, Esquire
411 Jefferson Building
Towson, Maryland 21204
County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
Your Petition has been received and accepted for filing
this 10th day of July 1972.
S. Eric DiNenna
Zoning Commissioner
Petitioners: St. Charles College
Petitioner's Attorney: Frank E. Cloone, Esquire
Reviewed by: [Signature]
Chairman, Advisory Committee

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 8, 1972

Frank E. Ciccone, Esquire
4111 Jefferson Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Reclassification Petition
3rd Zoning Cycle
Item 36
St. Charles College-Petitioner

Dear Mr. Ciccone:

The Zoning Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition and has made an onsite field inspection of the property. The attached comments are a result of this review and inspection.

The subject property is generally located on the northeast corner of Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane in the First Election District of Baltimore County. The property is actually divided in three separate parcels, two of which (A & B) are the subject of this petition. Parcel A is located in the northeast quadrant of the site and is proposed to be developed as an apartment development of 439 units. Parcel B contains 39 acres of land and is immediately east of the St. Charles Seminary Church and School. Parcel B is proposed to be developed as a large shopping center which will be directly south of the church and school. The area of the land for the proposed shopping center is 24.9 acres and is on the corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkens Avenue. Immediately to the east of this site is a Catholic Church and elementary school. The property to the south is developed as row homes and the property to the west is the Wilkens Farm Dairy.

Although the petition is accepted for filing, revised plans must be submitted prior to the hearing that indicate all structures within 200' of all property lines and on the opposite side of all streets. The petitioner's proposed shopping center meets the requirements for a planned shopping center and thus would permit an automotive service station, if this is anticipated it must be indicated on the revised plan. The location plat should indicate the location of the

Frank E. Ciccone, Esquire
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Catonsville Elementary School, Catonsville Junior High and Catonsville Senior High School. Also, the plat must reflect the comments of the Project Planning Division, State Highway Administration and the Baltimore County Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

Oliver L. Myers
OLIVER L. MYERS, Chairman
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

JOHN J. DILLON, JR., Zoning Tech. II

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Baltimore County, Maryland
Department of Public Works
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Review of Engineering
ELIZABETH N. DIVER, P.E., CHIEF

April 24, 1972

Mr. Oliver L. Myers, Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Item #36 (Cycle April - October 1972)
Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles
N/E cor. of Wilkens Ave. & Maiden Choice Lane
Present Zoning: D.R. 5.5
Proposed Zoning: Reclassification to B.L. & D.R. 16
District: 1st No. Acres: 59 Acres

Dear Mr. Myers:

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject item.

Highways:

Wilkins Avenue is a State Road; therefore, all improvements, intersections and entrances on this road will be subject to State Highway Administration requirements.

Maiden Choice Lane, an existing County road, shall be improved as a 50-foot closed type roadway cross-section on a 70-foot right-of-way. Highway improvements including highway left-of-way and widening and necessary reversible slope easements will be required in connection with any grading or building permit application.

All private roads will be subject to approval by the Office of Planning, Traffic Engineering and the Fire Bureau concerning minimum width, interior circulation and availability of access.

All entrances will be subject to approval by the Department of Traffic Engineering and shall conform to Baltimore County Standards.

Sediment Control:

Development of this property through stripping, grading and stabilization could result in a sediment pollution problem damaging private and public holdings downstream of the property. A grading permit is, therefore, necessary for all grading, including the stripping of top soil.

Mr. Oliver L. Myers, Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee
Page 2
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Re: Item #36 (Cycle April - October 1972)

Storm Drains:

Provisions for the accommodation of storm drainage have not been indicated on the subject plan; however, storm drainage studies, facilities, easements or storm drain reservations will be required in connection with development of this property.

The Petitioner must provide necessary drainage facilities (temporary or permanent) to prevent creating any nuisances or damages to adjacent properties, especially by the concentration of surface waters. Correction of any problems, which may result, due to improper grading or improper installation of drainage facilities, would be the full responsibility of the Petitioner.

Water:

Public water is available to serve this property from the existing water mains in Wilkens Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane.

Sanitary Sewer:

Public sanitary sewerage exists within this property; however, due to the moratorium restrictions for the Catonsville - Herbert Run sanitary sewer system, a sanitary sewerage study will be required prior to the approval of any record plat or building permits to determine the adequacy of the existing sewerage system to accommodate the anticipated sewage flows from the development of this property. The proposed development of this property is also subject to approval of the Maryland State Health Department.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth N. Diver
ELIZABETH N. DIVER, P.E.
Chief, Bureau of Engineering

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7-1/2" Key Sheet
11 & 12 SW 15 Position Sheets
SW 3 D & 3 E Topo
1D: Tax Map

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

JEFFERSON BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204



DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

EUGENE J. CLIFFORD, P.E. Wm. T. MELSER
DIRECTOR DEPUTY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

April 28, 1972

Mr. Oliver L. Myers
Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Cycle Zoning III
Item 36 - ZAC - 4-4-72
Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles
NE Corner Wilkens Avenue & Maiden Choice Lane
Reclass. to BL and DR 16 - District 1

Dear Mr. Myers:

The subject petition is requesting a change from DR 5.5 to DR 16 and BL. This should increase the trip density from 3,000 to 16,000 vehicles a day.

Maiden Choice Lane is not of sufficient design to handle the volumes anticipated to the commercial area. The apartment project of 480 units does not have adequate access, since for all practical purposes, there is only one access to the project.

Very truly yours,

C. Richard Moore
C. Richard Moore
Assistant Traffic Engineer

CRM:mf



STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

300 WEST PRESTON STREET

BALTIMORE, MD. 21201

(PHONE) (410) 538-1000

April 19, 1972

Mr. Eric DiNenna
Zoning Commissioner
Attn: Mr. O.L. Myers

Re: Z.A.C. meeting, April 14, 1972
Item 36, Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles (N/E corner of Wilkens Ave. (Hwy 372) Maiden Choice Lane D.R. 5.5, Reclass. to B.L. and D.R. 16 District 1 acres 59

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

The proposed easterly entrance from Wilkens Ave. to the subject property (apartment site) is immediately adjacent to the existing entrance to the church and school, and is at a dog-leg to Alan Drive and Old Maiden Choice Lane which are on the south side of Wilkens Ave. Establishing the entrance at this location would cause a conflict of traffic, therefore the entrance must be located to the west, directly opposite Old Maiden Choice Lane. It may be desirable to establish one point of access to the shopping center and apartments from Wilkens Ave. at a point directly opposite Elmdale Avenue. By so doing, left turns could be accomplished to and from the shopping center.

The plan indicates an 18' wide median in the proposed monumental entrance. The maximum standard width is 10'.

The plan should be revised in accordance with the aforementioned comments.

Access to Wilkens Ave. will be subject to State Highway Administration approval and permit.

Very truly yours,

Charles Lee Chief
Development Engineering Section
by: *John E. Myers*
Asst. Development Engineer

CL-JJ:es

Baltimore County Fire Department

J. Austin Deitz
Chief



Towson, Maryland 21204
875-7310

April 17, 1972

Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204
ATT: Mr. Oliver L. Myers, Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee

RE: Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles

Location: N/E corner of Wilkins Avenue & Maiden Choice Lane
Item No. 36 Zoning Agenda April 4, 1972

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "x" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

- (X) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of 300' along the subject Apt. an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.
- (X) 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.
- (X) 3. The vehicle dead-end condition shown at _____

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.
(X) 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operations.

(X) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "The Life Safety Code" 1970 Edition prior to occupancy.

(X) 6. Site plans are approved as drawn.

(X) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Reviewed: *John E. Myers* Noted and Approved: *Paul H. Reinke*
Planning Group Fire Prevention Bureau
mb 4/17/72

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

JEFFERSON BUILDING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

April 18, 1972

DONALD J. ROOP, M.D., M.P.H.
DEPUTY STATE AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Mr. Oliver L. Myers, Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee
Office of Planning & Zoning
Baltimore County Office Bldg.
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Myers:

Comments on Item 36, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting, April 11, 1972, are as follows:

Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles
Location: N/E Corner Wilkins Avenue & Maiden Choice Lane
Present Zoning: D.R. 5.5
Proposed Zoning: Reclassification to B.L. and D.R. 16
District: 1
No. Acres: 59

Metropolitan water and sewer are available to the site.

Food Service Comments: If a food service facility is proposed, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Division of Food Protection, Baltimore County Department of Health, for review and approval.

Air Pollution Comments: The building or buildings on this site may be subject to a permit to construct and a permit to operate and all fuel burning and process equipment. Additional information may be obtained from the Division of Air Pollution and Industrial Hygiene, Baltimore County Department of Health.

Shopping Center and Apartment House Comments: Approval for a shopping center or apartment house is based upon owner responsibility for the collection, storage and disposal of refuse in accordance with Health Department requirements.

Very truly yours,

John E. Myers
J. Stravhorn, Sanitarian II
Water and Sewer Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

JS:sm



BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

May 1, 1972

Mr. Oliver L. Myers, Chairman
Zoning Advisory Committee
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Myers:

Comments on Item 36, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting, April 4, 1972, are as follows:

Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles
Location: N/E corner of Wilkins Avenue and Maiden Choice Lane
Present Zoning: D.R. 5.5
Proposed Zoning: Reclassification to B.L. and D.R. 16
District: 1
No. Acres: 59 acres

If the zoning is granted the apartment site must provide a second means of access. The apartment site must also comply with section 504 of the Zoning Regulations.

The site plan for the commercial area, except for the possible changes of driveway locations, appears to have no site planning factors requiring comment at this time.

Very truly yours,

John L. Wimbley
John L. Wimbley
Planning Specialist II
Project Planning Division
Office of Planning and Zoning

JLW:wh

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

ITEM #36

TOWSON, MARYLAND - 21204

Property Owner: Trustees of St. Charles
District: 1
Present Zoning: DR 5.5
Proposed Zoning: RE + DR 16
No. Acres: 59

The schools servicing this area are:

	Capacity	Enroll.	+/-
Catonsville Elementary	650	658	+8
Catonsville Junior	1355	1450	+95
Catonsville Senior	1480	1579	+99

The area as now zoned could ultimately yield 83 elementary pupils, 46 Junior high pupils and 23 senior high pupils while a change to DR 16 could yield 133 elementary pupils, 31 Junior high pupils, and 22 senior high pupils. A change to RE would not increase the student population. Factors were taken from the 2 bedroom garden apartment development known as Meadow Lane on Wilkins Avenue south of St. Charles Avenue. A .300 factor was used for the elementary yield.

W. ERIC DINWENIA, ZONING COMMISSIONER
JUDITH E. HUGHES, VICE PRESIDENT
MR. ROBERT L. BERNY

MRS. JOHN M. ERDOCK
JUDITH E. HUGHES, VICE PRESIDENT
ALVIN LITTECK
JOSHUA R. WHEELER, CLERK

T. BAYARD WILLIAMS, JR.
RICHARD W. TRACY, VICE
MRS. EDWARD C. WINTERL

Re: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : IN THE
from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and : CIRCUIT COURT
D.R. 16 :
NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane : FOR
and Wilkins Avenue : BALTIMORE COUNTY
1st District :
CARL E. BOETTCHER, : At Law
DONALD E. MARTIN : Misc. Docket: 10
ETHELYN M. COCKERHAM, : Folio: 66
ANNE MUELLER, et al : Case No.: 5630
Protestants : - - -

ORDER FOR APPEAL

MR. CLERK:

Please enter an appeal on behalf of the Protestants, Carl E. Boettcher, Donald E. Martin, Ethelyn M. Cockerham, and Anne Mueller from the Opinion and Order of the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in the above entitled matter dated the 5th day of June, 1975, granting the requested D.R. 16 zoning on Parcel A on the copy of Petitioner's Exhibit # 1 attached to the Opinion and Order and as further described on a separate description attached to said Order and in addition, please enter an appeal from the Opinion and Order granting Business Local Zoning for Parcel B as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit #1, a copy of which was attached to the Board of Appeal's Opinion and Order.

Harry S. Swartzwelder, Jr.
200 Equitable Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Telephone 727-4929
Attorney for Protestants

*Rec'd 6-25-75
8:30 AM*

Re: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : IN THE
from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and : CIRCUIT COURT
D.R. 16 :
NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane : FOR
and Wilkins Avenue : BALTIMORE COUNTY
1st District :
Trustees of St. Charles College, : At Law
Petitioners : Misc. Docket: _____
Folio: _____
Case No.: _____

ORDER FOR APPEAL

MR. CLERK:

Please enter an appeal on behalf of the Petitioner, the Trustees of Saint Charles College, legal owners, Philip Klein, Melvyn Goldman and Fair Lanes, Inc., contract purchasers, from that portion of the Opinion and Order of the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in the above entitled matter dated the 5th day of June, 1975 denying the requested D.R. 16 zoning on the approximate 3.953 acre parcel contained in Parcel A on the copy of Petitioner's Exhibit #1 attached to the Opinion and Order and as further described on a separate description attached to said Order and in addition, please enter an appeal from that portion of the Opinion and Order contained in paragraph #2 on page 14 of the Opinion and Order denying Business Local zoning for the approximate 15 acre portion of Parcel B as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit #1, a copy of which was attached to the Board of Appeal's Opinion and Order.

William S. Baldwin
24 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
823-0260
Attorney for the Petitioners

WILLIAM S. BALDWIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TOWSON, MARYLAND
21204

*Rec'd 6/14/75
11:45 am*

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Order for Appeal to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County and the Petition on Appeal, both relating to the Opinion and Order of the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County dated June 5, 1975, in Case No. 73-43-R, was delivered to the Board prior to the filing of this Order, as shown below.

William S. Baldwin
Attorney for Appellants

Service of a copy of the Order for Appeal and Petition on Appeal in Case No. 73-43-R is admitted this _____ day of _____, 1975, by

County Board of Appeals

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order for Appeal and Petition on Appeal was mailed to Harry S. Swartzwelder, Esquire, 210 East Redwood Street, 400 Totman Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, on this _____ day of _____, 1975.

William S. Baldwin
Attorney for Appellants

Re: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : IN THE
from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. and : CIRCUIT COURT
D.R. 16 :
NE corner of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkins Avenue : FOR
21 Acres of St. Charles College, : BALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioners : At Law
Misc. Docket: _____
Folio: _____
Case No.: _____

PETITION ON APPEAL

The Petition on Appeal of the Trustees of St. Charles College, legal owners, Philip Klein, Melvyn Goldman and Fair Lanes, Inc., contract purchasers, Petitioners herein, by William S. Baldwin, their attorney, respectfully represents to this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That the Petitioners, the Trustees of St. Charles College, are the legal owners of the 35 acre parcel of ground located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Maiden Choice Lane and Wilkins Avenue in the First Election District of Baltimore County, Maryland which is the subject of these proceedings.
2. That the Petitioners, the Klein-Goldman interests and Fair Lanes, Inc. are contract purchasers of the 55 acre tract that is the subject of these proceedings. The Petitioners filed an application with the Baltimore County zoning authorities for a reclassification from D.R. 5.5 to B.L. on the 25 acre tract designated as Parcel B on Petitioners' Exhibit #1 (plat of the property) filed in the case and which was attached to and made a part of the Board of Appeals Opinion and Order dated June 5, 1975, and they further requested a reclassification from D.R. 5.5 to D.R. 16

WILLIAM S. BALDWIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TOWSON, MARYLAND
21204

*Rec'd 6/11/75
6/16/75*

on the 30 acre tract designated as Parcel A on the above referred to plat and exhibit.

3. That by an Opinion and Order dated March 23, 1973, the Zoning Commissioner granted the Petitioners' requested reclassification in its entirety on both parcels.
4. That subsequent to March 23, 1973, the Protestants appealed the Zoning Commissioner's decision to the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County, which Board in due course, held extended hearings in the matter, both sides being represented by counsel.
5. That the Board of Appeals by its Opinion and Order dated June 5, 1975 wrongfully, illegally, arbitrarily and capriciously denied approximately 15 acres of the B.L. request on Parcel B and also denied 3.953 acres of the D.R. 16 request on Parcel A.
6. That the Order of the Board in denying the zoning requested on the above mentioned portions of the land is improper, arbitrary, capricious, illegal and an abuse of the Board's power for the following reasons:
 - A. There was complete and ample evidence, properly presented before the Board and contained in the record of these proceedings to demonstrate without question that the entire property should have been zoned B.L. and D.R. 16 as requested by the Petitioners.
 - B. That the Board's denial of the Petitioners' requested zoning for the portions of the property designated in their Opinion and Order was and is improper, illegal, arbitrary and capricious exercise of the Board's power in that, based upon the evidence presented, the basic compatibility of the proposed development of the property was fully demonstrated and the concerns of the Protestants were fully refuted by the evidence shown to the Board.

WILLIAM S. BALDWIN
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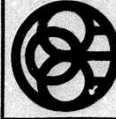
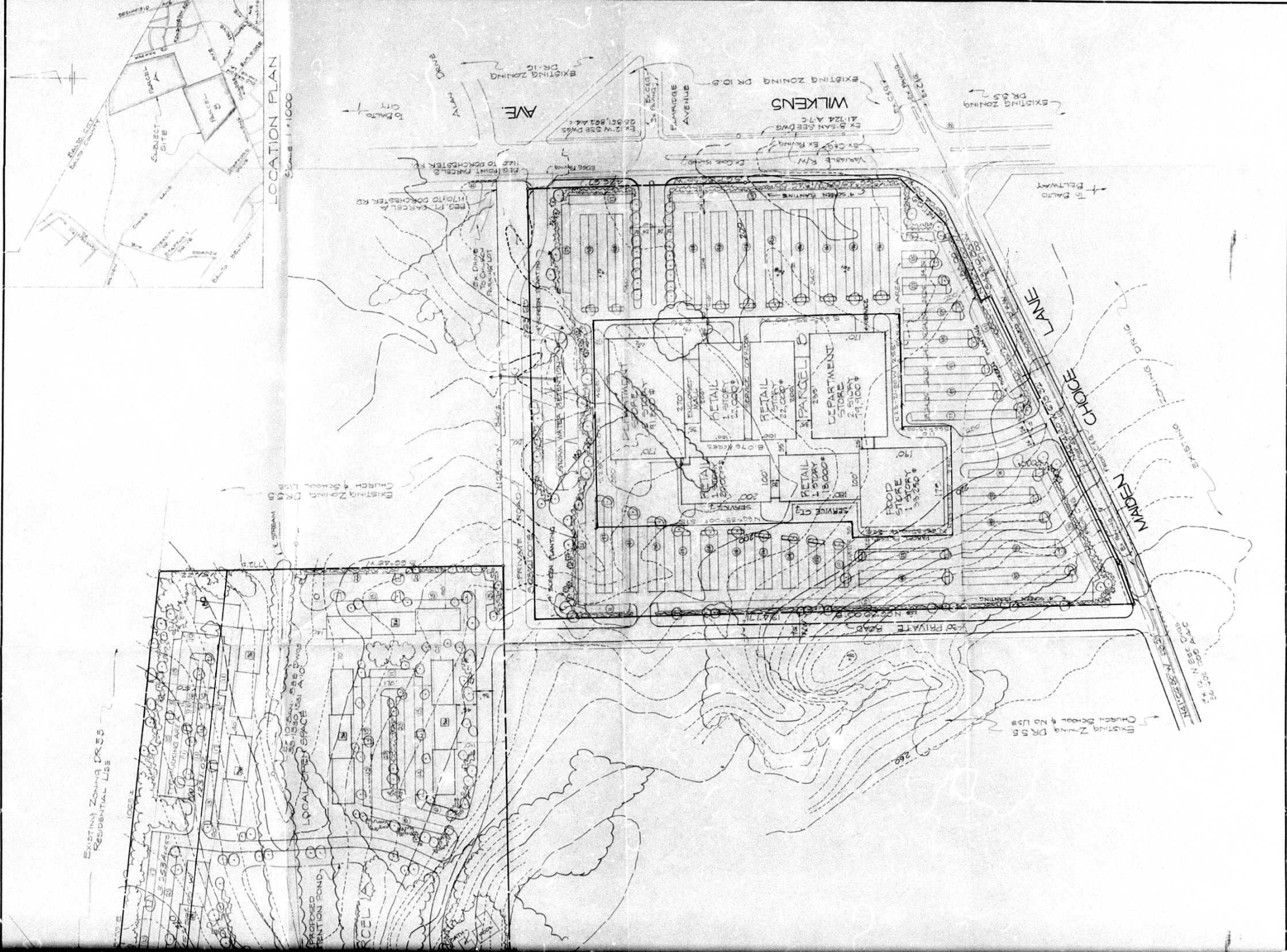
BY ORDER OF
S. ERIC DINENNA
ZONING COMMISSIONER
O. BALTIMORE COUNTY

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MAIL TO OFFICE OF FINANCE, REVENUE DIVISION
COURTHOUSE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Trustees of St. Charles College
NE cor. Malden Choice Lane & Williams Ave.
1st District

IMPORTANT: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
MAIL TO OFFICE OF FINANCE, REVENUE DIVISION
COURTHOUSE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204



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PLAT TO ACCOMPANY
PETITION FOR
RECLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY

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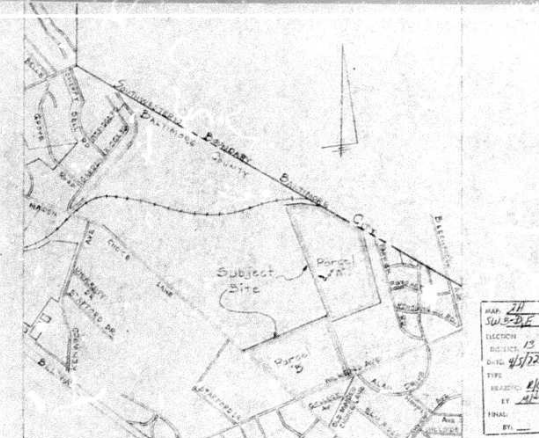
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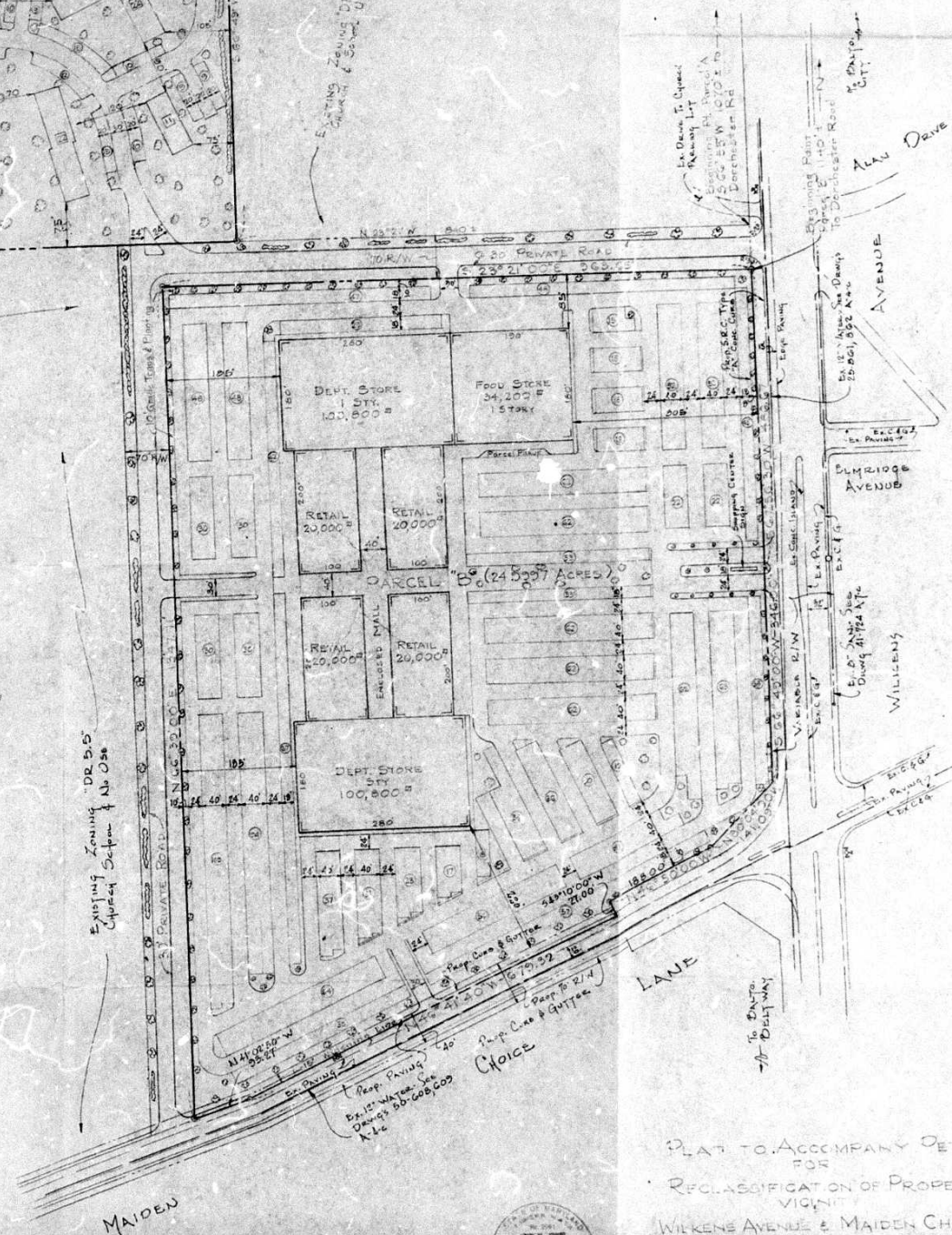


LOCATION PLAN
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- GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL 'A')

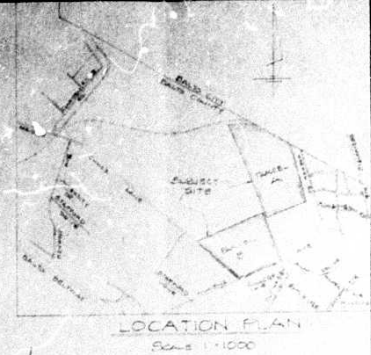
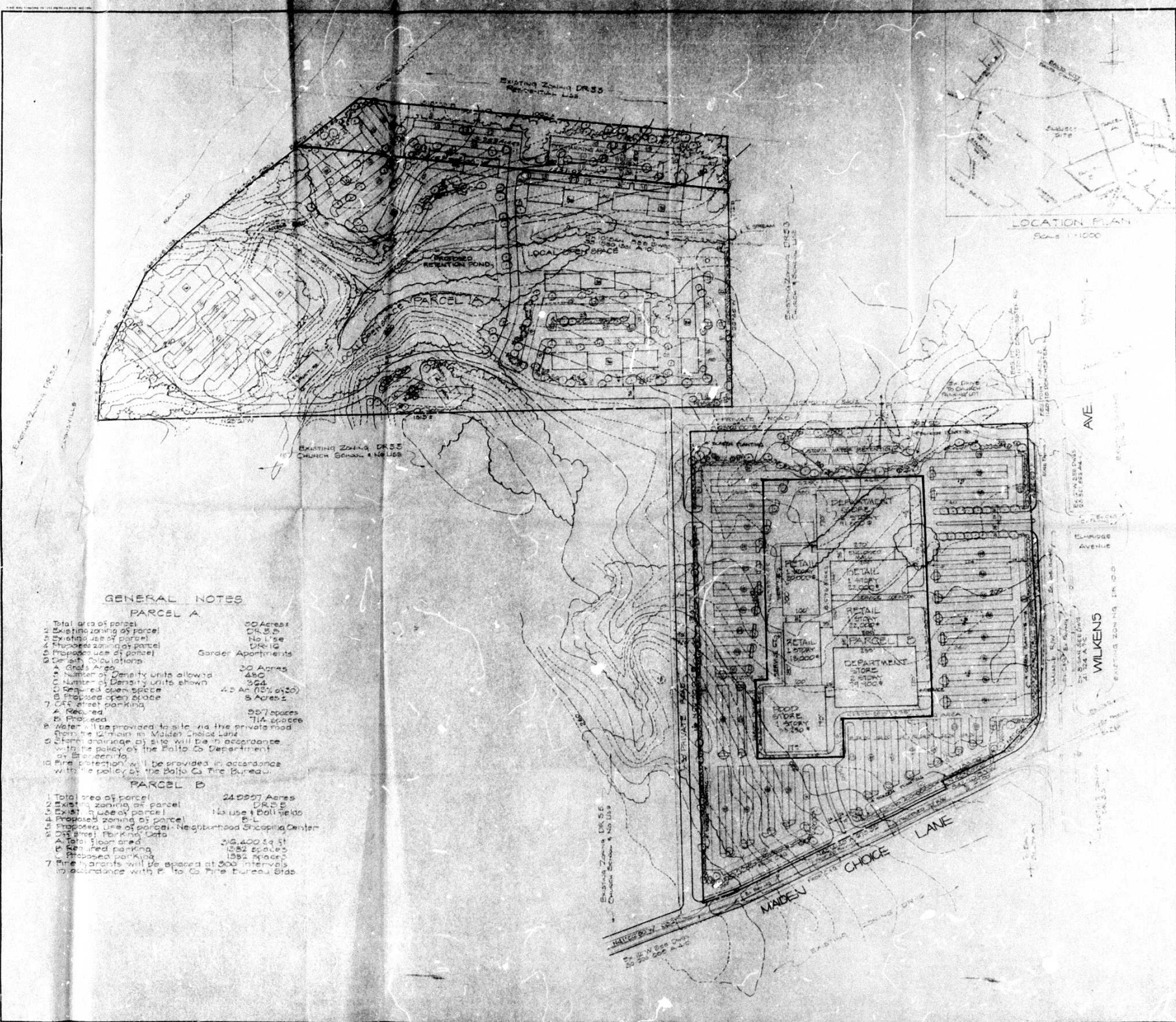
- GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL "B")



PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION
FOR

RECLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY
VICINITY

WILKENS AVENUE & MAIDEN CHOICE LANE
Election District 1 Baltimore County, Md



GENERAL NOTES

- PARCEL A**
- Total area of parcel: 50 Acres
 - Existing zoning of parcel: DR-3.5
 - Proposed use of parcel: No Use
 - Proposed zoning of parcel: DR-10
 - Proposed use of parcel: Garden Apartments
 - Design Calculations:
 - A. Gross Area: 20 Acres
 - B. Number of Density units allowed: 450
 - C. Number of Density units shown: 324
 - D. Proposed open space: 4.5 Ac (10% of 50)
 - E. Proposed open space: 8 Acres
 - Off-street parking:
 - A. Required: 557 spaces
 - B. Proposed: 714 spaces
 - Water will be provided to site via the private road shown on the 12' x 12' in Master Sublot Map.
 - Storm drainage of site will be in accordance with the policy of the Polito Co Department of Engineering.
 - Fire protection will be provided in accordance with the policy of the Polito Co Fire Bureau.
- PARCEL B**
- Total area of parcel: 24.9927 Acres
 - Existing zoning of parcel: DR-3.5
 - Existing use of parcel: No Use (Ball Field)
 - Proposed zoning of parcel: DR-10
 - Proposed use of parcel: Neighborhood Shopping Center
 - Design Calculations:
 - A. Total floor area: 310,400 sq ft
 - B. Proposed parking: 1282 spaces
 - C. Proposed parking: 1552 spaces
 - Fire hydrants will be spaced at 300' intervals in accordance with Polito Co Fire Bureau Specs.



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1970 CENSUS OF POPULATION

January 1971

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MARYLAND

advance report

Final Population Counts

(The figures in this report supersede the preliminary counts for the same areas published in the PCI(1), PCI(2), and PCI(3) series of reports. The present series consists of 52 reports—number 1 for the United States and numbers 2 through 52 for the States and the District of Columbia in alphabetical order rather than in order of publication.)

The official population count of the State as of April 1, 1970, was 3,922,399. This represents an increase of 821,710, or 26.5 percent, from the 3,100,689 inhabitants of the State in 1960.

This report presents final 1970 census statistics on the number of inhabitants of the State and its counties, classified by urban and rural residence. In addition, figures are shown for each county subdivision, each incorporated place and each unincorporated place of 1,000 or more.

The figures presented here are being issued in advance of their publication in Final Report Series PC(1)-A. The final report for this State will be issued within the next few months.

An outline of the 1970 census publication program can be obtained free of charge from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233 or any U.S. Department of Commerce Field Office.

1970 CENSUS OF HOUSING

February 1971

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Bureau of the Census

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MARYLAND

advance report

General Housing Characteristics

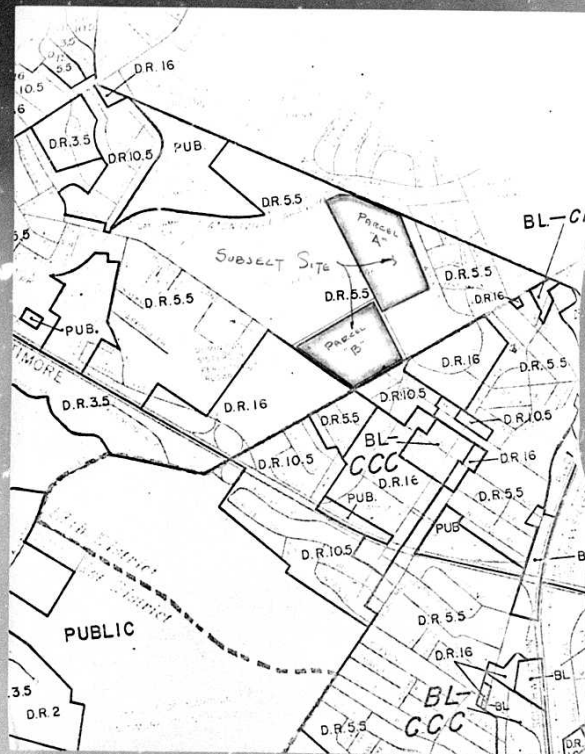
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This report presents 1970 census statistics on selected housing characteristics for this State. Data are shown for the State, each standard metropolitan statistical area, each place of 10,000 inhabitants or more, and each county or comparable area.

The data presented here are being issued in advance of their publication in Final Report Series HCL(1)-A, which will provide additional information on the housing characteristics for the State. The final report for this State will be published in about 2 months.

Statistics on selected population characteristics for the areas shown in this report are currently being issued in Advance Report Series PC(V2). An outline of the publication program for the 1970 Census of Population and Housing can be obtained free of charge from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, or any U.S. Department of Commerce Field Office.

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Young Commissioner.

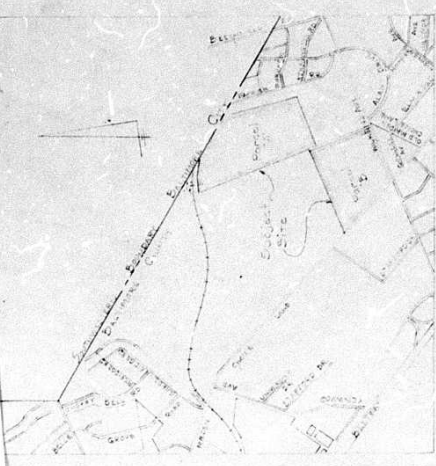
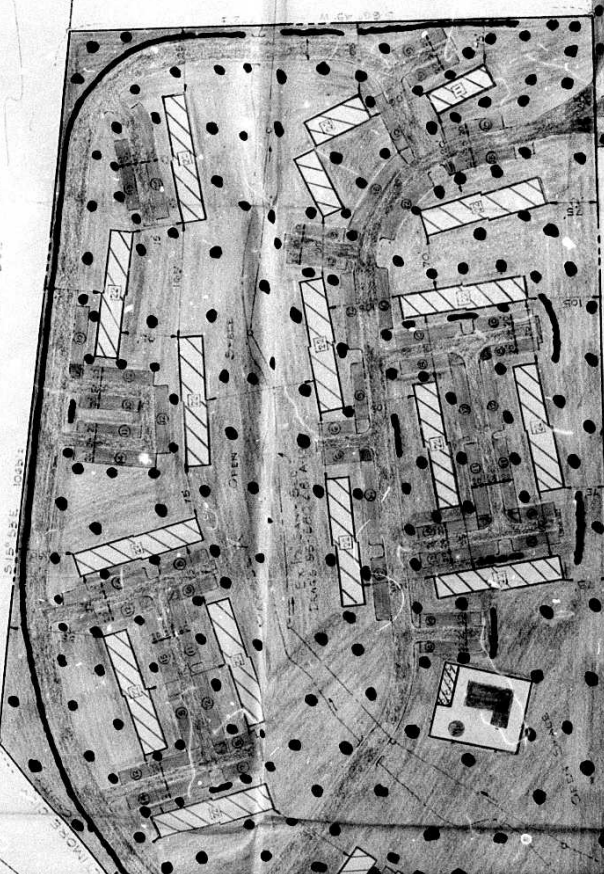
I am writing this letter in protest to the regaining on Maiden Choice Farm. I have been a resident here for 42 years. I am very much opposed to the regaining of St Charles property now St Mary, Von Wilkins Ave + Maiden Choice So. because it can do nothing but harm

There is no need for a BL
zoning as there is a large
shopping center 1-block away,
which have ample stores & filling
stations. This center has also
created trouble in the way of

lecturing by teenagers and lettering
They have also had to have police
in there because of ^{the} teenagers and
drugs. The main problem the
main trouble. This development
also devalues our property by
putting up homes that houses
over three times as many people
as originally planned. This
building project will take away
our quiet neighborhood + change
it into a noisy, crowded area
which will definitely bring
violence + crime into our area.

Very truly yours
 Mr & Mrs. Donald Bristow
 812 Maiden Lane - 28

EXISTING ZONING & USE



LOCATION PLAN

EXISTING ZONING DR 55
General Street E N 1/2 B

GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL A)

1. Water will be provided to site via the 10' Private Road from the 12' main in Wilkens Ave.
2. Storm drainage of site will be in accordance with the policy of the Balto. Co. Dept. of Engineering.
3. Fire protection will be provided in accordance with the policy of the Balto. Co. Fire Bureau.

GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL B)

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Neighborhood Shopping Center

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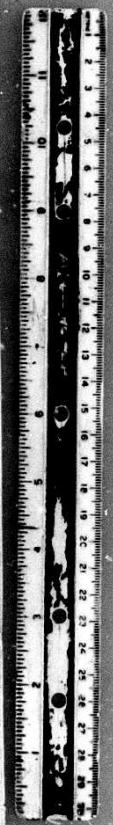
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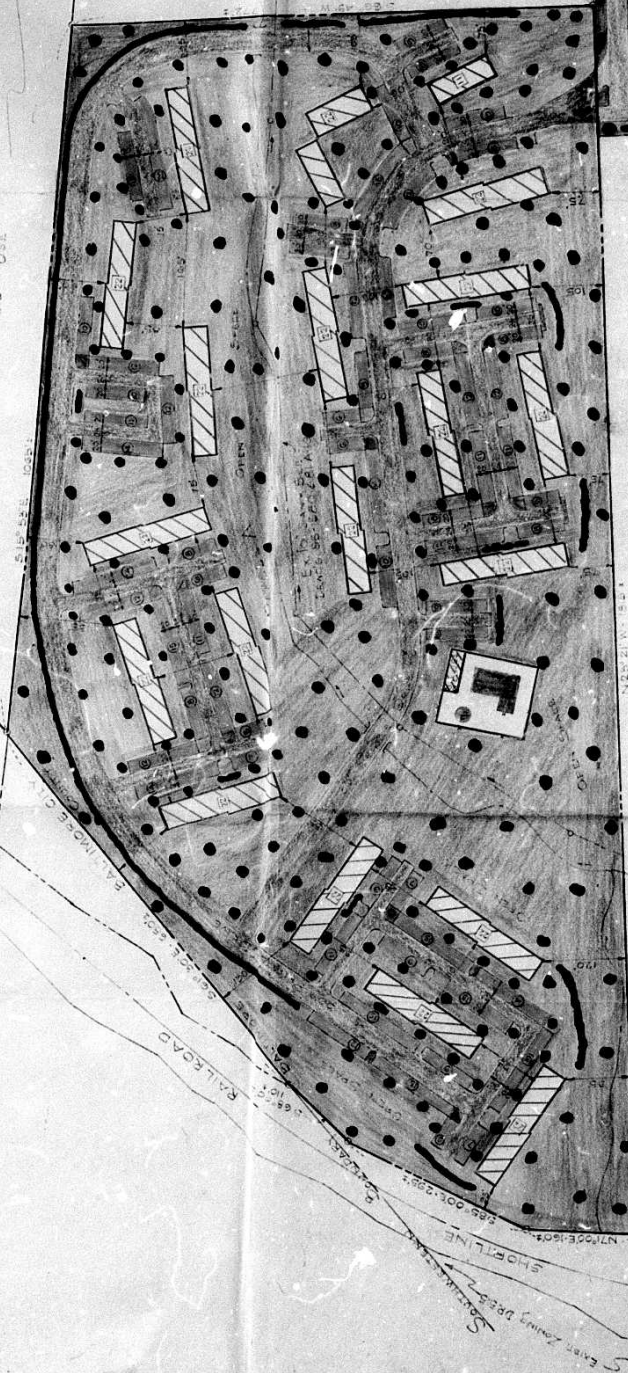
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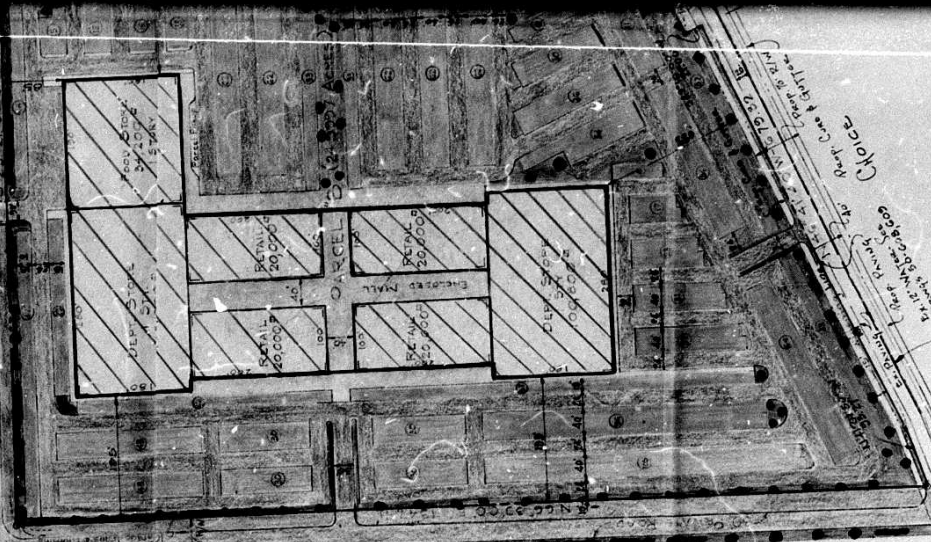
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WILKENS AVENUE & MADEN CHOICE LANE
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
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EXISTING ZONING: DUES
RESIDENTIAL USE



EXISTING ZONING: DUES
CHURCH USE



GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL A)

1. Total area of parcel: 30 acres.
2. Existing zoning of parcel: DUES.
3. Existing use of parcel: No Use.
4. Proposed zoning of parcel: DUES.
5. Proposed use of parcel: Garden Apt.
6. Density Calculations:
 - A. Gross area: 30 acres.
 - B. Number of Apt. Units: Allowed 480.
 - C. Number of Apt. Units: Proposed 480.
 - D. Required Open Space: Equals 4.5 Ac: (15% of 30 Ac).
 - E. Proposed Open Space: Equals 6 Ac.
7. Off street parking:
 - A. Required: 672.
 - B. Proposed: 680.

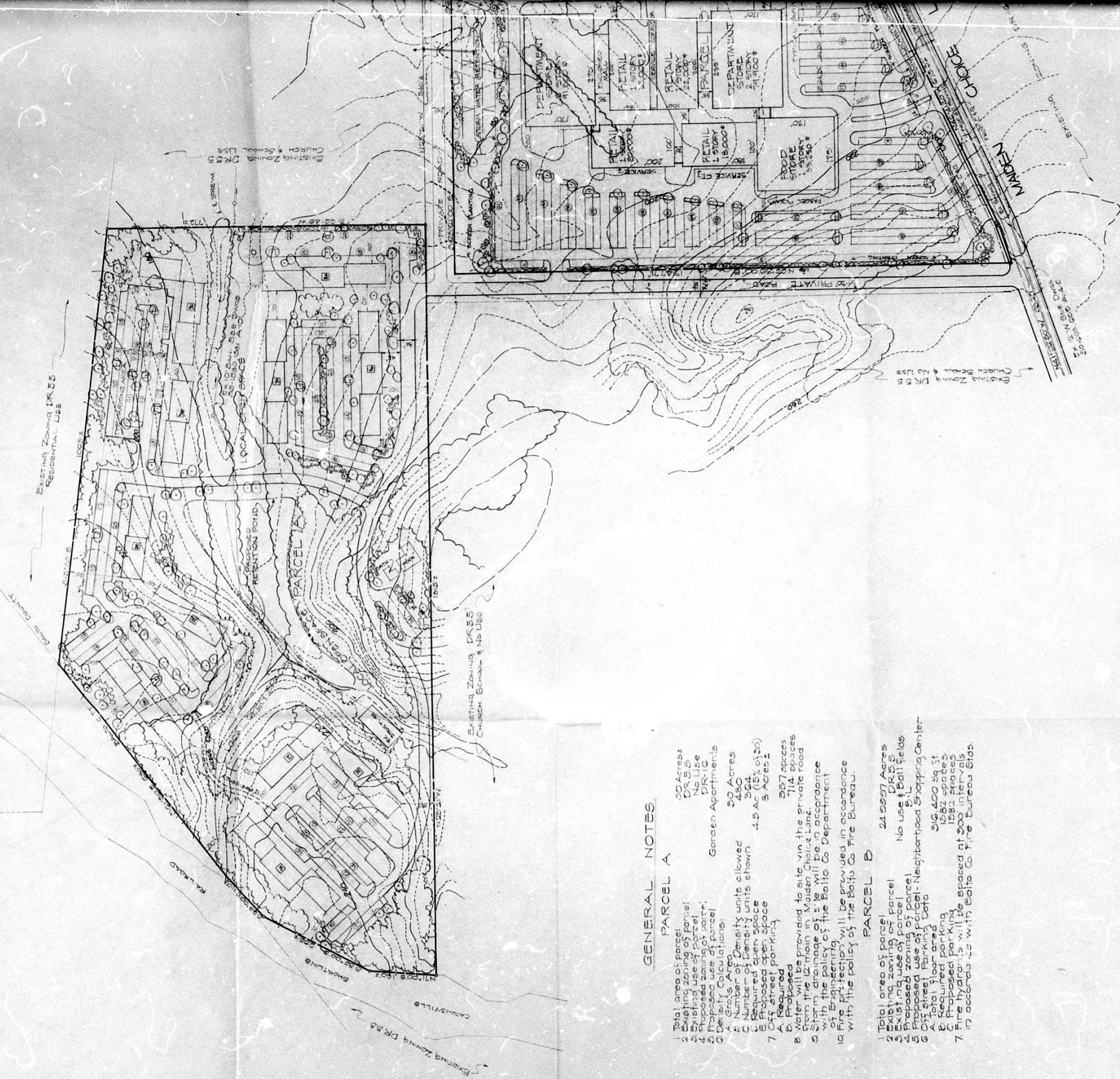
GENERAL NOTES (PARCEL B)

1. Total area of parcel: 24.9997 Acres.
2. Existing zoning of parcel: DUES.
3. Existing use of parcel: No Use.
4. Proposed zoning of parcel: DUES.
5. Proposed use of parcel: Neighborhood Shopping Center.
6. Off street parking:
 - A. Total floor area: equals 100,000 sq. ft.
 - B. Required parking: equals 1075 spaces.
 - C. Required parking: equals 1216 spaces.
 - D. Fire hydrants will be placed at 600 foot intervals in accordance with Baltimore Co. Fire Bureau Standards.

Notes

Z.C. PET No. 1





GENERAL NOTES

PARCEL A

- 1 Total area of parcel 30 Acres
- 2 Existing zoning of parcel DR 5.5
- 3 Existing use of parcel No Use
- 4 Proposed zoning of parcel DR 1.6
- 5 Proposed use of parcel Garden Apartments
- 6 Density Calculations:
 - a. Gross Area 30 Acres
 - b. Number of Density units allowed 450
 - c. Number of Density units shown 364
 - d. Required open space 4.5 Ac (15% of 30)
 - e. Proposed open space 5 Acres
- 7 Off street parking
 - a. Required 357 spaces
 - b. Proposed 714 spaces
- 8 Water will be provided to site via the private road from the 12 main in Maiden Choice Lane.
- 9 Storm drainage of site will be in accordance with the policy of the Baltimore Department of Engineering.
- 10 Fire hydrants will be provided in accordance with the policy of the Baltimore Fire Bureau.

PARCEL B

- 1 Total area of parcel 24.007 Acres
- 2 Existing zoning of parcel DR 5.5
- 3 Existing use of parcel No Use
- 4 Proposed zoning of parcel DR 1.6
- 5 Proposed use of parcel Neighborhood Shopping Center
- 6 Off street parking
 - a. Total floor area 316,400 sq ft
 - b. Required parking 1582 spaces
 - c. Proposed parking 1582 spaces
- 7 Fire hydrants will be spaced at 300 intervals in accordance with Baltimore Fire Bureau standards.



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EXISTING ZONING DR-55
CHURCH SCHOOL & No USE

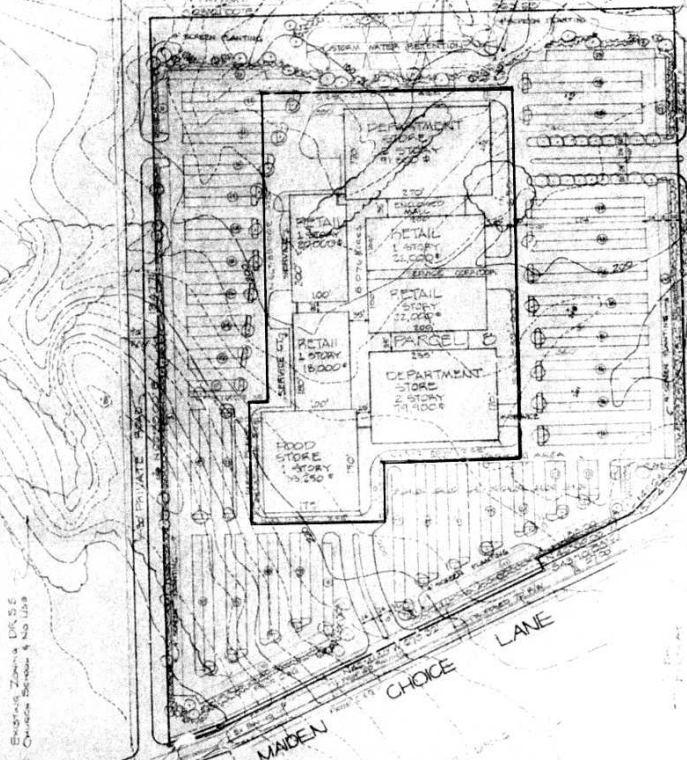
GENERAL NOTES

PARCEL A

1. Total area of parcel: 30 Acres
2. Existing zoning of parcel: DR-55
3. Existing use of parcel: No Use
4. Proposed zoning of parcel: DR-10
5. Proposed use of parcel: Garden Apartments
6. Density Calculations:
 - A. Gross Area: 30 Acres
 - B. Number of Density units allowed: 180
 - C. Number of Density units shown: 184
 - D. Required open space: 4.2 Ac (13% of 30)
 - E. Proposed open space: 8 Acres ±
7. Off street parking:
 - A. Required: 357 spaces
 - B. Proposed: 714 spaces
8. Water will be provided to site via the private road from the 2' main in Maiden Choice Lane.
9. Storm drainage of site will be in accordance with the policy of the Balto Co Department of Engineering.
10. Fire protection will be provided in accordance with the policy of the Balto Co Fire Bureau.

PARCEL B

1. Total area of parcel: 24.9957 Acres
2. Existing zoning of parcel: DR-55
3. Existing use of parcel: No Use & Ball fields
4. Proposed zoning of parcel: F-1
5. Proposed use of parcel: Neighborhood Shopping Center
6. Off street Parking Data:
 - A. Total floor area: 219,400 sq ft
 - B. Required parking: 1282 spaces
 - C. Proposed parking: 1384 spaces
7. Fire hydrants will be spaced at 500' intervals in accordance with Balto Co Fire Bureau Spec.



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