IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

(542 Back River Neck Road)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District 7<sup>th</sup> Council District

Henry Nooft, Jr. & Jeffrey Nooft

Legal Owners

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2017-0175-SPH

**OPINION AND ORDER** 

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of a Petition for Special Hearing filed on behalf of Henry & Jeffrey Nooft, legal owners ("Petitioners"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) to approve a replacement dwelling with an existing detached accessory structure (pole building) to be located in the front yard of the proposed dwelling and to amend the prior zoning Case No. 2014-0009-SPHA for the location, size and height of the accessory structure.

Henry and Jeffrey Nooft and professional engineer William Bafitis appeared in support of the petition. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS). That agency indicated Petitioners would need to comply with Critical Area Regulations prior to issuance of permits.

The subject property is 57,727 square feet (1.33 acres) in size and zoned D.R. 3.5. The property is improved with a single-family dwelling which is in poor condition. Initially, Petitioners intended to restore the existing home, and were granted zoning relief to allow an existing garage to remain in the side yard. See Case # 2014-0009-SPHA. Petitioners have decided ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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to raze the existing house and construct in its place a new single-family dwelling. Based on the revised plans and the orientation on the lot of the new dwelling, the existing garage would now be located in the front yard of the proposed new home. Petitioners were instructed to seek zoning relief to amend the 2014 order in this regard.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>23<sup>rd</sup></u> day of February, 2017 by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve a replacement dwelling with an existing detached accessory structure (pole building) to be located in the front yard of the proposed dwelling, to amend the prior zoning Case No. 2014-0009-SPHA for the location, size and height of the accessory structure and for the existing garage to have a footprint larger than the proposed dwelling, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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

- Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their 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, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioners must comply with the January 13, 2017 ZAC comment submitted by DEPS, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Any appeal of this decision must be filed 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

February 23, 2017

Henry Nooft Jeffrey Nooft 538 Back River Neck Road Essex, Maryland 21221

RE:

Petition for Special Hearing

Case No. 2017-0175-SPH

Property: 542 Back River Neck Road

#### Dear Petitioners:

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,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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c:

William Bafitis, 1249 Engleberth Road, Essex, Maryland 21221

#### Inter-Office Correspondence



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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

January 13, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2017-0175-SPH

Address

542 Back River Neck Road

(Nooft, Henry Jr. & Jeffrey Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of January 16, 2017.

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The applicant's proposal to construct a replacement dwelling as indicated is consistent with this goal. The relief requested will be consistent with established land-use policies provided that the applicants meet the requirements stated above.

Reviewer: Paul Dennis – Environmental Impact Review (EIR)

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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: 542 Back River Neck Road which is presently zoned DR-3.5 Address Deed References: 37711/266 10 Digit Tax Account # 15-14650250 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Henry Nooft Ir. & Jeffrey Nooft (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: a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a replacement dwelling with an existing detached accessory structure (pole building) to be located in the front yard of the proposed dwelling and to amend the prior zoning case order number 2014-0009-SPHA, for the location, size, and height of the accessory structure. a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for a Variance from Section(s) 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) 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). Legal Owners (Petitioners): Henry Nooft Jr & Jeffrey, Nooft

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Name- Type or Print Name #1 - Type or Print Signature #1 Signature - Baltimore, Maryland 538 Back River Neck Road Mailing Address State 21221 410-686-3363 Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: William N. Bafitis, P.E. Name - Type or Print Name- Type or Print Signature 1249 Engleberth Road Baltimore Maryland Mailing Address City State Mailing Address 410-391-2336 21221 bafitisassoc@comcast.net **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # Email Address elephone # -0175-SPH Filling Date 1 14 Do Not Schedule Dates:

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#### ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 542 BACK RIVER NECK ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21221 15<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the Southside of a stone driveway; 473' ± Southwesterly from the centerline intersection of Back River Neck Road 50' wide;

Thence leaving said driveway the following two courses and distances:

- 1. South 39°-08'-43" East 131.27 feet to a point;
- 2. Thence South 42°-54'-27" West 130.78 feet to a point on the East side of Southeast Boulevard (MD. RT. 702) 200 feet R/W
- 3. Thence binding on said Boulevard a curve to the right with a radius of 1,809.86 feet and an Arc length of 345.14 feet and an cord bearing of North 45°-58'-27" West and chord distance of 345.10 feet to a point;

Thence leaving said Boulevard the following two courses and distances:

- 4. North 44°-37'-15" East 172.09 feet to a point;
- 5. Thence South 39°-08'-43" East 235.39 feet to the point of beginning.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

#### 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 legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) 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 News	paper Advertising:
Case Num	nber: 2017-0175-SPH
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A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Henry Nooft Jr.
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Address:	538 Back River Neck Road
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Thursday, February 2, 2017 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:
Henry Nooft, Jr.
538 Back River Neck Road
Baltimore. MD 21221

410-686-3363

#### 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 NUMBER: 2017-0175-SPH** 

542 Back River Neck Road SW/s Back River Neck Road, 180 ft. NE to centerline of Cape May Road 15<sup>th</sup> Election District — 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Henry Nooft, Jr. & Jeffrey Nooft

Special Hearing to determine whether or not the Administrative Law Judge should approve a replacement dwelling with an existing detached accessory structure (pole building) to be located in the front yard of the proposed dwelling and to amend the prior zoning case Order # 2014-0009 SPHA for the location, size, and height of the accessory structure.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Arnold Jablon

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

January 23, 2017

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C: Henry Nooft, Jr., & Jeffrey Nooft, 538 Back River Neck Road, Baltimore 21221 William Bafitis, 1249 Engleberth Road, Baltimore 21221

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017.

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

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

February 15, 2017

Henry Nooft Jr.
Jeffrey Nooft
538 Back River Neck Road.
Baltimore MD 21221

RE: Case Number: 2017-0175 SPH, Address: 542 Back River Neck 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 January 4, 2017. 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 William N Bafitis, P E, 1249 Engleberth Road, Baltimore MD 21221



Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Date: 1/11/17

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the Case number referenced below. 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 Case No. 2017 - 0175 - SPH Special Heaving Henry Nort Ir. & Jeffrey Nort 542 Back River Neck Road

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,

La Wendy Wolcott, PLA

Wendy Wolcott, PLA
Metropolitan District Engineer – District 4

**Baltimore & Harford Counties** 

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: 2/8/2017

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OFFICE OF

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Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT

Case Number: 17-175

INFORMATION:

**Property Address:** 

542 Back River Neck Road

Petitioner: Zoning:

Henry Nooft, Jr., Jeffrey Nooft DR 3.5

**Requested Action:** 

Special Hearing

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for special hearing to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a replacement dwelling with an existing detached accessory structure (pole barn) to be located in the front yard of the proposed dwelling and to amend the prior zoning case order number 2014-0009 SPHA, for the location, size, and height of the accessory structure.

A site visit was conducted on January 19, 2017.

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

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

Prepared by:

**Division Chief:** 

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c: Krystle Patchak

William N. Bafitis, P.E.

Office of the Administrative Hearings

Loyd T. Moxley

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** January 19, 2017

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For January 16, 2017

Item No. 2017-0170, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0175 and 0178

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

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#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



TO:

Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

January 13, 2017

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2017-0175-SPH

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Reviewer: Paul Dennis - Environmental Impact Review (EIR)

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15<sup>th</sup> Election & 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Henry & Jeffrey Nooft
Petitioner(s)

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BEFORE THE OFFICE

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**HEARINGS FOR** 

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2017-175-SPH

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Bafitis, 1249 Engleberth Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21221, Representative for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zummerman

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 28, 2017

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2017-0175- SPH - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on March 27, 2017. 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

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE

(542 Back River Neck Road)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District

6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Henry John & Donna Marie Nooft

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2014-0009-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by Henry John & Donna Marie Nooft, legal owners. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit an accessory structure (pole-barn) larger than the principal building (single family dwelling). The Variance petition seeks relief from B.C.Z.R. §§400.1 and 400.3 to permit an accessory structure (pole-barn) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard, with a height of 22 ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 ft. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Norbert M. Porter, the contractor hired by the Petitioners. The file reveals that the Petition was advertised and the site was posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no Protestants or interested citizens in attendance.

The only substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability indicating that the property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. As such, the Petitioners must comply with the Critical Area regulations.

The subject property is approximately 0.7 acres in size and is improved with a single family dwelling constructed in 1985. The Petitioner owns heavy equipment and trailers he uses for business and pleasure. He would like to construct a pole barn (70' x 30') to store this equipment, but needs zoning relief to do so.

As explained by Mr. Porter, the State Highway Administration (SHA) acquired through condemnation a large portion of the property that once belonged to the Petitioners, and constructed Md. Rt. 702, as shown on the plan. The Petitioners' property, situated at the end of a private gravel drive, abuts this highway. In these circumstances, I do not believe that the size of the pole barn (relative to the Petitioners' home) would negatively impact any of the surrounding neighbors. As such, the Special Hearing relief will be granted

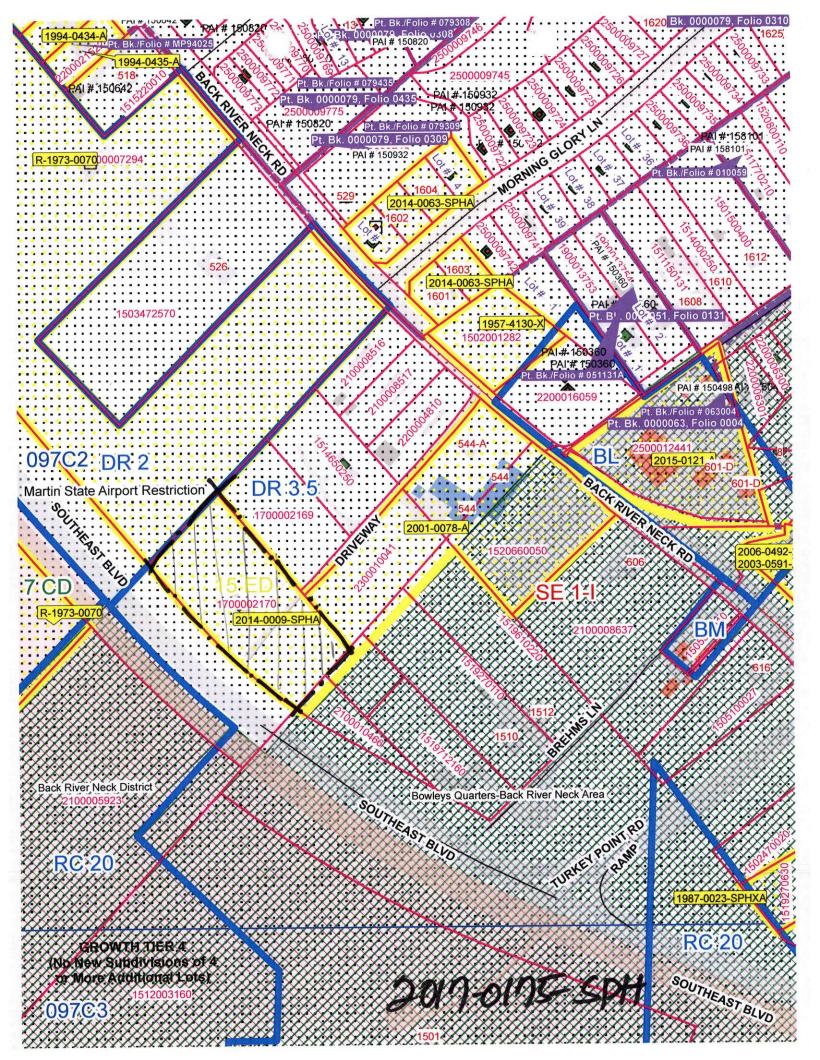
Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will also grant the petition for variance. Under *Cromwell* and its progeny, to obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

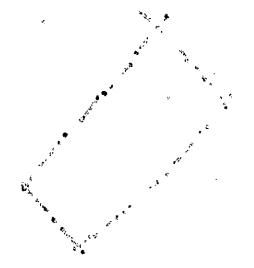
- (1) The property is unique; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

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

The Petitioners have met this test. The parcel is of irregular dimensions, and is therefore unique. If the regulations were strictly interpreted the Petitoners would experience a practical difficulty given they would be unable to construct the accessory building in the location proposed.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and the public hearing, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' Special Hearing and Variance requests should be granted.





Real Property Data Search (w1) Guide to searching the database Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY View GroundRent Registration **View GroundRent Redemption** View Map District - 15 Account Number - 1700002170 **Account Identifier: Owner Information** RESIDENTIAL **NOOFT HENRY JOHN Owner Name:** NOOFT DONNA MARIE Principal Residence: YES **538 BACK RIVER NECK Deed Reference:** /37711/ 00259 **Mailing Address: BALTIMORE MD 21221-**4604 **Location & Structure Information** .659 AC WSR 201 FT BACK RIVER NECK **538 BACK RIVER NECK** Legal Description: Premises Address: **BALTIMORE 21221-4604** CAPE MAY RD Assessment Plat Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Map: Grid: Parcel: Sub Year: No: District: Plat 2015 0924 0000 0097 0018 Ref: NONE Town: Special Tax Areas: Ad Valorem: Tax Class: County **Above Grade Enclosed Finished Basement** Property Land **Primary Structure** Area Use Area Built Area 04 1,470 SF 28,750 SF 1909 Last Major Renovation Full/Half Bath Garage **Stories Basement** Type Exterior NO STANDARD UNIT 2

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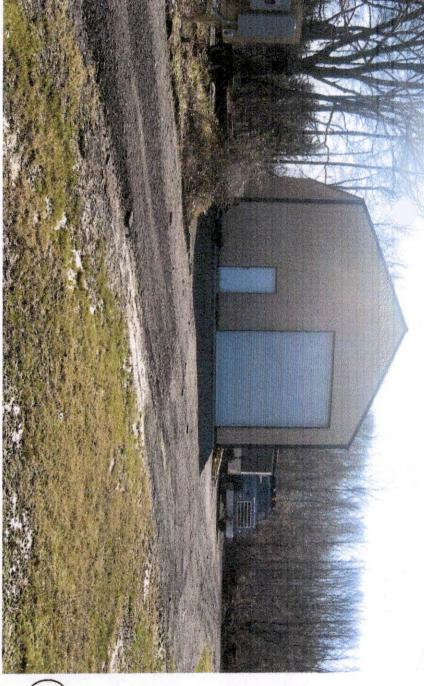
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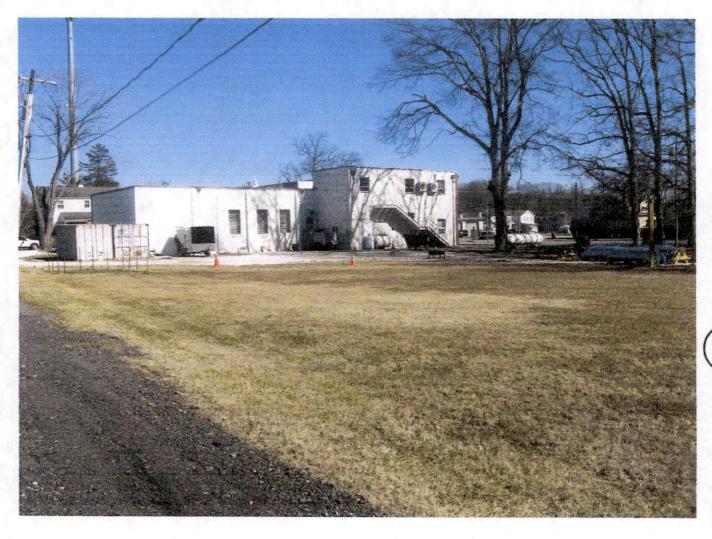












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