IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

NW corner of intersection of West Golf Course Road and Chittenden Lane 3rd Election District 2nd Councilmanic District (3130 Golf Course Road West)

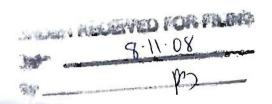
Annamarie Van Der Meer *Petitioner*

- BEFORE THE
- * DEPUTY ZONING
- * COMMISSIONER
- * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 2008-0511-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

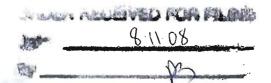
This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Annamarie Van Der Meer. Petitioner is requesting variance relief from Section 1A04.3.B.2.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a 75 foot setback from the zoning line in lieu of the minimum 150 feet, and to amend the site plan approved in Case No. 08-188-SPH. The subject property and the requested relief are more fully described on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance request was Petitioner Annamarie Van Der Meer and her husband, Suitbertus Van Der Meer. Also appearing in support of the requested relief was Bruce Doak with Gerhold Cross & Etzel, Ltd., the licensed property line surveyor who prepared the site plan. There were also several interested parties in attendance that were opposed to the requested relief. These included Thornly and Barbara Hart of 3126 Golf Course Road West and 3120 Golf Course Road LLC. These parties were represented by Timothy D.A. Chriss, Esquire. Also in attendance opposed to the relief were Karen Ruppert of 3116 Golf Course Road, Timothy M. Rodgers of 1701 Green Spring Valley Road, Alexander B. Martin of 302 Golf Course Road, and Ann Carter Stonesifer of 3107 Golf Course Road West.



Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular-shaped property consisting of two contiguous parcels. The parcels have been lots of record since at least February 18, 1953. The parcel located at the northwest area of the property is known as Parcel 91 and consists of approximately 1.674 acres. The parcel located to the southeast of the property is known as Parcel 345 and consists of approximately 1.793 acres. The property is zoned R.C.5 and is situated at the intersection of Golf Course Road West and Chittenden Lane in the Greenspring area of Baltimore County. Parcel 91 is improved with Petitioner's existing single family dwelling and existing well. Parcel 345 is heavily wooded and unimproved, but for the existing septic reserve area for the existing dwelling that is located at the southern end of this parcel.

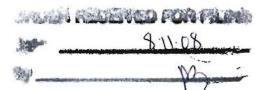
As explained by Mr. Doak, originally, Petitioner came before this Commission in late 2007 in Case No. 08-188-SPH seeking to reconfigure certain lot lines of the two existing contiguous parcels. Looking to the future, the goal of Mr. and Mrs. Van Der Meer was to legitimize the potential use of Parcel 345 as a buildable lot, though they had no immediate plans to actually build on the lot. They also desired to configure the lot lines so that the existing septic reserve area for their home would be located within the same property. In his Order dated January 14, 2008, which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2, Zoning Commissioner William J. Wiseman, III granted the special hearing request to revise the property lines between Parcels 91 and 345. Commissioner Wiseman found that the improved parcel would now be enlarged to 1.92 acres and the presently unimproved parcel would be reduced to 1.54 acres. He also found that access to Petitioner's home and that of the neighboring property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, was presently by way of a private driveway easement that bisected Parcel 345. That 20-foot right-of-way easement would be realigned and traverse along the northern boundary rather than through the unimproved parcel as currently configured.



Commissioner Wiseman also noted that Ms. Van Der Meer testified at hearing that she had absolutely no current intention of developing the unimproved parcel following the proposed revision of the property lines. In particular, the Van Der Meer's indicated they currently enjoy the scenic view of the golf course and the proposed realignment would still preserve their present day views of the golf course. Commissioner Wiseman also noted that any future building on the unimproved parcel under Petitioner's plan would by necessity have to be located on the northern portion of the unimproved lot as opposed to its southern portion which is behind Petitioner's home at 3130 Golf Course Road. Finally, he noted that the revised property lines would not affect density beyond that otherwise allowed by the B.C.Z.R. and Petitioner would not acquire any rights of subdivision.

Following the granting of the aforementioned relief, Mr. Doak indicated he came to realize that the property adjacent to Petitioner's property, across Chittenden Lane, was zoned R.C.2. Significantly, because the zoning of the adjacent property is R.C.2, the building setback requirements are very specific. Section 1A04.3.B.2.c of the B.C.Z.R. requires that any principal building constructed in an R.C.5 Zone that is contiguous to an R.C.2 or R.C.7 Zone shall be situated at least 150 feet from the zone line. As shown on the site plan that accompanied the prior zoning case, which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3, the minimum building setback line to Chittenden Lane is noted as 75 feet; however, the building setback line is required to be at least 150 feet. Hence, realizing he should have filed it with the original case, Mr. Doak filed the instant variance request on behalf of the Van Der Meer's.

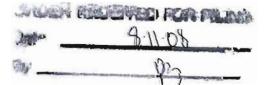
In support of the variance request, Mr. Doak noted the unusual characteristics of the property. He indicated the parcels were created as lots of record in 1953, long before the R.C.5 and R.C.2 Zones were created. He also indicated that Petitioner's present building setback



dilemma is unique unto itself because it was created by the abutting of an R.C.5 Zone with an R.C.2 Zone. The R.C.5 zoning classification was established in order to provide for rural-residential development in suitable areas. The R.C.2 zoning classification was established in order to foster conditions favorable to a continued agricultural use of productive agricultural areas of Baltimore County. Mr. Doak notes that the R.C.2 zoning present in this location is unusual because there are no agricultural uses in the vicinity. There is a nearby golf course and country club, as well as residential single-family dwellings in the area zoned R.C.2. Finally, Mr. Doak indicated that the property would meet all other area and setback requirements, and that denial of the requested relief would prevent Petitioner from potentially utilizing a permitted density right on the property, which is due to constraints that were placed on the property by the imposition of the R.C.5 and R.C.2 regulations.

Mr. Chriss presented the case in opposition to the requested relief on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Hart and 3120 Golf Course Road LLC. In arguing against the relief, Mr. Chriss indicated that Petitioner's request did not meet the standard set forth in Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Petitioner had not demonstrated the property was unique and that this uniqueness drove the need for the relief. He also indicated his belief that Petitioner's variance request to legitimize the unimproved parcel as a potentially buildable lot is contrary to the statements made by Petitioners at the prior zoning hearing, where the Van Der Meer's indicated they had no plans to build on the unimproved parcel. Finally, Mr. Chriss indicated that the instant variance request is necessary because of changes in the lot lines made by the Van Der Meer's themselves, hence they created this condition.

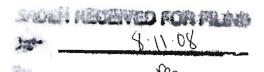
In addition, other neighbors testified that granting the variance request, and thus establishing the unimproved parcel as a buildable lot, would potentially have a domino effect in



the area, and would set a precedent for other similar variances to be granted in the future for other property owners who may wish to utilize an available density right on their property. The Undersigned also received a letter dated June 27, 2008 from Donald and Melanie Heacock of 3132 Golf Course Road West, which was marked and accepted into evidence as Protestant's Exhibit 1. This letter expressed opposition to the requested variance and indicated that the setback provisions of the B.C.Z.R. protect the use, enjoyment, and value of properties.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are contained within the case file. Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated May 20, 2008 which indicates that the Office has never received the information requested in comments provided in conjunction with the prior zoning hearing on this site, Case No. 08-188-SPH, a special hearing to revise lot lines between two existing lots of record. The instant case is a variance to allow a 75 foot setback from a zone line in lieu of the required 150 feet. The additional information that is needed is required in order for the Office to make a finding to the Zoning Commissioner that the proposal is in conjunction with the RC 5 performance standards as per Section 1A04.4 of the B.C.Z.R. The construction should comply with the current R.C.5 requirements. In order to make this determination, the Office of Planning will require the submission of additional information, which will be expounded on further in this Order. Comments were also received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management dated June 4, 2008 which indicates that the property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations. Soil evaluations must be conducted for 3130 Golf Course Road and the vacant parcel.

Considering all of the testimony and evidence presented, I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request. I believe the property that makes up the two parcels is unique because the parcels were



created in 1953, prior to the creation of the R.C. Zones. I also believe the presence of the R.C.2 Zone immediately abutting the subject property to be an anomaly and not typical for this specific location because of the lack of agricultural uses present. It is also the imposition of the R.C.2 Zone abutting the subject property that drives the need for the variance. Thus, the imposition of zoning, which requires a minimum setback of 150 feet in lieu of the typical 75 feet from the center line of any street or road, or 50 feet from any lot line other than a street line, disproportionably impacts the subject property as compared to others in the zoning district.

I further find that this variance can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations without having any negative effect on the surrounding locale.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this ______ day of August, 2008 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that Petitioner's variance request from Section 1A04.3.B.2.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a 75 foot setback from the zoning line in lieu of the minimum 150 feet, and to amend the site plan approved in Case No. 08-188-SPH is hereby GRANTED subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioner is advised that she may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. Prior to obtaining a building permit, Petitioner shall submit the following information to the Office of Planning for their determination that the proposed structure meets the RC 5 Performance Standards:
 - a. Submit photographs of existing adjacent dwellings to the Office of Planning.



- b. Submit building elevations (all sides) of the proposed dwelling to the Office of Planning for review and approval. The proposed dwelling shall be compatible in size and architectural detail as that of the existing dwellings in the area. Ensure that the exterior of the proposed building(s) use the same finish materials and architectural details on the front, side and rear elevations. Use of quality material such as brick, stone or cedar is encouraged.
- c. Design all decks, balconies, windows, dormers, chimneys and porches as a component of the building following dominant building lines. Decks shall be screened to minimize visibility from a public street.
- d. Design all accessory structures at a scale appropriate to the dwelling and design garages with the same architectural theme as the principal building, on the site, providing consistency in materials, colors, roof pitch and style.
- e. Provide landscaping along the public road, if it is consistent with the existing streetscape.
- 3. Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).
- 4. Soil evaluations must be conducted for 3130 Golf Course Road and the vacant parcel.

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

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

THB:pz



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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 3130 GOLF COURSE ROSO WEST

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)

SEE ATTACHED

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.

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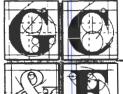
BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS:

SECTION 1A04.3.B.2.c.

TO ALLOW 75' SETBACK FROM THE ZONING LINE IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM 150'

ANT TO AMEND THE SITE PLAN APPROVED IN

CASE NO. 08-188-5PH



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April 24, 2008

ZONING DESCRIPTION
Annamarie van der Meer property
3130 West Golf Course Road
Parcel #91 (a.k.a. Parcel #2)
Baltimore County, Maryland

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Third Election District, Second Councilmanic District of Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows to wit:

Beginning for the same at a point on the intersection between Golf Course Road and West Golf Course Road being north-westerly 1440 feet ± from Golf Course Road along the centerline of West Golf Course Road thence living the West Golf Course Road in south-westerly direction along the west side of Chittenden Lane running thence South 40 degrees 53 minutes 58 seconds West 328.12 feet, North 51 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 240.00 feet, and running thence:

- 1) North 51 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 224.84 feet,
- 2) North 46 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds East 328.36 feet,
- 3) South 51 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East 222.95 feet
- 4) South 45 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 328.12 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.674 Acres of land, more or less.



Note: This description only satisfies the requirements of the Office of Zoning and is not to be used for the purposes of conveyance.



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April 24, 2008

ZONING DESCRIPTION
Annamarie van der Meer property
West Golf Course Road
Parcel #345 (a.k.a. Parcel #1)
Baltimore County, Maryland

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Third Election District, Second Councilmanic District of Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows to wit:

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- 1) South 40 degrees 53 minutes 58 seconds West 328.12 feet,
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- 3) North 45 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 328.12 feet,
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Containing 1.7944 Acres of land, more or less.



Note: This description only satisfies the requirements of the Office of Zoning and is not to be used for the purposes of conveyance.

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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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

Case: # 2008-0511-A
3130 Golf Course Road, West
N/west corner of the intersection of West Golf Course Road
and Chittenden Lane
3rd Election District
2nd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Annamarie
Van Der Meer

Variance: to allow 75-foot setback from the zoning line in lieu of the maximum 150 feet and to amend the site plan approved in case no. 08-188-SPH.

Hearing: Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 102, Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

6/19,2008
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: CASE# 2008-0511-A PETITIONER/DEVELOPER: Annamarie Van Der Meer

DATE OF HEARING: July 2, 2008 3pm

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

ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATTHEWS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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

LOCATION:

3130 Golf Course Road West

(see page 2 for full size photo)

SIGNATURE OF SIGN POSTER

Bruce E. Doak

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CASE # :2008-0511-

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

PLACE: Room 102 Jefferson Building

TIME & 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD

10:00 am Wednesday July 2, 2008

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POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CONDITIONS ARE SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO CONFIRM HEARING CALL 410-887-3391 THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE.

HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE





JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

May 30, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

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Director

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C: Annamarie Van Der Meer, 3130 Golf Course Road West, Owings Mills 21117 Gerhold, Cross & Etzel, 320 E. Towsontown Blvd., Ste. 100, Towson 21286

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

June 24, 2008

Annamarie Van Der Meer 3130 Golf Course Road West Owings Mills, MD 21117

Dear: Annamarie Van Der Meer

RE: Case Number 2008-0511-A, Address: 3130 Golf Course Road West

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on April 29, 2008. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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,

U. Carl Richal &

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:Inw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Gerhold, Cross & Etzel, Ltd., 320.E Towsontown Blvd. #100, Towson, MD 21286

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: May 9, 2008

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 12, 2008

Item Nos. 08-504, 506, 507, 508, 509, 511, 512, 513, 515, 516, 517, and 519

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

DAK:CEN:lrk

ZAC-04092008-NO COMMENTS

cc: File



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown. Lt Governor John D. Porcari, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: May 5, 2008

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

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 8-5(1-A

3130 GOLF COHREE ROAD WEST VAN DER VEER PROPERTY 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. 8-611-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,

Steven D. Foster, Chlef Engineering Access Permits

SDF/MB

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence





TO:		Timothy M. Kotroco	
FROM: Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination		DEPRM - Development Coordination Tull	
DATE	:	June 4, 2008	
SUBJE	ECT:	Zoning Item Address	# 08-511-A 3130 Golf Course Road West (Van Der Meer Property)
	Zoning	g Advisory Con	nmittee Meeting of May 5, 2008
The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.			
X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offer the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:			
	Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Section 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).		
	<u>X</u>	-	of this property must comply with the Forest Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the anty Code).
		Critical Area I	of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Regulations (Sections 33-2-101 through 33-2-1004, and , of the Baltimore County Code).

Additional Comments:

Soil evaluations must be conducted for 3130 Golf Course Road and the vacant parcel. S. Farinetti; Ground Water Management

Reviewer:

Glenn Shaffer

Date: May 21, 2008

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Timothy Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 3130 Golf Course Road West

MAY 2 8 2008

DATE: May 20, 2008

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 08-511

Petitioner: Anna Marie Van Der Meer

Zoning: RC 5

Requested Action: Variance

The Office of Planning has never received the information requested in comments provided in conjunction with the prior zoning hearing on this site, 08-188sph, a special hearing to revise lot lines between two existing lots of record. The instant case is a variance to allow a 75 foot setback from a zone line in lieu of required 150 feet.

The additional information that is need is required in order for the office to make a finding to the Zoning Commissioner that the proposal is in compliance with the RC5 performance standards as per Section 1A04.4 of the BCZR.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Photographs of existing adjacent dwellings.
- 2. Submit building elevations (all sides) of the proposed dwelling to this office for review and approval prior to the hearing. The proposed dwelling shall be compatible in size and architectural detail as that of the existing dwellings in the area. Ensure that the exterior of the proposed building(s) uses the same finish materials and architectural details on the front, side, and rear elevations. Use of quality material such as brick, stone, or cedar is encouraged.
- 3. Design all decks, balconies, windows, dormers, chimneys, and porches as a component of the building following dominant building lines. Decks shall be screened to minimize visibility from a public street.
- 4. Design all accessory structures at a scale appropriate to the dwelling and design garages with the same architectural theme as the principal building on the site, providing consistency in materials, colors, roof pitch, and style.
- 5. Provide landscaping along the public road, if consistent with the existing streetscape.

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

Prepared By:

Division Chief: AFK:LL:CM

RE: PETITION FOR VARANCE

3130 Golf Course Road W; NW corner West
Golf Course Road & Chittenden Lane

3rd Election & 2nd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Annamarie Van Der Meer

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

08-511-A

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.

RECEIVED

Per....

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 14th day of May, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Gerhold, Cross & Etzel, Ltd, 320 E Towsontown Blvd, Towson, MD 21286, Representative for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

Peter Max Zinnerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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Case No.: 2008 - 0511 - A

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	site plan	6-27-08 letter from Mr. +. Mrs. Heacork
No. 2	previous order 08-188-5PH	
No. 3	site plan of previous case	
No. 4	photography	
No. 5	site plan to accompany.	
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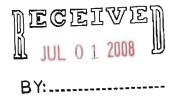
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Donald R. Heacock Melanie M. Heacock

June 27, 2008

<u>VIA FACSIMILE (410-887-3048) AND</u> FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Room 102 Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Re: Case No.: 2008-0511-A/3130 Golf Course Road,

West

Dear Sir:

We are the owners of the property at 3132 Golf Course Road located adjacent to the above-referenced property for which variance is being requested to allow a 75 foot set back from the zoning line in lieu of the required 150 foot set back.

As adjacent property owners, we believe that the required set back provisions of the Baltimore County Zoning regulations protect the use, enjoyment and value of our property and should not be compromised.

We respectfully oppose the granting of the requested variance and urge that it be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Donald R. Heacock

Melanie M. Heacock

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3132 Golf Course Road West – Owings Mills, MD 21117 – 410-356-2436 donaldheacock@hotmail.com, melanieheacock@gmail.com

PROTESTANT'S

EXHIBIT NO.



IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

NW Corner W Golf Course Road and
Chittenden Lane
(3130 Golf Course Road W)

3rd Election District

* OF

2nd Council District

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Annamarie van der Meer
Revocable Living Trust

* Case No. 08-188-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Special Hearing filed by the owner of the subject property, Annamarie van der Meer. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to revise the property lines between two (2) existing recorded lots. Stated differently, the Petitioner, pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), has requested approval to reconfigure certain lot lines of two (2) existing contiguous parcels/lots of record as defined in Section 101 thereof. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which shows final conditions and was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Annamarie van der Meer, property owner, and her husband, Suitbertus M. L. van der Meer, and Bruce E. Doak, a property line surveyor and expert in zoning matters with Gerhold, Cross & Etzel, Ltd., the engineering firm that prepared the site plan for this property. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence presented indicated that the subject property is comprised of two (2) separate contiguous lots of record since 1953 that are located on the property known as the Green Spring Valley Country Club in Owings Mills. The properties are zoned R.C.5 and are

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rectangularly shaped situated at the intersection of West Golf Course Road and Chittenden Lane. Parcel 91 contains 1.674 acres and is improved with the van der Meer's 4,700+ square foot family home that is served by well and septic. Parcel 345 is heavily wooded, unimproved and contains 1.7944 acres¹. As noted above, the Petitioner owns both lots and proposes a reconfiguration of the parcels to legitimize the potential use of Parcel 345. Ms. van der Meer testified and placed on the record before me that she has absolutely no current intention of developing the unimproved parcel following the proposed revision of the property lines. The van der Meer's currently enjoy and have for many years the scenic view of the golf course and its attendant sixth fairway. This view is to the east of their home and across the now vacant Parcel 345. The proposed realignment, while removing any issue of zoning merger brought about by the septic reserve area, will more importantly preserve their present day views of the golf course. In other words, any future building on the unimproved parcel under this plan would by necessity have to be located on the northern portion of the unimproved lot as opposed to its southern portion which is behind their home at 3130 Golf Course Road.

After due consideration of the evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant approval of the proposed revised property lines. The improved parcel will increase in size to 1.92 acres, thereby reducing the unimproved parcel to 1.54 acres. The new parcels will both have ample area and setbacks. Access to the Petitioner's home and that of the neighboring property owner, Thornley and Barbara Hart, is by way of a private driveway easement that currently bisects Parcel 345. That 20-foot right-of-way easement will be realigned and will traverse along the northern boundary rather than through the unimproved parcel as currently configured. The revised property lines do not affect density beyond that otherwise allowed by the B.C.Z.R. and

¹ As illustrated on the site plan, a portion of the septic reserve area serving the family home encroaches into the southwest corner of Parcel 345.

the Petitioner will not acquire any rights of subdivision. In my judgment, the lot line adjustment will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale and is entirely consistent with the R.C.5 zoning use of the subject and adjacent properties. The van der Meer's have discussed this proposal with the entire community and none of the neighbors oppose their request. Prior to the hearing, a Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Office of Planning which discussed the Performance Standards of B.C.Z.R. Section 1A04.4 inherent in the R.C.5 zone. As discussed above, the Petitioner has no intent to develop the property at this time. I will, however, condition my approval to provide compliance with the required standards if and when any new construction takes place. The issues raised in the Petition are pursuant to the authority granted in Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. Thus, my decision in this matter is based on the zoning of the subject property, the proposed dimensions for each lot and other zoning defined issues. I find that the relief being requested does not rise to a minor subdivision of the property but rather a lot line adjustment. I wish to point out, however, that I do not have the authority, nor will this decision attempt, to determine issues of processing These regulations have been relegated by the County Council to the limited exemptions. Development Review Committee. See Long Meadow Association, Inc. et al v. Druid Ridge, LLP et al. Court of Special Appeals No. 1801 (2005) and County Council Bill 54-05.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded to grant the Petition for Special Hearing. Indeed, it appears that the reconfiguration of the lot lines is consistent with the R.C.5 zoning and will be beneficial to the Petitioner and her successors and assigns.

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.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this _____ day of January 2008 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking to revise the property lines between two existing recorded lots, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1. Architectural elevation drawings must be submitted to the Office of Planning for review and approval in accordance with the Performance Standards of B.C.Z.R. Section 1A04.4 prior to the issuance of a building permit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any appeal of this decision must be entered within thirty (30) days of the date hereof.

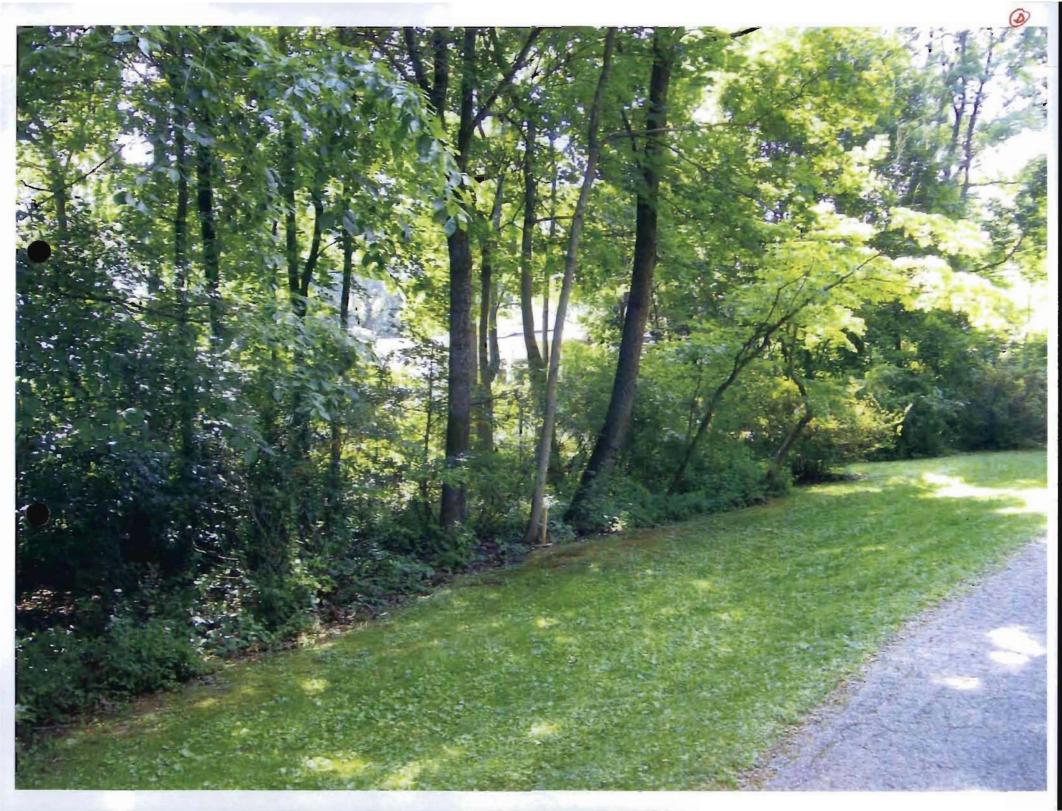
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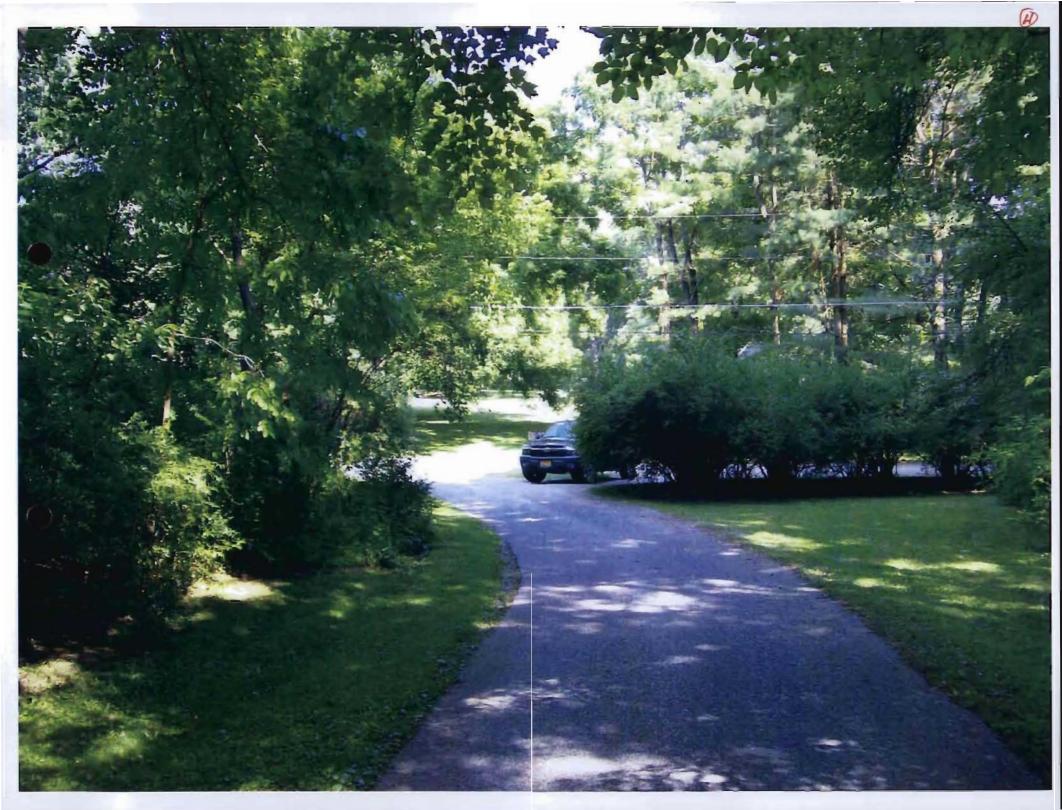








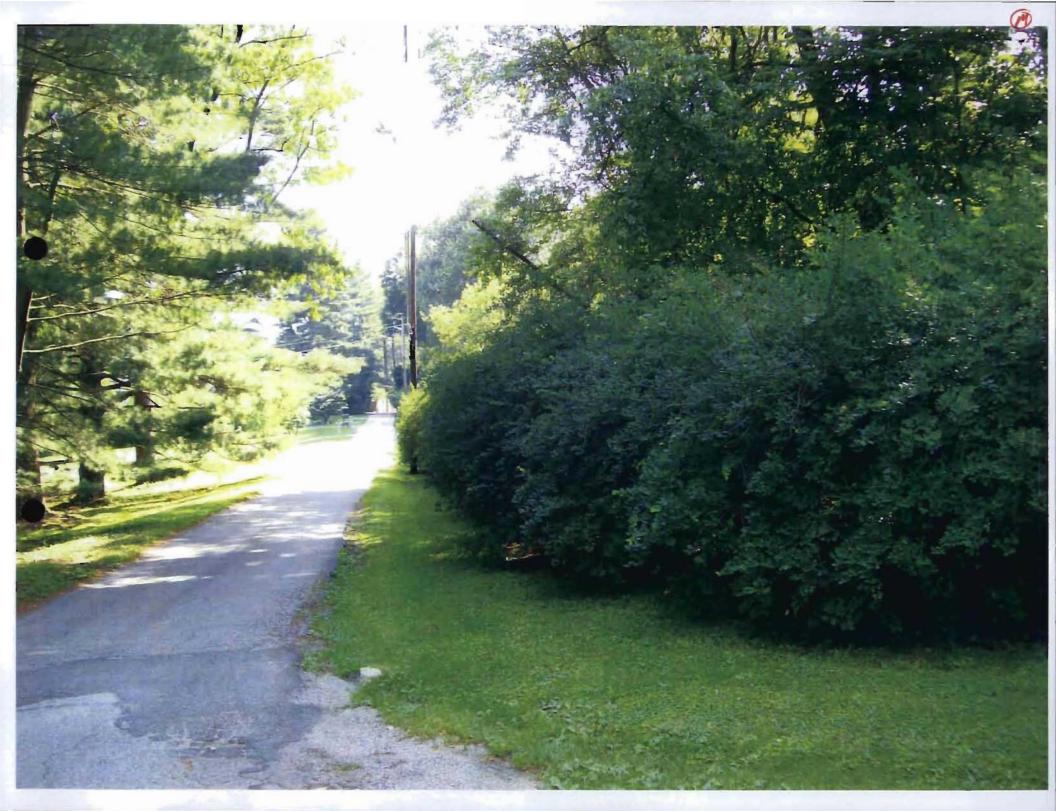


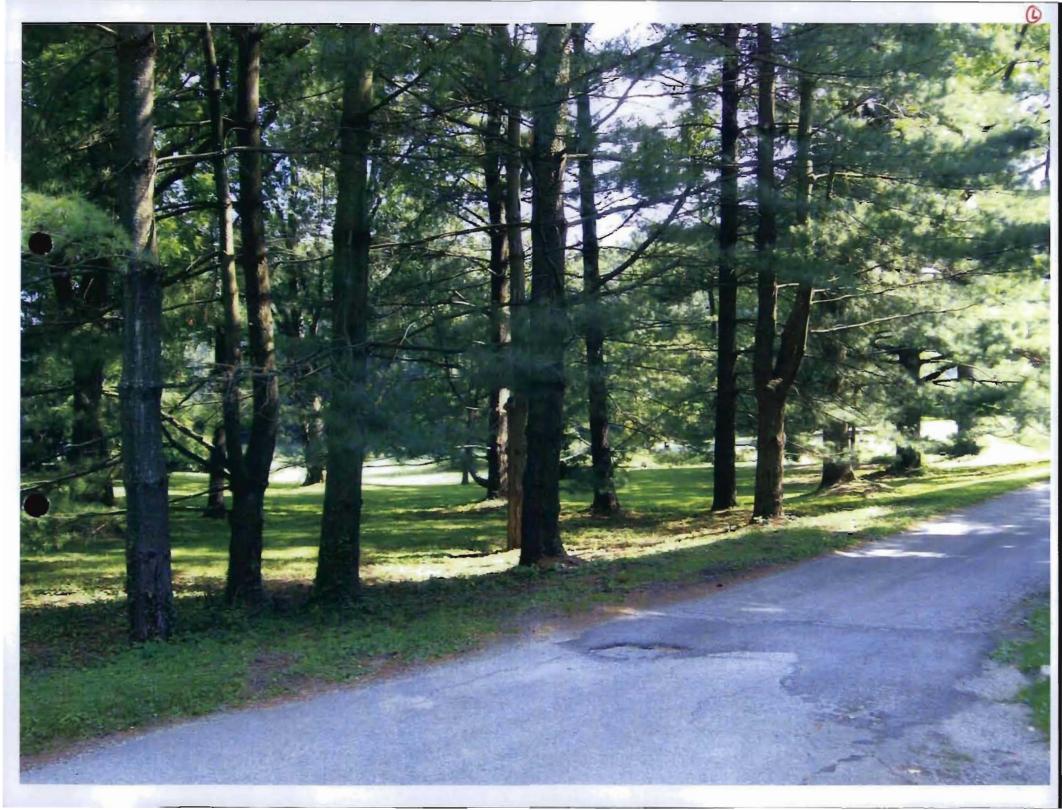


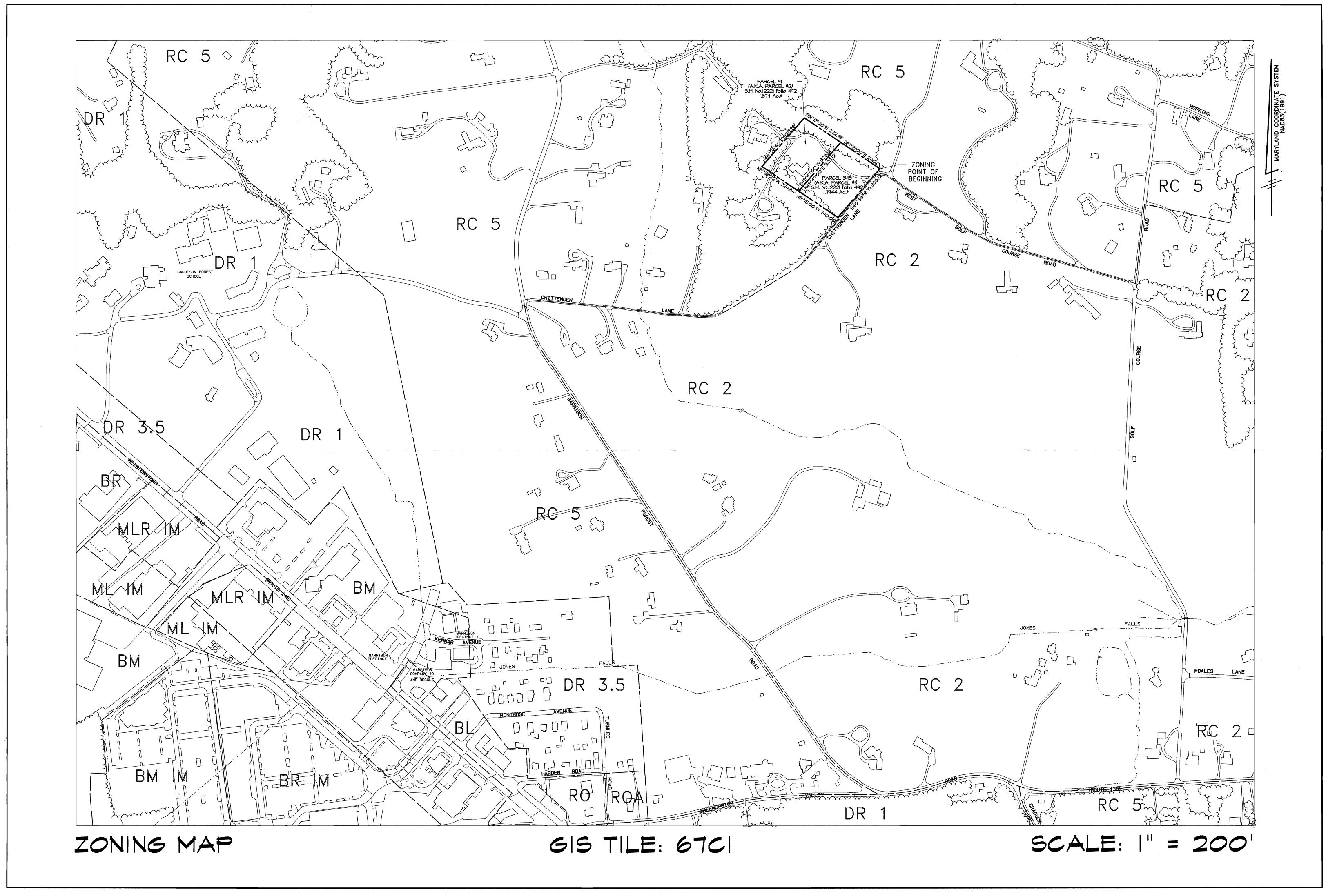


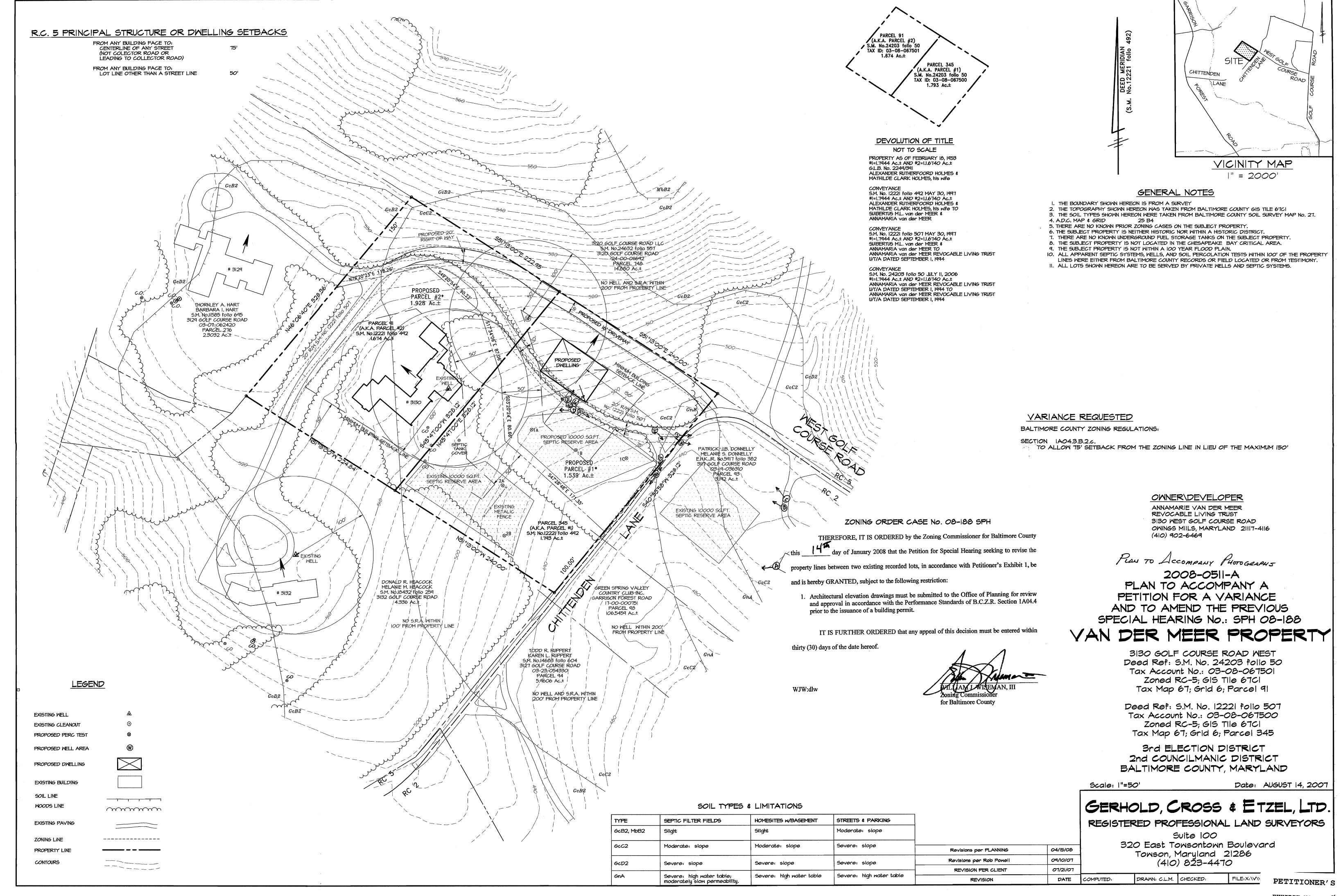












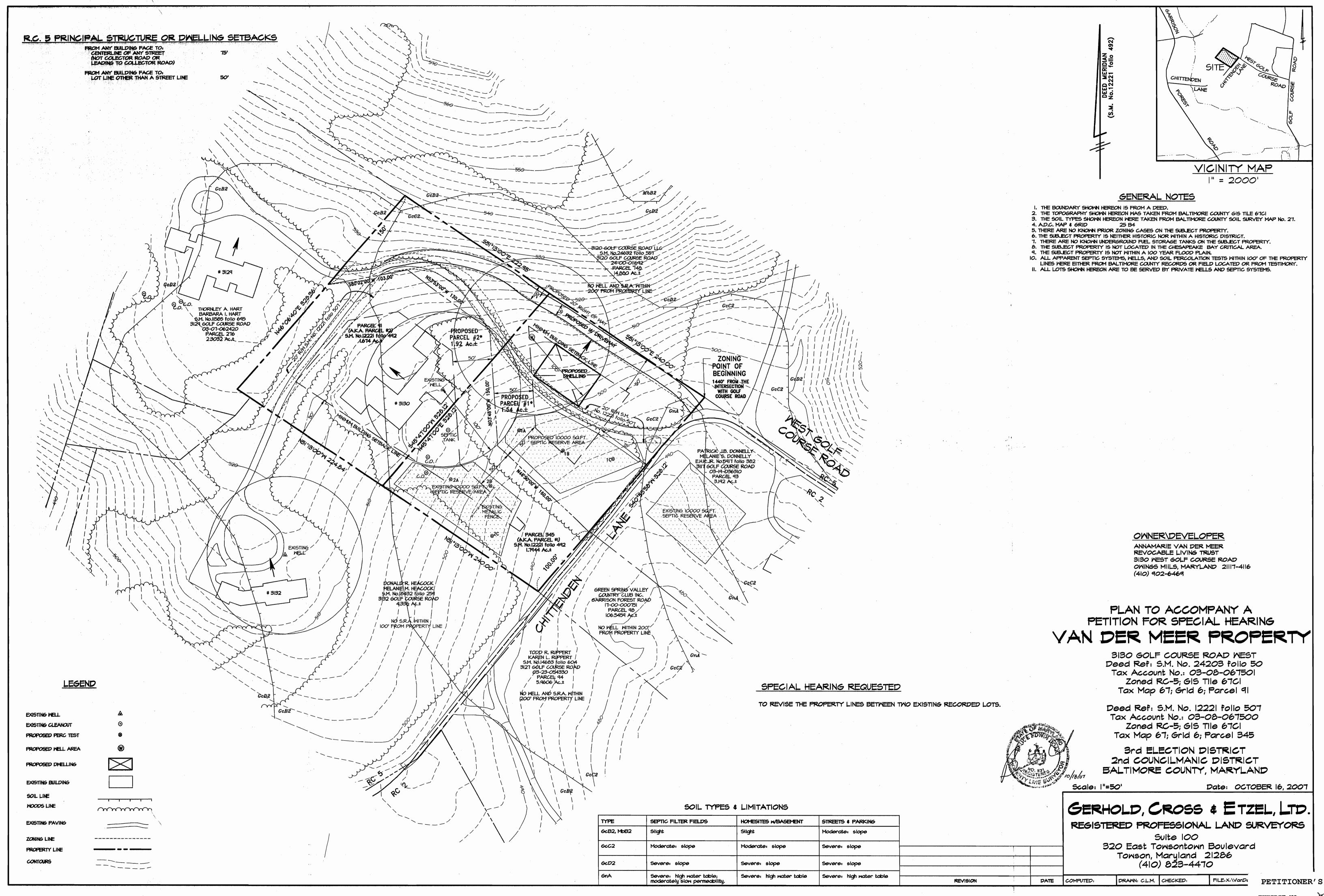


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