

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *
AND VARIANCE

(1407-1447 York Road)
9th Election District
3rd Council District
Seminary Galleria LLC

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2015-0226-SPHA

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of the legal owner. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to allow an existing freestanding joint identification sign and an existing freestanding enterprise sign with an electronic message board on the same frontage of a shopping center property (Sign No. 2). In addition, a Petition for Variance seeks the following: (1) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with sign copy a minimum of 1 inch in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 inches in height for sign copy (Sign Nos. 1 & 3); (2) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet (Sign No. 3); and (3) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches in lieu of the permitted 4 feet (Sign No. 4). A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 1A & 1B.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Tracee Cutair, Alex Watkins and landscape architect Bernt Petersen. David H. Karceski, Esq. and Adam Rosenblatt, Esq. appeared and represented the Petitioners. Three members of the community attended and opposed

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the requests. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received.

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

The petition for special hearing seeks to permit a joint identification and enterprise sign along the same frontage of a shopping center. There does not appear to be any provision in the B.C.Z.R. which expressly prohibits such an arrangement. But, as Mr. Pierce notes, the definition provided for each of these sign types indicates they are mutually exclusive; i.e., a shopping center cannot have both a joint identification and enterprise sign.

A joint identification sign is one "displaying the identity of a multi-occupant nonresidential development such as a shopping center." B.C.Z.R. §450.4. An enterprise sign is one which "displays the identity. . . [of an] individual organization." B.C.Z.R. §450.4. In this case, the enterprise sign identifies a (former) health club tenant (Exhibit 1B, Sign #2) located in the lower level of the strip center. The health club is therefore one of the "occupants" of the "shopping center" per the definition quoted above. As such, that tenant can be displayed on the joint identification sign, but cannot have its own enterprise sign.

Any contrary interpretation would permit each business/occupant to have an enterprise sign, an untenable result in the present scenario where the center has approximately 60 tenants. The rule would be otherwise if the business in question was situated on a pad site or was by other means segregated from the primary shopping center complex. As indicated at the hearing, it may well be that Kaiser Permanente, the sole tenant in the eight-story Galleria Towers office building, would be entitled to its own enterprise sign. But the same cannot be said for the athletic club which occupies a lower-level space in the shopping center itself.

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VARIANCES

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).

Petitioner has met this test. The property is irregularly shaped and has a significant topographical change across the site. In addition, it has more than 450 feet of frontage on York Road, far more than neighboring commercial sites in the vicinity. As such, it is unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty, given it would be unable to retain the existing signs which have been in place for many years. 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. None of the reviewing agencies opposed the requests, and the existing freestanding joint identification signs (as well as the small directional sign) are similar to those in place at numerous shopping centers throughout the County. While I am sympathetic to the community's concerns and understand its relationship with the Petitioner has been problematic, I do not believe that allowing existing Sign Nos. 1, 3 & 4 would be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 11th day of June, 2015, 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") to allow an existing freestanding joint identification sign and an existing freestanding enterprise sign with an electronic message board (Sign No. 2) on the same frontage of a shopping center property, be and is hereby DENIED.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance: (1) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with sign copy a minimum of 1 inch in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 inches in height for sign copy (Sign Nos. 1 & 3); (2) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet (Sign No. 3); and (3) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches in lieu of the permitted 4 feet (Sign No. 4), be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon the following:

1. Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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

JEB/sln



JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge
for Baltimore County

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PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433, and 1447 York Road which is presently zoned BL, DR5.5

Deed References: 13148-443

10 Digit Tax Account # 1900014867, 1900014868

Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Seminary Galleria LLC

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

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:

1. X a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

SEE ATTACHED

2. a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for

3. X 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 below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition)

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), 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.

Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so 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 / these Petition(s).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

Name- Type or Print

Signature

Mailing Address City State

Zip Code Telephone # Email Address

Attorney for Petitioner:

David H. Karceski, Esquire

Name- Type or Print

Signature Venable LLP

210 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 500 Towson MD

Mailing Address City State

21204 410-494-6285 dhkarceski@venable.com

Zip Code Telephone # Email Address

Legal Owners (Petitioners):

See Attached

Name #1 - Type or Print

Name #2 - Type or Print

Signature #1

Signature #2

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone #

Email Address

Representative to be contacted:

David H. Karceski, Esquire

Name- Type or Print

Signature Venable LLP

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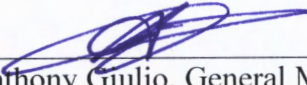
**ATTACHMENT
TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE**

1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433 and 1447 YORK ROAD

Legal Owners (Petitioners):

Seminary Galleria LLC

By: _____


Anthony Giulio, General Manager
9640 Deerco Road
Timonium, Maryland 21093
(410) 561-1300

**ATTACHMENT
TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING**

1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433 and 1447 YORK ROAD

Special Hearing to allow an existing, freestanding joint identification sign and an existing, freestanding enterprise sign with an electronic message board on the same frontage of a shopping center property (Sign No. 2).

**ATTACHMENT
TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE**

1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433 and 1447 YORK ROAD

The following variances are requested from Section 450.4, Attachment 1 of the BCZR:

1. From 7(b)(IX) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with sign copy a minimum of 1 inch in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 inches in height for sign copy (Sign Nos. 1 and 3).
2. From 7(b)(VII) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet (Sign No. 3).
3. From 3(a) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches in lieu of the permitted 4 feet (Sign No. 4).

FROM THE OFFICE OF

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS • LAND PLANNERS • LAND SURVEYORS
4692 MILLENNIUM DRIVE, SUITE 100
BELCAMP, MARYLAND 21017

April 13, 2015

ZONING DESCRIPTION

1407 - 1447 YORK ROAD

Beginning at a point on the easterly right-of-way of York Road which is of varying width, said point being South 58 degrees 49 minutes 51 seconds East 82.37 feet more or less, from a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of York Road and Seminary Avenue, thence leaving said point of beginning, along the following 21 courses:

1. Running thence and binding on the easterly right-of-way of York Road North 27 degrees 47 minutes 3 seconds East 27.43 feet to a point on the southerly right-of-way of Seminary Avenue which is of varying width, running thence and binding on said southerly right-of-way
2. North 80 degrees 15 minutes 54 seconds East 120.86 feet, running thence
3. along a curve to the left with a radius of 1361.46 feet and a distance of 253.52 feet, running thence
4. along a curve to the left with a radius of 1375.76 feet and a distance of 58.164 feet, running thence
5. North 67 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East 241.28 feet, running thence leaving said right-of-way of Seminary Avenue
6. South 21 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds East 609.6 feet, running thence
7. South 68 degrees 03 minutes 08 seconds West 240.00 feet, running thence
8. South 21 degrees 56 minutes 50 seconds East 186.60 feet, running thence
9. South 68 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 69.29 feet, running thence
10. South 21 degrees 56 minutes 50 seconds East 15.00 feet, running thence
11. South 68 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 50.38 feet, running thence
12. North 21 degrees 51 minutes 11 seconds West 102.22 feet, running thence
13. North 68 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East 20.00 feet, running thence
14. North 22 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds West 95.6 feet, running thence
15. North 22 degrees 02 minutes 54 seconds West 190.31 feet, running thence
16. South 67 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds West 353.22 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way of York Road, running thence and binding on said right-of-way

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17. North 12 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West 5.72 feet, running thence
18. South 68 degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds West 196.54 feet, running thence
19. North 21 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds West 257.78 feet, running thence
20. North 15 degrees 52 minutes 29 seconds West 99.31 feet, running thence
21. along a curve to the left with a radius of 3487.37 feet and a distance of 93.66 feet to the point of beginning.

Being those parcels of land recorded in Deed Liber S.M. 13148, folio 443, as recorded in the Baltimore County Land Records, containing 8.813 Acres of land more or less. Also known as 1047-1447 York Road, being parcels 74, and 454 of Baltimore County tax map 61, and located within Election District #9 and Councilmanic District #3.

Note: The above description is for zoning purposes only and is not to be used for contracts, conveyances or agreements.



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

No. **123596**

Date: **4/16/15**

CASH RECEIPT

BUSINESS DATE TIME
 4/16/2015 4/16/2015 10:25:53

BY: 15302 WALKIN JENIA JEE

RECEIPT # 980095 4/16/2015

528 ZIMING VERIFICATION

123596

Receipt Tot \$1,000.00

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Baltimore County, Maryland

Fund	Dept	Unit	Sub Unit	Rev Source/	Sub Rev/	Obj	Sub Obj	Dept	Obj	BS Acct	Amount
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Total: **1000.00**

Rec From: **Venable**

For: **SEMINARY GALLERY**
1407-1447 York OR

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DISTRIBUTION

WHITE - CASHIER PINK - AGENCY YELLOW - CUSTOMER GOLD - ACCOUNTING
 PLEASE PRESS HARD!!!!

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4692 MILLENNIUM DRIVE, SUITE 100, BELCAMP, MARYLAND 21017

CURRICULA VITAE

Bernt C. Petersen, R.L.A.

Director of Planning
George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc.

Professional Registration: Registered Landscape Architect - Maryland - No. 1095

Education:

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry at
Syracuse – Bachelor of Landscape Architecture - 1977
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies -1976

Professional Affiliations: American Society of Landscape Architects,
Maryland Chapter, No. 1108847

Professional practice includes 30 years of experience in land planning, landscape architecture, comprehensive zoning, PUD master planning, site planning, and testimony regarding land use and zoning issues. Mr. Petersen has been practicing in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan region since 1988 and has expertise in land planning, site planning, and zoning cases in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County and Howard County, Maryland.

Principal duties for G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Assoc. include: supervision of site development and land planning; zoning interpretation; Community Input Meetings; Development Plan preparation and Hearing Officer's Hearings; Special Hearings and Special Exception petitions; variance request petitions and landscape plan preparation. Prior to his relocation to Maryland, Mr. Petersen practiced site design and land planning in New York and Massachusetts.

Significant local projects include: Powell Property, Forge Landing, Cedar Lane Farms P.U.D., 1400 Taylor Avenue P.U.D., Westwicke, Beachwood Estates, The Sanctuary, Kimbrook, Kopp Property, Green Spring Station, Home Depot of Owings Mills, Bel Air and Timonium, Ashland Market Place, Baker Property, Greenfields at White Marsh and The Clusters. A significant project of regional impact is Luther's Forest, a comprehensive mixed use development in Saratoga County, NY.

Mr. Petersen has prepared comprehensive-zoning petitions in Baltimore County during the 1996, 2000, 2004 & 2008 CZMP processes and has an understanding of the principles of Euclidean zoning and their application throughout the Baltimore Metro region. He has thorough experience dealing with the Baltimore County's development regulations.

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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

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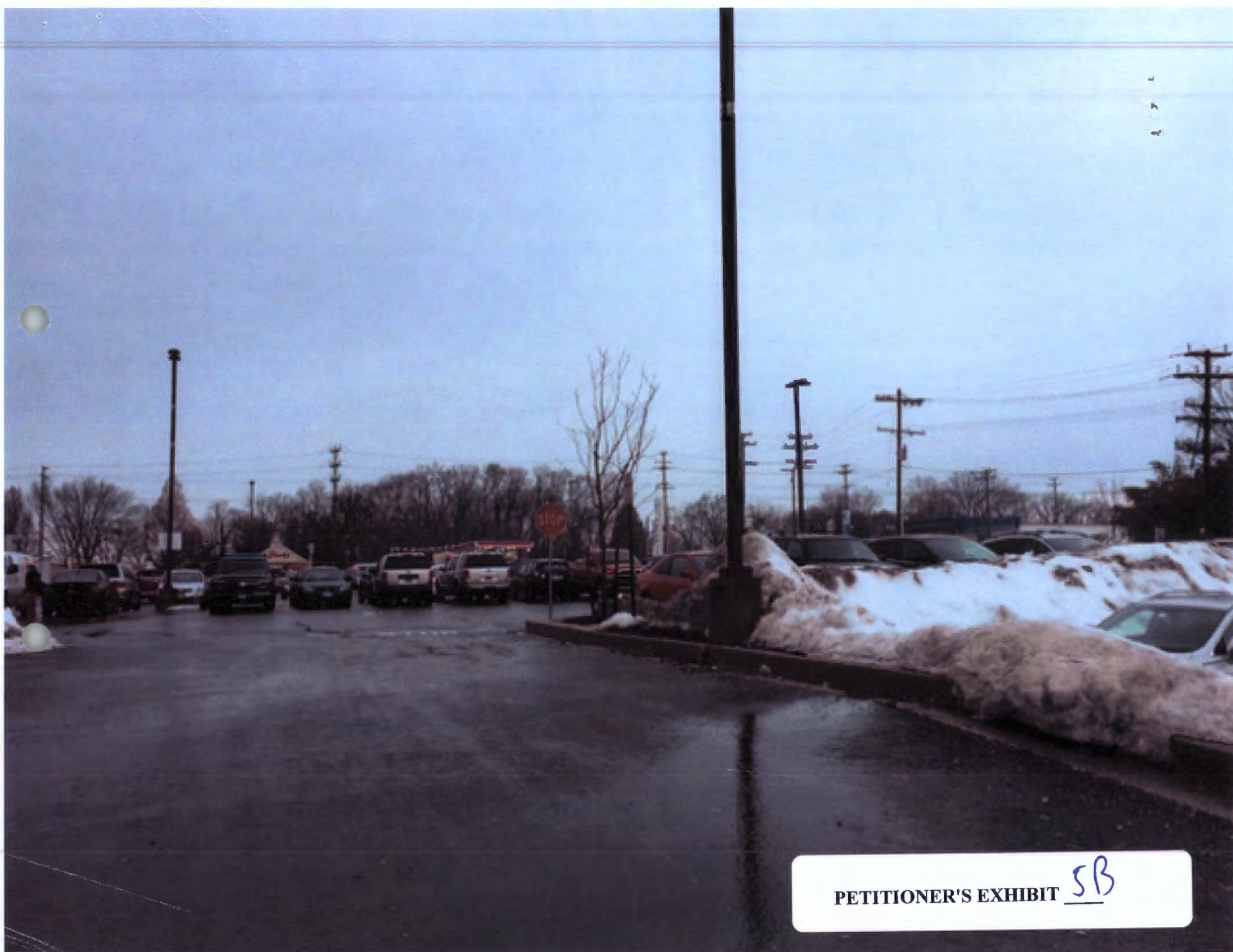
Protestant

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No. 1	IA > Site plan IB	Letter - Dulaney Valley Improv. Ass'n.
No. 2	Topo Exhibit	
No. 3	Petersen CV	
No. 4	Aerial photo	
No. 5	5A-5D Photos of site	
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PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT SC

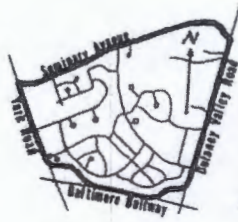


PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT

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PROTESTANT' S

EXHIBIT NO. 1



**Dulaney
Valley
Improvement
Association, Inc.**

P.O. Box 102 · Lutherville, MD · 21094-0102

6 June 2015

RESOLVED: That the position of the Association as adopted by the Zoning Committee and by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors on the zoning matter known as

Case Number: 2015-0226-SPHA

Property Location: East side of York Road, at the southeast corner of Seminary Avenue, 9th Election District

Legal Owners: Seminary Galleria, LLC Anthony Giulio

Special Hearing to allow an existing, freestanding joint identification sign and an existing freestanding enterprise with an electronic message board on the same frontage of a shopping center property (Sign Number 2).

Variance 1. From 7(b)(IX) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of one inch in height in lieu of the permitted five lines of text and required eight inches in height for sign copy (Sign Numbers 1 and 3).

2. From 7(b)(VII) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet. (Sign Number 3).

3. From 3(a) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of six feet two inches in lieu of the permitted four feet (Sign Number 4).

ZONING PETITION FOR 112 RIDGEFIELD for a variance to permit a change of a side yard setback of 2.75 feet and a sum of side yard setbacks of 10.75 feet in lieu of the required 12 feet and 20 feet, respectively,

is that **the Petition is OPPOSED**.

AS WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 6th day of JUNE 2015.

ATTEST:

Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Cordes, MD".

Robert A. Cordes, MD
Acting Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Connolly, Jr.". The signature is quite stylized and overlaps with the text below.

Patrick J. Connolly, Jr.
Acting President



KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

May 5, 2015

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

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judges 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 NUMBER: 2015-0226-SPHA

1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433 & 1447 York Road
E/s York Road at SE corner of Seminary Avenue
9th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District
Legal Owners: Seminary Galleria, LLC

Special Hearing to allow an existing, freestanding enterprise sign with an electronic message board on the same frontage of a shopping center property (Sign No. 2). **Variance** from 7(b)(IX) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of 1 inch in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 inches in height for a sign copy (Sign Nos. 1 & 3). From 7(b)(IX) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of permitted 25 feet (Sign No. 3); from 3(a) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches in lieu of the permitted 4 feet (Sign No. 4).

Hearing: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building,
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Jablon", is written over the printed name and title.

Arnold Jablon
Director

AJ:kl

C: David Karceski, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 500, Towson 21204
Anthony Giulio, 9640 Deerco Road, Timonium 21093

- NOTES: (1) **THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015.**
- (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.

**DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS
ZONING REVIEW OFFICE**

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighbor 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 legal owner/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 legal owner/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:

Case Number: 2015-0226 SPHA

Property Address: 1407-1447 YORK ROAD

Property Description: 8.813 AC. COMMERCIAL COMPLEX

Legal Owners (Petitioners): SEMINARY GALLERY LLC

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: N/A

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

Name: MS. TRACEE CUTAIR

Company/Firm (if applicable): HILL MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.

Address: 9640 DEERCO ROAD

HILTONIUM, MD 21003

Telephone Number: 410-561-1300

Revised 5/20/2014

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

2015-0226-SPHA

RE: Case No.: _____

Petitioner/Developer: _____

Seminary Galleria, LLC.

June 8, 2015

Date of Hearing/Closing: _____

Baltimore County Department of
Permits, Approvals and Inspections
County Office Building, Room 111
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Attn: Kristen Lewis:

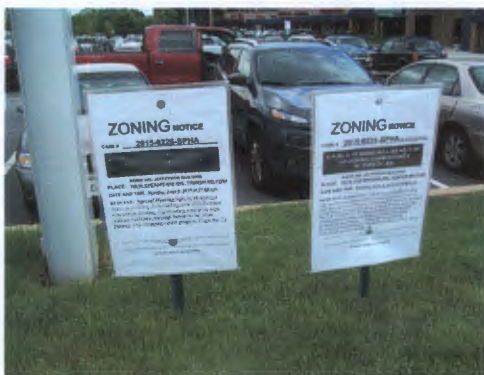
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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: _____

1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1420, 1433 & 1447 York Rd

May 19, 2015

The sign(s) were posted on _____
(Month, Day, Year)



Sincerely,

May 19, 2015

(Signature of Sign Poster)

(Date)

SSG Robert Black

(Print Name)

1508 Leslie Road

(Address)

Dundalk, Maryland 21222

(City, State, Zip Code)

(410) 282-7940

(Telephone Number)

ZONING NOTICE

CASE # 2015-0226-SPHA

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

ROOM 205, JEFFERSON BUILDING
PLACE: 105 W. CHESAPEAKE AVE, TOWSON MD 21204

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

REQUEST: *Special Hearing* Special Hearing to
allow an existing, freestanding joint identification
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with an electronic message board on the same
frontage of a shopping center property (Sign No. 2).

POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CONDITIONS ARE SOMETIMES NECESSARY.
TO CONFIRM HEARING CALL 887-3391

DO NOT REMOVE THIS SIGN AND POST UNTIL DAY OF HEARING UNDER PENALTY OF LAW

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

ZONING NOTICE

CASE # 2015-0226-SPHA (Continued) (1)

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

ROOM 205, JEFFERSON BUILDING
PLACE: 105 W. CHESAPEAKE AVE, TOWSON MD 21204

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

REQUEST: *Variance* From 7(b)(IX) for existing freestanding
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Legal Owner(s): Seminary Galleria, LLC
By Anthony Guilio, General Manager
Petitioner(s)

* BEFORE THE OFFICE
* OF ADMINSTRATIVE
* HEARINGS FOR
* BALTIMORE COUNTY
* 2015-226-SPHA

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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.

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Carole S. Demilio
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 22nd day of April, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David Karceski, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2015
TO: Zoning Review Office
FROM: Office of Administrative Hearings
RE: Case No. 2015-0226-SPHA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on July 13, 2014. 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

CASE NAME Golleriq
CASE NUMBER 2015-0226-SPHA
DATE 6/8/15

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER 2015-0226-SPHA

DATE June 8, 2015

CITIZEN'S SIGN - IN SHEET

NAME _____

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

E - MAIL

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CHECKLIST

Support/Oppose/
Conditions/
Comments/
No Comment

Comment
Received

Department

4/27/15

DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW
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ZONING VIOLATION

(Case No. CC 1500821)

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Yes ☒ No ☐

PEOPLE'S COUNSEL COMMENT LETTER

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Comments, if any: _____

Real Property Data Search (w3)

Guide to searching the database

Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Owner Information					
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Location & Structure Information					
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1961	76995		173,895 SF	14	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior	Full/Half Bath	Garage Last Major Renovation
		RETAIL STORE			
Value Information					
	Base Value	Value As of 01/01/2014	Phase-in Assessments As of 07/01/2014 As of 07/01/2015		
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Improvements	3,395,000	4,848,800			
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Special Tax Areas:			Town: NONE		
			Ad Valorem: Tax Class:		
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1985	122728		189,311 SF	15	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior	Full/Half Bath	Garage Last Major Renovation
		OFFICE BUILDING			
Value Information					
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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
AND VARIANCE
S/E corner of York Road and
Seminary Avenue
9th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District
(1447 York Road)

Seminary Galleria, LLC
Legal Owner and Petitioner

* BEFORE THE
* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
* CASE NO. 06-411-SPH

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner on a Petition for Special Hearing and Variance for the property located at 1447 York Road 2122 West Joppa Road in the Lutherville area of Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by Seminary Galleria, LLC, Legal Owner. Special Hearing relief is requested pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.):

(1) in accordance with BCZR SS 409.8B, a use permit for commercial parking adjacent to existing commercial parking on the same lot in a residential zone, as shown and laid out on the Plan filed herewith to meet to the extent possible the minimum parking requirements of BCZR SS 409.6 utilizing all existing parking spaces shown on the Plat filed herewith; (2) in lieu of the companion variance requested herewith, approval of a modified parking plan and modified parking and landscape and any applicable RTA requirements for the existing parking spaces and areas in accordance with the specific detail shown on the Plan filed herewith in lieu of the minimum requirements of the BCZR; (3) the Plan filed herewith which depicts current, as-built conditions as the 2nd Amended Parking Plan of the Galleria Tower; (4) an amendment to any and all prior plans filed in connection with the subject property consistent with the existing parking depicted on the Plan filed herewith, including without limitation all plans in Case Nos. 4893-XA, R3410, 95-256-XA and all prior commercial parking in residential zone approvals; and (5) such additional relief as the nature of the parking and landscaping shown on the accompanying Plan may require.

Variance relief is requested in the alternative to the Special Hearing relief as follows:

1. from Section 409.6 of the BCZR to permit a total of 746 parking spaces in lieu of i) the 1059 spaces required without a shopping center provision or ii) the 1084 spaces required for a shopping center with more than 100,000 square feet of GLA; and
2. approval of variance from applicable RTA requirements for the existing parking and improvements shown on the Plat filed in this case; and
3. such additional variance relief as the nature of this request and the parking layout on the Plan filed in this case.

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6-14-06

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."

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

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

Interested Persons

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the requested special hearing were Bruce Daok, from Gerhold Cross and Etzel, who prepared the site plan, Bill Russell and Theresa Rosier, from Hill Management Services, for the corporate Petitioner, Seminary Galleria, LLC. Howard L. Aldeman, Jr., Esquire, appeared as the Petitioner's attorney. Larry Townsend, from the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association attended the hearing. Michael Tanczyn, Esquire, entered his appearance on behalf of the Association but did not attend the hearing. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, entered the appearance of his office in this case. Numerous letters were received from tenants of the property in support of the Petition.

Code Enforcement Comments

This matter is currently the subject of an active violation case (Case No. 03-2247) in the Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement. A citation for code violation has been issued in this matter due to the alleged failure of the Petitioner to remove added parking spaces and restore site to original condition.

It should be noted, for the record, that the fact that a zoning violation is issued is simply ignored in this zoning case. This means that the Petitioner cannot use the fact that parking spaces were built to set a precedent in order to allow it to continue. Nor does the fact that these spaces may be costly to remove or modify come into consideration of the zoning case. The

feet GLA, the regulations require 1,059 spaces. The 14 spaces previously proposed are included in the 764 spaces provided. See exhibit 1, the Plat to Accompany.

Mr. Doak noted that the property is split zoned, BL and DR 5.5, and is improved by large commercial buildings including an eight story tower in which there are mixed office, medical office, service and retail uses. The commercial uses are located in the BL zone while there is some parking in the DR 5.5 zone in support of the commercial uses. In cooperation with rmanagement, he performed a survey of tenants which is the basis of the Petitioner's latest request. He noted that the prior case indicated that there were 600 spaces provided but by reconfiguring the site, 764 could be provided. He opined that the 14 additional spaces outlined in yellow on Petitioner's exhibit 1 should be approved by way of use permit because to deny these spaces would be to increase the deficit for the existing uses. He indicated that the Petitioner's request for a modified parking plan is based on current conditions, the requests met the criteria of Section 502.1 of the BCZR and would not adversely affect the neighborhood.

In regard to the alternative request for variance, Mr. Doak noted that the property was completely built out, has an existing footprint and there is no property available on which a larger parking field can be built. The Petitioner could propose to build more parking by removing landscaping but that the community would object to this approach. Given the existing conditions he opined the property is unique from a zoning perspective, there are no density issues, relief will give justice to the Petitioner without harm to the neighborhood.

Upon questioning by the community he admitted that he failed to list Case No. 04-052-SPH in note 17 by oversight, that the 10 spaces added in the residential zone (highlighted in yellow on Petitioner's exhibit 1) were located in a fire lane but that the fire lane was omitted because the width of the aisleway exceeds the requirements. Mr. Doak noted that the Fire Department had no comments in this regard. He also opined that the property meets the

Mr. Townsend indicated that the community association continues to oppose the 14 additional spaces, they now realize the site is short 300 spaces, and asked that the new plan be denied.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

I find that the Petitioner's use of the property does not meet the definition of "shopping center" as specified in the BCZR. The buildings are not connected, the walkways are not intended to facilitate customer interchange between uses, and the site does not give the appearance of a continuous commercial area. While there is a common parking lot, the evidence presented shows the Petitioner leases to a wide variety of tenants who have unrelated businesses in separate and distinct locations. There is no commercial pattern.

In regard to the Petitioner's request for variance, the problem of parking arose within the last seven years when the mix of tenants changed significantly as Ms. Rosier testified. The reconfiguration of the parking field, new entrance for tenants and added spaces are all attempts by management to accommodate this new mix. However after best efforts to manage the parking, the Petitioner is 320 spaces short of the required parking of 1,084 spaces.

To appreciate the scale of the parking problem on this site, one has to recall that the Board of Appeals denied a parking variance in Case No. 85-256-XA. In this case the Petitioner asked for a parking variance to allow 600 spaces in lieu of the required 643 spaces. As this request was denied, the required parking prior to the latest reconfiguration was 643 spaces. However if the Petitioner attempted to provide the 43 additional spaces is not known. It is apparent from the zoning record that the Petitioner has had a parking problem on this site for the last 20 years. In addition the parking is provided at ground level and by means of a two deck parking garage. There was no evidence of the feasibility or desirability of adding additional decks to the existing garage or second decks to the ground level parking fields.

problem by not controlling tenant mix. Labeling this request as reflecting present conditions does not change the facts.

We have also recognized a second exception to the rule against self imposed variances when government action essentially dictates the request for variance. For example the Planning Office may find some feature helpful to a site plan and "suggests" to the Petitioner to add this feature. The feature may trigger a request for variance. We have recognized that some features are really not by the Petitioner's volition and so not self imposed.

This case does not fall into that exception. Whether the Petitioner obtained use permits from the County for every tenant or not does not in any way alleviate the Petitioners' responsibility to comply with the zoning regulations. The County could not possibly be charged with the responsibility to keep tract of any citizens' use of its property so as to guarantee that the Petitioner meets the zoning regulations.

This problem created by the Petitioner, is wholly self imposed and consequently I must deny the variance requests.

That said, there are also many innocent tenants, employees, customers and the community who will be badly injured if the Petitioner is not granted some relief. Tenants would have to leave the premises after investing tens of thousands of dollars in tenant improvements. Patients of medical providers would be forced to find new doctors. Employees would lose their jobs in offices. And of course everyone would be suing the Petitioner for damages.

Remarkably, considering the parking problem the Petitioner has created, many of the tenants still want to stay as shown by the many letters of support. These letters from tenants indicate the issue is about 14 added spaces when in fact the issue is whether they can stay on site at all. I am sure if they knew the danger the Petitioner has placed them they would not be appreciative.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 14th day of July, 2006, that the Petitioners' request for Special Hearing relief filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), (1) in accordance with BCZR SS 409.8B, a use permit for commercial parking adjacent to existing commercial parking on the same lot in a residential zone, as shown on Petitioner's exhibit 1 is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request for special hearing pursuant to Section 409.12 to approve a modified parking plan of 750 parking spaces is hereby GRANTED subject to the following condition:

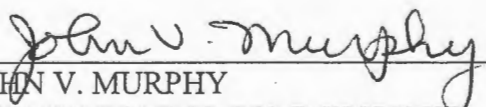
1. The Petitioner shall eliminate the 14 parking spaces shown in Petitioner's exhibit 1 highlighted in yellow; and
2. The Petitioner may not lease vacant space in any building until the Petitioner has adjusted the tenant mix so as to require no more than 1049 spaces as calculated by the BCZR.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request for special hearing to approve as-built conditions as the 2nd Amended Parking Plan of the Galleria Tower is DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request to approve the amendment to any and all prior plans filed in connection with the subject property consistent with this order is GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's requests for variances are DENIED.

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


JOHN V. MURPHY
DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY



KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

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

June 4, 2015

Anthony Giulio
9640 Deereco Road
Timonium MD 21093

RE: Case Number: 2015-0226 SPHA, Address: 1407-1447 York Road

Dear Mr. Giulio:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on April 16, 2015. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carl Richards, Jr." in a cursive style.

W. Carl Richards, Jr.
Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
David H Karceski, Esquire, 210 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson MD 21204

Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



Maryland Department of Transportation

Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Melinda Peters, Administrator

Date: 4/27/15

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

RE: Baltimore County
Item No. 2015-0226-SHA
Special Hearing Variance
Serrano Gallavra LLC
Anthony Gullio, General Manager
1407-1447 York Rd.
MD45

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 4/20/15. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto MD45 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Variance.
Case Number 2015-0226-SHA

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 email him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven D. Foster".

Steven D. Foster, Chief/
Development Manager
Access Management Division

SDF/raz

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon
Deputy Administrative Officer and
Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

DATE: May 18, 2015

FROM: Andrea Van Arsdale
Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: 1407 – 1447 York Road

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INFORMATION:

MAY 26 2015

Item Number: 15-226

Petitioner: Seminary Galleria, LLC

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Zoning: BL, DR 5.5

Requested Action: Special Hearing, Variance

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For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Wallace S. Lippincott, Jr. at 410-887-3480.

Division Chief:
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Kathy S. Lippincott

cc: Wallace S. Lippincott, Jr.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**Inter-Office Correspondence****RECEIVED****MAY 15 2015****OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

TO: Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and
Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: May 15, 2015

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2015-0226-SPHA
Address 1407-1447 York Road
(Seminary Galleria, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 20, 2015.

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no
comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer: *Jeff Livingston – Development Coordination*

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director
Department of Permits, Approvals
And Inspections

DATE: April 27, 2015

FROM: Dennis A. Kennedy^{DAK}, Supervisor
Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting
For April 27, 2015
Item No. 2015-0206, 0224, 0225, 0226, 0228, 0229 and 0230

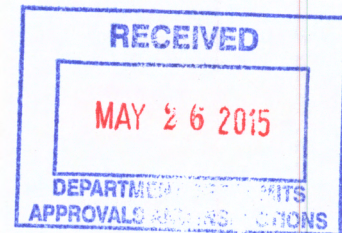
The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

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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: # 2015-0226-SPHA
1407, 1411, 1419, 1421, 1429, 1433 & 1447 York Road
E/s York Road at SE corner of Seminary Avenue
9th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s) Seminary Galleria, LLC

Special Hearing: to allow an existing, freestanding joint identification sign and an existing freestanding enterprise sign with an electronic message board on same frontage of a shopping center property (Sign No. 2).

Variance: from 7(b) (IX) for existing freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 23 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of 1 inch in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 inches in height for a sign copy (Sign Nos. 1 & 3). From 7(b)(VII) for an existing freestanding joint identification sign with a sign height of 30 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet (Sign No. 3); from 3(a) for an existing freestanding directional sign with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches in lieu of the permitted 4 feet (Sign No. 4).

Hearing: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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DATE: April 16, 2015

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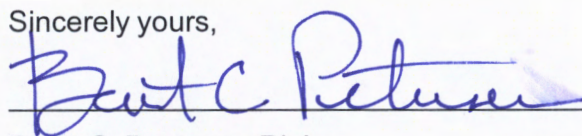
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cc: Tracee Cutair
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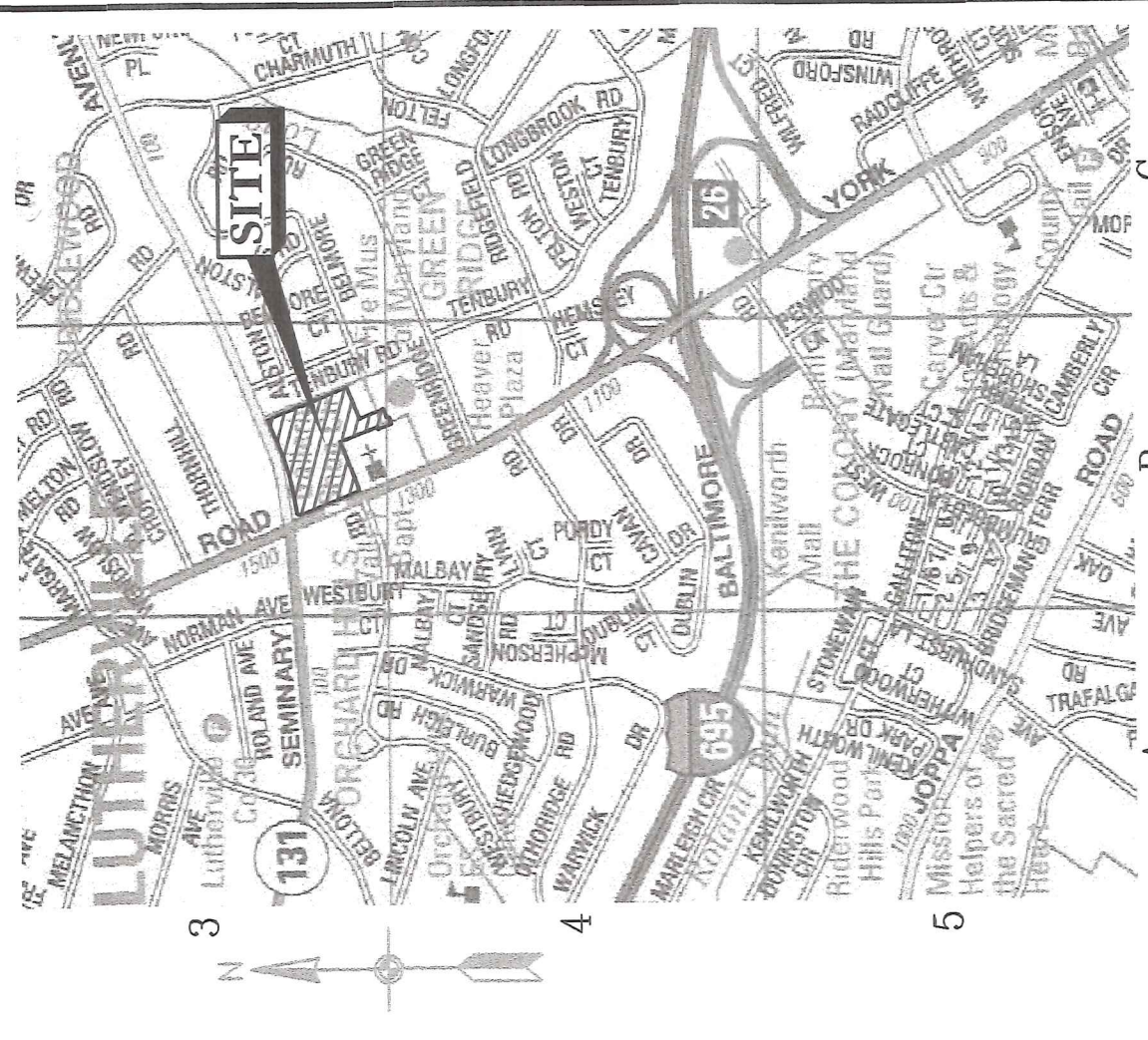


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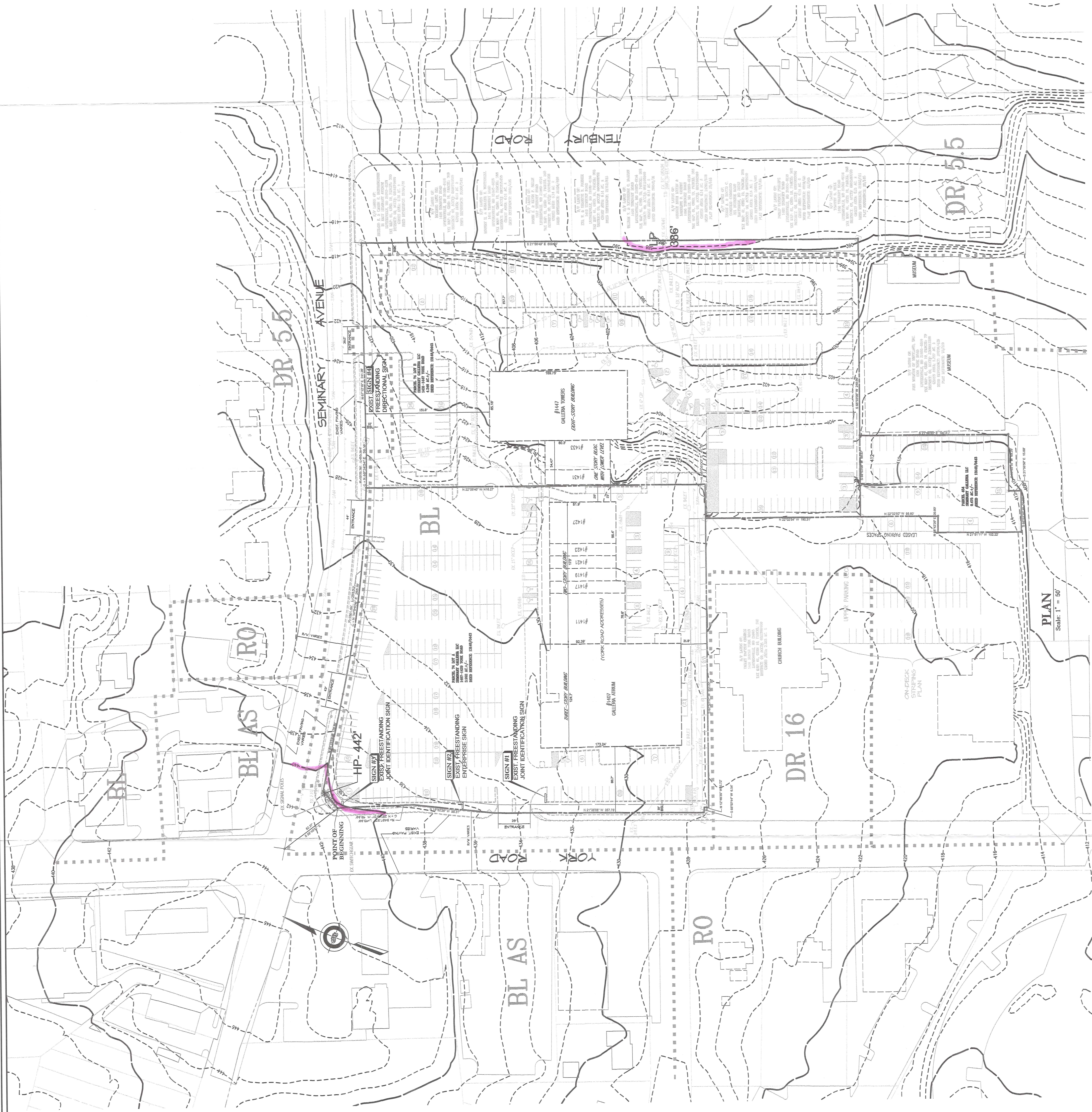


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BUILDING SETBACK LINE
EXIST. BUILDING
EXIST. CURB LINE
EXIST. 2' CONTOUR
EXIST. 10' CONTOUR
ZONING LINE

SITE NOTES:

1. PROJECT NAME: GALLERIA LLC
2. OWNER: SEMINARY GALLERIA LLC
3. PLAN PREPARED BY: G.W. STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIATES
4. SITE AREA: 6.83 AC. (410,297.23 SQ. FT.)
5. EXISTING ZONING: R-1
6. EXISTING ZONING: R-1
7. G.S. T.I.E. 06/03
8. ELECTION DISTRICT: 9
9. TAX MAP NUMBER: 74.454
10. TAX MAP NUMBER: 74.454
11. TAX MAP NUMBER: 74.454
12. EED REFERENCE: 1900010867, 1900014688, 2000003391
13. EXISTING USES: COMMERCIAL - OFFICE, RETAIL, RESTAURANT, MEDICAL OFFICE
14. PLAN REFERENCE: 53/78
15. WATERSHED: LOCH RAVEN RESERVOIR

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Owner
SEMINARY GALLERIA, LLC
216 SCHILLING CIRCLE
HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND 21093-8632

GALLERIA

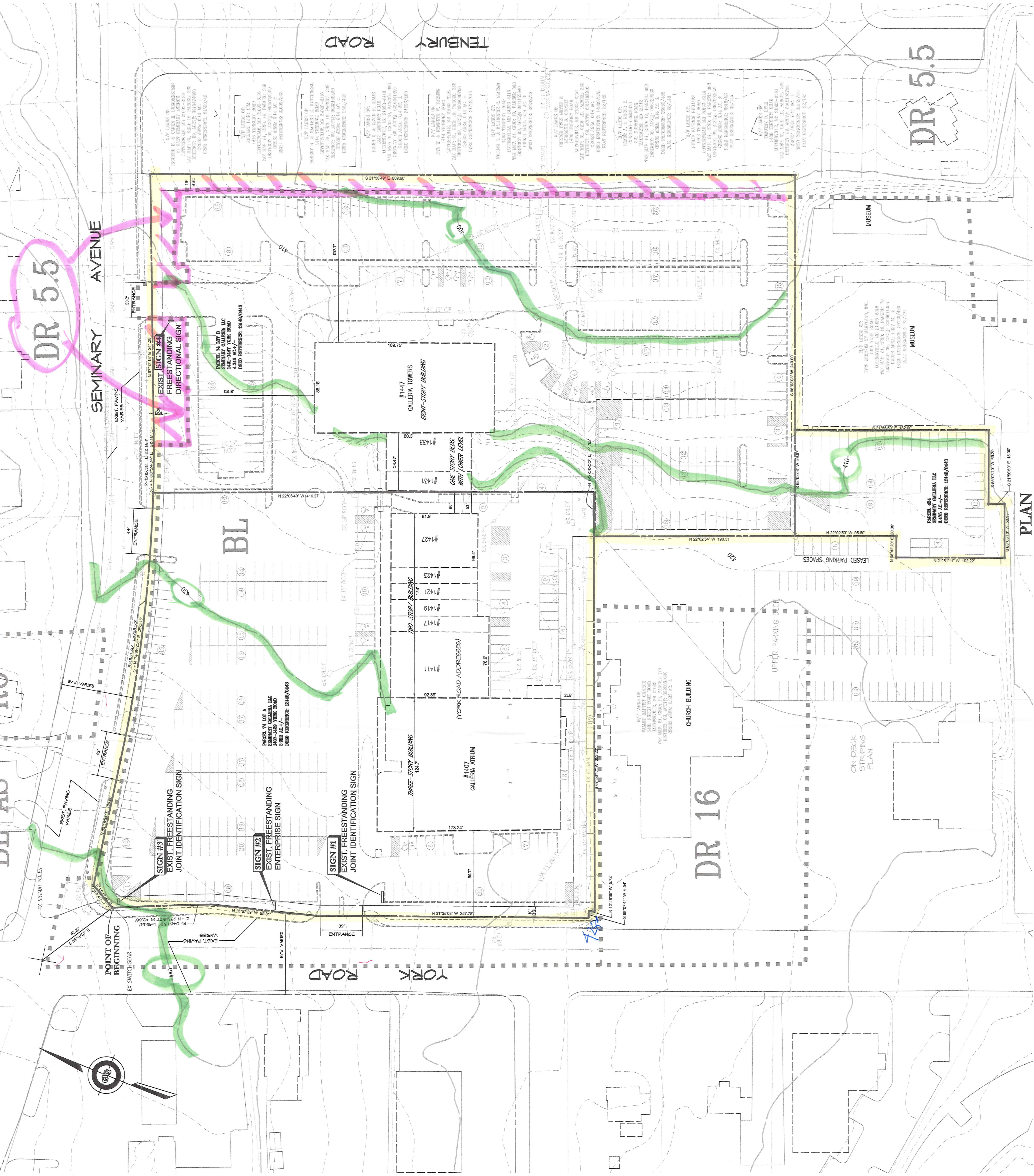
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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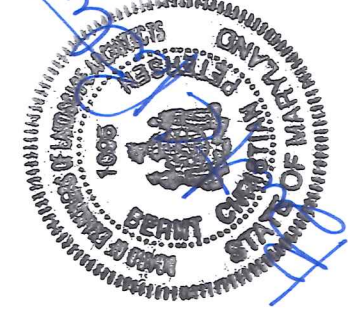
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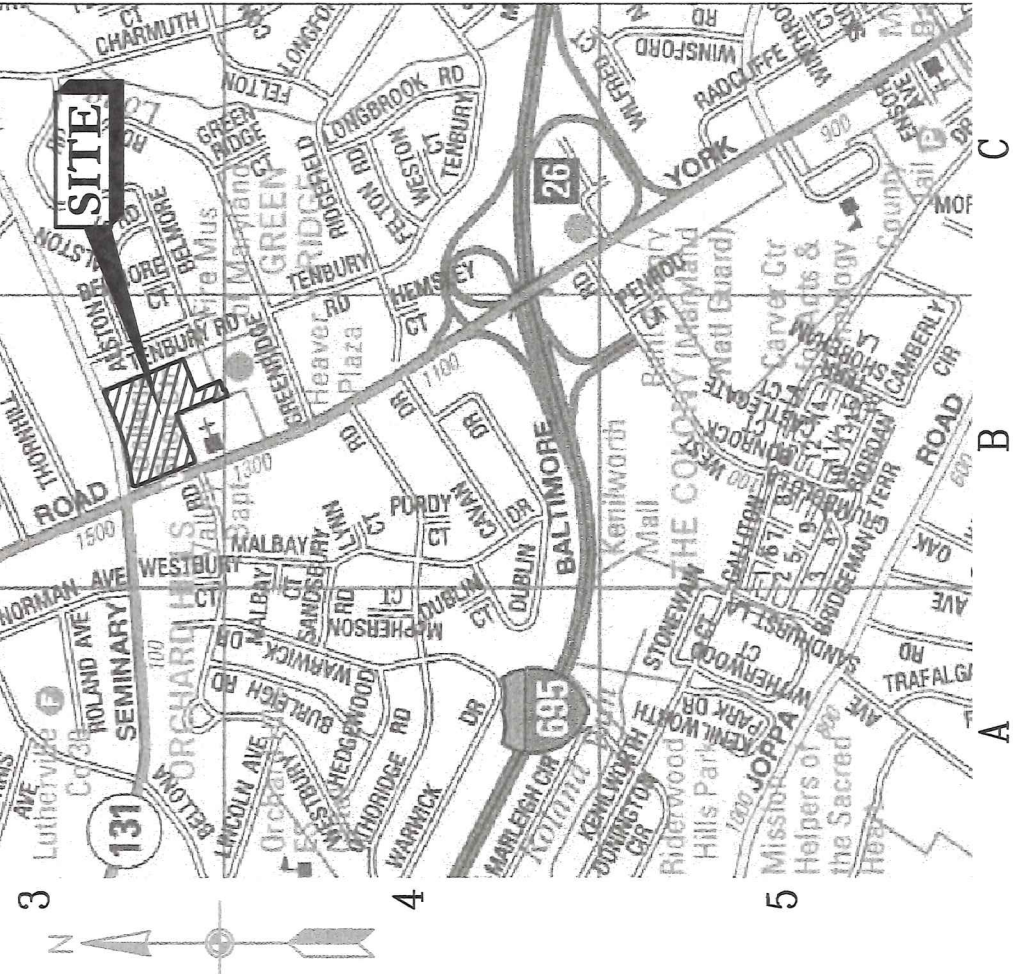
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1407-1447 YORK ROAD, LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093
CRG NO. 86140
ELECTION DISTRICT #9, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT #3
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND



VICINITY MAP
Scale: 1" = 1500'
ADC MAP# : 4579
GRID(S) : B-3,
 B-4

LEGEND

PROPERTY BOUNDARY

ROAD

RAILROAD

ROW LINE

BUILDING SETBACK LINE

EXIST. BUILDING

EXIST. CURB LINE

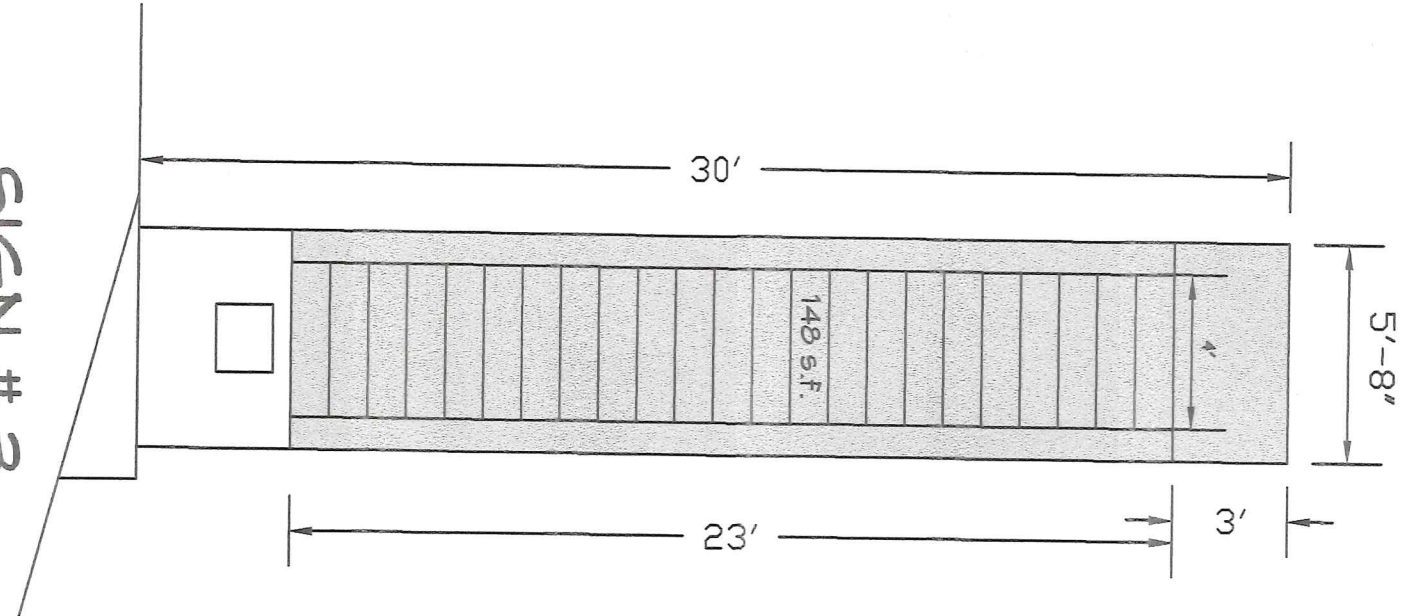
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ZONING LINE

7A

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DRN: WJM
CHK: BCP
FILE: IRT-Planning
DRAWING NUMBER
Z-1
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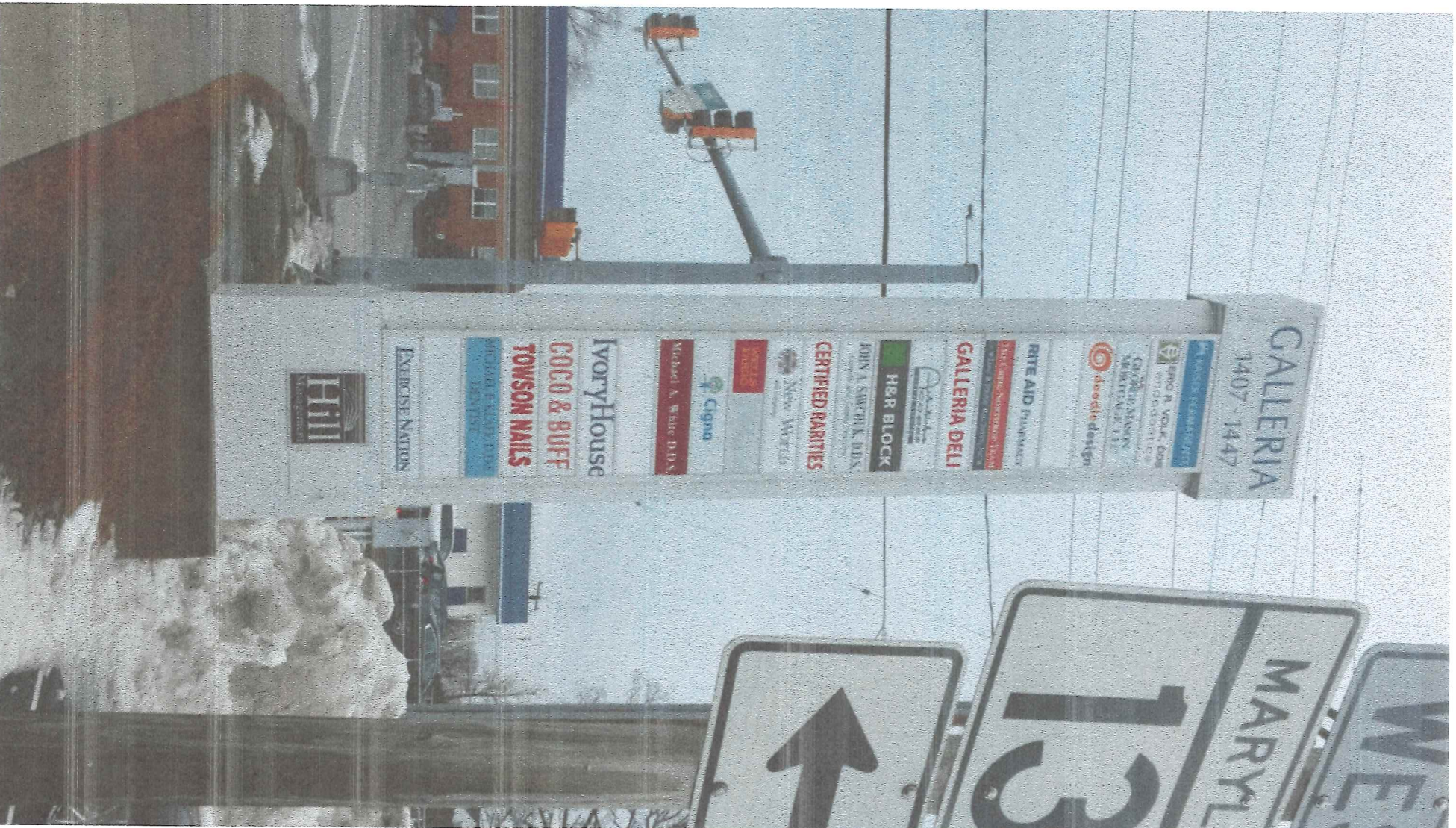
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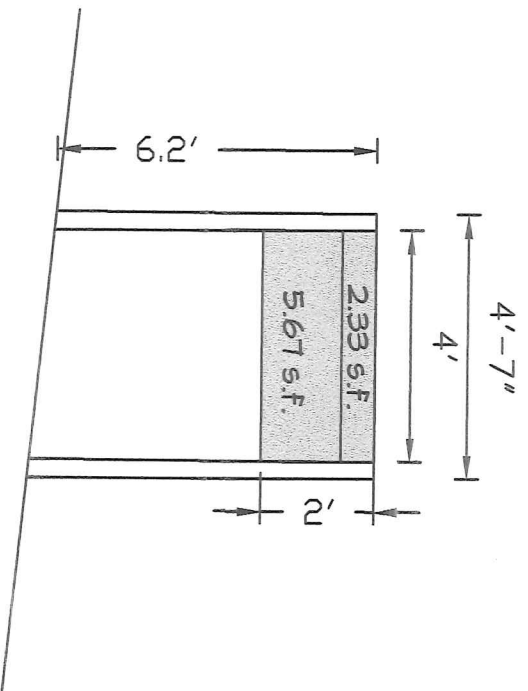
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IDENTIFICATION SIGN
AREA = 148 S.F.



SIGN 3 LOOKING SOUTH



SIGN 3 LOOKING NORTH



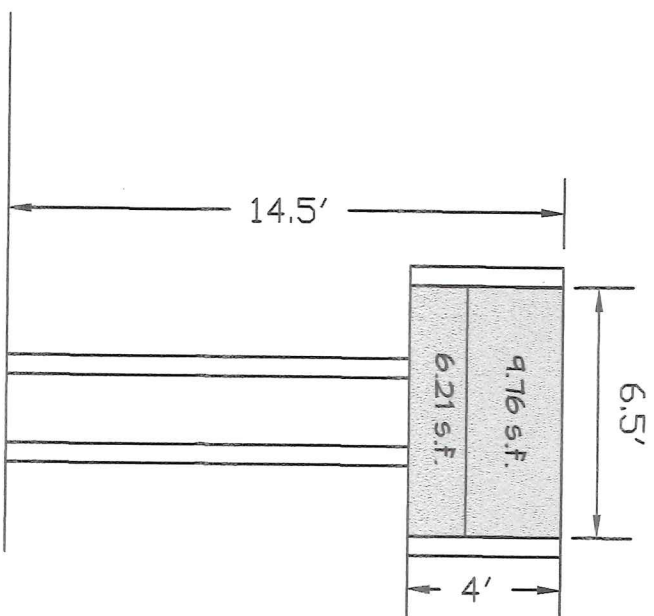
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DIRECTIONAL SIGN
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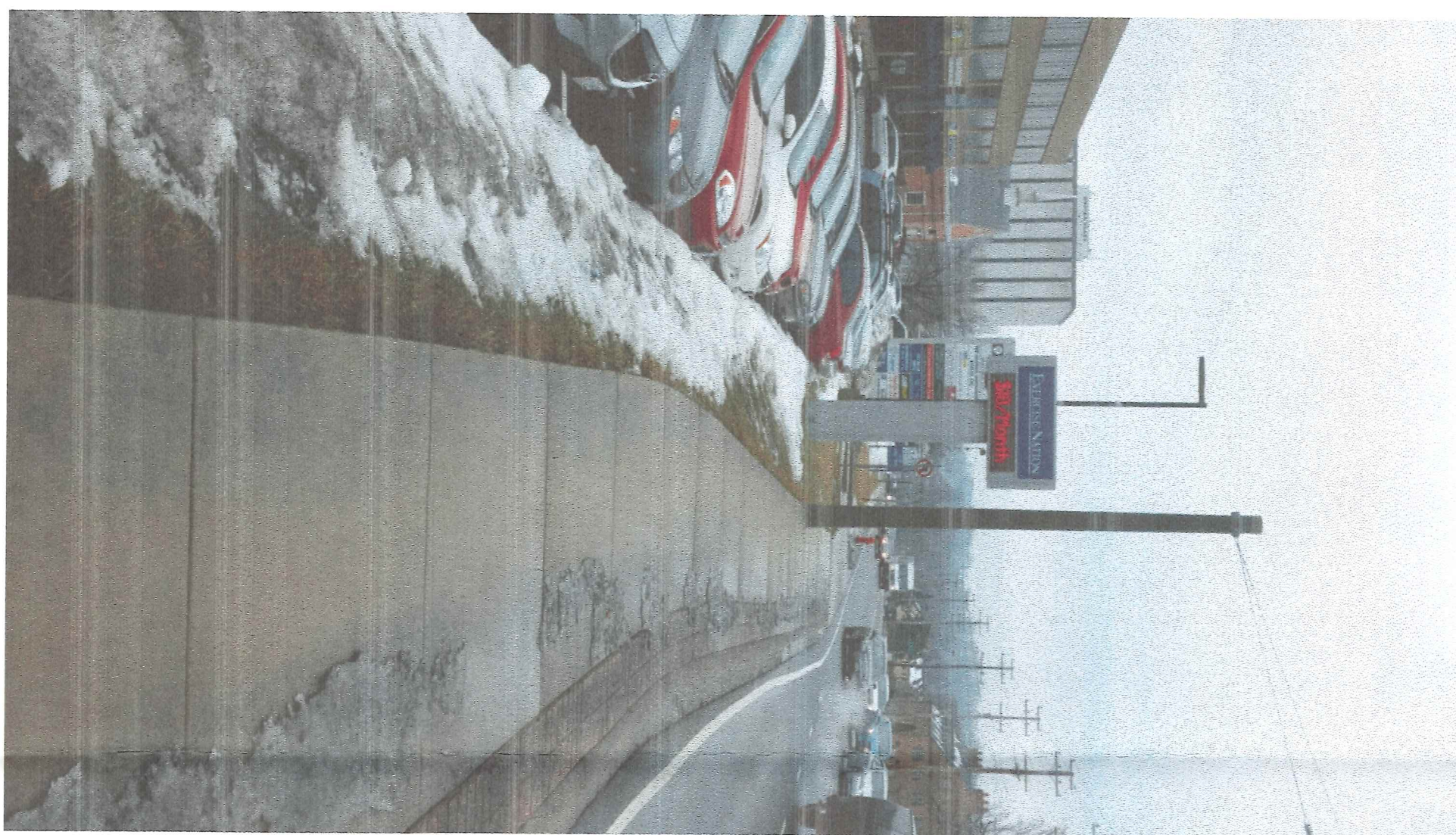
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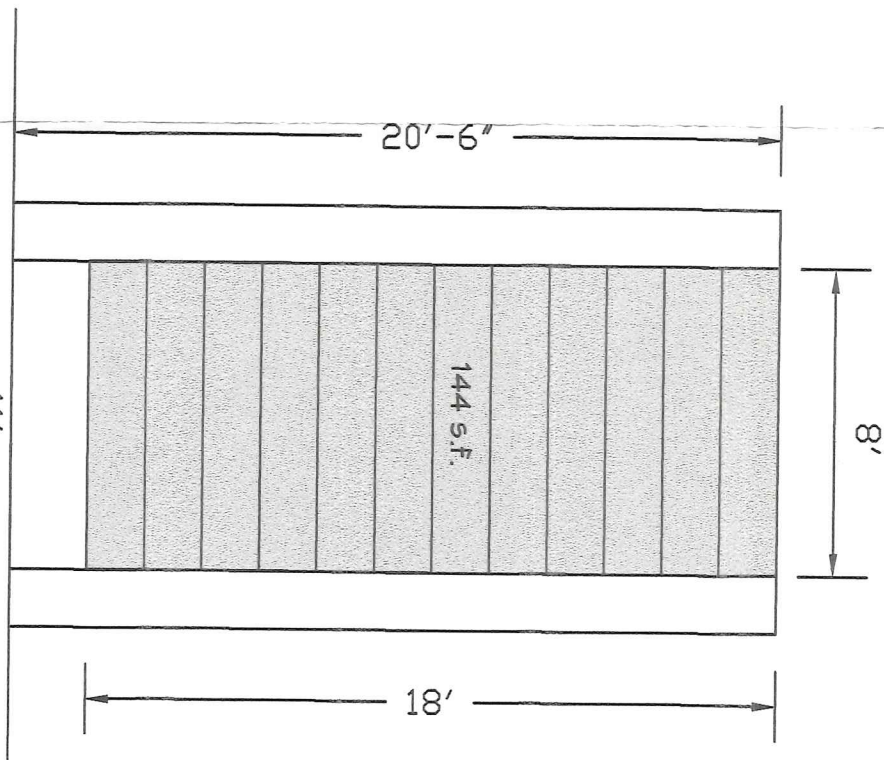
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ENTERPRISE SIGN
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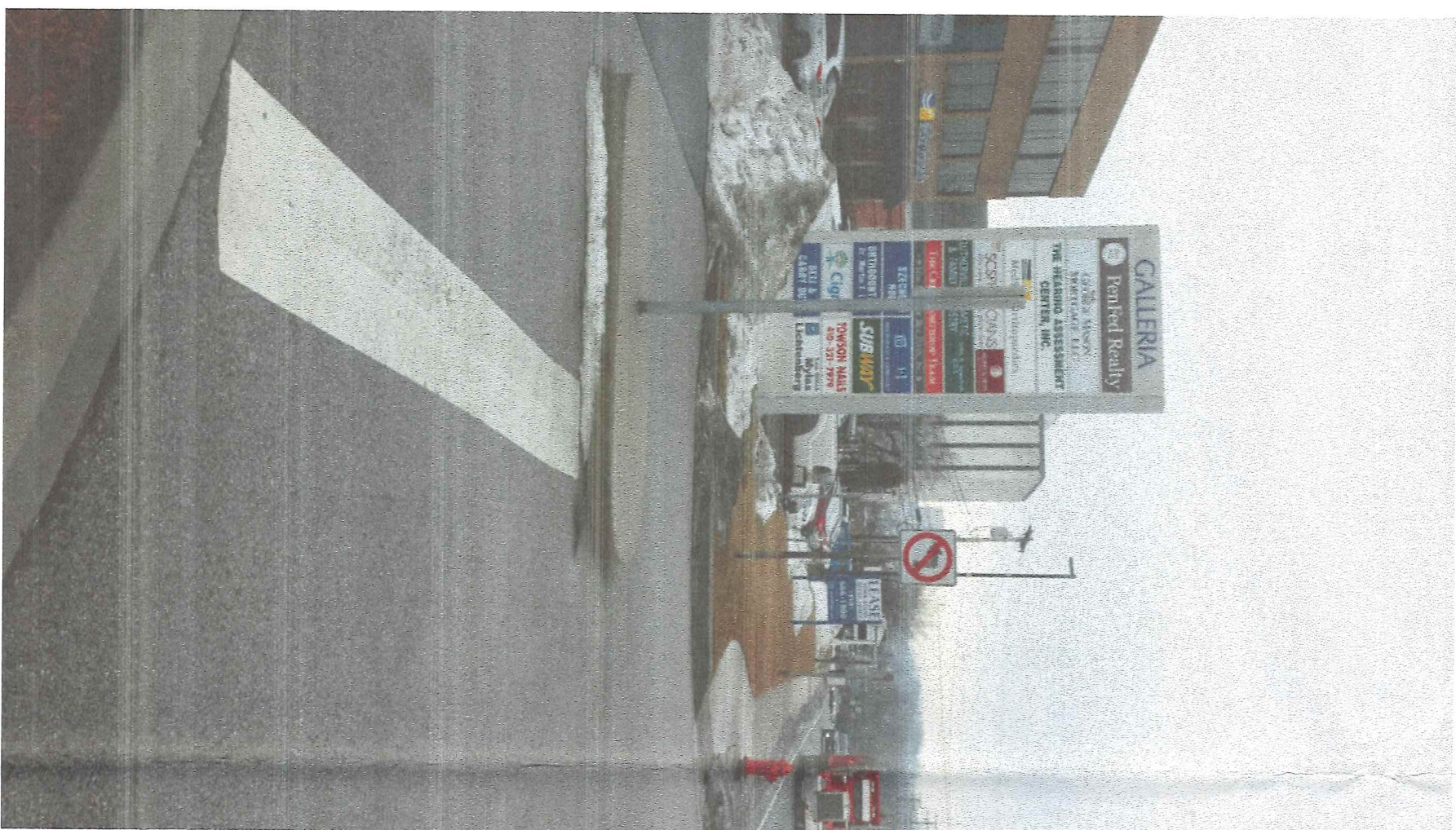
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SIGN # 1

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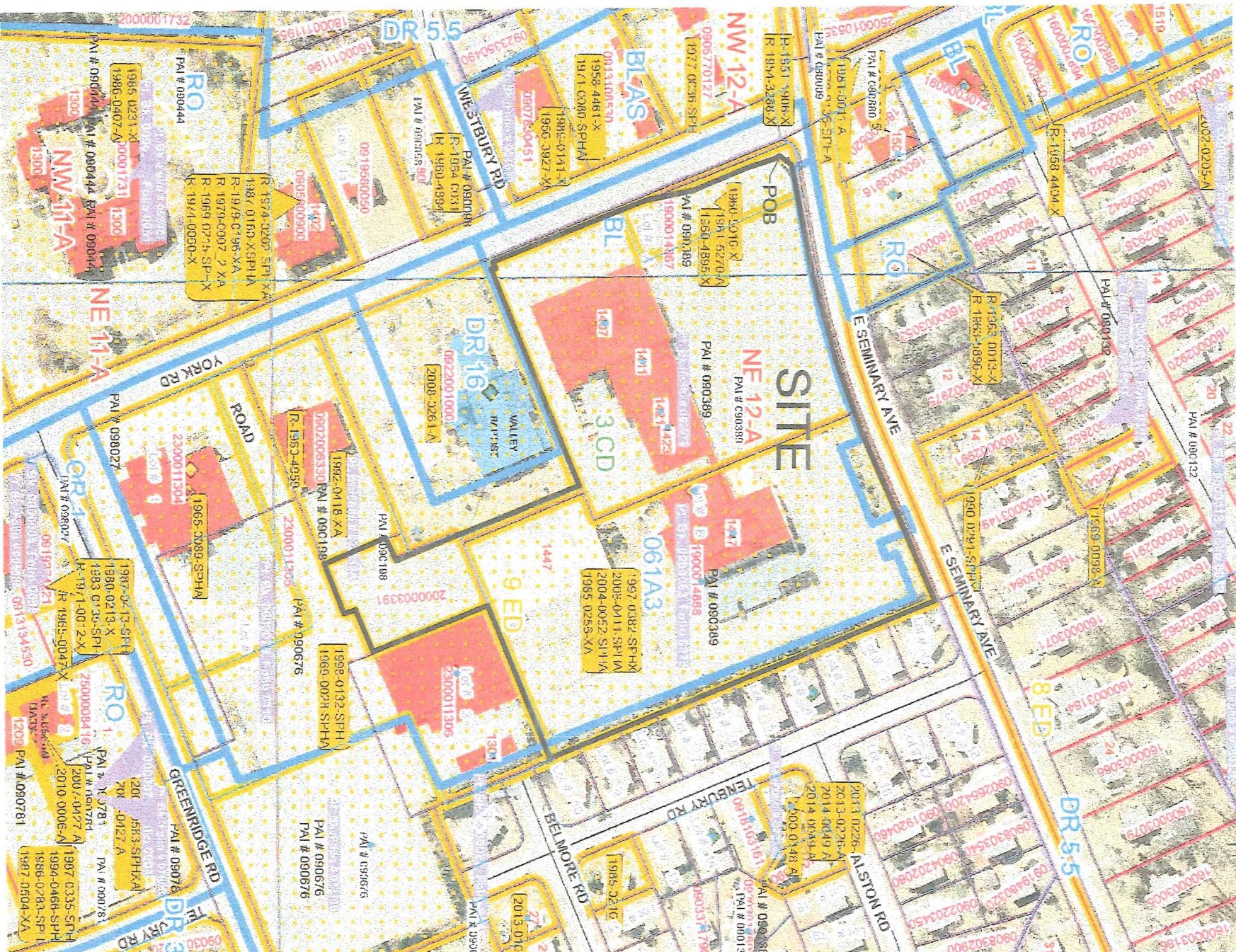
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IDENTIFICATION SIGN
AREA = 144 S.F.



SIGN 1 LOOKING SOUTH



SIGN 1 LOOKING NORTH



ZONING MAP
Scale: NTS



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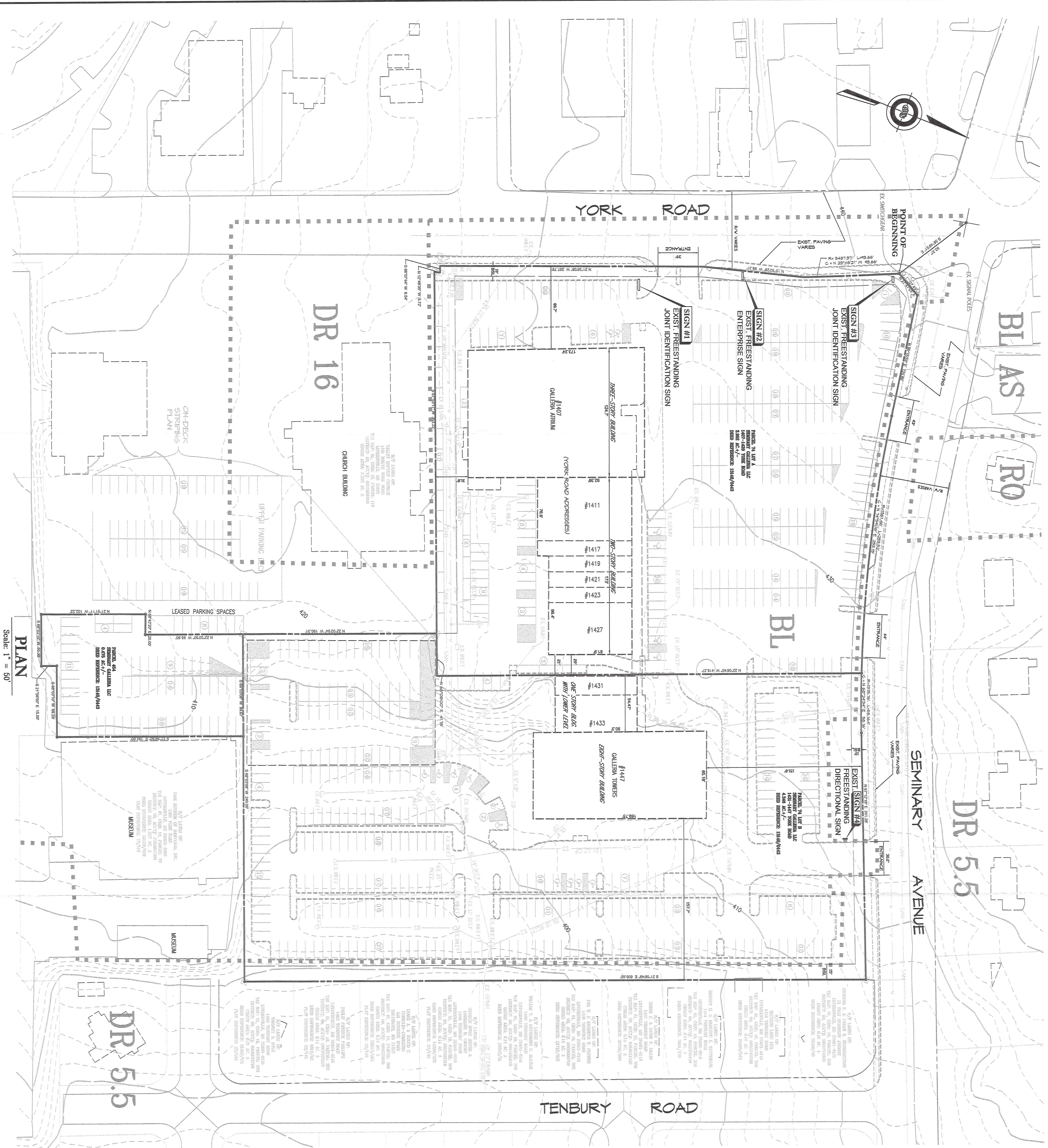
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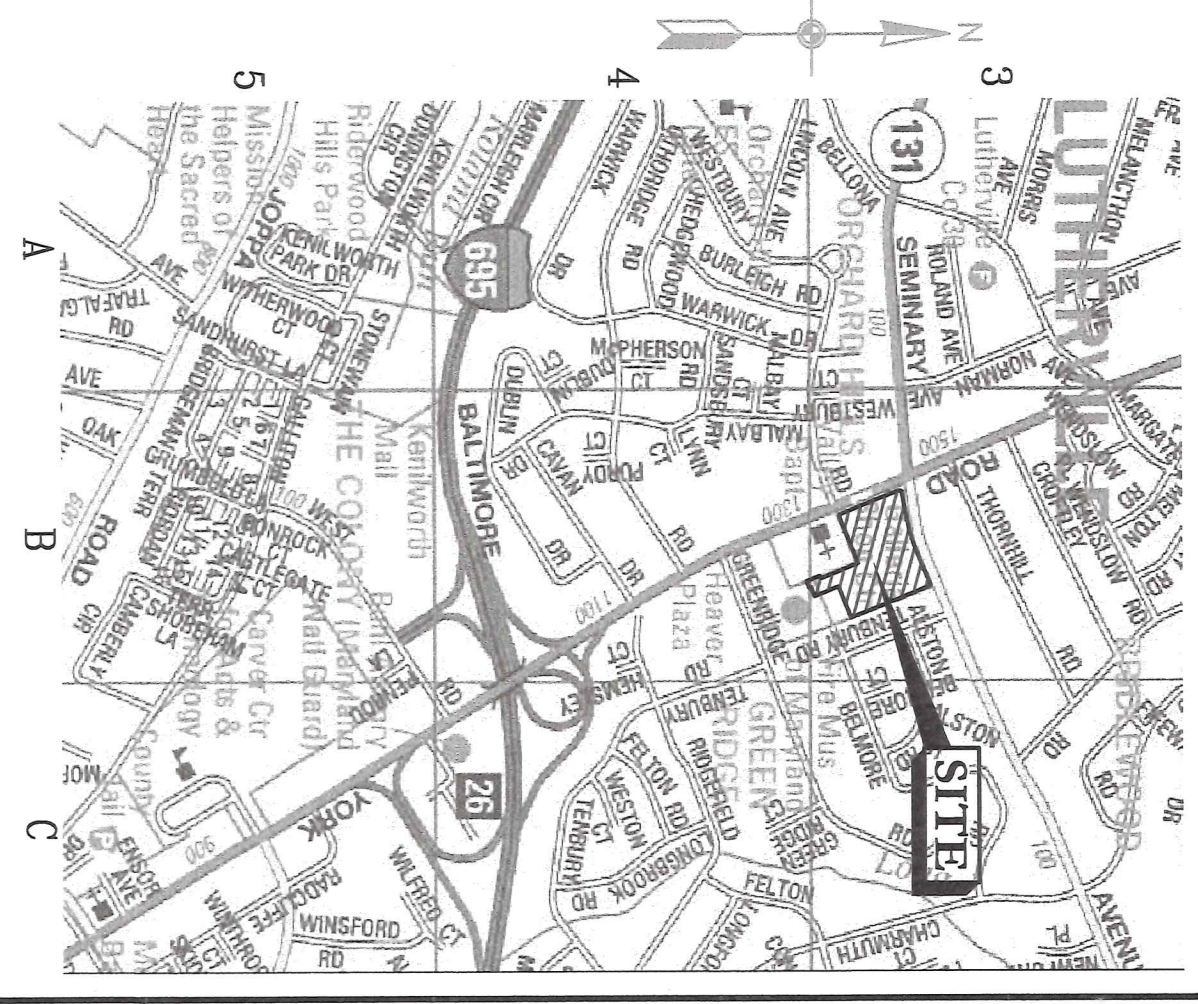
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Z-1
SHEET 1 of 2



SITE NOTES:

1. PROJECT NAME: GALERIA SPECIAL HEAVING AND VARIANCES
2. OWNER: SEMINARY GALERIA LLC
216 SHILLING CIRCLE, SUITE 200
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058
3. PLANNING REFERENCE: 4692 MILLENNIUM ASSOCIATES
4692 MILLENNIUM ROAD, SUITE 100
BELCAMP, MARYLAND 21017
(410) 297-2300
4. SITE AREA:
NET SITE ACREAGE: 415.6M± S.F. = 9.54 AC +/-
NET SITE ACREAGE: 38389± S.F. = 8.819 AC +/-
5. EXISTING ZONING: BL-DN-3.5
6. DISTRICT: THE T2A, NW 12A
7. GAST TULE: 091A
8. ELECTION DISTRICT - 9
9. COMMUNICAMIN DISTRICT - 3
10. TAX MAP NUMBER: 81-PARCELS 74, 434
11. DEED REFERENCE: 1800001687, 1800001688, 2000030381
12. EXISTING USES - COMMERCIAL - OFFICE, RETAIL, RESTAURANT, MEDICAL OFFICE
14. PLAT REFERENCE: SS-178
15. GENUS TRACT - 48900
16. ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER:
MAX BLOCH HEIGHT PERMITTED - PER HEIGHT THEN DIMENSIONS ALLOWED BY PCOZ SECTION 231.1, ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS COMPLY.
17. PARKING REQUIRED: - REQUIRED - GENERAL OFFICE @ 1 SP/ACE PER 300 S.F.

TOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED = 697 PARKING SPACES
771 PARKING SPACES (INCL. 16 HANDICAP & 68 PARKING DECK SPACES)



VICINITY MAP

Scala
ADC
C

LEGEND

