IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

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3rd Election District

2nd Councilmanic District

(1840 Greenspring Valley Road)

Joan & Evan Deoul Petitioners

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 05-467-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, Joan and Evan Deoul. The administrative variance is requested for property located at 1840 Greenspring Valley Road in the Stevenson area of Baltimore County. The administrative variance request is from Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit an addition (garage attached by breezeway) with a side yard setback of 6 ft. in lieu of the required 35 ft. 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 on March 26, 2005, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: None.

Applicable Law

Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. – Variances.

"The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where

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special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance."

Upon review of this Petition the Planning Office requested evidence that the property was unique in a zoning sense and the undersigned requested clarification that the proposes addition could not be located on the property without a variance. The Petitioner responded in his April 26, 2005 letter which outlines the problems locating the addition elsewhere on the property.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 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.

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, I find that the requested variance should be GRANTED.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 27 day of April, 2005, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioners' request for variance Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore

County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit an addition (garage attached by breezeway) with a side yard setback of 6 ft. in lieu of the required 35 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which is a condition 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;

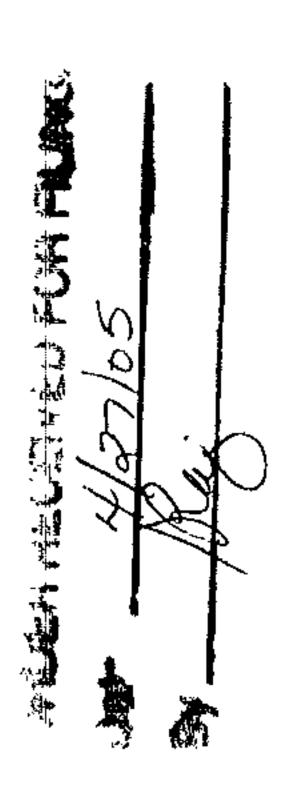
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

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
William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

April 27, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Evan Deoul 1840 Greenspring Valley Road Stevenson, Maryland 21153

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance
Case No. 05-467-A
Property: 1840 Greenspring Valley Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deoul:

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

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1840 GREENSPRING VALLEY ROAD

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EXAMPLE 3 -- Zoning Description

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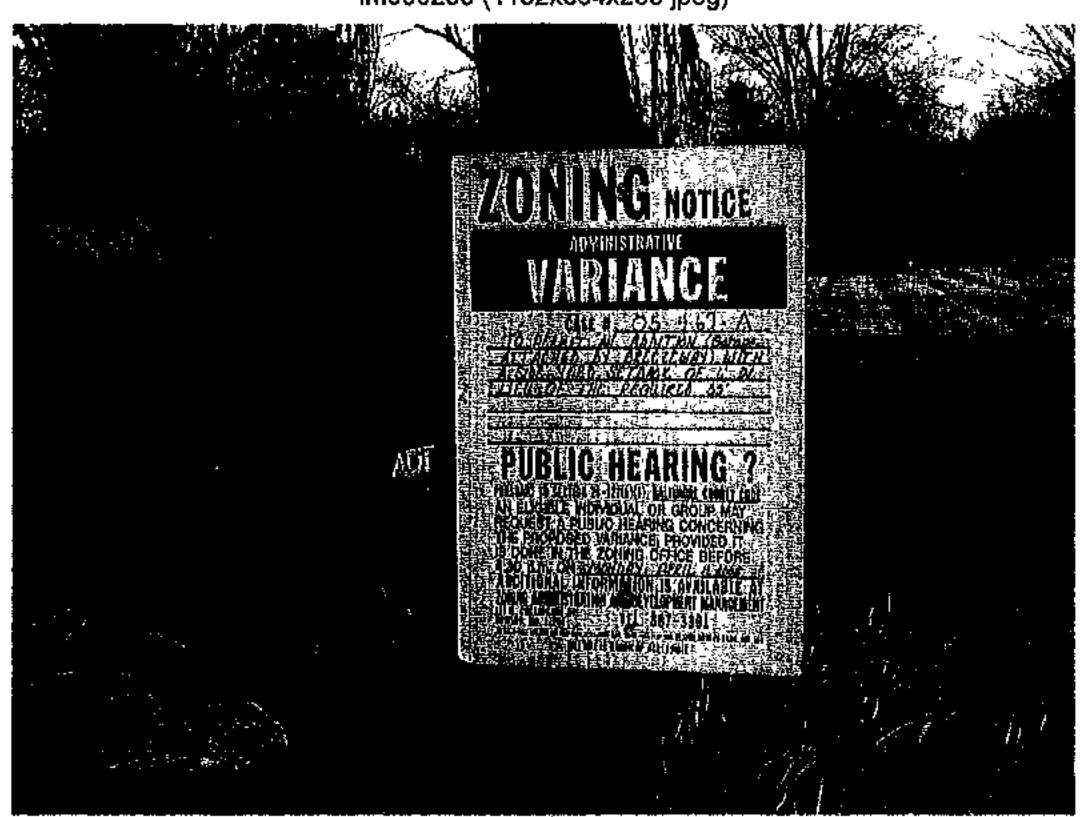
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

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.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number 05- 467 -A Address 1840 Greenspring Valley Pel.
Contact Person: JUN FERNANDO Phone Number: 410-887-3391 Planner, Please Print Your Name
Filing Date: 3-18-05 Posting Date: 3-27-05 Closing Date: 4-11-05
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.
POSTING/COST: The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. Any reposting must be done only by one of the sign posters on the approved list and the petitioner is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closing date.
2. <u>DEADLINE:</u> The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification (typically within 7 to 10 days of the closing date) as to whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.
POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING AND REPOSTING: In cases that must go to a public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner), notification will be forwarded to you. The sign on the property must be changed giving notice of the hearing date, time and location. As when the sign was originally posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded to this office.
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Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only
USE THE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE SIGN FORMAT
Case Number 05- 467 -A Address 1840 Greenspring Valley Rd. Petitioner's Name EVAN 1 JOAN DEDUL Telephone 410-602-0936
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Department of Permits and Development Management

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





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

April 11, 2005

Evan C. Deoul 1840 Greenspring Valley Road Stevenson, Maryland 21153

Dear Mr. Deoul:

RE: Case Number: 05-467-A, 1840 Greenspring Valley Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on March 18, 2005.

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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

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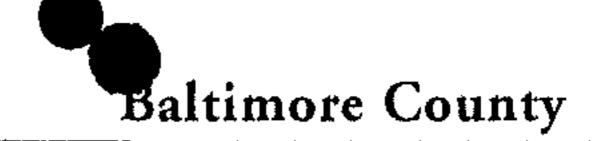


Visit the County's Website at www.baltimorecountyonline.info

Fire Department

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





James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive John J. Hohman, Chief

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

March 29,2005

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting of April 4, 2005

Item No. 458, 459, 460, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472,

Pursuant to your request, the above referenced plan(s) have been reviewed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

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

Acting Lt. Warren T. Moffitt Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4880 MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: April 19, 2005

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Acting Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 4, 2002

Item No. 459, 463, 464, 465, 467,

469, 470, 472

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

DATE: April 6, 2005

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FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT:

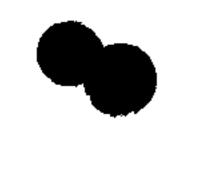
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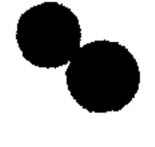
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Division Chief:

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

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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 3.25.05

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

RE:

Baltimore County
Item No. 447

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Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the referenced item and have no objection to approval. Our review has determined that no construction is required within the State Highway Administration's right-of-way.

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,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Engineering Access Permits Division



From: Evan C. Deoul Date: April 26, 2005

Subject: Case No. 05-467-A, 1840 Greenspring Valley Road

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I appreciate your review of my variance request and I appreciate an opportunity to respond to your questions.

My wife and I take this request very seriously. We thought long and hard about this garage location prior to submitting the request. Unfortunately, we have quite a few constraints on our property that are unique and greatly limit our options. While our house is located on almost 2 acres, the location and alignment of the house is on the "short side" of a rectangle, almost directly in the middle. In addition, the property has a significant number of very mature trees, at least 75-100 years old. Please refer to the drawing provided to support the description below, and please note the 35' B.R.L and the 75' B.R.L.

We considered multiple options: One option would be to locate the garage (20'x30') in the front yard. This would be extremely difficult. We have the well at one end, the septic tank is in the front middle, and there is a stream that runs along the front property line that provides a very "wet" area. In addition, there is approximately a 15' elevation drop off from the house to the stream. We also considered the "Greenspring Valley Road" side of the house. This area is very tight between the house and the road and would also require a variance. Finally, we considered the rear of the house. There is a pool in the back center and stone walkway around the pool area. There is also a 30' x 30' mature English garden with 5 trees adjacent to the pool. The rear corner of the property is lined with very mature trees. Any positioning of the garage in the rear would also require a variance to the property line.

We submitted this variance after much due diligence of the project, and in consultation with our neighbors. We have provided the letters from our neighbors with their full support of our efforts. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request and would be happy to discuss any additional questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Evan C. Deoul

February 22, 2005

Mr. Evan Deoul 1840 Greenspring Valley Rd Stevenson, MD 21153

RE: Improvements to 1840 Greenspring Valley Rd.

Dear Evan,

We are in support of your projected home improvements based on the plans reviewed. Please let us know if you need any help from us.

Sincerely,

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Owner - (1862 Greenspring Valley Rd)

February 25, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I (Francis W. Smith) share a boundary line with Evan Deoul. About two months ago I reviewed some plans he had for an addition to his house and a garage. The location of the garage was close to the boundary line, but did not cross it. I was comfortable with the location of the garage in the plans. I currently do not object to the garage placement if it is still in the same place as on the plans I saw.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Smith 1924 Club Rd. Stevenson, Md 21153

Zoning Commissioner

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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

April 20, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Evan C. Deoul 1840 Greenspring Valley Road Stevenson, Maryland 21153

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 05-467-A

Property: 1840 Greenspring Valley Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deoul:

I have been given your request for administrative variance to review. I received the attached comment from the Office of Planning, which asks you to show some special circumstance or condition on your property.

My question is more mundane. It appears that you have almost two acres, and I was wondering why you could not locate the new garage elsewhere on your property so that there would be no need to request a variance to come within 6 ft. of your property line.

It would be appreciated if you would respond to the recommendation in writing to the undersigned. Once I receive your reasons supporting your request, I can then make my decision and prepare an Order.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at 410-887-3868.

Very truly yours,

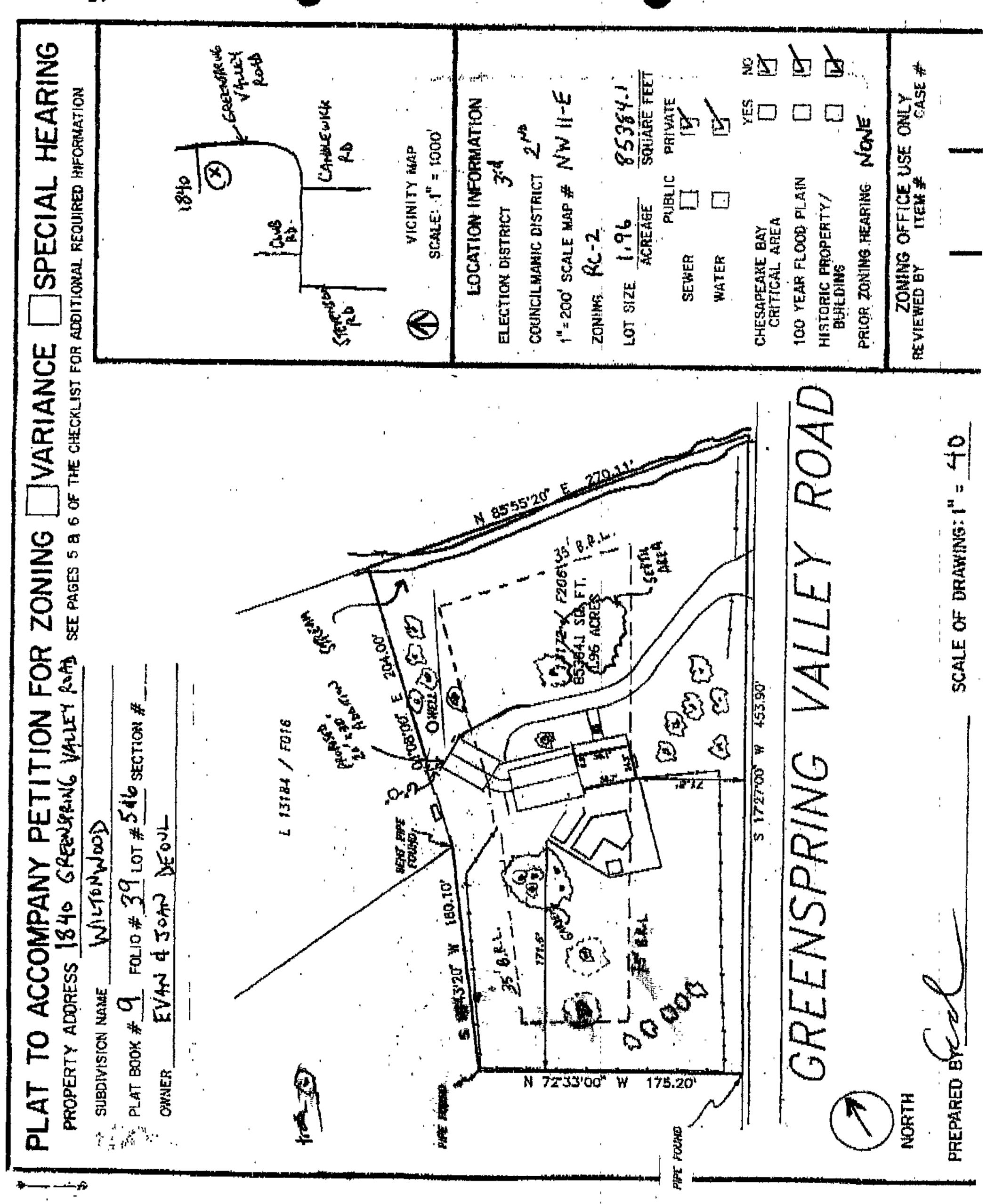
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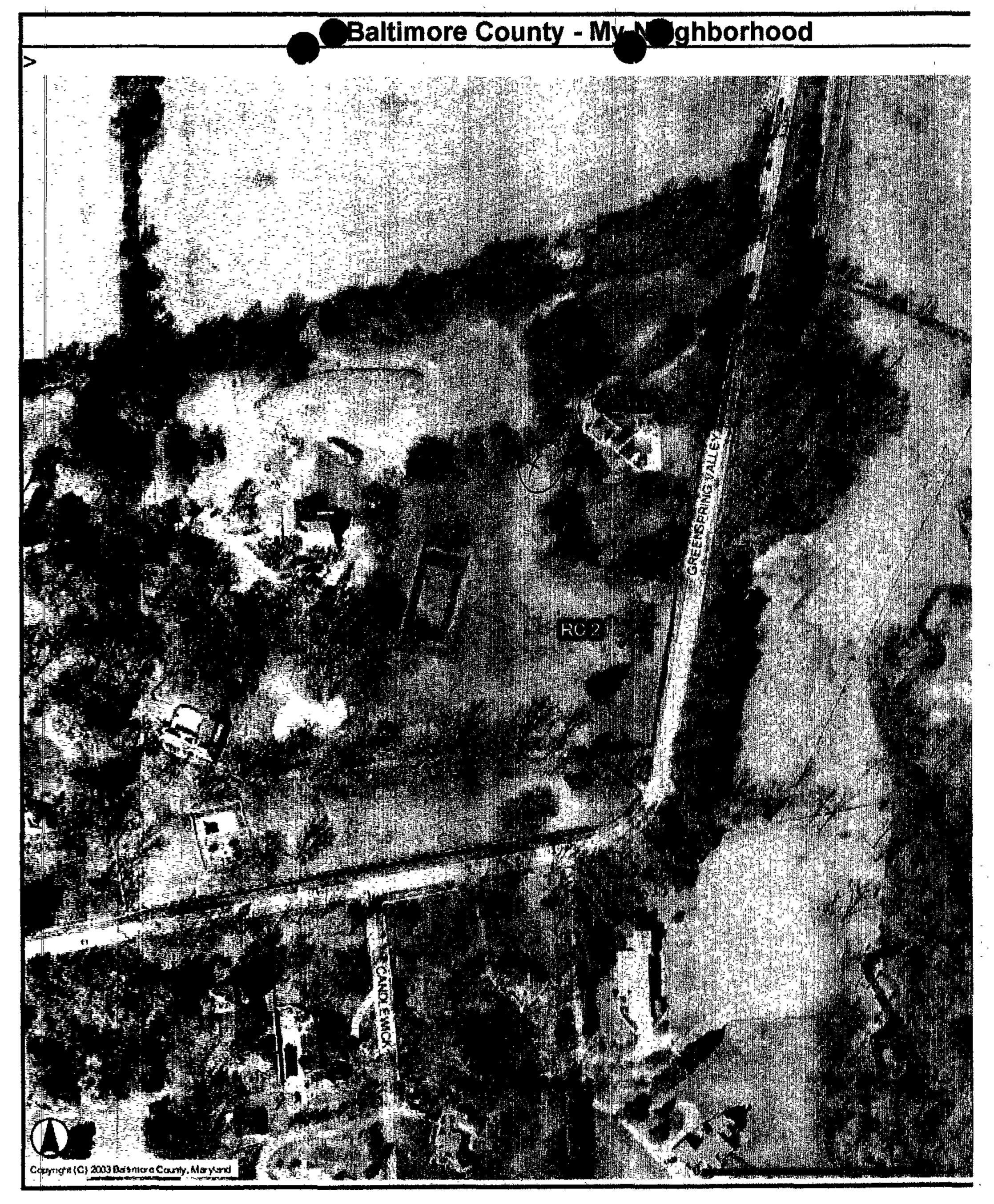
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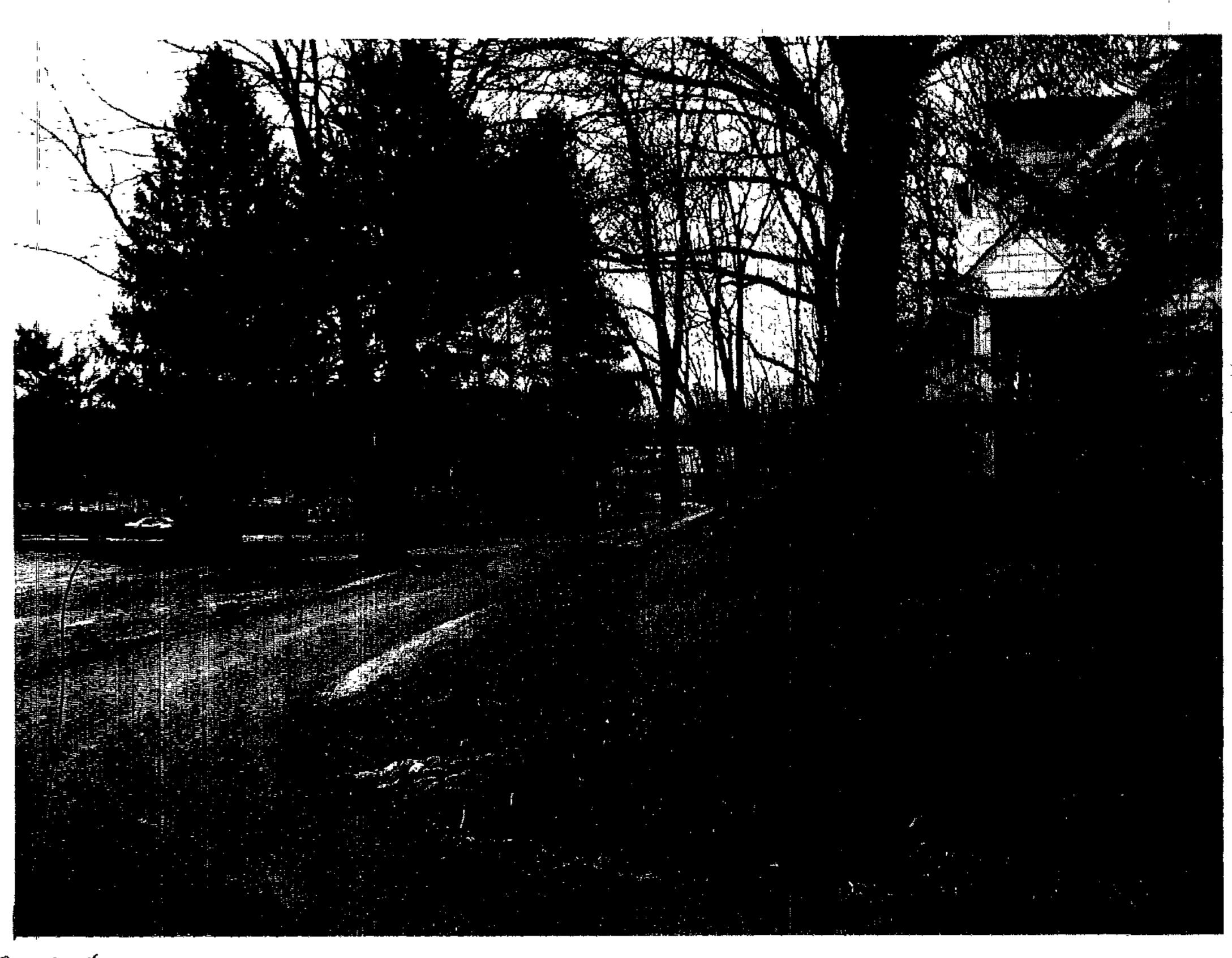


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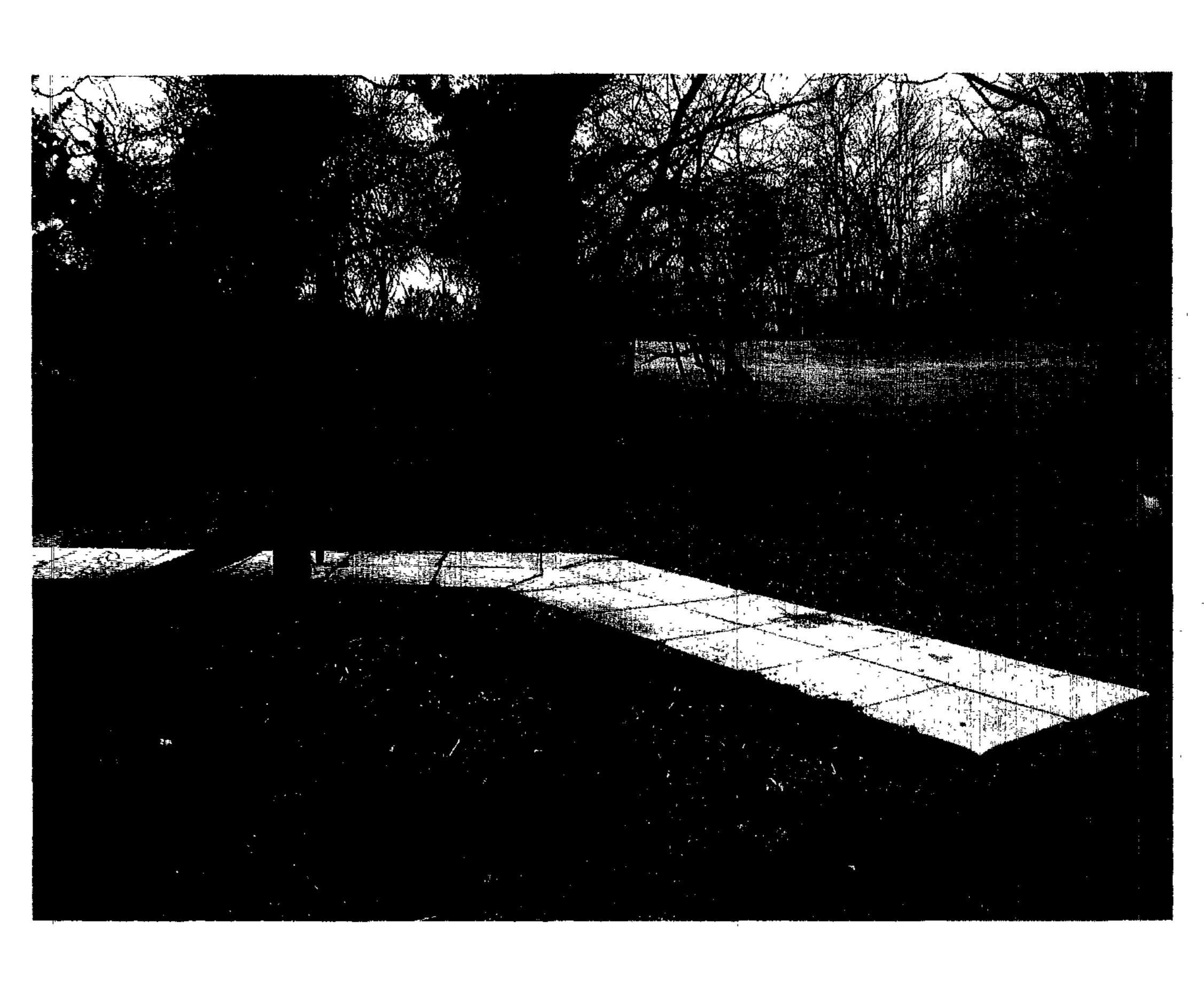
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