IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ... LEROY M. MERRITT. FOR A ZONING RECLASSIFICATION ON PROPERTY LOCATED A REPORT COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS 175 NORTH OF CENTERLINE OF WASHING. "; TON BLVD. (3700-3798 COMMERCE DRIVE) 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT 🚉 BALTIMORE COUNTY

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This case comes before the Board for zoning reclassification from O.T. (Office and Technology) to M.L.-I.M. The twenty-two acre parcel of land is in the First Councilmanic Distr at the juncture of I-95, I-695 and U.S. 1. The case was heard this day in its entirety.

Opening remarks in this matter by Counsel for the Petitioner emphasized that the original objectives and purposes for the O.T. zone in 1984 for this parcel by the County Council have been rendered impractical in the past five years by newly designated and more attractive locations in O.T. zones in the area. The Petitioner's overall holdings in the area total 80 acres, all of which were zoned M.L. in the 1970's. The subject parcel was rezoned O.T. in 1984 with the purpose of attracting high-tech industry to the County.

People's Counsel defended the O.T. zoning of the parcel, remarking that the location offers a unique vantage point for a high-tech industry at the "gateway to Baltimore County" location.

In support of the Petition for Reclassification, Counsel for the property owner presented several witnesses who testified to the difficulties of the O.T. zoning at this location. Mr. Anthony Haile, Deputy Director of Baltimore County Dept. of Economic Development, reviewed the features required of a property for high-tech utilization. Mr. Haile mentioned several major corporations who rejected the site because of its limited access and lack of essential amenities expected in the O.T. zone. With the 1988 zoning of large acreage of government

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> owned property in this southwestern section of Baltimore County, at the UMBC and Spring Grove Campuses, Mr. Haile testified to the difficulty of a private developer in marketing any site for O.T. use, particularly the subject property.

Mr. Randy Warren, employee with the Merritt Company, reviewed the present trend in developing commercial sites with buildings that provide flex options for the lessee in Le M.L.-I.M. zone, which predominates in the subject area. Since 1984, there was little or no interest in the location for 0.7. development for reasons stated by Mr. Haile. In the 1988 Comprehensive Map Process, a change was not requested in hopes an O.T. use would occur, and the fact that they were not familiar with the pending UMBC - Spring Grove O.T. zoning of 300 acres. Mr. Warren ascerted that this nearby O.T. area has ruined his site's potential.

Mr. David Bavar, a commercial realtor serving the Merritt Company, reviewed several factors that detract from the high-tech use of the subject parcel. Mr. Bavar cited the deficiencies of poor accessability, neighboring industrial users, and a lack of certain amenities in the area that go with providing services to high-tech employees. Mr. Bavar emphasized that M.L. land and the proposed documented use is needed in this part of the County. It was his opinion that it is an error to keep the O.T. zoning at this site.

Mr. William Kirwin, land planner and developer Engared as an expert witness involved with the site since 1983. Mr. Kirwin reviewed the requirements of an O.T. site today, allowing for lakes, recreational activity, parking and amenities for the health and well being of people. He cited the example of other highly desirable O.T. locations in Baltimore County and the size they offer to provide essential amenities to attract high-tech industry. Mr. Kirwin reviewed various illustrative exhibits depicting the proposed M.L. use of the parcel and its configuration in the proposed documented plan. He pointed to the transportation deficiencies of the site for O.T. use versus the assets of an M.L., flex

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space use. Unilding elevation drawings were explained by this expert witness that bore out the fact that the documented site of five flex office/warehouse buildings would not be seen from the interstate highways. Access to the site would be from the U.S. 1 route utilized by various industrial users.

In respect to the high-tech potential for the site, Mr. Kirwin referred to Section 207.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) and its intent for the O.T. zone. His remarks pointed to various shortcomings of the parcel and the error of the zoning. There are no trends to office-tech use in the area, which has predominantly industrial use.

In opposition to the Petition for Reclassification, People's Counsel offered Mr. Pat Keller, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning which recommended \widetilde{z} denial of this Petition to the Planning Board of Baltimore County. Acknowledging the fact that the Planning Board agreed to the zoning requested in this case, Mr. Keller reviewed a list of suggestions for the documented site plan in the event the County Board of Appeals granted the zoning reclassification.

The case for the Petitioner in this matter was thoroughly and convincingly

presented in proving that the subject parcel as an office and technology zone has become impractical, and in error. Foremost in highlighting this error is the definition of the O.T. zone as stated in 207.2 BCZR as it is applicable to the subject location. Aerial photographs identify predominantly industrial warehouse utilization in the entire southwest area of this site. This O.T. zoned site is not in the proximity of a town center, residential growth, nor is it highly accessible. In fact the site has an access difficulty for traffic approaching the location via the inter-state highways, which do not have conveniently located exits to the location. In consideration of all the amenities that are prescribed for the office-technology location, the mere size of this site precludes the absence of these recommendations. Coupled with the existing

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warehouse utilization of the neighboring properties, it is obvious that the Petitioner's property is practically obsolete as a high-tech location and hardly

The opinion that the UMBC and Spring Grove office and technology zoning of 300 acres makes the subject site unattractive is understandable to this Board. As different counties and developers endeavor to attract high-tech industry, testimony in this case has clearly stated the difficulty of marketing? land for the O.T. use. Prior to the UMBC designation, there may have been merit in the O.T. zone for the subject parcel, but as testified by several expert witnesses in this case, the Baltimore County Government will certainly promote the UMBC - Spring Grove acreage rather than the inaccessible parcel of the

Although this property was not an issue in the 1988 Comprehensive Map Process, testimony and convincing evidence gives strong indication that this site is not conducive to utilization as an office-technology zone. For the various reasons covered in the above, this Board is of the opinion that the reclassification of the subject parcel of 21.6 acres from O.T. to M.L.-I.M. should be granted and will so order.

In view of the stated willingness of the Petitioner to cooperate and accept suggestions for this documented plan, the Board stipulates that the proposals by the Director of Planning and Zoning be included in the documented

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ORDER

It is therefore this 14th day of November , 1989 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the Petition for Reclassification of the property from O.T. to M.L.-I.M. be and the same is hereby GRANTED.

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 BALTIMORE COUNTY

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November 14, 1989

John B. Howard, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Case No. CR-89-451 Leroy M. Merritt

Dear Mr. Howard:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject case.

Legal Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Leroy M. Merritt Mr. James Earl Kraft Phyllis C. Friedman - People's Counsel P. David Fields Pat Keller J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowicz James E. Dyer W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT

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CASE NO. CR-89-451 (Reclassification)

LEROY M. MERRITT W/S Commerce Drive, 175' N c/l Washington Blvd. (3700-3798 Commerce Drive) 13th Election District; 1st Councilmanic District O.T. to M.L.-I.M.

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Petitioner/Legal Owner

Baltimore County Board of Education

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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which was scheduled for September 12, 1989 has been continued in open hearing at the request of People's Counsel for Baltimore County and has been

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. REASSIGNED FOR: Counsel for Petitioner cc: John B. Howard, Esquire

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

Leroy M. Merritt

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

Date: 9.9.89



Mr. Leroy Merritt 2066 Lord Baltimore Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Re: Petition for Zoning Re-classification CASE NUMBER: CR89-451 W/S Commerce Drive, 175' N c/l Washington Blvd. #3700 - 3798 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic Hearing Scheduled: September 12, 1989

Dear Mr. Merritt:

This is to advise you that \$ 467.04 is due for advertising and posting of the above property. This fee must be paid before an Order is

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE RECLASSIFICATION SIGN AND POST REJURNED TO THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING OFFICE ON THE DAY OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS' HEARING OR THE ORDER WILL NOT BE ISSUED.

Please make your check payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland" and remit it to Ms. G. Stephens, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, before the

Very truly yours,

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

John B. Howard, Esq.

LindaLee M. Kuszmaul Legal Secretary

Petition for Zoning Reclassification W/S Commerce Drive, #3700-3798, 175' N c/l Washington Blvd.
Petitioner(s): Leroy M. Herritt Petition to reclassify the property from an O.T zone to an M.L.-I.M. zone. 10:00 4.00 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989 Room 301, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepeake LOCATION: Avenue, Drowson, Maryland \$1300 WILLIAM T. HACKETT, CHAIRMAN County Board of Appeals Leroy M. Merritt People's Counsel THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT YOU WILL BE BILLED BY THE ZONING OFFICE FOR ADVERTISING AND POSTING COSTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS CASE APPROXIMATELY A ADVERTISING AND POSTING COSTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS CASE APPROXIMATELY A WEEK BEFORE THE HEARING. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE SIGN AND POST RETURNED TO THE ZONING OFFICE ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER WILL NOT BE ISSUED. يستنصب ويستسم ليست المستحد المستحد المستحد المستحدد

PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND/OR VARIANCE

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS 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 (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant to the Zoning Law

of Baltimore County, from an ______OT ____zone to an ____ML-IM zone, for the reasons given in the strached statement; and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property,

and (3) for the reasons given in the attached statement, a variance from the following sections of the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County:

SEE ATTACHED

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by The Baltimore County Code.

I, or wa, agree to pay expenses of above Re-classification, Special Exception and/or Variance, 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

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City and State Attorney for Petitioner:	Signature
John B. Howard, Esquire (Type or Print Name)	2066 Lord Baltimore Drive 298-2600 Address Phone No.
Simature 210 Allegheny Avenue	Baltimore, Maryland 21207 City and State
Towson, Maryland 21204	Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con- tract purchaser or representative to be contacted John B. Howard, Esquire
City and State Attorney's Telephone No.: 823-4111	Name 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 823-4111
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September 11, 1989

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The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt Acting Chairman County Board of Appeals Room 315, County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Leroy M. Merritt, Petitioner Zoning Case No. CR-89-451

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I must regretfully confirm that it is necessary to request a continuance in this case. There has been a sudden death in the family of the People's Counsel, Phyllis Cole Friedman, who is scheduled to

I have spoken with Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, this afternoon, and he has stated that he has no objection to the continuance. We will cooperate in Mr. Hoffman's request that the case be rescheduled as soon as reasonably possible consistent with the Board's schedule.

It is my understanding, under these circumstances, and based on my telephone conversation with you, that the continuance will be granted.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

Deputy People's Counsel

cc: Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire



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NOTICE OF HEARING

Petition for Zoning Reclassification Case Number: CR-89-451 W/S Commerce Drive, #3700-3798, 175' N c/l Washington Blvd. Petitioner(s): Leroy M. Merritt

Petition to reclassify the property from an O.T zone to an M.L.-I.M. zone.

10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

Room 301, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepeake

Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204

WILLIAM T. HACKETT, CHAIRMAN County Board of Appeals

cc: John B. Howard, Esq. Leroy M. Merritt People's Counsel Board of Appeals

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William Hacketi Chairman, Board of Appeals Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

Re: Property Owner: Leroy M. Merritt

Location: W/S Commerce Drive, #3700-3798, 175' N centerline Washington Blvd. Item No.: One (1)

Zoning Agenda: 4/89-10/89

Gentlemen:

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

() 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or ____ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

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

() 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at _____

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the

Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation. . The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1988 edition

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

prior to occupancy.

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

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC. P.O. BOX 6828, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Plat to Accompany a Petition For a Zoning Reclassification.

February 24, 1989 RE: Portion of Lot #1 Second Amended Plat of Beltway Business Community

Point of beginning being located westerly 175 feets from the point of intersection of the centerlines of Commerce Drive and Washington Boulevard thence in a clockwise

FROM THE OFFICE OF

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(Containing 21.63 acres of land more 9

(THIS DESCRIPTION IS FOR ZONING PURPOSES OFLY)

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FROM O.T. TO M.L.-I.M. ZONE W/S Commerce Dr., #3700-3798, OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

175' N C/L Washington Blvd. 13th Election District 1st Councilmanic District

LEROY M. MERRITT, Petitioner Zoning Case No. CR-89-451 :::::::

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

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 304, County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of July, 1989, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Howard, Esquire, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

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Baltimore County
Department of Public Works Bureau of Traffic Engineering Courts Building, Suite 405 Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3554

May 10, 1989



Mr. William Hackett Chairman, Board of Appeals County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Zoning Reclassification Cycle 1 Item No. 1

Property Owner: Leroy M. Marritt

Case No./Hearing Date: Location: Existing Zoning: Election District:

Councilmanic District:

CR89-451; September 12, 1989 W/S Commerce Drive No. 3700-3798 175' N. centerline Washington Blvd. 21.63

April - October, 1989

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Proposed Zoning:

Acres:

The existing O.T. zoning for this 21.63 acres site can be expected to generate 5200 trips per day. This site with M.L. - I.M. zoning can be expected to generate approximately 1120 trips per day.

> Very truly yours, Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate II

MSF/1vw

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DIRECT DIAL NUMBER: 823-4111 February 28, 1989

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

Re: Petition for Reclassification 22.51 acres located west of Washington Boulevard and southeast of the intersection of I-95 and I-695 (the Councilmanic District: Pirst Election District: Thirteenth Existing Zoning: OT Proposed Zoning: ML-IM Leroy M. Merritt, Petitioner

Dear Board Members:

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JEORGE R. RETHOLDS, M.

REPLY TO: TOWSON

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ROBERT A HOFFMAN

This firm represents Leroy M. Merritt, owner of the referenced property (the "Property"), who is requesting reclassification of 22.51 acres from the OT (Office and reclassification of 22.51 acres from the OT (Office and Technology) to the ML (Manufacturing, Light) zone, as well as the application of the IM (Industrial, Major) district to the Property. Mr. Merritt is proceeding under Section 2-58.1(1) of the Zoning Regulations and is including documentation relating to

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RECLASSIFICATION AND REDISTRICTING PETITIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE APRIL, 1989 -OCTOBER,1989 ZONING RECLASSIFICATION CYCLE I

LOCATIONS OF PROPERTIES UNDER PETITION .

LISTINGS OF PETITIONS: Numbers in the listings are keyed to the map above

BY ORDER OF WILLIAM HACKETT, CHAIRMAN, COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY AND

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the proposed use of the Property as a planned office/warehouse development, a part of the "Beltway Business Community".

The requested reclassification is warranted, because the zoning of the Property as OT on the 1988 Baltimore County Comprehensive Zoning Maps was clearly a mistake or error. This erroneous zoning is attributable to the County Council's failure to review the OT classification of the Property in light of the application of OT zoning to two much larger parcels (the "Spring Grove parcel and the "UMBC parcel") not far to the west of the Property and just outside the Baltimore Beltway. Because of the fact that these newly-designated OT parcels are nearby, are much larger, and are publicly or quasi-publicly owned and therefore have ready access to public resources that can be invested to promote high-technology development, it is unreasonable to expect that the Property will be able to attract a fair share of this

On the other hand, the Property is well-suited for ML zoning and for the office/warehouse development shown on the documented site plan. This development would tie into similar development already underway on ML-zoned lands owned by Mr. Merritt and located directly to the northeast of the Property. It would also be consistent with ML zoning to the east and to the south, on the opposite side of the Beltway, and with the large number of industrial and warehouse uses in the area.

The Property was zoned ML-IM prior to 1974, ... en Mr. Merritt acquired it, and until 1976, when it was reclassified to MLR-IM. It retained the MLR-IM designation, despite a request for change in the County's 1980 comprehensive rezoning process, until 1984. During the 1984 comprehensive rezoning, Mr. Merritt's lands immediately to the northeast were returned to their former ML-IM classification, and the Property was placed in the newly-created OT zone. At that time, there were no other areas designated for OT zoning in this part of Baltimore County.

However, in the 1988 comprehensive rezoning process, there were two requests submitted and granted for substantial amounts of OT zoning. Issue No. 1-093 (the "Spring Grove parcel") involved nearly 195 acres, owned by the quasi-public Maryland Economic Development Corporation, at the site of the former Spring Grove State Hospital. Issue No. 1-096 involved 80 acres in the southern portion of the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Both of these sites are located within 3 miles of the Property and, because of their much larger size and, most important, their public or quasi-public ownership, they are natural prospects to absorb the kind of mixed-use

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office/high technology/high-density residential development for which the OT zone is designed.

Mr. Merritt, owner of the Property, was unaware, before the filing deadline for 1988 comprehensive zoning map issues, of the proposals for OT zoning on the Spring Grove and UMBC parcels, and proposals for OF goning on the Spring Grove and UMBC parcels, and therefore he did not raise the zoning of the Property as a 1988 map issue. The County Council accordingly had no occasion to focus its attention on the Property or to consider whether the zoning of the P_perty should be adjusted in light of the creation of the new OT zones just to the west. Because it did not recount the implications of its other not adequately take into account the implications of its other zoning actions on the Property, the County Council erroneously continued the Property's existing OT classification. Indeed, it is submitted that had the Council considered this property's zoning classification on the 1988 Comprehensive Map it would have been rezoned to the ML-IN zone requested here.

For the resons indicated, the Petitioner respectfully submits that the zoning of the Property should be changed from OT to ML and that the adjacent IM district should be expanded to include the Property.

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Petition for Zoning Reclassification Case Number: CR-89-451 W/S Commerce Drive, #3700-3798, 175' N c/l Washington Blvd. Petitioner(s): Leroy M. Merritt

Petition to reclassify the property from an O.T zone to an M.L.-I.M. zong.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

Room 301, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204

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cc: John B. Howard, Esq. Leroy M. Merritt People's Counsel

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 315, County Office Building

> Re: Petition for Reclassification 22.51 acres located west of Washington Boulevard and southeast of the intersection of I-95 and I-695 (the Baltimore Beltway) Councilmanic District: First Election District: Thirteenth Existing Zoning: OT Proposed Zoning: ML-IM

Dear Board Members:

Towson, Maryland 21204

This firm represents Leroy M. Merritt, owner of the referenced property (the "Property"), who is requesting reclassification of 22.51 acres from the OT (Office and Technology) to the ML (Manufacturing, Light) zone, as well as the application of the IM (Industrial, Major) district to the Property. Mr. Merritt is proceeding under Section 2-58.1(1) of the Zoning Regulations and is including documentation relating to

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the proposed use of the Property as a planned office/warehouse development, a part of the "Beltway Business Community".

The requested reclassification is warranted, because the zoning of the Property as OT on the 1988 Baltimore County Comprehensive Zoning Maps was clearly a mistake or error. This erroneous zoning is attributable to the County Council's failure to review the OT classification of the Property in light of the application of OT zoning to two much larger parcels (the *Spring Grove parcel" and the "UMBC parcel") not far to the west of the Property and just outside the Baltimore Beltway. Because of the fact that these newly-designated OT parcels are nearby, are much larger, and are publicly or quasi-publicly owned and therefore have ready access to public resources that can be invested to promote high-technology development, it is unreasonable to expect that the Property will be able to attract a fair share of this type of growth.

On the other hand, the Property is well-suited for ML zoning and for the office/warehouse development shown on the documented site plan. This development would tie into similar development already underway on ML-zoned lands owned by Mr. Merritt and located directly to the northeast of the Property. It would also be consistent with ML zoning to the east and to the south, on the opposite side of the Beltway, and with the large number of industrial and warehouse uses in the area.

The Property was zoned ML-IM prior to 1974, when Mr. Merritt acquired it, and until 1976, when it was reclassified to MLR-IM. It retained the MLR-IM designation, despite a request for change in the County's 1980 comprehensive rezoning process, until 1984. During the 1984 comprehensive rezoning. Mr. Merritt's lands immediately to the northeast were returned to their former ML-IM classification, and the Property was placed in the newly-created OT zone. At that time, there were no other areas designated for OT zoning in this part of Baltimore County.

However, in the 1988 comprehensive rezoning process, there were two requests submitted and granted for substantial amounts of OT zoning. Issue No. 1-093 (the "Spring Grove parcel") involved nearly 195 acres, owned by the quasi-public Maryland Economic Development Corporation, at the site of the former Spring Grove State Hospital. Issue No. 1-096 involved 80 acres in the southern portion of the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Both of these sites are located within 3 miles of the Property and, because of their much larger size and, most important, their public or quasi-public ownership, they are natural prospects to absorb the kind of mixed-use

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REPLY TO: TOWSON

Mr. Merritt, owner of the Property, was unaware, before the filing deadline for 1988 comprehensive zoning map issues, of the proposals for OT zoning on 'he Spring Grove and UMBC parcels, and therefore he did not raise he zoning of the Property as a 1988 may issue. The County Council accordingly had no occasion to focus its attention on the Property or to consider whether the zoning of the Property should be adjusted in light of the creation of the new OT zones just to the west. Because it did creation of the new OT zones just to the west. Because it did not adequately take into account the implications of its other zoning actions on the Property, the County Council erroneously continued the Property's existing OT classification. Indeed, it submitted that had the Council account the property of the county of the council account the c is submitted that had the Council considered this property's is submitted that had the Council Considered this property a zoning classification on the 1988 Comprehensive Map it would have been rezoned to the ML-IM zone requested here.

For the reasons indicated, the Petitioner respectfully submits that the zoning of the Property should be changed from OT to ML and that the adjacent IM district should be expanded to include the Property.

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McCARTHY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

REGULATORY and ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Environmental Impact Assessment for Beltway Business Community, Baltimore County, Maryland

Environmental Impact Assessment:

Existing Conditions

The area under consideration includes a sand and gravel pit that encompasses the majority of the property. This area is so badly disturbed that grass will not grow on much of the so badis disculbed that grass will hot grow on much of the site. Virginia pine and black locust are beginning to site. Virginia pine and Diack locust are Deginning to encroach on the perimeter of the sand and gravel pit. Without the vegetation cover, erosion is currently a

There are two sediment control ponds on the property, located within the sand and gravel pit. The first pond is located west of Commerce Drive and approximately in the center of the property. This pond has been drained by a small breach in the center of its berm. Presently, it contains hydric soil and hydrophytic vegetation. This pond would probably dry out completely if the entire berm is removed and graded even with the surrounding land. The removed and graded even with the surrounding land. The second pond is still functioning to control sediment and is located in the southern end of the sand and gravel pit just northeast of Parcel 'A'.

Forested areas are present on the property with soft woods on the more recently disturbed areas and hardwoods on the on the more recently disturbed areas and narowoods on the more well-established sites. The forest stand in the northern section is a mixture of Virginia pi', and deciduous trees. The area has been forested for approximately 30 years. A forest buffer exists between the sand and gravel years. H TOREST DUTTER EXISTS DETWEEN THE SAND AND GRAVET pit and the Beltway. Within this buffer is a small stand of white oak and southern red oak that is approximately 75 white oak and southern red oak that is approximately to years old. A much younger stand of black locust and years old. H much younger stand of black locust and virginia pine is found on the southern perimeter of the sand and gravel pit with an age of between 10 and 15 years.

Proposed Development

The proposed buildings will cover an area of 4.06 acres. There will be 8.44 acres of roads and parking areas. The remaining 9.13 acres will landscaped open space.

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The major ecosystem will be to the forest stand in the northern section of the property. This forest has not developed a significant level of diversity with respect to the animal community. This is probably due to its isolation caused by the surrounding highway systems, Junkyard and residential development.

Future Impact

The proposed development will probably result in a positive impact to the present environment conditions. At the present time, erosion is a problem due to the lack of vegetation and poor soil structure. Stormwater management and proposed landscaping will greatly reduce on-site erosion.

The forest surrounding the sand and gravel pit to the west and south will probably remain intact and will act as a buffer between the Business Center and the highway systems.

Proposed construction activity in the northern portion of the property will result in the loss of much of existing forest, this loss will be negligible. McCARTHY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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REGULATORY and ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT FOR THE BELTWAY BUSINESS COMMUNITY BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

PREPARED BY McCARTHY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FEBRUARY 1989

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1. PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

The property was evaluated for wetlands in February 1989 using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' definition of Wetlands and Waters of the United States as defined in 33CFR 328.3. The Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Technical Report Y-87-1) methodology was used as the guide for the field delineation of the wetland/upland interface. This analysis requires positive indications of soils exhibiting hydric characteristics, presence of a surface or groundwater hydrologic regime, and greater than 50% hydrophytic vegetation for the area in question to be considered wetland. Where positive indications of the above three parameters were observed, the area was considered wetland. When one of the above parameters (mainly soils or vegetation) exhibited change in the field and the soils did not correlate with the vegetation, the area was considered non-wetland. For this site, there is a distinct shift in plant community with soil change. When soil characteristics shifted from hydric to non-hydric, there was a corresponding change in plant community from wetland to non-wetland species. Where this shift occurred, the boundary between these two plant communities was flagged, thus, indicating the limit of wetlands and the beginning of upland (non-wetland). This procedure dictated the wetland boundary determination for the entire site.

2. SITE LOCATION

The property is located in Baltimore County, Maryland, north of the Saltimore Beltway and east of Maryland Route 95. Acces the property is from Route 1 on Commerce Drive (Figure 1).

The property comprises 21.63 acres of predominantly sand and gravel pit land. There is approximately five acres of upland hardwood forest at the northern end of the property.

3. NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY MAP (NWI)

The NWI for this section of Baltimore County (Figure 2) indicates a palustring open water (POWFx) on the southern portion of the property. On-site inspection confirmed the presence of the above wetlands.

4. WETLAND PARAMETERS:

A. Hydrology

The wetlands on the northern forested end of the property are a result of spring seepage and surface water runoff.

The wetlands delineated on the southern part of the property exist on the fringe of the sand and gravel pit disturbance. The water is from surface runoff and is sitting in improperly graded areas or impoundments for sediment control.

B. <u>Soils</u>

The soil survey for this portion of Prince George's County (Figure 3) indicates three different soil series on the property (Table 1). One of the soils is classified by Baltimore County as having unnamed hydric inclusions.

The soils on the majority of the property have been disturbed. The sand and gravel pit is such that it will not support vegetation over much of the area and the soil lacks a profile.

Numerous soil samples taken near the waterways exhibited hydric characteristics. Color matrices varied for the hydric soil samples (Table 2).

C. <u>Vegetation</u>

Sections of the property contain a dominant (50% or greater) mixture of facultative (FAC) and facultative-wetland (FACW) species (see Table 3). Such mixtures commonly occur with hydric soils. Where such occurrences were found on the property, we considered these areas wetlands. For instance, in the vicinity of the stream channels and ponded areas, the dominant canopy tree is red maple, with an understory of black willow. The shrub layer is dominated by hazel alder, whereas the herbaceous layer contains considerable numbers of soft rush as well as onion grass and broad-leaved cattail.

5. WETLAND DELINEATION

The delineation of the wetlands boundary was conducted primarily using the correlation of soils and vegetation. The hydrologic regime was considered, but soils and vegetation were the primary determining factors due to their more invariant nature. Along the stream valley and pond margins, where the vegetation shifts from hydrophytic to upland species conspicuously and the soils change from hydric to nonhydric, orange polka-dot flagging was placed. This approach guided our delineation of wetlands on the Beltway Business Community.

TABLE 1

Soil Types Present at the Beltway Business Community (as determined by the Baltimore County Soil Survey)

LyD - Loamy and clayey land, 15-40% slopes

** Sg - Sand and gravel pits ShB - Sassafras sandy loam, 2-5% slopes ShD2 - Sassafras sandy loam, 10-15% slopes, moderately

** Soils known to possess hydric inclusions in Baltimore

Table 2

Color Matrices of Hydric Soil Samples from the Beltway Business Community

<u>Hu e</u>	<u>Mottled</u>	Munsell Chart/Value/Chro
Gray Gray Very dark gray	yes yes yes	10YR 5/1 10YR 5/2 10YR 3/1
Pinkish gray	yes	7.5Y 7/1
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Table 3

Plant Species Observed Within Wetlands at the Beltway Business Community. Baltimore County, Maryland

The common name, scientific name, and Corps of Engineers' indicator status are provided for each species. A series of dashes following a species name denotes that a Corps of Engineers' classification has not yet been determined.

A. <u>Canopy</u>

Stout woodreed

	Red maple Green ash Black gum Sycamore Black willow	Acer rubrum Fraxinus pennsylvanica Nyssa sylvatica Platanus occidentalis Salix nigra	FACU FACU FACU- FACU-
В.	<u>Shrub</u>		
	Hazel alder Japanese honeysuckle Common elder Common greenbrier	Alnus serrulata Lonicera japonica Sambucus canadensis Smilax rotundifolia	OBL FAC- FACW- FAC
٤.	Herbaceous		
	Wild onion Deertongue Soft rush Broad-leaved cattail Cutleaf grape-fern	Allium canadense Dicantheleum clandestinum Juncus effusus Typha latifolia Botrychium dissectum	FACU FAC+ FACU+ OBL

forma obliquum

Cinna arundinacea

Project Planking **Building Department** Board of Education Loning Administration Industrial

John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case No. CR89-451 Reclassification Petition

This reclassification petation has been timely filed with the Board of Appeals for a public hearing within the October-April reclassification cycle (Cycle V). It has been reviewed by the

zoning office as to form and content and has also been reviewed by the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee. The review and enclosed comments from the Committee are intended to provide you and the Board of Appeals with an insight as to provide you and the soard of appears with an insight as to possible conflicts or problems that could arise from the requested reclassification or uses and improvements that may be specified as part of the request. They are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested.

If it has been suggested that the petition forms, descriptions, briefs, and/or the site plans be amended so as to reflect better compliance with the zoning regulations and/or commenting agencies' standards and policies, You are requested to review these comments, make your own judgment as to their accuracy and submit the necessary amendments to this office on or before October 26, 1989. In the event that any requested amendments are not received prior to this date, the petition will be advertised as originally submitted.

In view of the fact that the submitted site plan does not indicate a proposed use at this time, the comments from this Committee are general in nature. If the request is granted and an additional hearing is required at a later date, more detailed comments will be submitted at that time.

If you have any questions concerning, the enclosed comments, please feel free to contact the Zoning Office at 887-3391 or

Very truly yours,

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Mr. LeRoy M. Merritt 2066 Lord Baltimore Drive Baltimore, MD 21207

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353



31th day of April, 1989.

Petitioner: LeRoy M. Herritt Petitioner's Attorney: John B. Howard



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cc: Mr. John Howard, Esq. Mr. J. Ogle

After reviewing the submittal for the Leroy M. Merritt

concern to any impact to this Lite from our future beltway

We will send you revised comments when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brocato at 333-1350.

We have forwarded this plan to our Planning Department with

April 24, 1989

Very truly yours,

Division

Creston J. Mills, Jr., Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Re: Baltimore County

Petition ()

Leroy M. Merritt

CR89-451' September 12, 1989

W/S Commerce Drive

175' North of Washington Blvd. (Route 1-S)

(Item #1 - Cycle I)

Zoning Reclassification

My telephone number is (301) 333-1350

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Mr. J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner

Dear Mr. Haines:

improvements.

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

Attn: Mr. James Dyer

Property, we have the following comment.

Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech
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707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Richard H. Traingr Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

May 8, 1989

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204 Att: James Dyer

Re: Baltimore County Zoning Reclassification Petition Leroy M. Merritt CR-89-451 9/12/89 W/S Commerce Drive 175' north of Washington

(item #1 Cycle I)

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Dear Mr. Haines:

This is a follow up to our letter dated April 24th. We are informing you there will be no impact to this site from our future beltway improvements.

However, we will require our Hydraulic Section review this plan concerning the outfall of the stora water management facility into State Highway Administration (SHA) right-of-way. This review process must be complete prior to issuance of building permits.

If you have any questions, contact Larry Brocato (333-1350). Wery truly yours,

> Creston J. Mills, Jr. Chief Engineering Access Permits : Division

cc; Mr. John B. Howard



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OITEM NO 1 Sur planting Count 89- 451 -cccv W/S Commerce Drive. #3700-3798. 175' N centerline Washington Blvd. Existing Zoning: Election District: Councilmanic District: 1st M.L.-I.M. Acres: Requested Zoning:

Location of Property Under Petition

see zoning maps 2A & NW5C

CYCLE I, ITEM 1

EXISTING ZONING/LAND USE: OT, Vacant

PROPOSED ZONING/LAND USE: ML-IM, Office/Warehouse development (Documented Site Plan)

SURROUNDING ZONING: Northeast: ML-IM

Southeast: MLR-IM and BR Southwest: ML (other side of I-695)

Northwest: MLR-IM

SURROUNDING LAND USES:
Northeast: Office/warehouse development (other side of Commerce Drive) Southeast: Vacant land

Southwest: Industrial (other side of I-695) Northwest: Vacant land and I-95/I-695 interchange

SUMMARY AND RECOMMFNDATIONS:

The petitioner has submitted a documented site plan for a parcel of land 21.63+ acres (not including road) in size. In reference to this request staff provides the following informa-

- 1. The proposed land use as provided within the documented site plan is a flex office/warehouse development consisting of 5 buildings with a total of 177,050 square feet. Ultimate buildout under existing OT zoning would be approximately 539,295 square feet.
- 2. The zoning history has fluctuated between various manufacturing zones and most recently an OT zone.

1976 ML-IM to MLR-IM Approved 1980 MLR-IM to ML-IM Denied 1984 MLR-IM to ML-IM Denied

3. The actual trips per day generated by the proposed development will be significantly less than the OT zone. Access to the site from I-95 and I-695 is limited at this point in time.

Approved

- 4. Public water and sewer service to the site is adequate to serve the designated zoning.
- 5. The documented site plan includes 1) site plan; 2) landscape plan; and 3) building elevations. Staff has provided a list of deficiencies with the plan as pro-

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6. The I-95 corridor between Washington D.C. and Baltimore is evolving as a high technology office area. This particular site has a high level of visibility and represents a continuation of this corridor which should

7. The existing OT zoning which provides for a high technology employment center should remain for more intensive development.

Based upon the analysis conducted, staff finds no error in the existing zoning and recommends denial of the applicant's

During the 1976 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process the property was zoned from ML-IM to MLR-IM. On the 1980 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process the petitioner requested a zoning change from MLR-IM to ML-IM which was denied. At the time of the 1984 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process the petitioner requested a change from MLR-IM to ML-IM but was denied and changed to OT.

LAND USE

The petitioner has a parcel of land that is approximately 21.63 acres in size (not including road). The property is zoned OT - Office and Technology Zone.

The zone was designed to "be located in areas of high accessibility or in proximity to a town center. And in such other areas which because of a unique combination of characteristics, such as visibility, relationship to surrounding areas, accessibility, or infrastructure capacity, provide opportunity for employment intensive development." (Sec. 207.2 B.C.Z.R.)

The range of permitted uses includes office, electronic communications, hotels/motels, laboratories, research institutes and warehouse uses are not to exceed 30% of the gross floor area or 60% by special exception. Auxiliary uses should not to exceed 3,000 square feet per use and include employee serving uses such as drug stores, dry cleaning, stationery stores, banks, eating or drinking establishments, etc. The OT zone allows a building height of 150 feet when located near a town center or 60 feet outside a town center. At least 25% of the net lot area must be devoted to amenity open space. The allowable floor area ratio for new buildings is .55. In addition to these requirements a series of special standards is provided in Sec. 22-104 of the Development Regulations for OT buildings. The existing zoning provides for a reasonable and flexible use

The petitioners request for ML-IM zoning was accompanied with a documented site plan. The documented site plan is consistent with the zoning being requested for the site. The site will be developed in the following manner:

> Buildings Office Warehouse

44,263 square feet 132.787 square feet

Parking

474 spaces required 490 spaces provided

Hours of Operation

7:00 A to 10:00 PM

The proposed use is a moderate truck and automotive trip generator.

TRAFFIC/ACCESS

The ultimate buildout of the site under existing zoning could result (.55 (f.a.r.) x 22.51 (acres)) in approximately 539,295 square feet of office and technology uses. The documented site plan submitted by the petitioner shows an office/warehouse complex of 177,050 square feet in size. The general intensity of employment is less than what could be provided in the OT zone.

WATER/SEWER

The site is served by public water and sewer. Water and sewer service appear to be adequate. The area is rated W-1, S-1 on the Master Water and Sewer Plan.

DOCUMENTED SITE PLAN

The petitioner has submitted a documented site plan that includes: 1) site layout; 2) landscape plan; and 3) building elevations and cross sections. The site plan and landscaping are extremely well designed and laid out. Adequate site distance, buffer yards, and open space is being provided on site. The site layout appears to function for the use proposed. The site plan as submitted by the petitioner, however, is deficient in the following areas:

- 1. No more than 12 parking spaces should be provided without a landscape peninsula.
- 2. Employee amenity areas eating or gathering outside of the structures should be provided.
- 3. A sidewalk or pathway system should be incorporated into the project.

- 4. Lighting of the site should not exceed .2 candles at the property line.
- 5. A complete sign program and signage details (size, lettering, etc.) should be submitted by the petitioner.
- 6. A statement outlining the applicant's intent not to apply for any variances especially to signage is critical for this location.
- 7. Areas of excess paving that are not necessary for parking, service areas, or truck movement should be eliminated.
- 8. Landscaping should be provided directly adjacent to the buildings where feasible or practical.
- 9. Architectural details such as the use of red brick and roof color should be specified.

APPROVED/PROPOSED PLANS

The petitioners site is located on the southeast corner of the I-95/I-695 interchange. This area lies outside of the Catonsville, Arbutus, Lansdowne, Halethrope study areas. The I-95 corridor between Washington D.C. and Baltimore City is generally recognized on a regional level as a high technology office and research corridor. Nodes along this corridor include Burtonsville, Laurel, Columbia, BWI Airport, Catonsville, and Baltimore City. This particular site lies within this corridor, has high visibility, commands a significant view, and should remain as designated for an office technology office park and development.

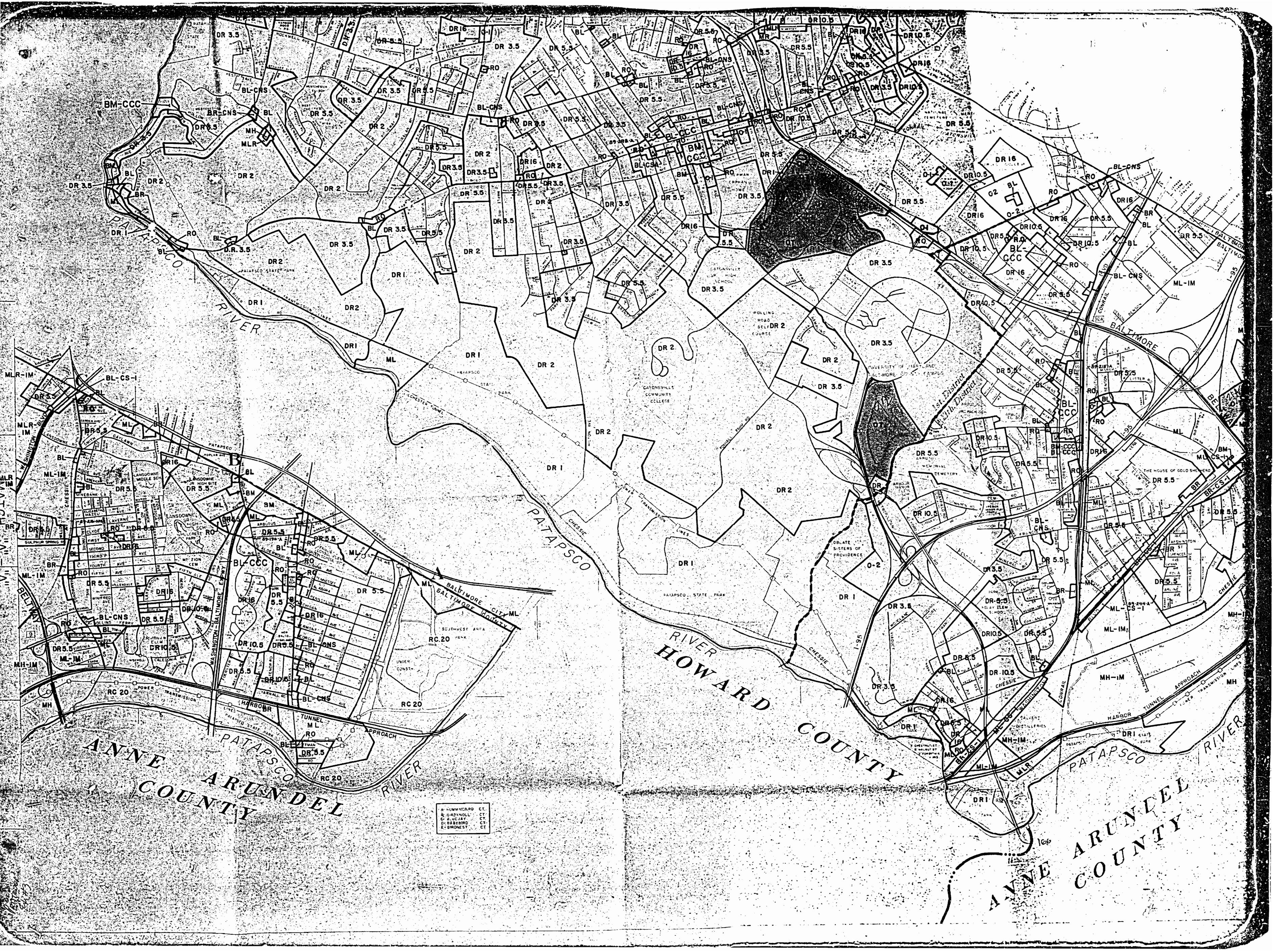
The County recognizes the need for the particular type of development proposed by the applicant. As part of the 1989 Master Plan particular recommendations and zoning are being proposed to accommodate this type of use. The development of . this site for this use would affectively pre-empt the use of the property for a higher intensity employment center as envisioned in the OT zone.

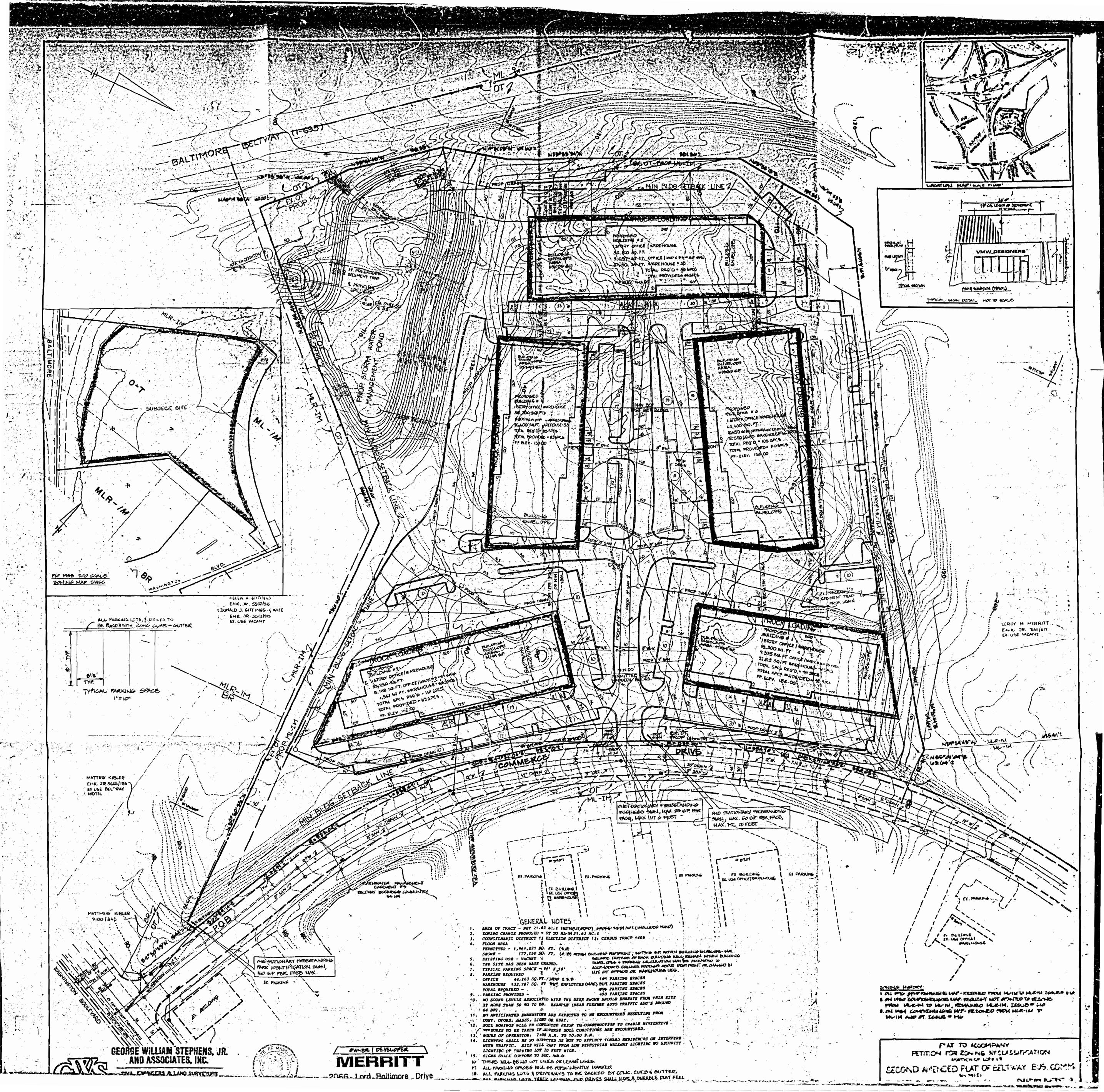
INTERAGENCY COMMENTS See Appendix

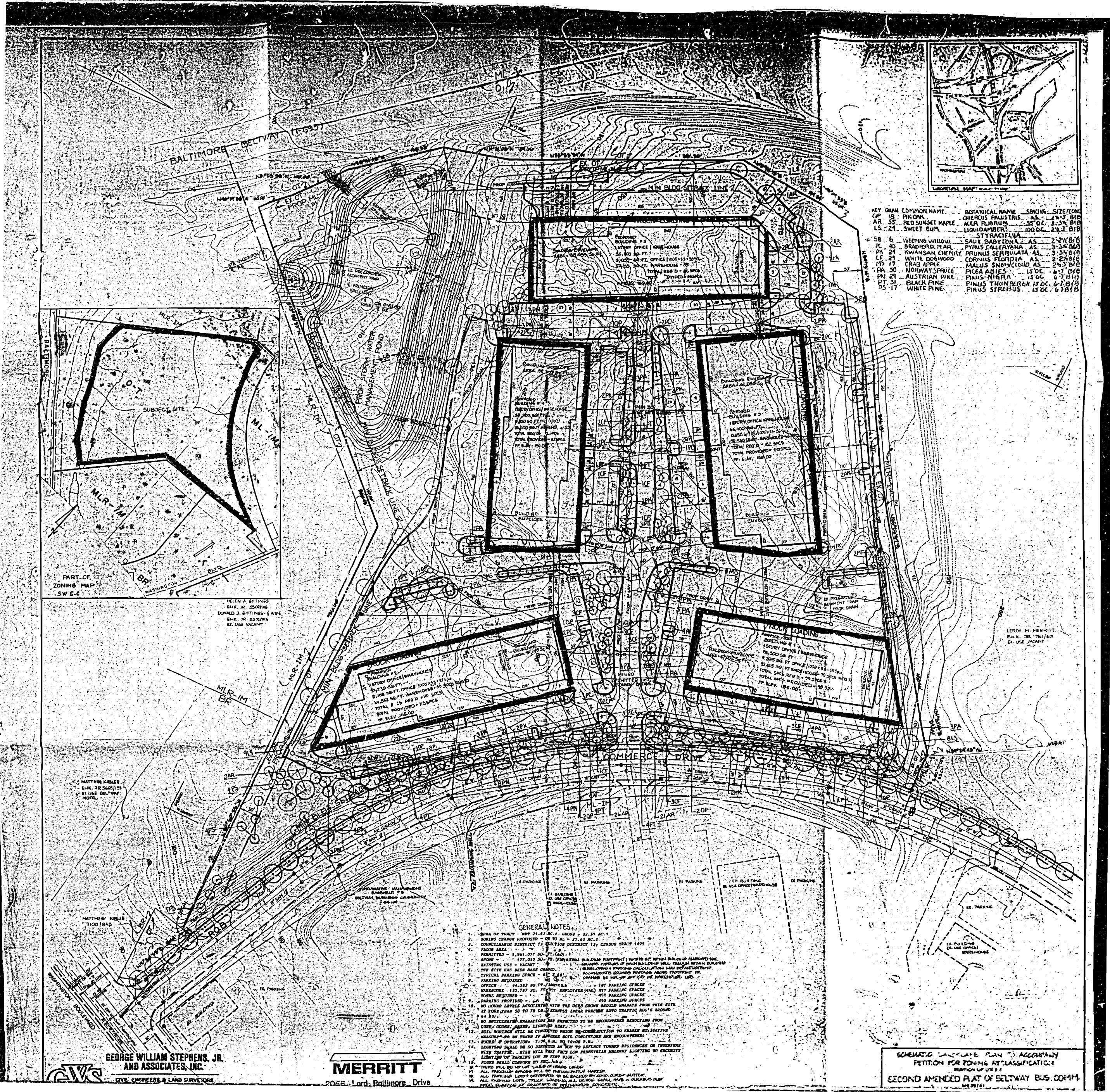


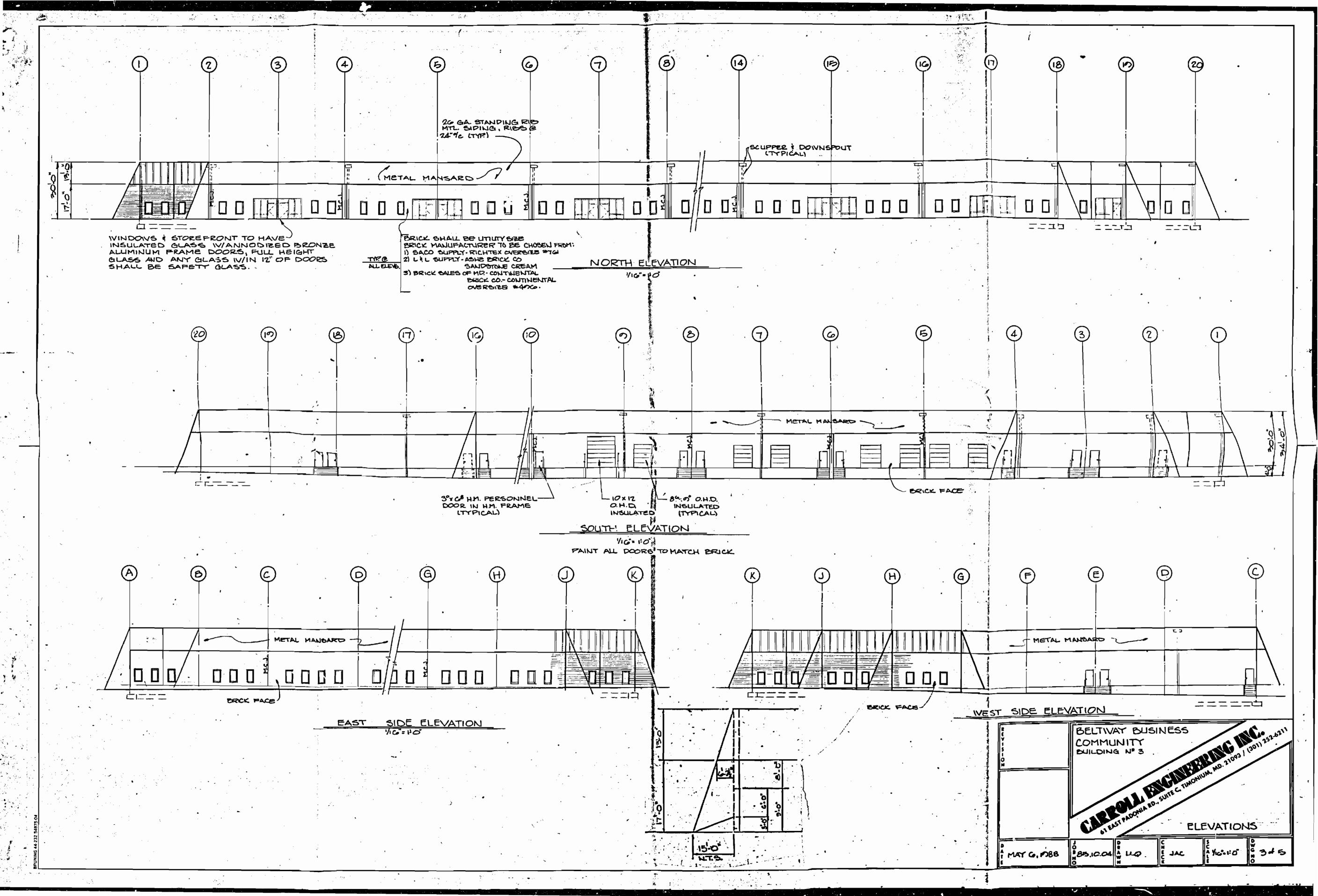


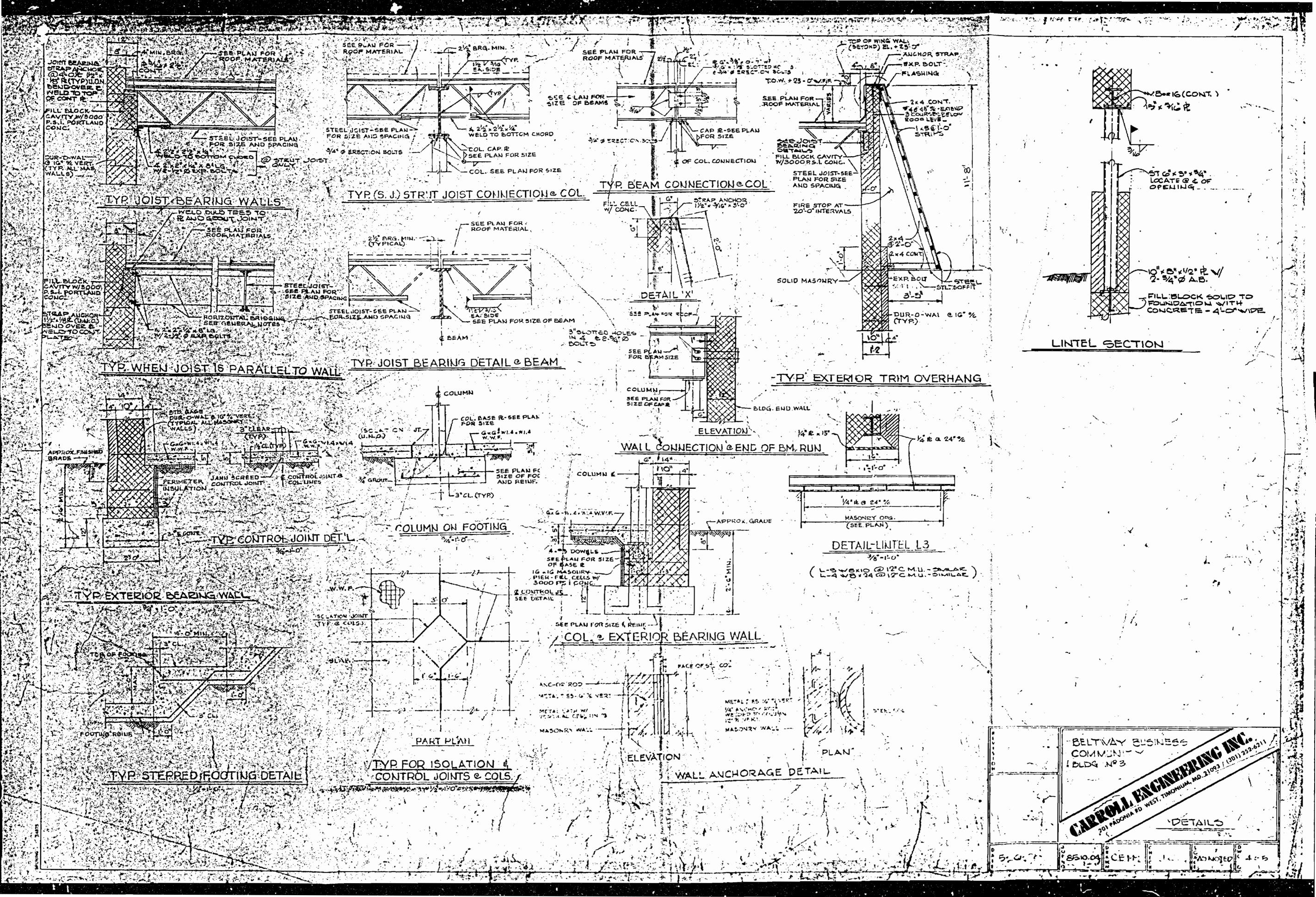












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ROOF - (GREATER OF MINIMUM LIVE LOAD OR SNOW LOAD) - 30PSF WIND - IN ACCORDANCE WITH B.O.C.A., 80 MPH BASIC WIND VELOCITY SLAB-ON-GRADE - 500LBS. PER SQUARE FOOT USE GROUP - MIXED - DESIGNED TOS -1 _-BUILDING SHALL BE FULLY SPRINKLERED

FOUNDATIONS

THE FOOTINGS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR AN ASSUMED SAFE SOIL BEARING CAPACITY OF 3000PSF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON PLANS, AND ALL FOOT-TINGS SHALL PROJECT AT LEAST 1"-0" INTO SOIL HAVING SUCH MINIMUM BEAR-INGS VALUE. THE BOTTOMS OF ALL EXTERIOR FOOTINGS SHALL BE AT LEASING 2'-5" BELOW EXTERIOR FINISHED GRADE. ALL FOOTINGS SHALL BEAR UPON UNDISTURBED SOIL OR PROPERLY COMPACTED FILL REGARDLESS OF ELEVATIONS GIVEN. WHERE FOOTINGS ARE INDICATED TO BE PLACED ON COMPACTED FILL. SUCH FILL SHALL BE COMPACTED TO NOT LESS THAN 95% OF MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D698. COMPACTION SHALL BE PERFORMED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A COMPETENT SOILS ENGINEER AND IN ACCORDINGE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS. SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO VARY THE ELEVATIONS GIVEN IN ORDER TO SATISFY THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THE ARCHITECTY ENGINEER SHALL BE NOTIFIED AND THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTION FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SATISFACTORY FOUNDATION WILL BE ISSUED.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE (ACT 318-83) AND ACT SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRUCTURAL CONCRETE IN BUILDINGS (ACT 301-72) (REVISED

MINIMUM ULTIMATE 29 DAY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF CONCRETE SHALL BE

UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN OR NOTED. ALL CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS SHALL BE DEFORMED BILLET STEEL CONFORMING TO ASTN AG15-82 (61) GRADE 6D. WELDED WIRE FABRIC (WHE) SHALL CONFORM TO ASTH A185470. REINFORCING BAR SUPPORTS AND SPACERS SHALL CONFORM TO ACT 315-80 DETAILING

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE MOTED, ALL INTERIOR SLABS-ON-GRADE SHALL CONFORM TO "GUIDE FOR CONCRETE FLOOR SLAB CONSTRUCTION" (ACT 302. IR-80) AND SHALL HAVE MINIMUM REINFORCING OF 6x6-H).4 x W1.4 WMF, LOCATED 2" BELOW TOP OF SLAB. CONTROL JOINTS SHALL BE PROVIDED WHERE INDICATED THUS 🦴 (C.J.) ON PLAN. CONTROL JOINTS MAY BE INSTALLED AS TOLLOWS:

- SLAB MAY BE POURED IN CONTINUOUS ALTERNATE STRIPS WITH TRANSVERSE CONTROL JOINTS SAW-CUT (t/4 MINIMUM) AFTER POURENG AND KEYED CONTROL JOINTS BETWEEN FIRST POUR STRIP AND SUBSEQUENT INFILL
- B) SLABS MAY BE POURTO IN CHECKERBOARD PATTERN WITH KEYED CONTROL JOINTS BETWEEN I JACENT POURS.
- AT KEYED CONTROL JOINTS AND INSOLATION JOINTS, STOP HAVE EACH SIDE OF JOINT. AT SAW-CUT CONTROL JOINTS, CUT ALTERNATE MIRES CROSSING
- WHERE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS ARE REQUIRED AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN INDICATED CONTROL JOINTS, THEY SHALL BE KEYED WITH FULL REINFORCE ING EXTENDING THROUGH JOINT.

LL STRUCTURAL STEEL SHALL CONFORM TO THE AISC SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN. FABRICATION. AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR BUILDINGS AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTH A36-818 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ALL WELDING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWS CODE FOR WELDING IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (AWS DI. 1) AND SHALL BE PERFORMED BY CERTIFIED WELDERS." ALL WELDS SHALL BE MADE WITH AWS AS.) ETOXX ELECTRODES. . UNLESS OTHERWISE MOTED, ALL BOLTED CONNECTIONS SHALL BE MADE WITH A325-82 BOLTS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY TEMPORARY GUYING AND BRACING TO BRACE AND HOLD THE STEEL FRAME IN ALIGNMENT UNTIL ALL WALLS AND ROOF ARE IN PLACE.

- A) UPEN WEB STEEL JOISTS SHALL BE FABRICATED AND ERECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE STEEL JOIST INSTITUTE STANDARD SPECI-FICATIONS AND CODE OF STANDARD PRACTICE AND SHALL BE FABRICATED BY
- HORIZONTAL BRIDGING SHALL BE PROVIDED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SJI RECOMMENDATIONS. "ANCHORS AT EACH LINE OF BRIDGING SHALL BE PROVIDED. ALL BRIDGING SHALL BE'IN PEACE AND ANCHORED BEFORE DECK INSTALLATION. BRIDGING SHALL BE WELDED-TO DISTS AND BEAMS AND ANCHORED TO MASONRY AS INDICATED. END BAYS
 OF EACH RUN JOISTS SHALL HAVE BOTH HORIZONTAL AND DIAGONAL BRIDGING
- UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

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- A) CONCRETE MASONRY CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO ALL REQUIREMENTS OF BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCRETE MASONRY STRUCTURES (ACTSST-79) (REVISED 1983) AND TO ACT SPECIFICATION FOR CONCRETE
- MASONRY CONSTRUCTION (ACI 531.1-76) (REVISED 1983).
 MORTAR AND GROUT FOR NON-REINFORCED MASONRY SHALL CONFORM TO THE. REQUIREMENTS OF ASTMC 270-80, TYPE 5.
- MORTAR AND GROUT FOR REINFORCED MASONRY SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTN 6476-71 (1976), TYPE PLATE ALL UNITS SHALL BE GRADE N. TYPE I WITH MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE TRENGTH F'M . 2.000 PSI ON NET CROSS SECTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED AND SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:
 - HOLLON LOAD-BEARING UNITS: 6 2 C ASTH C90-78 SOLID LOAD-BEARING UNITS: HOLLOW KON-LOAD-BEARING UNITS: ASTM C129-60 (1975) ASTH & 55-75
- CONCRETE BUILDING BRICK: E) WHERE MASONRY WALLS OF HOLLOW UNITS OR MASONRY BONDED WALLS ARE DECREASED IN THICKNESS, OR WHERE THE THICKNESS OF ANY CELLULAR MASONRY UNIT WITHIN A WALT IS LESS THAN THE THICKNESS OF A SIMILAR MASONRY UNIT IMMEDIATELY BELOW, THE WALL SHALL BE FILLED SOLIDLY WITH CONCRETE OR OTHERWISE CONSTRUCTED SOLID FOR AT LEAST DNE COURSE (8" MIN.) IMMEDIATELY BELOW SUCH LEVEL WHERE THE THICKNESS CHANGES. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SHOWN CELLS IN MASONRY UNDER BEARING AREAS FOR BEAMS, LINTELS, JOISTS AND SLABS SHALL BE FILLED SOLIDLY WITH CONCRETE FOR AT LEAST ONE COURSE (8" MIN.) IMMEDIA-ATELY BELOW SUCH BEARING.

ALE OPERINGS IN MASONRY WALLS AND PARTITIONS FINCEUDING DUCT OPENINGS. AND RECESSES FOR MECHANICAL TRADES OR EQUIPMENT. SHALL BE PROVIDED.

A) LINTELS IN CONCRETE MASONRY WALLS SHALL UNLESS OTHERWISE. INDICATED, BE PRECAST OR CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE TO MATCH. THE TEXTURE APPEARANCE AND THICKNESS OF THE WALLS OF PARTITIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE PLACED SUCH LINTELS SHALL MAYE A MENIMUM BEARING OF BY AT EACH END AND SHALL BE REINFORCED WITH A -> LINTEL DEPTH SHALL BE EQUAL TO ONE BLOCK COURSE (8" MIRL). CINTELS IN BRICK MASONRY, BRICK WITH BLOCK BACK-UP OR SET HALLS. SHALLS WINE TO STHERWISE INDICATED, HAVE A MINIMUM BEARING OF \$5 AT FACH END AND SHALE AE ONE 1 ARD-1/2 H 5586 (LEV) FOR FACH 4" OF WALL PRICAMEST OR ERACTION THEREOF FOR OPENINGS UP TO 6'-0".

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- BRICK MASONRY CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEERED BRICK MASONRY, SCPI 1969.

 HORTAR AND GROUT FOR HON-REINFORCED MASONRY SHALL CONFORM TO THE
- REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM C270-80, TYPE S. MORTAR AND GROUT FOR REINFORCED MASONRY SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIRE-
- MENTS OF ASTH C476-71 (1976), TYPE PL. ** ALL BRICK SHALL HAVE MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH FIM + 2,000 PSI, TYPE
- SW UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. 💀 FACING BRICK SHALL BE TYPE FBS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

