

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE
 SW/S Silver Maple Court, 130' W of the c/l *
 Buttonwood Lane * ZONING COMMISSIONER
 (4 Silver Maple Court) *
 15th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
 5th Council District *
 * Case No. 01-065-X
 Arthur C. Douglas, Jr., et ux *
 Petitioners *

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Special Exception filed by the owners of the subject property, Arthur C. Douglas, Jr., and his wife, Vicki J. Douglas, through their attorney, Bruce A. Kent, Esquire. The Petitioners request a special exception to permit a Home Occupation for a disabled person on the subject property, pursuant to Section 1B01.C.11 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to provide tax services to the elderly and disabled through a non-profit organization called Excellence Foundation, L.T.D. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Arthur and Vicki Douglas, property owners, their attorney, Bruce A. Kent, Esquire, Vincent Moskunas, on behalf of Site Rite Surveying, Inc., the firm which prepared the site plan for this property, and Dottie Porter, adjacent property owner. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Michael and Mary Camalier, who reside across the street from the subject property.

Testimony and evidence presented revealed that the subject lot is a rectangularly shaped parcel, approximately 0.1779 acres in area, zoned D.R.3.5, and is improved with a one-story single family dwelling which is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas and their two minor children. The property is located on the south side of Silver Maple Court in the subdivision known as Golden Acres in Middle River. The Petitioners request a special exception to permit the home occupation

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of a disabled person by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Douglas is wheelchair-bound and has suffered from Polio for many years. Despite this disability, he has led a productive adult life. Mr. Douglas is highly educated, having received under-graduate and advanced degrees. Testimony indicated that he worked for the State of Maryland for nearly 20 years as an accountant. In the early 1990s, his condition worsened and he was forced to accept medical disability retirement. However, in an effort to help him to continue to be a productive citizen, he and his wife established the business entity known as Excellence Foundation, Limited, approximately four years ago. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to provide free tax consulting advice for the elderly, disabled, and those in need.

Mr. Douglas offered substantial testimony about the nature of his business. Apparently, in the last calendar year, his business prepared over 1,000 tax returns for the elderly and indigent. Mr. Douglas and several volunteers/employees work out of his house to provide this service. It was indicated that due to his low immune system, it is not safe for him to work outside the home and therefore, requests a special exception. A lengthy packet of exhibits explaining his business and health constraints was submitted and is contained in the case file as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Home occupations of disabled persons are permitted as a special exception in the D.R. zones. The B.C.Z.R. require that the use be conducted in a dwelling occupied by the disabled individual. Clearly, Mr. Douglas meets this requirement. Moreover, Section 1B01.1.C.11 of the B.C.Z.R. restricts the use. Generally, that Section provides that only three persons, including the disabled person, can be employed on the premises and it must also be determined that the disabled person is so severely disabled as to be unable to engage in the occupation away from his home. Moreover, the term of the special exception use is limited, pursuant to Section 1B01.1.C.11.

As noted above, Michael and Mary Camalier appeared in opposition to the request. They complained of problems relating to increased traffic, noise, etc. in connection with Mr. Douglas' business. They do not believe that a commercial accounting office should exist within their residential community. Interestingly, the comments of Mr. & Mrs. Camalier were contested within several letters received at the hearing from other adjacent neighbors. Collectively, those

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letters indicate that Mr. Douglas' business is not problematic and does not adversely impact the community.

This is a difficult case. Certainly, it is accepted that Mr. Douglas' desire to remain a productive citizen is to be admired and encouraged. The nature of his medical disability is significant and he provides a necessary service to those in need. The accolades he has received for his volunteer services are well-deserved. On the other hand, Mr. Douglas is not entitled to any special treatment and a disruption of the residential character of the neighborhood in which he resides is not warranted. Indeed, this Zoning Commissioner must find that the use proposed is "compatible with the surrounding neighborhood."

This is a difficult issue to determine due to the conflicting testimony offered. Mr. & Mrs. Camalier indicated that the business could be disruptive and it is indeed logical that based on the volume of returns prepared (over 1,000 last year), there could be a significant impact. On the other hand, letters from the other neighbors that were received at the hearing indicated that the business did not adversely impact the locale. Several of those letters indicated that the impacts were no worse than typical social gatherings that one might experience in a residential setting. However, reference is made to Mr. Douglas' letter to Mr. Arnold Jablon, dated March 30, 2000, in which he describes the nature of his business. He indicates that not only does the Excellence Foundation, LTD assist the poor, disabled and elderly in areas of income tax instruction and forms preparation, but also provides services in "Paralegal instruction and forms, enabling the disabled and elderly in utilizing state-of-the-art technology and software to enhance their lives." Thus, it would appear that Mr. Douglas' business includes training and instruction services beyond routine income tax forms preparation.

Based on the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded to grant the Petition for Special Exception. The Petitioners are reminded that the requirements set forth in Section 1B01.C.11 of the B.C.Z.R. are binding and remain in full force and effect. Specifically, the number of persons employed on the premises shall be restricted as required, and the term of the special exception shall be in accordance with the provisions of that Section. Additionally, the

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Petitioners shall not be permitted to have more than three (3) clients visiting the premises at any one time. Also, there shall be no appointments scheduled or deliveries made to the site prior to 8:00 AM and no later than 9:00 PM on weekdays. On weekends, no appointments or deliveries shall be scheduled before 9:00 AM, nor after 10:00 PM. This restriction is imposed to provide protection for the residential character of the neighborhood and prevent inappropriate levels of traffic, both pedestrian and motorized, in the early morning or late evening hours. The Petitioner shall schedule his appointments largely during the day or early evening hours to insure that traffic does not disrupt this otherwise residential neighborhood.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 23rd day of October, 2000 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a Home Occupation by a disabled person on the subject property, pursuant to Section 1B01.C.11 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to provide tax services to the elderly and disabled through the non-profit organization called Excellence Foundation, L.T.D., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their use permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) Pursuant to Section 1B01.C.11 of the B.C.Z.R., there shall be no more than three (3) other individuals employed on the premises and the terms of the special exception use shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in that Section.
- 3) The Petitioners are limited to having no more than three (3) clients at any one time on the premises.
- 4) The Petitioners shall not schedule appointments nor allow deliveries to the subject property prior to 8:00 AM and no later than 9:00 PM on week-

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- 5) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.



LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

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Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Bldg.
401 Bosley Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-4386
Fax: 410-887-3468

October 23, 2000

Bruce A. Kent, Esquire
5517 Oregon Avenue
Arbutus, Maryland 21227

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
SW/S Silver Maple Court, 130' W of the c/l Buttonwood Lane
(4 Silver Maple Court)
15th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District
Arthur C. Douglas, Jr., et ux - Petitioners
Case No. 01-065-X

Dear Mr. Kent:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur C. Douglas
4 Silver Maple Court, Baltimore, Md. 21220
Mr. Vincent Moskunas, Site Rite Surveying, Inc.
200 E. Joppa Road, Room 101, Towson, Md. 21286
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Camalier
3 Silver Maple Court, Baltimore, Md. 21220
Code Enforcement Division, PDM; People's Counsel; Case File





Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 4 Silver Maple Court

which is presently zoned D.R. 3.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use herein described property for

Home occupation for a disabled person to service the elderly and disabled in tax service (non-profit organization called Excellence Foundation, L.T.D.)

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1801.2.11

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception, advertising, posting, etc. 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/Lessee:

Name - Type or Print _____
 Signature _____
 Address _____ Telephone No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Legal Owner(s):

Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.
 Name - Type or Print _____
 Signature *Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.* _____
 Vicki J. Douglas
 Name - Type or Print _____
 Signature *Vicki J. Douglas* _____
 4 Silver Maple Court (410)391-4051
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 Baltimore, MD 21220
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Attorney For Petitioner:

Bruce A. Kent
 Name - Type or Print _____
 Signature *Bruce A. Kent* _____
 Law Office of Bruce A. Kent
 Company _____
 517 Oregon Avenue (410)247-5805
 Address _____ Telephone No. _____
 Arbutus, MD 21227
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Representative to be Contacted:

Site Rite Surveying, Inc.
 Bernadette L. Moskunus
 Name _____
 200 E. Joppa Road, Room 101 (410)828-_____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 Towson, MD 21286
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

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Signature _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Attorney For Petitioner:

Bruce A. Kent
Name - Type or Print _____
Signature _____
Law Office of Bruce A. Kent
Company _____
517 Oregon Avenue (410)247-5805
Address _____ Telephone No. _____
Arbutus, MD 21227
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.
Name - Type or Print _____
Signature _____
Vicki J. Douglas
Name - Type or Print _____
Signature _____
4 Silver Maple Court (410)391-4051
Address _____ Telephone No. _____
Baltimore, MD 21220
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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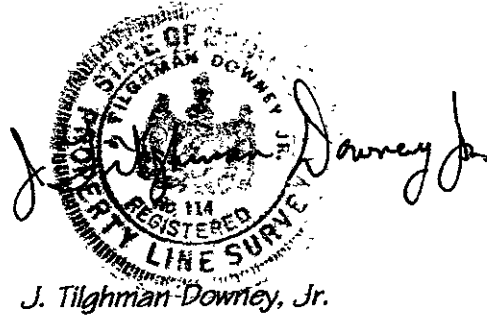
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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR #4 SILVER MAPLE COURT

Beginning at a point on the southwest side of Silver Maple Court, which is 50 feet wide at the distance of 130' west of Buttonwood lane which is 50 feet wide. Being Lot # 12 in the subdivision of "Golden Acres" as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #43, Folio # 141, containing 7752 square feet. Also know as #4 Silver Maple Court and located in the 15th. Election District, 5th. Councilmanic District.



*Site Rite Surveying, Inc.
200 E. Joppa Road
Shell Building, Room 101
Towson, MD 21286
(410)828-9060*

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF BUDGET & FINANCE
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPT**

No. **85240**

DATE 8/10/00 ACCOUNT 120016150

AMOUNT \$ 300.00

RECEIVED FROM: KEHLT

FOR: OSO SFCL. EXCEPTION

DISTRIBUTION
WHITE - CASHIER PINK - AGENCY YELLOW - CUSTOMER

PAID RECEIPT

ISSUED 8/10/2000 4/10/2000 09:13:50
 NO. 0802 CASHIER BILL AND DRAFTER
 AMT 5 528 ZONING VERIFICATION
 RECEIPT # 148522
 CN. NO. 085240

Receipt Tot 300.00
 300.00 OK
 Baltimore County, Maryland

01-065-X

CASHIER'S VALIDATION

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

**RE: CASE # 01-065-X
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER
(Arthur Douglas, Jr.)
DATE OF Hearing
(9-25-00)**

**BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 111
111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVE.
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204**

ATTENTION : MS. GWENDOLYN STEPHENS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

**THIS LETTER IS TO CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE NECESSARY
SIGNS(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT**

4 Silver Maple Court Baltimore, Maryland 21220_____

THE SIGN(S) WERE POSTED ON _____ 9-8-00 _____
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

SINCERELY,


(SIGNATURE OF SIGN POSTER & DATE)

_____**THOMAS P. OGLE SR.**_____

_____**325 NICHOLSON ROAD**_____

_____**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21221**_____

_____**410-687-8405**_____

(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #07-066-X
4 Silver Maple Court
SWS Silver Maple Court
130 W. of Baltimore Lane
15th Election District
5th Condemnation District
Legal Owner(s)
Vicki & Arthur Douglas, Jr.
Special Exception for a home occupation for a disabled person
Hearing: Monday, September 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible for special accommodations. Please contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4388.
(2) For information concerning the file and/or hearing, contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3881.
9/01/00 Sept. 7, 2000 P417320

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD, 9/7, 2000

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of 1 successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 9/7, 2000.

THE JEFFERSONIAN,
S. Williams
LEGAL ADVERTISING

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
4 Silver Maple Court, SW/S Silver Maple Ct,
130' W of Buttonwood Ln
15th Election District, 5th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Arthur C. and Vicki J. Douglas, Jr.
Petitioner(s)

* BEFORE THE
* ZONING COMMISSIONER
* FOR
* BALTIMORE COUNTY
* Case No. 01-65-X

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/ documentation filed in the case.

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio

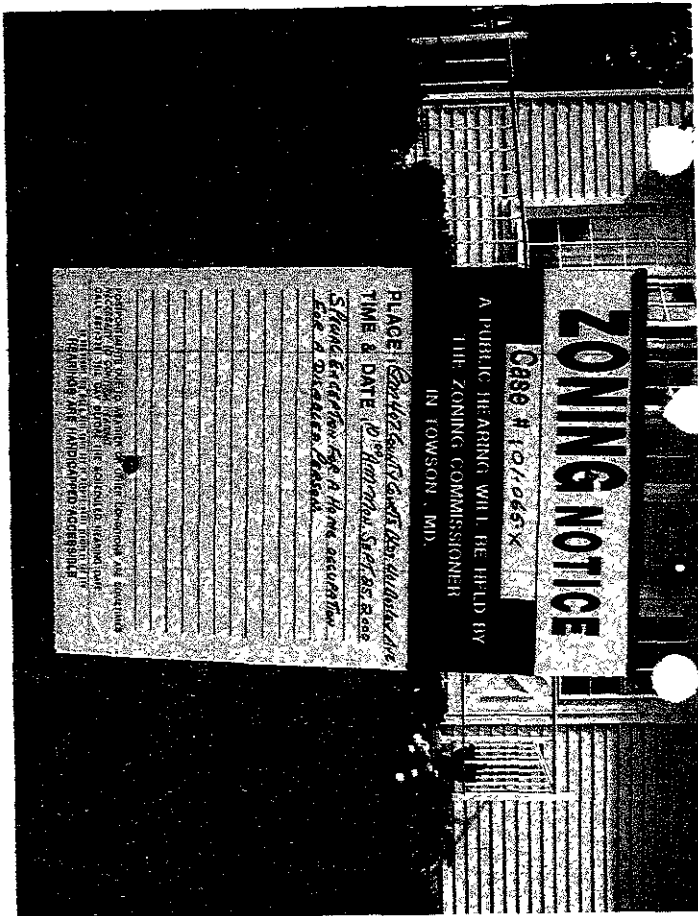
CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Old Courthouse, Room 47
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of September, 2000 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Bruce A. Kent, Esq., 5517 Oregon Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227, attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



ZONING NOTICE

Case # 10/10851X

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY
THE ZONING COMMISSIONER
IN TOWSON, MD.

PLACE: *Silver Maple Court, Towson, MD*
TIME & DATE: *10/10/08, 7:00 PM*

10/10/08

NOTICE: This sign is the property of the Zoning Department and should be returned to the Zoning Department if it is found on a property that is not the subject of the hearing.

4 Silver Maple Court



Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Director's Office
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3353
Fax: 410-887-5708

August 17, 2000

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 01-065-X

4 Silver Maple Court

SW/S Silver Maple Court, 130 feet W of Buttonwood Lane

15th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Vicki & Arthur Douglas, Jr.

Special Exception for a home occupation for a disabled person.

HEARING: Monday, September 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arnold Jablon", with the initials "GJZ" written below it.

Arnold Jablon
Director

C: Arthur & Vicki Douglas, 4 Silver Maple Court, Baltimore 21220
Bruce A. Kent, Law Office of Bruce A. Kent, 5517 Oregon Avenue Arbutus 21227
Site Rite Surveying, Inc., Bernadette L. Moskunas, 200 E Joppa Road, Room 101,
Towson 21286

- NOTES: (1) **THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2000.**
- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY
Friday, September 8, 2000 Issue – Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:
Arthur & Vicki Douglas
4 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, MD 21220

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Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Development Processing
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

September 22, 2000

Arthur & Vicki Douglas
4 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, MD 21220

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Douglas:

RE: Case Number: 01-065-X, 4 Silver Maple Court

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on August 10, 2000.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

W. Carl Richards, Jr. *GDZ*
Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: gdz

Enclosures

C: Bruce A. Kent, Law Office of Bruce A. Kent, 5517 Oregon Ave., Arbutus 21227
Site Rite Surveying, Inc., Bernadette L. Moskunas, 200 E. Joppa Road, Room 101,
Towson 21286
People's Counsel



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director
Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

DATE: August 30, 2000

FROM: *RWB* Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor
Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting
For August 28, 2000
Item Nos. 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063,
064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069,

and

Item No. 551 (Zoning Case 00-551-A)
318 Wye Road by TAG

and

Item No. 057 (2601 Old Court Road)

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



Baltimore County
Fire Department

Office of the Fire Marshal
700 East Joppa Road
Towson, Maryland 21286-5500
410-887-4880

August 22, 2000

Department of Permits and
Development Management (PDM)
County Office Building, Room 111
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Gwen Stephens

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2000

Item No.: See Below

Dear Ms. Stephens:

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

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time,
IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

058, 059, 060, 061, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069,

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT HERB TAYLOR, Fire Marshal's Office
PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

Come visit the County's Website at www.co.ba.md.us



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO: Arnold Jablon
FROM: R. Bruce Seeley *RS/RBS*
DATE: September 11, 2000
SUBJECT: Zoning Petitions
Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 21, 2000

DEPRM has no comments for the following zoning petitions:

Item #	Address
057	2601 Old Court Road
058	4 Jacob Lee Court
059	Priceville Road/Hunt Farms Court
061	Tartan Hill Road
063	3737 Courtleigh Drive
064	7820 Ellenham Avenue
065	4 Silver Maple Court
066	5533 Emory Road
067	1007 Chesaco Avenue
068	6715 Ransome Drive

no
9/25

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

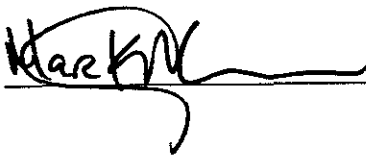
DATE: August 18, 2000

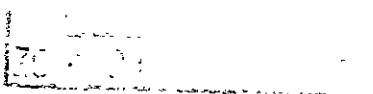
FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III
Director; Office of Planning

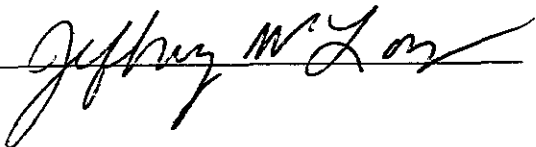
SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 01-035, 01-064 and 01-165

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case and has no comments to offer.

For any further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Mark A. Cunningham in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by: 

AUG 18


Section Chief: 

AFK/JL:MAC



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

John D. Porcari
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Date: *8.21.00*

Ms. Ronnay Jackson
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County
Item No: *065 LTM*

Dear Ms. Jackson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. A. McDonald Jr.'.

to Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief
Engineering Access Permits Division

My telephone number is _____

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech
1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717
Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME

ADDRESS

BRUCE A. KENT ESQ.
ATTY. FOR PETITIONERS

5517 OREGON AVE
ARBERTAS, MD 21222

ART Douglas - Petitioner

4 Silver Maple Ct

U. 21ci Douglas - Petitioner

4 Silver Maple Ct

SITERITESURVEYING, INC.
VINCENT MOSKYNAS

200 E. JOPPA RD. TOWSON MD
21286

DOTTIE PORTER

2 SILVER MAPLE CT BALTO MD
21220

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CITIZEN SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME

ADDRESS

MARY & Michael CAMARIER

3 Silver Maple CT
Baltimore, MD 21220.

[Lined area for NAME entries]

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BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 28, 2000
TO: W. Carl Richards, Jr.
Zoning Review Supervisor
FROM: Rick Wisnom, Chief
Division of Code Inspections & Enforcement

MAIL N.R.H.

8-29-00

SUBJECT: Item No.: 065
Legal Owner/Petitioner: Arthur & Vickie Douglas
Contract Purchaser: NA
Property Address: 4 Silver Maple Ct
Location Description: SW/S Silver Maple Ct, 130' W of Buttonwood Lane

GDZ

VIOLATION INFORMATION: Case No.: 00-0641
Defendants: Arthur & Vicki Douglas

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s) regarding the hearing date:

NAME	ADDRESS
Mary Camalier	3 Silver Maple Ct., Balto., Md. 21220

In addition, please find attached a duplicate copy of the following pertinent documents relative to the violation case, for review by the Zoning Commissioner's Office:

1. Complaint letter/memo/email/fax (if applicable)
- x 2. Complaint Intake Form/Code Enforcement Officer's report and notes
- x 3. State Tax Assessment printout
4. State Tax Parcel Map (if applicable)
5. MVA Registration printout (if applicable)
6. Deed (if applicable)
7. Lease-Residential or Commercial (if applicable)
8. Photographs including dates taken
- x 9. Correction Notice/Code Violation Notice
- x 10. Citation and Proof of Service (if applicable)
11. Certified Mail Receipt (if applicable)
- x 12. Final Order of the Code Official/Hearing Officer (if applicable)
13. Office of Budget & Finance Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable)
14. Complete Chronology of Events, beginning with the first complaint through the Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable).
- x 15. Other: Correspondence between defendants & county

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's order to Helene Kehring in Room 113 in order that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

RSW/co
C: Jeremy Rosendale

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Pdminspect@co.ba.md.us

BALTIMORE COUNTY UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATION

SERVE ON RESIDENT AGENT/CORPORATE OFFICER (IF APPLICABLE)

Citation/Case No. 01-0641

Name (s) Arthur + Vicki Douglas
Address 4 Silver Maple Ct Baltimore 21220

Owner Occupant Other _____ Related Citations _____

Location and Date (s) of Violation: 4 Silver Maple Ct Balto
2/18/00 thru 3/23/00 21220

TAX ID 18-00-007155 Vehicle License No.: _____ Vehicle ID: _____

IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED BY BALTIMORE COUNTY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON(S)
DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE FOLLOWING BALTIMORE COUNTY LAWS OR REGULATIONS
(CIRCLE RELEVANT ZONE BELOW, IF APPLICABLE):

- | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <u>1B01(DB)</u> | 1A01(RC2) | 1A02(RC3) | 1A03(RC4) | 1A04(RC5) |
| 200(RAE) | 202(ROA) | 204(RO) | 205(OR1) | 206(OR2) |
| 207(O3) | 210(SE) | 216(BMM) | 221(BMB) | 229(CB)(BLR) |
| 230(BL) | 233(BM) | 236(BR) | 240(MR) | 247(MLR) |
| 253(ML) | 256(MH) | | | |

01-065-X

01-065-X

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

(NO PRIOR CASE)

DATE: 2, 11, 1, 00 INTAKE BY: [Signature] CASE #: 00-0641 INSPEC: [Signature]

COMPLAINT LOCATION: 4 Silver Maple Ct Baltimore, MD ZIP CODE: 21220 DIST: 410

COMPLAINANT NAME: Mary Comalier PHONE #: (H) 574 0577 (W)

ADDRESS: 3 Silver Maple Ct ZIP CODE: 21220

PROBLEM: accounting business at least 4 employees mostly during day using side door, customers as well

OWNER/TENANT INFORMATION: Art Douglas 391-4051 5-17-

TAX ACCOUNT #: 3 ZONING:

INSPECTION: 2/18 - letter issued by A Division to variance. Special inspection not applied. side with paper work and entered side door. no heavy machinery was used.

REINSPECTION: 2/24 - no new door out. (TAX FORMS) NEW APPOINTMENT.

REINSPECTION: 2/24 - spoke to Mr Douglas - he said he is disabled and does taxes under a grant of the IRS for elderly + disabled for free. I told him that I would see if that would make a difference but that I thought it wouldn't.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

RE-INSPECTION SHEET CONTINUED

Date: 3/7 - called complainant ~~out~~

3/9 - rec'd another call from Mr Douglas

3/14 - left message w/ Mr Douglas that he needs to have a special hearing for a home occupation (because he is disabled)

Date: and a variance for the number of employees and that he should make an appointment, and that a citation would be issued to make sure he followed through

3/23 - citation issued

Date: 4/6 - letter issued by A Johnson to Mr Douglas

5/9 - variance / Special exemption not applied for

- rec'd call from Mr Kent, lawyer for Mr Douglas, said he thought hearing was June 9th - 410-249-5805

- spoke to Mr Kent - said he has all paperwork for variance and will turn it in this week

Date: 5/25 - no sf now - no one has filed

5/25 - left message for Mr Kent - counsel for the ^{RSW} Douglas's

5/30/2000 - Mr. Kent called to say petition would be filed this week Reschedule June 5, 2000 RSW

7/13 no petition filed JK

Date:

DATE: 02/14/2000

STANDARD ASSESSMENT INQUIRY (1)

TIME: 09:20:51

PROPERTY NO.	DIST	GROUP	CLASS	OCC.	HISTORIC	DEL	LOAD DATE
18 00 007155	15	3-1	04-00	H	NO		02/17/00
DOUGLAS ARTHUR C, JR				DESC-1.. IMPS7752 SQ FT		.1778	AC
DOUGLAS VICKI				DESC-1.. GOLDEN ACRES			
4 SILVER MAPLE CT				PREMISE. 00004		SILVER MAPLE	CT

00000-0000

BALTIMORE

MD 21220-1542 FORMER OWNER: DOUGLAS ARTHUR C, JR

----- FCV -----		----- PHASED IN -----				
	PRICR	PROPOSED		CURR	CURR	PRIOR
LAND:	37,750	37,750		FCV	ASSESS	ASSESS
IMPV:	78,760	79,110	TOTAL..	116,626	46,650	46,600
TOTL:	116,510	116,860	PREF...	0	0	0
PREF:	0	0	CURT...	116,626	46,650	46,600
CURT:	116,510	116,860	EXEMPT.		0	0
DATE:	10/96	10/99				

----	TAXABLE BASIS	----	FM DATE
00/01	ASSESS:	46,650	11/21/99
99/00	ASSESS:	46,600	06/04/99
98/99	ASSESS:	45,010	06/05/98

ENTER-INQUIRY2 PA1-PRINT PF4-MENU PF5-QUIT PF7-CROSS REF



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Electrical Inspection: 410-887-3960

BALTIMORE COUNTY UNIFORM CODE VIOLATION NOTICE

VIOLATION(S) OF TITLE 3, 7, 18, 24, OR 26 OF THE
BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE, ZONING, OR OTHER
CODES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES AS
INDICATED BELOW:

Violation Notice No. 122226
Case No.: 00-0641

Election District 15 Permit No. _____

Name (s) Arthur and Vicki Douglas

Address 4 Silver Maple Ct Balt 21220

Location of Violation (if different than address) same

TAX ID Vehicle License No.: 18-00-007155 Vehicle ID: _____

DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE FOLLOWING BALTIMORE COUNTY LAWS:

County Code:
§§ _____
§§ _____

Zoning Regulations:
§§ 101; 102.1; ZCPM
§§ _____

Building Code (BOCA):
§§ _____
§§ _____

Livability Code (18-66):
§§ _____
§§ _____

Investment Property Act (7-66):
§§ _____

Electrical Code (NEC):
§§ _____

Plumbing Code (NSPC):
§§ _____

Dwelling (CABO):
§§ _____

Other: §§ _____

COMMENTS OR OTHER VIOLATIONS:

Illegal home occupation - business
from a residence
No more than one employee and clients
may not come to house
Cease use of residence as a business
\$200 fine per day

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO CORRECT THESE VIOLATION(S) ON OR BEFORE
3/18/00 FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE PENALTIES DESCRIBED ON
THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS VIOLATION NOTICE.

DATE ISSUED: 2/18/00 INSPECTOR: D. Senekel

STOP WORK NOTICE

PURSUANT TO INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE FOREGOING VIOLATIONS,
YOU SHALL CEASE ALL WORK UNTIL THE VIOLATIONS ARE CORRECTED AND/OR PROPER
PERMITS OBTAINED. WORK CAN RESUME WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIVISION OF CODE
INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.

THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE CORRECTED NOT LATER THAN: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____ INSPECTOR: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON FINES AND PENALTIES PRINTED ON REVERSE SIDE
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

AGENCY



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BALTIMORE COUNTY UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATION

SERVE ON RESIDENT AGENT/CORPORATE OFFICER (IF APPLICABLE)

Citation/Case No. **00-0641**

Name (s) **Arthur + Vicki Douglas**
 Address **4 Silver Maple Ct Baltimore 21220**

Owner Occupant Other _____ Related Citations _____

Location and Date (s) of Violation: **4 Silver Maple Ct Baltimore 21220**
2/18/00 thru 3/23/00

TAX ID **18-00-007155** Vehicle License No.: _____ Vehicle ID: _____

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253(ML)	256(MH)			

1) **101; 102.1; ZCPM - illegal home occupation, business from a residence**

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

(Unless otherwise noted, all references are to zoning regulations.)

IMPORTANT TO READ REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS AGENCY

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

1) Pursuant to Section 1-8, Baltimore County Code, a penalty has been assessed as a result of the violation cited herein in the amount indicated:

\$ **6800.00**

If you do not contest this citation, you must pay this penalty by check or money order payable to the director of finance, Baltimore County, Maryland, and return a copy of this citation with payment to:

Director of Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 111
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

2) ~~If you contest this citation or proposed assessment of penalty, you must file a written request for a quasi-judicial hearing before the code official or designee within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this citation. A quasi-judicial hearing has been pre-scheduled in Room 116 of the County Office Building for:~~

DATE: 5/9/00
TIME: 9 AM

At this hearing, you are entitled to be represented by an attorney, present witnesses and evidence, and cross-examine any witnesses against you. An attorney can be helpful to you by: (a) explaining the charges in this citation, (b) helping you at trial, and (c) helping you to get a fair penalty if found in violation.

3) This pre-scheduled hearing will be canceled if you choose to pay the assessed penalty or if you fail to request the hearing in writing within the time required. Failure to contest the citation or proposed assessment of penalty, if any, by either not paying the penalty or by not requesting the quasi-judicial hearing, shall result in the citation and its penalty becoming a non-appealable, final order of the code official. Failure to appear at the requested hearing will also result in the citation and civil penalty becoming a non-appealable, final order of the code official.

4) If you are the owner of the property, failure to pay the assessed penalty shall constitute a lien on the property and shall be collectible in the same manner and to the same extent as real estate taxes. In addition, failure to correct the violation(s) shall result in appropriate judicial action for enforcement, including civil contempt, which could result in imprisonment.

I do solemnly affirm that the contents stated above are correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

2/23/00
Date

[Signature]
Inspector's Signature

Citation must be served by 4/7/00

Detach and send the completed form below to:
Director of Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 111
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Citation Number: _____

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEFEND

I hereby elect to stand trial before the code official or designee for the violation(s) charged in this citation.

Date _____ Defendant (Please Print Your Name and Sign) _____

Address _____

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

County Office Building, Room 111

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

BALTIMORE COUNTY, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur + Vicki Douglas, Defendant

Hearing Date 5/9/00 Issued Date 3/23/00 Expiration Date 4/7/00

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Please serve the attached process on the person shown.

ORDER FOR SERVICE

You are hereby commanded to serve the attached process and to make your return promptly on this Order if served, and if you are unable to serve, you are to make your return on this Order and return the original process no later than the last day following the termination of the validity of the process.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby CERTIFY that:

A Citation and all other papers filed with it were served by restricted delivery mail, return card attached.

A Citation and all other papers filed with it were served by personal delivery to Vicki Douglas Name

Title _____ on 3.25.00 Date at 10:15 Time a.m./p.m.

Description of defendant: Race W Sex F Height 5'9"

Weight 200 Age 30 Other _____

The premises at 4 Silver Maple Ct were posted.

I was unable to serve because _____

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing paper are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and do further affirm that I am a competent person over 18 years of age and not a party to the case.

[Signature]
Signature

111 W Chesapeake Ave
Address

3.25.00
Date

INSPECTOR
Title

410 887 3351
Telephone No.

10:15 AM
Time a.m./p.m.

T.D

Baltimore County, Maryland
Department of Permits and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 00-0641

Arthur Douglas
Vickie Douglas

4 Silver Maple Court

Respondents

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer, for the Department of Permits and Development Management on 9 May 2000, for a hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations and Baltimore County Code, for operating a business on residential property zoned DR, located at 4 Silver Maple Court.

Jeremy Rosendale, code enforcement inspector, stated that the County received a complaint concerning the condition of the property. The property was inspected on 18 February 2000 and the inspector found evidence of a business from the residence.

On 18 February 2000, the inspector issued a written correction notice pursuant to §1-7(c), Baltimore County Code, which described with particularity the nature of the violation and the manner of correction. The correction notice was marked in evidence as PEx1 and was served on the Respondents.

On 23 March 2000, pursuant to §1-7(d), Baltimore County Code, a code enforcement citation was issued. The citation was marked in evidence as PEx2 and was legally served on the Respondents.

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Department of Permits and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

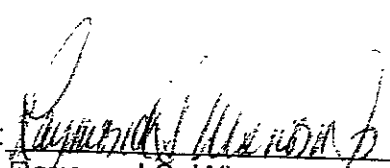
The citation described the violations as follows: Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, §101; 102.1, Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual. Further, the citation proposed a civil penalty of \$6800 to be assessed. A code enforcement hearing date was scheduled for 9 May 2000. No one appeared for the hearing, however Counsel for the Respondents requested time to file a petition for special exception. As of 13 July 2000, no such petition request has been entered on behalf of the Respondents.

Pursuant to the correction notice and subsequent code enforcement citation issued, and hearing held, and for the reasons set forth above, it is found as a matter of law that code violations existed from 18 February 2000, and the violations are continuing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer, this 13 day of July 2000, as follows:

- (1) A civil penalty is imposed in the amount of \$6800;
- (2) The civil penalty shall be reduced to \$680 on condition the Respondents remove the violations on or before 14 August 2000. If the Respondents fail to correct the violation in the time allotted, or any extension granted for good cause shown, then the civil penalty imposed shall be \$6800.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the inspector, monitor the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

Signed: 
Raymond S. Wisnom, Jr.
Code Enforcement Hearing Officer

The violator is advised that pursuant to §1-7(g)(1), Baltimore County Code, an appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals may be taken within fifteen (15) days after the date of a final Order. §1-7(g)(2) requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal and a filing fee of \$150. The appellant is urged to read the requirements for the appeal petition. Security in the amount of the civil penalty must be posted with the Director.



Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Director's Office
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3353
Fax: 410-887-5708

April 6, 2000

Mr. Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.
4 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Dear Mr. Douglas:


Re: 4 Silver Maple Court, Case #00-0641

I am in receipt of your letter, dated March 30, 2000, in which you request help in securing permission to operate your business out of your home.

I understand the trauma associated with your neighbor's complaint about the operation of your business from your home. Unfortunately, I cannot give you the permission you seek. This does not mean that you cannot secure the permission necessary. The law requires that you file a petition for special exception and variance. The special exception is required for a home occupation of a disabled person, and thus necessary to enable you to continue your business. The variance is for the number of employees you have or wish to have. There is no doubt that your disability is a significant reason for the operation of the business as it has evolved, and you deserve much credit for its development and operation. The petitions are filed with this department, and a quasi-judicial hearing will be scheduled before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County. At this hearing, counsel may represent you, present witnesses and evidence, and cross-examine witness who oppose you. The Zoning Commissioner will issue a decision, which is then subject to appeal to the County Board of Appeals. Should anyone disagree with the decision of the Board, an appeal may then be taken to the Courts.

Unfortunately, the law requires this process to be followed. However, I will agree to stay the enforcement of the code violation in order to give you sufficient time to file the petition. Once the petition is filed, Code Enforcement will take no further action until all decisions are final. The inspector will be happy to work with you to insure that all of your interests and the law can be met.

Sincerely,


Arnold Jablon
Director

AJ/cab

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To: Arnold D. Jablon,
Dir. Of Permits and Development
Management

From: Arthur & Vicki Douglas,
Excellence Foundation, Ltd.

Re: Citation Case No. 00-0641

Date: March 30, 2000

EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD.

4 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21220
Ph: 410-391-4051
Fax: 410-391-1163

March 30, 2000

Re: Citation Case No. 00-0641

Attn: Arnold D. Jablon, Dir. Of Permits & Development Management

Dear Mr. Jablon,

I am pleased to write you concerning an issue which presses deeply into my heart, and is a constant source of worry. Mr. Rosendal of your office, has been urged by one neighbor, to cite me with a County Code Violation which could seriously jeopardize my continuance in a much needed area of local, free community service.

I am a 45 year old Disability Retiree, confined to a wheelchair (from Childhood Polio) and forced to retire after serving 19 years as an Accountant for the State of Md., due to contracting Post-Polio Syndrome. Because of a low-immune system, I am forced to spend winters shut indoors. Nearly 4 years ago my wife sensing I was slumping into a depressive state due to feelings of uselessness, urged me to find a way to help others in positions of need. One of my only skills I loved when working years ago was income tax preparation. Vicki, my wife formed a non-profit organization, called EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD., a non-profit organization designed to help the poor, disabled, and elderly in areas of income tax instruction and forms preparation, Paralegal instruction and forms, and enabling the disabled and elderly in utilizing state-of-the-art technology and software to enhance their lives.

We sought, and obtained the approval of The Internal Revenue Service, for grant funding to participate in their TCE Program—Providing FREE, no obligation, income tax preparation and instruction. We have built an alliance of Professional Assistors (Volunteers) who assist us at varied times to devote pro-bono service with us to the Disabled and Seniors, aged 60+. We have touched, blessed and received much from looking into the gleaming eyes of an elderly invalid, emotionally recompensing us far more than any amounts of money ever could! As tax-season is nearly over, and only one neighbor (who has greatly troubled many in her attempts to police our area unnecessarily) complained, I ask that you please grant us

permission to continue to minister to these needy elderly folk who seek FREE, professional income tax preparation. If my Doctor, Scott Wright at 410-288-4800 would allow me to go out in the winter with my low immune system, I would gladly do so, to lease a small office. Currently my health will not permit this. You may verify our Internal Revenue Service Participation in it's TCE Program by calling Norman Rifken at 410-962-2404. We have no gaudy signs or lights advertising as a business.

Additionally, I am enclosing for your review a newspaper article recently run about us, and an Advertisement we have been running in the local publications throughout Maryland State newspaper regions.

I have lived in this same neighborhood for over 16 years, and an independent interview with any neighbors other than the Camellier's at 3 Silver Maple Court will attest to the altruistic manner in which I attempt to use my remaining few years productively, with a motivation free from riches and materialism, but pure in purpose to benefit, serve and positively impact the lives of others like myself. When one is forced into Disability Retirement, and becomes totally shut-in, any extension of my remaining skills being able to help others means very much. I implore you genuinely Mr. Jablon, if you have any powers which might help me amiably resolve this, and continue to help others freely, would be extremely appreciated.

I am taking all other recommended steps for an Exception and a Variance, but I was encouraged by Ms. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Mr. Ruppertsberger that you might be the best source to contact for help.

Our FEID is 52-2118755, we are a 5-Star Member of Baltimore's Better Business Bureau, and a Maryland Honoree Organization in Maryland's State Chamber of Commerce. Your help, in allowing us to freely serve the elderly, this tax-season is gratefully acknowledged.

In this enlightened age of the ADA Laws, and treating the handicapped as equals, is is stressful to think I not only had to endure forced permanent Disability Retirement, but now my efforts to help those less fortunate in true need may be dissolved by one complaint from one very healthy neighbor! I desperately need and value your intervention in any manner!

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.,
Executive Director

Bruce Kent, Attorney at Law
Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Dutch Ruppertsberger, Baltimore County Executive
Norman Rifkin, Director, Internal Revenue Service VITA-TCE Programs

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District
Director

Delaware-Maryland District

31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201

▷ March 16, 2000

The Excellence Foundation Ltd.
4 Silver Maple Ct
Baltimore, MD 21220

Dear Mrs. Douglas,

This memorandum serves as an explanation of your participation in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program.

The Excellence Foundation Ltd. is a non-profit organization. The organization submitted an application to become a grantee and participant in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. The primary focus of the TCE Program is to provide advice, guidance and assistance regarding questions relating to individual returns. Since the Foundation met the eligibility requirements, they were accepted into the program. Because of their acceptance into the program, the Foundation receives a grant to operate. Funds received may only be used for administrative expenses incurred by the Foundation in its day to day operations. The Foundation must submit reports detailing expenses, as any monies not spent must be sent back to the Internal Revenue Service. Under this agreement, the Foundation is forbidden to accept any money for their tax counseling and return preparation services. Acceptance of any monies for services rendered may result in debarment from the program.

We hope this information will be of benefit to you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 962-2402.

Sincerely yours,


Norman Rifkin
VITA/TCE Coordinator

Ref No 2

This Deed, MADE THIS 30th day of May in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety

Four by and between **ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS JR.** party of the first part, and **ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS JR. and VICKI DOUGLAS**, his wife, parties of the second part.

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of No Cents (\$0.00), the receipt of which is heroby acknowledged, the said party of the first part does grant and convey to the said parties of the second part, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, the survivor of them and the survivor's personal representatives, heirs and assigns, in fee simple, that parcel of ground situate in Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

Being known and designated as Lot No. 12, as shown on the Plat entitled "Golden Acres", which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, in Plat Book E.H.K. Jr. No. 43, folio 141. The improvements thereon being known as No. 4 Silver Maple Court.

BEING the same parcel of ground which by deed dated August 4, 1983 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber EHK, Jr No. 6578, folio 654 was granted and conveyed by Golden Woods Partnership, a Maryland General Partnership, unto **ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS JR.**, the Grantor herein.

This is to certify the within instrument was prepared under the supervision of an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland.


Edward J. Brush, Esquire

THE WITHIN GRANTEE(S) DO HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTY(IES) OF PERJURY THAT THE LAND CONVEYED HEREIN IS RESIDENTIALLY IMPROVED OWNER-OCCUPIED REAL PROPERTY AND THAT THE RESIDENCE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY US AS EVIDENCED BY THE SIGNATURE(S) BELOW.

Subject to the restrictions of record.

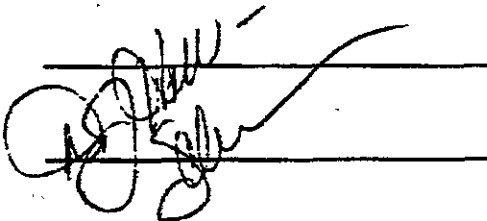
TOGETHER with the buildings thereupon, and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.



TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises to the said parties of the second part as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, the survivor of them and the survivor's personal representatives, heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenant that she has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that she will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that she will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

WITNESS the hands and seals of said Grantor(s) and Grantee(s).

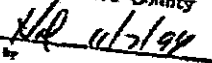
Test:




ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS JR.

VICKI DOUGLAS

AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX
NOT APPLICABLE

SIGNATURE 

RECEIVED FOR TRANSFER
State Department of
Assessments & Taxation
for Baltimore County
by  11/3/94
date

TRANSFER TAX NOT REQUIRED
Director of Finance

BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
Per 

DATE 11-3-94 Sec 33 150A

STATE OF Maryland, COUNTY OF Baltimore, to wit:

I Hereby Certify, That on this 3rd day of May in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and 94, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore personally appeared ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS JR. AND VICKY DOUGLAS, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be their act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal

DORIS I. HALL-SCHAEFER
Notary Public, State of Maryland
Harford County
Commission Expires Aug. 28, 1994

Doris I. Hall-Scheeler, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 26, 1994

File Number ROBINWM

Prepared By:

Fountainhead Title Group
7939 Honeygo Boulevard
Suite 120
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

410-931-3500

AFTER RECORDING PLEASE FORWARD TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.
4 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

State of Maryland Land Instrument Intake Sheet
County: Dalto

Information provided in for the use of the Clerk's Office and State Department of Assessments and Taxation only.
(Type or Print in Black Ink Only—All Copies Must Be Legible)

1 Type(s) of Instruments
Multiple Instruments of the same transaction should be numbered to correspond with Sections 2, 6, 7, and 8. Number documents in the order to be recorded.
(Check Box if Addition Intake Form is Attached)

Deed Lease Other
Deed of Trust Contract
Mortgage Land Installment Cont.

2 Consideration and Fees

Consideration Amount/Recording Fee	Doc. 1	Doc. 2
Consideration, Including Assumed Indebtedness	\$ 0	\$
Recording Charge	\$ 25	\$
Surcharge	\$	\$
State Recordation Tax	\$	\$
State Transfer Tax	\$	\$
County Transfer Tax (If Applicable)	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total Fees	\$ 25	\$

3 Exemptions (If Applicable) Cite or Explain Authority
Recording Tax Exemption
State Transfer Tax Exemption
County Transfer Tax Exemption

Adding on Spouse

4 Contact/Title Information
Instrument Submitted By or Contact Person
Name: Sheila FOUNTAINHEAD TITLE GRUOP
Firm: 7939 HONEYGO BLVD.
Address: SUITE 120
BALTIMORE, MD. 21236
Phone: 9313500

Return Instrument To (Check Applicable Box Below or Provide Appropriate Address)
 Return to Contact Person as Provided Above Field for Pick Up Address Provided on Instrument

5 Description of Property

District	Property Tax ID No. (1)	Grantor Liber/Folio	Map	Parcel No.	Var. LOG
<u>15</u>	<u>18 00007155</u>	<u>6578 654</u>			<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Subdivision Name: <u>Golden Acres</u> Lot (3a) Block (3b) Sect./ARC(s) Plat Ref. Sq. Ft./Acreage (4)					
Location/Address of Property Being Conveyed (2): <u>5 Silver Maple Court</u>					
Partial Conveyance? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Description/Amt. of Sq. Ft./Acreage Transferred:					
If Partial Conveyance, List Improvements Conveyed:					

6 Transferred From
Doc. 1 - Grantor(s) Name(s): Arthur C Douglas Jr.
Doc. 2 - Grantor(s) Name(s):

7 Transferred To
Doc. 1 - Grantee(s) Name(s): Arthur C Douglas Jr.
Vicki Douglas
Doc. 2 - Grantee(s) Name(s):

8 Other Names to Be Indexed
Doc. 1 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional)
Doc. 2 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional)

9 Special Instructions

10 Conveyance Type Check Box
 Private Sale with Improvements [1] Private Sale Unimproved [2] Multiple Accounts/Property [3] All Other [9]

11 Assessment Information
IMPORTANT: BOTH THE ORIGINAL DEED AND A PHOTOCOPY MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TRANSFER
Yes No Will the property being conveyed be the grantee's principal residence?
Yes No Does transfer include personal property? If yes, identify:
Yes No Was property surveyed? If yes, attach copy of survey (if recorded, no copy required).
New Owner's (Grantee) Mailing Address: 4 SILVER MAPLE CT. MD. 21220

Assessment Use Only - Do Not Write Below This Line

Transfer Number	Date Rec'd	Doc. Rec'd	Map	Sub	Block

Amendment for the Articles of Incorporation
of the
EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD.

06/02/99 at 4:45p

This Amendment, approved by the entire governing body, this 4th day of June, 1999, serves to modify the following:

I. The EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD. shall be classified as a "non-profit organization" under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) provisions. It shall function as a publicly supported non-profit organization, in full compliance with Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) which is service and educationally oriented to provide the following:

- a.) Voluntarily utilizing participating Professionals to provide free Will Preparation, and all other financial services to Senior Citizens and Nursing Home Residents free of any charges.
- b.) Providing working donated and renovated Personal Computers to Home-Bound Handicapped individuals on a free basis. These are to be donated so that our Professional volunteers may guide them in establishing their own home-based, turnkey businesses. All guidance, training, and software is also to be provided free of charge.
- c.) In conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service's VITA-TCE program, we will expertly assist the elderly with free, expert instruction and professional income tax preparation at no cost whatsoever. Our Internal Revenue Service approved EIN # is 524795.

II. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any organizational officers, members, directors or other private persons. The corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation to non-volunteers to further the purposes of Section 501(c)(3). No part of the activities, nor any organizational funds, shall be used to further propaganda, influence legislation, nor shall there ever be any intervention in any political campaigns.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not ever carry on any activities prohibited by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

III. Upon dissolution of this corporation assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes fully within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This document was unanimously adopted by all Directors, Governing Officers and members, this 4th day of June, 1999.

My signature, under penalty of perjury by the Secretary, represents the unanimous adoption of this amendment to the original Articles of Incorporation, all agreed upon fully on the 4th day of June, 1999.

Vicki J. Douglas, President 06/04/99
Vicki J. Douglas, President Date

I am witness to the above signature and do lend my hand in signature to attest to it's propriety.

Anne Schuebel, Secy 6/4/99
Anne Schuebel, Secretary Date



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P.A.

Religious

Close

Stock

Nonstock

Merging (Transferor)

Surviving (Transferee)

FEES REMITTED

Base Fee: 20

(New Name)

Org. & Cap. Fee

Expedite Fee: 70

Penalty:

State Recordation Tax:

State Transfer Tax:

2 Certified Copies: 20

Copy Fee: 9

Certificates:

Certificate Fee:

Other:

TOTAL FEES: 99

Credit Card

Check

Cash

Change of Name

Change of Principal Office

Change of Resident Agent

Change of Resident Agent Address

Resignation of Resident Agent

Designation of Resident Agent

and Resident Agent's Address

Change of Business Code

Adoption of Assumed Name

Other Change(s) Adding IRS

Language

Documents on

Checks

APPROVED BY: [Signature]

ID # D05051156 ACK # 1000026573000000
LIBER: B00039 FOLIO: 0091 PAGES: 0002
EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD.

NOTE:

06/02/1999 AT 04:45 P WO # 0000175777

COMMENT:

MAIL TO ADDRESS:

Excellence Foundation, Ltd.
Attn: Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.
4 Selver Maple Ct
Baltimore, MD 21220-1542

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1999-06-05 01:09 PM
0000175777
CUSTOMER ID
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Charter Division

Paul B. Anderson
Administrator



EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD
ARTHUR C. DOUGLAS, JR.
4 SILVER MAPLE COURT
BALTIMORE MD 21220-1542

Date: 06-05-1999

This letter is to confirm acceptance of the following filing:

ENTITY NAME	EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD
DEPARTMENT ID	D05051156
TYPE OF REQUEST	ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
DATE FILED	06-02-1999
TIME FILED	04:45 PM
RECORDING FEE	20.00
EXPEDITED FEE	70.00
COPY FEE	9.00
FILING NUMBER	1000026573000000
CUSTOMER ID	0000147889
WORK ORDER NUMBER	0000175777

PLEASE VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER. NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT IN WRITING IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. INCLUDE THE CUSTOMER ID AND THE WORK ORDER NUMBER ON ANY INQUIRIES. EVERY YEAR THIS ENTITY MUST FILE A PERSONAL

PERSONAL DOCUMENT

YEAR FOR

TOP COPY - MERCHANT BOTTOM COPY - CUSTOMER

Arthur C. Douglas, Jr.

THANK YOU FOR USING VASH

I AGREE TO PAY ABOVE TOTAL AMOUNT
ACCOUNTING AND ISSUED FINISHMENT
(MERCHANT AGREEMENT IF CREDIT VOUCHER)

REF: 5994
CD TYPE: UI
TR TYPE: PR
AMOUNT: 99.00
FACIT: 4467988897801524 EXP: 0598
RPA: 882291

STATE OF MARYLAND
BALTIMORE
DATE: 06/02/99
TIME: 15:42
SH-L-ES 06-04-1-1

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ARTCH: 745

401 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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Fax (410) 333-7897

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2308
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **JUL 23 1999**

Employer Identification Number:
52-2118755

DLN:

319173263

Contact Person:

MRS. M. TAYLOR

IDB 52449

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION LTD
4 SILVER MAPLE COURT
BALTIMORE, MD 21220-1542

Advance Ruling Period Begins:

July 23, 1998

Advance Ruling Period Ends:

December 31, 2002

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period is shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we

Letter 1045 (00/CG)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District Director
Delaware-Maryland District

31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201

▷ March 16, 2000

The Excellence Foundation Ltd.
4 Silver Maple Ct.
Baltimore, MD 21220

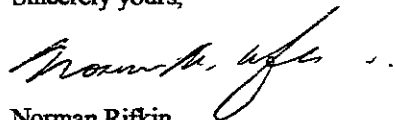
Dear Mrs. Douglas,

This memorandum serves as an explanation of your participation in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program.

The Excellence Foundation Ltd. is a non-profit organization. The organization submitted an application to become a grantee and participant in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. The primary focus of the TCE Program is to provide advice, guidance and assistance regarding questions relating to individual returns. Since the Foundation met the eligibility requirements, they were accepted into the program. Because of their acceptance into the program, the Foundation receives a grant to operate. Funds received may only be used for administrative expenses incurred by the Foundation in its day to day operations. The Foundation must submit reports detailing expenses, as any monies not spent must be sent back to the Internal Revenue Service. Under this agreement, the Foundation is forbidden to accept any money for their tax counseling and return preparation services. Acceptance of any monies for services rendered may result in debarment from the program.

We hope this information will be of benefit to you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 962-2402.

Sincerely yours,



Norman Rifkin
VITA/TCE Coordinator

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
310 Lowell Street
Andover, MA 01812

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
DATE: November 12, 1998
(800)691-1894

EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION LTD
VICKI J DOUGLAS
4 SILVER MAPLE CT
BALTIMORE, MD 21220

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted as a participant in electronic filing. You have been assigned Electronic Filer Identification Number (EFIN) 524795. You will use your EFIN in the construction of the Declaration Control Number (DCN) as described in Publication 1345, Handbook for Electronic Filing. Please protect and safeguard your EFIN.

This acceptance is in no way an endorsement of your software or the quality of services you provide; it only establishes that the electronic transmissions were formatted properly and could be processed by the Internal Revenue Service. Thus, in your advertising or in contact with your clients, you may not state that the software was "approved" or "endorsed" by the Service.

You may begin filing electronic returns on or after January 15, 1999.

THIS ACCEPTANCE IS FOR FILING AT THE ANDOVER SERVICE CENTER.

We are looking forward to working with you during the filing season.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas M. Quinn
Director, Andover Service Center

BAR

Letter 2461-SC (CG) (8-89)

State of Maryland Comptroller of the Treasury
Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate

Account Number

31173843

Expiration Date

09/30/2002

Name

EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION, LTD.
4 SILVER MAPLE COURT
BALTIMORE, MD 21220

Johns
Hopkins
Bayview
Physicians, P.A.

Johns Hopkins at the
Greater Dundalk Medical Center
2112 Dundalk Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21222
Telephone: 410-288-4800
Fax: 410-282-4620


8/24/00

To Whom It May Concern,

My patient, Arthur Douglas Jr, suffers from post-polio syndrome. He is confined to a wheelchair and has difficulty getting out of the house. He has also had recurrent infections when leaving home during the winter due to a decreased/weak immune system.

For the above mentioned reasons, it would be best if he continued to work out of his home.

Thank you,


Dr. Scott Wolf

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the issue of Arthur and Vicki Douglas running a business from their home. We've lived at 8 Silver Maple Ct for the past four years. Never, have we considered Mr Douglas' business a problem. In fact, Mr Douglas has even mentioned to us that if we had any problems, for any reason, to please let him know so he could take care of it. We've never found a reason to complain. We have never seen any of his customers to be the type to put a bad or negative impact on our neighborhood. Nor, did they ever make us feel uncomfortable in any way. Mr + Mrs.

Douglas are good and considerate neighbors.
Anyone would be glad to have them live
on their street. At the most I've seen about
four cars on our street at once. We're glad
that Mr Douglas is trying to make the
most of his situation in life. We support
him and his family wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

Ed Uhl
Kathy Uhlman

1203 Reames Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

September 24, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Joan Eichelberger and I am a resident of White Marsh Estates. I am writing in support of a special exception being made to zoning regulations. This exception would allow Mr. Arthur Douglas, Jr. to operate his income tax service out of his home at 4 Silver Maple Court.

Mr. Douglas has lived directly behind me for eleven years and I have never had a problem related to the fact that he has clients coming to his house to have their income tax forms prepared by him. I admire Mr. Douglas because, in spite of his disability, he chooses to work to support his family rather than sit home and collect a check from the government. I am aware of clients coming to his house during tax season, but it seems to me that they arrive one at a time as if they have appointments.

I hope that he is allowed to operate his tax service out of his home.

Regards,



Joan M. Eichelberger

September 22, 2000

Baltimore County Department of Permits
and Development Management
Director's Office
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Zoning Hearing for Arthur Douglas

To Whom It May Concern:

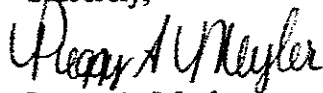
I am writing this letter in reference to the zoning hearing that is being held on Monday, September 25, 2000 for Mr. Arthur Douglas for a special exemption. I would like to let the zoning commission know that we have lived directly across from Mr. Douglas for the past 4 years and have never had a problem with the service he provides. We feel that as his neighbors, he deserves a right to support his family in any way. We feel that the special provision should be granted for Mr. Douglas.

As far as the complaint goes how come Mr. Douglas is the only one be targeted, when other people in the neighborhood have home offices in their houses and nothing gets said because they don't have the people coming to their doors. I feel that the traffic is not a problem that this is a public street and anyone is entitled to park there. Should we complain every time someone has a birthday party, baby shower or just a family get together because of the traffic? Just because some neighbors feel that this is a problem, then everyone else should feel the same?

I feel that Mr. Douglas deserves to have the exemption and that if this is not granted than we are saying that people with disabilities should not be allowed to support there families.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,



Peggy A. Meyler

Daniel J. Meyler III

1 Silver Maple Court
Baltimore, MD 21220



Arnold Jablon: Zoning Director
Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

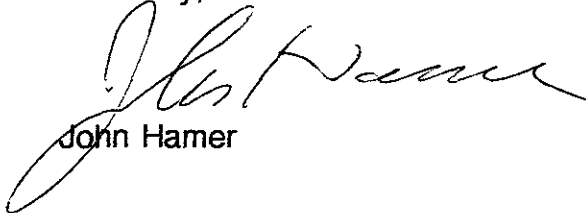
Re: Zoning Case # 01-065-X

Dear Mr. Jablon

My name is John Hamer. I have been residing at 12107 Buttonwood Lane, which is located in the 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District of Baltimore County for over 10 years. My property is two doors away from the Douglas property and located at the intersection on Buttonwood Lane and Silver Maple Court and I have clear view of all parking along Silver Maple Court and the upper end of Buttonwood Lane. The traffic/parking associated with the Douglas' business is no more than a typical family gathering which takes place regularly in this community. I think that a Zoning Special Exception limited in scope and duration that meets the specific needs of Mr. Douglas should be granted.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me at 410-687-1487.

Sincerely,



John Hamer

BUSINESS LEDGER

Nothing in Life is Free? How About Tax Preparation for the Elderly and Disabled

By Carol Lindberg

Most people have heard, passed, or lived through a fine art of procrastination in the thread of April 15 deadline for tax filing. I don't know if the IRS is still doing taxes, doing taxes, seldom, plus a smile on our faces and a fire in our hearts.

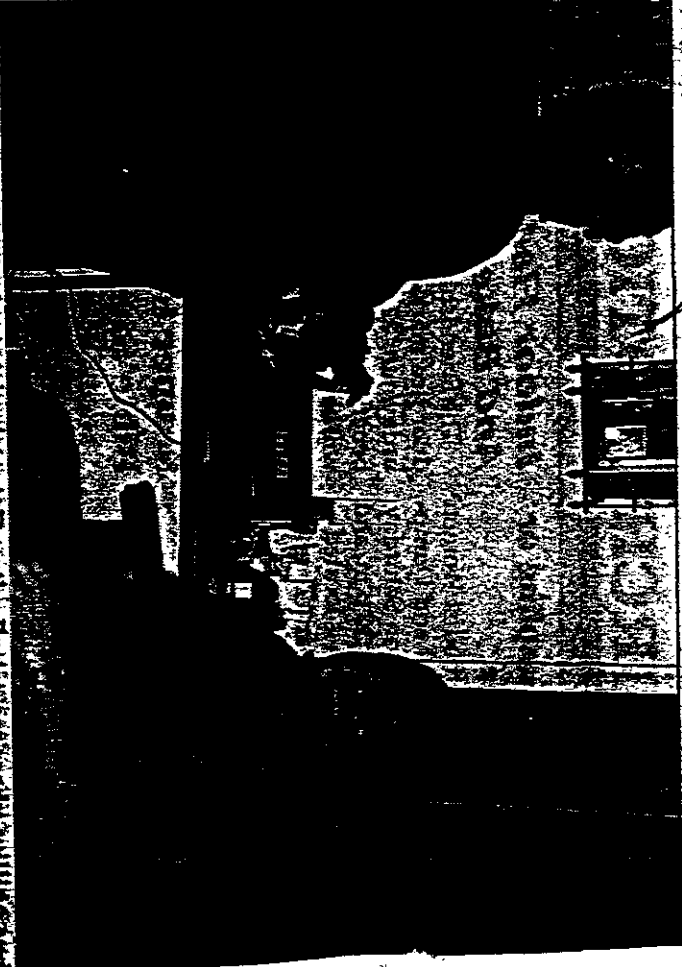
For a Douglas, that is not the case. He was an accountant for the State of Maryland for some 20 years before he had to retire in January, 1992. Finally succumbing to post-polio syndrome, how miserable I was during his season and suggested that I get a profession to help people with disabilities. He revealed that in 1980, the Excellence Foundation had called him to help people 60 and over. It was a very pleasant surprise.

He called it "Helping the Elderly" is not new. He has volunteered through his church, the Durrhill Assembly of God, at the funeral home on German Hill Road, how called "Meridian" since it's founding in 1995. At first, they were reluctant to accept church group volunteers because they didn't walk their heels to get attached and their disabilities. He remembered "But we've been there ever since." Douglas did their

taxes for them and just about anything else he was asked, out of the sheer joy of it. With a "Cult" pastor, Rev. John N. B. Shahboulz III, even plays the piano and for the fourth year in a row, Mrs. B. perhaps donated 125 full barrels at Christmas. We all do what we can to help the modest volunteer shared.

My first non-profit business has projected that they will serve at least 1,000 people with their personal income tax needs, completely free of charge. This tax season, aided by his wife, Dolores, Porter, who took a tax course and is learning to navigate computer software, we continue personal income tax preparation inquiries and is well set up to get right to work. His living room in his home on Silver Maple Court is a virtual office complete with tax machine. His enthusiasm is contagious. Dorothy boasted, "I'm retired, myself, and I would rather help out than just sit around with nothing to do."

Although the wheelchair-bound Douglas, who first contracted polio at the age of one, had to retire from the State, it is evident to anyone who meets him that he has an endless supply of enthusiasm and energy and welcomes the chance to serve.



AT DOUGLAS AND HIS VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT, Dorothy Porter, are ready, willing and able to give the elderly and disabled all the tax preparation help they need. Just call Excellence Foundation, Ltd./at 410-391-4051. If you are 60 or over, to see if you qualify for this much needed service.

I didn't find out that there was grant available to do until the very last minute, he relayed. "In fact, one day before the filing date closed, I received and hand filled out a 48 page booklet with the grant application." His diligence and perseverance paid off and now his quest is to get the message to the public. "Hopefully, the word will eventually get out and next year we can do even more," he projected. If you are disabled or over age 60 and need to take advantage of Mr. Douglas' expertise, contact the Excellence Foundation, Inc. at 410-391-4051.

**EXCELLENCE
FOUNDATION,
LTD.**

(A Non-Profit Organization)

offers:

**FREE TAX
PREPARATION
& E-FILING**

for the Disabled
and Seniors 60+

Call for Details

410-391-4051

7-20-00

To whom it may concern:

I, Sharon Gilbert, have lived in the same neighborhood as Arthur Douglas for 3 years. During this time I have used his services to help me prepare my taxes. In doing this I was told to only park my vehicle in his driveway or in front of his home. I was also instructed to only use his driveway or the end of the Caldesoc to turn my vehicle around. I was also told not to come by later than 9 p.m., if I had to "drop-in". Mr. Douglas makes appointments during the tax season, so he can regulate the amount of vehicles he can accommodate for his residence only. My experience at his residence has been nothing short of a regular social visit; quiet and professional, as not to disturb the neighbors. While I have been at his home, I have seen no more than 2 vehicles at a

time. I myself do not have a problem with what Mr. Douglas does in his own home, and it does not disturb me. But what does disturb me and my neighbors is the people who speed through the neighborhood in their vehicles and the people who live in this neighborhood who are illegally riding their dirt-bikes and quad-runners on the streets at all hours making a racket by gunning their engines and disturbing the peace. Now I think this is a real problem, not Mr. Douglas.

Sincerely Yours,

Sharon P. Albert.

1209 Peamer Rd.
Balt. MD 21220

410-686-1474

To Urban & May Conrad:

This letter is to express to Mr. Douglas & his family from his home. When we purchased our home in 1987, we thought it was a very quiet & peaceful neighborhood. We still feel the same way. We live almost right behind Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & are aware that Mr. Douglas does tax forms. It has never been a problem with us. In fact we give credit to the man for treating a living with his business & appears to us that people don't want to complain about. The Douglas family are very nice, caring people & do not see any thing wrong in what Mr. Douglas is doing. We also do not see a sign of in-home business in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Shirley & Pauline Jones

1805 Peaches Trl.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

GOVERNOR PARRIS N. GLENDENING

LT. GOVERNOR KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND



SEANDRA D. SIMS
Public Information Officer
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

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August 22, 2000

Dear Art:

I hope you are doing well. I enjoyed our meeting tremendously, and felt it a privilege to highlight your volunteer work. You are truly inspirational!
(See more inside!) -Seandra

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The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) supports and promotes volunteer service efforts that engage all Marylanders to strengthen their communities. Through the combined efforts of traditional volunteerism, AmeriCorps and Maryland's Promise, the GOSV is providing solutions to Maryland's most pressing needs.

For the past 17 years, a Maryland governor has recognized and applauded the dedication of Maryland citizens, everyday people who serve as tutors and mentors, citizens on patrol, protectors of the Chesapeake Bay, homeless advocates, and much, much more. The efforts of the GOSV are supported by appointed members of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism:

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THANK YOU!

Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend with winners from the 2000 "Governor's Volunteer and Service Awards"



VOLUNTEERS: THE SPIRIT OF 2000!

The 2000 "Governor's Volunteer Service Awards" program marked the 17th year a Maryland governor has recognized volunteers for their dedication to improving communities across the State.

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“Life After AmeriCorps” Event Draws National Service Members from Across the Region

Over 450 AmeriCorps members enjoyed a day of training and peer interaction at the “Life After AmeriCorps: The New Millennium” conference on June 6 at the University of Maryland - Baltimore County. This annual event, sponsored by the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism, provided AmeriCorps members with the opportunity to learn more about the options available to them upon completing their year of service.

Workshops were held throughout the day on such topics as getting into undergraduate/graduate school and how to

travel inexpensively. Members were assisted by experts with resume` writing and networking skills, and were introduced to many different career paths through panel discussions.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Coleman McCarthy, Director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington D.C. McCarthy spoke about negative attitudes that continue to stifle American progress, and the laurels of serving one’s country. He also led two afternoons sessions focusing on Gandhian peace principles.

A Service Opportunities Fair with representatives from a variety of community organizations provided more information gathering. Colleges, professional schools, service organizations and local businesses were in attendance to speak with members and answer questions about opportunities within their fields.



Life After AmeriCorps emcee and Civic Works member, Paul Coates, introduces keynote speaker Coleman McCarthy.

The event was led by Civic Works program member, Paul Coates. Paul and a committee of current and alumni AmeriCorps members collaborated to plan and develop the annual conference.

-Story compiled with the assistance of AmeriCorps member Sara Nienaber.

For more information on AmeriCorps initiatives in Maryland, contact Keith Hart, Director of Programs, at 410.767.4803 or Khart@dbm.state.md.us.



AmeriCorps members learn about opportunities in the service field during a workshop.

Do you have a great **NEWSLETTER NAME** that exemplifies the volunteer service message of the GOSV? Lend us your creativity, and win a special prize!

GOSV “NAME THE NEWSLETTER” CONTEST!

All submissions should be sent to Seandra Sims at 410.767.6338 or Ssims@dbm.state.md.us no later than **September 15, 2000**

Get Interactive with the GOSV!



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Access for Persons with Disabilities is Her Top Priority

My name is Josie Athman and I am the new Access Coordinator for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV). It is with much excitement that I begin my efforts to engage persons with disabilities in volunteer service to their State and communities.

I have come to the GOSV with extensive personal and professional knowledge of disabilities. Most recently, I worked with persons with developmental disabilities as the Program Director for the AmeriCorps program Project CONNECTS at The ARC of Montgomery County in Rockville, Maryland.

It is my belief that all persons, regardless of ability, have something to contribute. By giving everyone a chance to serve, we reap the benefits of their contributions. Persons with disabilities are too often overlooked as potential volunteers because they have often been viewed only as "recipients of service." I hope to change individuals' perceptions of persons with disabilities by encouraging their inclusion in our national service and traditional volunteer programs here in Maryland.

In today's climate of fewer and fewer volunteers being recruited by more and more programs, I encourage you to tap into the pool of talent within the disability community. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to contact me at the GOSV office. I am also available for training and technical assistance regarding disability awareness, inclusive recruitment, ADA compliance, and reasonable accommodation. I hope you will open your minds and programs to the gifts of all people. I leave you with this thought:
"We are all temporarily able-bodied."

New AmeriCorps Programs Announced

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is pleased to announce its newly-funded AmeriCorps programs for the 2000-2001 service year:



- Calvert Joint AmeriCorps Service Project** -- The Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee and the Calvert Crusade for Children have forged a partnership to engage AmeriCorps members in service to improve the quality of family support services including: low-income healthcare services, mentoring/tutoring, and early intervention and substance abuse programs.
- Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley, Inc.** -- AmeriCorps members will mentor consumers with disabilities and/or consumers who are off of welfare to provide structured in-home, community-based support. They will also provide work-based transferable training to help clients with employment.
- Southeast Youth Academy** -- SEYA members will collaborate with families, schools, and SEYA staff to provide comprehensive support to teens in: tutoring, youth service opportunities, access to local resources, and strategies to increase parental involvement in education and service.
- Police Athletic League AmeriCorps Program** -- PAL AmeriCorps members will tutor, mentor, and coach youth by using tools specifically for character development, recreation, art, and cultural education.

Great Stories from the Field

"I had no idea that just doing good would make such a difference."

Arthur C. Douglas, Jr., or "Art" for short, is making a difference everyday by providing free tax and paralegal document preparation services to low-income families, persons with disabilities, and the elderly in Maryland and a small portion of Pennsylvania.

Art, 45, who has been preparing taxes for friends and neighbors since he was 12, decided that not being able to work because of complications from *post-polio sequelae* was no reason to give up on life. "When I was forced to retire, I felt purposeless. But in the midst of the tornado, I was able to take all of the winds that were blowing and turn them into something positive," says Art.

In 1993, with the help of wife, Vicki, Art started a nonprofit called the Excellence Foundation, Ltd. Vicki, whom Art calls the "brains behind the operation," now serves as president of the foundation. In the past year, she has been instrumental in helping the foundation to receive a \$46,000 grant from the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program run by the IRS. During the 1999-2000 tax season, they served over 1,000 clients with the help of 25 volunteers.

For now, the Excellence Foundation conducts all of its business within the Douglas home - children, Kelly, 13, and Alex, 11, help out by preparing client folders and keeping records up-to-date. Art hopes to move the organization to a larger, more permanent space in the near future. Until then, he remains humble and counts his blessings: "I believe it should never be hard for people to live when others have so much, so I will continue to give all I can."

If you have a "Great Story" to share about a local volunteer or organization, please send submissions to Seandra Sims at Ssims@dbm.state.md.us!

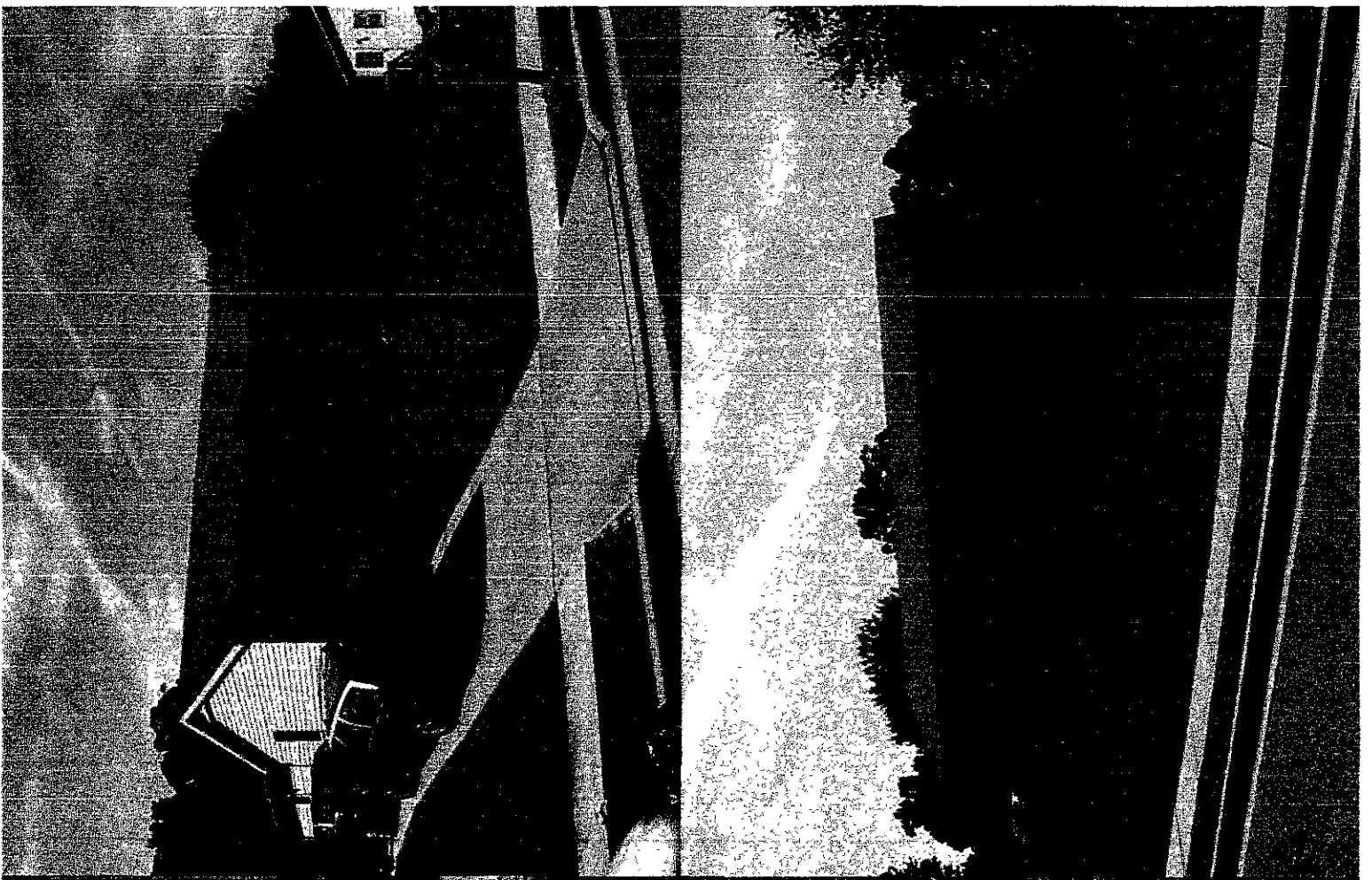
Volunteer Centers Starting and Expanding

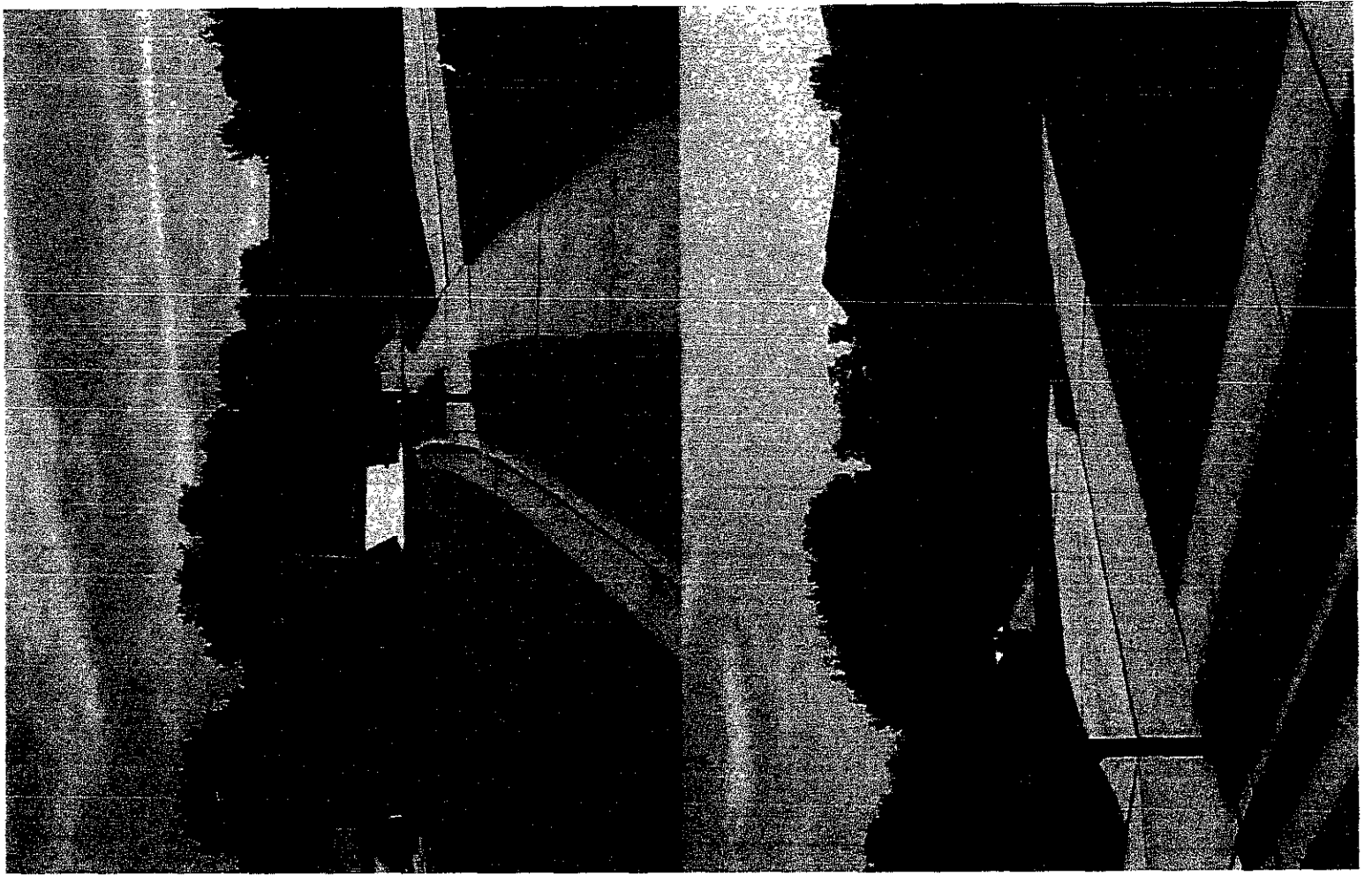
Establishing strong and sustainable volunteer centers across the State of Maryland is a goal of the GOSV. Last winter, the GOSV awarded five community grants of \$4,000 each to study the feasibility of developing volunteer centers. The grants enable leaders to gather community input on the elements of volunteer center development and plan over a six-month period. The information gathered will help leaders to decide on the feasibility of developing a new or expanding an existing volunteer center. The grantees completing their work in September 2000 are:

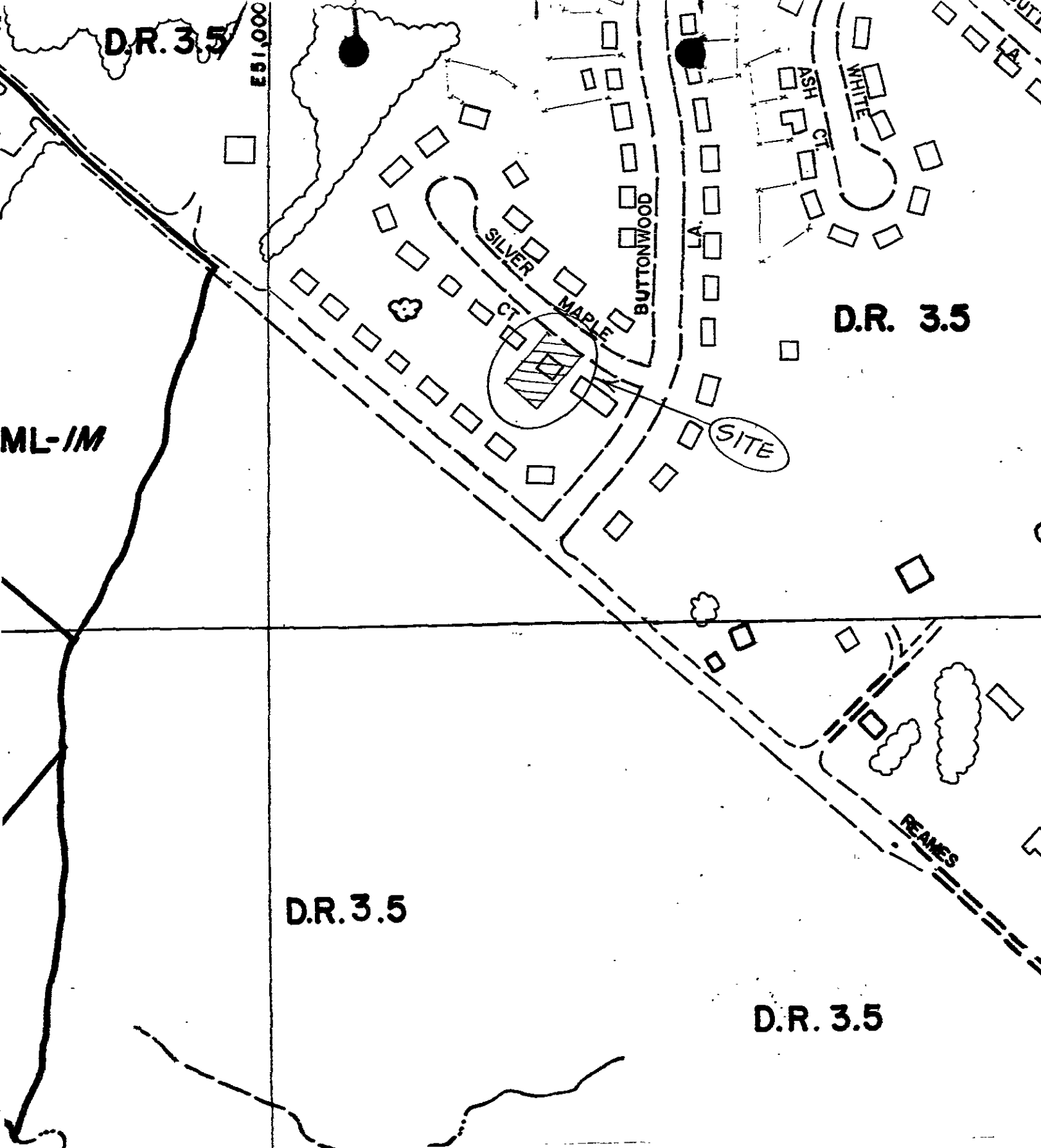
Anne Arundel Co. Government
Association of Community
Services in Howard Co.
United Way of Frederick Co.
Frostburg State University
(Allegany & Garrett Co.)
Salisbury State University
(Mid-Upper Shore)

These communities will be eligible to receive a Start Up grant of at least \$20,000 during the current fiscal year from the GOSV. In addition, two more communities will be awarded feasibility study grants of up to \$4,000.

For more information on feasibility studies, contact Maggie O'Neill, Director of Volunteerism, at 410.767.4495 or MO'Neill@dbm.state.md.us.



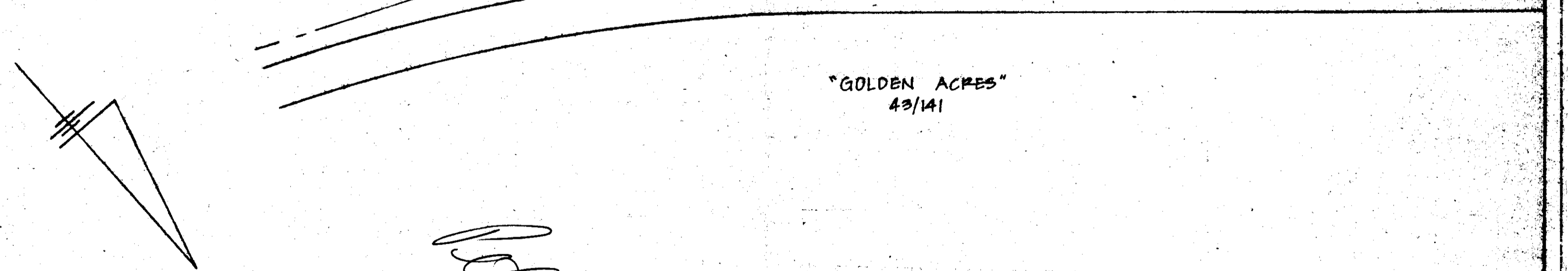
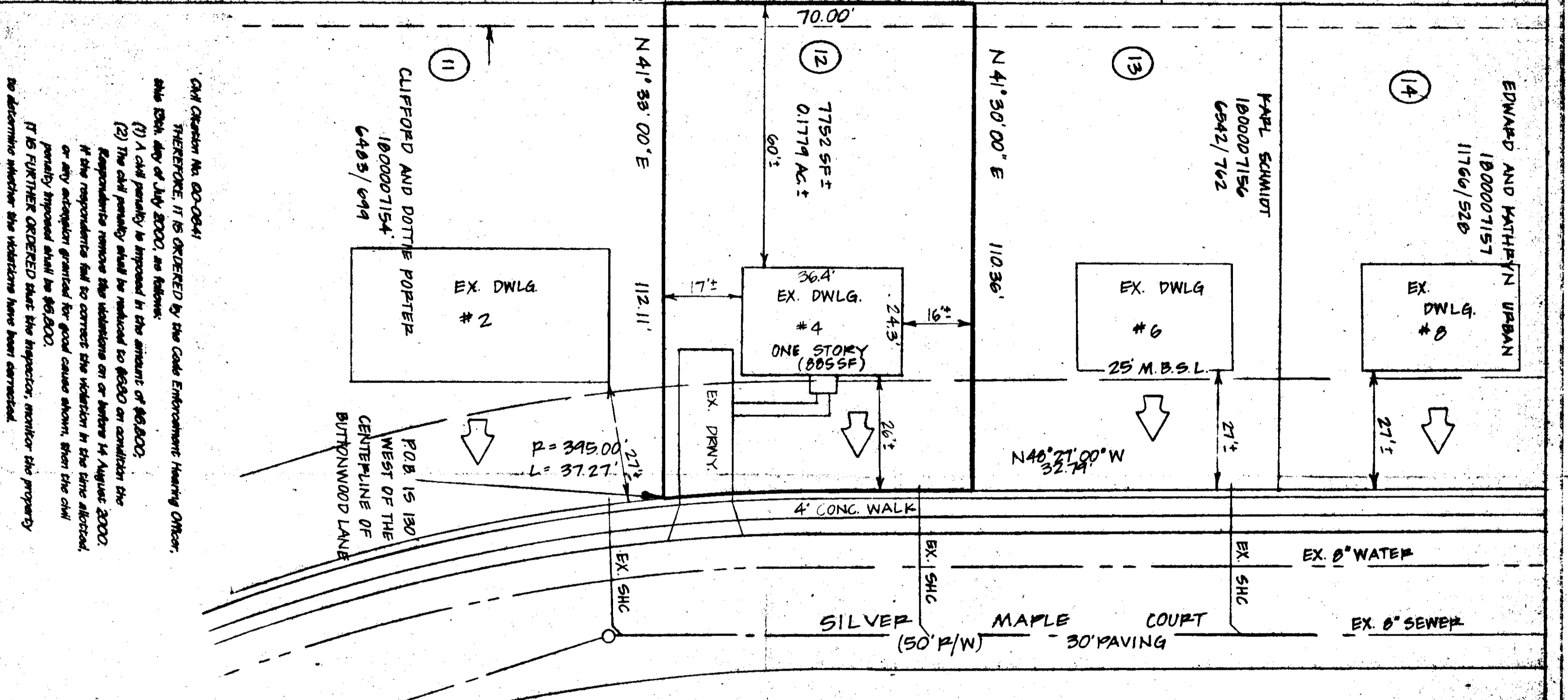
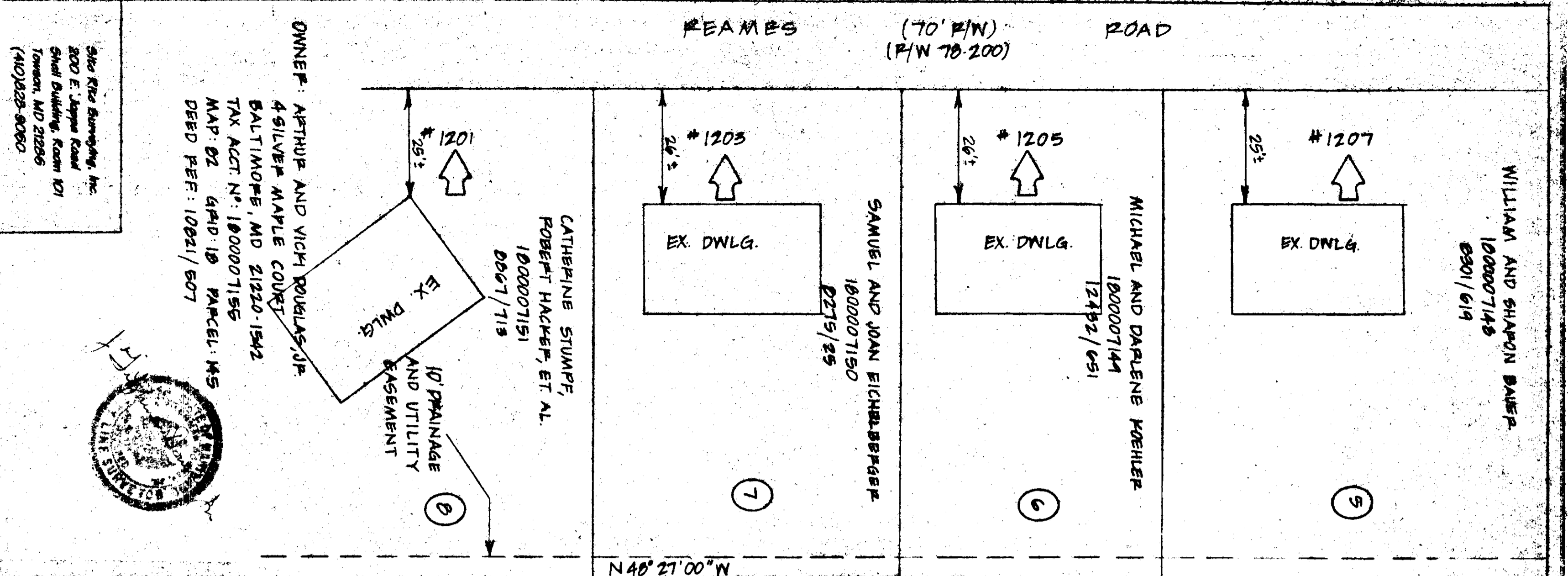




#4 SILVER MAPLE COURT
200' SCALE ZONING MAP N.E. 6-1
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
SPECIAL EXCEPTION FILING

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REAMES (70' P/W) ROAD (P/W 70-200)



"GOLDEN ACRES"
43/141

08/10/01

General Notes:

1. Existing Zoning: R.R. 3.5
2. 800' Scale Map: NE 1/8 & 1/7
3. Lot Size: 7752 SF ± or 0.1779 Acres ±
4. Prior Zoning Hearing(s): CMN Creation No. 00-0841
5. Not located in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area
6. Not located in 100 Year Floodplain
7. Public water and sewer
8. Concessions District: 5
9. Census Tract: 4517.01
10. Existing Use: Primary Residence
11. Proposed Use: Home Occupancy for Disabled Person
12. Parking requirements to be determined at time of hearing. Parking is to be sufficient to accommodate the need of the service being provided and must not come within the neighborhood.
13. Future or proposed signs must comply with E.C.Z.E. Section 408.

13. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN ZONING CLASSIFICATION

VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1"=1000'

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY A PETITION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION #4 SILVER MAPLE COURT LOT #2 "GOLDEN ACRES" 43/141

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 15
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
SCALE: P=80'
AUGUST 4, 2000
00-8402

ZONING OFFICE USE ONLY		
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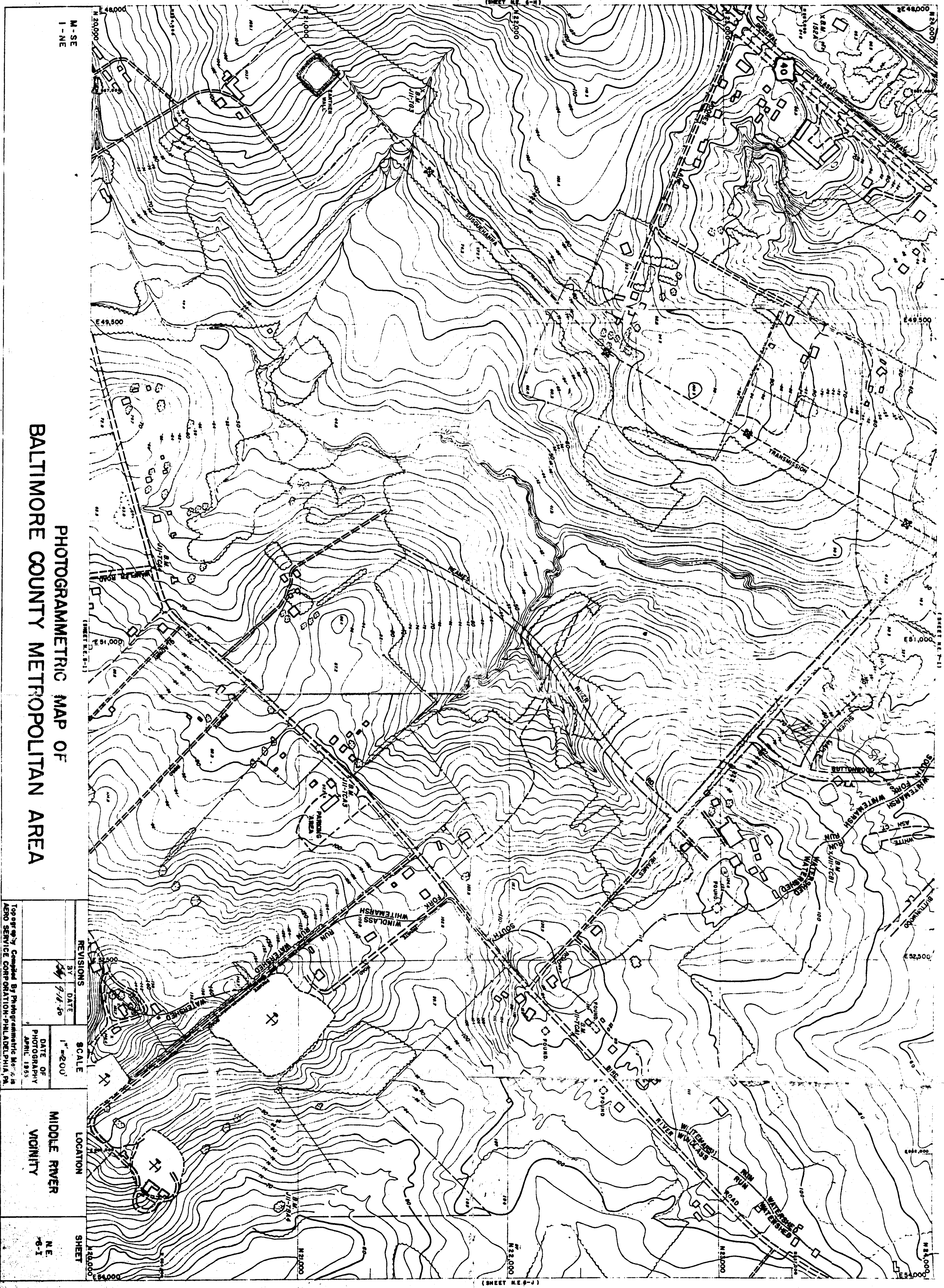
Site: Rita Burroughs, Inc.
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Shell Building, Room 101
Towson, MD 21286
(410) 223-8080

CMN Creation No. 00-0841
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer, this 20th day of July 2000, as follows:
(1) A civil penalty is imposed in the amount of \$6,800 on condition the respondents remove the violations on or before 14 August 2000. If the respondents fail to correct the violation in the time allotted, or any extension granted for good cause shown, then the civil penalty imposed shall be \$6,800.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the inspector, monitor the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

X-590-10

#4 Silver Maple St

D1-065-X



PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MAP OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA

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1-NE

REVISIONS		SCALE	LOCATION	SHEET
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7/2/50		DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY	VICINITY	8-1
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