IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CATON JOINT VENTURE FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FREDERICK RD (ROUTE 144), 170' WEST OF THE C/L OF SYMINGTON AVENUE (6348 FREDERICK ROAD) PARADISE PROFESSIONAL CENTER FREDERICK ROAD

RE: CRG DECISION

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 88-455-X and CASE NO. CBA-88-124

1st ELECTION DISTRICT 

OPINION

These cases come before the Board as consolidated matters regarding the proposed development of that property located at 6348 Frederick Road in the First Councilmanic District, First Election District. Specifically, the property owner requests permission to construct a Class B office building as fully described in Developer's Exhibits No. 1 and No. 3. The cases arise before this Board as an appeal from the decision of the County Review Group (CRG) dated May 20, 1988, which approved the plan for development. That case has been consolidated with the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner dated August 12, 1988, which granted with restrictions the Petitioner's request for a special exception to construct the proposed Class B office building in an R.O.

As to the CRG, our decision must be to affirm the CRG as there was absolutely no evidence offered that its decision was reached arbitrarily, capriciously, or procured by fraud. All of the concerns raised by the protestants in the hearing before this Board were addressed and considered by the CRG. Because of the presumptive correctness of that body's decision as mandated by Section 22-61(c) of the Baltimore County Code, the Board has no choice other than to affirm and approve the CRG's decision.

Consideration of the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner was more difficult. Specifically, there was evidence offered of Case No. 88-455-X and CBA-88-124 Caton Joint Venture and Paradise Professional Center

the passage of Bill No. 151-88 by the Baltimore County Council to be effective November 27, 1988. This bill dramatically reduces the permitted size and scope of Class B buildings in R.O. zones. Although the parties hereto disagree as to the extent of the reduction of this project should that law be applied, it is evident that there would be some square footage reduction of the size of the building necessary to conform with the new square footage ratio standards. Likewise, it is clear that under the new legislation a variance from setback requirements would be necessary; again due to the change in standard by Bill No. 151-88. Notwithstanding this prospective legislation, this Board is bound to consider this project under the current legislation. As such, the Petitioner's proposed setbacks and square footage ratio are within acceptable

As this Board has widely held, we are obligated to consider each special exception by the mandates as set forth in Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). As to each of these considerations, the Developer presented testimony that his proposal was in compliance. Specifically, J. Strong Smith, the engineer on the project, and Gilbert Thomas, its architect, testified that the project was not violative of any of the considerations in B.C.Z.R. 502.1. In opposition to this view, the opponents of this development testified as to their fears of commercial encroachment into this residential locale which might be brought about by this project, but otherwise did not offer any well-founded, specific objections.

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence offered to this Board, we are persuaded that the Petitioners have met their burden imposed by Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Nonetheless, we are cognizant of the neighboring

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residential character of this neighborhood and those residents' concerns. Thus we will grant the special exception with restrictions and will so order.

ORDER

It is therefore this 23rd day of November, 1988 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the decision of the County Review Group dated May 20, 1988 which approved the plan for development be and the same is AFFIRMED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the special exception to permit a Class office building in an R.O. zone shall be GRANTED subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioner shall have no outdoor signage other than the one sign permitted by the B.C.Z.R.
- 2) The Petitioner shall not have any exterior lighting 8 feet above-grade on the sides of the building. All parking lot lighting shall be no more than 8 feet above-grade. All exterior lighting shall be directed downward and shall not diffuse onto residential property.
- 3) The Petitioner shall not permit the basement level of the proposed building to be used for office space. The basement level is to be used only for storage and/or mechanical purposes. There shall be no employee and/or jublic areas in the basement.
- 4) The Petitioner shall assure that all leases for the subject property clearly prohibit any tenant from violating any of the requirements of this Order and Restriction No. 3 above shall appear in boldface type in every lease agreement.

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- 5) As testified to by the Petitioner and agreed to by all parties, the existing trees as clearly noted on Developer's Exhibit No. 3 shall remain. Extra core shall be taken during the construction process not to disturb the root system of these large trees.
- 6) The screening by shrubbery as shown on Developer's Exhibit No. 3 on the north and west perimeters of the property shall consist of dense evergreens, planted in three rows with alternating trees of a 6 to 8-foot height so that the light from the parking lot will not project into the rear yards of those properties located on Briarwood Road. The denseness of this screening must also be designed to prohibit legal or illegal entry from the parking lot onto the existing alley between the property and Briarwood Road. All shrubbery in the project must of course comply with Baltimore County landscaping regulations.
- 7) The fence as noted on Developer's Exhibit No. 3 along the east side of the property and the north side shall be a wood-on-wood opaque fence, 5 feet in height rather then the 4-foot fence shown on the

Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure. COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALITMORE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CATON JOINT VENTURE FOR A VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE FREDERICK ROAD : (ROUTE 144), 170' WEST OF CENTER-LINE OF SYMINGTON AVENUE (6348 FREDERICK ROAD) 1st ELECTION DISTRICT 1st COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

BEFORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 88-455-X

#### ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This is an appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner dated August 12, 1988 granting with restrictions the requested variance on the subject property located in the First Election District of Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, the Board of Appeals is in receipt of a Letter of Dismissal of appeal filed October 3, 1988 (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) from Counsel for Appellant in the above-entitled case; and

WHEREAS, said Counsel for said Appellant requests that the appeal filed on behalf of said Appellant be dismissed and withdrawn as of October 3, 1988,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 5th day of October, 1988 that said appeal be and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353

J. Robert Haines

August 12, 1988 Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

The Susquehanna Building, Suite 205 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Case No. 88-455-X

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144), 170' W of the c/l of Symington Avenue Rasmussen (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District Caton Joint Venture - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above-referenced case. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 494-3391.

> J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

JRH:bjs Enclosure cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody

12 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228

Mr. Joseph Pallozzi 15 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, Md. 21228

Mr. Patrick Crone 30 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Ms. Berchie Manley

Mrs. Jane Twamley 26 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228 People's Counsel, File

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION \* BEFORE THE N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144) 170' W of the c/l of

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 1st Election District

1st Councilmanic District Calon Joint Venture Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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\* Case No. 88-455-X

The Petitioner herein requests a special exception to permit a Class B office building on the property described herein, as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibits 2, 2A, and a colored south elevation drawing, which has been initialed by the Zoning Commissioner as being received May 26, 1988.

The Petitioner, by Gary R. Gamber and M. L. Herzberger, Jr., appeared, testified and was represented by Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was J. Strong Smith, Engineer. Numerous individuals appeared as Protestants and the following persons testified on their behalf: Mark and June Moody, Joseph Pallozzi, Patrick Crone, Berchie Manley, and Jane Twamley. Mary Ginn also appeared as a Protestant and testified on behalf of the Alliance of Baltimore County Community Councils (ABCs).

It should be noted that the original project developed by the Petitioner, as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibits 1A, 1B and 1C, is not the project for which the Petitioner is pursuing the instant Petition for Special Exception. Furthermore, the Petitioner believes that the representations on Petitioner's Exhibits 2 and 2A comply with all the requirements of the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee, including the Department of Traffic Engineering.

SUBJECT: COUNTY REVIEW GROUP COMMENTS

DATE: 5/20/88 (Continued from 4/7/88)

PLAN: 4/27/88

PROJECT NAME: PARADISE PROFESSIONAL CENTER

REV: 5/1/88 REV: \_\_\_\_ LOCATION: N/S Frederick Rd. 170' W c/1 of Symington Avenue

DISTRICT: 1 c1

FROM: ZONING OFFICE

/ BA/ BE ADVISED (NOT NELESSARY FOR CRG APPROVAL, BUT MIST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO FINAL ZONING APPROVAL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ADDED LAST BY PLAN DATE

1. A Special Exception zoning hearing for a Class "B" office building was filed in the zoning office on 2/22/88 under Item #303. Casé #88-455-X has been assigned, and a hearing date has been set for 5/18/88 at 9:00 a.m.

Correct the coordinates to conform to the Baltimore County Grid System. Recalculate the F.A.R. based on the correct gross R.O. area including 30 feet of the Frederick Road R/W:

Recalculate the provided A.O.S. on the engineering and architectural plans, using the gross R.O. site area only, including 30 feet of the Frederick Road R/W. 4. Include on the plan under "Zoning History"

> Case #75-36RX (Item #33) Reclassification from D.R. 10.5 to D.R. 16 and a Special Exception for offices and office building for Helen G. Snyder denied by the Zoning Commissioner 4/21/75:

5. If a sign, parking, F.A.R. or A.O.S. quantity requirement deficiency or noncompliance is determined during the C.R.G. review, variances should be included with the zoning hearing WITHOUT DELAY to avoid rescheduling a hearing day. Also revised plans should be submitted to the zoning office when the C.R.G. comments are addressed. The plans should be sent under reference of the hearing case number #88-455-X (Item #303).

6. Final zoning approval would be contingent upon the outcome of the zoning hearing and these comments being addressed.

> W. CARL RICHARDS, JR. Zoning Coordinator

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## County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301)2022180 887-3180

December 7, 1988

Mr. Robert Davis Paradise Community Association 12} Edmondson Ridge Road Baltimore, MD 21228

> RE: Case No. 88-455-X Caton Joint Venture

Dear Mr. Davis:

In accordance with your telephone request, enclosed is a copy of the final Opinion and Order which was issued by the County Board of Appeals on November 23, 1988 regarding the subject case. This case was consolidated with Case No. CBA-88-124, Paradise Professional Center (CRG approval of the plan) as reflected in the enclosed Opinion/Order.

Should you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Secretary



# County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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November 23, 1988

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Susquehanna Building, Suite 205 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 88-455-X Caton Joint Venture and Case No. CBA-88-124 Paradise Professional Center

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed is a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject

Administrative Secretary

cc: Caton Joint Venture Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moody J. Strong Smith Mr. Joseph Pallozzi Mr. Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Ms. Jane Twamley People's Counsel for Baltimore County Robert Covahey Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission

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November 10, 1988

Board of Appeals for Baltimore County Room 315, County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATT: Ms. Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

RE: Caton Joint Venture Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

WILLIAM R. LEVASSEUR, JR.

Enclosed please find two Affidavits of Service to be filed in the above entitled case, together with a copy of the Subpoena for each

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, EVANS, GEORGE, & BRONSTEIN Benjamin Bronstein

BB/bjs Enclosures

PETITION FOR SPECIA EXCEPTION N/S FREDERICK ROAD (RTE. 144) 170' W OF THE c/1 OF SYMINGTON AVENUE

(6348 FREDERICK ROAD)

1ST ELECTION DISTRICT 1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT CATON JOINT VENTURE-PETITIONER

BOARD OF APPEALS

BEFORE

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 88-455-X \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies:

1. I am a competent private person over 18 years of age and not a party to this action.

2. On November 10, 1988 at 3:15 p.m. I personally served a Subpoena Duces Tecum on Robert E. Covahey, Acting Chief, through his secretary, Paula, Bureau of Public Services for Baltimore County, County Office Building, Room 321, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

I do solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

> 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Ste. 205, The Susquehanna Bldg. Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 296-0200

PETITION FOR SPECIA EXCEPTION N/S FREDERICK ROAD (RTE. 144) 170' W OF THE c/1 OF SYMINGTON AVENUE (6348 FREDERICK ROAD)

1ST ELECTION DISTRICT 1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT CATON JOINT VENTURE-PETITIONER BEFORE THE

BOARD OF APPEALS

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 88-455-X \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies:

1. I am a competent private person over 18 \_ears of age and not a party to this action.

2. On November 10, 1988 at 2:55 p.m. I personally served a Subpoena Duces Tecum on P. David Fields, Director of Planning, at the Office of Planning and Zoning for Baltimore County, Room 406, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

I do solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

> 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Ste. 205, The Susquehanna Bldg. Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 296-0200

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION N/S FREDERICK ROAD (RTE. 144) 170' W OF THE c/1 OF SYMINGTON AVENUE (6348 FREDERICK ROAD)

1ST ELECTION DISTRICT

CASE NO. 88-455-X

1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT CATON JOINT VENTURE-PETITIONER

BEFORE THE

BOARD OF APPEALS

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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Caton Joint Venture, by Benjamin Bronstein and Evans, George & Bronstein, its attorneys, requests the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to the following individuals:

> Robert E. Covahey Acting Chief Bureau of Public Services for Baltimore County County Office Building Room 321 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

P. David Fields Director of Planning Office of Planning & Zoning for Baltimore County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Room 406 Towson, Maryland 21204

to appear and testify before the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Hearing Room 218, Towson, Maryland 21204 on Tuesday, November 15, 1989 at 10:00 a.m., and to bring with him all documents relating to the Paradise



Professional Center (Frederick Road, 1st Election District), which was approved on May 20, 1988, including the complete CRG file and all comments and other documents related to the CRG plan and approval thereof.

> Evans, George & Bronstein 29 W. Sysquehanna Avenue, Ste. 205 Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 296-0200 Attorneys for Petitioner

EVANS, GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN SUSQUEHANNA BUILDING, SUITE 205 29 WEST SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

(301) 586-0500 FAX: (301) 295-3719 L ROBERT EVANS HARRIS JAMES GEORGE BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN

October 24, 1988

WALLACE DANN

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Paradise Professional Center Case No. CBA-88-124 and Caton Joint Venture Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

MICHAELJ CHOMEL

DOUGLAS A STUBBS

WILLIAM R LEVASSEUR, JR

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Thank you for your letter of October 18, 1988. You are correct that I dismissed the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Lummissioner predicated on the fact that no appeal had been taken by the protestants. Prior to my dismissing the appeal, I had confirmed with your office that no such appeal had been entered by the protestants. Since an appeal was filed, I am hereby requesting that the appeal filed by Caton Joint Venture, the developer, be reinstated before the Board of Appeals.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, EVANS GEORGE & BRONSTEIN Bénjamin Fronstein

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Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt -2-October 24, 1988

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody Caton Joint Venture J. Strong Smith, P.E. Joseph Pallozi Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Jane Twamley Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission Robert Covahey P. David Fields Pat Keller J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowicz James E. Dyer Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney Nancy C. West, Esquire

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines

October 14, 1988

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315 Dennis F. Rasmussen Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Exception N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144), 170' W of the c/1 of Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District, 1st Councilmanic District Caton Joint Venture - Petitioner Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Board:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on September 12, 1988 by June Moody, Protestant. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

> J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner

JRH:cer

Enclosures

cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Evans, George and Bronstein, 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205, Towson, Md. 21204 J. Strong Smith, 303 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 Caton Joint Venture c/o G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Associates 303 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204

September 12, 1988

Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe Baltimore County Government Towson, Maryland

Dear Ms. Radcliffe,

88-422-X

On August 15, 1988, I received a copy of the decision rendered by Mr. Haines regarding the request by Caton Joint Venture for a special exception to the RO zoning of their Frederick Avenue property to allow them to build a class B office building.

By this letter, please be advised that I am appealing the decision reached by the Zoning Commissioner to allow the proposed class B office building. Enclosed is a check for \$115 to cover the required appeal fees.

If any additional information is required I can be reached at the address below, or by phone at my business number which is 301-225-5486.

> Sincerely, June Moc De June Moody

address: 12 N. Symington Avenue Catonsville, Maryland 21228

> RECEIVED ZONING OFFICE PATE: 7-12-88 (ok au)



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 494-3180

October 18, 1988

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire EVANS, GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN Susquehanna Building, Suite 205 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Paradise Professional Center Case No. CBA-88-124; and Caton Joint Venture Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

This is in reference to the hearing scheduled before the Board of Appeals for November 15, 1988 regarding the above property. The issues surrounding this property and the proposed development originally reached this Board by way of two forums, the Office of the Zoning Commissioner and the County Review Group (CRG). As each involves common questions of fact ... and law, the appeals had been consolidated and set for hearing before the Board for November 15.

As to the CRG matter, the Board notes that cross-appeals were filed from the decision of the CRG dated May 20, 1988. Specifically, on May 24, 1988, an appeal was received from you representing Caton Joint Venture and on June 16, 1988, a cross-appeal was filed from the protestants by Ms. June Moody, 12 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228.

As to the Zoning Commissioner's case, a review of the file discloses that Commissioner Haines issued his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding your client's Petition for Special Exception on August 12, 1988. On behalf of your client, you appealed this decision to this Board on August 17, 1988. The file further reflects that the Zoning Office received notice of appeal on September 12, 1988 of Commissioner Haines' Order by Ms. June Moody. A review of Ms. Moody's letter of appeal discloses that a copy was not forwarded to you, your clients, nor anyone else affiliated with this project. Unfortunately, the matter was further compounded by a delay in the Zoning Office forwarding Ms. Moody's notice of appeal from Commissioner Haines' decision to this Board until October 14, 1988. This

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

October 18, 1988

was the first date at which time the Board was aware of Ms. Moody's appeal. In the interim, on October 3, 1988, you had dismissed your appeal from Zoning Commissioner Haines' decision, apparently, at least partially, upon the assumption that no further appeals had been filed.

Under the circumstances, the Board feels compelled to allow you the opportunity to reinstitute your appeal from the Zoning Commissioner's decision if you so desire. Kindly confirm your decision in this regard in writing to the Board with a copy to other interested parties. So that there is no confusion, the Board will be prepared to proceed on November 15, 1988 to consider both the cross-appeals from the decision of the CRG and the cross-appeals as to your Petition for Special Exception.

> Lawrence E. Schmidt County Board of Appeals

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody Caton Joint Venture J. Strong Smith Joseph Pallozi Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Jane Twamley Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission Robert Covahey P. David Fields Pat Keller J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowicz James E. Dyer Docket Clerk -Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney Nancy C. West, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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September 30, 1988

L. ROBERT EVANS HARRIS JAMES GEORGE BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN MICHAEL J. CHOMEL

DOUGLAS A. STUBBS WILLIAM R. LEVASSEUR, JR. The Honorable William T. Hackett Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Rm. 315 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Exception N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144) 170' W of the c/1 Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road)
> 1st Election District, 1st Councilmanic District Caton Joint Venture - Petitioner Case No.: 88-455-X

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Please dismiss the Appeal noted on behalf of the Petitioner, Caton Joint Venture, in the above entitled case.

> Very truly yours, EVANS/ GEORBÉ & BRONSTEIN

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cc: J. Strong Smith, 303 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moody, 12 N. Symington Ave., Baltimore, MD 21228 Joseph Pallozzi, 15 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21228 Patrick Crone, 30 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21228 Berchie Manley, 402 Montemar Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228 Jane Twamley, 26 N. Symington Ave., Baltimore, MD 21228 People's Counsel of Baltimore County, Rm. 304, County Office Building, Towson, MD 21204 J. Robert Haines, Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning, Towson, MD 21204



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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October 5, 1988

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire EVANS, GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 88-455-X Caton Joint Venture

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed is a copy of the Order of Dismissal issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject case.

Please note that the CRG Case No. CBA-88-124, Paradise Professional Center, is still scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. per our Notice of Assignment dated September 29, 1988.

Sincerely,

Kathern C. Wildenhammer Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Secretary

Encl.

cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Caton Joint Venture Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody J. Strong Smith Joseph Pallozi Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Jane Twamley Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission James Markle

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The proposed project will provide 72 parking spaces as required by the B.C.Z.R. The estimated daily trip value for this project is estimated at 500. If the property was developed with residential units, 8 units would be permitted with an estimated daily trip value of 100 trips per day. A landscaping plan for the project has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Current Planning. The building will have a maximum height of 35 feet and will be developed consistent with the colored rendering offered as a document, received on May 26, 1988 and included as part of this file. There will be outside lighting on the off-street parking lot, 8' standards only, and the lighting will be of a diffused type, directed only onto parking areas and not onto any residential property. The Amenity Open Space (AOS) being provided by this project is 21,580 sq.ft. while the requirement would be only 15,000 sq.ft.

An underground storm water management system as depicted in Petitioner's Exhibit 2 will service the project. The proposed system has been developed to be twice as large as is required for a 100 year storm. It was further indicated that the storm water manage ment system has received the full support of the appropriate Baltimore County agencies concerned with such matters and is considered to be more than appropriate to prevent any additional storm water runoff as a result of this project. Testimony further indicated the Petitioner's efforts to preserve major on-site vegetation as evidenced by the number of trees that will be saved as marked on Petitioner's Exhibit 2A.

The testimony of the Petitioner's witnesses dealt with most of the requirements as set forth in Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). There was extensive testimony presented by the Petitioner's expert witness, J. Strong Smith, and the other witnesses, indicating that this project would comply with all such requirements.

Mrs. Moody testified as a Protestant concerning present flooding conditions in the area. Mrs. Moody further testified that the area residents do not want office buildings in the Paradise area; that they do not consider this section to be a town center or major shopping district; that Paradise is a very small, residential community. Mrs. Moody indicated that they believe the large trees on the property will be destroyed by the proposed project and that storm water runoff from the office building and parking area will cause flooding on the neighboring properties. The entrances to the adjacent streets, namely Briarwood and Symington, will be adversely impacted by the large number of vehicles travelling to and from the office building; that the Briarwood community and the community east of the subject property along Frederick Road will be inundated with offsite parking to service the building which will cause parking problems for the area residents and place the neighborhood children at risk.

Mr. Pallozzi testified that parking on-site of the proposed project is so substandard that the surrounding neighborhood will be overrun with vehicles; that the proposed landscape plan for this project, although developed in accordance with the Baltimore County Landscaping Manual, will leave the residential community with an extremely large and unsightly commercial development that will ruin the aesthetic value of their neighborhood. Mr. Pallozzi further testified that there is no access from the Petitioner's property to the alley on the west side of the site, behind the Briarwood development. Mr. Pallozzi indicated that there are no three-story buildings anywhere in this section of Baltimore County; that this building will be taller than any other building in the area and will cause a reduction of the property values for all the residential properties in the neighborhood; and that as a result of this construction, the children in the neighborhood will be placed at risk.

Mr. Crone testified that he believes the proposed storm water management pond will cause pollution of the ground water due to the large amount of pollutants that will be forced into the system off of the parking lot and building; that the storm water management pond will be unsafe to the properties to the east, or downhill side, of the subject property as the storm water management pond will break through the earth and flood all those homes; that the parking lot will cause flooding of the streams; that the storm water management pond and the parking lot have not been properly designed and as such, the pond will not hold or gather the water properly; that the proposed system will not direct the runoff into the > storm drain system but cause it to run offsite.

Mr. Moody testified that he believes the proposed building is too large to be considered a small Class B office building and is in contradiction to the R.O. regulations.

Mrs. Twamley testified to the fact that she lost her husband in a fatal accident on Edmondson Avenue. She believes that this kind of development in residential zones is the cause of traffic accidents. Mrs. Twamley further testified that she believes this particular project will be hazardous to the area residents. That she has witnessed the flooding that takes place in this area and, in her opinion, the proposed project will cause additional flooding.

Ms. Manning and Ms. Ginn both testified that they were in agreement with the testimony previously presented by the Protestants.

In summary, all of the Protestants were in agreement with the testimony pre-sented in opposition by each of the witnesses. They all testified that they did not want a zoning classification change for this property; that they did not want a Class B office building on this site; that they wanted only residences constructed, or the older home that has been converted to a Class A office building to remain. They were opposed to any other type of development on this site.

In response to the Protestants' concerns, the Zoning Commissioner explained at the hearing that he has no authority to re-zone the subject property. The R.O. classification was placed upon this land as part of the comprehensive rezoning process. The Zoning Commissioner does not have the power to change this zoning back to a D.R. classification. The subject property has split zoning, R.O. and D.R. 5.5, and is therefore entitled to be used for offices as a matter of right.

The Zoning Commissioner also recognizes the fact that numerous individuals are opposed to the subject project due to the storm water management problems already present in the area. The Baltimore County Development regulations require that storm water management for a project be developed in such a manner as to insure that the runoff does not exceed that which previously occurred on the site prior to the development. The uncontradicted testimony clearly indicates that the storm water management system for this particular project has been developed in such a manner that it is twice as large as that required to handle the projected 100 year storm for this area. Also, the system has been determined by all pertinent agencies of Baltimore County to be appropriate and sufficient for the subject site. Therefore, the evidence clearly establishes that the Petitioner has met its burden of proof with respect to the storm water management issue under Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

With respect to parking for this project, the required number of parking spaces will be provided in accordance with the B.C.Z.R. The Baltimore County Council has determined that the parking requirements for a project of this type are sufficient provided the Petitioner develops the property consistent with those parking regulations. Testimony indicates that the Petitioner has complied with the requirements of the regulations.

The flotestants testified that a Class B office building at this location is inappropriate because it does not blend in with the residential character of the neighborhood. This argument is based upon a misunderstanding or a misreading of the legal principles set forth in the case law of the State of Maryland concerning special exceptions. Specifically, a special exception use is presumed to be approvable (appropriate) if it complies with the standards prescribed in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

The review of a special exception use is fundamentally a determination of whether or not the particular use would be detrimental to the neighboring properties as set forth in Section 502.1.

Misplaced expectations arising from a misunderstanding of the Special Exception principle are probably the root cause of most dissatisfaction with the actual results of special exceptions cases. The case reports repeatedly show a tendency among the general citizenry to suppose that a special exception application should, and can, be denied if the public hearing merely discloses that the use would be unpopular. The special exception principle holds essentially the opposite. The reviewing courts assume, a priori, that the local legislative body (e.g., County Council) had deliberately determined that each specific use (in a list of uses subject to special exception approval) would generally be appropriate in that particular zoning district (see, for example, Judge Davidson's detailed explanation in Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1, 20-22). Where the facts of the case show that the applicant has met his burden of demonstrating compliance with the standards specified in the regulations, then the special exception does not merely get approval, but creates an obligation to approve the application upon the Zoning Commissioner.

The case law prevents the Zoning Commissioner from finding that the use of an R.O. zoned property for a Class B office building is unacceptable simply because it is undesirable to the residential neighbors. When the County Council determines that property shall be zoned R.O., then the presumption of approvability of a Class B office building is placed upon that land. Therefore, it would be arbitrary and capricious for the Zoning Commissioner to rule that simply because the residents in the neighborhood find the Class B office building to be undesirable the Petition for Special Exception should be denied.

Clearly, the authority over special exception uses can only be exercised by the Zoning Commissioner in reference to the general standards already adopted in Section 502.1, plus any specific standards that may pertain to the particular use under application. The Zoning Commissioner can neither add other tests nor fail to review the application against each of the criteria already provided in the Regulations.

In the opinion of this Zoning Commissioner, to require a finding that the placement of the R.O. zoning upon the land was desirable or that a Class B office building is desirable at this location would establish an improper level of review. The concepts of Schultz v. Pritts, 291, Md.1, would be violated if the Zoning Commissioner added the requirement of desirability to the standards found in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

The B.C.Z.R. permit Class B office buildings in the R.O. zone by special exception.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibits 2 and 2A would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested in the special exception should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this \_\_\_\_\_day of August, 1988 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a Class B office building on the property described herein, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 2, 2A, and the colored south elevation drawing, which has been initialed by the Zoning Commissioner as being received May 26, 1988, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

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1) The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; howevcr, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the applicable appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The Petitioner shall have no outdoor signage other than the one sign permitted by the B.C.Z.R.

The Petitioner shall not have any exterior lighting 8 feet above-grade on the sides of the building. All parking lot lighting shall be no more than 8 feet above-grade. All exterior lighting shall be directed

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August 23, 1988

The Honorable William T. Hackett Chairman of the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No.: CBA 88-124 Paradise Professional Center Frederick Road First Election District CRG Decision 5/20/88 CRG Plan Approved

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I am in receipt of your hearing notice dated August 17, 1988 wherein the above entitled matter was set for a hearing before the Board of Appeals on Tuesday, November 15, 1988 at 10 a.m. On August 17, 1988 I filed an Appeal (case no. 88-455x) from the Zoning Commissioner's decision granting the Petition for Special Exception permitting a Class B office building in a RO zone.

Both cases involve the same property. I am hereby requesting that both matters be heard at the same time before the Board of Appeals on the November 15, 1988 date. Needless to say, it will

The Honorable William T. Hackett

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody

Mr. Joseph Pallozzi

Mr. Patrick Crone

Mrs. Jane Twamley

Mr. Gary Gamber

Ms. Berchie Manley

Mr. John Smith, P.E.

Mr. Melvin Herzberger

August 23, 1988

eliminate the necessity of the Board having two separate hearings for the same property.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours, EVANS, GEORGE & BRONSFEIN

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Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines

Baltimore County

September 26, 1988

Dennis F. Rasmussen

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Exception N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144), 170' W of the c/1 of Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District, 1st Councilmanic District Caton Joint Venture - Petitioner Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Board:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on August 18, 1988 by Benjamin Bronstein, Attorney on behalf of the Petitioner. All materials relative to the

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Zoning Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Evans, George and Bronstein, 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205, Towson, Md. 21204

J. Strong Smith, 303 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

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Case No. 88-455-X

County Office Building

August 17, 1988

WILLIAM R. LEVASSEUR, JR. J. Robert Haines, Esquire Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION N/S Frederick Road (Rte. 144), 170' W of the c/l of Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District Caton Joint Venture - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Haines:

DOUGLAS A. STUBBS

On behalf of the Petitioner in the above entitled matter please enter an appeal to the Board of Appeals from your Order dated August 12, 1988 in the above entitled case. I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ 115.00 to cover costs.

> Very truly yours, , GEORGE & BRONSTEIN B¢njamin Bronstein

Enclosure

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody Mr. Joseph Pallozzi Mr. Patrick Crone Ms. Berchie Manley

Mrs. Jane Twamley Mr. Gary Gamber Mr. John Smith

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 494-3180 September 29, 1988 NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(b). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED CASES

CASE NO. CBA-88-124 PARADISE PROFESSIONAL CENTER Frederick Road 1st E District RE: CRG Decision

5/20/88 -CRG plan was approved AND

CASE NO. 88-455-X CATON JOINT VENTURE N/s Frederick Road, Route 144, 170' W of c/l Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Hoad)

> 1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District SE -Class B Office Building 8/12/88 -Z.C.'s Order -GRANTED subject to restrictions

NOTE: The CRG Case No. CBA-88-124 is scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 1988 and has now been consolidated with the above zoning case No. 88-455-X (Caton Joint Venture) and will also be scheduled for hearing on November 15, 1988. Therefore, these cases are now consolidated on one hearing date and have been

ASSIGNED FOR: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1988 at 10:00 a.m.

Caton Joint Venture Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody J. Strong Smith Joseph Pallozzi Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Jane Twamley Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission James Markle Robert Covahey Nancy C. West, Esquire

cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

Counsel for Appellant /Developer Appellant /Developer Appellant /Protestant (CRG Case)

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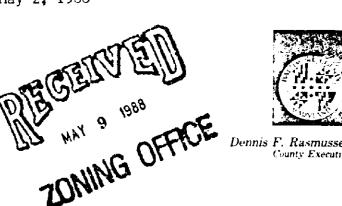
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Baltimore County Planning Board Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3211

May 2, 1988



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moody 12 N. Symington Avenue Baltimore, MD 21228

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moody:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letters to Mr. William Hughey, Community Planner for the 1st Councilmanic District, and to the CRG, with respect to the above project.

As you now know, the CRG did in fact, turn down the proposed development plan for Caton Joint Venture as not meeting the intent of the R.O. zoning. Revised plans are presently being prepared and these will be re-submitted by the proponent, hopefully in accordance with the guidelines drawn up by County staff.

All those citizens attending the original CRG will be notified of the time and date of the continued meeting and copies of the revised plan will be available in the Current Planning Division of the Office of Planning and Zoning, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland.

. I know you are also aware that Class B office buildings in R.O. zones require the granting of a Special Exception by the Zoning Commissioner who will hold a public hearing at which citizens may express their concerns. I trust you and your neighbors will take full advantage of the opportunities to participate in the review and approval process offered by the R. O. regulations and that the final project will be acceptable to you.

You may also be interested to know that the Baltimore County Planning Board is presently reviewing revised R.O. regulations which would further help clarify "compatibility" and lessen possible adverse impacts on existing residences adjacent to R.O. zones. The Board's recommendation will be submitted to County Council in the near future.

Once again, I thank you for the effort and thought which went into the letters you sent to me. I am certain that members of the County Review Group and the Zoning Commissioner will take all your concerns very seriously.

Sincerely,

Donnis F. Rasmusson County Executive

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#### County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 494-3180

October 18, 1988

Benjamin Bronstein. Esquire EVANS. GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN Susquehanna Building, Suite 205 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Paradise Professional Center Case No. CBA-88-124; and Caton Joint Venture Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

This is in reference to the hearing scheduled before the Board of Appeals for November 15, 1988 regarding the above property. The issues -surrounding this property and the proposed development originally reached this Board by way of two forums, the Office of the Zoning Commissioner and the County Review Group (CRG). As each involves common questions of fact .. and law, the appeals had been consolidated and set for hearing before the Board for November 15.

As to the CRG matter, the Board notes that cross-appeals were filed from the decision of the CRG dated May 20, 1988. Specifically, on May 24, 1983, an appeal was received from you representing Caton Joint Venture and on June 16, 1988, a cross-appeal was filed from the protestants by Ms. June Moody, 12 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228.

As to the Zoning Commissioner's case, a review of the file discloses that Commissioner Haines issued his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding your client's Petition for Special Exception on August 12, 1988. On behalf of your client, you appealed this decision to this Board on August 17, 1988. The file further reflects that the Zoning Office received notice of appeal on September 12, 1988 of Commissioner Haines' Order by Ms. June Moody. A review of Ms. Moody's letter of appeal discloses that a copy was not forwarded to you, your clients, nor anyone else affiliated with this project. Unfortunately, the matter was further compounded by a delay in the Zoning Office forwarding Ms. Moody's notice of appeal from Commissioner Haines' decision to this Board until October 14, 1988. This

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

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October 18, 1988

was the first date at which time the Board was aware of Ms. Moody's appeal. In the interim, on October 3, 1988, you had dismissed your appeal from Zoning Commissioner Haines' decision, apparently, at least partially, upon the assumption that no further appeals had been filed.

Under the circumstances, the Board feels compelled to allow you the opportunity to reinstitute your appeal from the Zoning Commissioner's decision if you so desire. Kindly confirm your decision in this regard in writing to the Board with a copy to other interested parties. So that there is no confusion, the Board will be prepared to proceed on November 15, 1988 to consider both the cross-appeals from the decision of the CRG and the cross-appeals as to your Petition for Special Exception.

Lawrence E. Schmidt

County Board of Appeals

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MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

WILLIAM R. LEVASSEUR, JR.

Mrs. Karen Baker

in the above entitled matter.

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody Caton Joint Venture J. Strong Smith Joseph Pallozi Patrick Crone Berchie Manley Jane Twamley Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission Robert Covahey P. David Fields Pat Keller J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowiez James E. Dyer/ Docket Clerk -Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney Nancy C. West, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County LAW OFFICES

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October 24, 1988

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Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Paradise Professional Center Case No. CBA-88-124 and Caton Joint Venture Case No. 88-455-X

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 1988. You are correct that I dismissed the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner predicated on the fact that no appeal had been taken by the protestants. Prior to my dismissing the appeal, I had confirmed with your office that no such appeal had been entered by the protestants. Since an appeal was filed, I am hereby requesting that the appeal filed by Caton Joint Venture, the developer the rejectated appeal filed by Caton Joint Venture, the developer, be reinstated before the Board of Appeals.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, EVANS GEORGE & BRONSTEIN Bénjamin ∦ronstein

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October 24, 1988

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moody

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Current Planning Office Economic Development Commission

Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

The undersigned, legal owner(s) 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 for a Special Exception under the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for \_\_Class B Office Building

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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e Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions be Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s):

Caton Joint Venture (Type or Print Name)

(Type or Print Name)

City and State EVANS, GEORGE & BRONSTEIN BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN)

9050 E. Frederick Road

Suite 205, The Susquehanna Building 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland ZF209-City and State

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted G.W. Stephens, Jr. & Azsociates

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Name Towson, MD 21204 Attorney's-Telephone No.: 296-0200 825-8120 303 Allegheny Ave. b ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

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May 26, 1988

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Mr. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

cc: Mr. P. David Fields, Director OPZ

RE: Paradise Professional Building Case No. 88-455-x '

Dear Mr. Haines:

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Enclosure

I have enclosed a colored rendering of the proposed Paradise Professional Center for your review relating to compatability of a Class B office building in an RO zone. I have also enclosed an uncolored rendering showing some of the existing trees which are to be retained. The CRG plan was approved on May 20, 1988. The CRG also has made a finding of compatability.

If you have any further questions pertaining to this matter, please don't hesitate to call upon me. Thank you for your kind consideration.

> Very truly yours, EVANS, GEORGE & BRONSTEIN

Benjamin Bronstein

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Office of Planning & Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Item No. 303/Catonsville Joint Venture, Petitioner

Dear Mrs. Baker: I am enclosing my check for \$30.00 payable to the order of Baltimore County to cover the costs of the filing of the amended plan

> Very truly yours, EVANS GEORGE & BRONSTEIN

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WILLIAM R. LEVASSEUR, JR Mr. John Smith, P.E.

G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Associates 303 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Caton Joint Venture Class B Office Building

Dear John:

L. ROBERT EVANS

HARRIS JAMES GEORGE

Please be advised that the Petition for Special Exception has been filed in the above entitled matter, now known as Item No. 303. I have enclosed a copy of the Petition for Special Exception as filed. The corrections noted on the form are the comments of Carl Richards. Kindly have the plans changed to reflect the corrections as requested by Carl.

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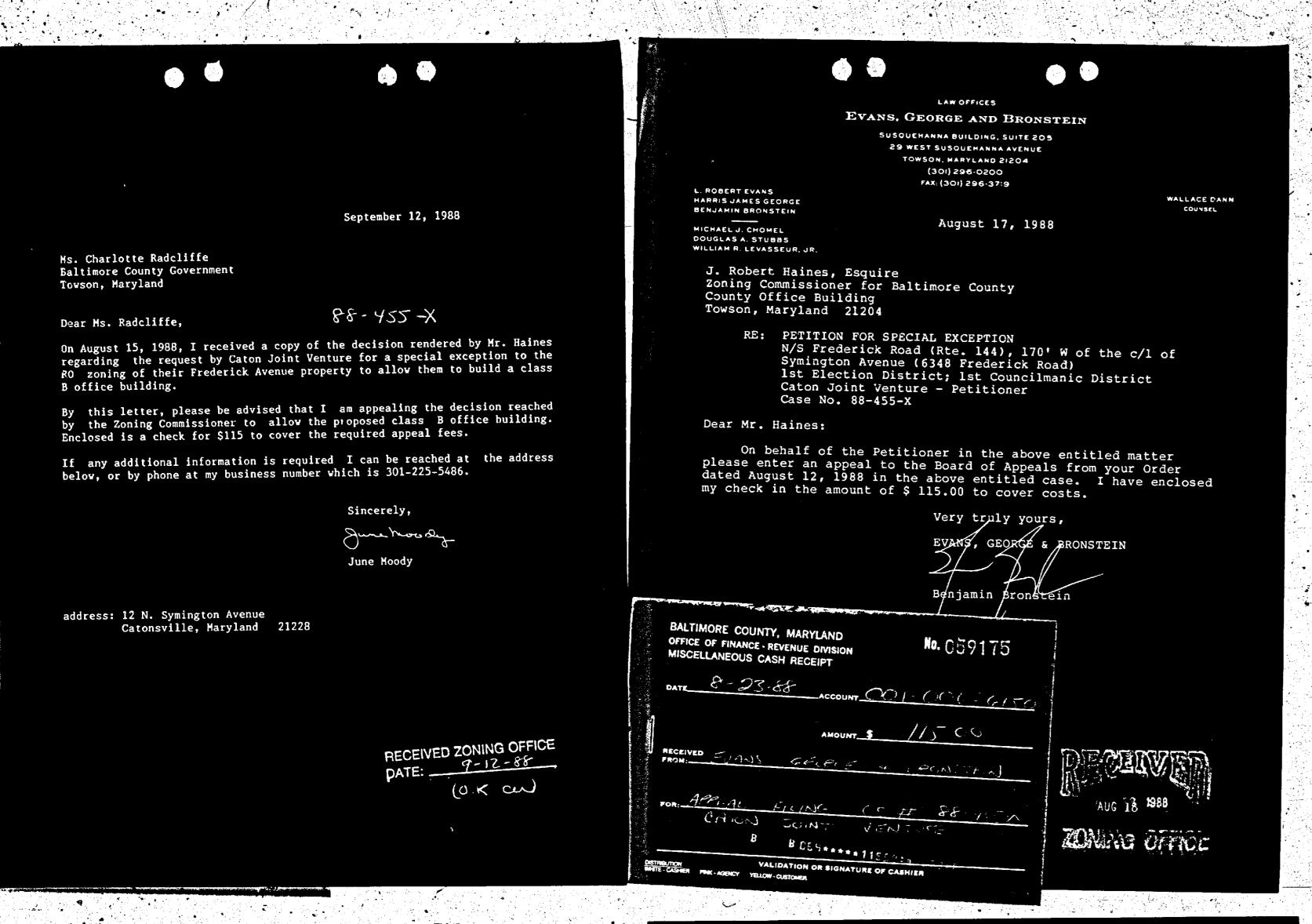
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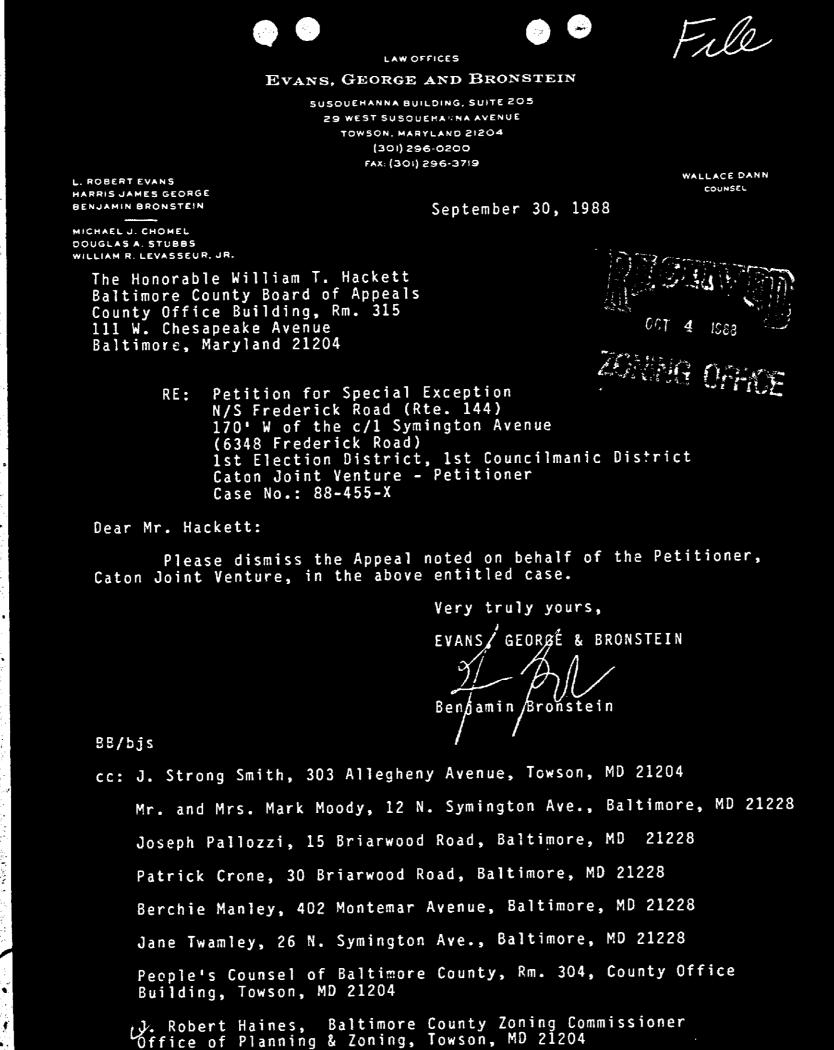
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Very truly yours, EVANS, GEORGE & BRONSTEIN

Benjamin Bronstein

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### APPEAL Petition for Special Exception N/S Frederick Road (Rte 144), 170' W of the c/1 of Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District CATON JOINT VENTURE - Petitioner Case No. 88-455-X Petition for Special Exception Description of Property Certificate of Posting Certificate of Publication Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments Director of Planning & Zoning Comments Petitioner's Exhibits: IA, IB, & IC - Plat to accompany Petition "Paradise Professional Center" 2 & 2A - CRG Plan and Plat to accompany Petition "Paradise Professional Center" 3 - This exhibit is not identified in the file 4 - Copy of Summary of Qualifications of John Strong Smith Protestant's Exhibits:1 1 - Balto. Co. Photography Map of Catonsville 2 - Colored drawing of location 3 - Colored Drawing of location 4, 5, 6, & 7 - Various sizes of photographs natural surroundings of the area 8 - Copy of letter to Berchie Manley from David Fields Zoning Commissioner's Order dated August 12, 1988 (Granted w/ Notice of Appeal received August 18, 1988 from Benjamin Bronstein \*\*Lift: 12, 1988, from June Mordy, cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Evans, George and Bronstein, A 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205, Towson, Md. 21204 Caton Joint Venture, 9050 E. Frederick Rd., Ellicott City, 21043 J. Strong Smith, 303 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moody (Protestants) 12 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Joseph Pallozzi, 15 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Patrick Crone, 30 Briarwood Road, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Berchie Manley, 402 Montemar Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Jane Twamley, 26 N. Symington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228 KJUNE Moody, 12 N. Symington ave., 21228-Catonwille

People's Counsel, Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning
Office of Planning & Zoning
J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner
Ann M. Nastarowicz, Deputy Zoning Commissioner
James E. Dyer, Zoning Supervisor
Docket Clerk

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downward and shall not defuse onto residential proper-

4) In addition to the landscaping required by CRG and the Office of Current Planning, the Petitioner shall also landscape the area highlighted in pink on the attached plat with a 15' wide planting strip. Said planting strip shall contain three equally distanced rows of evergreen trees, known as frazier furs, a minimum of 6' tall, planted on 5' x 15' centers, staggered on each row as shown in the attached "Planting Typical" drawing. In addition, the Petitioner shall provide a landscaping strip along the area highlighted in blue on the attached plat which shall consist of a single row of 8' tall blue spruce trees planted on 10' centers. The Petitioner shall subsequently replace all dead trees each year for the first

The Petitioner shall not permit the basement level of the proposed building to be used for office space. The basement level is to be used only for storage and/or mechanical purposes. There shall be no employee and/or public areas in the basement.

6) The Petitioner shall replace all trees shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 2 as well as save all those trees identified to be saved.

7) The Petitioner shall provide a 5' high wood on wood fence and not the 4' high fence as delineated on Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

3) The Petitioner shall submit to the Zoning Commissioner's Office by no later than December 1, 1988, a new site plan prepared by a registered professional engineer and/or land surveyor, which clearly identifies all buildings, their size and area dimensions, their exact location on the subject property, their distances from all property lines, and which sets forth the conditions and restrictions contained in this Order.

9) The Petitioner shall assure that all leases for the subject property clearly prohibit any tenant from violating any of the requirements of this Order and Restriction No. 5 above shall appear in bold face type in every lease agreement.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Office of 10750 Little Patuxent Pkw Columbia, MD 21044

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of NOTICE OF HEARING

> was inserted in the following: ☐ Catonsville Times \$20.35 ☐ Booster Weekly ☐ Arbutus Times Owings Mills Flier ☐ Reporter Weekly

J. POBEIT HANES ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 202-C/Apr. 28

☐ Towson Flier weekly newspapers published in Baitimore County, Maryland once a week for \_\_\_\_\_successive weeks before the\_\_\_\_\_30 day of\_\_\_\_April\_\_\_19\_\_88, that is to say, the same was inserted in the issues of

April 28, 1988

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The undersigned, legal owner(s) 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 for a Special Exception under the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the

herein described property for \_Class B Office Building Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations,

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above 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.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser: Caton Joint Venture

City and State Attorney for Petitioner: Ben 7 EVANS, GEORGE & BRONSTEIN BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN 9050 E. Frederick Road (Type or Print Name)

Ellicott City, MD 21043 Spirature

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract ourchaser or representative to be contacted W 28,260 tract purchaser or representative to be contacted G.W. Stephens, Jr. & Associates Name Towson, MD 21204 Attorney's Telephone No.: 296-0200 303 Allegheny Ave. 825-8120

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, uns \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1988, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as out Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, o'clock

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The Zoning Commissoner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows: TOWSON, MD., (1911) 28, 19 88 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed Petition for Special Exception Case number: 88-455-X N/S Frederick Road, (Rt. 144), and published in Towson, Baltimore Count", Md., appearing on W cfl Symington Avenue (6348 Frederick Road) 1st Election District — 1st Councilmanic District Petitioner(s): Caton Joint Venapril 28, 1988 ture
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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION : BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER N/S Frederick Rd. (Rt. 144). 170' W C/L Symington Ave. (6348: Frederick Rd.), 1st District

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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CATON JOINT VENTURE, Petitioner Case No. 88-455-X

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 223, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 494-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 12th day of April, 1988, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire, Evans, George & Bronstein, Suite 205, The Susquehanna Bldg., 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 6828, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description to Accompany Petition For a Special Exception for a Class 'B' Office Building

December 16, 1987

Re: Paradise Professional Center

Point of beginning being located South + 81° 50' 00" West ±170.00 feet from the point of intersection of the centerline of Frederice Road with the centerline of Symington Avenue thence in a clockwise direction:

1) South 73° 52'00" West 201.34 feet

2) North 11° 18' 00" West 341.50 feet

South 72° 18' 00" East 89.11 feet

4) South 46° 10'00" East 6.31 feet

South 18° 25' 00" East 22.95 feet 6) South 32° 40' 00" East 120.56 feet and

7) South 16° 08' 00" East 120.83 feet to the place of beginning.

(Containing 1.29 acres ofland more or less.)

THIS DESCRIPTION IS FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY.



Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines

Mr. Gary Gamber Caton Joint Venture 9050 E. Frederick Road Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Petition for Special Exception Case Number: 88-455-X N/S Frederick Road, (Rt. 144), 170° W c/1 Symington Avenue (8348 Frederick Road)

1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic District Petitioner(s): Caton Joint Venture HEARING SCHEDULED: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1988 et 9:00 m.m. Deer St. Gambert

Please be advised that  $\frac{69.00}{69.00}$  is due for advertising and posting of the above-referenced property. All fees must be paid prior to the hearing. Do <u>not</u> remove the sign and post set(s) from the property from the time it is posted by this office until the day of the hearing itself.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN(S) AND POST(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and bring it along with the sign(s) and post(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office
Building. Room 111. Towson, Marvland 21204 5:50--- (15) minutes before

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines

March 21, 1988

NOTICE OF HEARING

Dennis F. Rasmussen

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

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J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Caton Joint Venture J. W. Staphens, Jr. & Associates Banjamin Bronstein, Esq.

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION N/S FREDERICK ROAD (RTE. 144) 170' W OF THE c/1 OF SYMINGTON AVENUE (6348 FREDERICK ROAD)

1ST ELECTION DISTRICT

1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT CATON JOINT VENTURE-PETITIONER

CASE NO. 88-455-X

BEFORE THE

BOARD OF APPEALS

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

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Caton Joint Venture, by Benjamin Bronstein and Evans, George & Bronstein, its attorneys, requests the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to the following individuals:

> Robert E. Covahey Acting Chief Bureau of Public Services for Baltimore County County Office Building Room 321 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

P. David Fields Director of Planning Office of Planning & Zoning for Baltimore County County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Room 406 Towson, Maryland 21204

to appear and testify before the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Hearing Room 218, Towson, Maryland 21204 on Tuesday, November 15, 1989 at 10:00 a.m., and to bring with him all documents relating to the Paradise



Paradise Professional Center May 20, 1988 Page 2

Planning & Zoning - Note on plan re: trees to be retained.

Staff comments to be addressed (outstanding issue to be resolved before CRG meeting approval/reason for continuing):

Planning - Architectural details and site details for

The citizens were invited to comment:

William E. Stevenson, Jr. - Flooding has been experienced in the area in previous years. Removing trees and replacing with paving can only worsen this situation. Storm water management is not the solution since there is no guarantee of future maintenance.

June Moody - Requested a continued meeting since the community had no opportunity to study the most recent plan revisions. The plan shown at the zoning hearing of May 18, 1988 was different. Alleys adjacent to development are owned and maintained privately, not by the County. Question about citizens' flowerbeds in alley easement and onto developer's property. Compatibility is not just architectural details. An elephant, painted pink and wearing a bow, is still an elephant. It is the size of the development that is not compatible. Since the CRG is to address site management, it is appropriate to ask if setback protection and similar items as would be required for, say, 0-1 zoning, will be required of this development in RO zone, seeing that RO has no such explicit requirements. Tree drip line incorrect as shown on plan; trees would die due to proximity of new construction. Request that Richard Klein of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources be consulted on appropriate setbacks for new construction to preserve the trees. The architect stated that RO zoning is a transition between residential and commercial areas. RO is not a re-idential transition area, however, otherwise the building would need to be much smaller to meet RTA requirements. The concept of architectural details as the only issue for compatibility was reiterated. Section 22-38 of the development regulations requires preservation of socioeconomic status and orderly development. The master plan encourages protection of residential areas. The neighborhood accepts the fact that the development is going to be an office building, not a park, but insists that the development should enhance, not change, the surrounding community.

Marguerite Schaum - Apprehensive about flooding. SWM facility will drain to an undersized culvert. Concerned about the quality and privacy of the neighborhood.

Professional Center (Frederick Road, 1st Election District), which was approved on May 20, 1988, including the complete CRG file and all comments and other documents related to the CRG plan and approval thereof.

> Ewans, George & Bronstein 29 W. Sysquehanna Avenue, Ste. 205 Vowson, Maryland 21204 (301) 296-0200 Attorneys for Petitioner

Paradise Professional Center May 20, 1988

Citizens comments were then reviewed:

Response to Mr. Stevenson - John S. Smith stated that the receiving drain system was studied, and asked Tapobrata Chakrabarti to explain the SWM facility and outfall. Tapo explained that the existing storm drain system was designed for the 10-year storm, but the on-site SWM facility will reduce runoff rate from this development from the 100-year storm to less than the 10-year level. Loss of trees was accounted for in the SWM facility design. Maintenance is to be provided by the property owner, and could be enforced by the County through a recorded maintenance agreement. Larry Yeager of DEPRM stated that the Maiden Choice Run Study had been used to determine capacity, and it was found that the existing outfall culvert is already undersized (County is working on possible upstream regional SWM). He agrees that maximum site discharge of 2 cfs is acceptable, but 3 cfs is not acceptable. Maintenance agreement and permit bond were explained. David Thomas clarified the issue that the developer is not required to correct existing flooding, but is responsible to discharge to a suitable outfall.

Response to Ms. Moody - Regulations do not allow continuation of meeting for this reason. Developer stated that plat shows County easement for alley, and that easements were acquired by the County. Developer's property abuts the easement, not the alley paving, but developer agrees to reestablish gardens after construction. Developer has no access through these alleys. Mr. Bronstein, taking exception to the "pink elephant" illustration, noted that townhouses are allowed by right in this zoning, and the building was designed to look like a townhouse. Mr. Kerns explained how his office determines compatibility in the absence of an explicit definition in the Development Regulations, and stated that the plan submitted could be approved (some refinement would be necessary, and citizen involvement through Current Planning would be welcomed). Mr. Kerns, noting that the question is not relevant since zoning for this site is not 0-1, stated that revised setbacks as shown on the plan are acceptable to his office. The developer has no objections to receiving consultation from Mr. Klein as suggested, and will correct any errors in the tree drip line shown on the plan. Mr. Kerns noted that the section of the Development Regulations cited states that its goals would be considered met if all other applicable County regulations were complied with.

Response to Ms. Schaum - It was agreed that both items had been previously addressed.

County staff comments were then reviewed:

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERS 303 ALLEGHENY AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

February 22, 1985

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

JOHN STRONG SMITH

Antioch College, B.S. in Civil Engineering University of Illinois

Professional Engineering Registration in Maryland - 1958.

Whitman, Requardt & Associates

Baltimore County Design Standards. Baltimore County Department of Public Works Chief, Division of Research and Standards 2 years preparation of Capital Program and Major Sewerage

4 years designer of municial utilities preparation of

Matz, Childs & Associates of Rockville Associates

2 years supervision of Development Planning and Engineering projects (highway and storm drainage)

J. Strong Smith & Associates; Consulting Engineer 8 years residential, industrial and commercial land development projects. Highway and utility design.

Smith, Teacher & Associates; Planners, Engineers & Surveyors 7 yeras community planning and engineering, grading and sediment control design, surveys.

George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc. Chief Engineer 1976 to 1984

George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc. Chief of Planning and Property Analysis

Have made numerous appearances before Zoning Commissioners, Boards of Zoning Appeals and in circuit courts in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties.

> PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT 4

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Mr. Kerns stated that compatibility is acceptable (subject to compliance with detail items to be addressed on the plan before signature - see Office of Planning & Zoning comments).

The developer agreed to comply with all staff comments necessary for CRG plan signature.

CONCLUSION: The plan was approved, the appeal process was explained and the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

COUNTY REVIEW GROUP MEETING SUMMARY Friday, May 20, 1988

PARADISE PROFESSIONAL CENTER

District 1 C1

COUNTY REVIEW GROUP - THOSE PRESENT

David L. Thomas, Chairman - Dept. of Public Works Gary L. Kerns, Co-Chairman - Office of Planning & Zoning

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

- Developers Engrg. Division Dennis Kennedy - Fire Department Jerry Pfeifer Larry Yeager

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DEVELOPER AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES

- American Property Mgt. Melvin Herzberger, Jr. - Marks, Thomas, Inc. Gilbert W. Thomas - Caton J.V. Assocs., Inc. Gary R. Gamber - Caton J.V. Assocs., Inc. Dwight Hikel - G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Assoc.

John S. Smith Benjamin Bronstein

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INTERESTED CITIZENS

Please See Attached

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting at 9:18 a.m., introduced the staff, and explained the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Bronstein presented the

Mr. Kerns summarized the staff comments submitted from the Developers Engineering Division, Storm Water Management, Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, State Highway Administration, Office of Planning and Zoning, Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Department of Recreation & Parks, Bureau of Sanitation, and Plans Review. These comments have been made a part of this summary, and a copy was also given to the developer and developer's engineer.

Staff comments to be addressed (to be shown on approved plan before signature):

Plans Review - Correct parking tabulations.

DEPRM - Note on plan as required for wells, septic systems and fuel tanks abandonment & removal. All site runoff must be intercepted and conveyed to a suitable outfall (to be shown as a note on plan).

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Paradise Professional Center C. R. G. MEETING AGENDA 9:00 a.m.

Convene Meeting

2. Introductory statement concerning aims and goals of development regulations

3. Introduction of County representatives

. 4. Presentation of Plan by developer's representative

5. Comments of County agencies

6. Citizens' comments or questions

7. Developer's response

8. County Review Group decision

9. Adjourn meeting

SEE 2ND SHEET ATTACHED

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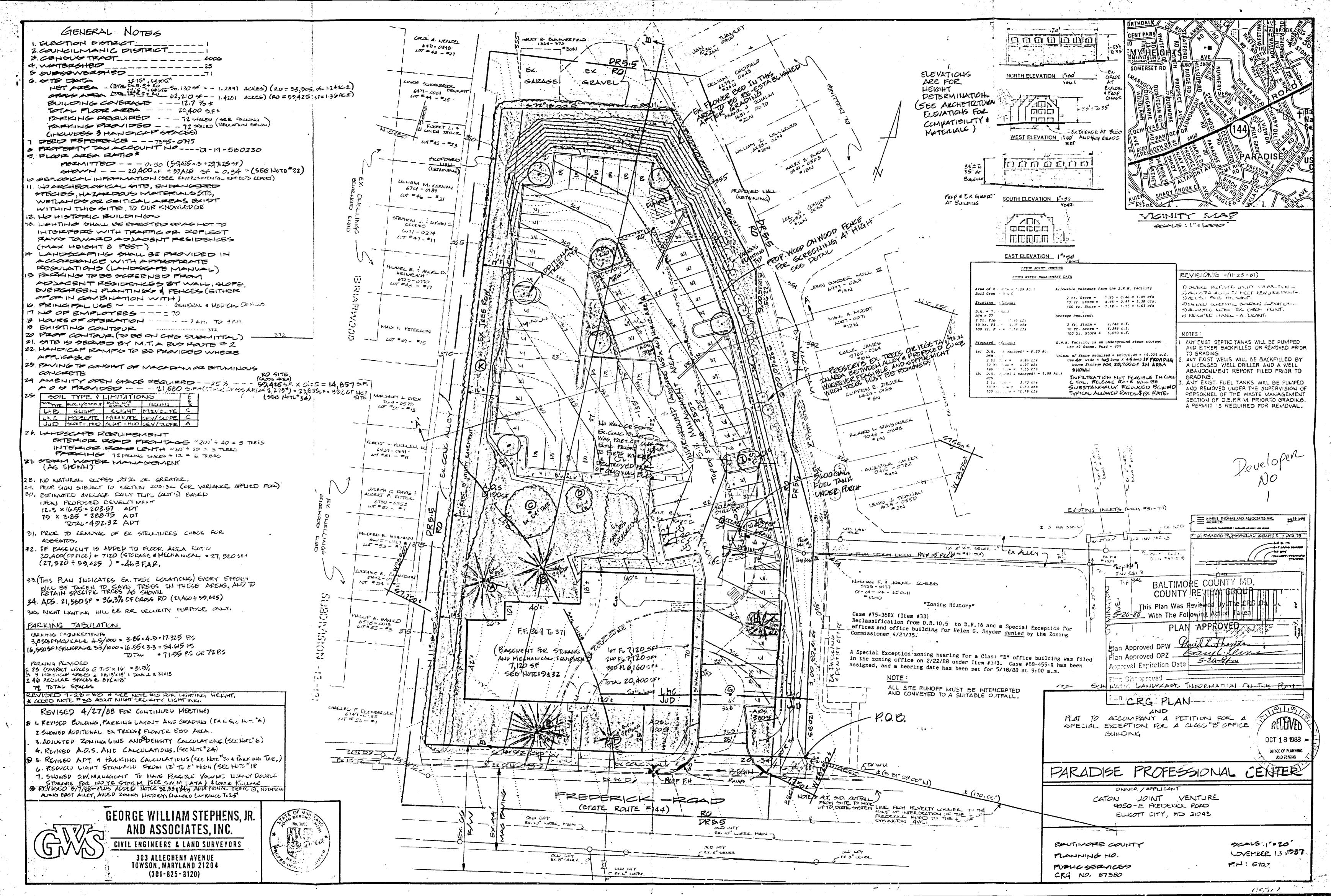
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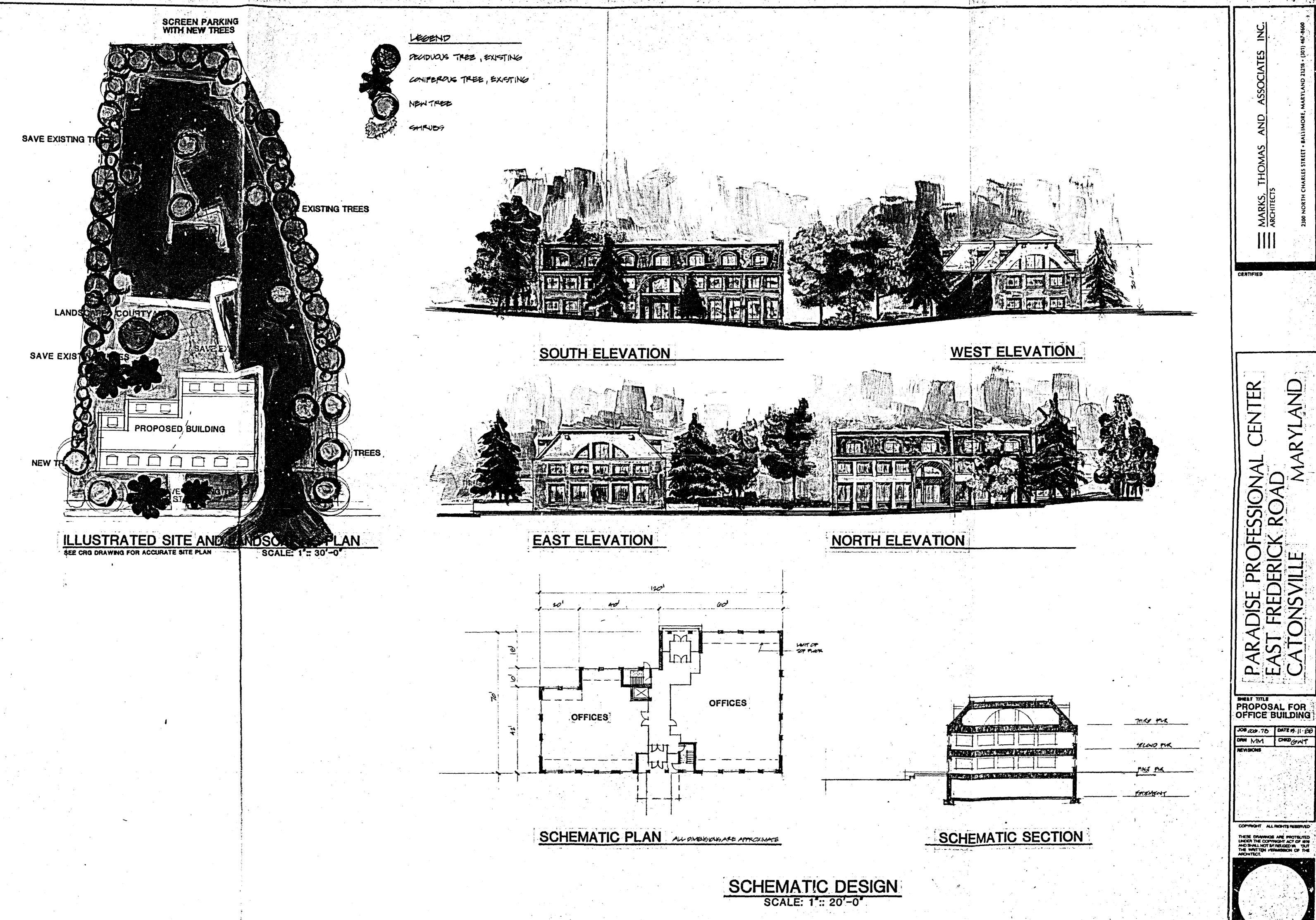
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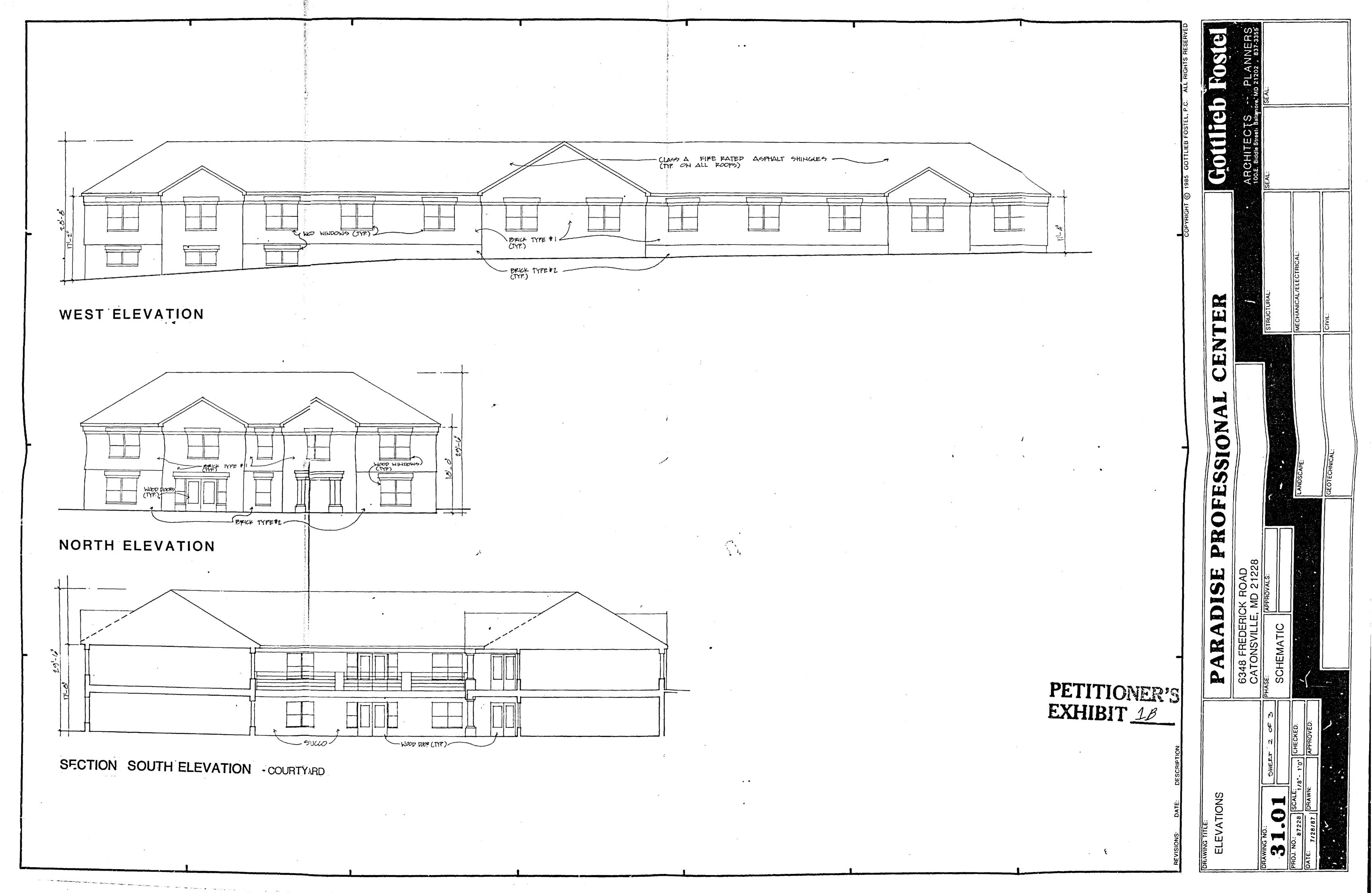
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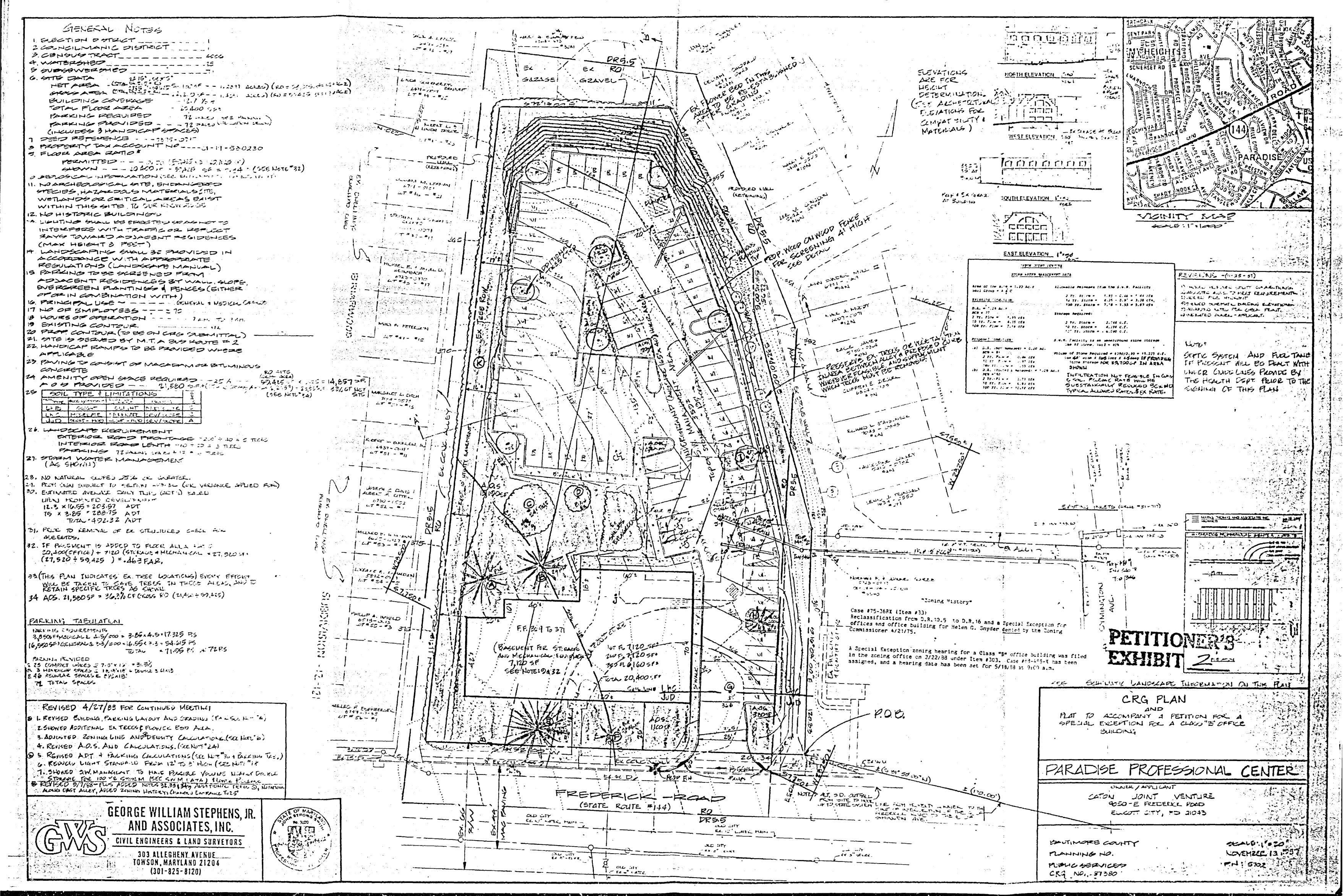


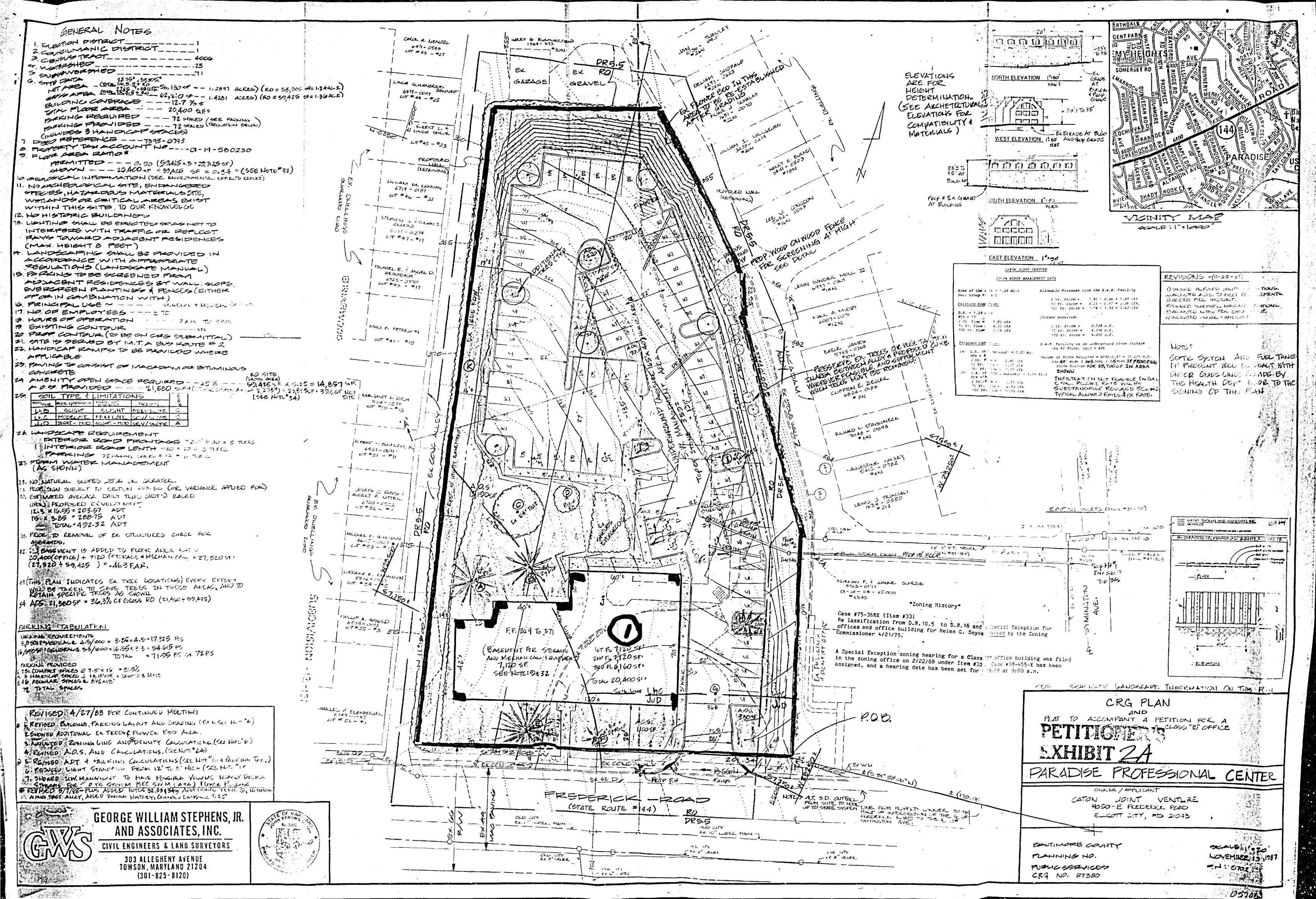


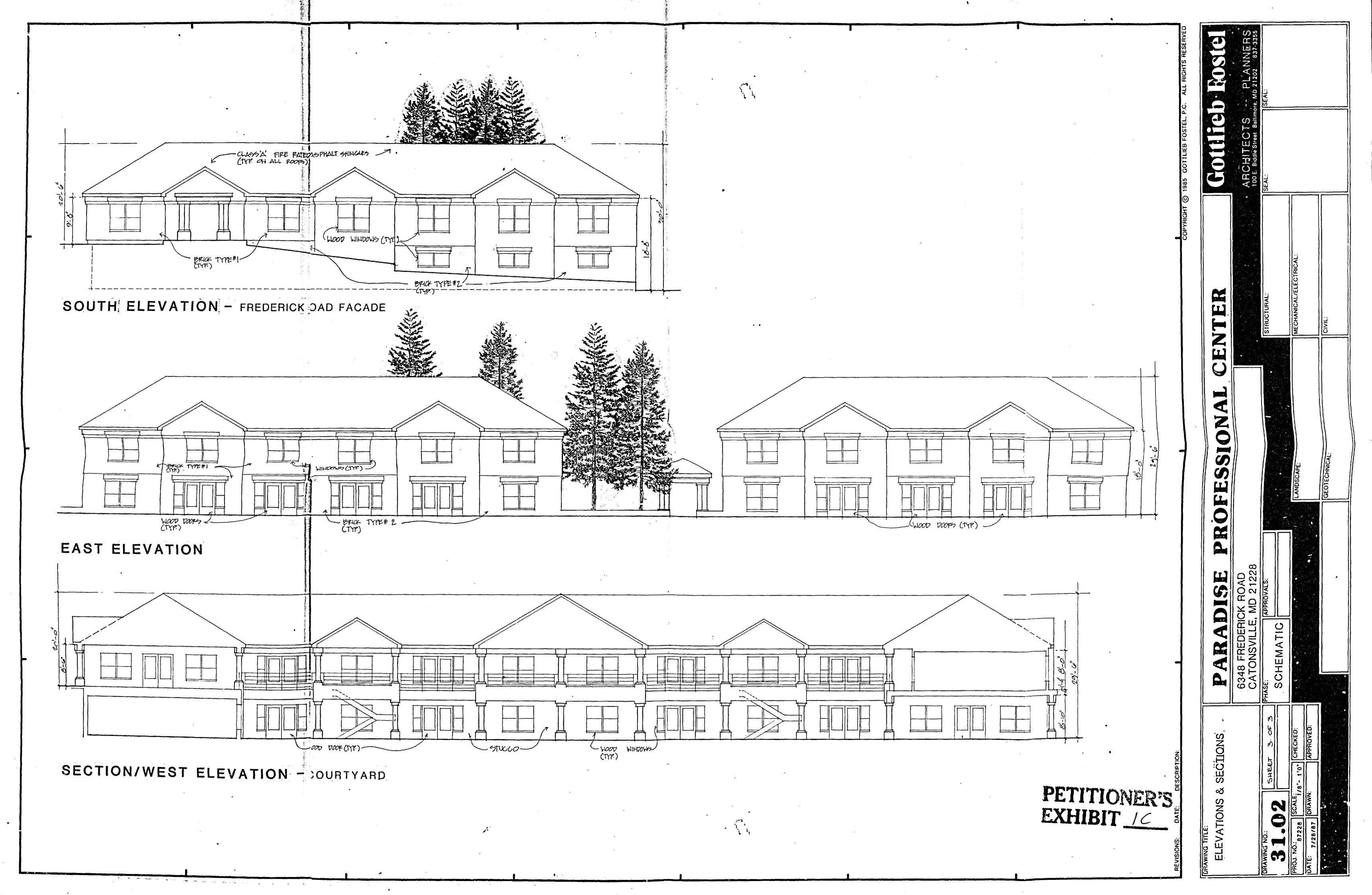
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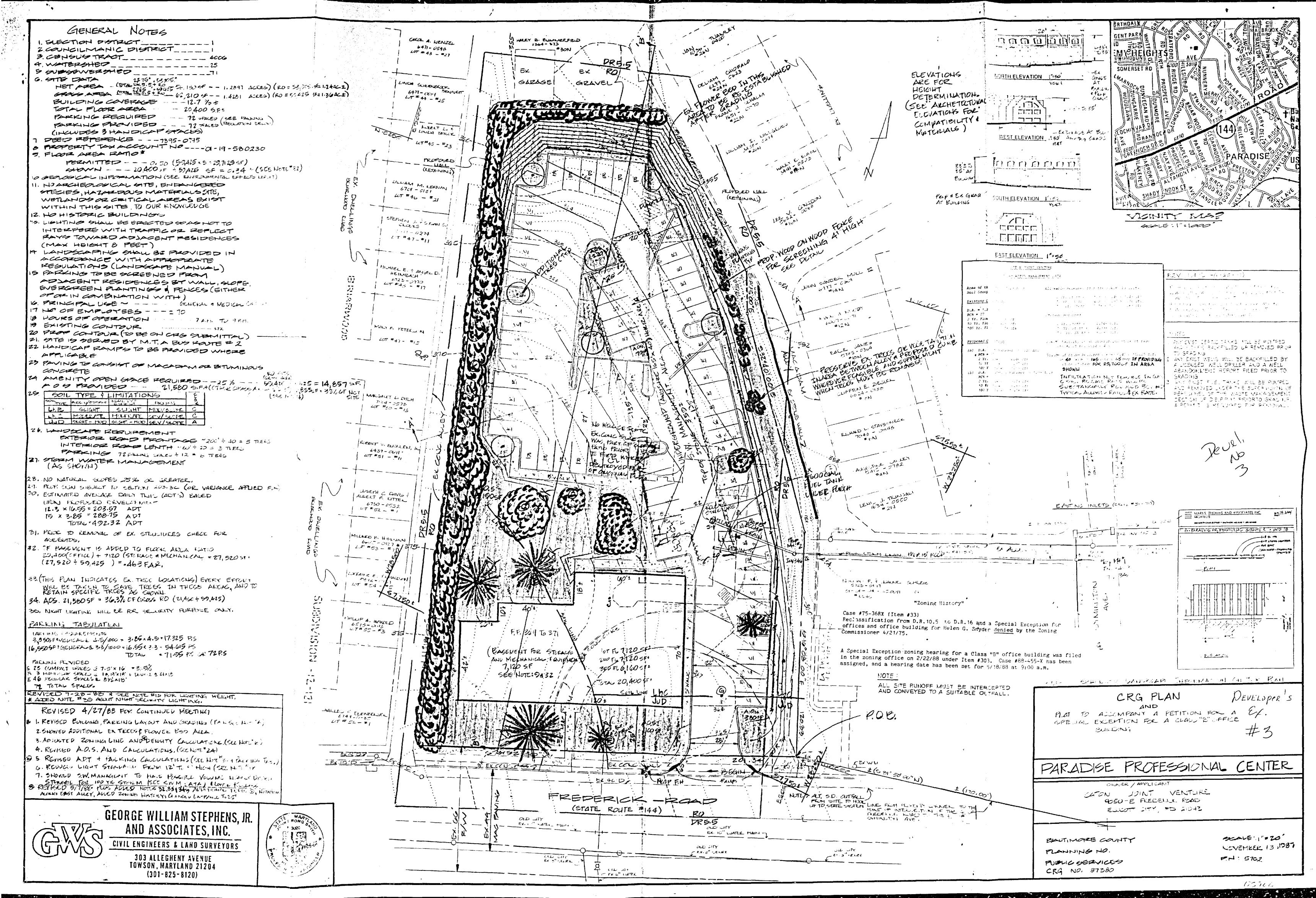
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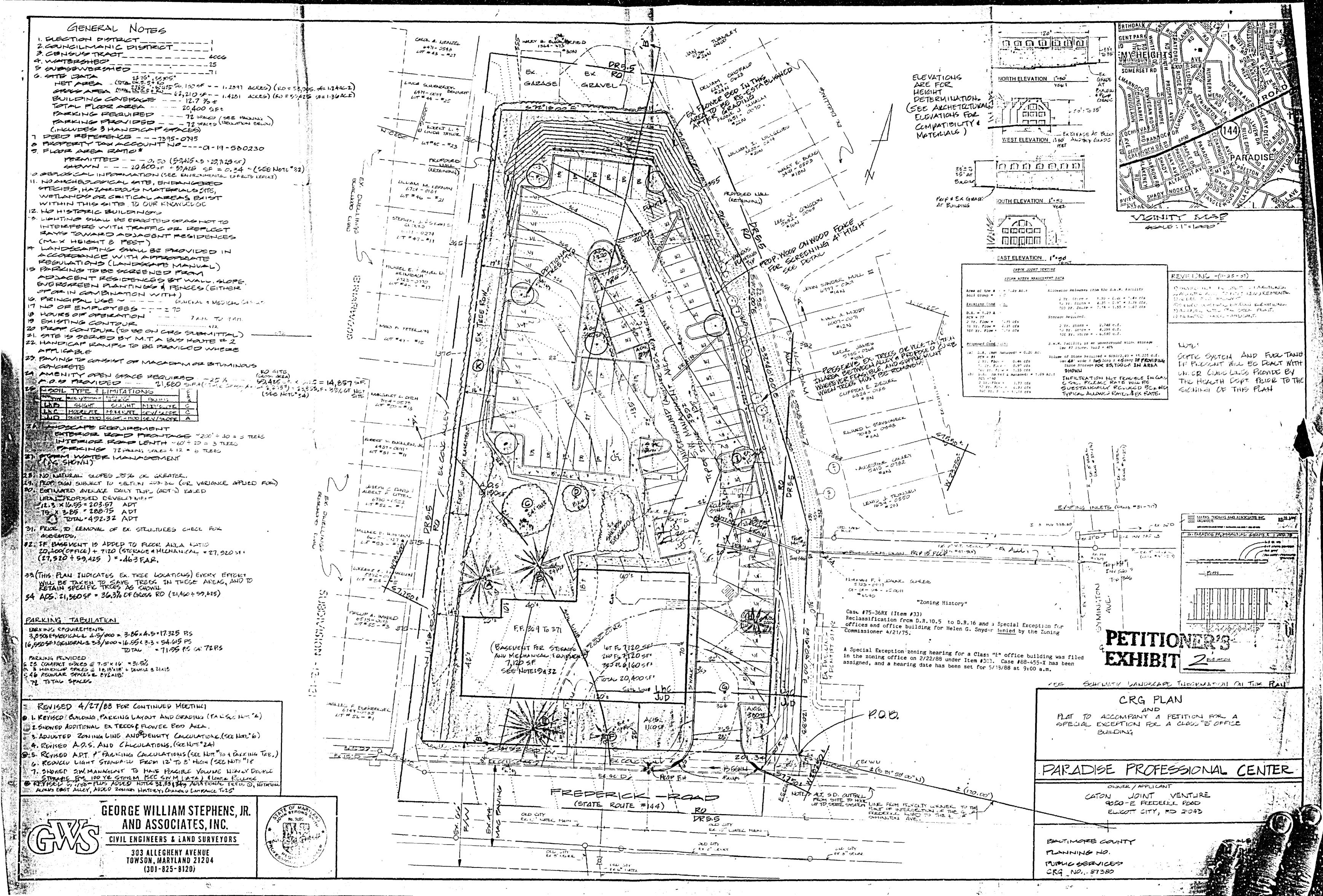


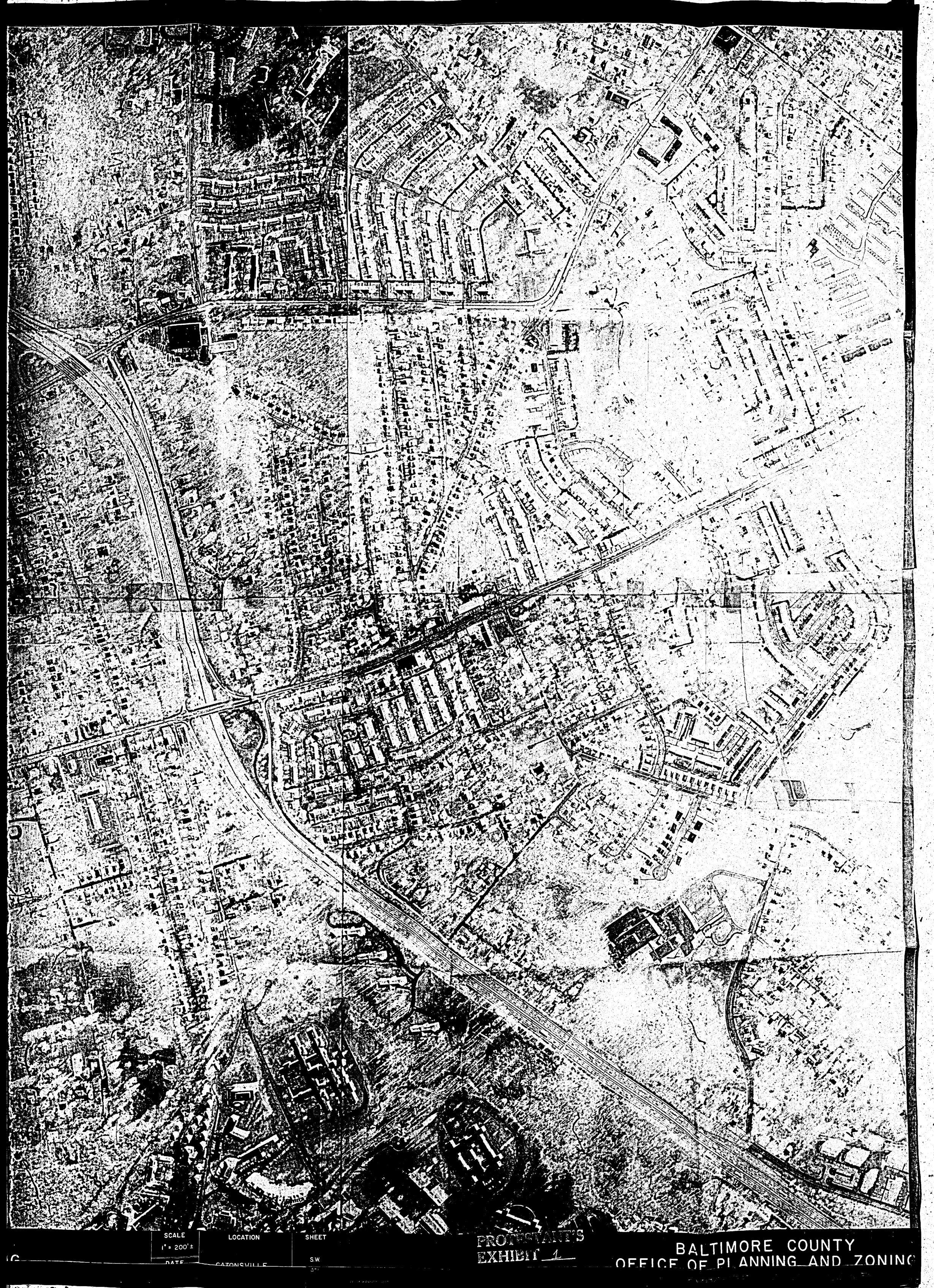


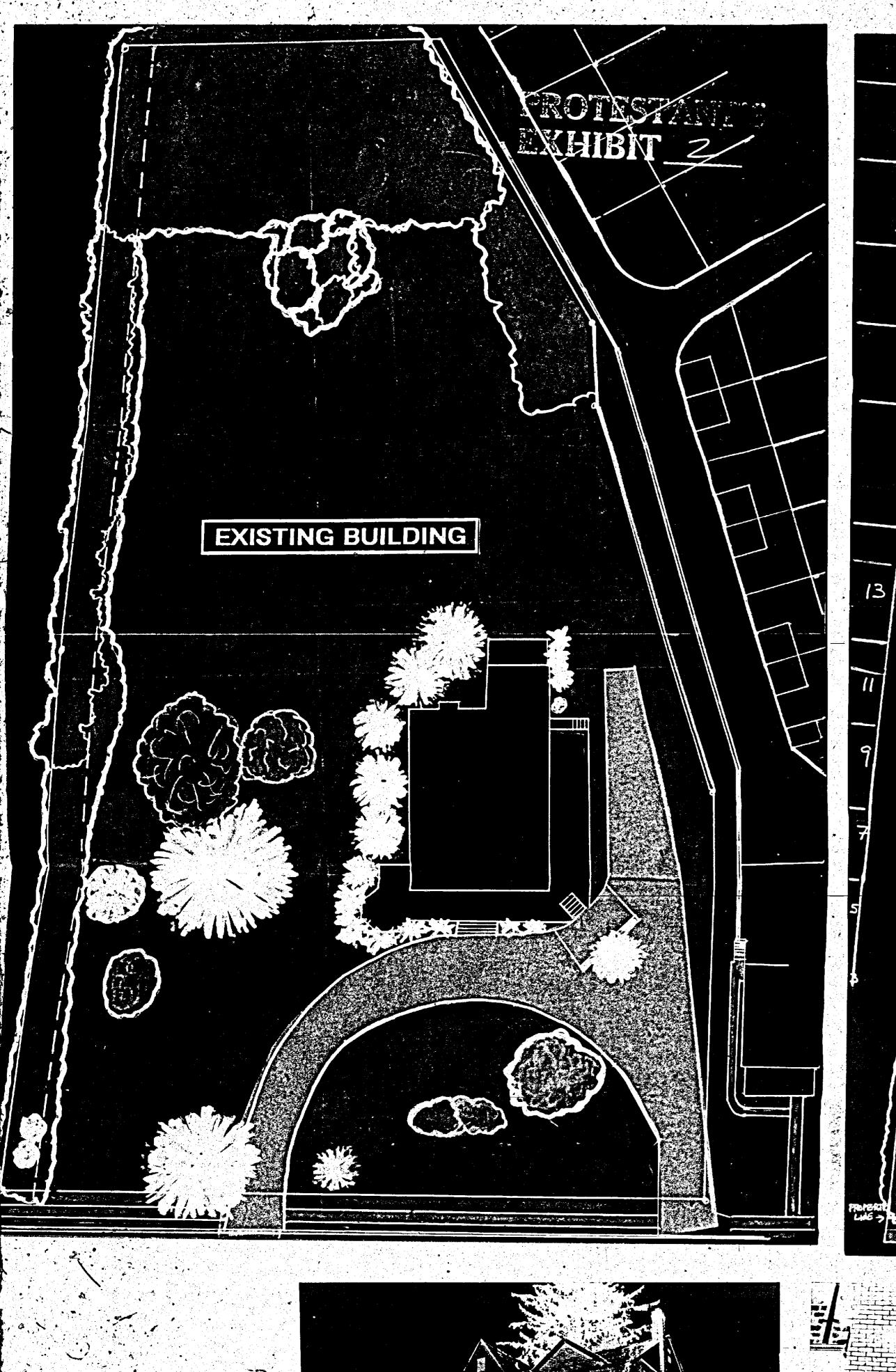








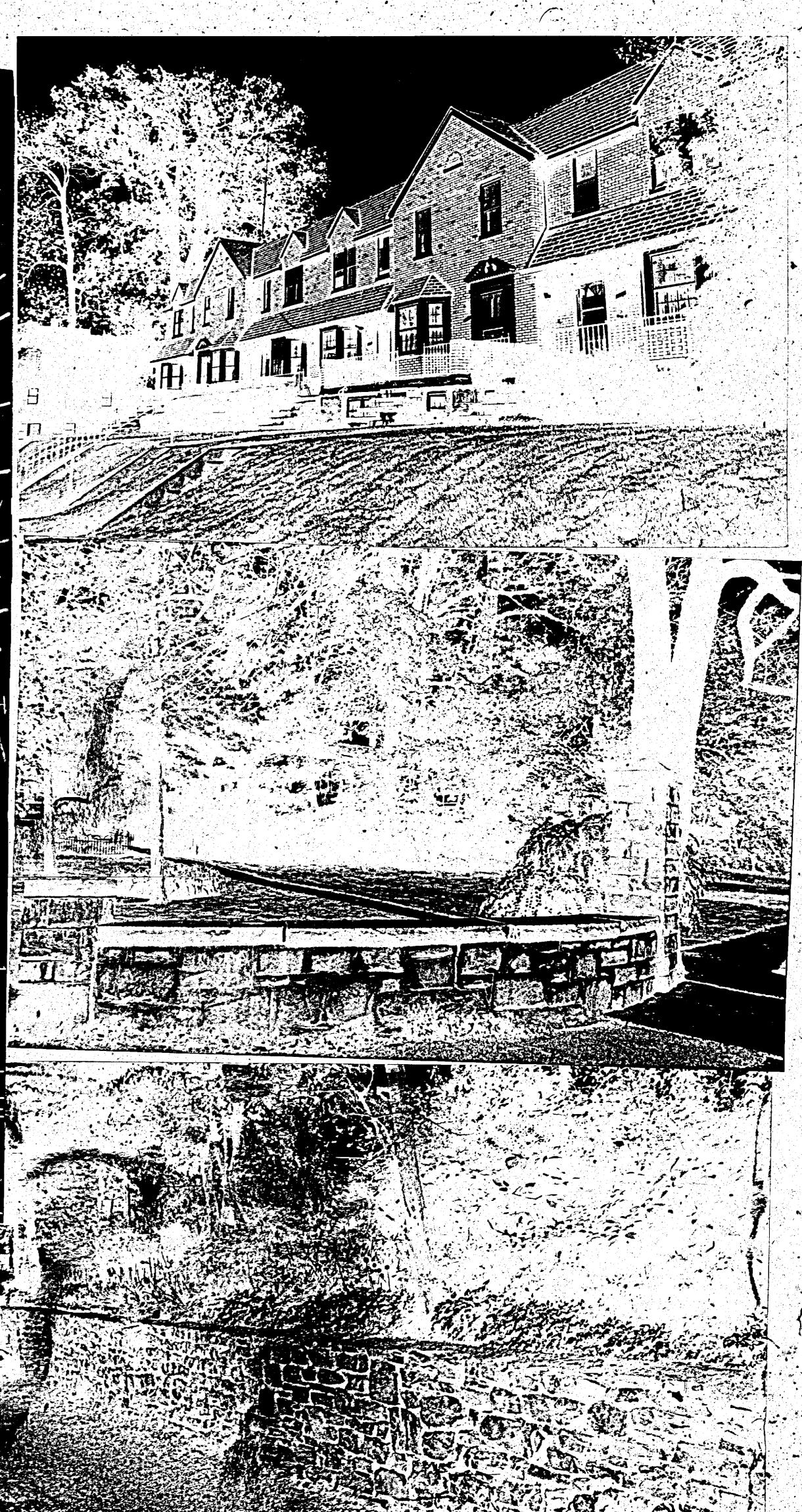


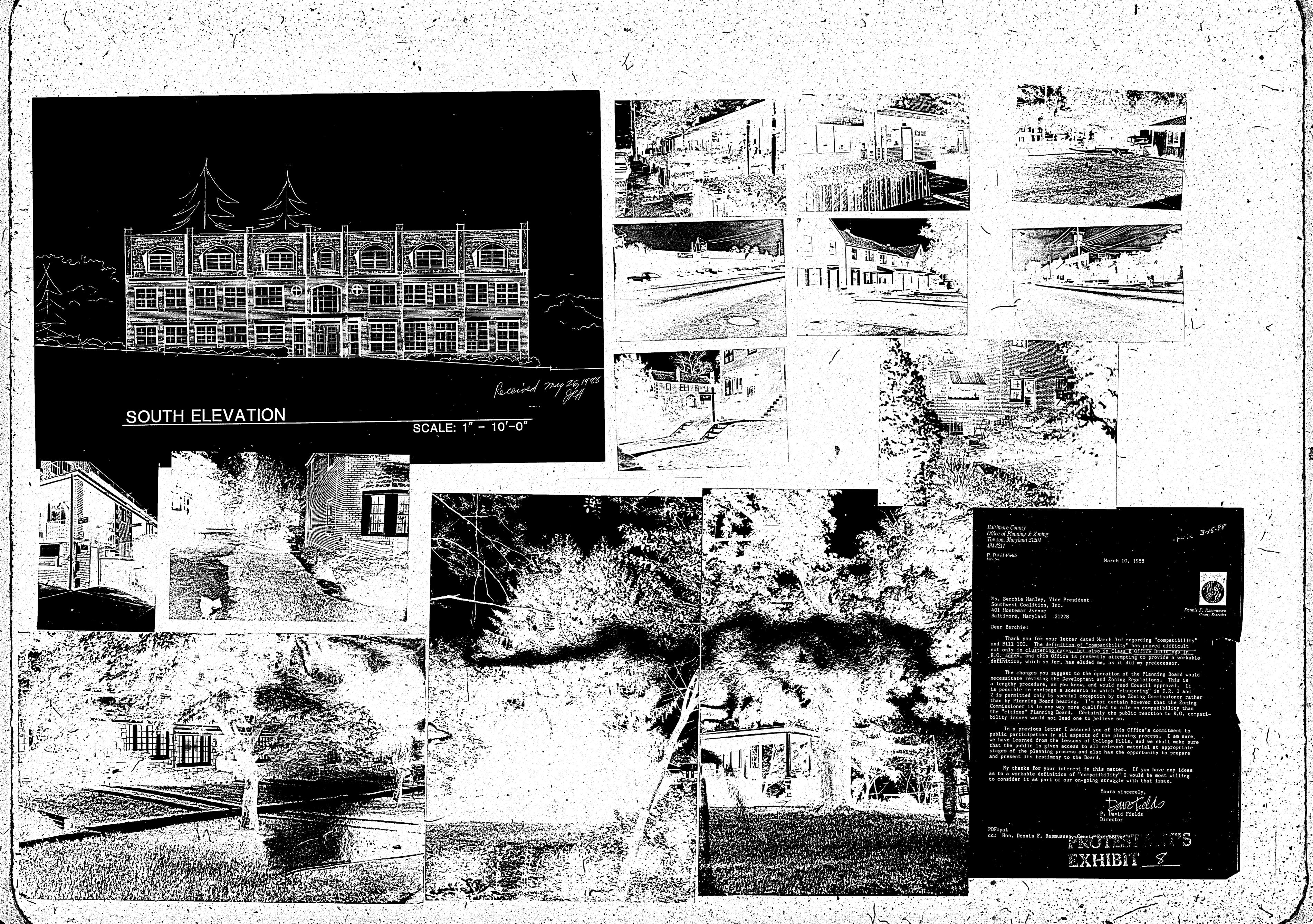












2 years preparation of Capital Program and Major Sewerage Matz, Childs & Associates of Rockville Associates Engineer 2 years supervision of Development Planning and Engineering projects (highway and storm drainage) J. Strong Smith & Associates; Consulting, Engineer 8 years residential, industrial and commercial land development projects. Highway and utility design. Smith, Teacher & Associates: Planners, Engineers & Surveyors 7 yeras community planning and engineering, grading and sediment control design, surveys. George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc. Chief Engineer 1976 to 1984 George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc. Chief of Planning and Property Analysis Have made numerous appearances before Zoning Commissioners, Boards of Zoning Appeals and in circuit courts in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties. BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTITION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ( Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204 Zoning Item # 303, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 8,1988

Property Owner: Caton Joint Venture

Location: NIS Frederick Rd. 170 W of of of Symington District

Water Supply Metro Sewage Disposal Metro COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ( ) Prior to approval of a Building Permit for construction, renovation and/or installation of equipment for any existing or proposed food service facility, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Plans Review Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, for final review ( Pr'or to new installation/s of fuel burning equipment, the owner shall contact the Bureau of Air Que ilty Management, 494-3775, to obtain requirements for such installation/s before work begins. ( ) A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for such items as spray paint processes, underground gasoline storage tank/s (5,000 gallons or more) and any other equipment or process which exhausts into the atmosphere. ( ) A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for any charbroiler peration which has a total cooking surface area of five (5) square feet or more. ( ) Prior to approval of a Building Permit Application for renovations to existing or construction of new health care facilities, complete plans and specifications of the building, food service area and type of equipment to be used for the food service operation must be submitted to the Plans Review and Approval Section, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review and approval. ( ) Prior to any new construction or substantial alteration of public swimming pool, wading pool, bathhouse, saunas, whirlpools, hot tubs, water and sewerage facilities or other appurtenances pertaining to health and safety; two (2) copies of plans and specifications must be submitted to the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management for review and approval. For more complete information, contact the Recreational Hygiene Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, 494-3811. ( ) Prior to approval for a nursery school, owner or applicant must comply with all Baltimore County regulations. For more complete information, contact the Division of Maternal and Child Health. ( ) If lubrication work and oil changes are performed at this location, the method providing for the elimination of waste oil must be in accordance with the State Department of the Environment. Prior to razing of existing structure/s, petitioner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768, regarding removal and/or disposal of potentially hazardous materials and solid wastes. Petitioner must contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management regarding removal of asbestos, 494-3775. ( ) Any abandoned underground storage tanks containing gasoline, waste oil, solvents, etc., must have the contents removed by a licensed hauler and tank removed from the property or properly backfilled. Prior to removal or abandonment, owner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768. ( ) Soil percolation tests, have been \_\_\_\_, must be \_\_\_\_, conducted.
( ) The results are valid until
( ) Soil percolation test results have expired. Petitioner should contact the Division of Water and Sewer to determine whether additional tests are required. ( ) Where water wells are to be used as a source of water supply, a well meeting the minimum Baltimore ( ) In accordance with Section 13-117 of the Baltimore County Code, the water well yield test ) shall be valid until
) is not acceptable and must be retested. This must be accomplished prior to conveyance of property and approval of Building Permit Applications. ( ) Prior to occupancy approval, the potability of the water supply must be verified by collection of bacteriological and chemical water samples. ( ) If submission of plans to the County Review Group is required, a Hydrogeological Study and an

> BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIATES, INC.

ENGINEERS 303 ALLEGHENY AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

JOHN STRONG SMITH

Professional Engineering Registration in Maryland - 1958.

4 years designer of municpal utilities preparation of

Antioch College, B.S. in Civil Engineering

Baltimore County Department of Public Works

Chief, Division of Research and Standards

University of Illinois

Whitman, Requardt & Associates

Baltimore County Design Standards.

EXPERIENCE

February 22, 1985

0 . 1984 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP AUDPTED BY THE THE THE BLETIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL \*Roy 13, 1964 > 156-84, 137-84, 131-04/0410 139-84 County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this \_\_\_\_\_\_ Cth \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1988. Petitioner Caton Joint Venture Received by: Chairman, Zoning Plans Petitioner's Attorney Benjamin Eronstein Advisory Committee

March 10, 1988

Location: N/S Frederick Rd., Rt. 144 (170' W. of c/l of

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

( ) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be

located at intervals or \_\_\_\_ feet along an approved road in accor-

dance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department

to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

( ) 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.

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

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

( ) 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the

( $_{\rm X}$ ) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall

Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Pro-

tection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition

( ) 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis F. Rasmusser

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 3/8/88

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 2, 1988

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204

Department of

Fire Prevention

Health Department

Project Planning

Building Department

Board of Education

Zoning Administration

Bureau of

Industrial

State Roads Commission

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George & Bronstein Suite 205, The Susquehanna Bldg. Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No. 303 - Case No. 88-455-X Petitioner: Caton Joint Venture Petition for Special Exception

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted' with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

JED:dt

Enclosures

cc: George William Stephens, Jr. and Associates. Inc. 303 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

-Creston J. Mills, Jr. Acting Chief-Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

After reviewing the submittal for a Special Exception for a

All existing curb and gutter must be repaired or replaced as

By a copy of this letter, we are recommending to the State

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brocato of

Class "B" office building, the State Highway Administration-

The location of the 30' entrance with 20' radii is

directed by the State Highway Administration Inspector.

Highway Administration District Traffic Engineer, that "NO

PARKING" signs be installed at this site to improve on sight

Bureau of Engineering Access Permits has the following comments.

March 10, 1988

Re: Baltimore County

Center/ N/S

Item # 303

Frederick Road

170' west of

Paradise Professional

Maryland Route 144

Symington AVenue

LB/es

distance.

this office.

cc: Darrell Wiles w/att G.W. Stephens Jr, and Associates J. Ogle

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

Mr. J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner

Att: James Dyer

Dear Mr. Haines:

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

acceptable as shown on the plan.

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Richard H. Trainor

Secretary

Hal Kassoff

Administrator

ZONING OFFICE

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My telephone number is (301)333-1350

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner FROM P. David Fields, Director

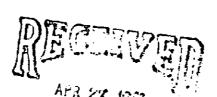
April 26, 1988

Office of Planning and Zoning SUBJECT Zoning Petition #88-455-X

> This proposal was the subject of a CRG meeting on April 7, 1988, the project entitled, "Paradise Professional Center"; issues were not resolved and the meeting was to be continued at some future date. In the meantime, this office has been working with the developer's representatives in an attempt to resolve the problems with this proposal. Therefore, it is requested that the zoning hearing not be scheduled until the developer obtains CRG approval.

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cc: Shirley Hess, People's Counsel J. Hoswell Zoning File



ZONING OFFICE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND SUBJECT: COUNTY REVIEW GROUP COMMENTS DATE: 4/7/88 FROM: ZOWING OFFICE PROJECT NAME: PARADISE PROFESSIONAL CENTER PLAN: 11/25/87 LOCATION: N/S Frederick Rd. 170' W c/l of no revised plan received Symington Ave. REV: \_\_\_\_\_ REV: \_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: 1c1 BAV BE ADVISED (NOT NECESSARY FOR CRG APPROVAL, BUT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO FINAL ZONING APPROVAL ADDITIONAL COLLENIS ADDED LAST BY PLAN DATE

A Special Exception zoning hearing for a Class "B" office building was filed in the zoning office on 2/22/88 under Item #303. Case #88-455-X has been assigned, and a hearing date has been set for 5/18/88 at 9:00 A.M.

Correct the coordinates to conform to the Baltimore County Grid System and correct the R.O./D.R. 10.5 zone line to conform accurately to the 1" = 200' scale zoning map #SW 2E, on the engineering and architectual plans and remove the proposed parking and approximately 1,000 square feet of the proposed A.O.S. in the D.R. 5.5 zone. Recalculate the F.A.R. based on the correct gross R.O. area including 30 feet of the Frederick Road R/W.

Recalculate the provided A.O.S. on the engineering and architectual plans, using . the gross R.O. site area only, including 30 feet of the Frederick Road R/W. 7 feet wide A.O.S. areas cannot be counted adjoining a parking area, if they are not planted. Note on the plan "A.O.S. area between 7 feet and 10 feet wide adjoining a parking area must be suitably planted". Also include the required calculation (see definition) for A.O.S. on upper floors and note "Amenity Open Spaces on upper floors will be open and available for use all hours that the

Recalculate the parking and dimension and label the parking and 1.5 foot overhangs.

5. Include on the plan under "Zoning History" Case #75-36RX (Item #33)

Reclassification from D.R. 10.5 to D.R. 16 and a Special Exception for offices and office building for Helen G. Snyder denied by the Zoning

If a sign, parking, F.A.R. or A.O.S. quantity requirement deficiency or noncompliance is determined during the C.R.G. review, variances should be included with the zoning hearing WITHOUT DELAY to avoid rescheduling a hearing day. Also revised plans should be submitted to the zoning office when the C.R.G. comments are addressed. The plans should be sent under reference of the hearing case

Baltimore County

Towson, Maryland 21204-2586

Office of Planning and Zoning

Baltimore County Office Building

of Public Works.

prior to occupancy.

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

pecial Inspection Division

Re: Property Owner: Caton Joint Venture

Symington Avenue)

Fire Department

Paul H. Reincke

J. Robert Haines

Towson, MD 21204

Item No.: 303

Zoning Commissioner

494-4500

Gentlemen: