IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING
E/S New Gerst Road, north of
Joppa Road East
11<sup>th</sup> Election District
5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District
(MEADOWS AT HONEYGO)

Highland Development Corporation

Developer/Petitioner.

\* BEFORE THE

\* HEARING OFFICER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. XI-1004 and Case No. 06-623-HSA

HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County, as a requested approval of a Development Plan known as "Meadows at Honeygo", prepared by Little & Associates, Inc. The Developer is proposing the development of the subject property into 63 single-family residential units on  $28.39 \pm acres$  of land zoned DR-2H and DR-3.5H. The subject property is located on the east side of New Gerst Road, north of Joppa Road East.

The Petitioner is also requesting a Honeygo Special Variance and Variance under Case No. 06-0623-HAS described as follows:

Honeygo Special Variance to permit the issuance of residential building permits for construction

of single family homes as shown on the development plan entitled "Meadows at Honeygo" and any and all amendments thereto approved or proposed; and the conveyance of sewage from one subarea to another to serve the proposed development; for such further relief as the nature of this case and the proposed improvements shown graphically and textually on the "Meadows at Honeygo" development plan may require, all as shown more particularly on the Plat to accompany this petition.



<u>Variance</u> to permit building face to building face/sum side of side yards of 17 feet for the houses on lots 2/3, 12 feet for the houses on lots 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 15 feet for the houses on lots 11/12 in lieu of the required 20 feet; and a 22 foot separation for the houses on lots 14/15 in lieu of the required 30 feet.

Regarding the HOH, the property was posted with Notice of Hearing Officer's Hearing on June 27, 2006, for 20 working days prior to the hearing, in order to notify all interested citizens of the date and location of the hearing. In addition the file contains a certificate that the Developer mailed notice of the date and time of the Hearing Officer's Hearing on July 28, 2006.

Regarding the request for variances, the property was posted with a notice of the time and date of the public hearing on July 11, 2006, notice of the request for Special Variance given by way of publication in the Jeffersonian Newspaper on July 11, 2006 and notice of the Special Variance and Variance requests given by way of publication in the "Baltimore Sun" newspaper on July 13, 2006.

As to the history of the project, a Concept Plan Conference was held on August 1, 2005. A Community Input Meeting was held on August 31, 2005 at the White Marsh Public Library. A Development Plan Conference followed on July 5, 2006. A Hearing Officer's Hearing for this development was held on July 27, 2006 in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Development Plan approval request were Carl Wilson, traffic engineer, Dwight Little, professional engineer, and Richard Demmitt from the Highland Development Corporation. Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire, represented the Petitioners.

Attending the hearing as interested citizens and protestants were Bill Libercci, who represented the Perry Hall Improvement Association, Frank Fox, James Padden, Mike Hartnett, John and Janice Likens, Peter Filsinger, Ed Klingenstein, Jim Blum, Joseph Wendel, Pat Martin, John Grimes, and Dennis Ekert. Frank Borgerding, Esquire, represented the Glenside Farms Community Association who supported the Developers' request on condition that the July 27, 2006 agreement between the Developer and Association be incorporated in the Order

Also in attendance were representatives of the various Baltimore County reviewing agencies; namely, Dennis Kennedy (Development Plans Review), William Minor (Bureau of Land Acquisition), Darryl Putty, (Project Manager), and Bruno Rualitis (Zoning Review) all from the Office of Permits & Development Management; Dawn Muddiman, Fire Department; Jeff Livingston from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM); Jennifer German from the Office of Planning; and Bruce Gill from the Department of Recreation & Parks.

### **Developer Issues**

The Developer presented no issues for resolution. Mr. Alderman noted that the request for side yard setback variances arose because of requests by the Office of Planning and the Glenside Farms Community Association to reduce the number of houses on Gerst Road with direct access to that road as reflected in a written agreement to be presented. He also pointed out that the Developer will restore Forge Haven Drive after installing a large pipe.

### **County Issues**

Each of the reviewing agencies indicated that the Development Plan met all County regulations with the following exceptions and highlights:

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### Recreation and Parks

The representative of the Department indicated that Local Open Space is required for the development is 63,000 square feet, or approximately 1.5 acres. He noted the Developer is providing 94,000 square feet of local open space and that the ratio of active to passive space meets the regulations.

### Planning Office

The representative of the Office indicated that the plan met the regulations for which the Office is responsible. The Office did not oppose either the request for special variance or variance under the circumstances. She indicated that her Office worked with the Developer and community to reduce the number of driveways for the homes on Gerst Road which resulted in the Developer moving several houses closer together to achieve shared driveways. These homes have side entry garages, a fact which dictates the distance between homes. She noted that granting the request for side yard variance will not increase the number of homes in any way.

Sixty-three (63) homes were proposed by the Developer initially and 63 are being proposed with the shared driveway design. Mr. Wendel from the Glenside Farms Community Association indicated that his Association was happy with the revised design which eliminated separate access from houses on Gerst Road.

The representative noted that the revised Redline Development Plan meets the residential performance standards for Honeygo as shown on the development plan and the revised pattern book, Developer's exhibit 2. In response to questions she noted that the County Zoning Regulations do not control what price the builder will ask for homes but the builder will be bound to build according to the pattern book. Mr. Padden expressed concern that there would be no place to park vehicles of guests coming to the new homes on Gerst Road. Mr. Alderman

pointed out that the development plan shows that the Developer's side of Gerst Road will be improved and widened so that there will be enough space for two way traffic and parked cars along Gerst Road.

In regard to school impact analysis, she indicated that the Planning Office had redrafted its proposed regulations to implement the new school impact legislation and will have a second public hearing on August 1, 2006. Thereafter the Office expects to adopt revised school impact regulations which can then be applied to this development. Consequently the Planning Office requested the record of this case be kept open until a full review of the impact of this development can be made. The Developer agreed. Neither the Developer or the County waived its right to a public hearing on this issue should the parties not agree on the results.

Mr. Filsinger pointed out that Chapel Hill Elementary School already has two modular classrooms, that four more were planned and there seems to be no limit to the number of modular classrooms before declaring the school overcrowded. He expressed concern for the safety of the children who had to go outside to get to the mobile classrooms. He also pointed out that there were many new developments going on in the immediate area, that this development is designed to attract families with children and that each family will have many vehicles which will increase the traffic in the area. Mr. Libercci opined that the Hearing Officer has the power to curtail overcrowding in adjoining schools and school capacity should not be the determining factor in this decision.

Mr. Alderman gave a summary of the recent changes to the school impact requirements which take other developments in the pipeline into account and discussed the threshold for State aid for school construction. He noted that the State will contribute to building a new school when

the number of students reaches 120% of rated capacity and that the County reduced its threshold to 115 %.

On August 1, 2006 the representative of the Planning Office indicated in a memorandum that the Office reviewed the school impact analysis presented by the Developer, found that Chapel Hill Elementary School and Perry Hall High School would exceed State Rated Capacity considering the projects in the pipeline, but that there was spare capacity in adjacent school districts to which students could go and which would not make these districts exceed 115 %. This analysis included the Cowenton North project as a worst case which had not been approved by the time the subject development was considered. The representative explained that there was no way to know which development would be approved first so to be sure of spare capacity, both of this and Cowenton North were included in the analysis.

### Bureau of Development Plans Review (Public Works)

The representative of the Department indicated that the plan met the regulations for which the Department of Public Works is responsible. He noted that the Department did not object to diverting sewerage from the Honeygo subarea to the Bean Run subarea as there was sufficient capacity in the receiving subarea to handle the added sewerage.

He denied there is any immediate County plan to improve Cunnie Avenue. He indicated the request to acquire property along Cunnie Avenue from this Developer were simply attempts to obtain added rights of way in case this would ever be needed in the future. Ms. Martin expressed concern that Cunnie Avenue would be damaged when the pipe for this development is installed. Mr. Alderman indicated that all roads impacted by the development would be restored including Glen Summit Drive. He noted as the result of the agreement with the community, Glenfield Road is to be blocked off permanently and the stop sign at Glen Summit Drive and

Glenfield Road will be relocated. Finally Ms. Martin expressed concern that Cunnie Avenue which is only 9 feet wide will be used during the construction phase of this project. Mr. Little stated that the only use of Cunnie was to install a storm drain in the roadbed and again the Developer will restore the road.

The representative of the Department noted that the Department wanted the Developer to improve New Gerst Lane from proposed Road B to Good Spring Drive. However some property owners along New Gerst objected to the idea and consequently the Developer will have to design the improvements only. See redline note on Development Plan. Mr. Klingenstein indicated that he would get neighbors along New Gerst Lane to review the proposed improvements as presently the road was in poor condition.

Members of the community expressed concern regarding off site improvements to Gerst Roadsincluding sidewalks, that all infrastructure be in place before this development can begin, and concerns about interruptions in service during construction. Mr. Padden presented a letter dated July 25, 2006 from the Shadowcreek Homeowners Association (protestants exhibit 1) opposing the requested variances on the basis that this would allow more homes on the property and expressing concerns about traffic safety of homes along Gerst Avenue with divert access to the roadway. Mr. Alderman pointed out that no increase in density was being proposed as the result of the side yard variances and that the houses were simply moved closer together as requested by the Planning Office. He also noted that while some homes were closer together the side yards on the other side of the house is proportionately wider. The lot widths and depths are exactly the same. Only the houses have moved.

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### Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

The representative of the Department indicated that the redline development plan addressed all DEPRM issues. Ms. Likens requested a class A screening on the south side of the storm water management pond. Mr. Alderman noted this was required under the Landscape Manual. Members of the community expressed concern regarding blasting to dig the ponds, runoff and sediment during construction, and air quality during construction. In regard to the latter, he presented photographs of dust and debris from the construction of the nearby Baltimore Air Park. See protestants' exhibit 2. In regard to questions about storm water drainage onto Glenside Farms, Mr. Alderman noted that storm water management standards are more strict now than when Glenside Farms subdivision was approved. The representative indicated that the County will maintain the storm water ponds on the property once accepted from the Developer.

### Zoning Review

The representative of the Office indicated that the plan met the regulations for which the Office is responsible if the variances requested are granted.

Mr. Libercci from the Perry Hall Improvement Association notes that there are no building permits in the Bean Run subarea. Mr. Padden expressed concern regarding the aesthetics of the proposed homes along Gerst Road in particular that the houses are too close to the road. The representative of the Zoning Office confirmed that proposed design conforms to the zoning regulations. Mr. Alderman noted that the only homes for which variances are being requested are those along Gerst Road.



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### Land Acquisition

The representative of the Department indicated that the development plan meets the regulations for which the Department is responsible and that the property is transected by a US utilities right of way which must be addressed prior to record plat.

### Fire Department

The representative of the Department indicated that the development plan met the regulations for which the Department is responsible. He noted that mobile classrooms at schools in the County must meet life safety codes including how many persons are allowed in any particular room. Mr. Hartnett expressed his concern that the proposed development would overload the Police and Fire Departments.

### Community Concerns

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Mr. Borgerding who represents the Glenside Farms Community Association indicated that the Developer and the Association reached agreement which he asked be incorporated into the Order of this case so as to be enforceable by the County. See Developer exhibit 3, Agreement between the Developer and Association dated July 27, 2006. He opined that not to accept the agreement and associated variances would be harmful to the health, safety and welfare of the community. Mr. Alderman noted that all terms of the agreement are included on the development plan and that the side yard variance request were made by the Developer at the request of the Planning Office and community.

Mr. Libercci indicated that he was instructed by the Perry Hall Improvement Association to oppose the side yard variances as well as the special variances but upon hearing the case for the side yard setback, he does not oppose the side yard variances. He also indicated that he did

not oppose that part of the special variance concerning having sewerage from the Honeygo subarea go to the Bean Run subarea as long all is done by gravity.

That said Mr. Libercei indicated his strong objection to that part of the special variance request having to do with accelerating the issuance of building permits. He indicated that the County Council took away the Zoning Commissioner's power to grant special variances except when the property was in two subareas. He indicated that infrastructure is not in place to allow this development to proceed until it is ready.

In response Mr. Alderman indicated that the Honeygo regulations which control the timing of building permits are specifically tied to capital road and sewer projects but not school overcrowding. He proffered that the flow of capital projects in Honeygo has been different from that portrayed in the statute where building authorizations are tied to completion of specific projects. Capital projects have been completed ahead of "schedule" in some cases which should permit development to proceed.

He noted that Bill 79-03 eliminated the Zoning Commissioner's power to grant special variances except where the property is bisected by a subarea boundary. This property falls in that category and special variances are allowed.

Mr. Libercci indicated that the Honeygo systems are fully loaded now due in a large part to special variances issued in the past by this Commission which allowed projects to proceed in an accelerated pace. Mr. Alderman denied this assertion and indicated there was no evidence that accelerating projects in Honeygo had been detrimental to the community.

Applicable Law

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§ 32-4-228. SAME – CONDUCT OF THE HEARING.

(a) Hearing conducted on unresolved comment or condition.



- (1) The Hearing Officer shall take testimony and receive evidence regarding any unresolved comment or condition that is relevant to the proposed Development Plan, including testimony or evidence regarding any potential impact of any approved development upon the proposed plan.
- (2) The Hearing Officer shall make findings for the record and shall render a decision in accordance with the requirements of this part.
- (b) Hearing conduct and operation. The Hearing Officer:
  - (i) Shall conduct the hearing in conformance with Rule IV of the Zoning Commissioner's rules;
  - (ii) Shall regulate the course of the hearing as the Hearing Officer considers proper, including the scope and nature of the testimony and evidence presented; and
  - (iii) May conduct the hearing in an informal manner.

### § 32-4-229. SAME – DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER.

- (a) Final decision.
  - (1) (i) The Hearing Officer shall issue the final decision within 15 days after the conclusion of the final hearing held on the Development Plan.
    - (iii) The Hearing Officer shall file an opinion which includes the basis of the Hearing Officer's decision.
  - (2) If a final decision is not rendered within 15 days:
    - (i) The Development Plan shall be deemed approved as submitted by the applicant; and
    - (ii) The Hearing Officer shall immediately notify the participants that:
      - 1. The Development Plan is deemed approved; and
      - 2. The appeal period began on the fifteenth day after the conclusion of the final hearing.
- (b) Appeals. A final decision of the Hearing Officer on a Development Plan may be appealed to the Board of Appeals in accordance with Part VIII of this subtitle.
- (c) Conditions imposed by Hearing Officer.
  - (1) This subsection does not apply to a Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development.
  - (2) In approving a Development Plan, the Hearing Officer may impose any conditions if a condition:



(i) Protects the surrounding and neighboring properties;

(ii) Is based upon a comment that was raised or a condition that was proposed or requested by a participant;

(iii) Is necessary to alleviate an adverse impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the community that would be present without the condition; and

(iv) Does not reduce by more than 20 %:

- 1. The number of dwelling units proposed by a residential Development Plan in a DR 5.5., DR 10.5, or DR 16 zone; or
- 2. The square footage proposed by a non-residential Development Plan.
- (3) The Hearing Officer shall base the decision to impose a condition on factual findings that are supported by evidence.

Section 32-4-220 (b) 1 of the B.C.Z.R. Decision of the Hearing Officer.

The Hearing Officer shall grant approval of a Development Plan that complies with these development regulations and applicable policies, rules and regulations promulgated adopted in accordance with Article 3, Title 7 of the Code, provided that the final approval of a plan shall be subject to all appropriate standards, rules, regulations, conditions, and safeguards set forth therein.

### 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 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."



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### **Testimony and Evidence**

The subject property contains 28+ acres zoned DR-2H and DR-3.5 H. The site is open meadow with some existing structures on the site. The current use of the site is agricultural and residential. There is an overhead utility line that runs through the site.

Mr. Little indicated that the redline development plan, Developer's exhibit 1, (three sheets) reflects the changes that were made in response to input from the Glenside Farms Community Association, the development to the east. These changes were made to reduce the number of homes having direct access to Gerst Road. Houses on Gerst Road were moved together to permit a common driveway between homes but the lot sizes remained the same. Thus there was no density change. In addition the plan shows the agreement between the Developer and Association to request the agreement dated July 27, 2006 and entered into evidence as Developer's exhibit 3, to be incorporated into the Order of this case, a tot lot in the active open space area, barricades in Glenfield Road, and construction of traffic calming devices in Glen Summit Drive. The redline changes also resulted from review by County agencies.

Mr. Klingenstein, a nearby property owner, presented a list of 23 requests to the Developer and County which were accepted a protestants' exhibit 3. He indicated that he did not object to the development of the property as such but wanted the impact of construction and the plan mitigated by the Developer and/or the County. He presented photographs of problems other developers have caused the community including air pollution during construction. Mr. Alderman, after reviewing the list, indicated that many requests were required by the BCC or development regulations, some were addressed by the redline plan and some were opposite of the terms of the agreement negotiated with the Glenside Community Association.

At the request of the undersigned Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Klingenstein presented his list of 23 requests to the Department of Public Works after the hearing as the representative of the Department was not present when the list was presented at the hearing. In response the representative of the Department, gave his response to the list which is included in the file as County exhibit 1. In summary the representative noted that the Developer had to agree to certain items, the County already requires the request to be done as standard operating procedure and that this request exceeds County regulations. This response was sent to Mr. Alderman as the Developer's representative on August 4, 2006. On August 10, 2006 Mr. Alderman responded by letter that some of the requests were unrealistic, some were not authorized by statute and the Developer did not agree to some requests as indicated on the detailed response to the list of request. He objected to any request being incorporated into the Order of this case.

In regard to the requests for variance, Mr. Little noted that in response to requests from the community, the homes along Gerst Road were pushed closer together to allow common driveways between two homes, which resulted in the distance between homes being less than the minimum 20 feet. Specifically the requests are for the building face to building face/sum side of side yards of 17 feet for the houses on lots 2/3, 12 feet for the houses on lots 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 15 feet for the houses on lots 11/12 in lieu of the required 20 feet, and a 22 foot separation for the houses on lots 14/15 in lieu of the required 30 feet. Mr. Little opined that the property was unique from a zoning standpoint due to its irregular shape, and being constrained by the US Government easement for power transmission. He noted that the request for reduction in face to face distance for the homes on Gerst Road is made to accommodate concerns by the Planning Office and community to reduce the number of curb cuts on Gerst Road. He observed that even though there would be less building face to face distance, there would be no increase in density

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as the homes were simply moved closer together. This is the same number of lots and homes with or without the variance.

With this explanation, Mr. Libercci indicated that his organization, the Perry Hall Improvement Association, had no objections to the requested variances.

In regard to the request for Honeygo Special Variances involving sewerage, Mr. Little noted that this property is bisected by the boundary between the Bean Run and Honeygo subareas. As such it qualifies as the exception to the recent Council prohibition against Honeygo Special Variances. In practice this means that sewerage from 15 homes in the Honeygo subarea will be taken by gravity to the Bean Run subarea. He noted that no forced systems such as grinder pumps would be required. As there is adequate capacity in the Bean Run sewerage system, there will be no adverse impact on the community. Mr. Libercci did not object to this request.

In regard to the Honeygo Special Variance for authorizations, Mr. Little noted that this request does not effect how many building permits will be issued but rather it is about timing. There is no impact on density. He noted that there are available authorizations in the Honeygo subarea but not in the Bean Run subarea. Consequently the Developer requests Special Variances for authorizations be issued for the homes in this project located in the Bean Run subarea. The Bean Run subarea authorizations are being held by completion of capital projects on Forge Road and Cross Road. Otherwise all other road construction, all open space and all water main projects are completed in Bean Run. Forge Road and Cross Road are in the engineering phase for road improvements between portions already improved by developers. So the question is what impact will 48 homes in the Bean Run subarea have on the Bean Run road system?

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Mr. Wilson, the Developer's traffic engineer, explained that most traffic from this project will go south to Joppa Road and thereafter to the large interstate and arterial roads to which Joppa connects. This includes trips to employment centers and shopping centers in the area. He noted that the main portion of Honeygo Boulevard has been completed ahead of schedule and the remaining portion will be completed shortly.

He opined that little if any traffic would wind its way from this project to the unfinished Forge or Cross Roads as shown on the area map, Developer's exhibit 4. Honeygo Boulevard is now complete to Forge Road. He indicated that there would be no adverse impact on the uncompleted portion of Forge and Cross Roads, threshold limits on capacity are not relevant to this situation and there will be no adverse impact on prior applicants. Mr. Libercei opposed this relief on the basis that infrastructure should be in place before developments are allowed to proceed.

### Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

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In regard to the requested variances, I find the property unique from a zoning standpoint due to its irregular shape and having the US power lines bisect the property. I further find that the Petitioner would suffer hardship or practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly enforced as the number of curb cuts on Gerst Road could not be reduced unless the distance between homes is reduced. Reduction of the number of curb cuts was a request of both the community and the Planning Office. Consequently this is one of the exceptions to the general rule that variances created by drawing new subdivision lines are self imposed and ordinarily not permitted. However this Commission has recognized several exceptions to this general rule among which is the "suggestion" by the government that a plan should be modified to serve a higher purpose but the result is a need for variances. This is exactly the situation in this case.

I further find that the Developer will not achieve greater density than otherwise would be allowed. In fact density is not affected by this request. The lots are the same size and number with or without the variance.

Finally I find the variances can be granted within the spirit and intent of the regulations and will not adversely affect the community. In fact the fewer curb cuts will hopefully increase safety as there are fewer locations from which residents of this development will come out onto Gerst Road.

In regard to the Honeygo Special Variances, I find that this property qualifies for the exception to the general prohibition against this Commission granting Special Variances specified by Bill 79-2003. The property is clearly bisected by the boundary between the Bean Run and Honeygo subareas.

Variance as the sewerage from homes in the Honeygo portion of the property can be sent to the Bean Run subarea by gravity and there is adequate sewer capacity in Bean Run. The representative of the Department of Public Works supported this request. I find that the sewer standard for the Honeygo subarea is not relevant to the proposal and granting this request will not adversely affect any prior applicant.

In regard to the request for Special Variance regarding authorizations, I accept the overwhelming evidence that little if any traffic will find its way to the unimproved portions of Forge or Cross Roads from this development. Clearly most employment, business and residential centers are south of this site. Also the major collector roads, arterials and interstates can be accessed by going south to Joppa Road. Again little traffic would flow north to get to these centers as shown by the area map Developer's exhibit 4. I have no reason to believe that

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granting this special variance would adversely affect a prior applicant.

However Mr. Libercci poses a different question. He opines that the exception to the general prohibition against Special Variances is limited to those projects where the subarea boundary is relevant. The boundaries are ridge lines. Clearly sewer issues are relevant to this boundary as getting sewerage to flow over the ridge into the next subarea is a boundary issue which the Council could carve out as an exception. But would the timing of authorizations be related to such a boundary?

After considering the arguments on both sides it now is clear to me that there is a connection, a nexus between the boundary and authorizations. I think the Council recognized the problem of a project split between subareas would have to proceed according to each subarea timetable. In practice these could be very different which again in practice would mean that projects on the same property would have to proceed in phases. This is not practical or efficient in many cases. In the subject case 48 homes would be on schedule A while 15 homes would be on an entirely different schedule. I do not believe the Council intended this result and therefore carved out an exception for projects split by subarea boundaries so that project could be built in one step provided there would not be an adverse impact on the infrastructure. I find that the yet to be completed improvements to Cross and Forge Roads will not be affected by this project. Consequently I will approve the requests for authorizations as well as sewerage.

Finally the Development Plan reflects the agreement with the Glenside Farms community as shown in Developer's exhibit 3. Mr. Borgerding asks that this agreement be incorporated into the Order for this development and thus be enforceable by the County. I note by copy of correspondence from Mr. Alderman to the County Attorney dated July 31, 2006 that a copy of the agreement and request for incorporation was forwarded to the County for review. I know of

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no objection from the County to such incorporation.

Finally Mr. Klingenstein made 23 requests of the County and/or the Developer which I can best characterize as his trying to prevent injury to the community while the subject development is being constructed and thereafter. I can understand his concern. For example dust from construction of a similar project clearly was a real problem as shown by his photographs, protestants exhibit 2. First and foremost he indicated that he wanted to bring this and the other problems to everyone's attention. He has accomplished this goal.

His solution to this specific concern is given as request 13 of protestants exhibit 3. He requires a water truck on site at all times, to apply water three or more times each day and the County to maintain an inspector on site at all times. Neither the County nor the Developer agree to this request. As pointed out by the representative of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has cognizance of air borne dust from construction sites. DEPRM can not keep one inspector on this site at all times so that the least possible dust is generated. DEPRM monitors all construction in the County and in practice can only react to complaints by the public unless an inspectors happens to come by the site.

Some of the requests are standard operating procedure for the County. However the County can not create new systems simply to be sure this particular site never violates a rule. Again Mr. Klingenstein has made his point and put the County and the Developer on notice that he and his neighbors will expect strict enforcement of County laws in this regard.

Considering all the testimony and evidence presented, I find that the revised Redline Development Plan entered into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 1 complies with the development regulations and applicable policies, rules and regulations, promulgated pursuant to

Section 32-4-281 of the Code and further I find that the plan is subject to all appropriate standards, rules, regulations, conditions, and safeguards set forth therein.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006, that the Petitioner's request for variance to permit building face to building face/sum side of side yards of 17 feet for the houses on lots 2/3, 12 feet for the houses on lots 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 15 feet for the houses on lots 11/12 in lieu of the required 20 feet; and a 22 foot separation for the houses on lots 14/15 in lieu of the required 30 feet is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that the Petitioner's request for Honeygo Special Variance to permit the issuance of residential building permits for construction of single family homes as shown on the development plan entitled "Meadows at Honeygo" and the conveyance of sewage from one subarea to another to serve the proposed development as shown on the revised Redline Development Plan, Developer's exhibit 1 is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the revised Redline Development Plan known as "Meadows at Honeygo", submitted into evidence as "Developer's Exhibit No. 1", be and it is hereby APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. The Agreement between the Developer and the Glenside Farms Community Association dated July 27, 2006 and entered into evidence as Developer's exhibit 3 is hereby incorporated into this Order and the terms and conditions stated therein are hereinafter enforceable by the County.

Any appeal from this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 32-4-281 of the Baltimore County Code and the applicable provisions of law.

OHN V. MURPHY

**DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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### **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

	5.1	THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made this 27 day
of	Jole	, 2006 by and among HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT CORP, a
Ma	aryland co	poration (referred to hereafter as "Highland" or "Developer"); and GLENSIDE
FA	RMS CO	MMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Maryland corporation ("GFCA").

#### RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Highland is the contract purchaser of certain parcels of land, located on the east side of Gerst Road, on the south side of Glenfield Road and east of the residential community of Glenside Farms (as shown on the State Tax Map No. 72 for Baltimore County, Maryland, Parcel Nos. 221, 223, 224 & 663) (the "Development Land"); and

WHEREAS, GFCA is an incorporated community association of the residents of the Glenside Farms community (the "Community") which is adjacent to and adjoins certain portions of the Development Land and the residents thereof have a desire to promote and protect the character and quality of life in the community in which the Development Land is located; and

WHEREAS, the Developer submitted a plan of residential development of the Development Land with a total of Sixty-Three (63) residential lots, said plan of development has been submitted as "The Meadows at Honeygo Development Plan" (the "Development Plan"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the proposed development shown on the Development Plan, Highland has requested approval of a Baltimore County Honeygo Special Variance to permit the issuance of residential building permits for construction of single-family homes as shown on the Development Plan and for the conveyance of sewage from one subarea to another to serve the proposed development, neither of which will affect the layout or design of the proposed development (the "Special Variance"); and

WHEREAS, the GFCA, has expressed certain concerns with respect to the design, layout, recreational facilities and other features as presently proposed on the Development Plan as they may relate to the Community (the "Issues"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer and the GFCA have discussed, in settlement and resolution of the Issues, certain modifications to the Development Plan to be presented to the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto intend to resolve the Issues related to the development of the Development Land in accordance with the agreements and enforcement provisions hereof.

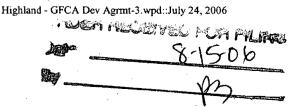
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties

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hereto covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The above recitals form an integral part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein as if set forth again in their entirety.
- 2. One of the Issues identified by the GFCA concerned the number of driveway access points onto existing Gerst Road. As shown on the Development Plan, a total of fifteen (15) homes have frontage on Gerst Road. To address the concern of GFCA, Highland has agreed to combine access points for certain pairs of lots having Gerst Road frontage. In order to implement this solution, Highland has filed a variance request to permit certain of the homes fronting on Gerst Road to share a point of access, thereby reducing the number of access points to nine (9). That variance request has been docketed with the Special Variance and assigned Case No. 06-623-HSA (referred to collectively herein as the "Variances"). Highland agrees to present to the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County a redline of the Development Plan which depicts the combined points of access as shown on certain of the plans filed with the Variances.
- 3. To address another one of the Issues identified by the GFCA, the Developer has agreed to include in its open space improvement proposal shown on the Development Plan a tot lot to be constructed by Developer in the active open space area, similar to that existing in the Community, subject to review and approval by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.
- 4. The GFCA has also expressed concern over future access and use of the existing paved area identified on the Development Plan as Glenfield Road (a/k/a extension of Forge Haven Drive) which runs between Glen Summit Drive and Gerst Road. Representatives of the GFCA and the Developer have met with the Director of the Baltimore County Department of Public Works ("DPW") and obtained approval for the construction of physical barriers to limit access to Glenfield Road, subject to the right of DPW to enter and maintain public utilities located in an existing public easement (the "public easement") which is, generally, coterminous with Glenfield Road. The Developer has agreed, subject to review and approval by the DPW, to:
  - 4.1. Western End of Glenfield Road at Gerst Road. Construct at the western end of Glenfield Road, across the existing paved portion of Glenfield Road, in line with the existing entranceway features, a series of brick bollards of similar size, shape and brick substantially similar to that used as part of the entranceway features to the Community, at appropriate locations across Glenfield Road to prohibit vehicular access. In the areas between the Developer constructed bollards the Developer will install sections of fencing, similar to that already attached to the existing entranceway features. The areas between the Developer constructed bollards and the existing entranceway features on each side of Glenfield Road are to be not greater than thirty-six inches (36") in width and are to remain unobstructed for pedestrian access; and
    - 4.2. Eastern End of Glenfield Road at Glen Summit Drive. Construct, at the



eastern end of Glenfield Road, in line with the existing entranceway features, a series of staggered, brick bollards, not less than 12 inches wide and 48 inches high, at appropriate locations across Glenfield Road to restrict vehicular access. The bollards will be constructed using brick substantially similar to that used as part of the entranceway features to the Community. With respect to the eastern end of Glenfield Road only, the GFCA and the Developer agree the two center bollards to be erected will have to be spaced sufficiently far apart to allow DPW vehicles and machinery access to the public easement (the "DPW access"). The parties hereto intend that the DPW access will be restricted though a chain between the two bollards or a similar means of limiting access to only DPW personnel and its contractors.

- 4.3. The GFCA hereby grants to Developer, its agents, contractors and subcontractors, the right to enter Glenfield Road for the purposes of constructing the bollards, fencing and DPW Access as provided herein (the "Road Barriers"). Once construction of the Road Barriers has been completed by the Developer, the GFCA will thereafter assume all obligation for maintenance and repair of the Road Barriers.
- 5. The final Issue identified by the GFCA is the proposed extension of the public roadway known as Glen Summit Drive from its existing terminus to a new intersection with Gerst Road. Through the efforts of the GFCA in meeting with the Director of DPW, the County has authorized and the Developer has agreed to construct two "traffic calming" islands in Glen Summit Drive to reduce at those two points the travelway surface which design approved by the County is intended to slow the speed of vehicles.
- 6. The GFCA agrees to support the approval of the redlined Development Plan submitted to the Hearing Officer for approval provided that the same is in accordance with this Agreement. A copy of the redlined Development Plan is intended to be attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. Not less than one (1) authorized officer of the GFCA and the legal counsel for the GFCA agree to appear at the hearing to be held by the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County to testify, on behalf of all of the GFCA, in support of the redlined Development Plan and in accordance with the terms, conditions and restrictions in this Agreement.
- 7. Prior to any party hereto seeking judicial enforcement of this Agreement, the Developer or the GFCA or any one or more of them as the case may be, shall give the other written notice of the alleged grievance as provided herein. Within twenty-one (21) days thereafter representatives of the respective parties to this Agreement shall meet to attempt to resolve amicably the alleged non-compliance or grievance. Unless the other party has not agreed to preserve the *status quo* during this twenty-one day period, the failure to comply with the dispute resolutions of this enumerated paragraph shall nullify the complaining party's ability to enforce the alleged grievance.
- 8. After the dispute resolution provisions contained herein have been complied with, any party to this Agreement that is required to institute legal or equitable action in enforcement

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hereof, shall be deemed to have standing to institute such action, including without limitation an action for injunctive relief. Any party that is successful in obtaining a favorable outcome of any action filed in enforcement of this Agreement, whether by mediation, arbitration, settlement and/or trial shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and court costs of the action from the person or entity who did not prevail in such action. The provisions of this enumerated paragraph shall not be applicable unless and until the dispute resolution provisions set forth herein have been followed strictly.

- 9. The GFCA, acting individually or jointly, shall not in any way, directly or indirectly, privately or publicly oppose the redlined Development Plan and/or the Record Plat and/or any other required federal, state or county approval applicable to the Development Land provided that the same are in accordance with this Agreement and as long of the terms of this Agreement are complied with by the Developer.
- 10. Upon approval of the redlined Development Plan for the Development Land as submitted to the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County in accordance with the information shown thereon and the terms of this Agreement, the GFCA waives irrevocably the right to appeal any and all development approvals necessary for the Development Land consistent therewith. If the redlined Development Plan for the Development Land is approved as submitted to the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County in accordance with the information shown thereon and this Agreement, and an appeal is taken by any person or entity and on appeal such redlined Development Plan approval is reversed, this Agreement shall automatically terminate and be null and void and of no further force and effect.
- 11. If the redlined Development Plan for the Development Land is not substantially approved as submitted to the Hearing Officer for Baltimore County in accordance with the information shown thereon and this Agreement, without loss of lots as shown or any other modification that would limit or restrict the development shown on the redlined Development Plan, this Agreement shall automatically terminate and be null and void and of no further force and effect.
- 12. The GFCA agree to support the Variances necessary for the development as shown on the redlined Development Plan.
- 13. The parties hereto agree that reasonable adjustments in the location of buildings, lot lines, building envelopes, landscaping and other residential features of the development of the Development Land shall be permitted provided that the same meets with approvals obtained from the governmental agency having jurisdiction thereover and provided that such adjustments do not result in a material change of the obligations of the Developer to the GFCA regarding any provision of this Agreement.
- 14. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland, without regard to principles of conflict of law.

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- 15. This Agreement contains the full and complete agreement of the parties hereto and no oral agreements, past, present or future shall be effective or binding on or against the parties unless the same shall be reduced to writing and executed in the same manner as this Agreement.
- 16. Each of the parties hereto warrant that they or it have the authority to enter into this Agreement and to bind themselves hereby, that they have had the opportunity to consult legal counsel of their choice and have carefully read and understand this Agreement and are cognizant of the terms and conditions hereof and the obligations associated herewith.
- 17. The parties hereto each warrant and represent that they have the power and requisite legal authority to bind themselves, their organization if acting in a representative capacity and their respective successors and assigns to the agreements herein contained, and if a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or similar entity, each further warrants and represents that it is duly organized and is in existence in accordance with Maryland law and that it has taken all necessary action required to be taken by its charter, by-laws, or other organizational documents to authorize the execution of this Agreement.
- 18. Any notices required or permitted to be given by either party to the other shall be addressed to the parties as follows:

To Highland:

Highland Development Corporation

Attn: Mr. Richard Demmitt

PO Box 228

Clarksville, Maryland 21029

with a copy to:

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire

Levin & Gann, PA

Nottingham Centre, 8th Floor 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

To the GFCA:

Glenside Farms Community Association, Inc.

Attn: Michael Rose Conway Management 1660 Robin Circle

Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

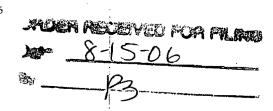
with a copy to:

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire

409 Washington Avenue, Suite 600

Towson, MD 212104

19. Any notice that is required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed given upon actual receipt and shall be sent to all other parties by certified or



registered mail, prepaid, or by federal express or other commercial overnight courier service to the last known address of the receiving party.

- 20. This Agreement may be amended only by a subsequent written instrument and signed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and/or assigns.
- 21. The failure in any instance to enforce any of the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in this Agreement shall in no event constitute a waiver or estoppel of the right to enforce the same or any other covenant, restriction or condition in the event of another violation occurring prior or subsequent thereto. In the event any one or more of the covenants, restrictions and conditions herein contained should for any reason be declared invalid, the remaining covenants, restrictions or conditions shall continue in full force and effect.
- 22. Each of the parties hereto have had the benefit of private legal counsel before entering into this Agreement and each has agreed to be responsible for their respective counsel fees.
- 23. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes, all of which shall together constitute a single and the same Agreement; each counterpart may be signed and transmitted initially by telefacsimile and the facsimile shall be considered as containing original signatures, provided that said counterpart is provided subsequently to each other party in its original form.
- 24. The parties hereto covenant and agree to execute such instrument or instruments as may be necessary from time to time to carry out the intent of the Agreement or to amend this Agreement as may be required by any governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the development of the Development Land approved by the Hearing Officer in order to obtain all required approvals required and to otherwise comply with all applicable laws, regulations and codes in keeping with the spirit and intent of this Agreement as long as it is consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- 25. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary and irrespective of any rule, construction or precedent under the common law of the United States and/or Maryland, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof shall be binding on any party hereto nor shall any portion of this Agreement be enforceable in any proceeding or otherwise disclosed to any person or entity other than the parties hereto and their respective legal counsel unless and until the complete signatures of all parties to this Agreement have been affixed hereto as provided herein.
- 26. It is agreed by the parties that the obligations and duties of the Developer under this Agreement shall apply fully to any person or entity that purchases, is conveyed or otherwise acquires the Development Land, in whole or in part, other than a Homeowner (as defined below). Thus, as used in this Agreement, the term "Developer" includes the Developer's successors, successors in interest, affiliates, partners, joint ventures, assigns, and any person or entity that purchases, is conveyed or otherwise acquires the Development Land, in whole or in part, other than a Homeowner (as defined below). Any sale, conveyance, grant, transfer, bequest, or gift of the Development Land,

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in whole or in part, by the Developer to any person or entity, other than a Homeowner (as defined below), must include a provision in the operative documents that the obligations and duties of the Developer under this Agreement are incorporated therein. As used in this Agreement, the term "Homeowner" means the person(s) who purchases from the Developer, its successors and/or assigns for occupation the single-family dwellings constructed in the Development Land.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their respective hands and seals the date and year first above written.

WITNESS/ATTEST:	By: Manual (SEAL) Richard J. Demmitt, President
Jall	By: GREGORY R HEITHER (SEAL)  [PRINTEDITYPED NAME]  PRESTDENT GLENSIDE FARMS IDA



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

August 15, 2006

HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ATTN: RICHARD DEMMITT PO BOX 228 CLARKSVILLE MD 21029

Re:

DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING

(Meadows at Honeygo)

Case No. XI-1004 and Case No. 06-623-HSA

Dear Mr. Demmitt:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The Development Plan for the Meadows at Honeygo subdivision has been approved with conditions 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 & 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:pz Enclosure

c: Howard Alderman, Esquire, Levin & Gann, 502 Washington Ave, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Towson MD 21204 Please See Attached List



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LITTLE & ASSOCIATES INC.
1055 TAYLOR AVE, SUITE 307
TOWSON MD 21286

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FRANCIS BORDERDING JR, ESQUIRE 409 WASHINGTON AVE, SUITE 600 TOWSON MD 21204

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230 AS PART OF ZONING CASE



## Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at Gerst Food & Gku Summit Dr. which is presently zoned DR 3.5H

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

See Attached

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County

	rchaser/Lessee: Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire	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 Pu	rchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
	Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire	Type or Print
Name - Type or Pr	int Levin & Gann, P.A.  Nottingham Centre, 8th Floor	Warren L. Beerman
Signature	502 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204	Signature Stennis B. Bierman
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THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006 AT

9:00 a.m. - ROOM 106

### Attachment 1 PETITION FOR VARIANCE

CASE NO:	

Address:

Gerst Road @ Glen Summit Drive

Legal Owners:

Warren Robert & Stennis Bonita Bierman

Contract Purchaser:

**Highland Development Corporation** 

### REQUESTED RELIEF:

Pursuant to the authority of BCZR Sections 259.9B.4.d & 259.9B.4.f, for property located within the Honeygo District, a variance from the following required building face to building face/sum of side yard widths as shown by lot:

BCZR § 259.9B.4.d:		
LOT PAIRS	Required building face to building face/sum of side yard widths	Requested building face to building face/sum of side yard widths
2 & 3	20 feet	17 feet
5 & 6	20 feet	12 feet
7 & 8	20 feet	12 feet
9 & 10	20 feet	12 feet
11 & 12	20 feet	15 feet
BCZR § 259.9B.4.f:		
14/15	30 feet	22 feet

### JUSTIFICATION:

- A. Irregular shape of lot and limitation on access to Gerst Lane;
- B. Reduction of curb cuts on Gerst Lane; and
- C. For such further reasons that will be presented at the hearing on this Petition.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 8th Floor, Nottingham Centre 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

(410) 321-0600 Fax: (410) 296-2801 halderman@LevinGann.com

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REV 9/15/98

# Honeygo Special Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at Gerst Road @ Glen Summit Drive

which is presently zoned DR 3.5H & 2.H

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

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

### SEE ATTACHED

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded 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. Developer Contract Purchaser/Keesee Legal Owner(s): Highland Development Corporation Warren Robert Bierman Name - Type or Print Signature **PO Box 228** Stennis Bonita Bierman 410-531-5539 Address Telephone No. Name - Type of Print 21029 Clarksville MD State Zip Code Signature 5103 New Gerst Lane 410-687-1679 Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Perry Hall MD 21128 City Name - Type or Print Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature Little & Associates, Inc. Levin & Gann, PA Nottingham Centre, 8th Floor 502 Washington Avenue 410-321-0600 1055 Taylor Avenue, Suite 307 410-296-1636 Telephone No. Address Address Telephone No. MD 21204 Towson Towson. MD 21286 City City State Zin Code State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY Case No. 06-673-45A ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

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NOTE: Combined Development Plan

and Zoning Hearing to be held pursuant to BCC §32-4-230

UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING

Date 😉

### Attachment 1 PETITION FOR HONEYGO SPECIAL VARIANCE

Address:

Gerst Road @ Glen Summit Drive

Legal Owners:

Warren Robert & Stennis Bonita Bierman

Contract Purchaser:

**Highland Development Corporation** 

### REQUESTED RELIEF:

Pursuant to the authority of BCZR Sections 259.8 & 4A02.4.G, for property located in the Bean Run and Honeygo Run Subareas, a Honeygo Special Variance from BCZR Section 259.7 to permit: i) the issuance of residential building permits for construction of single-family homes as shown on the development plan entitled Meadows at Honeygo and any and all amendments thereto approved or proposed; and ii) the conveyance of sewage from one subarea to another to serve the proposed development; and iii) for such further relief as the nature of this case and the proposed improvements shown graphically and textually on the Meadows at Honeygo development plan may require, all as shown more particularly on the Plat to accompany this Petition.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

- A. Capital Projects relative to Authorizations are not affected by the development; or
- B. Commencement of Capital Projects relative to Authorizations is anticipated in the near future; and
- C. For such further reasons that will be presented at the hearing on this Petition.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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(410) 321-0600 Fax: (410) 296-2801 halderman@LevinGann.com

### March 22, 2006

### ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR THE MEADOWS AT HONEYGO

Beginning at a point on the southeast side of Gerst Road which is 30 feet wide at the distance of 600 feet southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Joppa Road, which is 60 feet wide. Thence 1) North 30 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East 1761.03 feet; thence 2) South 64 degrees 37 minutes 58 seconds East 720.33 feet; thence 3) South 30 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds West 967.50 feet; thence 4) North 84 degrees 44 minutes 29 seconds West 175.70 feet; thence 5) South 25 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West 287.40 feet; thence 6) North 85 degrees 10 minutes 29 seconds West 197.50 feet; thence 7) South 09 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West 709.51 feet; thence 8) North 61 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds West 395.19 feet; thence 9) North 26 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds East 159.70 feet; thence 10) North 61 degrees 22 minutes 13 seconds West 97.69 feet; thence 11) North 30 degrees 42 minutes 47 seconds East 100.00 feet; and thence 12) North 56 degrees 27 minutes 13 seconds West 174.73 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 28.6 acres. Being that land described in Deed S.M. 12551 folio 255, Deed E.H.K., Jr. 6482 folio 140, Deed S.M. 7524 folio 629 and Deed S.M. 20559 folio 201 all as recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County and as located in the 11<sup>th</sup> Election District, 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District.

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#### 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: #06-623-HSA

Gerst Road at Glen Summit Drive Southeast side of Gerst Road, 700 feet norhteast of Joppa Road

11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Legal: Owner(s): Warren Robert Bierman & Stennis Bonita Bierman

Developer: Highland Development Corporation

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Hearing: Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106. County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III.

Zoning Commissioner for Battimore County

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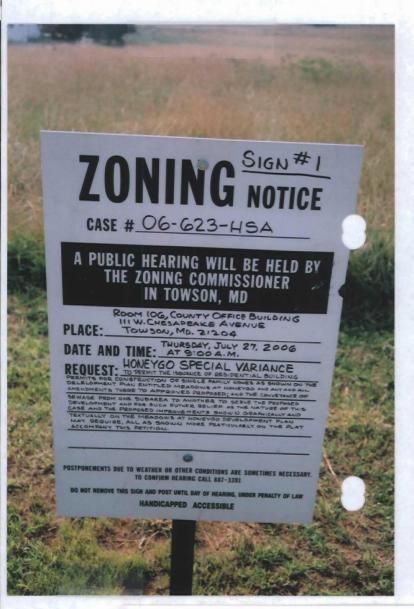
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Petitioner/Developer: HIGHLAND DEV. CORP.

Date of Hearing/Closing: JULY 22, 2006

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Christen Matthews







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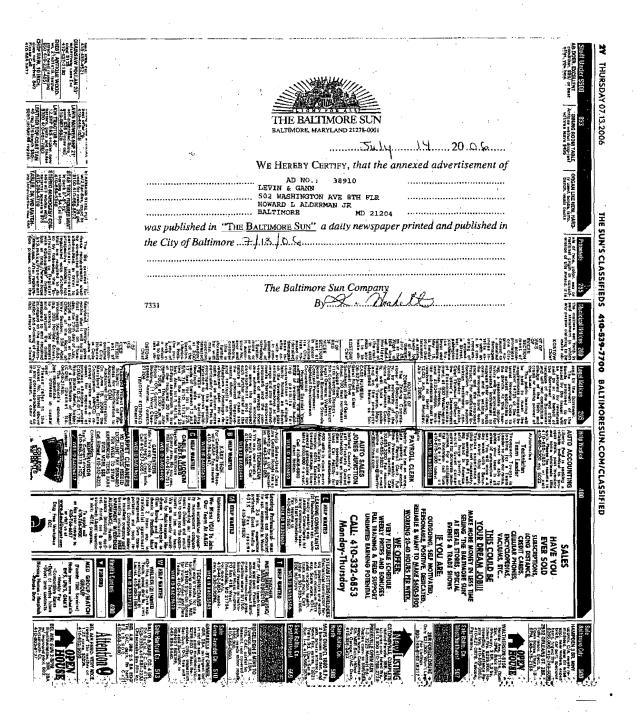
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11th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District

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Developer: Highland Development Corporation

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Hearing: Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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# Department of Permits Development Management

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# **Baltimore County**

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

June 16, 2006

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- NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006.
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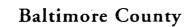


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James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

July 20, 2006

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Lepartment of Permits and
Development Management

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. Nottingham Centre, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 502 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Alderman:

RE: Case Number: 06-623-HSA, Gerst Road at Glen Summit Drive

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on July 10, 2006.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of represer tatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your pertion. 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 nesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:amf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
Warren R. Bierman Stennis B. Bierman 5103 New Gerst Lane Boltunore 21128
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Richard J. Demmitt Highland Development Corp P.O. Box 228 Clarksville 21029

# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** June 27, 2006

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 21, 2006

Item Nos. 611, 621, 622, 623, 624, 626, 627, 628, 632, 633, 635, 636, 637, 640,

641, 642, and 643

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

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

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 June 20,2006

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: June 19, 2006

Item Numbers: Item Number 623

Pursuant to your request, the 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.

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

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4881 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 6.20.01

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

RE:

**Baltimore County** 

Item No. 623

Dear. Ms. Matthews:

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,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

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Engineering Access Permits Division

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL VARIANCE \*
Gerst Road at Glen Summit Drive; SE/S
Gerst Road, 700' NE Joppa Road \*
11<sup>th</sup> Election & 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Warren & Stennis Bierman \*
Contract Purchaser(s): Highland Development
Corporation by Robert Demmitt \*
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

**FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

06-623-SHSA

## **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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 26th day of June, 2006, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Little & Associates, Inc, 1055 Taylor Avenue, Suite 305, Towson, Md 21286 and Howard L. Alderman, Jr. Esquire, Levin & Gann, P.A., 502 Washington Avenue, 8th Floor, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

# REVISED HEARING PET. ATTORNEYS 06 623 HSA

FREQUENT FLYER ATTORNEYS DROP OFF ZONING PETITIONS POLICY PROCEDURES

The following zoning policy is related to the filing of zoning petitions and is aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office:

- 1. The Director of the Office of Permits and Development Management (PDM) allows zoning attorneys who frequently file for zoning hearings and who are capable of filing petitions that comply with <u>all</u> technical aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of an appointment for review by zoning personnel.
- 2. Any attorney using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. In the event that the petition has not been filed correctly, there is the possibility that another hearing will be required or the zoning commissioner may deny the petition due to errors or incompleteness. All petitions filed in this manner will receive a cursory review and if necessary they will be commented on by zoning personnel prior to the hearing. A corrective memo by zoning review may be placed in the hearing file to be considered by the Hearing Officer.

3. When a petition has been dropped off by the attorney, it will only be reviewed for very basic necessary input, logging, and distribution information.

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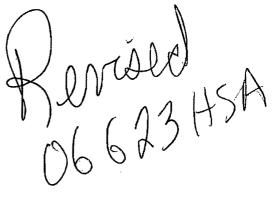
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**ZONING PETITION DROP OFF** 

W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Supervisor
 Baltimore County Department of Permits
 and Development Management
 111 West Chesapeake Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Petition for Variance - The Meadows at Honeygo

REQUEST FOR COMBINATION WITH SCHEDULED HEARING

Dear Mr. Richards:

In order to address the last minute negotiations with community residents and leaders, additional zoning relief for the above-referenced project is required. In that regard, our client has requested that we drop off for processing and hearing the following materials relative to this property:

- 1. Three (3) originals of a Petition for Variance;
- 2. Three (3) copies of a zoning description;
- 3. One (1) Advertising Form;
- 4. Two (2) scaled Zoning Maps with the property identified;
- 5. Twelve (12) copies of the *Plan to Accompany Zoning Petition* as prepared by Little and Associates, Inc.; and
- 6. A check for the required filing fee.

As the legal representative of the owner of the property, neither I nor the owner are aware of any actual or alleged zoning violations on the Property. It is understood that by filing this as a "drop off" petition, this package has not been reviewed by a planner and there may be comments to address once a review has been completed.

Additionally, we request that the hearing on the enclosed Petition be <u>combined with</u> the Hearing Officer's Hearing [XI-1004] and the Honeygo Special Variance Hearing [06-623-HSA], both of which are scheduled for hearing on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Please call me with any questions.

Very truly yours

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk Enclosures

c: Highland Development Corporation

Little & Associates, Inc.





JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

December 22, 2009

Mr. Howard Alderman, Jr. Nottingham Centre 502 Washington Avenue 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Towson, MD 21204

RE: The Meadows at Honeygo

PDM No. XI-1004 and Case No. 06-623-HAS

Development Plan Approval Period

Dear Mr. Alderman,

Enclosed is your letter dated September 21, 2009. I have signed and approved your request. A copy of this approval with attachments will be kept on file in my office. I suggest that you keep a copy as well.

Sincerely,

Timothy Kotroco, Director

cc: Colleen Kelly, Supervisor Development Management LAW OFFICES

HOWARD L. ALDERMAN, JR. halderman@LevinGann.com

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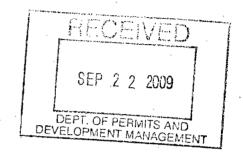
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Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: The Meadows at Honeygo

PDM No. XI-1004 and Case No. 06-623-HSA

Development Plan Approval Period

Dear Mr. Kotroco:



I am writing to you on behalf of my client, the Highland Development Corporation, the Applicant/Developer ("Developer") of the property that processed a plan of development through the County's development process as identified above ("Development Plan"). The Development Plan approval was for 63 single-family detached lots on approximately 28.399 acres of the land (the "development area parcel"). This letter seeks confirmation of the period of validity of the Development Plan as tolled by Chapter 334 (Senate Bill 958) of the 2009 session of the Maryland General Assembly, signed into law by the Governor on May 7, 2009. The Hearing Officer for Baltimore County granted approval of the Development Plan on August 15, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Thereafter, the Developer has been working with Little & Associates, Inc. in connection with Phase II processing.

The Development Plan is governed by Section 32-4-261(a) of the *Baltimore County Code*, as presently codified. That provision provides that '[u]nless extended under § 32-4-274(a) of this subtitle, Development Plan approval shall "4 years after the date a final, non-appealable approval was granted." The Developer seeks confirmation from you that the operation, effect and application of the 2009 amendments to the State Government Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, adopting §11-202(c), toll the four year time period applicable to the Developer's approved Development Plan.

That new statute provides that the "running of the period of approval for any permit issued by a County or municipality shall be tolled beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2010." [the "State Tolling Statute"] The term 'permit' is defined as "a certificate, license or other document of approval or permission required to be <u>obtained from a local government</u> or a State unit." State Government § 11-101(h). (Emphasis supplied.) The term 'permit' also includes a "development permit" which is defined as a permit for a development project." State Government

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director
Baltimore County Department of Permits
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§ 11-101(d).

Upon the expiration of the thirty (30) day appeal period, the Development Plan approval became final and non-appealable on September 14, 2006 and would, absent any application of the tolling statue, expire four years later on September 13, 2010. The period of time between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2010 – the applicable tolling period of the State Tolling Statute is 912 days. Therefore, under this scenario and applying the State Tolling Statute, the Development Plan approval will remain valid for 912 days beyond September 13, 2010. Application of the State Tolling Statute will, as depicted on the spreadsheet attached as Exhibit B calculating and allocating the 912 days to the date of expiration of approval (including consideration of 2012 as a leap year), result in a new approved Development Plan expiration date of March 13, 2013.

I have prepared below for your signature on behalf of Baltimore County, Maryland, a proposed confirmation of the application of the State Tolling Statute to the approved Development Plan for The Meadows at Honeygo. Should you need any additional information in support of the requested confirmation, please contact me at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk Enclosures

c (w/encl.): Highland Development Corporation

#### CONFIRMATION OF EFFECT OF STATE TOLLING STATUE

The Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management hereby confirms that the running of the approval period for the "The Meadows at Honeygo" Development Plan, PDM No. XI-1004 set forth in Section 32-4-261(a) of the *Baltimore County Code*,, is tolled between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2010 by operation and application of State Government Article § 11-202(c), enacted during the 2009 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. The

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director
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approval period tolled consists of 912 days which, when added to September 13, 2010 will result in March 13, 2013 being the date on which the approved Development Plan for The Meadows at Honeygo will expire.

3/9/09

Date

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

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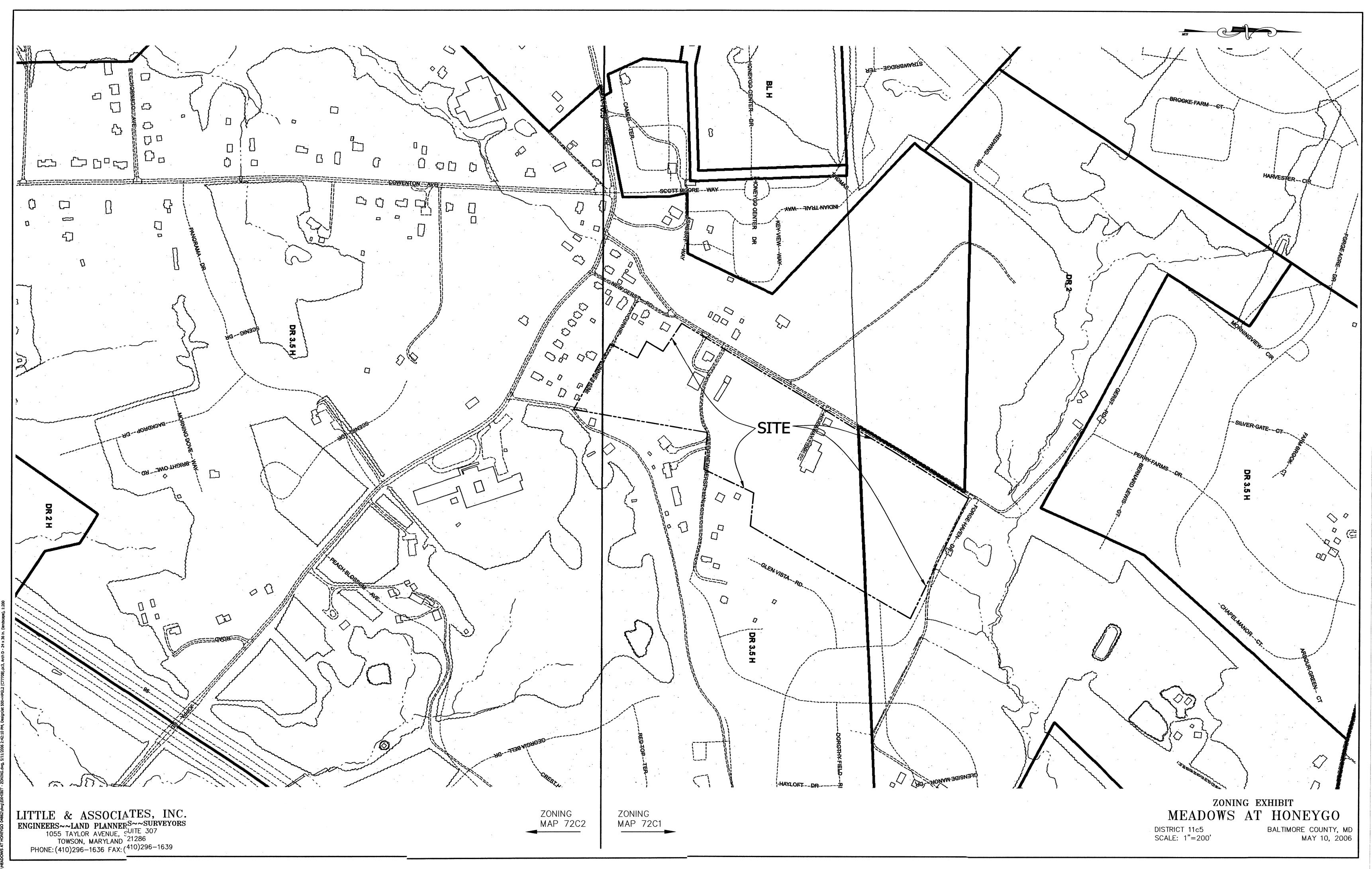
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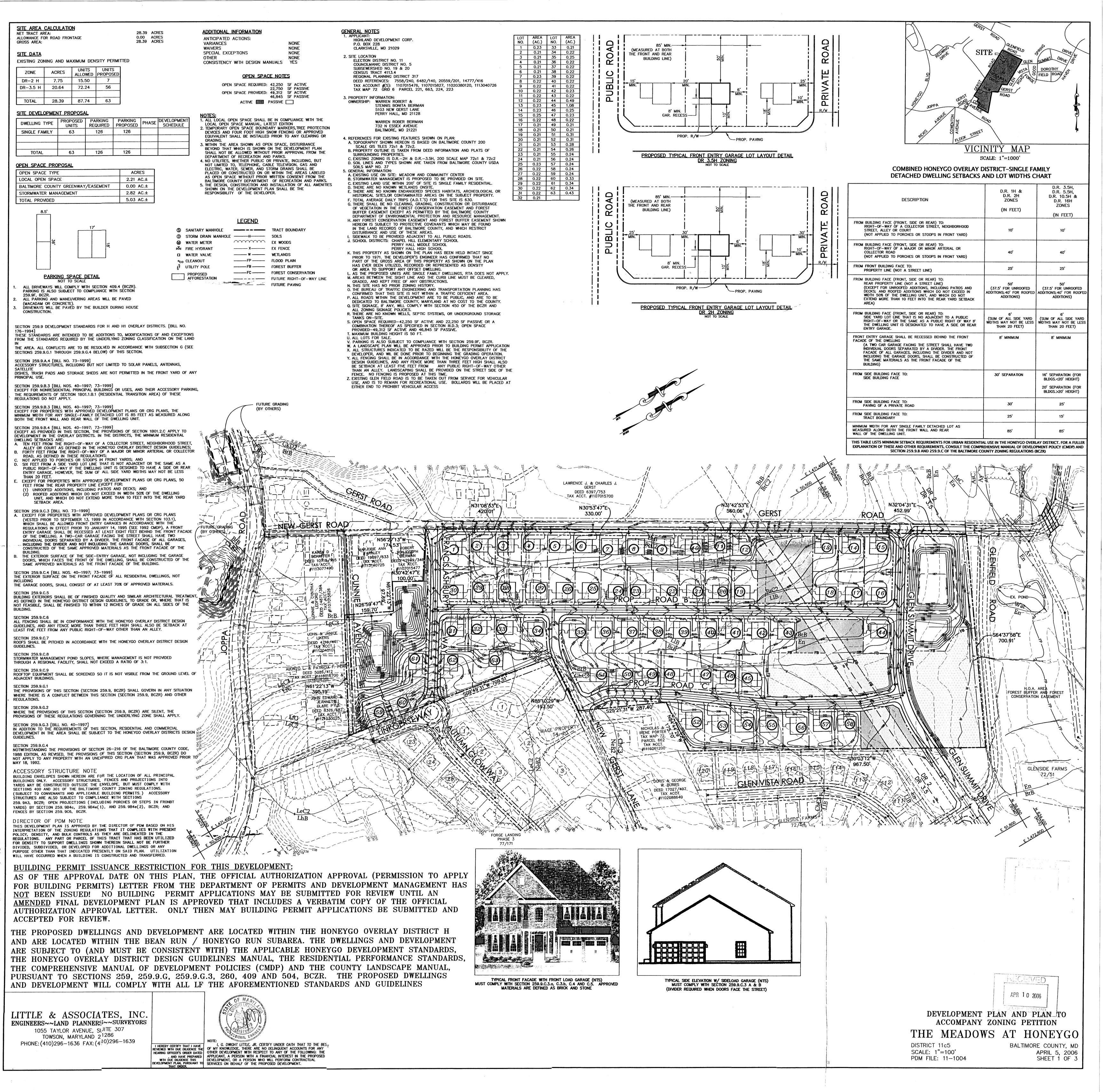
# THE MEADOWS AT HONEYGO

Application of State Tolling Statute

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Total Number of Days Tolled		912
Application of 912 Days to Approved Development Plan:	•	
Period from 09/13/2010 [256th day of year] to 12/31/2010 Period from 01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011 Period from 01/01/2012 to 12/31/2012 Period from 01/01/2013 to <b>03/13/2013</b> [March 13th is 72nd day of year]	I	(109) (365) (366) <b>Leap Year</b> (72)
Remaining No. of Tolled Days		. 0

Plan to Expire on March 13, 2013









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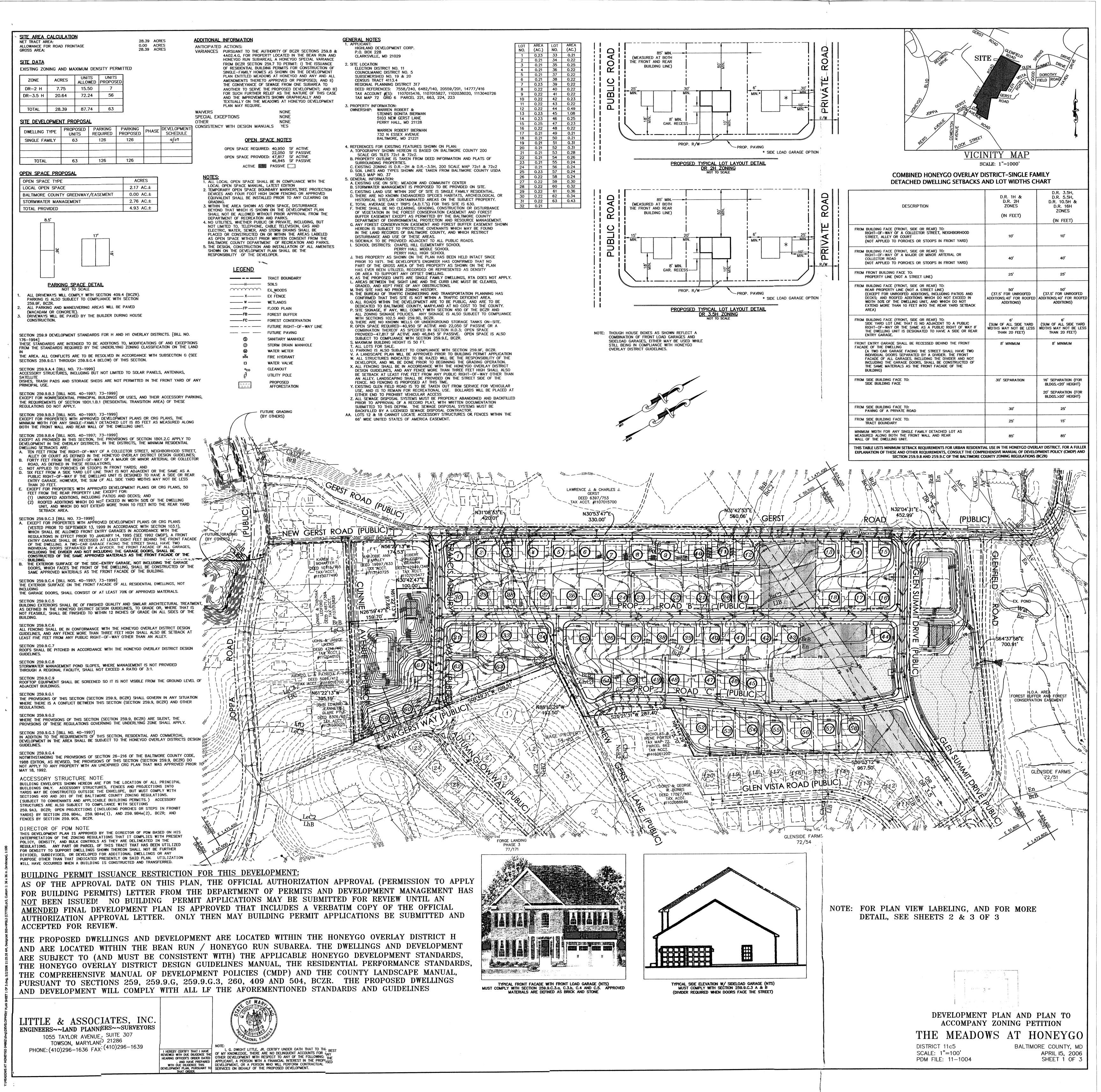
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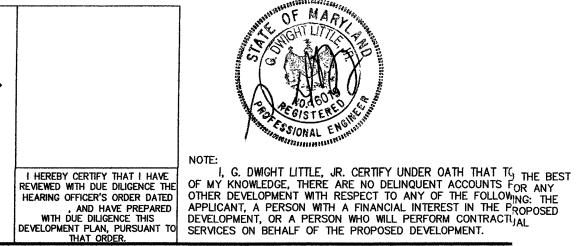
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