IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

SW corner of Overcrest Road and

Stevenson Lane

(108 Overcrest Road)

9<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Council District

Petitioners

Robert and Mollie Testoni

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 07-405-A

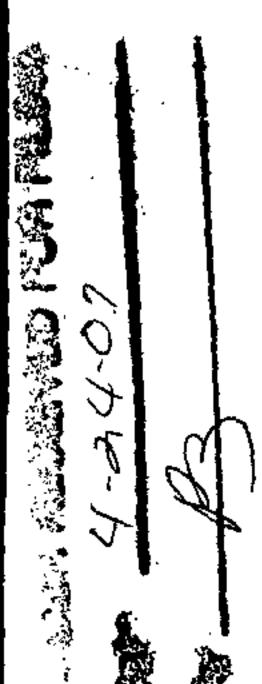
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### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Robert and Mollie Testoni. Variance relief is requested from Sections 1B02.3.C.1, 303.1 and 301.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed deck on side and rear of dwelling with a rear setback of 8 feet, and a proposed porch setback on front of dwelling with a front setback of 14 feet in lieu of 22.5 feet and 30 feet maximum respectively. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

The Petition was filed through the administrative variance process, pursuant to Section 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code. That Section allows an individual to seek variance relief for an owner-occupied residential property without the need for a public hearing. Under the Code, the property in question is posted for a period of 15 days during which time any property owner residing within 1,000 feet of the property may demand a public hearing for a determination as to the merits of the request. Additionally, the Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner can schedule the matter for a public hearing if deemed appropriate.

In this case, the Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 (a)(2)(i) of the Baltimore County Code. The subject property having been posted and



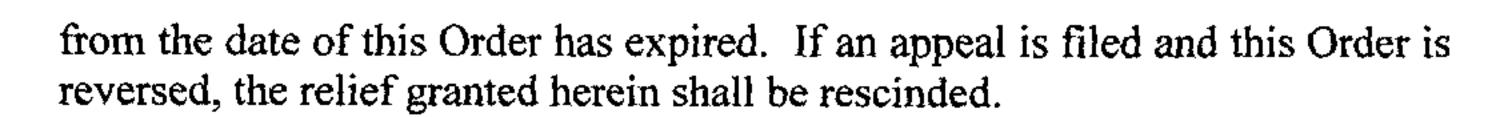
there being no requests for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation contained within the case file.

Based upon the evidence contained therein, I am persuaded to grant the requested variance. Relief is necessitated given the unique configuration of the property and the layout and location of the existing dwelling thereon. As shown on the site plan, the Petitioners propose to construct a deck on the side and rear of the home and a porch on the front of the home.

There were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC)comments submitted by any County reviewing agency and none of the neighbors voiced any objection. The Office of Planning submitted comments dated April 19, 2007. That Office commented that the subject property is located at the southwest corner of Overcrest Road and Stevenson Lane. While addressed for Overcrest, the functional portion of the house (e.g. doors, main entry) fronts along Stevenson Lane. As such, the Petitioners cannot utilize their functional 'rear yard' as there is no room for expansion. Moreover, the left side, south facing portion of the lot also functions as a side yard. The Office of Planning does not oppose the Petitioner's request provided two conditions are met, which are attached hereto. Thus, it appears that the relief requested can be granted without detrimental impact to adjacent properties or the surrounding locale.

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

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, the Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period



- 2) The western portion of the proposed deck shall be screened from direct view by those residing at 106 Overbrook Road. Screening shall be provided for in the form of year round/evergreen plantings.
- 3) A site plan showing the recommended plantings in relation to the proposed deck and the adjacent properties shall be submitted to the Office of Planning prior to the approval of building permits.
- 4) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

April 24, 2007

Robert and Mollie Testoni 108 Overcrest Road Towson MD 21286

RE:

Petition For Administrative Variance

Property: 108 Overcrest Road

Case No. 07-405-A

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Testoni:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 410-887-3391.

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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## Petition for Administrative Variance

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for the property located at 108 OverCrest Rd
which is presently zoned DR-5.5

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) | BOQ. 3. C. | AND 303. | AND 301. |

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# Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

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Zoning description for 108 Overcrest Road:

Beginning at a point on the southeast side of Overcrest Road which is 40 feet wide at the distance of 323.41 northeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting Brook Road which is 50 feet wide. Being lot #25 in the subdivision of Greenbriar as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #12. Folio #68 containing 8,050 sq ft. Also known as 108 Overcrest Rd and located in the 9th Election District, 5th Councilmanic District. As recorded in Deed 24028. Folio 500 with the following metes and bounds:

Deed 24028, Folio 500 with the following metes and bounds:

Beginning for the same on the southeast side of Overcrest Road 40 feet wide, said point being situated by a curve to the right with a radius of 260 feet in a northeasterly direction at the distance of 323.41 feet along said side from the corner formed by the intersection of the north side of Brook Road 50 feet wide, as extended north 83 degrees 24 minutes west with a radius of 260 feet in a southwesterly direction, thence leaving said place of beginning and binding along the southeast side of Overcrest Road by a curve to the right with a radius of 260 feet in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 63.29 feet to another curve; and thence by a curve to the right with a radius of 20 feet for a distance of 32.81 feet to the westerly side of Stevenson Lane, as shown on said plat, thence south 6 degree 36 minutes west and binding along the westerly side of Stevenson lane, as laid out, 109.16 feet, and thence leaving Stevenson Lane north 83 degrees 24 minutes west 44.09 feet, and thence north 12 degrees 08 degrees 08 minutes west 122.73 feet to the place of beginning.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY DE RETMENT OF PERMITS AND DE OPMENT MANAGEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES
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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.
DEADLINE: 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.
4. 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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## 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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Telephone Number 410-552-8340.



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

April 9, 2007

Robert Testoni Mollie Testoni 108 Overcrest Road Towson, MD 21286

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Testoni:

RE: Case Number: 07-405-A, 108 Overcrest Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on March 12, 2007.

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

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

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Supervisor, Zoning Review

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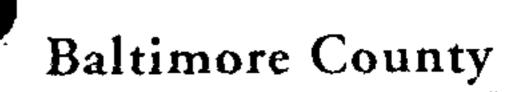
**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel

### Fire Department

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





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

March 15, 2007

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review planners

Distribution Meeting of: March 19, 2007

Item No.: 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409.

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.

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

Acting Lieutenant Don W. Muddiman Fire Marshal's Office (0)410-887-4880 MS-1102F

cc: File



Visit the County's Website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor



John D. Porcari, Secretary Designate Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: MARCH 15, 2007

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

RE:

**Baltimore County** 

Item No. 7-405-A

108 OVERCRESTROAD
TRATONI PROPERTY

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 7-405-A.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

A Steven D. Foster, Chief

002 Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** April 19, 2007

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

108 overcrest Road

**INFORMATION:** 

**Item Number:** 

7-405

Petitioner:

Robert Testoni

Zoning:

**DR** 5.5

Requested Action:

Administrative Variance

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Overcrest Road and Stevenson Lane. While addressed for Overcrest, the functional portion of the house (e.g. doors, main entry) fronts along Stevenson Lane. As such, the petitioners cannot utilize their functional "rear yard" as there is no room for expansion. Moreover, the left side, south facing portion of the lot also functions as a side yard.

Given the above information, the Office of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's request provided the following conditions are met.

- 1. The western portion of the proposed deck shall be screened from direct view by those residing at 106 Overbrook Road. Screening shall be provided for in the form of year round / evergreen plantings.
- 2. A site plan showing the recommended plantings in relation to the proposed deck and the adjacent properties shall be submitted to the Office of Planning prior to the approval of building permits.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Kevin Gambrill at 410-887-3480.

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Reviewed by:

Division Chief: AFK/LL: CM

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** March 19, 2007

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For March 26, 2007

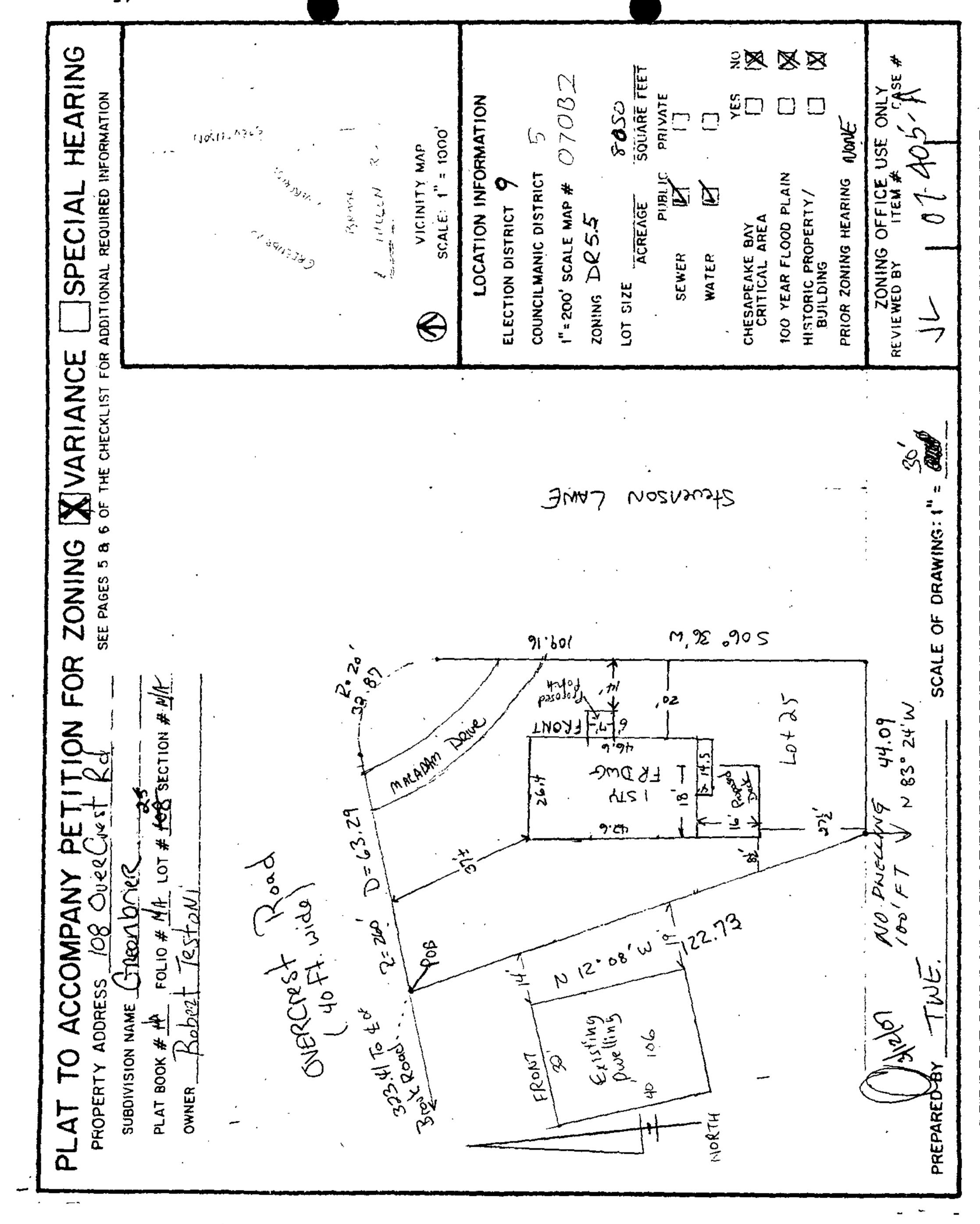
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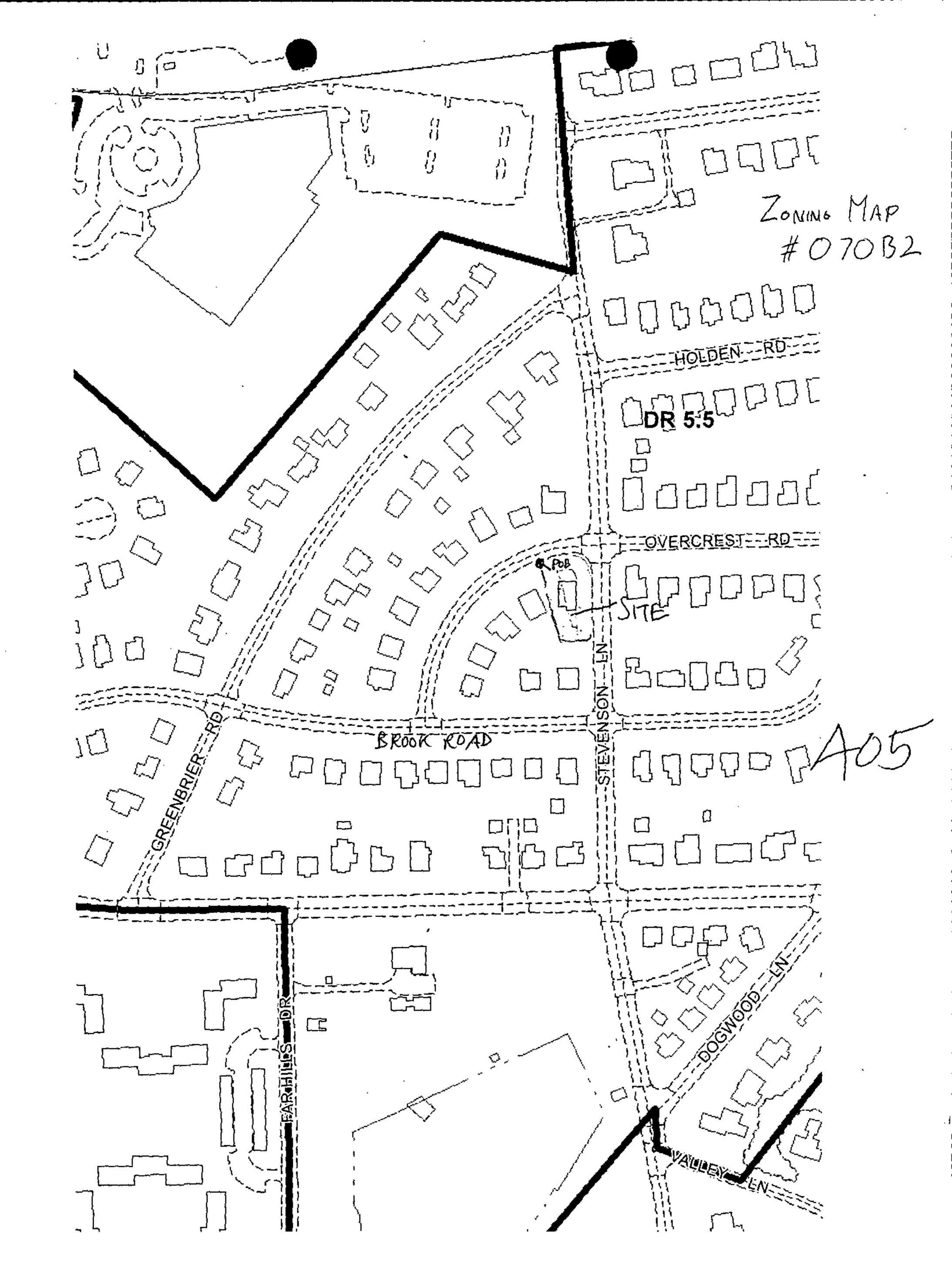
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The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

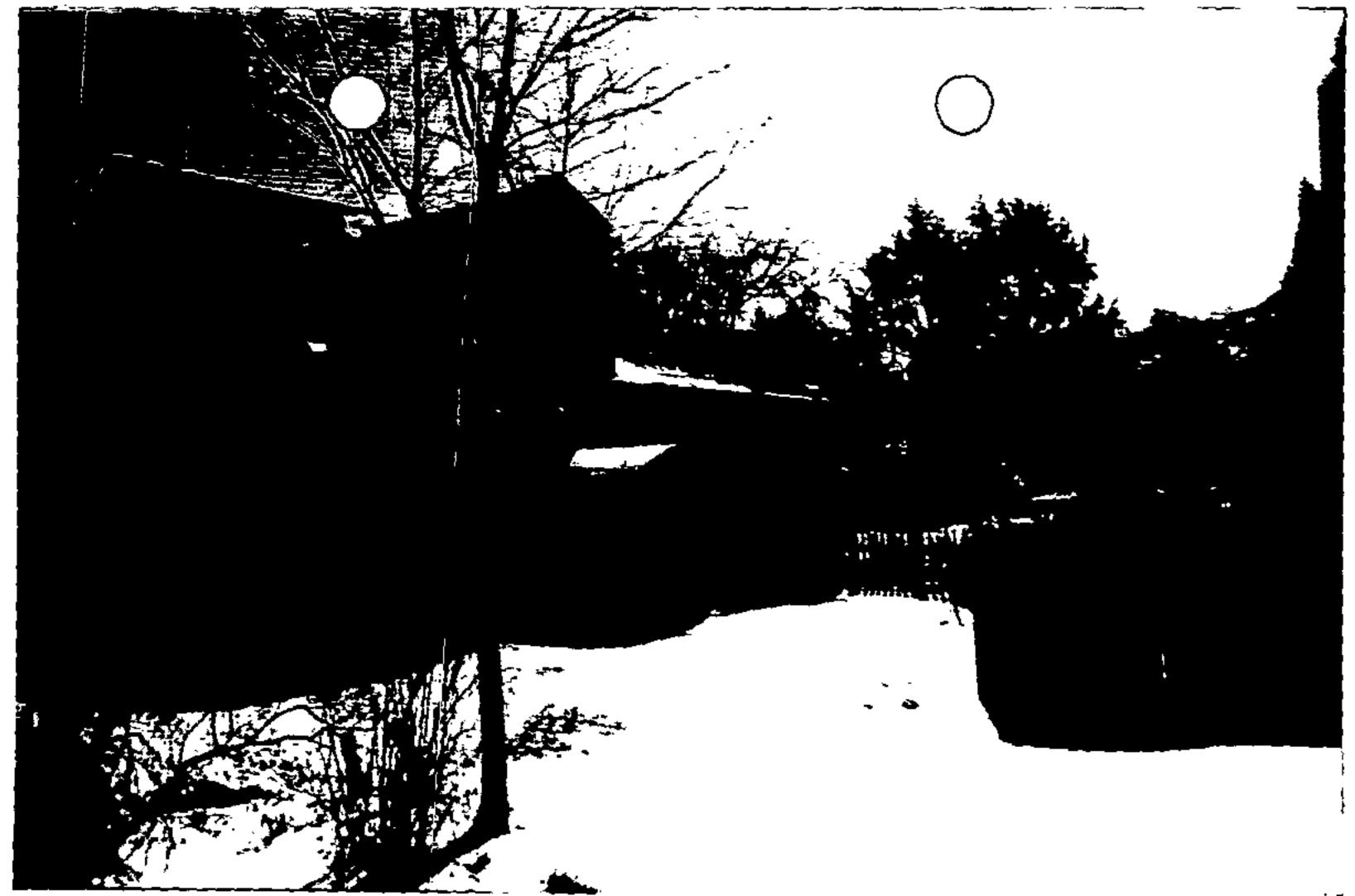
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