IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, *
SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE

(1835 Frederick Road)

1st Election District

1st Councilmanic District

Candlelight Realty, LLC, Legal Owner

Witzke Properties

Contract Purchaser

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2014-0059-SPHXA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire from Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC on behalf of Candlelight Realty LLC, the legal owner, and Witzke Properties, contract purchaser ("Petitioners"). The Petition for Special Hearing was filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to determine the applicability of the residential transition area (RTA) to an existing structure undergoing a change in use. A Petition for Special Exception was filed pursuant to B.C.Z.R. § 1B01.1.C.9 to permit a funeral establishment in a D.R. (residential) zone.

Finally, a Petition for Variance was filed pursuant to the B.C.Z.R. as follows: (1) to permit a residential transition area of 22 feet in lieu of the required 100 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.a; (2) to permit an RTA buffer of 33 feet to a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 50 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5); (3) to permit a setback of 33 feet for a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5); and (4) to permit an RTA setback of 50 feet for a parking lot in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5).

The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the redlined site plan

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that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1. Appearing in support of the requests was Craig Witzke, Mitch Kellman and John Mellema, Jr. Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire with Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, appeared as counsel and represented the Petitioners. Several members of the community attended the hearing, and their names are listed in the case file. The file reveals that the Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The only substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP), and the State Highway Administration (SHA).

The subject property is approximately 6.63± acres in size and is zoned D.R. 5.5 and D.R. 2. For many years the Candlelight Inn restaurant was operated on the premises, and as many residents indicated, it was a beloved Catonsville institution that hosted many celebratory dinners and other special occasion gatherings. The restaurant has closed, and the Petitioners propose to convert the use to a funeral establishment, which requires zoning relief.

SPECIAL HEARING

The Petition for Special Hearing seeks a determination as to whether the Residential Transition Area (RTA) regulations apply in this case. As noted above, the zoning is residential (primarily D.R. 5.5), and as shown on the aerial photo (Exhibit 2) the site is surrounded (for the most part) by single family dwellings. In these circumstances, I believe the RTA regulations are applicable.

Petitioners' counsel notes that the Candlelight Inn was constructed long before the adoption of the B.C.Z.R., and is thus a legal nonconforming use and building that with the construction of the proposed garage would be enlarged by not more than 25% of the floor area. As such, under B.C.Z.R. § 104 it would arguably enjoy a "grandfathered" status and not be

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subject to the RTA regulations, and the garage (which would be connected to the main building by a breezeway) would enjoy the same exemption. Even so, I believe this site possesses the requisite uniqueness (discussed below) and will therefore resolve the matter by way of the variance petition.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Under Maryland law, a special exception use enjoys a presumption that it is in the interest of the general welfare, and therefore, valid. Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). In fact, as noted by counsel, the Schultz case also involved a funeral home in a residential zone, and the court noted that such a use is appropriate even though "there can be no doubt that an undertaking business has an inherent depressing and disturbing psychological effect which may adversely affect persons residing in the immediate neighborhood." Id. at 13. The Schultz standard was revisited in People's Counsel v. Loyola College, 406 Md. 54 (2008), where the court emphasized that a special exception is properly denied only when there are facts and circumstances showing that the adverse impacts of the use at the particular location in question would be above and beyond those inherently associated with the special exception use. Such evidence was not presented here, and thus the petition will be granted.

VARIANCES

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will also grant the petition for variance. To obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

(2) If variance relief is denied, petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53, 80 (2008).

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The Petitioners have met this test. The site is nearly seven acres in size $(6.63 \text{ acres } \pm)$ and is of irregular shape. In addition, it is improved with a structure that is over 150 years old. As such, the property is unique.

If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, the Petitioners would indeed suffer a practical difficulty, since they would be unable to operate the new business at this location or would need to raze the existing structure and construct a new building that complied with zoning setbacks, which is an unpalatable alternative. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

The Garage

At the outset, Petitioners noted that only interior modifications are being proposed, with the exception of a garage to be constructed behind the existing restaurant and covered pavilion area. The garage will be connected to the main building (as recommended by the DOP) and will be used to store funeral vehicles, supplies and for intake and transfer of human remains. The Petitioners explained the garage was proposed for this location (instead of elsewhere on the lot) since it was "tucked away" in a "notch" behind the main building and would provide privacy so as to shield these operations from public view.

Although there was little opposition to its proposed placement, several neighbors objected to a prefabricated metal building being used for the garage. As one neighbor put it, "there is no such thing as an attractive metal building." I would tend to agree, especially given the iconic nature of the Candlelight Inn. I do not however believe that my role is to decide upon the design and/or aesthetic treatment of proposed structures. This is a matter best left to the DOP and Petitioners; they can agree upon a design that will function as needed and enhance the

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appearance of the site. Mr. Witzke indicated he was amenable to working with the DOP in this fashion.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition, and for the reasons set forth above, the petitions for special hearing, special exception and variance shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>25th</u> day of November, 2013, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), be and is hereby GRANTED, and it is determined the RTA regulations apply in this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception filed pursuant to the B.C.Z.R., to permit a funeral establishment in a D.R. zone, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance relief as follows: (1) to permit a residential transition area of 22 feet in lieu of the required 100 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.a; (2) to permit an RTA buffer of 33 feet to a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 50 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5); (3) to permit a setback of 33 feet for a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5); and (4) to permit an RTA setback of 50 feet for a parking lot in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5), be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioners may apply for appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioners must comply with the ZAC comment of the SHA.

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- 3. The Petitioners shall not operate a crematory on the subject premises.
- 4. The Special Exception granted herein must be utilized within two (2) years of the date hereof, unless extended by subsequent Order.
- 5. The Special Exception area in which all funeral establishment operations must take place shall be the 3.69 acre ± parcel delineated on the redlined site plan marked as Exhibit 1.
- 6. The Petitioners must submit for approval by the DOP building elevations of the proposed garage, to ensure that it is compatible with the neighborhood and existing improvements on site.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive



LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

November 25, 2013

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Property: 1835 Frederick Road Case No.: 2014-0059-SPHXA

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

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 Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHNE. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: Berchie Manley, 402 Montemar Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Mary Tilghman, 3 Trotting Horse Ct., Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Christine Langr, 1703 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Bryan Lally, 1901 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Wayne Olson, 2115 Oaklodge Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228



PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Ba	Baltimore County for the property located at		
Address 1835 Frederick Road	which is presently zoned D.R. 5.5 and D.R.2		
Deed References: 24804/00157	10 Digit Tax Account # 0103003161		
Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Candlelight Realty, LLC			

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

	le a part hereof, hereby petition for:
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2 a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations	of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for
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Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: 17 we do so solemnly declare and affirm, und which is the subject of this / these Petition(s). Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Witzke Properties Name- Type of Print	Legal Owners (Petitioners): (male Light Forther) Ware the legal owner(s) of the property Name #1 - Type or Print Name #2 - Type or Print
Signature	Signature #1 Signature # 2
9 Newburg Avenue, Suite 200 Catonsville MD Mailing Address City State	1835 Frederick Road Baltimore MD
Mailing Address City State 21228 ,443-830-0310 ,	Mailing Address City State 21228
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telephone # Email Address
Attorney for Petitioner:	Representative to be contacted:
Lawrence E. Schmidt, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC	Lawrence E. Schmidt, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC
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Signature 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson MD	Signature 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson MD
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CASE NUMBER 2014-0059-5PHXA Filing Date 9,5,13

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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING

1835 Frederick Road 1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District

Special Hearing Relief:

- 1. To determine the applicability of the residential transition area to an existing structure undergoing a change in use pursuant to BCZR § 500.7; and
- 2. For such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County.

Special Exception Relief:

- 1. To permit a funeral establishment pursuant to BCZR § 1B01.1.C.9; and
- 2. For such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County.

Variance from Section(s):

- 1. In the alternative, to permit residential transition area of 22 feet in lieu of the required 100 feet pursuant to BCZR § 1B01.1.B.1.a(1); and
- 2. In the alternative, to permit an RTA buffer of 33 feet to a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 50 feet pursuant to BCZR § 1B01.1.B.1.e(5); and
- 3. In the alternative, to permit a setback of 33 feet for a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to 1B01.1.B.1.e(5).
- 4. In the alternative, to permit an RTA setback of 50 feet for a parking lot, in lieu of the required 75 feet pursuant to BCZR § 1801.1.B.1.e(5); and
- For such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County.

JOHN C. MELLEMA SR., INC. LAND SURVEYORS

5409 EAST DR. BALTO., MD. 21227 PHONE: 410-247-7488 FAX: 410-247-2507

ZONING DESCRIPTION #1835 FREDERICK ROAD

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FREDERICK ROAD A 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY 60' SOUTHWEST OF CENTERLINE OF ROLLING ROAD. THENCE RUNNING ALON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FREDERICK ROAD SOUTHEASTERLY 391.6 FEET, THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTH SIDE OF FREDERICK ROAD AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY 79.90 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 295.6 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 69.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 227.80 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 445.6 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 118.0 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 595.3 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 6.35 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

ZONING REVIEW

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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 2014-0059-SPHXA
Petitioner: Candlelight Realty, LLC
Address or Location: 1835 Frederick Road
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Debbie Gaskins, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC
Address: 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson MD 21204
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DATE: 10/28/2013

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Petitioner / Developer: LAWRENCE SCHMIDT, ESQ. ~

WITZKE PROPERTIES ~ CANDLELIGHT REALTY

Date of Hearing (Closing): NOVEMBER 18, 2013

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 1835 FREDERICK ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: OCTOBER 27, 2013



Kinda O'Keife (Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

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(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001

October 31, 2013

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on October 29, 2013

The Jeffersonian

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge 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: # 2014-0059-SPHXA 1835 Frederick Road S/s Frederick Road, opposite Rolling Road 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Candlelight Realty, LLC Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Witzke Properties

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Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. JT 10/913 Oct. 29

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 27, 2013

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2014-0059-SPHXA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on December 26, 2013. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings



KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

September 25, 2013

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

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1835 Frederick Road

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C: Lawrence Schmidt, 600 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Towson 2104 Witzke properties, 9 Newburg Avenue, Ste. 200, Catonsville 21228 Candlelight Realty, 1835 Frederick Road, Baltimore 21228

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Debbie Gaskins Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE 1835 Frederick Road; S/S Frederick Road, opposing Rolling Road 1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): Candlelight Realty, LLC Contract Purchaser(s): Witzke Properties Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE OFFICE
- OF ADMINSTRATIVE
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- **BALTIMORE COUNTY**
- 2014-059-SPHXA

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party 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.

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1th day of September, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CASE NO. 2014-

CHECKLIST

Comment Received	Department	Support/Oppose/ Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
9/13/13	DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW (if not received, date e-mail sent)	MC
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

November 14, 2013

Candle Light Inn LLC 1835 Frederick Road Baltimore MD 21228

RE: Case Number: 2014-0059 SPHXA, Address: 1835 Frederick Road

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on September 5, 2013. 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaf

Enclosures

People's Counsel
 Witzke Properties, 9 Newburg Avenue, Suite 200, Catonsville MD 21228
 Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson MD 21204



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 9-12-13

Ms. Kristen Lewis
Baltimore County Department of
Permits, Approvals and Inspections
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Lewis:

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2014-8059-SPHXA Special Heaving Special Exception Vaniance Condelight Realty LLC 1835 Frederick Road

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 9-9-13. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto MD144 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is required. As a condition of approval for Variance, Case Number 2014-2017-SPHXAthe applicant must contact the State Highway Administration to obtain an entrance permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief/ Development Manager

Access Management Division

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\cc: Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

Mr. David Peake, District Engineer, SHA

Michael J. Bryant 25 N. Rolling Rd. Catonsville, MD 21228

November 12, 2013

Office of Zoning Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case # 2014-0059-SPHXA

I am a resident living within a few blocks of the Candle Light Inn, the subject of the referenced zoning hearing. I would like to register my support of the proposed changes. We have lived in this location since 1986 and are very committed to the Catonsville area. It is very important that properties remain occupied even as uses change due to the economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael J. Bryant

November 13, 2013 Ms. Kristen Lewis Zoning Office Room 105 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We are submitting comments regarding Case #2014-0059-SPHXA, Candlelight Restaurant, 1835 Frederick Road. A zoning hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2013 and we will unable to attend. This property borders ours (3 S. Hilltop Road) and the proposed Special Exceptions and Variances will impact us. The Candlelight property is 6.35 acres. We have no objection to the Variance request to permit a residential transition area of 22 feet in lieu of the required 100 feet because the covered pavilion is existing and does not detract from the neighborhood aesthetics. However, we do object to the request to permit an RTA buffer of 33 feet to a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 75 feet and the request to permit an RTA setback of 50 feet for a parking lot, in lieu of the required 75 feet.

The parking garage proposed is extremely large (40° x 55°) and would be an unsightly addition to the neighborhood in the location proposed. Currently, this is a grass area next to the pavilion with trees and would be a pleasant space for grieving persons to relax and meditate. The property already has a large paved area behind the existing building that would be a more appropriate location and would not require approval of a variance. We also object to decreasing the RTA setback for a parking lot to 50 feet instead of 75 feet. Again there is ample property to expand the parking areas without moving them closer to residential property. Since there does not seem to be any compelling reasons for approving the variances, we request that the Zoning Board respect the privacy of long term residents who have lived in the adjoining properties and deny these requests.

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Sincerely,

Ray and Deborah Paul

3 S. Hilltop Road

Catonsville, Maryland 21228

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: October 3, 2013

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

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Director, Department of Planning

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SUBJECT:

1835 Frederick Road

Item Number:

14-059

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Petitioner:

Candle Light Realty, LLC

Zoning:

DR 5.5, DR 2

Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Special Exception, Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The petitioner is seeking a Special Hearing to determine the applicability of the residential transition area to an existing structure undergoing a change in the use pursuant to section 500.7 of the BCZR. The petitioner is also seeking a special exception to permit a funeral establishment. Lastly the petitioner is seeking variance requests for the following:

- In the alternative to permit residential transition area of 22 feet in lieu of the required 100 feet
- In the alternative to permit a RTA buffer of 33 feet to a parking structure (garage) in lieu of the required 50 feet and 75 feet respectively
- In the alternative, to permit an RTA setback of 50 feet for a parking lot, in lieu of the required 75

Planning does not object to the petitioner's Special Hearing request for the existing structure and the petitioner's Special Exception request to permit a funeral establishment. Planning also does not object to the RTA variance requests for the existing structure and proposed garage. However, it appears that the proposed garage could be located outside of the 75-foot building setback and the 50-foot buffer to residential could be maintained. The petitioner should also strongly consider attaching the proposed accessory structure to the principal building.

Planning does have the following comments regarding the petitioner's requests:

- 1. Submit elevations of any proposed changes to the existing building.
- 2. Submit elevations of the proposed garage and state the height of the structure.

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Arnold Jablon, Director

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DATE: September 13, 2013

Department of Permits, Approvals And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 16, 2013

Item No. 2014-0047, 0048, 0049, 0050, 0051, 0052, 0054, 0055, 0056,

0057, 0058 and 0059

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

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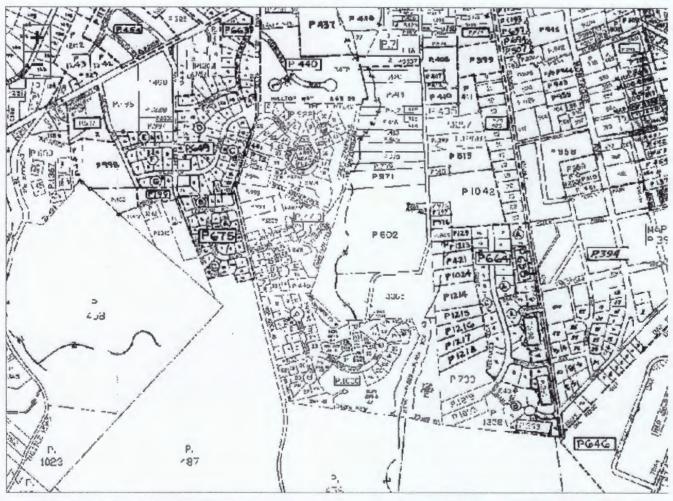
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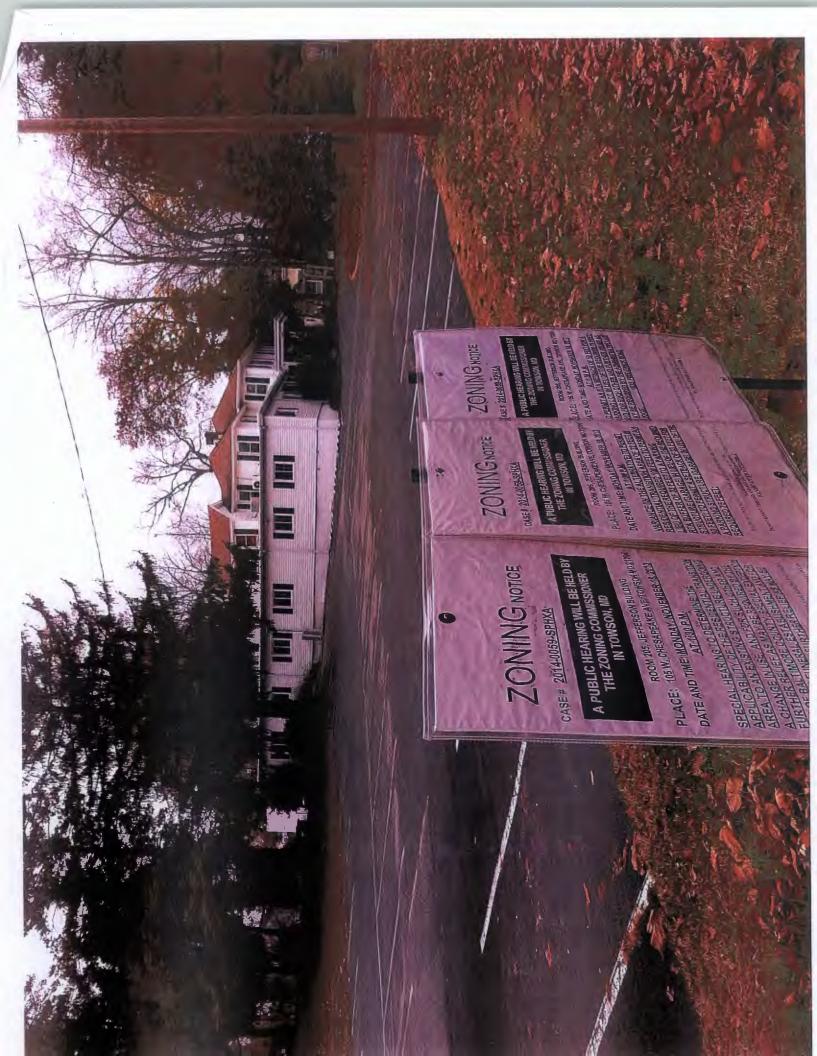
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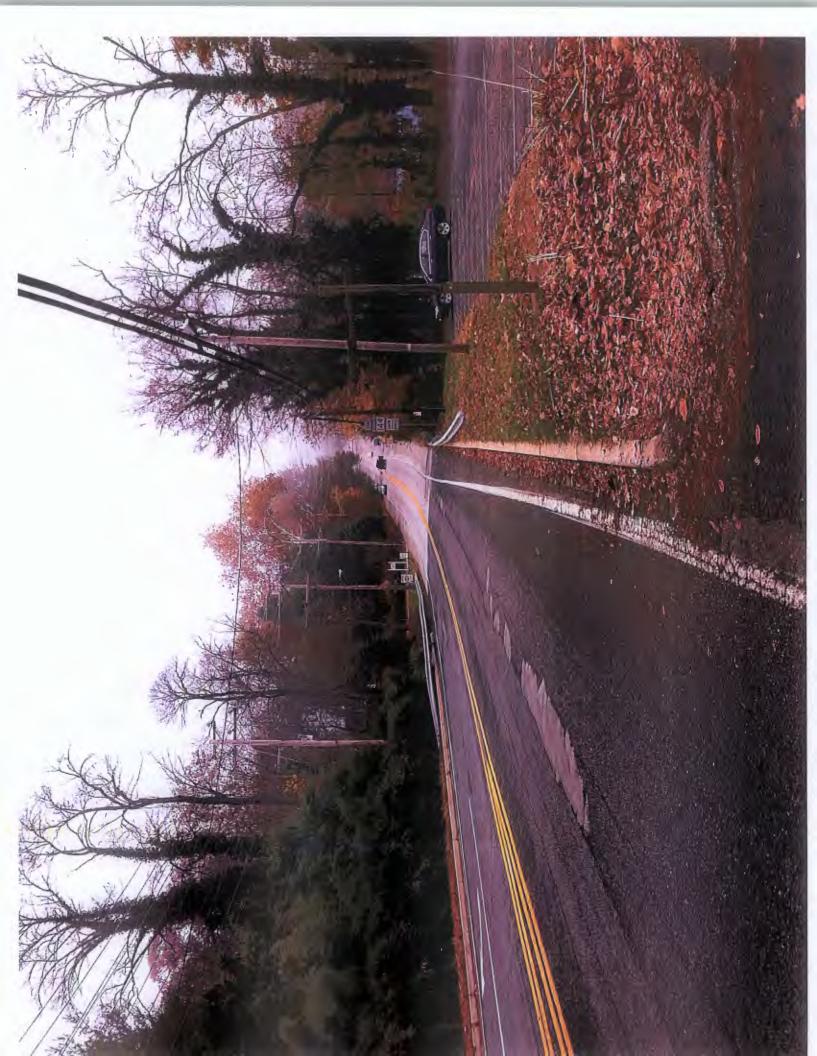
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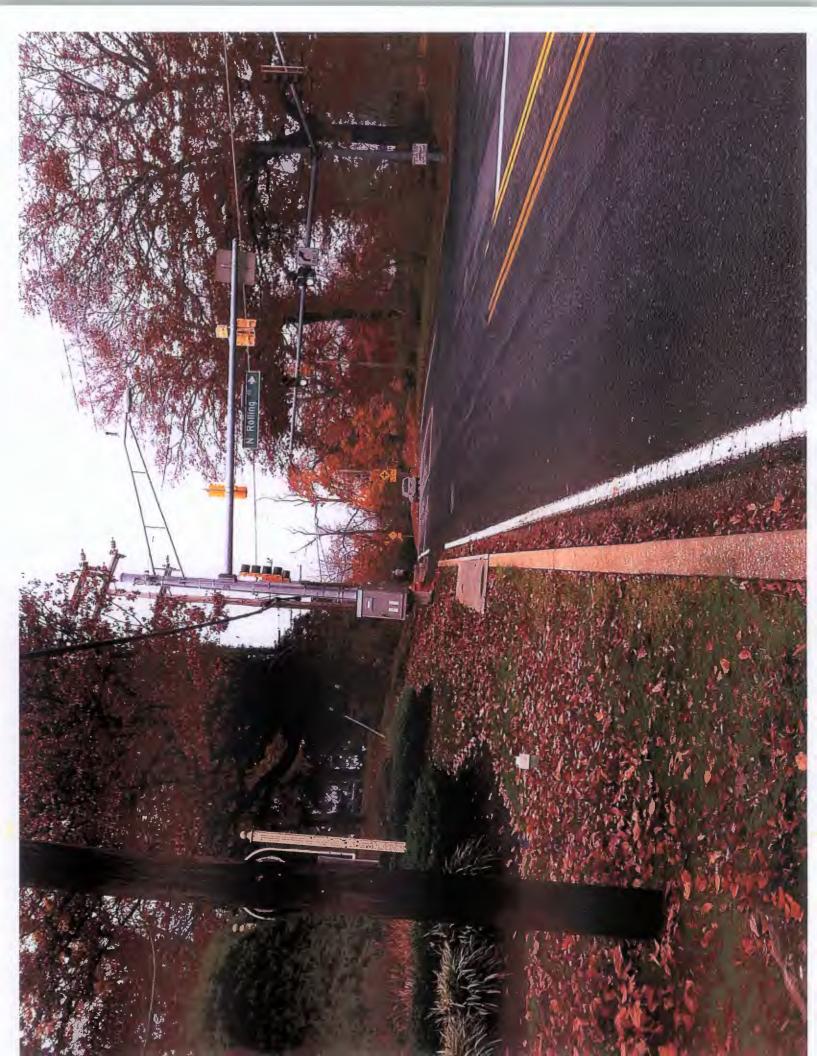


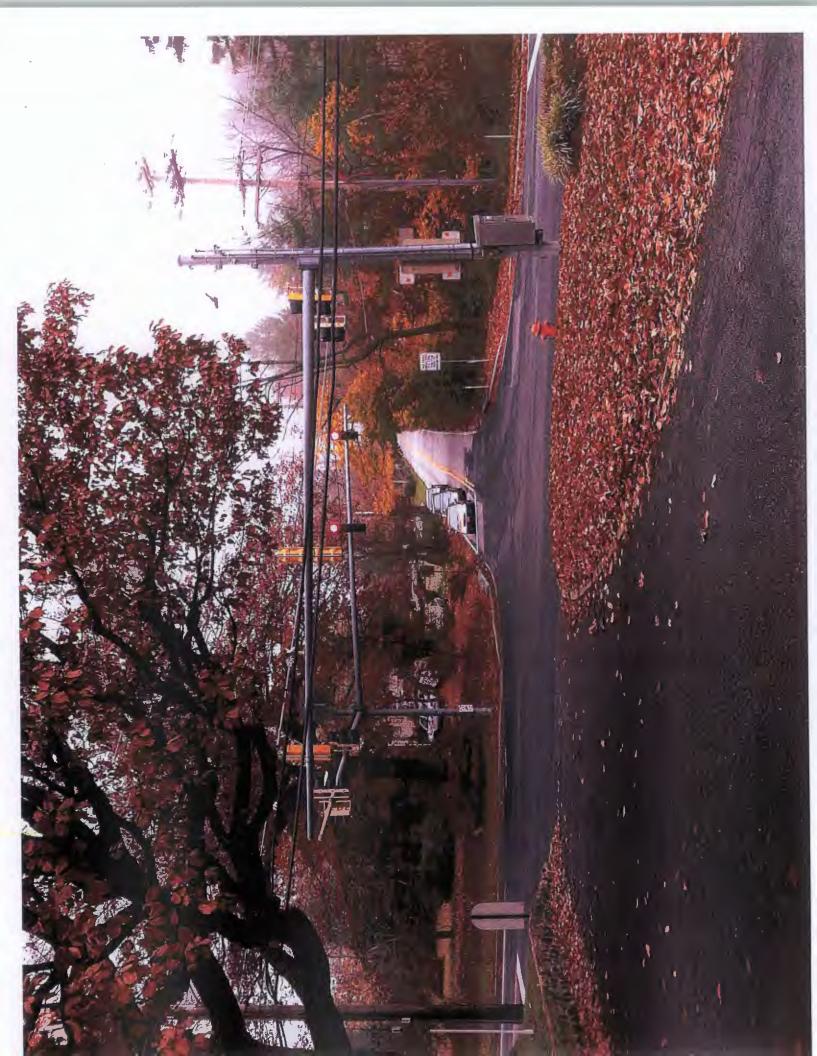




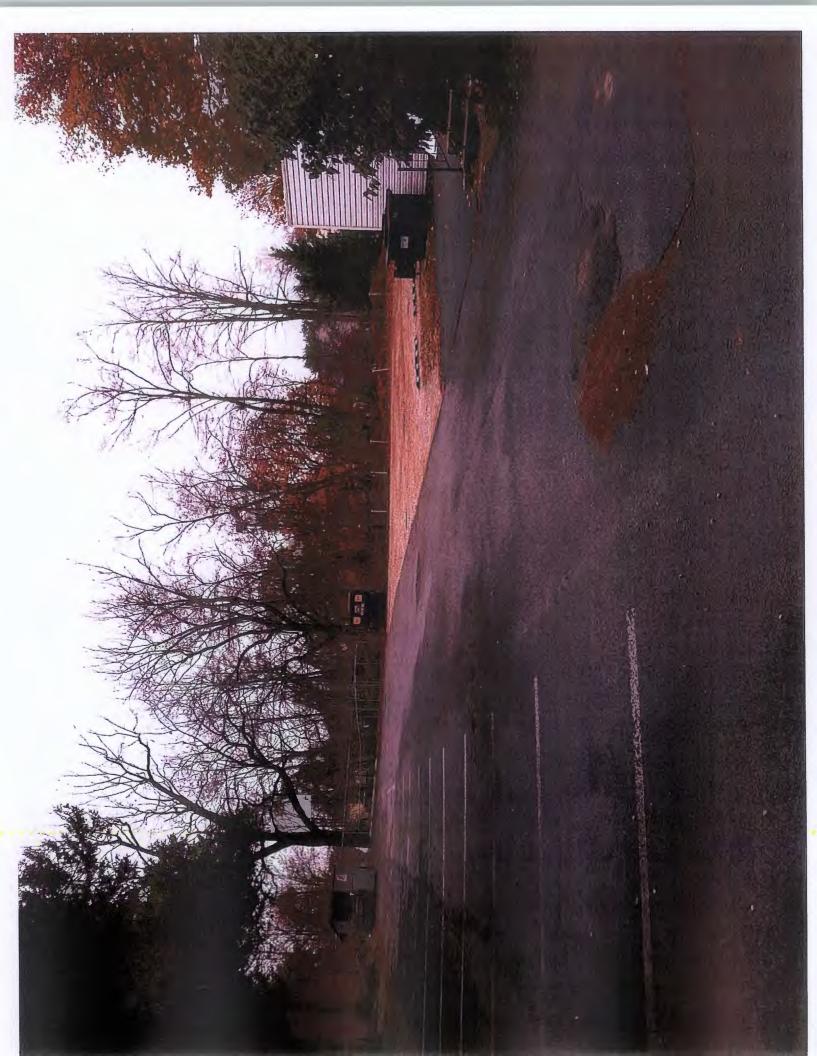






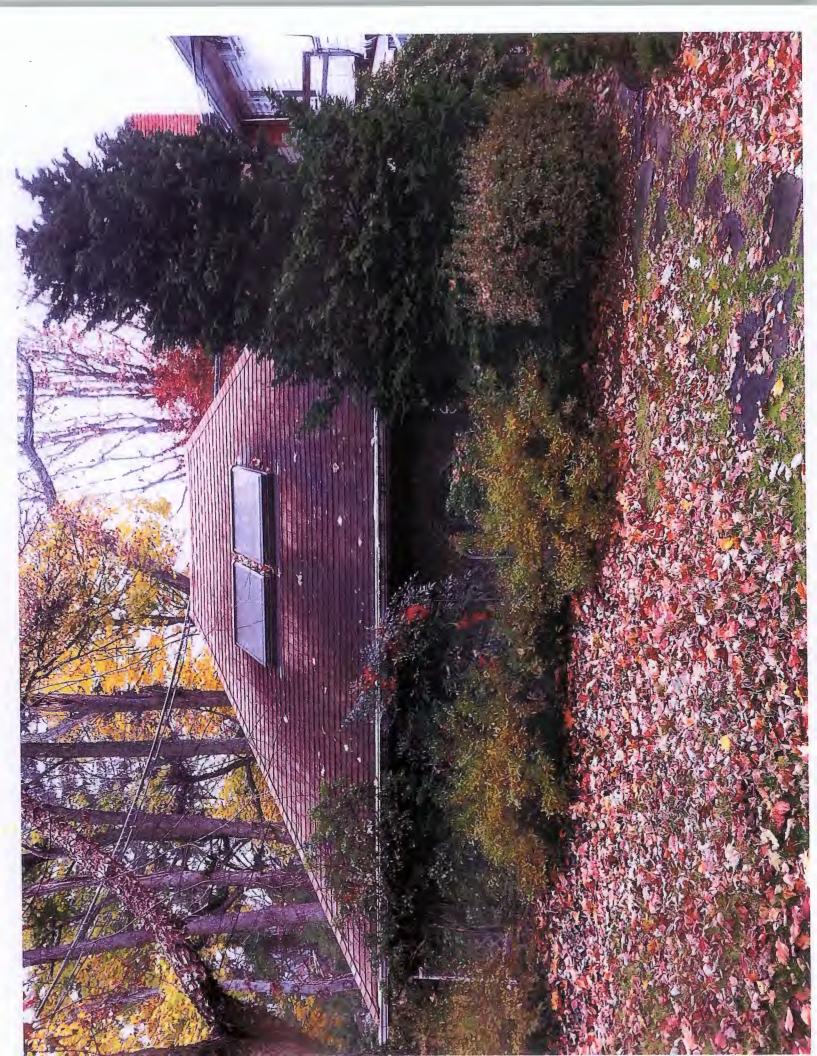


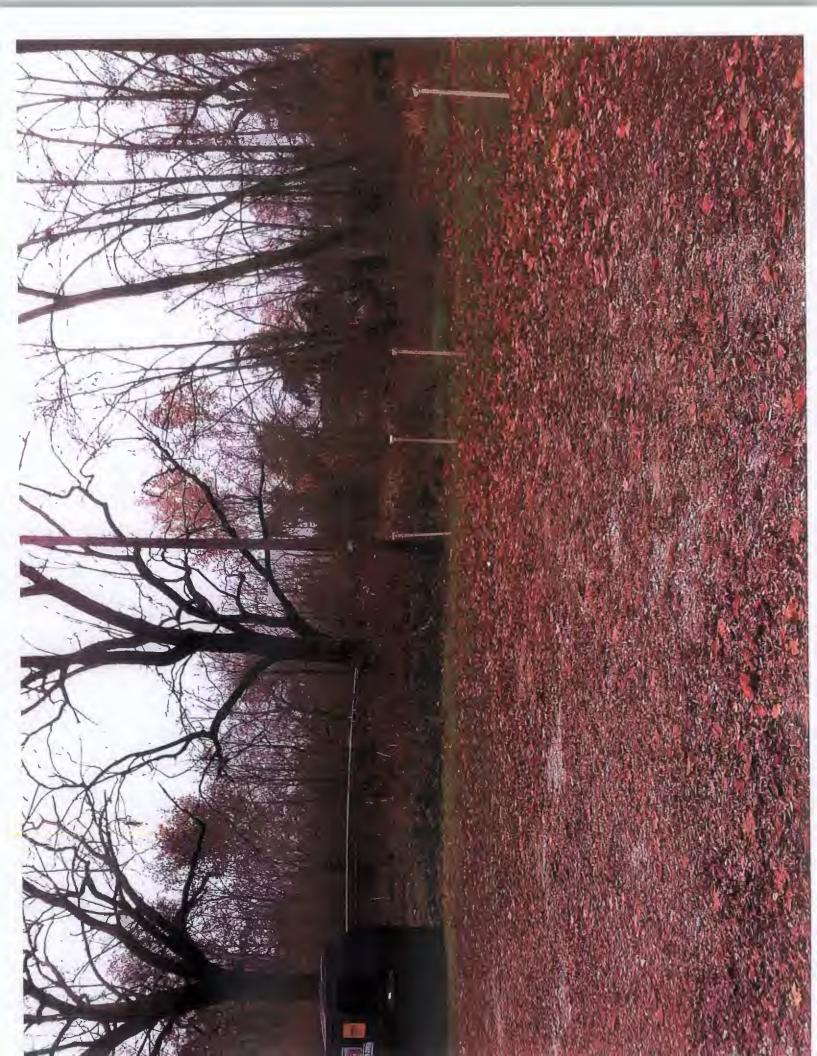




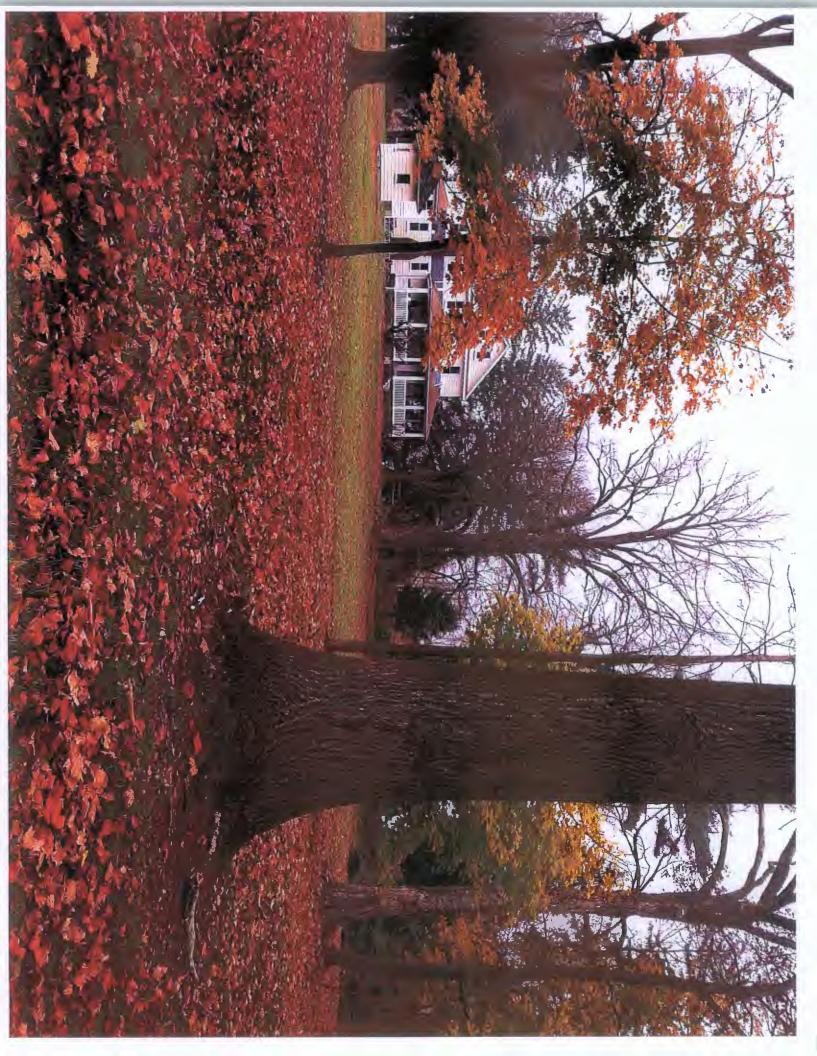




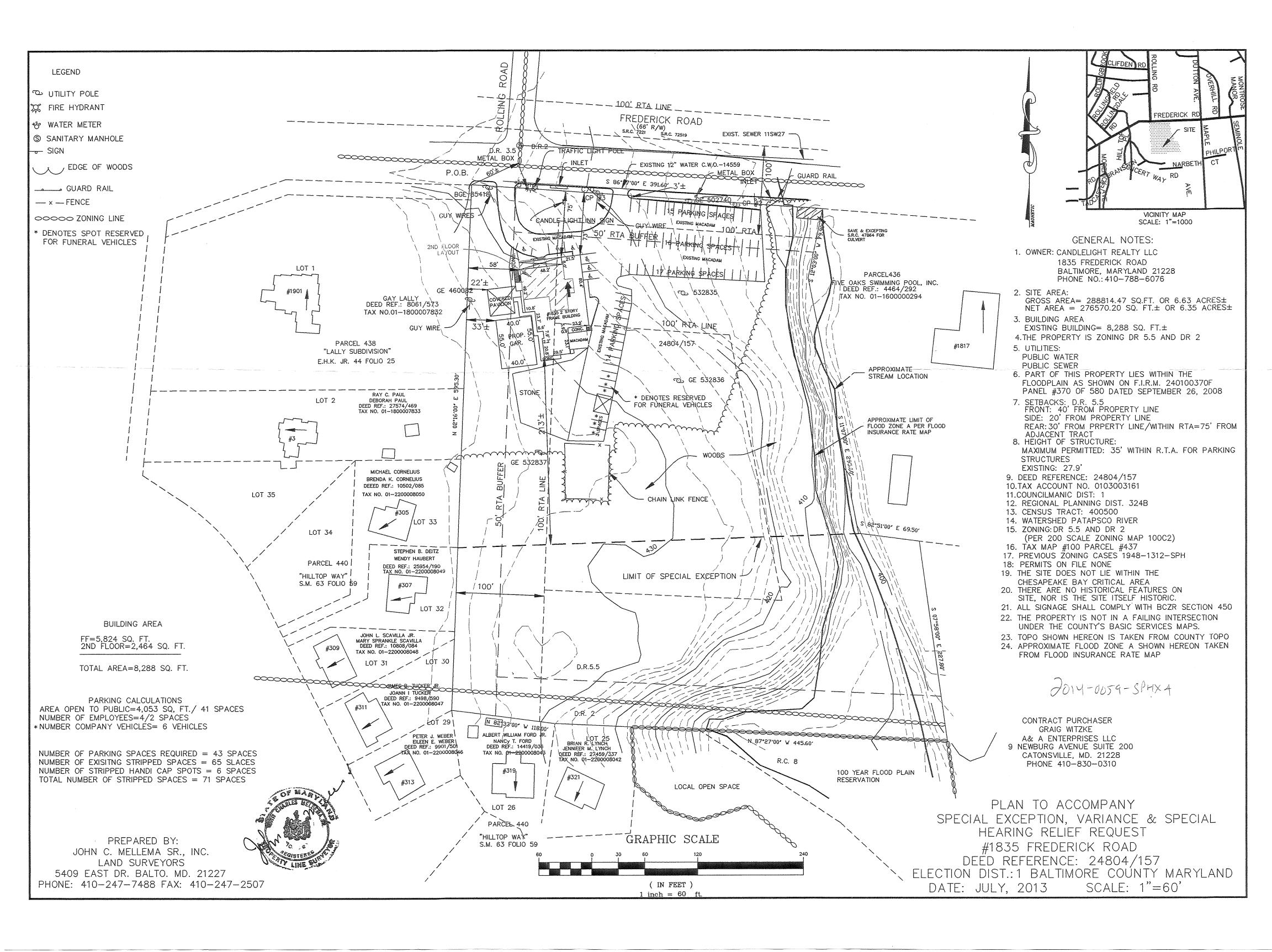


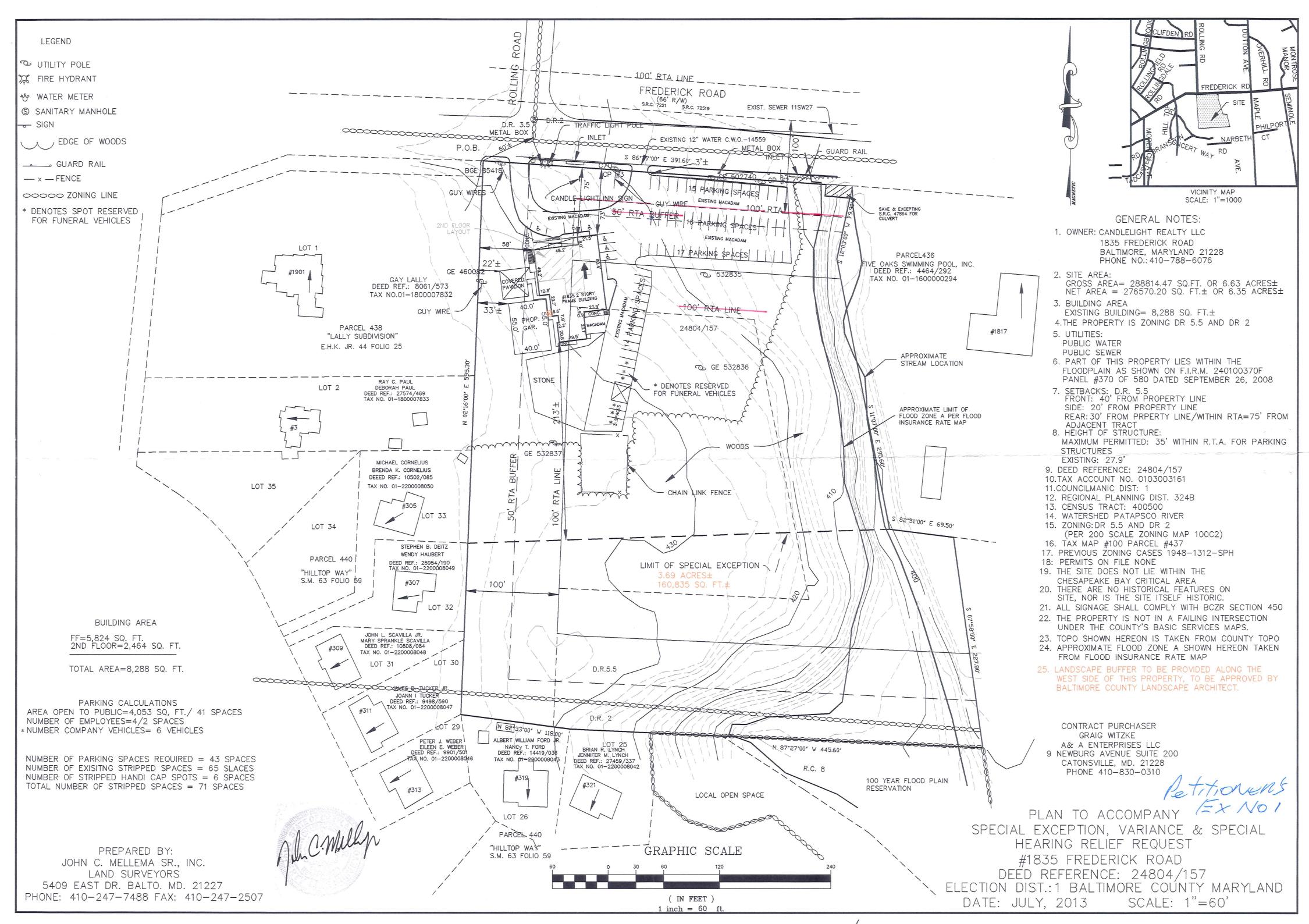


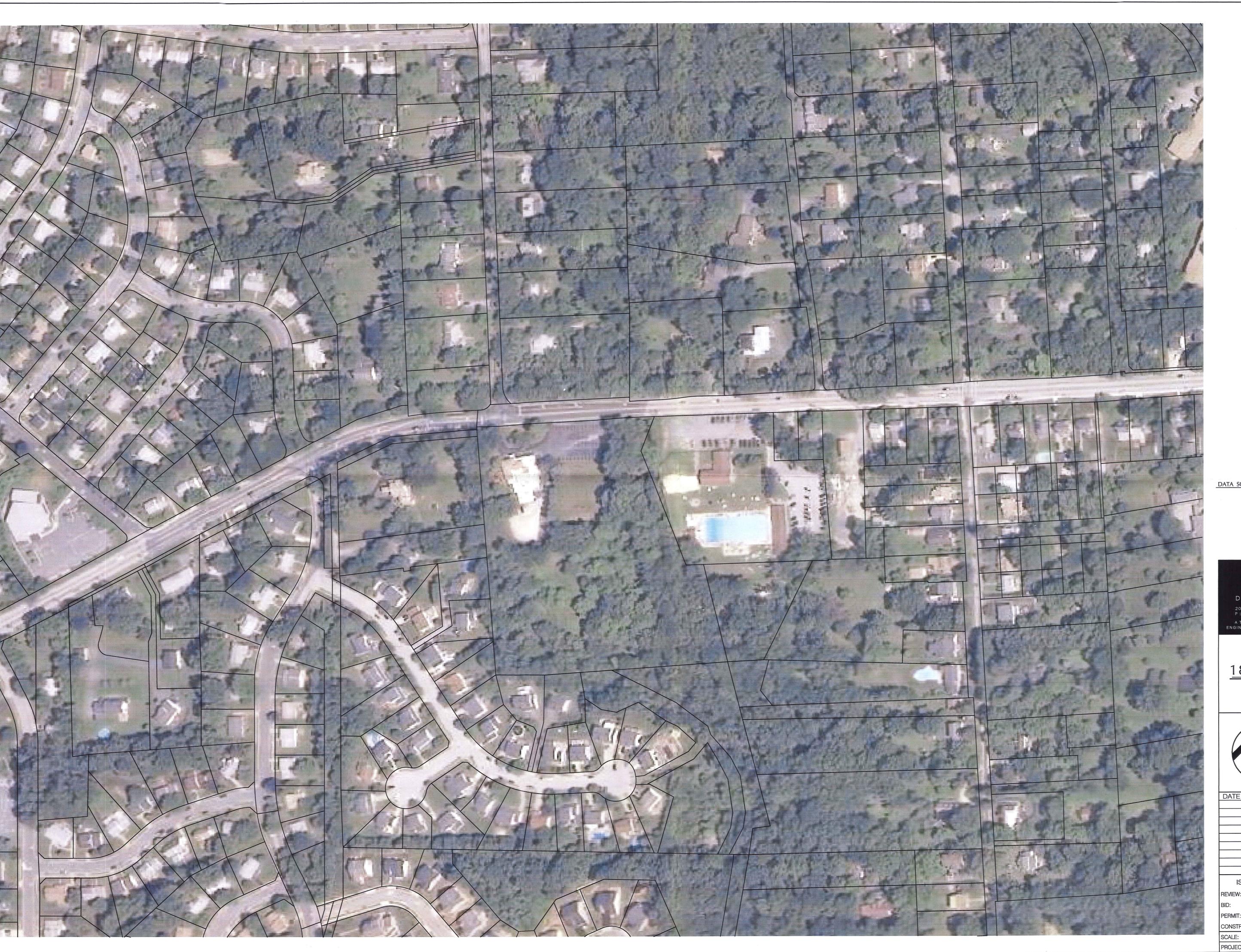






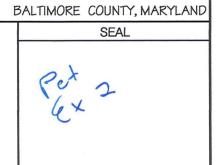








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