IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING \*

AND VARIANCE

(7912 Belair Road) 14<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Council District Kimco Realty Petitioner **BEFORE THE** 

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case Nos. 2015-0310-SPHA & 2015-0311-SPH

### **OPINION AND ORDER**

These matters comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of the legal owner. Both of the above cases involve the Putty Hill Plaza shopping center. Even so, the zoning office requested Petitioner to file a separate zoning case regarding the pad site (Case # 2015-0311), but the cases were combined for hearing and only one Order will be issued. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows:

(1) abandon previously approved Special Exceptions and Special Hearings which are no longer being utilized, and; (2) to permit the continuance of an existing pad site for sign purposes notwithstanding ownership. In addition, a Petition for Variance pursuant to B.C.Z.R. as follows:

(1) to permit wall mounted enterprise signs with a total square footage each of up to two and half times (2.5) the length of the wall to which the sign is affixed converted to square footage in lieu of the permitted two (2) times the length of the wall converted to square footage; and (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with eight (8) lines of text in lieu of the permitted five (5) lines of text. A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Greg Birdsall. Jennifer R. Busse, Esq., appeared and represented the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County

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Zoning Regulations. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was submitted by the Bureau of Development Plans Review, which noted that landscaping would be required along Bel Air Road.

### PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

The petition for special hearing concerns the continuation of a pad site at the property, which is currently occupied by Nations Bank. Being designated as a pad site allows for a freestanding enterprise sign, which is existing on site. As such, the petition will be granted.

### 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).

Petitioner has met this test. The property has irregular dimensions and is therefore unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty, given it would be required to remove signs which have been in place for many years without complaint. 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. This is demonstrated by the lack of County and/or community opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of September, 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) as follows: (1) to abandon previously approved Special Exceptions and Special Hearings (granted in Case Nos. 1982-0208-SPH & 1982-0276-X) which are no longer being utilized, and; (2) to permit the continuance of an existing pad site for sign purposes notwithstanding ownership, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance pursuant to B.C.Z.R. as follows: (1) to permit wall mounted enterprise signs with a total square footage each of up to two and half times (2.5) the length of the wall to which the sign is affixed converted to square footage in lieu of the permitted two (2) times the length of the wall converted to square footage; and (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with eight (8) lines of text in lieu of the permitted five (5) lines of text, 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.
- 2. Petitioner must provide landscaping at the site as determined in the sole discretion of the Baltimore County Landscape Architect.

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

JEB:sln

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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 Belair Road - 7912

which is presently zoned BMAS/DR 5.5

Deed References: 21239/00108

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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Putty Hill Associates, LLC c/o Kimco Realty

(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: 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 please 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)

#### PLEASE 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.

CASE NUMBER 2015-0310-5844 Filing Date 7 , 2 , 2015

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).

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING Legal Owners (Petitioners): Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Greg Birdsall, Kimco Realty N/A Name #2 - Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signature #2 1954 Greenspring Ave. #330, Timonium, MD State Mailing Address City State 21093/ gbirdsall@kimcorealty.com 410-427-4414/ Email Address Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone # Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire Name Name- Type on P Signature Whiteford, Taylor & Preston Whiteford, Taylor & Preston Signature 1 W. Penns Ivania Ave., Ste. 300, Towson MD 1 W. Pernsylvania Ave., Ste. 300, Towson MD Mailing Address Mailing Address City State 21204 21204 410-832-2077 / jbus se@wtplaw.com /410-832-2077/ jbusse@wtplaw.com **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone #

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Petition for Special Hearing to abandon previously approved Special Exceptions and Special Hearings which are no longer being utilized (Case Nos. 1982-0208-SPH, 1982-0276-X).

Petition for Variance to permit wall mounted enterprise signs with a total square footage each of up to two and a half times (2.5) the length of the wall to which the sign is affixed converted to square footage in lieu of the permitted two (2) times the length of the wall converted to square footage.

Petition for Variance to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with eight (8) lines of text in lieu of the permitted five (5) lines of text.

ZONING DESCRIPTION
TAX MAP 81, PARCELS 1058
THE LAND OF
PUTTY HILL ASSOCIATES, LLC.
LIBER 21239 FOLIO 108
14<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF BELAIR ROAD (U.S. ROUTE 1) (VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY), WHICH IS 316 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID BELAIR ROAD AND ROSSVILLE BOULEVARD (VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY), THENCE DEPARTING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS AND WITH THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN THE ROSSVILLE BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NORTH AND THE PUTTY HILL ASSOCIATES, LLC. (LIBER 21239 FOLIO 108) ON THE WEST;

- SOUTH 40 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 115.35 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 2. NORTH 49 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, 144.03 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 3. SOUTH 40 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 188.44 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 4. SOUTH 49 DEGEES 43 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, 144.12 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 5. SOUTH40 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 91.45 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 6. CONTINUING NORTH 50 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 360.06 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 7. CONTINUING SOUTH 39 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 125.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 8. CONTINUING NORTH 49 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 362.36 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- CONTINUING NORTH 40 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 614.63 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 10. CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, 76.66 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 11. CONTINUING 421.55 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 726.49 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 33 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 47 SECONDS, AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 72 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 415.66 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;
- 12. CONTINUING SOUTH 23 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, 183.86 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE;

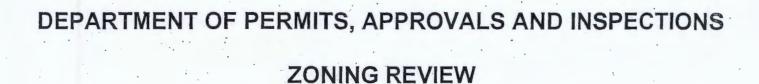


14. CONTINUING SOUTH 49 DEGREES – 43 MINUTES – 41 SECONDS EAST, 113.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 447,468 SQUARE FEET OR 10.272 ACRES.



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND 127360 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT THE 7/02/2015 10:06:42 Date: WE USDS WALKIN REGS-LAS Rev Sub ECEIPT # 802182 7/02/2015 Source/ Rev/ let 5 528 ZONING VERIFICATION Amount Fund Dept Unit Sub Unit Obj Sub Obj Dept Obj BS Acct MG. 127360 806 6150 1000.00 601 0000 Recot Tot \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 CK \$.00 CA Baltimore County, Haryland 1000.00 Total: Rec From: For: 2015-0310-51744 CASHIER'S VALIDATION DISTRIBUTION WHITE - CASHIER PINK - AGENCY YELLOW - CUSTOMER **GOLD - ACCOUNTING** PLEASE PRESS HARD!!!!



### 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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 2015-0310 -5PHA
Petitioner: Limeo Realty et al.
Address or Location: 7912 Belan Rd Nothingham MD 21236
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Jennill Busse
Address: Whiteford, Toujlar & Preston
Ore W. Pennsylvania Ave. St. 300
Towson Ms 21204
Telephone Number: 410 832 2077



501 N. Calvert St., P.O. Box 1377 Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001 tel: 410/332-6000 800/829-8000

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 3502001

### Sold To:

Whiteford Taylor & Preston LLP - CU00431684 One W Pennsylvania Ave Ste 300 Towson, MD 21204-5025

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Was published in "Jeffersonian", "Bi-Weekly", a newspaper printed and published in Baltimore County on the following dates:

Aug 20, 2015

The Baltimore Sun Media Group

By S. Wilkinson

Legal Advertising

#### 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: # 2015-0310-SPHA
7912 Belair Road, 316 ft. SW of Rossville Blvd.

14th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s) Kimco Realty, Greg Birdsalf
Special Hearing to abandon previously approved Special
Exception and Special Hearing which are no longer being utilized (Case Nos. 1982-0208-SPH and 1982-0276-X).

Variance to permit wall mounted enterprise signs with a total square footage each of up to two and a half times (2.5) the length of the wall to which the sign is affixed converted to square footage in lieu of the permitted two times the length of the wall converted to square footage; to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with eight lines of text. Hearing: Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towapon 21204.

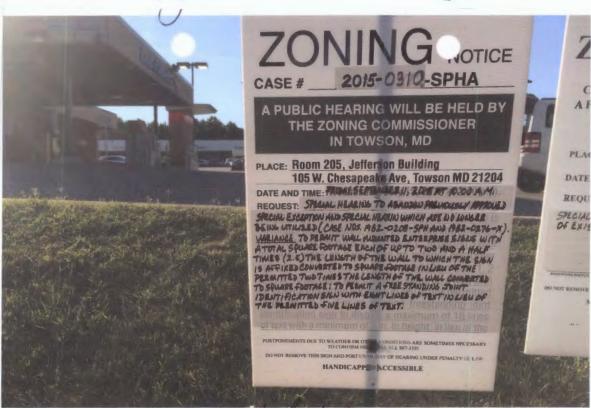
ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

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



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	BALTIMORE,MD 21220	

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

July 22, 2015

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

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Hearing: Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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C: Jennifer Busse, 1 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 300, Towson 21204 Greg Birdsall, 1954 Greenspring Avenue, Ste. 330, Timonium 21093

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 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.

Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Douglas H. Simmons, Acting Administrator

Date: 7/7/15

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2015-0310-SPHA

Special Hearing Variance

Grey Birdsall, Kinned Realty

7912 Belair Road

US 1

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  $\frac{7/7/s}{s}$ . A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto  $\frac{U \le I}{s}$  consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for  $\frac{Variance}{s}$ , Case Number  $\frac{2015-0310-5P+A}{s}$ 

Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Richard Zeller at 410-229-2398 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) X 2398 or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David W. Peake

Metropolitan District Engineer Baltimore & Harford Counties

DWP/RAZ

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
AND VARIANCE
7912 Belair Road; SW/S Belair Road,
316' SW of c/line of Rossville Blvd
14th Election & 5th Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Kimco Realty, Greg Birdsall
Petitioner(s)

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**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

\* 2015-310-SPHA

### **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 Zummerman

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 10th day of July, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jennifer Busse, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, One West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

# 2015-0310-SPOA Case No.: 2015 - 0311 - 5PH

**Exhibit Sheet** 

Protestant

Petitioner/Developer

No. 1	Aerial photo	
No. 2	Plan to accompany 5PH	
No. 3	Plan for sign, variances	
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 19, 2015

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2015-0310-SPHA – Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on October 15, 2015. 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

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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### PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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## CITIZEN'S SIGN - IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E - MAIL
Paul Podriguez	1017 Kenilworth Drive	Towson, MD 21204	paul.rodriguezzeubat.edu
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CASE NO. 2015-<u>0310-SPHA</u>

### CHECKLIST

Comment Received	Department	Support/Oppose/ Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
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	SEL APPEARANCE  Yes No SEL COMMENT LETTER  Yes No SEL COMMENT LETTER	
Comments, if any:		

JB 12370

## IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

W side of Bel Air Road; 331 feet S the c/l of Rossville Blvd.

14<sup>th</sup> Election District
6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District
(7920 Bel Air Road)

Putty Hill Associates, LLC Legal Owner

Giant of Maryland, LLC
Contract Lessee

\* BEFORE THE

\* DEPUTY ZONING

\* COMMISSIONER

\* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2011-0126-SPHA

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the property owner, Putty Hill Associates, LLC by Gregg Birdsall, an authorized signatory, and the contract lessee, Giant of Maryland, LLC through one of its Senior Managers of Construction, Juan Carlos Vivas, and its attorney, Charles B. Marek, III, Esquire of Gildea and Schmidt, LLC. Petitioner is requesting Special Hearing relief in accordance with Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows:

- To confirm that the existing Putty Hill Plaza shopping center and the stand alone Dunkin Donuts retail store are not both within the same premises; and
- To confirm that it is permitted to retain a freestanding enterprise sign for a stand alone
   PAD site; and
- For such and further relief as may be required by Zoning Commissioner.

Petitioner is also requesting Variance relief as follows:

considered the "premises" was also dealt with through oral argument. "Premises" is defined in B.C.Z.R. Section 450.3 as

A recorded lot, or in the case of a multi-occupant lot such as a shopping center, office park or industrial park, the total area of the development under common ownership or control. "Premises" also means two or more contiguous lots under common ownership, leasehold or other assignment of interest in real property which are used as a unified parcel.

While the subject of the hearing was the Putty Hill Plaza, contiguous to the site is a property improved with a Dunkin Donuts. The Dunkin Donuts has a separate entrance and is self parked; however, it does have direct vehicular access to the Putty Hill Plaza. If these two properties were considered one premises, the existing freestanding Dunkin Donuts sign and the existing freestanding joint enterprise sign for the Putty Hill Plaza, each along Belair Road, would exist within 100 feet of each other in violation of B.C.Z.R. Section 450.5.B.4.b. Mr. Marek entered into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 3 and 4 two separate deeds for each of the properties. It was shown that the Dunkin Donuts property was owned and operated by DB Real Estate Assets I, LLC, a non-affiliate of Putty Hill Associates, LLC. Therefore, because there is a lack of coordinated control over both properties, it is clear that the properties should not be considered part of the same "premises."

Continuing with the Petition for Variance aspects of the relief requested, Mr. Marek proffered the evidence presented at the hearing, and the proffer and exhibits were accepted into the record of the case. The property in question is the "Putty Hill Plaza" near the intersection of Belair Road and Rossville Boulevard. The property has one entrance on Belair Road and another off of Rossville Blvd. The site is approximately 10.7 acres and is zoned B.M.-A.S. The center is improved with a multi-tenant retail building and a stand-alone PAD site for Bank of America. The Giant supermarket is the largest tenant in the center and considered the "anchor" store. In addition

difficulty. Allowing multiple signs will give customers an opportunity to recognize the store from various points along their drive and not just one vantage point.

Moreover, the testimony and evidence also showed that the granting of the variance would be in the spirit and intent of the Zoning Regulations. The wall mounted signage permitted at this center, without relief, would be one sign that is 528 sq. ft. (two times the length of the wall to which the signage is affixed). The wall mounted sign package would be 336 square feet or only sixty-four percent (64%) of the size permitted as of right. Furthermore, the sign regulations do attempt to allow stores to adequately advertise their services, and I believe that this relief is in keeping with that and other goals of the signage regulations. Lastly customer recognition and identification of the stores is important as this re-imaging is occurring not just in Baltimore County, but throughout all of Giant's operation across counties and states.

The testimony also bears that the granting of the variance will be in the interest of the public. The new sign package will utilize light-emitting-diode (LED) technology for illumination, thereby reducing the energy consumption by roughly ninety percent (90%). The freestanding signage will also assist the flow of traffic as it will alert customers to the presence of the store and give them the time they need to properly and safely adjust their driving to accommodate their supermarket trip. Given this is a heavily trafficked area and high speed traffic flow, this will be a benefit. Therefore, the variance to permit ten (10) wall mounted signs and a freestanding joint id sign of 192 square feet and six lines should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on the Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth above, the Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance should be granted and the Special Hearing relief related to the freestanding signage and bank sign should be dismissed as moot.

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





Real Property Data Search (w2)

Guide to searching the database

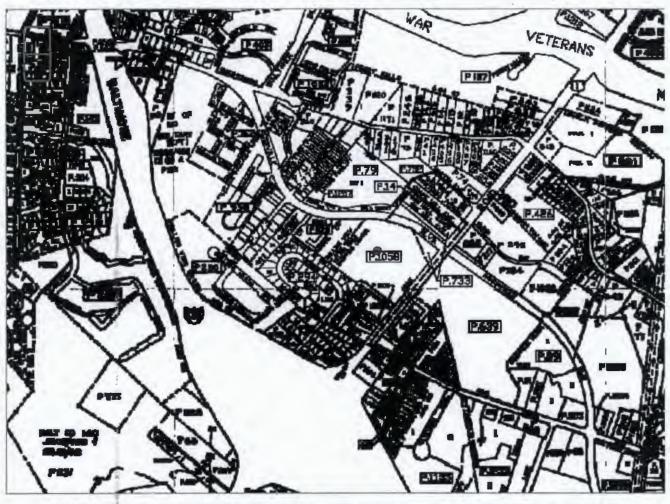
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New Search (http://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty)

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits.
Approvals & Inspections

September 3, 2015

Greg Birdsall Kimco Realty 1954 Greenspring Avenue Unit #330 Timonium MD 21093

RE: Case Number: 2015-0310 SPHA, Address: 7912 Belair Road

Dear Mr. Birdsall:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on July 2, 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel

Jennifer R Busse, Esquire, 1 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson MD 21204

Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Douglas H. Simmons, Acting Administrator

Date: 7/21/15

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

RE: **Baltimore County** 

> Item No 2016-0010-4 Administrative Various Victor Armstrong 519 Grove Thora RA.

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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. 2016-0010-A

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely

Metropolitan District Engineer Baltimore & Harford Counties

DWP/RAZ

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

**DATE:** July 29, 2015

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

7912 Belair Road

**INFORMATION:** 

**Item Number:** 

15-310

Greg Birdsall, Kimco Realty

Zoning:

**Petitioner:** 

BM AS, DR 5.5

Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Variance

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The Department has no objection to the granting of the petitioned zoning relief.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Krystle Patchak at 410-887-3480.

Division Chief: Kuny Galakach

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** July 10, 2015

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 13, 2015 Item No. 2015-0310

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have the following comment.

Parking on the subject property along Belair Road shall be screened per Landscape Manual requirements section III.B.1.a and street trees added per section III. A.1-3.

DAK:CEN cc:file

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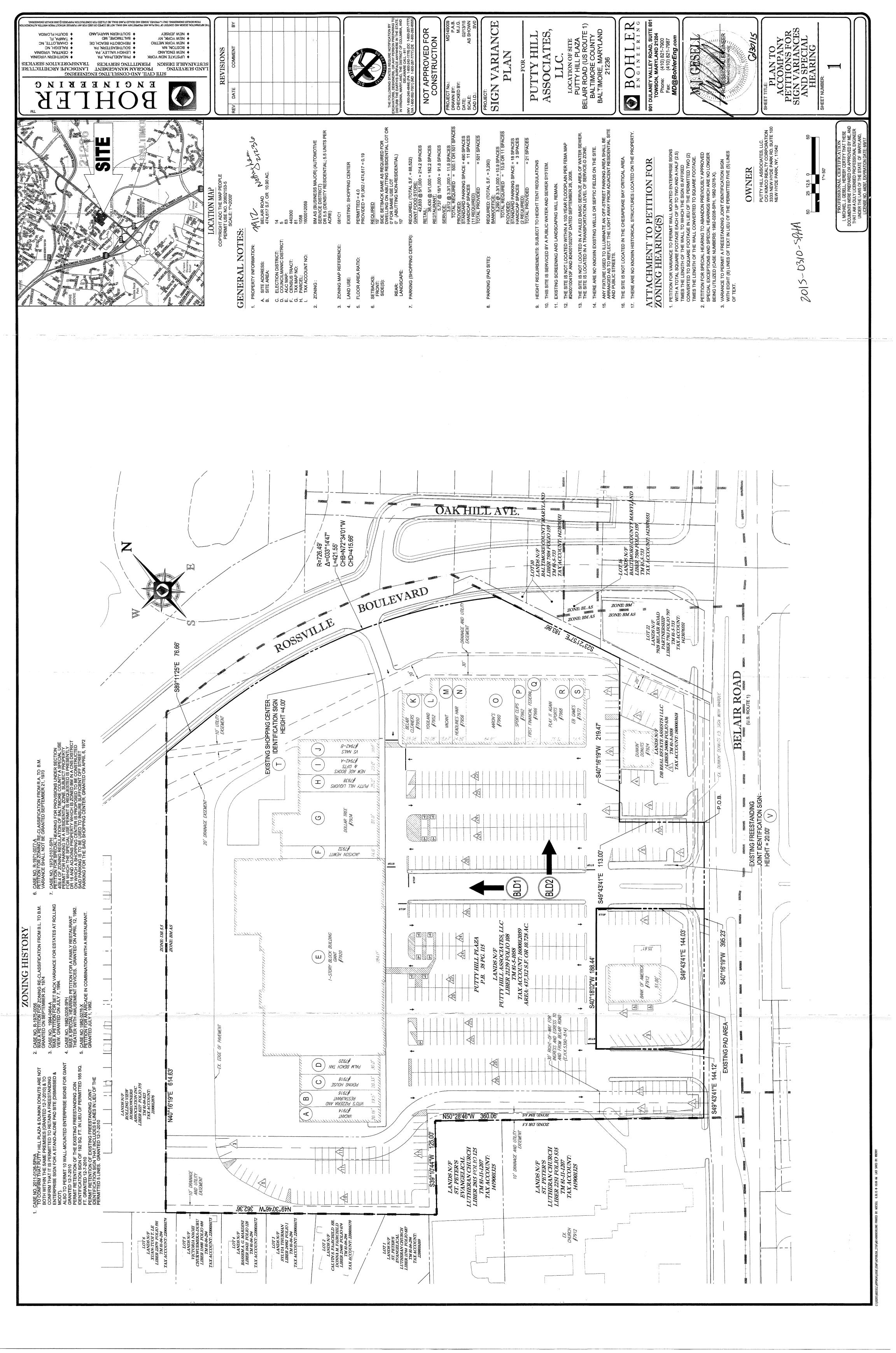
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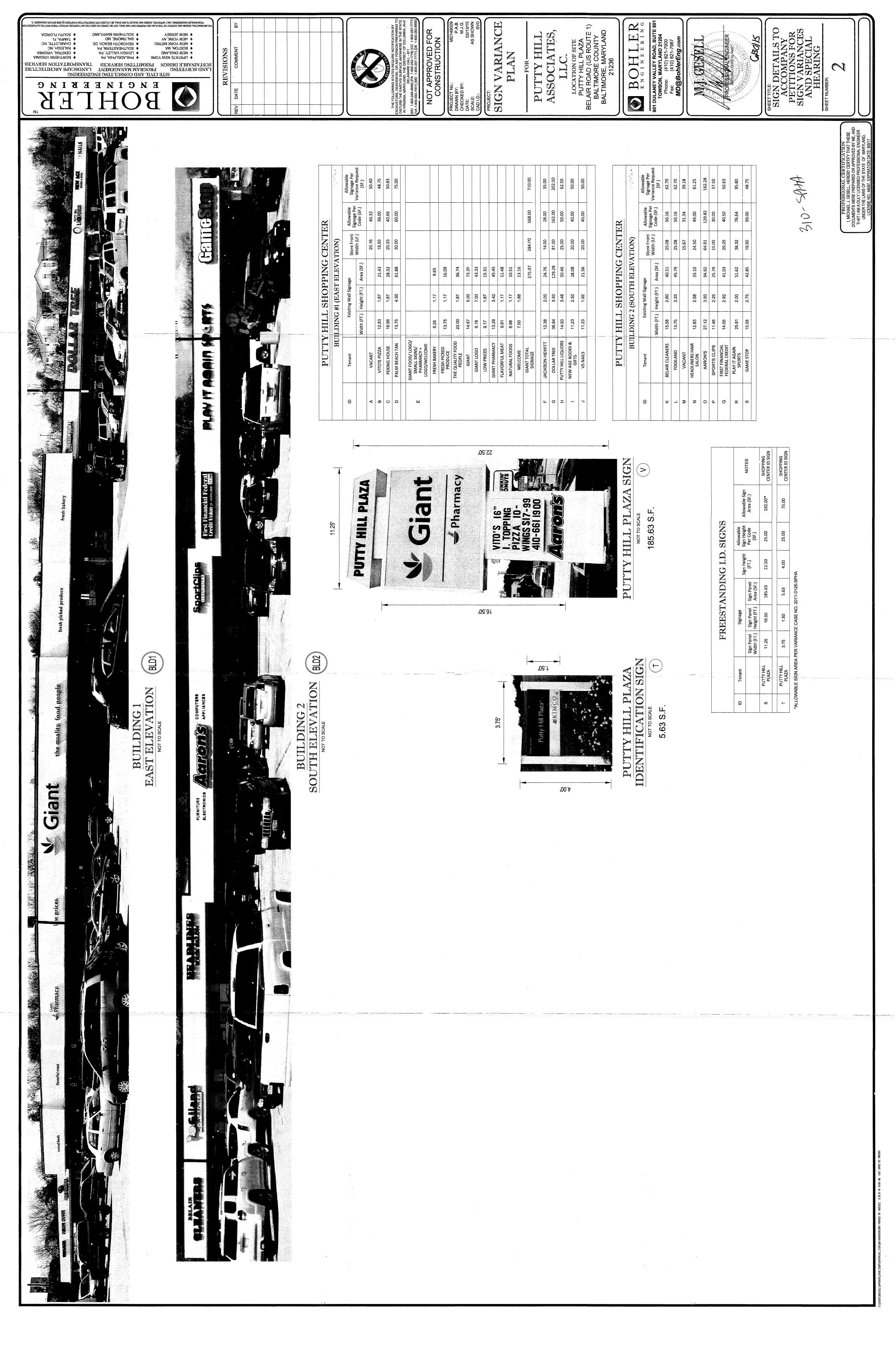


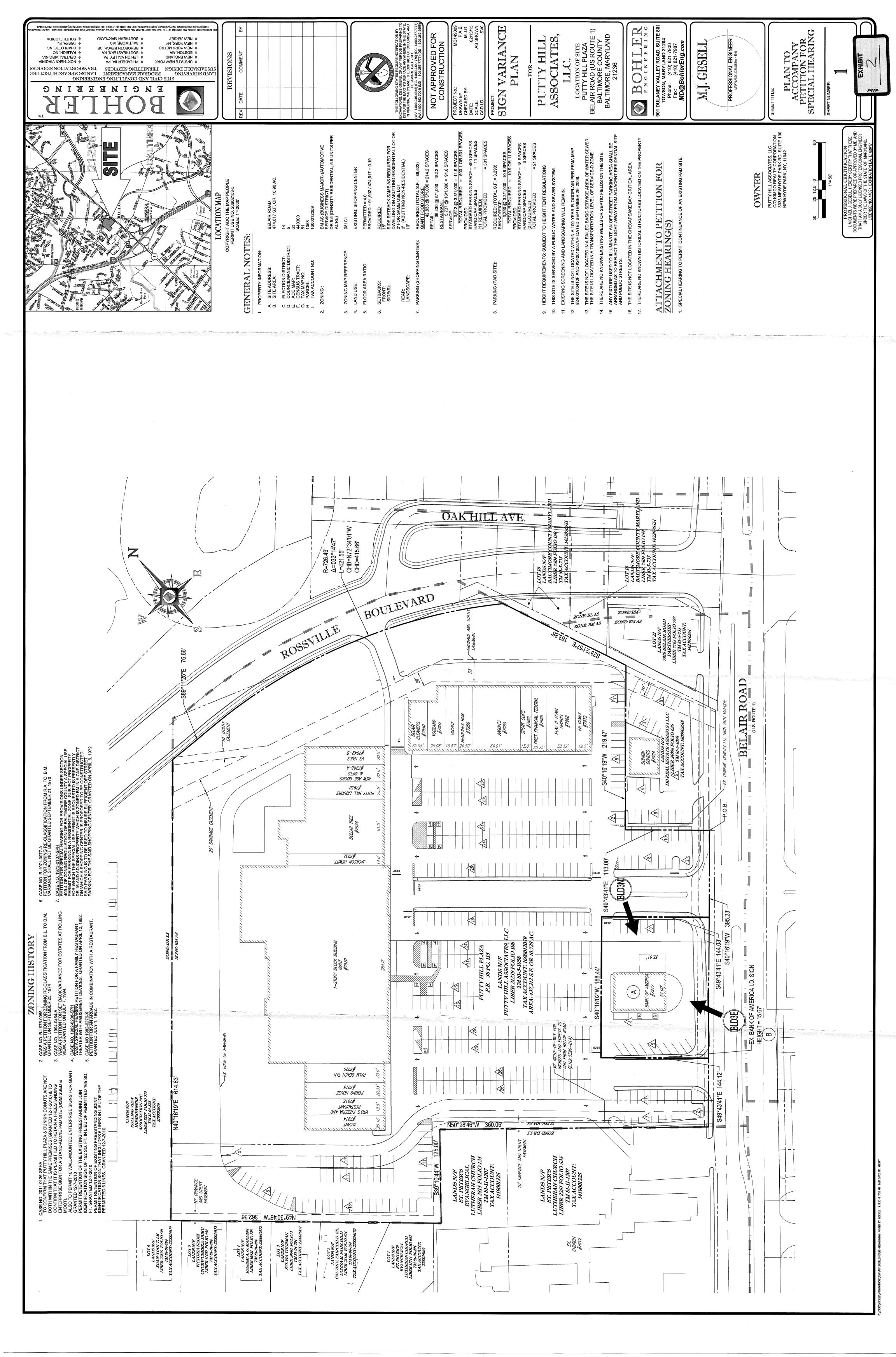
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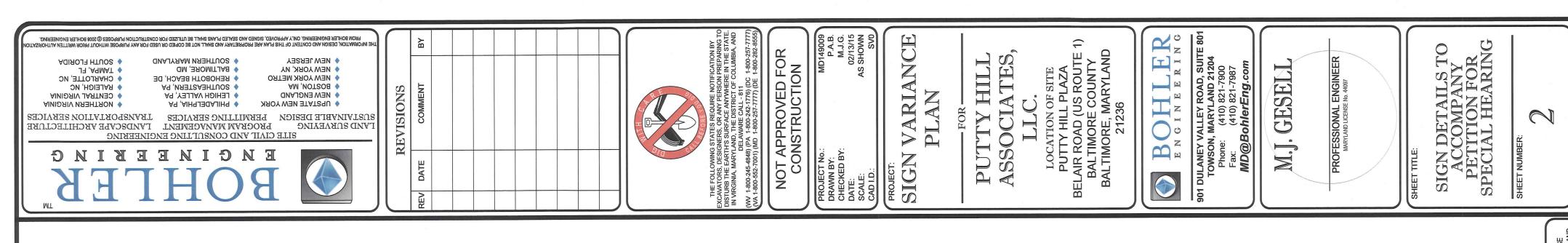
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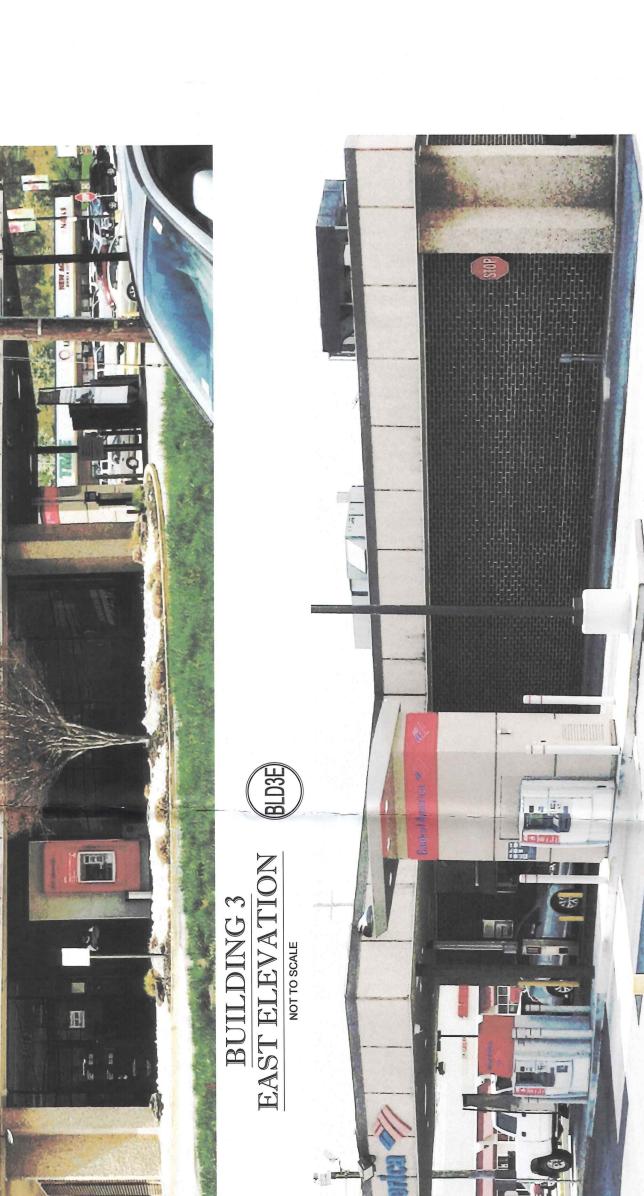


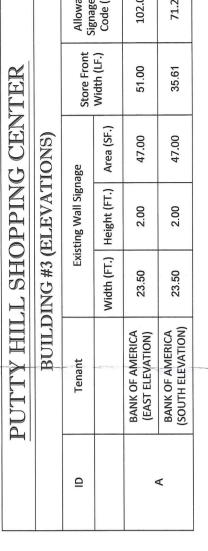










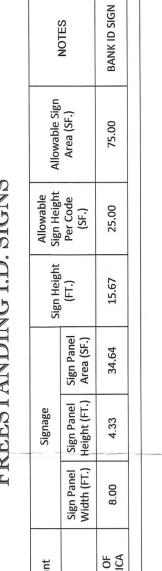


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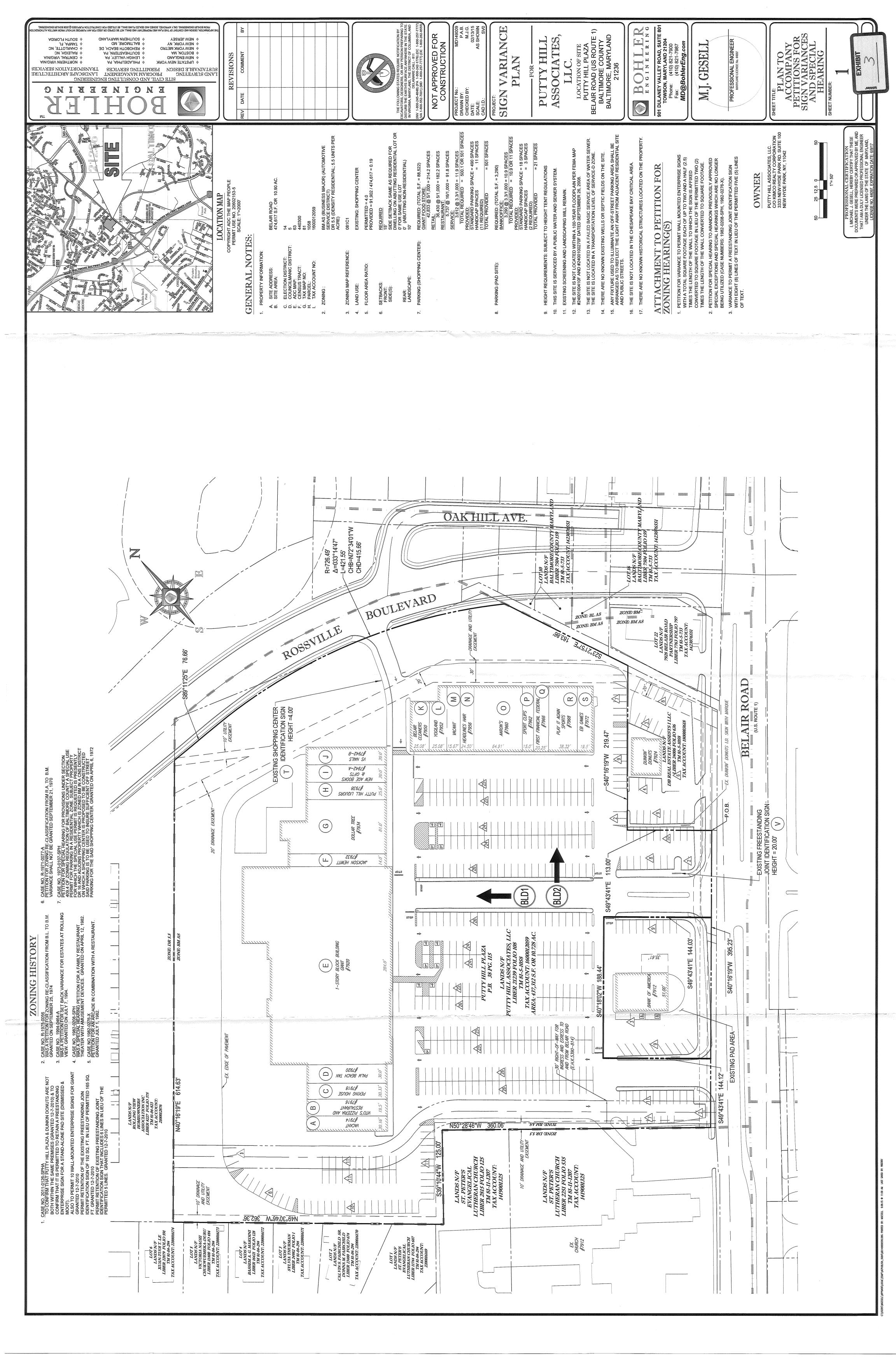
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BUILDING 3 NORTH ELEVATION





(BLD1) BUILDING 1
EAST ELEVATION
NOT TO SCALE

UPSTATE NEW YORK
NEW YORK METRO
NEW YORK, NY
NEW YORK, NY

REVISIONS



(BLD2) SOUTH ELEVATION NOT TO SCALE



PUTTY HILL PLAZA SIGN 16.50'

1.50

4.00'

3.75

PUTTY HILL PLAZA
IDENTIFICATION SIGN
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	PUTTY HILL SHOPPING CENTER	/ HILL	SHOF	PING	CENTI	ER	
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4	VACANT				20.16	40.32	50.40
В	VITO'S PIZZA	12.83	1.67	21.43	19.50	39.00	48.75
O	PEKING HOUSE	16.96	1.67	28.32	20.33	40.66	50.83
О	PALM BEACH TAN	13.75	4.50	61.88	30.00	00:09	75.00
ш	GIANT FOOD/ LOGO/ SMALL SIGNS/ PHARMACY + LOGO/WELCOME						
	FRESH BAKERY	8.25	1.17	9.65			
-	FRESH PICKED PRODUCE	13.75	1.17	16.09			
	THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE	22.00	1.67	36.74			
	GIANT	14.67	5.00	73.35			
	GIANT LOGO	6.19	7.00	43.33			
	LOW PRICES	9.17	1.67	15.31			
	GIANT PHARMACY	13.29	3.42	45.45		£	=
	FLAVORFUL MEAT	9.81	1.17	11.48			
	NATURAL FOODS	8.98	1.17	10.51			
	WELCOME	7.00	1.88	13.16			
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ŋ	DOLLAR TREE	36.94	3.50	129.29	81.00	162.00	202.50
I	PUTTY HILL LIQUORS	14.50	3.48	50.46	25.00	20.00	62.50
_	NEW AGE BOOKS & GIFTS	11.23	2.50	28.08	20.00	40.00	20.00
٦	VS NAILS	11.23	1.92	21.56	20.00	40.00	50.00

VARIANCE

SOVED FOR RUCTION

LOCATION OF SITE
PUTTY HILL PLAZA
BELAIR ROAD (US ROUTE 1)
BALTIMORE COUNTY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
21236

ASSOCIATES

	PUTTY HILL SHOPPING CENTER	BUILDING 2 (SOUTH ELEVATION)	Allowable Signage Per Variance Requ (SF.)		62.70	62.70	39.18	61.25	162.28	37.50	50.63	95.80	48.75
			Allowable Signage Per Code (SF.)		50.16	50.16	31.34	49.00	129.82	30.00	40.50	76.64	39.00
			Store Front Width (LF.)		25.08	25.08	15.67	24.50	64.91	15.00	20.25	38.32	19.50
			Existing Wall Signage	Area (SF.)	40.51	45.79		33.10	94.92	25.79	41.03	51.62	42.85
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\*ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA PER VARIANCE CASE NO. 2011-0126-SPHA