IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE
S/S of Engelberth Road, 2,550 ft. S
centerline of Holly Neck Road
15th Election District
6th Councilmanic District
(1201 Engelberth Road)

Darrel Shiles & Karen Sweeny Petitioners BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 04-268-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Darrel Shiles and Karen Sweeny. The variance request is for property located at 1201 Engelberth Road in the eastern area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a side yard setback of 1 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft. to construct an attached garage. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Office of Planning raised a question as to whether the Petitioners had a right to use the existing stone roadway known as "Wharf Road'. See the ZAC comments from the Office of Planning dated January 7, 2004. In correspondence that followed, the Petitioners assert that they have the right to use "Wharf Road" to the proposed garage pursuant to a letter dated August 31, 1977 from George Hummel of the Baltimore County Bureau of Environmental Services. The

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Petitioners further represented that the adjacent property owner had no objection to the variance or the use of the roadway.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 26-127 (b)(1) of the Baltimore County Code. Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Office of Planning dated January 7, 2004 and from the Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management (DEPRM) dated January 13, 2004. Copies of these comments are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

However, the Petitioners are cautioned that the Zoning Commissioner's Office has no jurisdiction to determine the Petitioners' right to use "Wharf Road", that this matter was not decided by this Order, and that a neighbor may well file suit in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County which could prevent the Petitioners from using the roadway leading to the new garage.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 28 day of April, 2004, that a variance from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore

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County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a side yard setback of 1 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft. to construct an attached garage, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

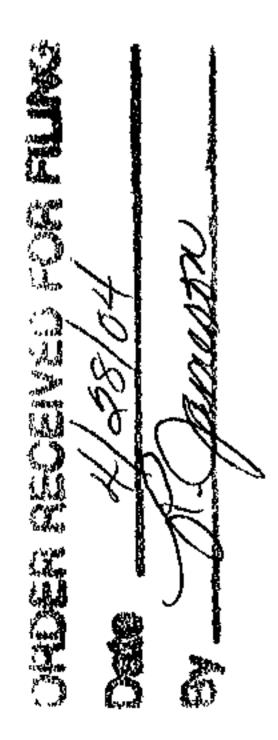
- 1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition;
- 2. The Petitioners must comply with the ZAC comments received from the Office of Planning dated January 7, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- 3. The Petitioners must comply with the ZAC recommendations submitted by DEPRM on January 13, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- 4. When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

JVM:raj



Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

April 27, 2004

Mr. Darrell J. Shiles Ms. Karen L. Sweeny 1201 Engelberth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21221

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 04-268-A

Property: 1201 Engelberth Road

Dear Mr. Shiles & Ms. Sweeny:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The petition for administrative variance has been granted in accordance with the enclosed Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the Department of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:raj Enclosure



Visit the County's Website at www.baltimorecountyonline.info





Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1201 Enge/berth Rd. which is presently zoned RC-5

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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ZONING DESCRIPTION

Zoning Description For 1201 Engelberth Road

Beginning at a point on the South side of Engelberth Road which is 20 feet wide at the distance of 2,550 feet South of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Holly Neck Road which is 40 feet wide. Being Lot #8 in the subdivision of Eagle's Nest Point as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #8, Folio 70, containing 16,259 square feet. Also known as 1201 Engelberth Road and located in the 15th Election District, 6th Councilmanic District.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: Case No.: 04-268-A

Petitioner/Developer: DARREC Shiles + KAREN SWEENEY Date of Hearing/Closing: 12/29/0 Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 ATTN: Becky Hart {(410) 887-3394} Ladies and Gentlemen: This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: ENGLEBERTH The sign(s) were posted on (Month, Day, Year) Sincerely, (Signature of Sign Poster) SSG Robert Black (Print Name) 1508 Leslie Road (Address) Dundalk, Maryland 21222 (City, State, Zip Code) (410) 282-7940 (Telephone Number)

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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Department of Permits and Development Management

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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

December 29, 2003

Darrel Shiles Karen Sweeny 1201 Engelberth Road Baltimore, MD 21221

Dear Mr. Shiles and Ms. Sweeny:

RE: Case Number: 04-268-A, 1201 Engelberth Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on December 14, 2003.

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.

Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Tim Kotroco

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FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

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DATE:

January 13, 2004

ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item

04-268

Address

1201 Engelberth Road

Shiles Property

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of December 15, 2003

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 14-331 through 14-350 of the Baltimore County Code).

Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Section 14-401 through 14-422 of the Baltimore County Code).

X Development of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations (Sections 26-436 through 26-461, and other Sections, of the Baltimore County Code).

Reviewer:

Keith Kelley

Date: December 23, 2003

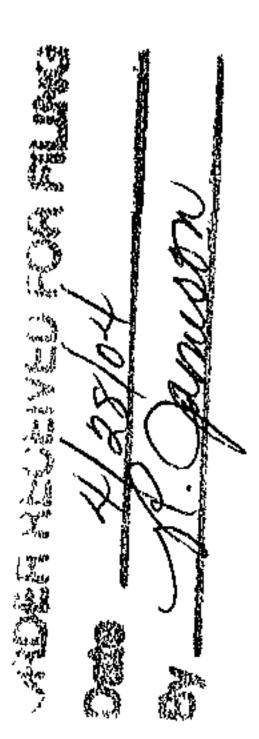
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

An evaluation of the septic system may be required prior to building permit.

Reviewer:

Sue Farinetti

Date: December 17, 2003





DATE: January 7, 2004

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

1201 Engleberth Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

04-268

Petitioner:

Darrel Shiles

Zoning:

RC 5

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's request provided it can be demonstrated that the petitioner has the legal right to access the 14-foot right-of-way identified as Wharf Road.

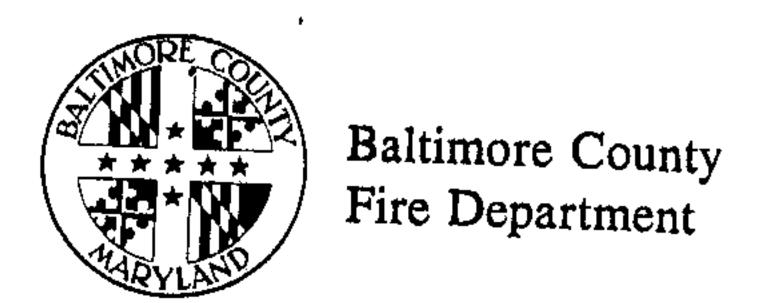
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700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4500

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

December 18, 2003

ATTENTION: Rebecca Hart

Distribution Meeting of: December 18, 2003

Item No.:

267-271, 273-287

Dear Ms. Hart:

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.

7. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881 MS-1102F

cc: File



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RE:

Date: 12.16.03

Baltimore County

Item No. 268

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

Dear. Ms. Hart:

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

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

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits &

Development Management

DATE: December 29, 2003

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 22, 2003

Item No. 268

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning item.

The flood protection elevation for this site is 11.2 feet.

In conformance with *Federal Flood Insurance* requirements, the first floor or basement floor must be at least 1 foot above the flood plain elevation in all construction.

The property to be developed is located adjacent to tidewater. The developer is advised that the proper sections of the *Baltimore County Building Code* must be followed whereby elevation limitations are placed on the lowest floor (*including basements*) of residential (*commercial*) development.

The building engineer shall require a permit for this project.

The building shall be designed and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of structure with materials resistant to flood damage.

Flood-resistant construction shall be in accordance with requirement of B.O.C.A. International Building Code adopted by the county.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: March 30, 2004

TO:

Mark Cunningham

Office of Planning

FROM:

John V. Murphy & V. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT: Petition for Administrative Variance

Cause No. 04-268-A

Property: 1201 Engelberth Road

Petitioners: Karen L. Sweeny & Darrel J. Shiles

Attached hereto please find correspondence received from the petitioners in the abovecaptioned case in response to my letter to them dated March 23, 2004.

It would be appreciated if you would review this correspondence and let me have your response to this matter at your convenience.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

JVM:raj

Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

January 14, 2004

Mr. Darrel Shiles Ms. Karen Sweeny 1201 Engelberth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21221

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 04-268-A

Property: 1201 Engelberth Road

Dear Mr. Shiles & Ms. Sweeny:

I have reviewed your request for administrative variance for a new garage, and I note that my file contains Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments from the Office of Planning questioning whether you have the legal right to access the 14 ft. right-of-way identified as Wharf Road. If you have such information would you kindly send it to Mr. Cunningham for his review and try to come to an understanding with him on this issue. Thereafter, I hope to receive a revised ZAC comment indicating the Office of Planning's position in this matter.

In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at 410-887-3868.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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c: Mark Cunningham, Office of Planning (410-887-3480)



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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

March 23, 2004

Mr. Darrell J. Shiles Ms. Karen L. Sweeny 1201 Engelberth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 04-268-A Property: 1201 Engelberth Road

Dear Mr. Shiles & Ms. Sweeny:

In December of 2003, you filed a petition for administrative variance with the County for a proposed garage to be added to the side of your home. As you will recall, I held the request pending your sending proof that you had the right to use the existing 14 ft. driveway, which is the means of access to the new garage. It is my understanding that you neighbor strongly denies your right to use this driveway.

Such disputes are within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. This office simply does not have the legal power to determine your rights in this kind of dispute.

I have held the file open for more than 60 days waiting for proof from you that you can legally use the driveway. I would like to complete this matter by May 1, 2004.

If I do not hear from you by that time, I will render a decision in this case.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Karen Sweeney **Darrel Shiles** 1201 Engelberth Rd Baltimore MD 21221

John V. Murphy Deputy Zoning Commisioner Suite 405 **County Courts Building** Towson MD 21204

Mr. Murphy,

We are writing you in response to your letter re: request for administrative variances for a garage to be built at 1201 Engelberth Rd.

I am attaching a letter from Baltimore County from August 1977. This was the response to an inquiry of the previous owner to the public use of the right of a way known as Wharf Road. According to this letter " the road was never reserved in the name of the developer on the record plat and or by deed. Under Title to Street or Highway, Article 1 by Act of 1892,....that title passes to the center of road unless reserved." It is my understanding that our property runs to the center line of the road and although neither of the 2 adjacent properties has the right to block the access we both may use it as a right of way.

I spoke with Winnie Carpenter several years ago and she also stated the above was true.

The adjacent property was purchased in October of 2003 by Mr & Mrs Claude Profili. We have spoken with them about the garage plans and the signed the attached note stating they do not have any objection.

Our property was damaged by the hurricane in October and we are in need of a storage building. Please review the attached documents and let me know if there is any other information I can provide.

Thank you,

Thank you,

Karen Sweeney

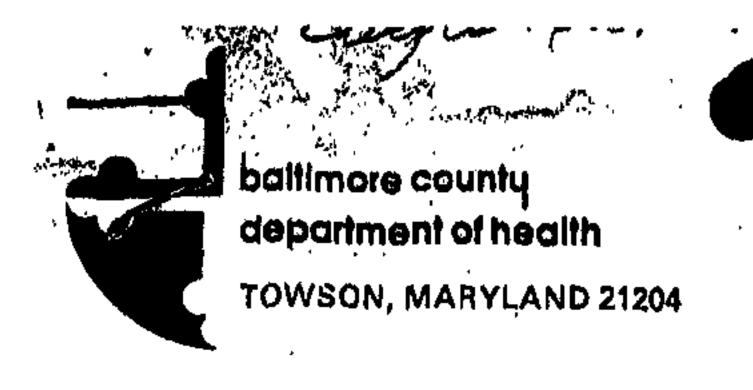
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Oct 12, 2004

We have reviewed the plans for the proposed attached garage at 1201 Engelberth Road and do not object to it's construction.

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

August 31, 1977

Mr. Howard Sappington 231 Engleberth Road Baltimore, Maryland 21221

Dear Mr. Sappington:

Reference is made to your inquiry of July 22, 1977 concerning the public use of a right-of-way known as Wharf Road parallel to your property located at 231 Engleberth Road in the 15th Election District. Following is the report of an investigation by Mr. Carl J. Nethkin, Jr. of the Bureau of Land Acquisition of Baltimore County.

In reviewing Wharf Road and the rest of the streets in the subject subdivision, we find that the acquisition of the streets was never completed due to the fact that it has been the policy of Baltimore County sine 1851 never to take a right-of-way for road purposes less than 30' wide, or two perch right-of-way, which is 33' wide. The roads on this subdivision and Wharf Road are laid out 20' wide, therefore the County does not own the aforesaid road.

Further research shows that on the Plat of Eagle Nest Point, the roads were never reserved in the name of the developer on the record plat and or by deed. Under Title to Street or Highway, Article 1 by Act of 1892, Chapter 684 sets forth law that title passes to center of road unless reserved. Article 2 says see case of Shipley vs. Western Maryland Railway 99 Maryland 115 at page 121, Article 3 says 1892 Act was "codified" in Article 21, Section 5-114 Maryland Code, and Article 4 says 1892 Act is now codified in Maryland Code, Real Property, Section 2-114.

Section 2-114 is as follows: Unless a contrary intention appears in the deed, will, or other instrument, if any deed, will, or other instrument grants or bequeaths land binding on any street or highway, or if any street or highway is one or more of the lines of the land, the deed, will, or other instrument passes to the legatee, donee, or grantee, all the right, title, and interest of the testator, donor, or grantor in the street or highway.

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Except that to the extent the testator, donor, or grantor owns other land on the opposite side of the street or highway, the deed, will or other instrument passes the right, title, and interest of the testator, donor, or grantor only to the center of that portion of the street or highway on which the two or more tracts coextensively bind.

Even though your property runs into the center of wharf Road, by the Acts of 1892 you must make a request to the County Executive for a formal road closing petition whereas the owner's of the subdivision properties can relinquish any right, title, and interest into the bed of Wharf Road by due process of law.

This right-of-way has been used in excess of 20 years. The record plat indicates that it was laid out in 1925 which further substantiates the fact that you will still need a formal road closing by the County Executive.

Very truly yours,

George H. Hummel, Régional Supervisor Eastern Regional Health Center Bureau of Environmental Services

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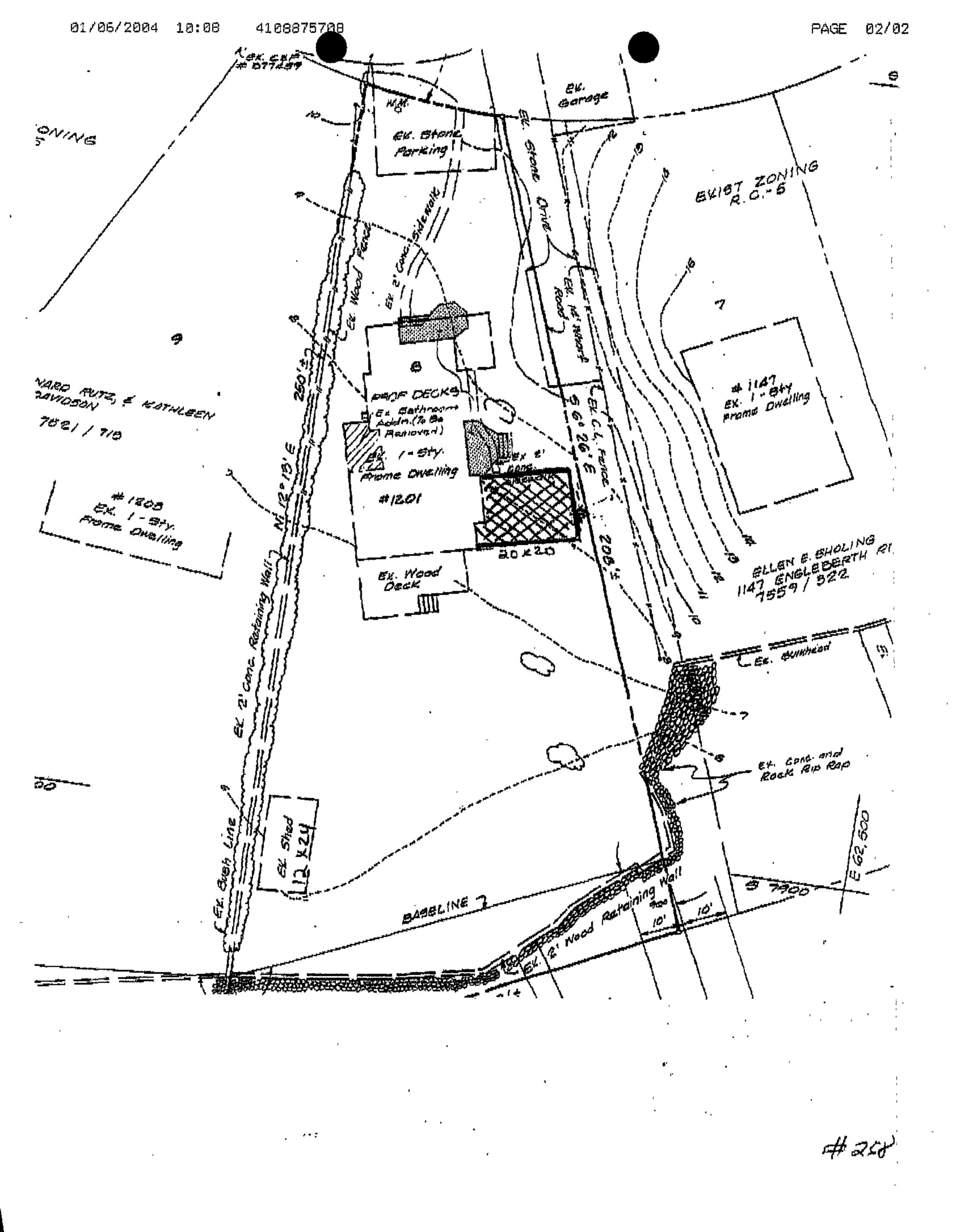
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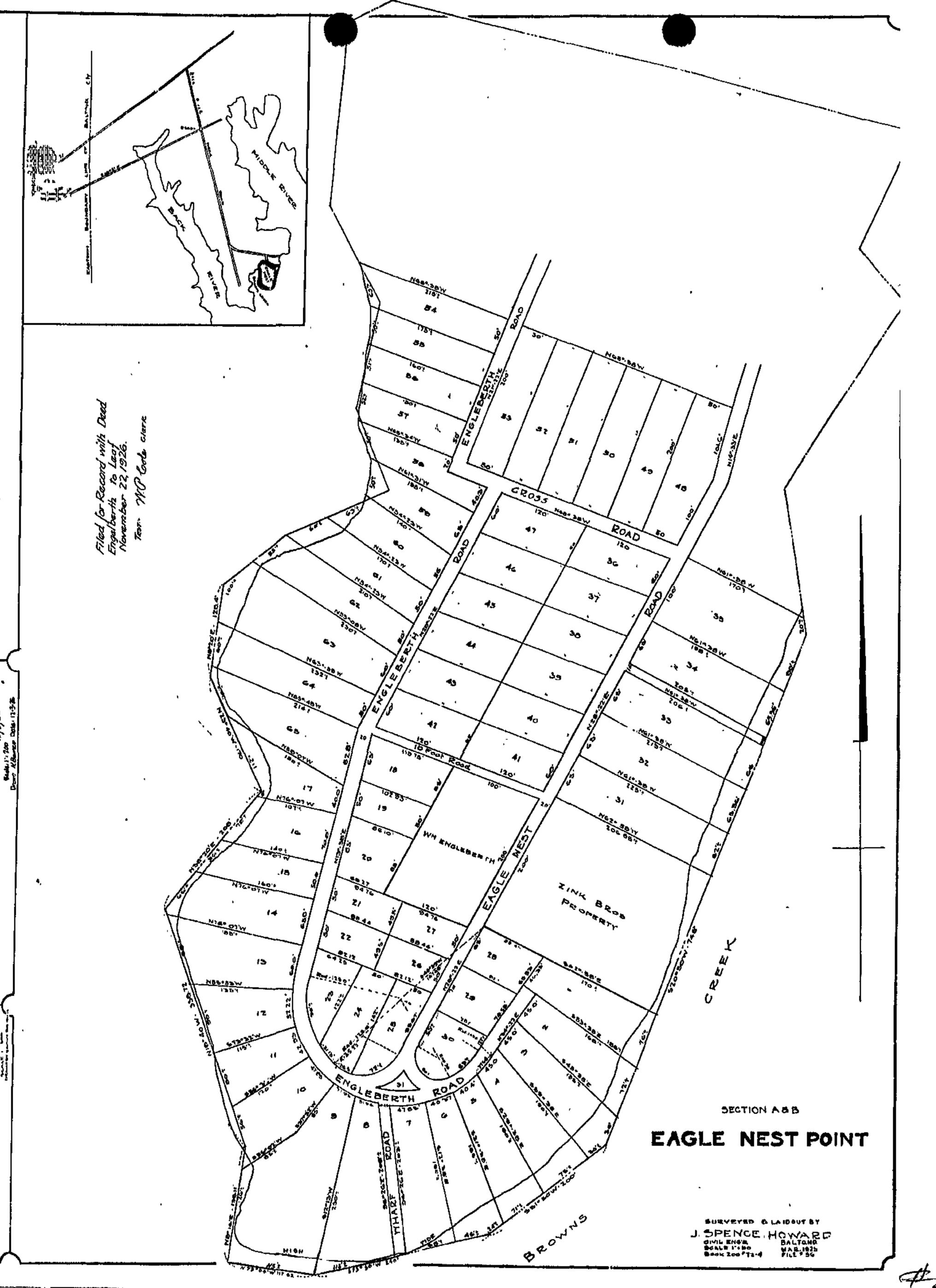
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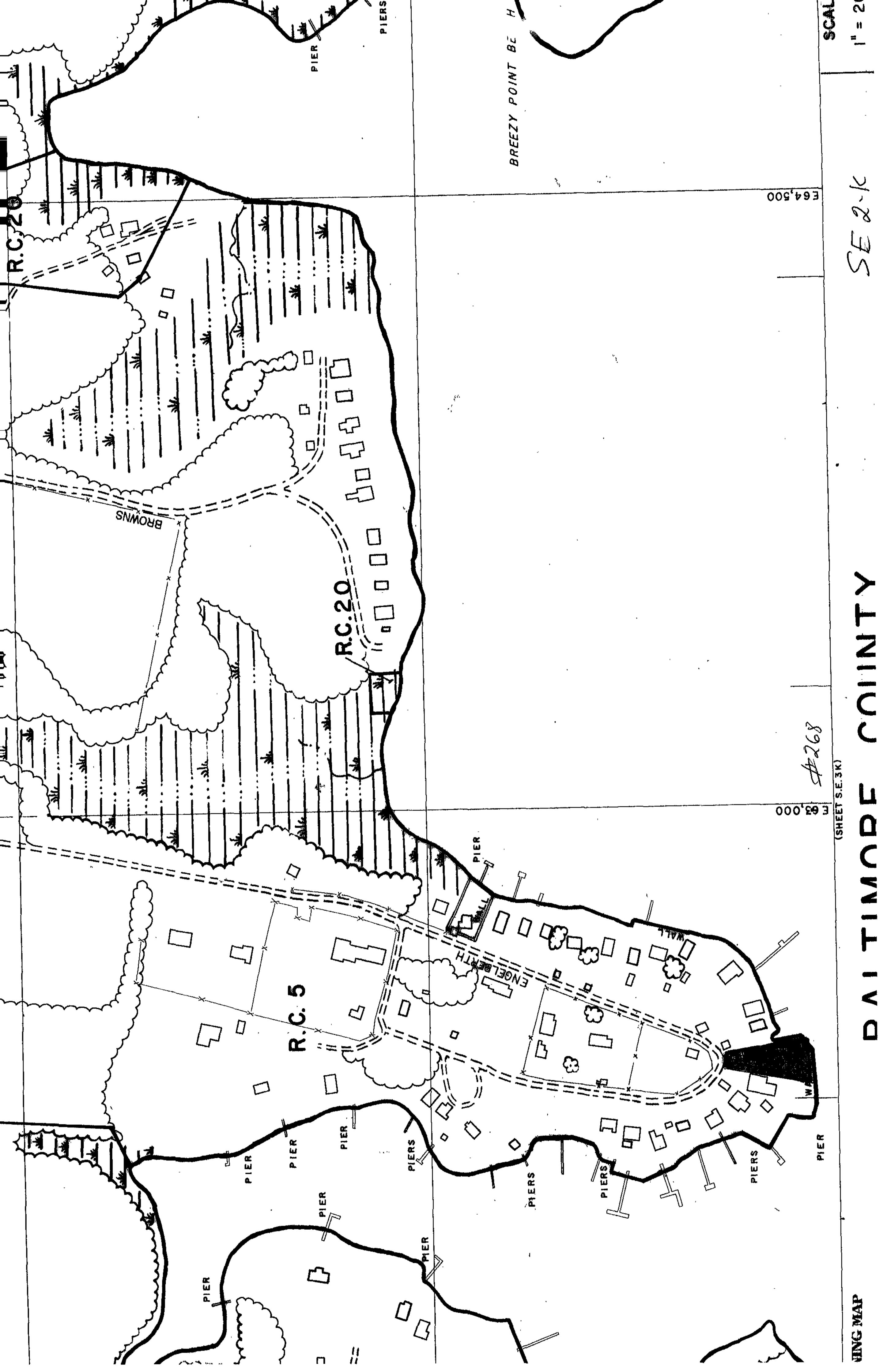
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