MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 9, 2019

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2018-0072-X- Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on May 8, 2019. 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



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE Office of Administrative Hearings

April 8, 2019

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

RE: ORDER OF DISMISSAL - Petition for Special Exception

Case No. 2018-0072-X

Property: 19735 Graystone Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Enclosed please find an Order of Dismissal 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

JEB:dlw Enclosure

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL - Petition for Special Exception Case No. 2018-0072-X - Property: 19735 Graystone Road Page 2

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION *

(19735 Graystone Road)

7th Election District 3rd Council District

Jerry Phillips, Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC, Lessee

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2018-0072-X

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") by Order of Remand from the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, dated January 16, 2019, for further proceedings, including the refiling of an amended Petition for Special Exception correcting the identification of the proper Petitioners. The Petition for Special Exception was filed on behalf of Jerry Phillips, legal owner and Forefront Power, LLC, lessee ("Petitioners"). The Special Exception was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") to use the property for partial development of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility.

On April 4, 2019, a formal request was received from Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. seeking withdrawal of the Petition for Special Exception without prejudice as Petitioner no longer wishes to pursue the matter at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>8th</u> day of **April**, **2019**, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing in the above case, be and is hereby DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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

JEB:dlw

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April 4, 2019

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John E. Beverungen, Esquire Office of Administrative Hearings 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

In the Matter of:

Jerry Phillips - Property Owner

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No. 2018-072-X

Dear Judge Beverungen,

I write by way of follow up to the Order on Remand to the Administrative Law Judge issued by the Board of Appeals on January 16, 2019 in the above referenced case. Please accept this letter as notice of withdrawal of the Petition for Special Exception without prejudice in this matter. The Petitioner no longer wishes to pursue this matter at this time.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

LES/amf

cc: H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Andrew Brown, D.S. Thaler & Associates

Forefront Power, LLC

Debra Wiley

From:

Debra Wiley

Sent:

Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:50 PM

To:

Kristen L Lewis

Subject:

Case No. 2018-0072-X (Jerry Phillips)

Attachments:

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Hi Kristen,

Please see attached that was remanded to OAH. In the BOA's Order of Remand, page 2, the last whereas paragraph, states that an amended petition shall be considered as part of and a continuation of the proceedings in Case No. 2018-0072-X, and not considered a new filing and/or different matter

Can you tell me if your office received this?

Thanks in advance.

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Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Interoffice Correspondence

Phone: 410-887-3180

Fax: 410-887-3182

To: John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge

From: Tammy Zahner, Legal Secretary

Date: January 16, 2019

Re: In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips

Case No.: 18-072-X

Attached please find the Board of Appeals file for the above-referenced matter. The Board has remanded this matter to you for further proceedings consistent with the Board's Order. After you have issued the necessary Order or Opinion, please send a copy to us for our records.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

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January 16, 2019

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RE: In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips – Property Owner.
Case No.: 18-072-X

Dear Messrs. Schmidt, Mowell and Demilio:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order on Remand to the Administrative Law Judge issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules, WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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Administrator

KLC/taz Enclosure Multiple Original Cover Letters

See Attached Distribution List

Jerry Phillips – Property Owner Distribution List January 16, 2019 Page 2

Jerry Phillips

Brian Maliszewski/ForeFront Power, LLC

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Emma Arthur

Lynne Jones

James Baseman

Nancy Clark Vitek

Donna Saucier

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IN THE MATTER OF

Jerry Phillips
Property Owner

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19735 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161

7th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District

* BEFORE THE

* BOARD OF

* APPEALS OF

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No.: 2018-072-X

ORDER OF REMAND

This matter comes before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals as a *de novo* appeal of the January 3, 2018 decision of Administrative Law Judge John E. Beverungen of the Office of Administrative Hearings related to the above captioned matter. In his Opinion and Order, ALJ Beverungen granted a Petition for Special Exception, with conditions, for development of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility filed herein by Jerry Phillips, purported legal owner, and Forefront Power, LLC, lessee (collectively the "Petitioners"). The subject property is approximately 50.54 acres in size and zoned RC-2. The special exception petition was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 4f.101, et seq. to approve a solar facility.

WHEREAS, the Petition for Special Exception, filed September 1, 2017, identified Jerry Phillips as legal owner of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Phillips is the principal of Phillips Development LLC; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Development LLC is the actual legal owner in title of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Development LLC, as owner of the subject property, intends to lease a portion thereof to Forefront Power, LLC for the purpose of constructing a solar facility; and

WHEREAS, Forefront Power, LLC (Co-Petitioner/Lessee) was a Maryland LLC in good standing at the time the Petition for Special Exception was filed; and

WHEREAS, during proceedings before the County Board of Appeals, certain Protestants, through their counsel, H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire, provided evidence indicating that Forefront Power, LLC's charter was or is about to be, forfeited with Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation ("SDAT"); and

WHEREAS, while a business entity is required to maintain its good standing, Petitioners submit a failure in that regard was not deliberate and will be corrected by the filing of the appropriate paperwork with SDAT; and

WHEREAS, the parties herein, to wit, Jerry Phillips, Phillips Development, LLC, Forefront Power LLC, all by and through their attorney, Lawrence E. Schmidt, as well as the Office of People's Counsel of Baltimore County, and the Protestants hereinabove referenced, hereby agree that the matter should be remanded to the Administrative Law Judge for the filing of an amended Petition for Special Exception and for further proceedings thereon as are appropriate and necessary, including a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, by remand and amendment, the amended petition shall be considered as part of and a continuation of the proceedings in Case No. 2018-0072-X, and not considered a new filing and/or different matter; and

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS 16th day of December, 2018 by the County Board of Appeals,

ORDERED that pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the above captioned case number 2018-0072-X is hereby REMANDED to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County for further proceedings, including the refiling of an amended Petition for Special Exception correcting the identification of the proper Petitioners; and

ORDERED that after such filing, the amended Petition for Special Exception be concluded at a public hearing before the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County within 45 days of the date of this Order.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Jason S. Garber, Panel Chairman

Deborah C. Donkin

Kendra Randall Jolivet

APPROVED as to substance and form.

Lawrence E. Schmidt

H. Barnes Mowell

Carole DeMilio



Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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August 9, 2018

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC - Lessee

18-072-X

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Special Exception filed pursuant to the BCZR to use the property for partial development

of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility.

1/3/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Exception was

GRANTED, with conditions.

2/16/18

Administrative Law Judge's Order on Motion for Reconsideration wherein the Motion was

GRANTED, in part and DENIED, in part.

After recent postponement, this matter has been

REASSIGNED FOR: DECEMBER 4, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M. – Day 1 and DECEMBER 6, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M. – Day 2

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206 Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

NOTICE:

- This appeal is an evidentiary hearing. Parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.
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Notice of Reassignment

In the matter of: Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC – Lessee

Case number: 18-072-X

August 9, 2018

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July 12, 2018

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC - Lessee

18-072-X

19735 Graystone Road

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This matter was assigned on July 31, 2018 and has been postponed. It will be reassigned to a later date.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

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Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator Notice of Postponement
In the matter of: Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner
Forefront Power, LLC – Lessee

Case number: 18-072-X

July 12, 2018 Page 2

c: Counsel for Petitioner

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July 12, 2018

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204 H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire H. Barnes Mowell, P.A. 16925 York Road Monkton, MD 21111

Re:

In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips

Case No: 18-072-X

Dear Counsel:

Please be advised I have just been informed of a scheduling conflict in which we do not have a panel of three Board members available for the hearing scheduled on June 31, 2018. Therefore, enclosed, please find a Notice of Postponement. This matter will be reassigned at our earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Postponement

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June 12, 2018

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Case number: 18-072-X

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July 10, 2018

H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire 16925 York Road Monkton, Maryland 21111

Re.

In the matter of: David Mathews – Legal Owner

Bluefin Origination 2, LLC - Lessee

Case No: 17-108-X

In the matter of: Charles Atkinson and Stephen Atkinson – Legal Owners

OneEnergy Development, LLC – Lessee

Case No: 18-194-X

In the matter of Jerry Phillips - Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC - Lessee

Case No: 18-072-X

Dear Mr. Mowell:

We are in receipt of your request for postponement of the above referenced cases and responses thereto. I have reviewed your request with our Chairman.

Please be advised that your request for postponement is being denied in all of the above referenced cases. All hearings will proceed as scheduled.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Sunny Cannington

Krysundra Cannington

cc:

Adam Rosenblatt, Esquire Christopher Mudd, Esquire Lawrence Schmidt, Esquire Patricia Malone, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Ms. Krysundra Cannington Baltimore County Board of Appeals 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Forefront Power – 19735 Graystone Road

Case No.: 18-072-X

Dear Ms. Cannington:

This is in reference to the above matter scheduled for hearing before the Board on July 31, 2018. I received Mr. Mowell's letter to the Board via email this morning and have also corresponded with and reviewed Ms. Malone's letter in response.

I could not agree more with Ms. Malone's reasoning and respectfully adopt it herein. The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (and/or a moratorium on the application thereof) can be amended only by legislative act of the County Council and there is not legislation pending. Further, a review of Exhibit Five attached to Mr. Mowell's Motion indicates that no moratorium is proposed by the County Planning staff. Quite candidly, the protestants in this matter are seeking a delay in the proceedings only upon the hope that their previously presented arguments will be accepted and that solar facilities will be prohibited in the County. These arguments failed when Bill 37-17 was enacted and are likely to fail again. They are simply baseless.

In the above case, this matter has already been continued on one occasion due to the alleged unavailability of a witness. Further delays would be highly prejudicial to my client. I respectfully request that the Board deny this request and hat this matter remain on the Board's docket for July 31, 2018.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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Cc: H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire

Patricia Malone, Esquire Brian Maliszewski

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Ms. Krysundra Cannington
Baltimore County Board of Appeals
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Suite 203
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Forefront Power - 19735 Graystone Road

Case No.: 18-072-X

Dear Ms. Cannington:

This is in reference to the above matter scheduled for hearing before the Board on July 31, 2018. I received Mr. Mowell's letter to the Board via email this morning and have also corresponded with and reviewed Ms. Malone's letter in response.

I could not agree more with Ms. Malone's reasoning and respectfully adopt it herein. The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (and/or a moratorium on the application thereof) can be amended only by legislative act of the County Council and there is not legislation pending. Further, a review of Exhibit Five attached to Mr. Mowell's Motion indicates that no moratorium is proposed by the County Planning staff. Quite candidly, the protestants in this matter are seeking a delay in the proceedings only upon the hope that their previously presented arguments will be accepted and that solar facilities will be prohibited in the County. These arguments failed when Bill 37-17 was enacted and are likely to fail again. They are simply baseless.

In the above case, this matter has already been continued on one occasion due to the alleged unavailability of a witness. Further delays would be highly prejudicial to my client. I respectfully request that the Board deny this request and hat this matter remain on the Board's docket for July 31, 2018.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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Cc:

H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire Patricia Malone, Esquire Brian Maliszewski

Krysundra Cannington

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Cc: Lawrence Schmidt; Alyssa Moyers

Subject: Forefront Power - 19735 Graystone Road - Case No. 18-072-X

Attachments: LT BOA 7.9.2018.PDF

Ms. Cannington,

Please see the attached.

Best regards, Kelly

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Board of Appeals of Baltimore County 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Re: In the Matter of: David William Matthews - Legal Owner

Bluefin Origination 2 LLC - Lessee

20450 Middletown Road

6th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No: 17-108-X

Hearing Date: July 12, 2018 at 10 a.m.

In the Matter of: Charles Gary Atkinson & Stephen Gordon Atkinson - Legal

Owners

OneEnergy Development, LLC - Lessee

632 Freeland Road

7th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No: 18-194-X

Hearing Dates: July 24, 2018 and July 25, 2018 at 10 a.m.

In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips - Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC-Lessee

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No: 18-072-X

Hearing Date: July 31, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I represent the Protestants in the three captioned cases, all of which are scheduled for hearings in July. I am requesting that all three cases be postponed, for the following reasons.

All three cases concern a request to construct a solar facility on farmland in northern Baltimore County. The legislation allowing such facilities, County Council Bill No. 37-17, took effect on July 17, 2017. Section Two of that Bill required the Baltimore County Planning Board, with participation from other entities, to "study and evaluate the impact of Solar Facilities in Baltimore County and the effect of Article 4E of these Regulations, and by July 1, 2018 submit recommendations to the County Council and the County Executive regarding potential changes to current law." (See attached Exhibit 1).

The Planning Board has missed the July 1st deadline. It held a public meeting on June 7th for the purpose of "Evaluation of the Impacts of Solar Facilities in Baltimore County." (See minutes of meeting attached hereto as Exhibit 2). After summarizing a discussion among the Board members, and noting input from 26 registered speakers, the minutes from the June 7th meeting conclude by saying that "Chairman Phillips stated that the Board members will take all comments into consideration as the vote is tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2018."

The Agenda for the June 21st Board meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit 3, and in fact lists the Solar Facilities Bill as an Item for Discussion and Vote. No minutes of that meeting have been posted at the Planning Board website, but our understanding is that the vote was put off until the next meeting, scheduled for July 5th. As shown on the attached notice from the website, attached as Exhibit 4, the July 5th Planning Board meeting was just cancelled. The next scheduled meeting shown on the Planning Board website is July 19th.

My clients believe that there will be changes made to the Solar Facilities law, and perhaps a moratorium, when the Planning Board finally makes its recommendations. That belief is supported by the Recommendations included in a Staff Report of the Department of Planning's Review of Article 4F of Baltimore County Zoning Regulations Regarding Solar Facilities, which is dated May 17, 2018. The Report concludes with six Staff Recommendations. Recommendation #4 is to "Investigate whether some additional conditions are warranted to reduce the impact on farms." (See attached Exhibit 5.)

The Board of Appeals has four full hearing days scheduled in July for the three captioned cases. My clients believe that the law to be applied by the Board in making its decisions is about to change. The recommendations for such changes were expected on July 5th. They have now been delayed until July 19th, at the earliest. The resources of the parties, and the Board, will be best spent by having these hearings held after the Planning Board's recommendations have been made. For the foregoing reasons, the Protestants in the three captioned cases respectfully request that the hearing dates in each case be postponed until such recommendations have been made.

Very truly yours.
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H. Barnes Mowell

Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Request was e-mailed and mailed by first class mail this day of July 2018 to Patricia A. Malone and Christopher D. Mudd, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Adam Rosenblatt, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204 and to Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204, Towson, Maryland 21204.

H. Barnes Mowell

PETITIONER AND LANDOWNER AGREE TO ALLOW ENTRY TO REMOVE AN INDONED FACILITY.

THE CODE OFFICIAL MAY ISSUE A CITATION TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR REMOVAL OF A SOLAR FACILITY IF:

- THE CODE OFFICIAL DETERMINES THAT THE SOLAR FACILTY HAS NOT N IN ACTUAL AND CONTINUOUS USE FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS;
- 2. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR FAILED TO CORRECT AN UNSAFE OR L'ARDOUS CONDITION OR FAILED TO MAINTAIN THE SOLAR FACILITY UNDER TION 4E-106 WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN A CORRECTION NOTICE JED BY THE CODE OFFICIAL; OR
- 3. THE OWNER OR OPERATOR HAS FAILED TO REMOVE THE SOLAR HILTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH C.
- 2.1. Conditions Determining Granting of Special Exception.
 are any special exception may be granted, it must appear that the use for which the special spition is requested will not:

Se detrimental to the environment and natural resources of the site and vicinity including.

sts, streams, wetlands, squifers and floodplains in an R.C.2, R.C.4, R.C.5, or R.C.7 Zone,

D FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SOLAR FACILITY USE UNDER ARTICLE 4E, THE

LUSION OF THE R.C.3, R.C.6, AND R.C.8 ZONE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Planning Board shall, in suitation with the Departments of Planning and Environmental Protection and Sustainability,

and with participation of the Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality, representatives of the Solar Industry, the Sierre Club's Greater Baltimore Group, and the Valleys Planning Council, study and evaluate the impact of Solar Facilities in Baltimore County and the effect of Article 4E of these Regulations, and by July 1, 2018 submit recommendations to the County Council and the County Executive regarding potential changes to current law.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on July 17, 2017 and shall apply retroactively to any zoning petition filed after October 18, 2016.

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Mr. Jakubiak opined that a mobile home park is a defined term in the zoning regulations which is considered a commercial use. This is not allowed in the BR except by special exception so this is not a residential use. Chairman Phillips asked if people live there. Mr. Jakubiak confirmed that people live there but there is a commercial element in the front for a R.V. center.

Other Business

3. Recent County Council Legislation of Interest to the Board

Mr. DelMonico provided a brief report on the recently passed County Council legislation which are listed below.

- d) Bill 28-18 Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Location
- e) Bill 29-18 Zoning Regulations Commercial Recreational Facilities
- f) Bill 30-18 Zoning Regulations Uses in Certain B.L. Zones

Adjournment of the Board Meeting

Chairman Phillips called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Mr. Warren seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 5:20 p.m. Absent for the vote was Ms. Berzins, Ms. Lipkowitz, and Mr. Perlow.

Public Hearing**
by the
Baltimore County Planning Board

Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members, and Remarks on Procedure by Chairman

Items for Public Hearing

1. Bill 37-17: Solar Facilities – Evaluation of the Impacts of Solar Facilities in Baltimore County

Chairman Phillips called the Public Hearing to order at 5:38 pm and welcomed Wally Lippincott to present before the Board. Mr. Lippincott provided an overview of the Department of Planning's report on Bill 37-17 as well as the process for how the report was produced. Mr. Lippincott showcased a number of solar facility projects which have already come in for review by the County and explained the process which they have gone through. Mr. Lippincott stated that the Department's recommendations as defined within the report.

Ms. Hafford asked if there were hearings in all of the Councilmatic districts. Mr. Lippincott stated that there were two meetings to solicit stakeholder input but not in every district.

Mr. McGinnis asked if the report states the number of farmers who provided input. Mr. Lippincott stated that there was one farmer that is not full time. Chairman Phillips asked if any others attended the meetings. Mr. Lippincott confirmed that no other farmers attended.

Mr. Schlossberg asked if acreage was ever discussed in the meetings. Mr. Lippincott shared that the areas for special exception are 15 acres or less which is what is needed to produce 2 megawatts.

Mr. McGinnis asked if the committee discussed the difference between prime and productive soils such as class 1, 2, 3 soils (more productive) vs. 4, 5, and 6 (less productive). Mr. Lippincott stated that this was not discussed at the meetings.

Mr. Schweitzer asked about the legislation's ability to account for potential technological improvements which may increase the output of the solar panels. Mr. Lippincott stated that there is a limitation on the capacity of the lines but the technology is blossoming which will require vigilance. Mr. Schweitzer asked if there is an understanding on how runoff of water would impact the ground underneath the panels. Mr. Lippincott stated that there has to be a plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) for them to consider storm water management.

Ms. Wolfson asked why the committee which met on this legislation so exclusive. Mr. Lippincott stated that Bill 37-17 called for who shall participate and the meetings were open for others to attend. Ms. Van Arsdale stated that if more agricultural professionals wanted to come than they were welcome to come. Mr. Lippincott stated that the Department had expanded upon the group listed in Bill 37-17 to include representatives from the Rural Land Trust and the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board to provide input on the agricultural issues.

Mr. McGinnis asked if the R.C. 2 regulations were ever amended to allow commercial non-agricultural uses. Mr. Lippincott stated that back in the early 1990's new rules were issued to balance between rural communities with agriculture. The State recently changed the uses permitted on agricultural easements to take into consideration additional agricultural commercial activities which take place on farms.

Chairman Phillips allowed for testimony from the public on this topic. There were a total of 26 registered speakers, the list of speakers and submitted comments are located in the Planning Board's file. The speakers were largely in opposition to allowing solar facilities be integrated into the rural landscape. Some speakers recognized the benefits of renewable energy but also stressed the importance of protecting the agricultural capacity of Baltimore County. Speakers also expressed concerns on the potential impacts that a solar facility would have on home values if located in view of a residence. Suggestions comprised of locating solar facilities in more visually isolated areas, in urban settings, and in "brown fields". One speaker asked the Board to provide him flexibility with his land as he investigates building a solar facility on a portion of his land or sub-dividing it to generate earnings.

Chairman Phillips stated that the Board members will take all comments into consideration as the vote is tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2018.

Adjournment of Public Hearing



DONALD I. MOHLER III
Count Executive

ANDREA VAN ARSDALE, Director
Department of Planning

PLANNING BOARD

Tentative Agenda* Thursday, June 21, 2018

PUBLIC MEETING Beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Hearing Room 104, Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland

Meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board N. Scott Phillips, Chairman

Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members, Pledge of Allegiance, and Announcements

Review of Today's Agenda

Minutes of the June 7, 2018 Meeting

Item for Introduction

1. Cycle 36 Water Supply and Sewerage Master Plan Amendments

Items for Discussion and Vote

- 2. Bill 37-17: Solar Facilities Evaluation of the Impacts of Solar Facilities in Baltimore County
- 3. Pulaski Crossing, PAI #: XI-1041, Master Plan Conflict

Other Business

- 4. Report from the June 14th, 2018 meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission
- 5. Recent County Council Legislation of Interest to the Board
 - a. Bill 47-18 Zoning Regulations Manufacturing, Light (M.L.) Zone
 - b. Bill 51-18 Development Vesting
 - c. Res. 46-18 Amending the Baltimore National Pike Commercial Revitalization District

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ANDREA VAN ARSDALE, Director
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PLANNING BOARD

July 5, 2018

The meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board tentatively scheduled for July 5, 2018 has been <u>canceled</u>.

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Andrea Van Arsdale Secretary to the Board

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Review of Article 4F* of Baltimore County Zoning Regulations Regarding Solar Facilities

A Staff Report of the Baltimore County Department of Planning
May 17, 2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This report responds to County Council Bill 37-17 Section 2 directing the Baltimore County Planning Board in consultation and participation with others to study and evaluate the impact of solar facilities in Baltimore County and the effect of the Regulations adopted in Article 4F and to submit the recommendations to the County Council and the County Executive regarding potential changes to the current law. In 2017, the Baltimore County Council approved Bill 37-17, which permits a Solar Facility to be located in certain zones of the County by special exception; provides for certain requirements; provides for security; provides for maintenance, abandonment and removal of a facility; authorizes enforcement; and generally relating to Solar Facilities.

BACKGROUND

The County recognizes solar energy for many positive attributes and seeks to balance the benefits with the potential impact upon the County's land use policies (BCZR 4E101.1). The Maryland Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard set a goal of 2.5% of in-State power to be generated by solar power by 2020 (MD Office of Attorney General). There is a spectrum of solar facilities ranging from residential roof top to community solar to very large utility systems. Bill 37-17 permits limited accessory and commercial systems of a maximum of 2 megawatt (MW)** in size. The Baltimore County Master Plan 2020 recognizes the potential impact of new development on the character of the "countryside" and provides policies to protect those resources while permitting limited development (Baltimore County 2020 Master Plan, Adopted by Baltimore County Council November 15, 2010, Page 91).

STUDY METHODOLOGY

The Department of Planning with concurrence of the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability convened two stakeholder meetings to solicit input on the impact of the existing proposed projects and to receive recommendations for any changes that should be made to the regulations.

^{*}The Solar Facilities Article was enacted as Article 4E, however, it was retitled as Article 4F. in the Baitimore County Zoning Regulations.

^{**} Solar power production varies depending on many factors including sunshine, temperature and wind. 1 MW of Solar can power from 164 to 1000 homes depending on those conditions. According to the CEQ report (2016) 2 MW will produce enough energy to provide power to 150 to 200 "typical" homes in Maryland.

- ist for additional wildlife/pollinator on the property that could also have a positive impact on the visual appearance of the facilities.
- Dependency on BGE Community Solar Pilot Program- Most of the proposed solar projects in the county are also applicants to the state's Community Solar Pilot program. Approval into the Community Solar program may be a significant or dependent factor in such projects becoming a reality, in addition to seeking county approval. Additionally, it was revealed that projects to be considered for years 2 & 3 of the Community Solar program must be submitted this year (June 2018), which could have implications on the timing and how many projects are proposed in the county in the coming years.
- O <u>Unknown Transmission Capacity</u>- Available capacity in local transmission lines was noted to be a key factor in the viability of solar projects. There is limited information available to determine what areas have available capacities for solar projects, and capacity availability is usually unknown until an energy project applies for approval with BGE. Solar companies may apply for the maximum permitted megawatt output, but actual approval may grant less megawatt output than permitted based on system capacity.
- Regional Allocation of Solar Facilities Carroll and Harford counties currently don't allow commercial solar facilities on their agricultural and rural zoned land, and Anne Arundel county currently has a moratorium on commercial solar projects, appearing that Baltimore County is receiving a disproportionate number of projects within the region.
- Master Plan Guidance/Potential Conflicts- Master Plan 2020 does not give direction on a comprehensive strategy for renewable energy or its siting. While the Master Plan does speak about sustainable housing and efforts to make housing more energy efficient, there is no mention of a renewable energy policy in regards to solar energy. Meanwhile, agricultural land preservation is a dominant theme which is discussed throughout the master plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Seek stakeholder input into developing goals for solar facilities in the County to be included in the 2030 Master Plan. The goals should include use and development of solar facilities on new development and on existing commercial and industrial projects as well as the rural areas. The goal should take into consideration State and Federal goals.

2. <u>Maintain the limit of 10 projects per councilmanic district.</u> The number of projects in the 3rd is approaching the limit, however, the limitations may encourage development of solar facilities for commercial and industrial lands.

3. Encourage the State to incentivize the development of solar on greyfields and brownfields. Much like the State has incentivized the development of community solar projects which utilize greenfields, the State should incentivize the development of projects on greyfields and brownfields.

4. Investigate whether some additional conditions are warranted to reduce the impact on farms. There is the potential for the loss of a considerable amount of farms which previously had been protected from loss to other uses such as golf courses and development.

. 5. Investigate if changes to the approval process could reduce the number of appeals. The majority of projects that have received Special Exception approval have been appealed. Look at models such as the Tower Review Committee procedure or other processes that might result in more input and fewer appeals.

6. Plan to review the law five years from date of its passage so as to review built projects, assess impacts, and make changes as warranted.

Krysundra Cannington

From: barney Mowell <barneymowell@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 4:57 PM

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Subject: solar panel hearings

Ms. Cannington: I represent the Protestants in three solar hearings that are scheduled in July: 20450 Middletown Road on July 12th (case 17-108-X), 632 Freeland Road on July 24th (case 18-194-X), and 19735 Graystone Road on July 31st (case 18-072-X). I am writing to advise that I will be filing a request to postpone these hearings, on Monday. The solar facilities legislation required the Planning Board to submit recommendations to the County Council regarding potential changes to the law by July 1st. The Planning Board has missed the July 1st deadline. The Board agreed to continue their discussion regarding changes to the law at a July 5th meeting, but that meeting was just canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19th. My clients believe that there will be changes made to the law, and perhaps a moratorium, when the Planning Board makes its recommendations. The resources of the parties, and the Board, will be best spent by having these hearings held after those recommendations have been made, and that will be the basis for the postponement request. Barney Mowell

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Board of Appeals of Baltimore County 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips - Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC-Lessee

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No: 18-072-X

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for postponing the June 12th hearing date in this case for the benefit of Lisa Arthur, who will be out of town on that date. For purposes of rescheduling the hearing, Ms. Arthur has advised that she will be undergoing major surgery on August 30th, and will be off from work through October 12th. We respectfully request that the hearing not be reset during that time period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

H. Barnes Mowell

Certificate of Service

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H. Barnes Mowell

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Re: Jerry Phillips - Legal Owner Forefront Power, LLC, Lessee 19735 Graystone Road Case No. 18-072-X MAY 2 4 2018

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Ms. Cannington:

I am in receipt of Mr. Mowell's letter dated May 22, 2018 regarding the above matter and this is in response thereto.

Notwithstanding his representations, I do not recall receiving any communication from Mr. Mowell about his request for postponement. I have not received any email or letter. If he called me, he did not speak with me and did not leave a voice mail. Although I am recently returned from a vacation out of the office, my paralegal has indicated that she took no call from Mr. Mowell on my behalf during my absence.

As you know, I normally do not oppose as postponement request (particularly for the initial date assigned) and I am well aware of the Board's informal policy of granting a single postponement to either side for a valid reason. Thus, I suspect that the Board will grant this request.

However, I do appreciate this letter being retained in the case file for future reference as to the points below. Ms. Arthur is certainly not a "necessary witness". She has participated in at least one other matter before the Board of which I am aware as a protestant to a proposed development. In that case, she testified as a nearby resident (lay witness) only. I expect that will be her role in this case. She is not an expert witness. She is simply one of thirty four individuals identified as appellants. Her testimony and concerns will no doubt be repeated by others.

Krysandra L. Cannington May 24, 2018 Page 2

Moreover, she resides approximately one half mile from the site and therefore may lack standing. It appears that the primary reason for this request is simply to delay the proceedings.

In any event, please include this letter in the case file as I anticipate additional potential proceedings and I would appreciate it being included as part of the record. If the Board grants the request, please do not hesitate to contact my office to settle upon a new agreed date.

ery truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

LES/am

cc: H. Barnes Mowell, P.A.



Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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May 24, 2018

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC - Lessee

18-072-X

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Special Exception filed pursuant to the BCZR to use the property for partial development

of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility.

1/3/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Exception was

GRANTED, with conditions.

2/16/18

Administrative Law Judge's Order on Motion for Reconsideration wherein the Motion was

GRANTED, in part and DENIED, in part.

This matter was assigned on June 12, 2018 and has been postponed. It will be reassigned to a later date.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206
Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

NOTICE:

- This appeal is an evidentiary hearing. Parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.
- Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.
- No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).
- If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.
- Parties must file one (1) original and three (3) copies of all Motions, Memoranda, and exhibits (including video and PowerPoint) with the Board unless otherwise requested.
- Projection equipment for digital exhibits is available by request. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours-notice is required. Supply is limited and not guaranteed.

For further information, including our inclement weather policy, please visit our website www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/appeals/index.html

Notice of Postponement
In the matter of: Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner
Forefront Power, LLC – Lessee

Case number: 18-072-X

May 24, 2018 Page 2

> Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator

c: Counsel for Petitioner

Petitioner/Legal Owner

Lessee

Counsel for Protestants
Protestants

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: Jerry Phillips

: ForeFront Power, LLC

: H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire

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Re: In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips - Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC- Lessee

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No: 18-072-X

Hearing Date: June 12, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I represent the Protestants/Appellants in the captioned case, including Lisa Arthur. I have been advised by Lisa Arthur that she has been assigned by her employer to attend the Enterprise Architecture & Technology Innovation Summit at National Harbor, Maryland on June 11th and 12th. Ms. Arthur is a necessary witness who will be testifying at the hearing in this case. As she will be out of town on the scheduled hearing date of June 12th, I respectfully request that the hearing date be postponed. I contacted Lawrence Schmidt, attorney for the Petitioners, concerning this request, and have not yet heard back from him.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

H. Barnes Mowell

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March 26, 2018

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC - Lessee

18-072-X

19735 Graystone Road

7th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Special Exception filed pursuant to the BCZR to use the property for partial development

of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility.

1/3/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Exception was

GRANTED, with conditions.

2/16/18

Administrative Law Judge's Order on Motion for Reconsideration wherein the Motion was

GRANTED, in part and DENIED, in part.

ASSIGNED FOR: JUNE 12, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206 Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

NOTICE:

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In the matter of: Jerry Phillips – Legal Owner
Forefront Power, LLC – Lessee

Case number: 18-072-X

March 26, 2018

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Petitioner/Legal Owner

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: Jerry Phillips

: ForeFront Power, LLC

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APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS

Petition for Special Exception - Case No. 2018-0072-X

Property: 19735 Graystone Road

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely

JOHN'E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Case No. 2018-0072-X

Petition for Special Exception Hearing (September 1, 2017)

Zoning Description of Property

Certificate of Posting –November 22, 2017 (Linda O'Keefe)

Newspaper Advertisement - None

Notice of Zoning Hearing – November 23, 2017

People's Counsel Entry of Appearance – September 14, 2017 & November 29, 2017

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

Petitioner's Sign-in Sheets - 1 Sheet

Citizen's Sign-in Sheets- 1 Sheet

Petitioner(s) Exhibits -

- 1. Site Plan
- 2. Landscape Plan
- 3. 3A-3C Aerial Photos
- 4. 4A-4D Photos of Site
- 5. 5A-5K Photos of Site
- 6. Aerial showing proposed solar array
- 7. National Wetlands Inventory Map

Protestants' Exhibits -

1. Photos and written testimony from community

Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibits)

Administrative Law Judge Order and Letter (GRANTED with Conditions – January 3, 2018)

Motion for Reconsideration filed by H. Barnes Mowell, Esq. (February 1, 2018)

Petitioner's Response to Motion for Reconsideration filed by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. on February 9, 2018

Administrative Law Judge Order and Letter on Motion for Reconsideration (GRANTED in part; all other relief requested DENIED - February 16, 2018)

Appeal Notice, Letter & Receipt - from H. Barnes Mowell, Esq. on March 15, 2018





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Case NO: 2018-0072-X

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February 16, 2018

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RE: Petitions for Special Exception - Motion for Reconsideration

Case No. 2018-0072-X

Property: 19735 Graystone Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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7th Election District

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FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2018-0072-X

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Now pending is a motion for reconsideration filed by Protestants Lisa Arthur and Lynne Jones. Under Maryland law such motions are properly granted only when "some new or different factual situation exists that justifies the different conclusion." *Calvert County v. Howlin Realty Mngt., Inc.*, 364 Md. 301, 325 (2001). Protestants' motion has not identified any new or different facts that were not known or discussed at the initial hearing. The undersigned considered the evidence and testimony presented by all of the witnesses, and granted the special exception based upon well-settled principles of Maryland law. Though Protestants are of course entitled to appeal this determination, I do not believe the arguments set forth in the motion justify a reversal of the previous decision.

In their response Petitioners identify two conditions proposed by Protestants to which they are amenable. Though not requested at the initial hearing, these conditions have been included in other orders granting special exception relief for the operation of solar facilities. As such, that aspect of the motion will be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>16th</u> day of **February**, **2018**, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Motion for Reconsideration be and is hereby GRANTED in part, as follows:

Date Date By

Page 4 of the February 3, 2018 Order in the above case is amended to include the following conditions:

- 7. No barbed wire fencing shall be used at the subject property.
- 8. No weed killers or herbicides may be used in connection with the operation of the solar facility.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other relief requested in the Motion for Reconsideration be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions set forth in the February 3, 2018 Order in the above matter shall continue in full force and effect.

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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Petitioner's Response to Motion For Reconsideration

Jerry Phillips (Legal Property Owner) and Forefront Power, LLC (Lessee), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Petitioners", file this response to the Motion for Reconsideration filed herein by Lisa Arthur and Lynne Jones, hereinafter the "Protestants", and state as follows:

Protestants' Motion for Reconsideration seeks alternate relief. On the one hand, the Motion seeks a reversal of the decision previously made which granted the Petition for Special Exception. On the other, the Motion seeks the imposition of certain conditions upon any approval.

Obviously, Petitioners oppose the request that the previously issued Opinion and Order be reversed and the Petition be denied. The Protestants, as well as numerous other residents of the area, were present at the hearing and given the full opportunity to participate thereat and offer whatever testimony, evidence and argument they desired. Their testimony has already been considered within the body of evidence offered at the initial hearing. No new evidence is offered in support of the request for denial and no new hearing is sought. Moreover, Protestant's Motion misstates the law. Contrary to the

arguments of the Protestants, the subject property is indeed in a rural area of the County. It is zoned RC 2, a rural agricultural zone. It is outside the Urban Rural Demarcation Line and is in a rural area as defined in the 2020 Master Plan.

The law governing special exceptions is clear. As stated in the Opinion, they are "presumably in the interest of the general welfare". Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). Absent a showing that the inherent impacts of a special use are worse at the location proposed than elsewhere in the zone, the special exception should be granted. As there is no new evidence proffered in the Motion, the previous Opinion and Order should not be overturned. The impacts of the proposed solar facility at the proposed location are negligible.

Insofar as the alternative relief requested, many of the requested conditions are already either in the Opinion and Order or are required as a matter of law. Specifically:

1. The motion requests that higher efficiency panels be used to reduce the project's footprint. County law already regulates the extent of the amount of energy that can be produced to a maximum of two Megawatts. As stated at the hearing, this limit has already been reduced from 2MW to 840kW based upon an engineering study by BGE of the adjacent electrical feeder and its available capacity at this property. The modules/panels proposed are efficient (state of the art) and the footprint will be limited to that shown on the approved site plan. Obviously, the lessee will utilize the most operationally appropriate and efficient panels. However, an arbitrary reduction in the number of panels, the project's footprint or limitation on the scope of the project is inappropriate. This request should thus be denied.

2. The second request seeks additional landscaping. Restriction 5 of the Opinion and Order already requires that a landscape plan must be submitted for approval consistent with the requirements of the County's Landscape Manual and BCZR §4E-1-4.A.6. An additional requirement as to landscaping is superfluous and unnecessary. Jim Hermann (County's Landscape Architect) has already approved a plan for a similar project by the Lessee and the proposed landscape plan is modeled thereon. It is anticipated that this similar plan will be approved by him. This should be denied.

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- 3. The Petitioner is agreeable to removal of the barbed wire atop the security fence. This will be shown on the landscape plan. Unless Baltimore County requires barbed wire to address security concerns, this request is acceptable and the Petitioner does not object to this revision.
- 4. The Petitioner is agreeable to adding a note to the plan or Landscape plans that no herbicides will be used. It should be kept in in mind that the property has been farmed and it is certain that this property (and other farms in the area) have used the same herbicides (Glyphosate) in those fields. However, the Petitioner is agreeable to a restriction in herbicides.
- 5. As the property has been farmed, there are few trees. It is not anticipated that any will be removed. To the contrary, the landscaping plan will include tree plantings. This change is unnecessary.

6. The County requires security for the trees planted so if they fail to survive then they will be replaced. We are required to follow a maintenance and survival plan. The County's landscape architect will monitor the sustainability. Therefore, this concern is already covered under County law.

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- 7. Insofar as removal of trees, see number 6 above. This is already covered by County regulation.
- 8. Compliance with the applicable environmental regulations is already required by the Opinion and Order. The Order incorporates the Zoning Advisory Committee comments from Environmental Protection.
- 9. The transfer of density from one property to another is not allowed by the County. This property has whatever density it has under its current zoning as applied by law.
- 10. As to landscaping, see number 2 above. It is also to be noted that the landscape manual does not require, and in fact discourages, a "wall" of vegetation to "completely" block the view. Such an approach destroys the Scenic View.

In conclusion, Protestants have provided the ALJ with no reason to find that clear error exists in the ALJ's Opinion and Order dated January 3, 2018, or that manifest injustice would result from the decision to grant the requested relief with the existing conditions. Because there are insufficient reasons for the ALJ to reverse his decision, Protestants' Motion for Reconsideration should be denied in part and may be granted in part. Those parts which the Petitioners agrees to are numbers 3 and 4 hereinabove (no

barbed wire or herbicides). The remainder is either unnecessary of already covered.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2¹¹ day of **February**, **2018**, a copy of the foregoing Response to Protestants' Motion for Reconsideration was mailed first-class, postage prepaid to:

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Re:

Petition for Special Exception

Case No: 2018-0072-X

Property: 19735 Graystone Road

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Very truly yours,

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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BEFORE THE

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Petitioners * CASE NO: 2018-0072-X

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Please enter my appearance as counsel on behalf of Lisa Arthur, 19500 Burke Road, White Hall, Maryland 21161 and Lynne Jones, 815 Stablers Church Road, Parkton, Maryland 21120, Protestants, who submit the following Motion for Reconsideration of the Opinion and Order in this case, pursuant to Rule 4 K of the Zoning Commissioner's Rules of Procedure.

In Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981), the Court of Appeals described the balancing process a legislative body engages in when dividing its land into use districts. Permitted uses are those whose "beneficial purposes ... outweigh their possible adverse effect." *Id* at 21. "For example, churches and schools generally are designated as permitted uses." *Id* at 21. When the legislature determines that "other uses are compatible with the permitted uses in a use district, but that the beneficial purposes such other uses serve do not outweigh their possible adverse effect, such uses are designated as conditional or special exception uses." *Id* at 21.

Solar facilities are allowed in Baltimore County as special exceptions, and not as permitted uses. Implicit in that categorization is an acknowledgement that, while solar facilities are beneficial, they are not churches or schools – their adverse effect on neighboring properties must be weighed and considered before they are allowed. In Baltimore County, the task of balancing the benefits of a land use against the adverse effect that it may have on neighbors is

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delegated to an administrative law judge.

The County Council provides guidance, in its Solar Facilities statutes, to help with that task. BCZR 4F-101.1 advises that "This Article is to permit solar facilities in parts of the *rural* and commercial *areas* of the county by special exception... (emphasis added). While the Petitioner's fifty acres may be rural land, it is not in a rural area. One would be hard-pressed to find any other fifty acre parcel in northern Baltimore County that is abutted by *seventeen* other parcels of land, as shown on the tax map attached hereto as Exhibit 1. This fifty acres is surrounded by a neighborhood; it is not in a "rural area of the county". The turnout at the hearing was so large and the opposition so great because the proposed project will affect so many adjacent homeowners.

The County Council gave further guidance by limiting the number of solar facilities to ten, in any Councilmanic District. The few facilities permitted should be saved for the most appropriate sites. Special exceptions should not be granted for them on a first-come first-served basis. They should only be allowed in a *rural or commercial area*, in a location where they have the least adverse effect, on the fewest neighboring properties. The Petitioner's property is simply not such a parcel.

The holding in <u>Schultz</u> is that:

"... the appropriate standard to be used in determining whether a requested special exception use would have an adverse effect and, therefore, should be denied is whether there are facts and circumstances that show that the particular use proposed at the particular location proposed would have any adverse effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone." *Id* at 22.

Schultz further explains that "...if a requested special exception use is properly determined to have an adverse effect upon neighboring properties in the general area, it must be denied." *Id* at 12.

The question is whether there is anything unique and different about the adverse effect of putting this solar facility, on this part of Graystone Road, when compared to putting it somewhere else within the zone. The answer is yes; this facility would have to be shoe-horned into a neighborhood, and would not be placed in a rural or commercial area. It would forever mar the beautiful view from Graystone Road, a Baltimore County Scenic Route, as well as the view of the many homeowners in the area.

Further, neither the Petitioners' plans nor testimony addressed the requirements set forth in comments from the Bureau of Development Plans Review, which require a landscape plan, additional landscape buffers depending on site conditions, and additional screening and landscaping to block the views of the facility from adjacent properties.

Neither the Petitioners' plans nor testimony addressed stormwater management and drainage at the proposed site. Diane and Donald Kincaid, neighboring property owners, testified at the hearing that their property is frequently flooded from runoff from the Petitioners' property. That contention was not rebutted by the Petitioners, who admitted that they had not walked the entire site, and were not aware of any flooding issues. Similarly, testimony at the hearing established that there is a stream and a spring on the proposed site. The Petitioners said they were not aware that the property contains either a stream or a spring.

BCZR Article 5 Section 502.1 sets forth the conditions that must be considered before a special exception can be granted. In particular, Section 502.1(I) says that:

"Before any special exception may be granted, it must appear that the use for which the special exception is requested will not be detrimental to the environmental and natural resources of the site and vicinity including forests, streams, wetlands, aquifers and floodplains in an R.C.2, R.C.4, R.C. 5, or R.C.7 Zone, and for consideration of a solar facility use under Article F, the inclusion of the R.C.3, R.C. 6, and R.C. 8 Zones.

Because the proposed site is zoned RC-2, the Petitioners are required to demonstrate that

the installation of solar panels, and the increased runoff from them, will not be environmentally detrimental at this site. As no evidence on those issues was presented by the Petitioners, they did not satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 502.1(I). It is not enough to have a County agency later see that installation of the panels complies with environmental regulations. Section 502.1(I) of the County Code expressly requires that environmental issues be addressed at this stage, before the special exception is granted. That has not been done in this case.

For the foregoing reasons, the Protestants respectfully request that the decision to grant the special exception in this case be reconsidered, and the Petitioner's request be denied. In the alternative, the Protestants request that the following additional conditions be added to the Opinion and Order, to lessen the impact of this decision on the community:

- 1. require the use of higher efficiency solar panels to reduce the six acre footprint of this project;
- 2. require the additional landscape buffers, screening, and landscaping described in the comments from the Bureau of Development Plans Review;
 - 3. provide that fencing shall not include barbed wire;
- 4. provide that no weed killers or herbicides be used to control weed or grass growth at the facility;
- 5. provide that no trees be removed from the property in connection with the construction and/or operation of the solar facility;
 - 6. provide that no trees or vegetation used for screening be removed at any time;
- 7. provide that all dead or diseased trees or vegetation be removed and replaced within thirty days by the Petitioners;
 - 8. provide that prior to issuance of permits, the Petitioners must satisfy the environmental

regulations set forth in Article 33 of the Baltimore County Code, pertaining to the protection of water quality, streams, wetlands and floodplains;

9. provide that no transfer of density may be sought for this parcel; and

10. provide that landscaping be of sufficient density, width and height to completely conceal the fencing and structures from view.

Respectfully submitted;

H. Barnes Mowell, P.A.

16925 York Road

Monkton, Maryland 21111

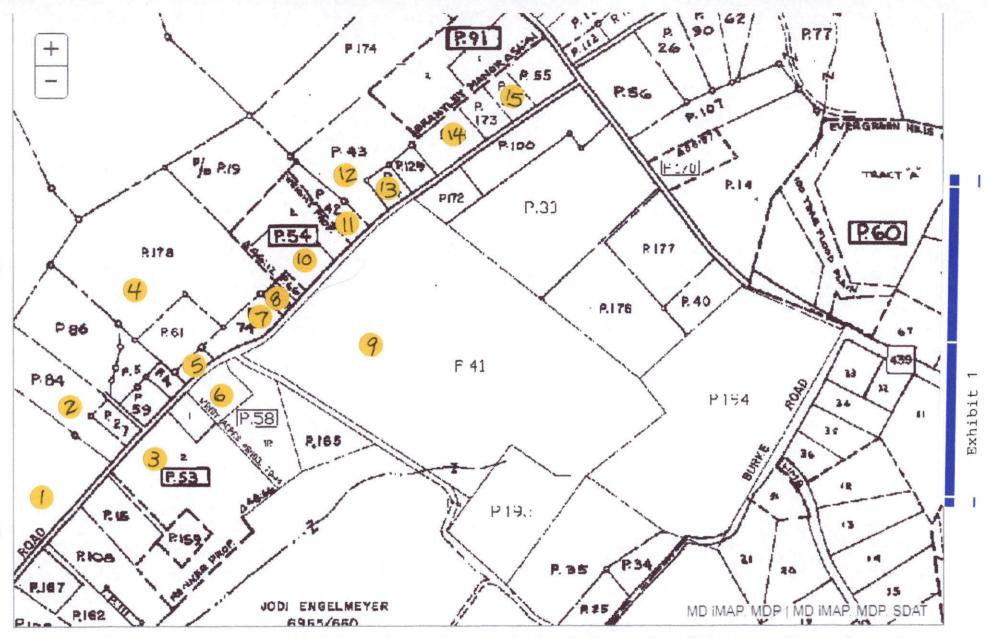
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Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was mailed this ______ day of February 2018 to Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204.

H. Barnes Mowell



Map & Date of Houses Built on Graystone Road, info from websites: sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx, willow.com & zip realty.com

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

January 3, 2018

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition

Petitions for Special Exception

Case No. 2018-0072-X

Property: 19735 Graystone Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: Lisa & Emma Arthur, 19500 Burke Road, White Hall, MD 21161 James Baseman, 19836 Old York Road, White Hall, MD 21161 Tammy Roth, 2500 Openshaw Road, White Hall, MD 21161 Pat & Chris Chlebda, 19828 Old York Road, White Hall, MD 21161 Eleanor Price, 19732 Graystone Road, White Hall, MD 21161 Michael Chilcoat, 3 Limb Ct., White Hall, MD 21161
Roger Casteline, 19817 Graystone Road, White Hall, MD 21161
Diane and Donald Kincaid, 19705 Graystone Road, White Hall, MD 21161
Linda & Dick Boyce, 19625 Burke Road. White Hall, MD 21161
Kathleen Pieper, 4310 Beckleysville Road, Hampstead, MD 21074
Rick Impallaria, 1705 Singer Road, Joppa, MD 21085
Donna Vitek Saucier, 19618 Burke Road, White Hall, MD 21161
Doug Shepperd, 19810 Graystone Road, White Hall, MD 21161

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION *

(19735 Graystone Road)

7th Election District

3rd Council District

Jerry Phillips

Legal Owner

Forefront Power, LLC

Lessee

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2018-0072-X

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of a Petition for Special Exception filed on behalf of Jerry Phillips, legal owner and Forefront Power, LLC, lessee ("Petitioners"). The Special Exception was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to use the property for partial development of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility.

Brian Maliszewski (on behalf of the lessee) and professional engineer Allan Mitchell appeared in support of the petition. Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. represented the Petitioners. The Valleys Planning Council, Sparks-Glencoe Community Planning Council and numerous citizens opposed the requests. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP), the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR) and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS). None of the reviewing agencies opposed the requests.

The subject property is approximately 50.54 acres in size and zoned RC-2. The property is situated on Graystone Road, which is a Baltimore County Scenic Route. Petitioners propose to install 3,276 solar panels on approximately six (6) acres of land at the northern point of the site, closest to Graystone Road. The panels will be approximately 7-8 ft. in height, and a chain-link

fence will enclose the solar panels. Petitioners propose to install landscaping which - - at least at maturity - - would screen the fence and panels from the view of motorists on Graystone Road.

As the undersigned noted at the hearing, it is nearly certain Petitioners will not be able to screen or enclose the panels in such a fashion that would prevent them from being seen by immediate neighbors. But the law does not require that; the zoning regulations specify only that "screening of...scenic routes and scenic views" be provided in accordance with the Baltimore County landscape manual. B.C.Z.R. §4E-104.A.6. A condition will be added below to ensure this requirement is satisfied.

Special Exception Law

Under Maryland law, a special exception is a permitted use which is presumably in the interest of the general welfare, and therefore, valid. Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). The Schultz standard was revisited recently in Attar v. DMS Tollgate, LLC, 451 Md. 272 (2017), where the court of appeals discussed the nature of the evidentiary presumption in special exception cases. The court again emphasized a special exception is properly denied only when there are facts and circumstances showing that the adverse impacts of the use at the particular location in question would be above and beyond those inherently associated with the special exception use.

Counsel proffered the testimony of Petitioners' witnesses (including a professional engineer) who would opine the project complied with all requirements for a special exception under B.C.Z.R. §502.1 and applicable case law. While the protestants raised many valid concerns, I do not believe that testimony is sufficient to successfully rebut the presumption under Maryland law. As such, the petition will be granted.

I am sympathetic to the concerns expressed by the community, and agree the proposed solar panels would mar an otherwise bucolic landscape along a rural roadway. But I cannot deny

the petition on that basis. That is because a six acre field of solar panels will have a negative impact upon a rural setting whether it is located in White Hall, Monkton, Sparks, Parkton or any other agricultural community in northern Baltimore County.

The County Council expressly permitted solar facilities in rural areas (including RC-2 zones) and along scenic routes, provided certain landscaping requirements are satisfied. Indeed, most special exception uses are regarded as "potentially troublesome because of noise, traffic, congestion...." *Montgomery County v. Butler*, 417 Md. 271, 297 (2010). As such, I believe the petition should be granted, subject to the conditions noted below which will help to "lessen the impact of the facility on the health, safety and general welfare of surrounding residential properties." B.C.Z.R. §4E-104.A.10.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>3rd</u> day of January, 2018, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Exception to use the property for partial development of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to 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 ZAC comments of the Bureau of DPR & DEPS, copies of which are attached.
- 3. No signage or lighting shall be installed at the site in connection with the solar facility.
- 4. No deliveries to or maintenance of the solar facility shall occur between the hours of 6:00 PM 7:00 AM.
- 5. Petitioners must submit for approval by Baltimore County a landscape plan which satisfies the requirements set forth in the Landscape Manual and B.C.Z.R. §4E-104.A.6.

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6. Any expansion, enlargement and/or relocation of the solar facility as shown on the site plan admitted herein as Petitioners' Ex. 1 shall require a public hearing before the OAH.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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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:

September 26, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0072-X

Address

19735 Graystone Road

(Phillips Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 18 2017.

- The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:
 - $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).
 - \mathbf{X} Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Reviewer:

Thomas Panzarella

Date: September 25, 2017

Environmental Impact Review

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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: September 27, 2017

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

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FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 18, 2017 Item No. 2018-0072-X

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

If Special Exception is granted a landscape plan is required per the requirements of the Landscape Manual, Bill No. 37-17 and the CMDP.

Specific landscape comments:

- 1. Graystone Road is a Baltimore County Scenic Route,
- 2. Perimeter landscape buffers are required,
- 3. Must minimize tree and vegetation removal,
- 4. Additional landscape buffers may be required depending on the subject properties topography, Scenic Views, Scenic Routes etc.,
- 5. Solar panels are considered a utility and should be designed and located to harmonize with the surroundings and to create the least visual impact.
- 6. Additional strip landscape buffers may be required to address existing topography changes. The plans that were circulated and dated 8-25-17 were insufficient with respect to showing a number of the existing site conditions including existing adjacent property information i.e. topo, homes, out buildings, garages, driveways etc.
- 7. More comments may be rendered during review of the landscape plan.
- 8. Proposed perimeter fence shall be black vinyl-coated chain-link fence.
- 9. Landscape plan does not take into consideration that Graystone Road is a designated scenic road and therefore, does not meet the requirements.
- 10. Additional landscape and screening needs to be added to address adjacent properties views when it relates to the proposed solar facility. Including, but not limited to 19705, 19720, 19732, 19817 Graystone Road (Scenic Route) and 19842 B Old York Road (Scenic Route)
- 11. Bürke Road Views
- 12. Additional site plan information is needed.

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Petitioner/Developer

Protestants

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RE: Petition for Special Exception 19735 Graystone Road SE/s Graystone Road, Southwest of Old York Road 7th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Jerry Phillips Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC

- * BEFORE THE OFFICE
- * OF ADMINISTRATIVE
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- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 2018-0072-X

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt LLC on behalf of the Legal Owner, Jerry Phillips and Contract Purchaser/Lessee, Forefront Power, LLC, in the above captioned case.

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Ave., Suite 200

Towson, MD 21204

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27 day of November, 2017 a copy of the foregoing document was mailed via first class mail, postage prepaid to:

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Lawrence E. Schmidt



PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections
e Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

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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:
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITEHALL, MD 21161 TAX ACCT. NO. 07-2500005231

Being all of that tract or parcel of land lying and being located in the Seventh Tax District of Baltimore County, Maryland and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a point located in the centerline of Graystone Road, said point being located at the end of the North 52°51'353" West 260.81 foot line of the property conveyed from Charles E. Slade and Phillips Development, LLC as described in a deed dated January 14, 2009 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Deed Book 27566, at Page 501; thence running reversely, with bearings referenced to Maryland Grid North, NAD83/2011, and with the eastern bounds of said conveyance.

- 1. South 52°51'41" East, 260.81 feet to an iron pipe found; thence
- 2. South 51°53'42" East, 661.42 feet to a point; thence
- 3. South 51°53'42" East, 766.99 feet to an iron pipe found; thence
- 4. South 37°08'53" East, 256.15 feet to a point; thence running with the southern bounds of said conveyance,
- 5. South 52°07'12" West, 635.27 feet to a point; thence
- 6. North 89°33'29" West, 179.99 feet to a point; thence
- 7. North 55°10'28" West, 363.00 feet to a point; thence
- 8. South 36°19'32" West, 379.45 feet to a point: thence
- 9. North 57°15'24" West, 598.67 feet to a point; thence
- 10. North 57°15'24" West, 629.78 feet to a point; thence
- 11. North 64°12'10" West, 221.10 feet to a point: thence
- 12. North 50°03'34" West, 88.94 feet to a point located in the centerline of said Graystone Road; thence running with said centerline
- 13. North 62°54'51" East, 132.44 feet to a point; thence
- 14. 153.20 feet along the arc of a nontangent curve to the left having a radius of 598.74 feet and being scribed by a chord bearing North 48°30'32" East, 152.78 feet to a point; thence
- 15. North 43°22'53" East, 718.29 feet to a point; thence
- 16. 189.54 feet along the arc of a nontangent curve to the right having a radius of 1225.78 feet and being scribed by a chord bearing North 49°19'53" East, 189.35 feet to a point; thence
- 17. North 54°39'48" East, 182.35 feet the place of beginning.

Containing 2,201,465 square feet or 50.5387 acres of land, more or less.

Being all the property described in a conveyance from Charles E. Slade and Phillips Development, LLC as described in a deed dated January 14, 2009 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Deed Book 27566, at Page 501. This description is based on title records and limited field work. A complete boundary survey has not been performed.



August 28, 2017

Baltimore County Zoning Department County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 111 Towson, Maryland 21204

Property Description
Tax No. 02-2500005231
Deed Book: 27566, Page: 501
Lot Size: 50.54 acres
Zone: RC-2
Councilmanic District: 3
Congressional District: 1
Legislative District: 7

Election District: 7
Voting Precinct: 07-011

Advantage Engineers, LLC (Advantage) has generated this property description in accordance with zoning requirements to support solar array development on the property referenced above.

All that certain lot or parcel of land together with all improvements thereon located and being in the County of Baltimore, Maryland and being more particularly described as follows:

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Very truly yours, advantage engineers

Patrick R. Cummings, P.G., LSRP

Senior Project Manager

P: 856-231-0800

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August 28, 2017

Baltimore County Zoning Department County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 111 Towson, Maryland 21204

Property Description
Tax No. 02-2500005231
Deed Book: 27566, Page: 501
Lot Size: 50.54 acres
Zone: RC-2
Councilmanic District: 3
Congressional District: 1
Legislative District: 7
Election District: 7

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Voting Precinct: 07-011

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITEHALL, MD 21161 TAX ACCT. NO. 07-2500005231

Being all of that tract or parcel of land lying and being located in the Seventh Tax District of Baltimore County, Maryland and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a point located in the centerline of Graystone Road, said point being located at the end of the North 52°51'353" West 260.81 foot line of the property conveyed from Charles E. Slade and Phillips Development, LLC as described in a deed dated January 14, 2009 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Deed Book 27566, at Page 501; thence running reversely, with bearings referenced to Maryland Grid North, NAD83/2011, and with the eastern bounds of said conveyance,

- 1. South 52°51'41" East, 260.81 feet to an iron pipe found; thence
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- 3. South 51°53'42" East, 766.99 feet to an iron pipe found; thence
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- 7. North 55°10'28" West, 363.00 feet to a point; thence
- 8. South 36°19'32" West, 379.45 feet to a point; thence
- 9. North 57°15'24" West, 598.67 feet to a point; thence
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- 11. North 64°12'10" West, 221.10 feet to a point; thence
- 12. North 50°03'34" West, 88.94 feet to a point located in the centerline of said Graystone Road; thence running with said centerline
- 13. North 62°54'51" East, 132.44 feet to a point; thence
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Containing 2,201,465 square feet or 50.5387 acres of land, more or less.

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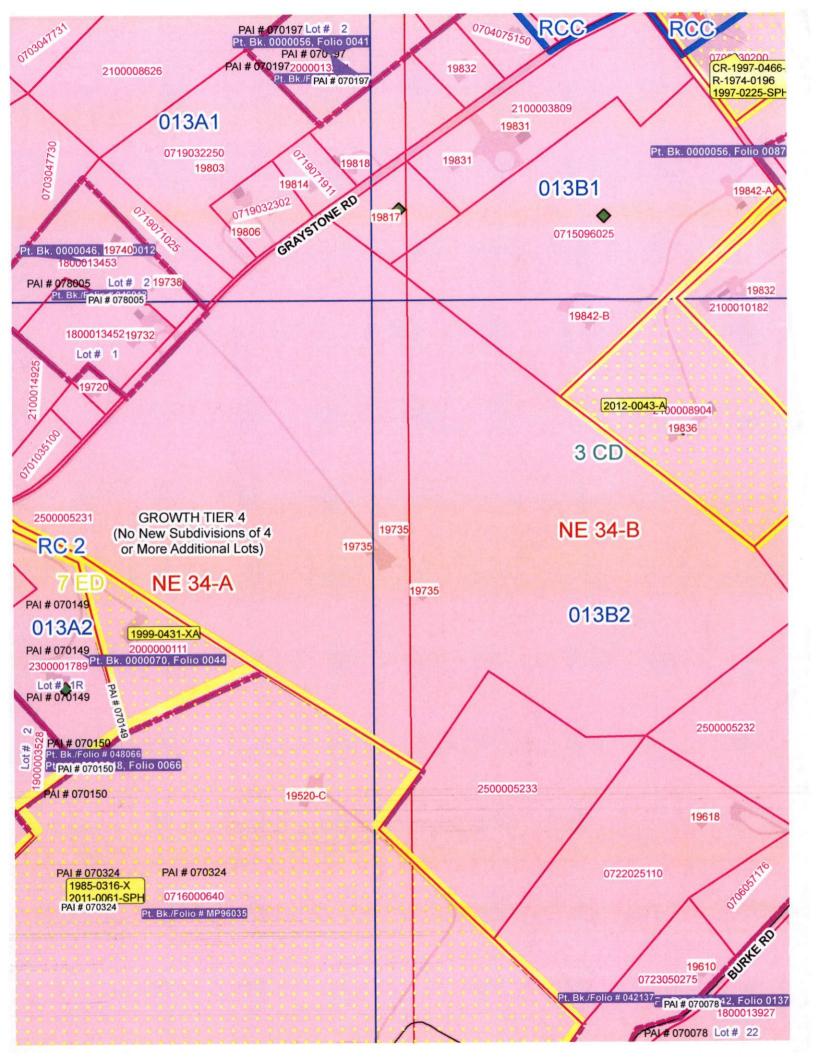


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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 11/23/2017

Case Number: 2018-0072-X

Petitioner / Developer: JONATHAN JORDAN, ESQ. ~

BRIAN MALISZEWSKI ~ JERRY PHILIPS **Date of Hearing:** DECEMBER 14, 2017

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: NOVEMBER 22, 2017



Linda O'Keefe (Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Please forward billing to:

Brian Maliszewski Forefront Power, LLC 100 Montgomery Street, Ste. 1400 San Francisco, CA 94104

415-800-1582

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: 2018-0072-X

19735 Graystone Road SE/s Graystone Road sou

SE/s Graystone Road, southwest of Old York Road

7th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Jerry Phillips

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC

Special Exception to use property for partial development of a 840 kw A/C ground mounted solar facility. 4E-102 of County Bill 37-17.

Hearing: Thursday, December 14, 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.

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

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * 19735 Graystone Road; SE/S Graystone Road, 1,175' of Old York Road * OF ADMINSTRATIVE 7th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): Jerry Phillips * HEARINGS FOR Contract Purchaser(s): Forefront Power, LLC Petitioner(s) * BALTIMORE COUNTY * 2018-072-X

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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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 14th day of September, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jonathan A. Jordan, Esquire, 717 Constitution Drive, Suite 201, Exton PA 19341, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

December 6, 2017

Jerry Phillips 19200 Middletown Road Parkton MD 21120

RE: Case Number: 2018-0072 X, Address: 19735 Graystone Road

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on September 1, 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

People's Counsel
 ForeFront Power LLC, Brian Maliszewski, 100 Montgomery Street, Suite 1400
 San Francisco, CA 94104
 Jonathan A Jordan, Esquire, 717 Constitution Drive, Suite 201, Exton PA 19341

Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn Secretary

Gregory Slater Administrator

Date: 9/13/17

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. 2018-0072-X

Special Exception

Jerry Philips

19735 Gray Stone 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,

Wendy Wolcott, P.L.A.

Metropolitan District Engineer

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

District 4 - Baltimore and Harford Counties

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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:

September 26, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0072-X

Address

19735 Graystone Road

(Phillips Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 18 2017.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

- X Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).
- \mathbf{X} Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Reviewer:

Thomas Panzarella

Date: September 25, 2017

Environmental Impact Review

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:

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Office of Administrative Hearings

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Reviewer:

Thomas Panzarella

Date: September 25, 2017

Environmental Impact Review

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 27, 2017

TO: A

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

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FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 18, 2017 Item No. 2018-0072-X

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

If Special Exception is granted a landscape plan is required per the requirements of the Landscape Manual, Bill No. 37-17 and the CMDP.

Specific landscape comments:

- 1. Graystone Road is a Baltimore County Scenic Route,
- 2. Perimeter landscape buffers are required,
- 3. Must minimize tree and vegetation removal,
- 4. Additional landscape buffers may be required depending on the subject properties topography, Scenic Views, Scenic Routes etc.,
- 5. Solar panels are considered a utility and should be designed and located to harmonize with the surroundings and to create the least visual impact.
- 6. Additional strip landscape buffers may be required to address existing topography changes. The plans that were circulated and dated 8-25-17 were insufficient with respect to showing a number of the existing site conditions including existing adjacent property information i.e. topo, homes, out buildings, garages, driveways etc.
- 7. More comments may be rendered during review of the landscape plan.
- 8. Proposed perimeter fence shall be black vinyl-coated chain-link fence.
- 9. Landscape plan does not take into consideration that Graystone Road is a designated scenic road and therefore, does not meet the requirements.
- Additional landscape and screening needs to be added to address adjacent properties views when it relates to the proposed solar facility. Including, but not limited to 19705, 19720, 19732, 19817 Graystone Road (Scenic Route) and 19842 B Old York Road (Scenic Route)
- 11. Burke Road Views
- 12. Additional site plan information is needed.

VKD: CEN cc: file

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: 10/6/2017

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 18-072

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

19735 Graystone Road

Petitioner:

Jerry Phillips

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Exception

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a special exception for an 840 kW ground mounted solar facility.

The property is located along Graystone Road which is a Baltimore County scenic route. The view is determined to be "expansive" as defined within the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (CMDP)

The Department has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief conditioned upon the following:

- Pursuant to BCZR §4E-104.5 the photovoltaic arrays may not exceed 20 feet in height without variance relief. The Department will not support such relief. Petitioners shall amend the plan to show a typical array structure detail at no more than 20' above the natural finished grade.
- Petitioners shall note on the plan that the proposed solar facility will produce not more than 2 megawatts of alternating current.
- Petitioners shall note on the plan that the proposed solar facility will be subject to BCZR §4E-107.
- Petitioners shall certify by note on the plan that the proposed solar facility will not exceed the
 maximum permitted number of facilities allowed in its respective councilmanic district. If
 approved, Petitioners shall submit to this Department at the time of building permit application
 the final fixed location and area of the facility by coordinate data so that an inventory may be
 kept.
- Lighting shall be limited to what is required for security purposes only and will be sited in such a
 way as to have minimal spillage onto neighboring properties.
- Signage shall be limited to that which is necessary for safety and security purposes.
- At the time of building permit application the petitioners shall submit a solar glare analysis to the Department, to the attention of the contact person listed below, accompanied by written confirmation that the facility will not be detrimental to the adjacent residential properties pursuant to BCZR §502.1.A.

Date: 10/6/2017 Subject: ZAC #18-072

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• No deliveries or outdoor maintenance which may generate excessive noise may occur on-site between the hours of 6 P.M. through 6 A.M.

• As noted above, Graystone Road is a Baltimore County Scenic Route. Any landscape plan submitted to Baltimore County for review and approval shall show vegetative screening at minimum along the northeast, northwest and southwest perimeter of the solar field. Said screening shall be a mix of native deciduous, evergreen and flowering trees with understory shrubs situated in beds having a minimum depth of 50'. The Department will not support a suburban like, regimented single species planting. The plantings will have a naturalistic arrangement approaching an "enclosed view" as defined in the CMDP with a count and proximity that will not allow an observer from the scenic route to have a sustained view of the solar facility.

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

Prepared by:

Lloyd T. Moxley

Deputy Director:

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c: Joseph Wiley
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CITIZEN'S SIGN - IN SHEET

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Sparks-Glencoe Community Planning Council P.O. Box 937, Sparks, MD 21152

December 11, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204 RECEIVED

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re: Case No. 2018-0047-X

15637 York Road

8th Election District-3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Robert Gerner

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: ESA Sparks Glencoe, LLC

Hearing Date: December 18, 2017

and

Case No. 2018-0072-X

Southeast side of Graystone Road, southwest of Old York Road

7th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Jerry Phillips

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC

Hearing Date: December 14, 2017

Dear Judge Beverungen:

The Sparks-Glencoe Community Planning Council (SGCPC) is submitting this letter regarding the two matters referenced above, the Gerner and Graystone Road cases respectively. The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, we want to state the reasons why we oppose the special exception requests in both cases. Secondly, without intending to minimize our opposition, we want to request two very important limitations in the event that the special exceptions are granted.

These are the first two cases filed under the recently passed Council Bill 37-17 which permits commercial solar power facilities in RC zones. These facilities are euphemistically referred to as "solar farms", but they are not farms and they are not agricultural. SGCPC as an organization, and its many members and supporters, strongly endorse solar power as a wonderful alternative to fossil fuel based power. The issue here is not solar power *per se*, it is solar power on prime agricultural land which could be used for farming or which could be placed in conservation easement. It also must be understood that our opposition is not directed at solar power systems which are intended to primarily serve a home or an ongoing agricultural enterprise.

Bill 37-17 was passed in the face of strong opposition by the SGCPC, the North County Community Association, the Valleys Planning Council, as well as Third District residents and their Councilman. There were a number of reasons for this opposition. First, it was viewed as an effort at commercial development in RC zones which citizen groups have been fighting for decades. The proponents of the bill were the traditional development forces.

Secondly, the bill was rushed through the Council and passed over the Fourth of July weekend with no effort to study and understand the long term effects of this development. Witnesses, including former State Senator George Della, advocated for a community solar pilot project. This project would have served as a preliminary test project so that the effects could have been studied. Instead, the Bill provides for a study to be made one year AFTER implementation of the special exception provision. Of course, one year later, the developers will have had the opportunity to build out the maximum number of solar facilities in the Third District, and any study will be too late. This is why the study provision in the Bill was viewed as a deeply cynical and artificial claim of due diligence to occur only after installation has already been approved and the special exceptions have been granted. I am attaching a recent article from the Baltimore Sun indicating that the Anne Arundel County Council has just voted to have an eight month moratorium on applications for commercial solar facilities in its agriculture and conservation zones in order to have time to study the issue.

Thirdly, the Third District is the area with the most available land for these projects. Though the Bill purported to authorize these facilities equally for all council districts, the most clearly affected district, as a practical matter, is the Third. Yet, the concerns of the Third District were not respected.

While our opposition is very real, we do believe it is crucial that in the event that either or both special exceptions are granted, such special exceptions should include two specific limitations that Bill 37-17 authorizes the Administrative Law Judge to make. First is a purchased irrevocable bond in an adequate amount to pay for removal of the facility and remediation of the land once the useful life of the facility has expired. This is not presently a requirement, only a condition that can be imposed as part of the special exception.

A representative of the Gerner project attended our last open meeting to explain the contours of that project. A number of issues were explained and clarified. What became clear, however, was that the only plan for remediation was the LLC's contractual obligation to do so. A facility's useful life is generally understood to be about 20 years. The only guarantee for clean-up is the continued existence and/or financial solvency of these LLCs.

There is no guarantee that the corporation set up to develop the solar facility will still be in existence when the clean-up and remediation phase must begin. Like many local development projects, once development is completed the corporation disappears either by way of bankruptcy or dissolution. The future costs of dismantling and removing the solar panels and remediating the soil so that it is once again ready for farm use is difficult to determine at the present time. The farmer/landowner may not be in a position to bear the

burden of such an expense. What happens then? Will the costs be paid for by the taxpayers after the corporation is long gone?

Finally, the SGCPC is concerned about the impact on neighboring landowners. The prospect of diminished land values for the surrounding area is real. It is certainly foreseeable that the viewshed of the larger resource conservation area will also be significantly impaired. One of the concerns raised in our meeting with the representative of the lessee of the Gerner property was that the proposed buffers were inadequate. It is for that reason any special exception must include significant natural buffers which not only protect the view from the adjoining roadways, the adjacent property owners, and also the wider vista. It is our suggestion that the landowner and his lessees be required to install buffers which are designed in accordance with the directives of the Baltimore County landscape architect. It would also be useful and appropriate to provide for input from the immediately impacted property owners whose own land values are at issue.

We have many concerns about the rapid, if not precipitous, adventure into commercial solar facilities in conservation areas. No one has presently done the kind of work necessary to know where and how to proceed with the production of commercial solar energy on agricultural land. It is primarily for that reason that SGCPC opposes the special exceptions in these cases. If, however, these special exceptions are granted, there must obviously be many limitations designed to protect the public from this shortsighted bill. We sincerely request that the two limitations outlined in this letter be among those incorporated into any such grant.

Thank you for your patience and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynne Jones. President

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cc: Timothy Kotroko, Esquire

Robert Gerner

Jerry Phillips

Peter Zimmerman, Esquire People's Counsel

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35 years ago Bobbi Burnett made her first artwork to cheer up a friend; now, she's preparing to make her last



Bobbl Burnett cuts a piece of glass in her basement studio where a crew of volunteers make glass angels in Epping Forest.

After 45,000 angels, Caring Collection ends

BY WENDI WINTERS

Artist Bobbie Burnett made her first

Artist Bobbie Burnett made her first Caring Collection angel 35 years.ago. A friend was diagnosed with leukemia. The woman was 39. She had three children under age 10 and an unemployed husband. To cheer up and support her friend, Burnett gave her a blue-and-gold angel sculpture made of small, hand-cut and foiled panes of stained abse.

stained glass.

She's been making the angel sculptures she's been making the angel sculptures ever since, and now has a craw to volunteers who help her. Each year, Burnert designs a new stained glass angel sculpture. Money from the sale of the angels benefits two area hospitals. The group added sun catchers, craaments, angel magnets and large sculptures of Burnett's designs to their repertoire. But as she nears age 80, Burnett has decided she and her group will soon make their last angels. There will be no new angel design for 2018.

By Burnett's estimate, the cadre of wolunteers, which usually meets for several hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, has hand-crafted more than 45,000 angels over the years.

The designs are sold online on the

website caringcollection.org, at the gift shop at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and at open-house events at Burnert's home. Approximately 70 percent of the sale price goes into a fund divided between Hopkins and Anne Arundel Medical Center; the other 30 percent covers the cost of supplies. At Anne Arundel, the money provides for patient care equipment. At Johns Hopkins, the money goes toward cancer research equipment.

As each year begins, Burnett strains to create a different new angel for the collection.

As each year begins, Burnett strains to create a different new angel for the collection.

Bobbie Burnett, a native of upstate New York, received a bachelor's degree in fine art at State University of New York at New Paltz. In addition to regular exhibits of her paintings, her portfolio included teaching art courses in San Diego, Las Vegas, St. Louis and in Florida.

Burnett's husband Jerry Burnett, who died in 2014, worked for Westinghouse and was transferred every few years. The couple built a 35-foot sailbost in California and, when her husband was transferred to Maryland, they sailed here and lived aboard the vessel at a mooring in Eastport. They moved to their house in Epping Forest in 1978.

stained glass at an adult education course she took at the old Annapolis Community

She took at the that rational contents.

Debbie Deschamps and Fran de Wolff have been Caring Collection volunteers for 33 years. Another, Jerry Klinken, became a volunteer after taking one of Burnert's stained glass classes in the 1980s.

"We've grown mature together," said Burnett.

Barnett.

During a recent visit to her studio, volunteers were busy working on details involved in making the angel sculptures, which self for \$250.

Ten-year volunteer veteran Ellen Kalas of Annapolis appreciates how the creative project has benefited local hospitals.

"That really attracts me (The studio) is a great place to work," said Kalas. "It's very friendly and welcoming, Bobbie is really gracious."

Sally Small of West River has volunteered for nearly 24 years. "It's sad," she said of Burnert's decision to retire. "She's been a very good leader."

The strong feelings are mutual. "I love my

The strong feelings are mutual, "Hove my volunteers," said Burnett, "They're my family."

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Solar park halted

County suspends approvals over impact on rural areas

BY CHASE COOK

Anne Arundel County has issued an eight-mouth moratorium on the approval of solar parks after concerns were raised by farming and environmental advocate about the impact of those operations on treal areas.

rural areas.

County officials made the formal announcement Monday. The decision targets larger-scale solar operations, People building solar panels for their homes or businesses – labeled as accessories – won't be affected.

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affected.

"We need to ensure the impact of heavy industrial activity like solar energy operations has been fully vetted by officials within the Department of Planning and Zoning," County Executive Steve Schuh said in a statement.

Last month the Anne Arundel County Agriculture, Agritourism and Farming Commission advocated for a moratorium. It was also supported by the group Growth Action Network.

County Councilman, Jorge Welley.

Action Network.

County Councilman Jerry Walker, a County Councilman Jerry Walker, a Crofton Republican, had said he planned to announce a resolution calling for a sixmonth moratorium. At Monday's contined meeting he withdrew the resolution and thanked Schuh for the decision.

In his resolution, Walker had noted that the county has five pending applications for construction of solar parks in rural agricultural zones.

"After meeting with constituents poten-

tural zones.
"After meeting with constituents poten-itally impacted by a number of these projects, I thought their requests to reassess the current regulations made sense, espe-cially given the size and scope of some of the proposals on agricultural land," Walker said.

County officials said their assessment of County officials said their assessment of the issue is similar. The generation of electricity is considered an industrial use, but solar parks are allowed in certain rural zones meant to protect farmland and low-density housing. The growth of solar parks could lead zoning challenges that could redefine those areas, said Phil Hager, Anne Arundel See SOLAR, page 6

County starts work on new police academy

\$18.8 million facility to be built next to current one in Davidsonville

BY CHASE COOK Baltimore Sun Media Group

Starting in summer 2019, upcoming Anne Arundei County police officers won't have to train in an old, re-purposed missile silo. County Executive Steve Schuh and

built on the same property as the existing facility, will cost \$18.8 million and will replace the re-purposed and dilapidated

It will include a 17,000-square-foot fit-It will include a 12,000-square-foot fit-ness center. A second phase will renovate the current administration facility for further training uses. Construction money was approved in FY2017 with more funding approved in this year's budget. "Oh Lord, am I excited," Altomare said at

the ceremony.



SENIOR BRIEFS

Annapolis Center

The following activity will be offered at the Annapolis Senior Activity Center, 119 S. Villa Ave. Information: 410-222-1818.

MUSIC WITH DJ BOB JONES, featuring holiday songs and other classics, will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13.

CANDY MAKING WITH DIANE will be

held 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 15. Registration is underway; class is limited to

CARD MAKING WITH DIANE will be held 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Come in and make a holiday card for a special loved one.

\$3 is due at sign up.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY will be held 11
a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Crowne
Plaza Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Road. \$30. Full
payment due by Dec. 15. Entertainment by
Smokey and Last Chance Entertainment.

Arnold Center

The following activities are offered at the Arnold Senior Activity Center, 44 Church Road, Information: 410-222-1922. HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE will be held 9 .m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18.

Cost is SI per item. Sign up by Dec. II.

BINGO will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Dec.
18, hosted by Mindy Adams of Chesapeake
Caregiving, with prizes and fun.

MINI-MASSAGES with certified therapist

Bonnie Pavlek will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 18. Free, first come, first

served.

SCRABBLE Challenge your brain by playing Scrabble from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays. New participants are welcome.

MAH-JONGG Open play from 135 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays; volunteers play from

12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Brooklyn Park Center

The following activities are offered at the Brooklyn Park Activity Center, 202 Ham-monds Lane. Information: 410-222-6847. SONGS OF THE HOLIDAY The Mother's

Choir will perform at II a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Enjoy hot apple cider while listening to

asonal songs. HOLIDAY PARTY will be held II a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at Michaels 8th

J&J DUO will perform swinging dance usic II a.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Lite refresh-

ENGLISH CLASS Basic skills from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

REGULATION SHUFFLEBOARD Play at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 p.m. Thursdays.

O'Malley Center

The following activities are offered at the O'Malley Senior Activity Center, 1270 Odenton Road, in Odenton. Information: 410-222-6227.

VAN BOKKELEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS will perform holiday favorites at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. Id. MOVIE DAY "Paper Angels" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

at L2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

QUILT CLUB Members help one another
with projects and donated pieces at 1 p.m.
Fridays in the Annex. The club is open to
new and experienced quilters.

Pasadena Center

The following activities are offered at the Pasadena Senior Activity Center, 4103 Moun-

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE group meets at 12:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 15 and 22.

MEMORY WRITING GROUP meets at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. If interested, contact Rita at 443-883-1178 or wmfordham@msn.com or just come to a meeting. PINOCHLE 8:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Mon-

days

PAINTING CLASS with Deborah Scales, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Pascal Center

The following activities are offered at the Pascal Senior Activity Center, 125 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. Information: 410-222-

OBI BELL RINGERS will perform a pro-ram of holiday music at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday,

THOM ROLAND DANCE BAND will perform a variety of 1940s and '50s music and holiday selections at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Dancers welcome. VAN TRIP TO TALENT MACHINE show at

St. John's College will take place Friday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Non-refundable \$5 fee payable to

VOICES IN MELODY will perform a program of holiday music at 12:30 p.m.

MEXICAN TRAIN The domino game is played at 12:30 p.m. Mondays.

TABLE TENNIS 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and

MAH-JONGG 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, Beginners welcome.

wil OPEN BOWLING Tuesdays at 12:30 m. except on the third Tuesday, when

mes begin at 1 p.m.

DOUBLE-DECK PINOCHLE Fridays at

BEYOND LOSS support group meets at

South County Center

The following activities will be offered at the South County Senior Activity Center, 27
Stepneys Lane in Edgewater. Information:
410-222-1927 or 410-798-4802.

VOICES IN MELODY CHORUS will per-

form holiday music at 12:30 p.m. Mor

TUESDAYS TREASURES flea market will held 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CREATIVE PAPER CRAFTING will be held

CREATIVE PAPER CRAFTING will be held Ipm. to 3 pm. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Create cards and gift tags for the holiday season. Cost is \$750 and will include all supplies. Instructor is Sherahl Weadon. Sign up at the front desk. BOXWOOD TREES WORKSHOP hosted

by the Four Rivers Garden Club will be held 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, \$4. All supplies will be provided. Sign up at the front desk.

HOLDAY MUSIC with Sylvia and Rich will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, featuring Christmas tunes and old favorites.

Seniors directory

The Department of Aging and Disabilities, in partnership with the Senior Services Provider Group and the Friends of Arundel Seniors, has published the 2017-8 edition of "Services for Seniors, Adults with Disabilities, and Caregivers." The free directory is available at the Heritage Office Complex, 2666 Riva Road in Annapolis, the seven senior activity centers, and public libraries. For more information, call 410-222-4464 or go to accountryor/ajainz. go to aacounty.org/aging.

County suspends approvals of solar parks

SOLAR, From page 1 County Planning and Zoning officer.

Typically the county would turn to the General Development Plan, which guides development, but that plan is "largely silent" on dispersed energy productions such as solar parks, Hager said.

The moratorium will give the county the time to review code.

months to turn around something." Hager said. "The people who are requesting this and concerned about the proliferation of this use are concerned — and want something done

Bradley Harris, who lives near a proposed plar park site, was appreciative for Schuh's

protect our farmland and our community's rural heritage," Harris said. "We feel there are more appropriate locations in our area for these industrial solar projects that can be developed such as: brown-fields, landfills, warehouses and other disturbed sites." In other council action, members voted to

make Councilman Michael Peroutka, a Mil-

lersville Republican, the next council chair-man. The decision was made along party lines in a 4-3 vote.

Peroutka has been a controversial figure Some residents have criticized his past association with the League of the South – he was a member until shortly before the 2014 election. The councilman has said he believes there is only one race, the human race.





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John E. Beverungen

From:

Barbara Ensor <Bensor54@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 11, 2017 6:02 PM

To:

John E. Beverungen

Subject:

Solar Development near Graystone Road, Case #18-072-X

The Honorable Judge John E. Beverungen,

Very recently my family became aware that a hearing will be held this December 14 regarding the petitioning for a special exception to install numerous solar panels, towers, and some residences on the old Slade farm near Graystone Road. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend that, so we are opting to write this, instead. My husband and I have lived in this area for most of our lives, both having attended Hereford High School. This is a very special and unique area, a bucolic combination of agricultural and residential lands. This is one of the reasons we remained here, raising our family and with them, enjoying the beautiful unspoiled scenery, and quiet of an area that has retained it's rural and agricultural roots.

Several years ago, the Slade farm was sold and it now appears that what was once productive farmland, with corn and soy beans as the principal crops, has been purchased as a commercial investment to produce solar power. Once the transformation from agricultural to solar power production occurs, it is highly unlikely that land will every be available for farming of any sort again. This will be a loss to the local residents as well as others who have benefitted from the farming that produces their food. In addition to the unsightly towers and fields of solar panels, which will mar the scenic view, local residents may be afflicted with the by products that commercial endeavors bring, such as harsh lighting that penetrates the night sky.

A production such as this is not compatible with the character of this area, nor the friendly ambience that community residents and neighbors have always loved about our area.

It is for this reason, and others, that I express my concern and hope that the special exception not be granted and the use of the property remain compatible with what this area has been for generations, and hopefully will remain, for generations to come.

Sincerely, Barbara Ensor

John E. Beverungen

From:

Impallaria, Rick Delegate < Rick.Impallaria@house.state.md.us>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:10 PM

To:

John E. Beverungen; Carl Richards Jr

Cc: Subject: 'rboycemail@yahoo.com'; County Council District 3

Solar Farm, Case No.: 2018-0072-X

RICK IMPALLARIA

7th Legislative District Baltimore and Harford Counties

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> District Office 5 Punte Lane Baltimore, Maryland 443-257-4782

John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge **Baltimore County**

W. Carl Richards Jr., Chief Zoning Office Baltimore County

Case Number: 2018-0072-X

Location: Southeast side of Graystone Road, Southwest of Old York Road

Gentlemen:

I have received numerous phone calls from my constituents regarding their concerns about this planned solar farm. I also have deep concerns over it.

First, if it weren't for government subsidies, it would not make sense to build solar farms. Now it appears that the community will have to subsidize it by their decreased property values.

Second, I am also concerned about health risks and the environmental impact it will have on nearby properties.

Northern Baltimore County has always been known for its rolling hills, its beautiful transitions between farms and woodlands, and its mix of residential and agricultural uses.

This project in no way fits into the community and will only diminish the beautiful asset Baltimore County enjoys in this rural legacy area.

So, I respectfully request you to reject this project for the good of the community.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Impallaria Delegate, District 7 443-257-4782 (cell) December 13, 2017

Mr. Carl Richards Jr. Chief of Baltimore County Zoning Review County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 Towson, Maryland 21204.

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RE: 19735 Graystone/Solar Farm, Case No.: 2018-0072-X

Dear Chief Richards,

Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® ("Riverkeeper") is a member based 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that represents members that have environmental, property, recreational, and aesthetic interests within the Gunpowder watershed and its tributaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the application for a Solar Farm Case No. 2018-0072-x at 19735 Graystone road ("Site").

Riverkeeper opposes the special exception granting the site and activity described as a "Solar Farm" on RC-2 zoned land because of concerns that the cumulative impacts of the Site may pose the potential for irreversible environmental impacts to sensitive waterways and species as described below.

Environmental attributes at proposed location are significant:

Upon review of the Baltimore County "My Neighborhood" website using the address of the subject property, no less than three headwaters branches of the Third Mine Branch a USE IIIP designated headwater stream known to support the Eastern Brook Trout are indicated on the Site.

The parcel is directly on Third Mine Branch subwatershed that is part of the Loch Raven Watershed, which through the Gunpowder River and Loch Raven provides drinking water for 1.6 million Baltimore-Metro area residents. Additionally, the site is adjacent to the Plum Tree Branch subwatershed and Second Mine Branch subwatershed.

A majority of Baltimore County streams, including the above mentioned are categorized by the Maryland Department of the Environment as Use IIIP (defined as

http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/TMDL/WaterQualityStandards/Pages/Designate dUsesMaps.aspx

coldwater-drinking water supply streams and regulated and recognized by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, "Clean Water Act" ² to protect their designated and existing uses⁴.

State studies have shown that Brook Trout, a Maryland state species of special concerns and may be extirpated when watersheds holding these sensitive species reach greater than 4% impervious surface. Adopted in 2006, the Maryland Brook Trout Management Plan⁵ recommended habitat strategies recognizing that urbanization and its effects on aquatic habitat was currently the most serious threat to Brook Trout. Namely;

Impervious surfaces: Urbanization promotes a chain of events that are strongly correlated with increasing imperviousness. Impervious surfaces associated with urban areas include roads, rooftops and parking lots. Imperviousness promotes rapid runoff to aquatic habitats and disrupts the natural hydrology of flowing waters. Frequent, short duration runoff events with higher magnitude peak discharges result in largescale physical alterations to streams...High watershed imperviousness is responsible for decreasing stream discharge during low flow periods; reducing in-stream physical habitat; and, increasing stream temperature, embeddedness, erosion and sediment transport. High imperviousness can significantly reduce ground water recharge that can impact ground water influx to headwater streams. The response to high impervious cover and high magnitude, frequent discharge is for the stream channel to increase in cross-sectional area by down cutting, channel widening, or both. Urban areas typically have higher pollutant and nutrient loads. All such impairments degrade and threaten existing brook trout habitats and their biological community structure. Maryland DNR's MBSS program (Southerland 2005) found that brook trout populations were eliminated in watersheds with impervious surface exceeding 4%, and substantial reductions in populations are apparent with as little as 0.5% imperviousness. (Emphasis applied).

On May 12, 2009, President Barack Obama signed Chesapeake Bay Restoration and

^{2 33} U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)

³ Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Sections 26,08,02.02 and 26,08,02,02-1,

⁴⁴⁰ CFR § 131,12(a)

 $^{^{5}~{}m http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/MD_Brook_Trout_management_plan.pdf$

Protection Executive Order 13508. As part of developing a new strategy for restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay, President Obama's Executive Order directs the federal agencies in outcomes for stream restoration, brook trout populations, and riparian buffer habitats, which are all resources critical to maintaining watershed health.

An environmental study is warranted prior to a decision on this issue:

The potential for environmental impacts prior should be studied. The siting of these facilities near or adjacent to streams known to support Brook Trout prior should consider the increase in impervious surfaces (solar panels) and any best management practices used to maintain vegetation such as the use of Roundup® or other Glyphosates and any chloride containing solutions used to de-ice panels.

Riverkeeper suggests that prior to a decision being rendered on this special exception, Case No. 2018-0072-x, Groundwater Management provide a study based on potential impacts to groundwater recharge and additive cumulative impacts of increasing impervious area to coldwater resources.

Even seeps, springs and wetlands as well as intermittent, ephemeral and perennial streams are hydrologically connected and represent significant environmental attributes for sensitive coldwater species. As witness to concerns about unknown environmental impacts Arundel County has recently issued an eight-month moratorium on the approval of solar parks after concerns were raised by farming and environmental advocates about the impact of those parks on rural areas.

Without a hydrologic study, Baltimore County zoning may not properly ascertain that the requested zoning relief via special exception will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the area.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Theaux M. Le Gardeur
Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER®
P.O. Box 156, Monkton, MD 21111
Keeper@gunpowderriverkeeper.org and 410-967-3526

⁶ https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2010/05/11/2010-11143/executive-order-13508-chesapeake-bay-protection-and-restoration-section-203-final-coordinated

⁷ http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/government/ac-cn-county-council-1205-story.html

Sherry Nuffer

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John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:56 PM

To:

Sherry Nuffer

Subject:

Fw: SUBJECT: # 2018-0072 19735 Graystone Road PLEASE DENY Special

ExceptionZoning Request

for the file

From: Wanda Lehman <wanda.lehman@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:16 AM

To: John E. Beverungen

Cc: Kathie; Lynne Jones; James A. Baseman -DLLR-; msdmrd2@gmail.com; harriet mcginnis; Nedda Evens; George Della;

Mary Petrucci

Subject: SUBJECT: # 2018-0072 19735 Graystone Road PLEASE DENY Special ExceptionZoning Request

Dear Judge Beverungen,

SUBJECT: # 2018-0072 19735 Graystone Road

PLEASE DENY Special Exception Zoning Request

DENY SOLAR FACILITY (COMMERCIAL RESALE OF ENERGY)

Please deny the request for a special exception for a solar utility facility to be erected on property at <u>19735</u> <u>Graystone Road</u>.

This is Resource Conservation Zoned land in northern Baltimore County. We, the State of Maryland, and particularly Baltimore County are national leaders in land preservation. We have spent many millions of dollars to protect and preserve our natural resources, including our agricultural land.

Allowing commercial activity on this property not only ignores our master zoning plan, but also goes against the wishes of the majority of north-county residents. The court of appeals recently agreed that this type of solar plant is a "UTILITY", which is specifically prohibited in RC zoning.

The tax benefits provided to solar companies in Maryland, while with a noble purpose, are having unintended consequences. Agricultural land is being targeted because of cheap land lease arrangements. Most farmers lease land for their agricultural operations, and they cannot compete on equal footing with a commercial use lease rate. This is hurting farmers and both current and future agricultural use of the land.

Farmers are being offered higher prices for the land lease, but are not being protected from lease terms prepared by the solar industry. Farmers are pressured to accept quickly, or are threatened that the solar

company will just choose another parcel. The back-end cleanup and liability of the farmers is not considered. Adequate bonds are not required to handle those future costs, so the farmers and the taxpayers will be forced to bear the cost. The LLC Solar companies will be long gone.

The whole reason they are here, instead of Florida or Arizona, is financial tax incentives. They are NOT stakeholders in our community).

In addition, acres and acres of solar panels are an eyesore. This is not just true for the adjacent property owners, but for all travelers and residents of our area. Part of the draw of living in the north county, including stable and increasing property values, is the rural landscape, which contributes to the serene, peaceful way of life. Property values will be adversely affected by this commercial activity and eyesore.

We urge you to deny this special exception request to protect the north county from this COMMERCIAL solar UTILITY.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Wanda and Jerry Lehman
NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS
19701 Gunpowder Road
Millers, MD. 21102"

Sherry Nuffer

From:

John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:56 PM

To:

Sherry Nuffer

Subject:

Fw: Case #18-072-X - 19735 Graystone Rd - Zoning Hearing

Attachments:

Case #18-072-X.docx; Picture 1 Burke Road at Limb Court.PNG; Picture 2 View from End of Limb and Burke to Graystone.PNG; Picture 3 Burke Road to Limb Court Acres of Trees

on Left.PNG; Forefront LLC Web Page Picture.PNG

for the file

From: Holbrook, Lisa < lisa.holbrook@baltlife.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:20 AM

To: John E. Beverungen

Subject: Case #18-072-X - 19735 Graystone Rd - Zoning Hearing

Dear Honorable Judge Beverungen,

I am attaching a letter and a few pictures to express my concern over the zoning exception for 19735 Graystone Road. There is a hearing scheduled for tomorrow afternoon to discuss this matter and unfortunately my husband just had major surgery yesterday and we will be unable to attend. I appreciate your time and hope that you will consider the points brought up in our letter.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks so much, Lisa

Lisa Holbrook, ACS, MBA| PM Illustration Software The Baltimore Life Companies 10075 Red Run Blvd' Owings Mills MD 21117 (443) 681-7647 Office (410) 299-4016 Mobile

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Lisa and Tim Holbrook 9 Limb Court White Hall, MD 21161

December 13, 2017

The Honorable Judge John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 212204

Re: Case #18-072-X

Dear Honorable Judge Beverungen:

I am writing to express my displeasure over 19735 Graystone Road being granted a special exception so that a ground mounted solar facility can be installed. Unfortunately, my husband is has just undergone major surgery today and we will miss the hearing scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

My husband and I are residents of White Hall in Baltimore County and have lived here since 2000. While we support renewable sources of energy, we do not approve of property zoned R2 being used for a solar facility. In addition, we don't approve of exceptions being made to the property's R2 zoning so that a solar facility can be built.

I am attaching "Picture One" which is a view of the beginning of view of Limb Court. "Picture Two" shows my current view from Burke Road to Graystone as I walk five out of seven days each week. Since moving to Limb Court, the farm land across from our neighborhood (Limb Court off Burke Road) has been rotated between soybean and corn. Solar panels are not appropriate in R2 zoning and should be considered an inappropriate development.

"Picture Three," is the view walking down Burke Road toward Limb Court. Apparently, the plan is for three building lots to be there, I'm assuming destroying the trees that exist on the left side of the picture. There are a lot of trees and they are beautiful.

There are several reasons why we are opposed to solar development in country settings and they are below:

- 1. Solar is a renewable energy and as such is a utility. The solar facility will be an industrial site versus an agricultural site that provides foods. How will power be transmitted so that it can be harnessed? How much will that cost?
- 2. The impact to wildlife will be irreversible. What wildlife and birds will be misplaced or destroyed by such a project? Do birds know not to get too close to solar panels so they aren't burned or killed? How about deer? Renewable energy development should not be approved at the expense of conservation of habitats and species.
- 3. Impact to the Deer Creek and Lock Raven Basins and Lower Susquehanna and the Gunpowder River: What is the impact of rain water run-off? Also, heavy rainfall will cause soil erosion.

There is quite a difference between crops being planted on those acres than houses, solar panels and cell towers. Currently, we have flooding issue at the end of Burke Road at MD 439. I'm anticipating that having solar panels, new homes or cell towers instead of crops will increase that problem ten-fold. Another concern is what is in the water that is running off?

- 4. Health Risks: Many solar panels contain chemicals which could cause damage to the local environment and possibly public health. Arsenic, cadmium telluride, hexafluoroethane, lead, and polyvinyl fluoride could cause untold devastation should they leach into the water supply. Silicon tetrachloride renders crops infertile, causes skin burns and increases the likelihood of lung disease, and transforms into acids and poisonous hydrogen chloride gas when exposed to air. What will happen if these panels break? Cadmium may be carcinogenic. Exposure affects the lungs and kidneys and can be fatal.
- 5. Privacy: The solar panels will impact our privacy. The panels will need maintaining and that means workmen regularly on-site, utility vehicles and probably some type of security personnel.
- 6. Noise and traffic concerns: Noise resulting from constructing and maintaining a solar facility will be disruptive to neighbors who moved to our community for peace and quiet
- 7. Visual Impact: From our neighborhood on Burke Road and Limb Court, the pilot project will be visually unacceptable. Will there be metal fences, security fences, cameras, substations, lights, etc.? All of this will be out of context and impact the outstanding natural beauty of our community. In addition, Graystone Road is a Baltimore County scenic route. Will the solar facility add to our scenic route? How about a cell tower or two?
- 8. Distraction to road users: Graystone Road and MD 439 are heavily traveled roads and routes for busing our school aged children. Will there be a guarantee that the solar panels will not cause a distraction to drivers? Will solar glare cause a negative impact to the surrounding area residents and drivers who use that route daily?

For the reasons above, I would like for you to consider rejecting this application. The harnessing of green power should not be at the expense of destroying agricultural sites. The whole point of green energy is to preserve our valuable countryside and provide an ecological balance. Ensuing soil erosion, fencing, cameras and the threat to wildlife are good reasons for moving this pilot project to a commercial area.

Surely it is the duty of our Baltimore County officials to protect our green fields and scenic routes for future generations to enjoy. This is a beautiful area and the solar facility and cell towers will ruin it. This pilot project will not benefit the community and will not provide a practical return for the disruption and destruction it will cause.

I'm attaching "Picture Four" which is a snip from Forefront Power's web page. Would you want to live next to this? I would not!

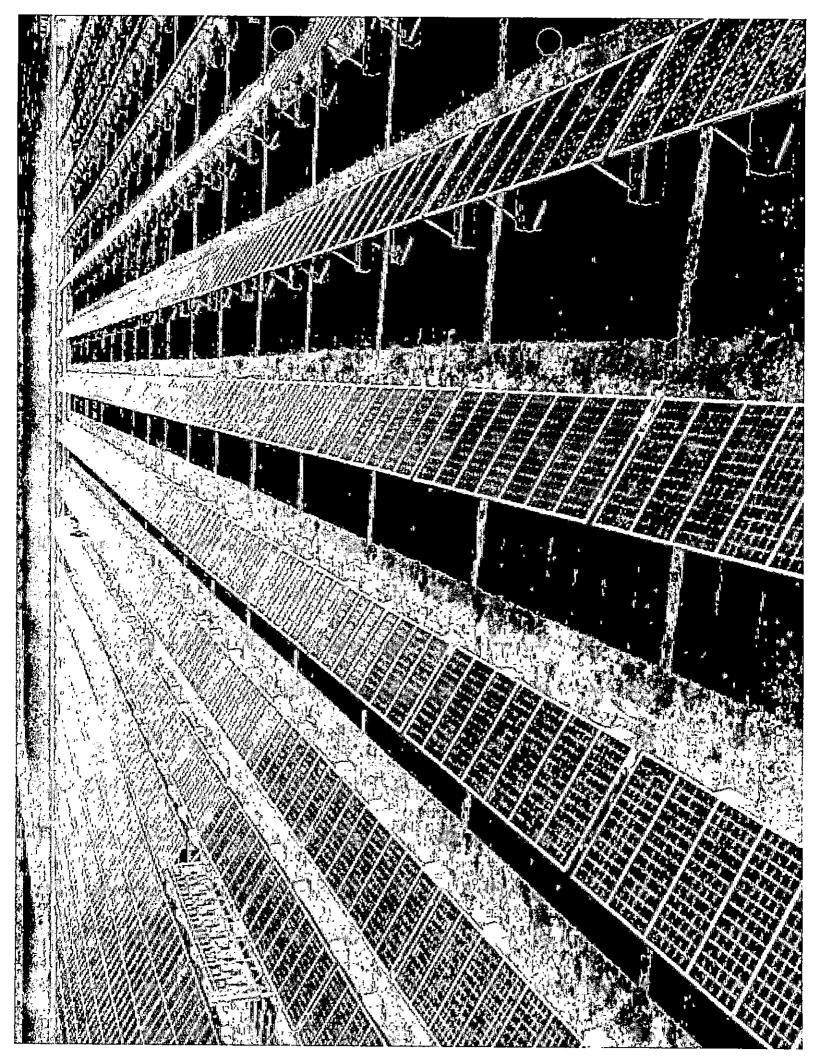
Should you have additional questions please feel free to reach out to us. Our home telephone number is 410-329-6266 and my cell is (410) 299-4016. I think it would be reasonable to expect that a full development plan be provided as well as for the residents of our community to be notified appropriately of any public hearings to be held to discuss this topic in the future.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Holbrook & Tim Holbrook

cc: Wade Kach









John and Kimberly Howard 10 Limb Court White Hall, MD 21161 Phone Home 443 491 3811 Cell 410 688 8305

December 13, 2017

The Honorable Judge John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 212204

Re: Case #18-072-X

Dear Honorable Judge Beverungen:

I am writing to express my displeasure over 19735 Graystone Road being granted a special exception so that a ground mounted solar facility can be installed.

There are several reasons why we are opposed to solar development in country settings and they are below:

- 1. Like most of our neighbors we moved out to a rural location to be surrounded by rolling farm fields with scenic views. Not a place with solar panels and cell towers blocking our view.
- 2. The area was zoned as a conservation area for a reason. Why do we have to give into development and allow a variance that is going to eventually consume our land from its intended use?
- 3. Like with all new projects there is going to be pitfalls that were not taken into consideration if this would be approved. The plan looks like the only thing that they are worried about is covering up the project so it's not an eye sore. What about the environmental impact on our water supply and wildlife as well as soil erosion. Then you have increased construction traffic to deal with too.
- 4. Property value is a concern for all of us. Who wants to live next to a field of solar panels?

For the reasons above, I would like for you to consider rejecting this application. The harnessing of green power should not be at the expense of destroying agricultural sites. The whole point of green energy is to preserve our valuable countryside and provide an ecological balance. Ensuing soil erosion, fencing, cameras and the threat to wildlife are good reasons for moving this pilot project to a commercial area. There are so many other locations were this project would make sense like the old Bethlehem Steel facility in Sparrows Point. This area is being redeveloped and would be a good fit for this kind of project.

Sincerely,

John and Kim Howard



Theresa Frederick <theresa059@comcast.net> Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:39 AM John E. Beverungen Case #2018-0072-X

ge Beverungen,

il is in regards to Case 2018-0072-X, the solar facility that is proposed on Graystone Road York Road. Solar panels are a commercial business, this is not an agricultural Fields of solar panels do not constitute a working farm but instead running a commercial in a residential and agricultural community.

My husband and I have worked hard to be able to stay in Northern Baltimore County and raise our young boys. Unfortunately we are not able to own our own farm but at least can give our children the ability to live in an area that is surrounded by farms. The last thing that should be put on a piece of property that is bordered by homes and is neighbored by other preserved farms is a power facility. This is just opening up the door to allow for more commercial businesses. Where do you draw the line and how do you draw it once you allow one?

There are other properties in Northern Baltimore County that would be more suitable for solar panels. The landfill in Parkton just to name one place. This type of facility should be placed somewhere off the road in a secluded area not surrounded by homes. As a mortgage banker I work with real estate every day and know that the homeowners surrounded by this facility are going to have a large decline in their property values. Not only is this going to be an eye sore to the community but these neighboring homeowners will have a difficult time selling their homes and receiving the value that it is worth today. No one bordering this property would have ever thought that Baltimore County would allow a commercial business to be run on their neighbors property when they purchased their homes.

Please take what I have said into consideration when hearing this case. My parents live across the street from the subject property. I grew up dreaming of living on what was then Mr. Slade's beautiful farm. I have fond memories of playing on his property as he was so generous to allow my sister and I to ride bikes on his property. Mr. Slade was a good man who worked hard for what he had and when he sold the property believed he sold the property to a farmer who was going to work the land as a true farm. I take pride in living in Northern Baltimore County as I feel that most of our residents want to preserve this area and it's land to keep it the way it has been and should be, a rural community.

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From: Sent: To: Subject:

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Thank'you

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John E. Beverungen

From: Sent:

Angela Price <akprice523@gmail.com> Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:00 AM

To:

John E. Beverungen

Subject:

Case #: 2018-0072-X

Dear Judge Beverungen,

I am writing in regards to the proposed solar facility on 19735 Graystone Road (case number 2018-0072-X). This location has been one of the many beautiful farms that northern Baltimore County is known for and has been around for decades. Therefore, developing a solar facility would be inappropriate for this area.

I currently live across the street from this farm and have lived here for over 30 years. Each day I look across the street at this beautiful farm and I can't imagine anything other than crops to be planted in this field by our local farmers in the spring/summer. During the winter, I look at the deer grazing in the field and the snow that falls over the field with the moon glistening on the snow is a sight that no picture can capture. Putting a solar facility will not only ruin such a beautiful scene, but it will also ruin the soil when installing the solar panels. Once these panels are installed, the soil will never be preserved to the original state if the facility is no longer in use. This farm will never be able to be used as anything more than a commercial zone in a rural area. Surrounding neighbors to this location moved to this area because it was far from commercial property which is why this is the country. The country is for agricultural farming, wildlife, scenic byways, and friendly neighbors. This location is not appropriate for a solar facility.

Judge Beverungen, I hope you take what I have written into consideration. It would be a shame to see such beautiful land destroyed by something that community cannot benefit from. At least with the agricultural farming that was being farmed at this location previously, the crops fed the cows which became food in our stores. What good is a potential solar facility to our community? Nothing! It's just a personal gain, an eye sore which will depreciate land value, and ruining the good name of northern Baltimore County.

Thank you,

Angela Price 19732 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161 443-909-0806 akprice523@gmail.com

John E. Beverungen

From: Renee Hamidi <reneehamidi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8;43 AM

To: John E. Beverungen

Subject: Commercial Solar Special Exception Hearing

Judge Beverungen,

The Manor Conservancy is a 501 (c)(3) land trust that preserves properties from development in northern Baltimore and Harford Counties. We support solar installations for personal use and on industrial or commercial land but we cannot support large solar installations on agricultural land. Here is the position we adopted last year:

THE MANOR CONSERVANCY, INC. POSITION ON SOLAR UTILITIES ON RC-2 ZONED LAND

Baltimore County is known as a model for land conservation. Its agricultural lands serve as a breadbasket to Baltimore, enhance farm-to-table experiences, provide drinking water to the city and region, and provide the public with outdoor activities—jogging, biking, horse activities, fishing, hunting—on private lands, public roads and parks, and the Torrey G. Brown Rail Trail that extends from Cockeysville to York, Pa. In 1967 the County established the 'urban rural demarcation line' (URDL) to preserve the rural nature of the north county by restraining sprawl. In 1969 Maryland voters approved a 1.5% real estate transfer tax dedicated to fund conservation programs. In 1979 the County established RC zoning to limit development and promote and preserve agricultural lands and Class I and II soils. County, State, and Federal agencies have helped maintain the rural nature of the North County by purchasing and accepting donations of conservation easements which financially reward landowners at taxpayers' expense.

RC-2 is the most restrictive zoning in the County. It includes a number of 'Special Exceptions' to permitted use, such as schools, telecommunications towers, ambulance rescue facilities, and "Public utility uses not permitted as of right." This "Public Utility Uses" special exception was included to allow for electrical substations, additional cable, communication, and electric lines, stormwater runoff management, and the like. "Public Utility Uses" never envisioned commercial electrical power plants, be they wind, solar, gas, coal, or nuclear. It is the position of The Manor Conservancy, Inc., that commercial power plants are inappropriate for RC-2 zoning. The Manor Conservancy also believes that every landowner has the right to mitigate electrical power consumed on his contiguous parcels of land via solar panels, engine-driven generators, or other means. The Manor Conservancy recommends that the RC-2 special exception #18 regarding Public Utility Uses be defined to exclude commercial power plants.

Accepted by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2016.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards, Renee Hamidi administrative director The Manor Conservancy

Debra Wiley

From:

Alyssa Moyers <amoyers@sgs-law.com>

Sent: To: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:56 AM Debra Wiley

Subject:

RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

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As you know, we do typically like to file a response but I will confirm and let you know:)

----Original Message-----

From: Debra Wiley [mailto:dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:54 AM

To: Alyssa Moyers

Subject: RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

Thanks.

By the way, if you find out that Larry is planning to file a Response to the Motion for Reconsideration, please let me know so that I can make John aware.

Thanks again.

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From: Alyssa Moyers [mailto:amoyers@sgs-law.com]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:52 AM

To: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

Thank you, you too!

----Original Message----

From: Debra Wiley [mailto:dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:47 AM

To: Alyssa Moyers

Subject: Case No. 2018-0072-X

Hi Alyssa,

Per our telephone conversation, please find attached the Motion for Reconsideration in reference to the above.

Hope you have a great day!

----Original Message----

From: adminhearingscpr@baltimorecountymd.gov [mailto:adminhearingscpr@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 9:02 AM

To: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Admin Hearings Copier

Debra Wiley

From:

Alyssa Moyers <amoyers@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Thursday, February 08, 2018 12:50 PM

To:

Debra Wiley

Subject:

RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

We are filing a response - no later than close of business tomorrow. Sorry I was out of the office due to the weather yesterday!

----Original Message----

From: Debra Wiley [mailto:dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 12:49 PM

To: Alyssa Moyers

Subject: RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

Hi Alyssa,

Any feedback received on this yet?

Thanks in advance.

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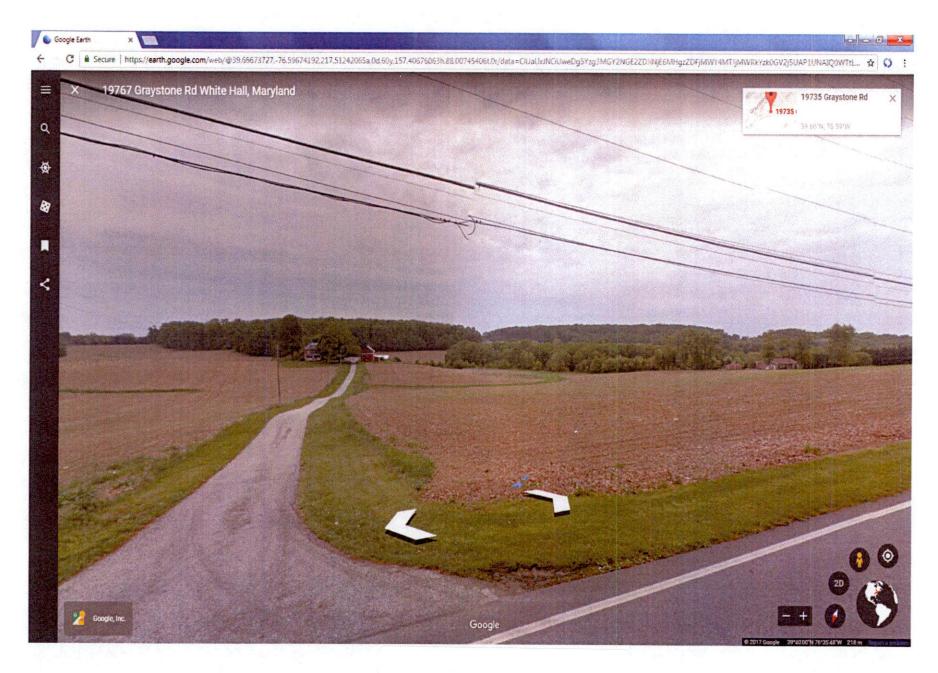
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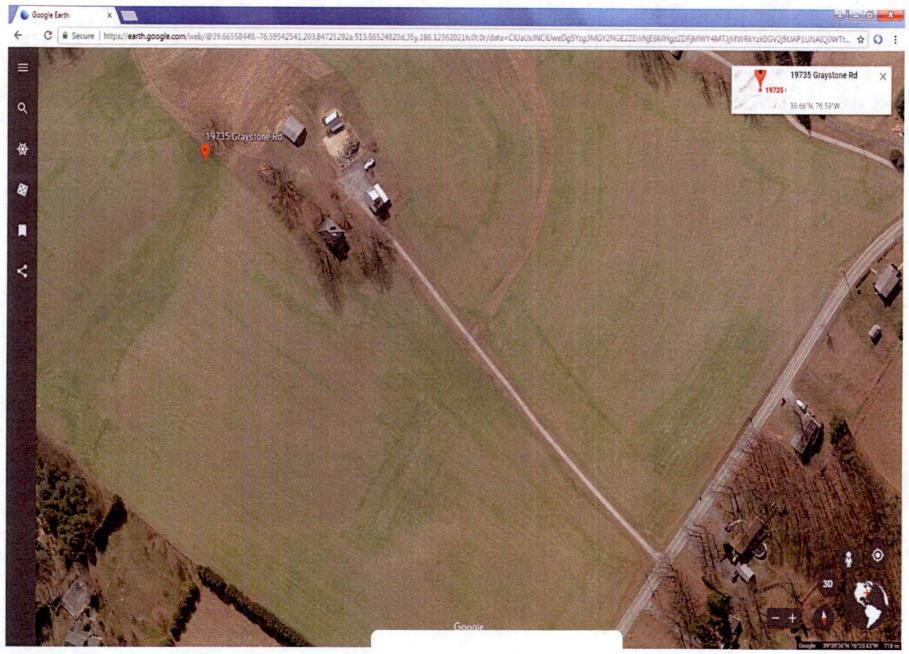


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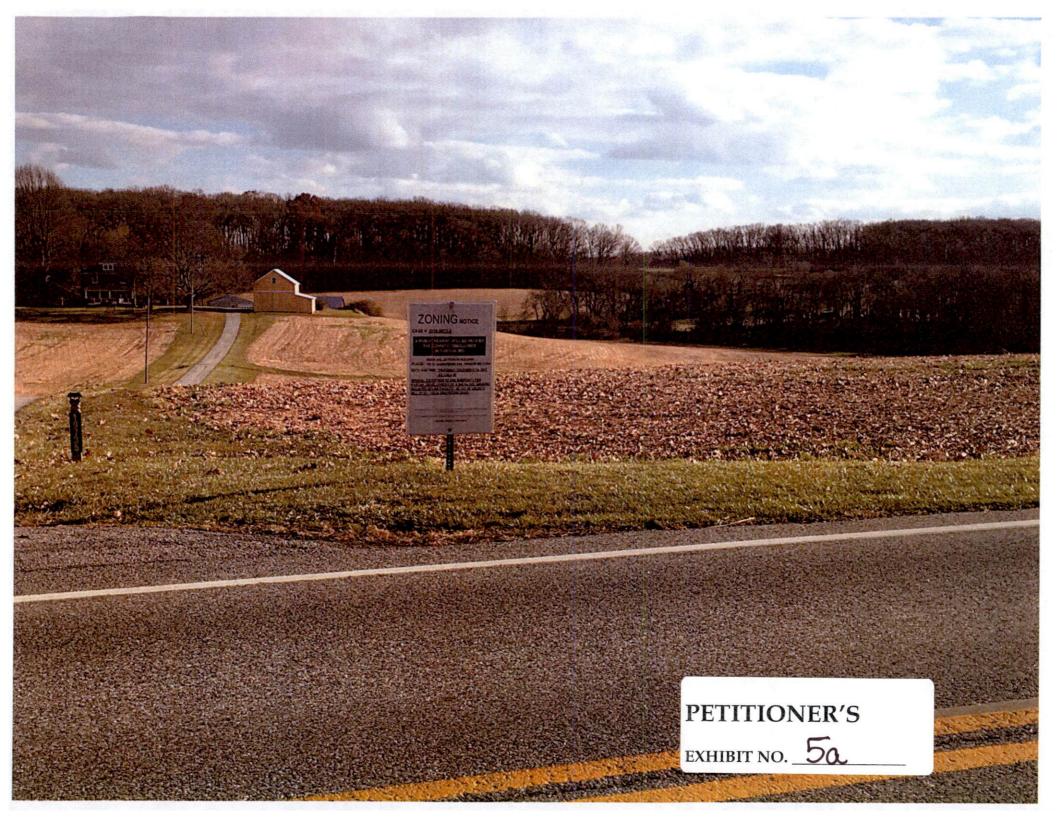


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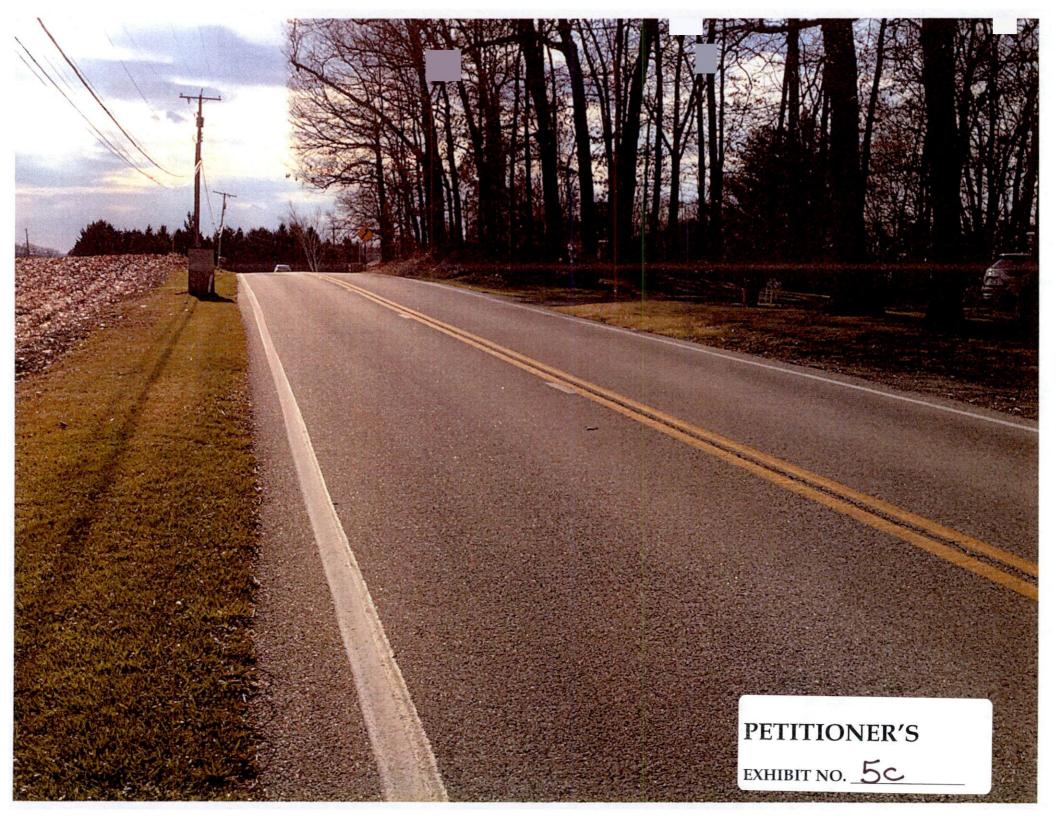


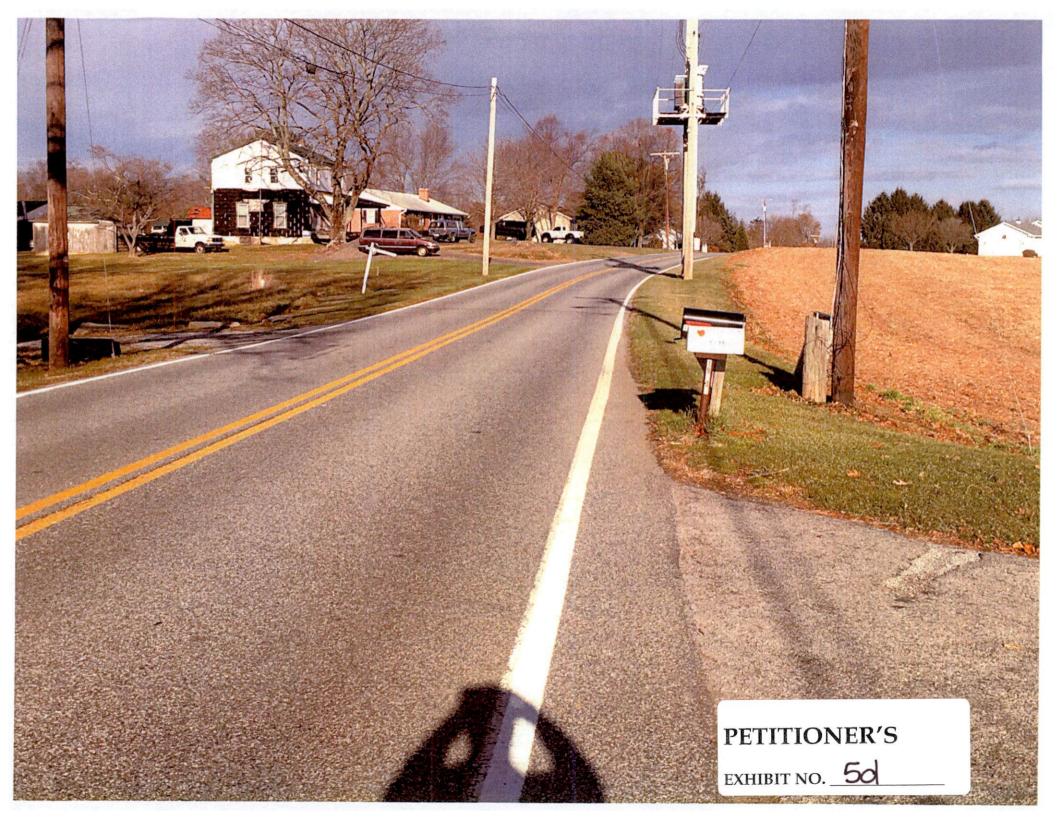
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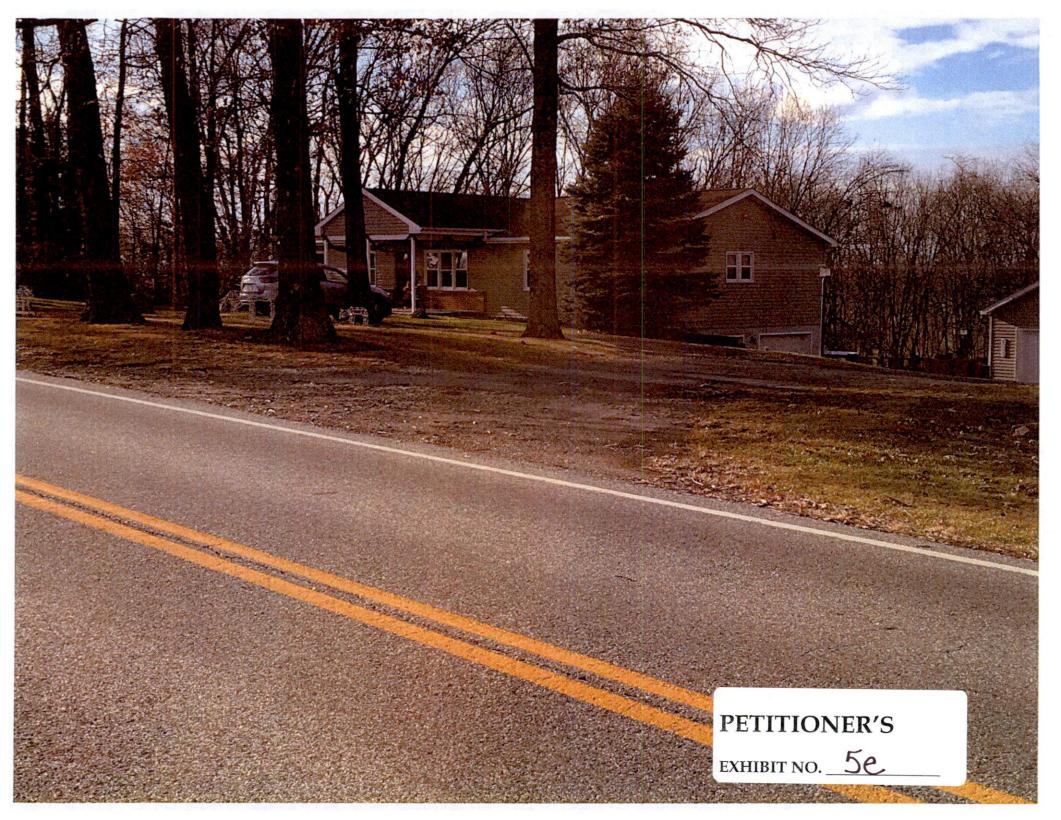
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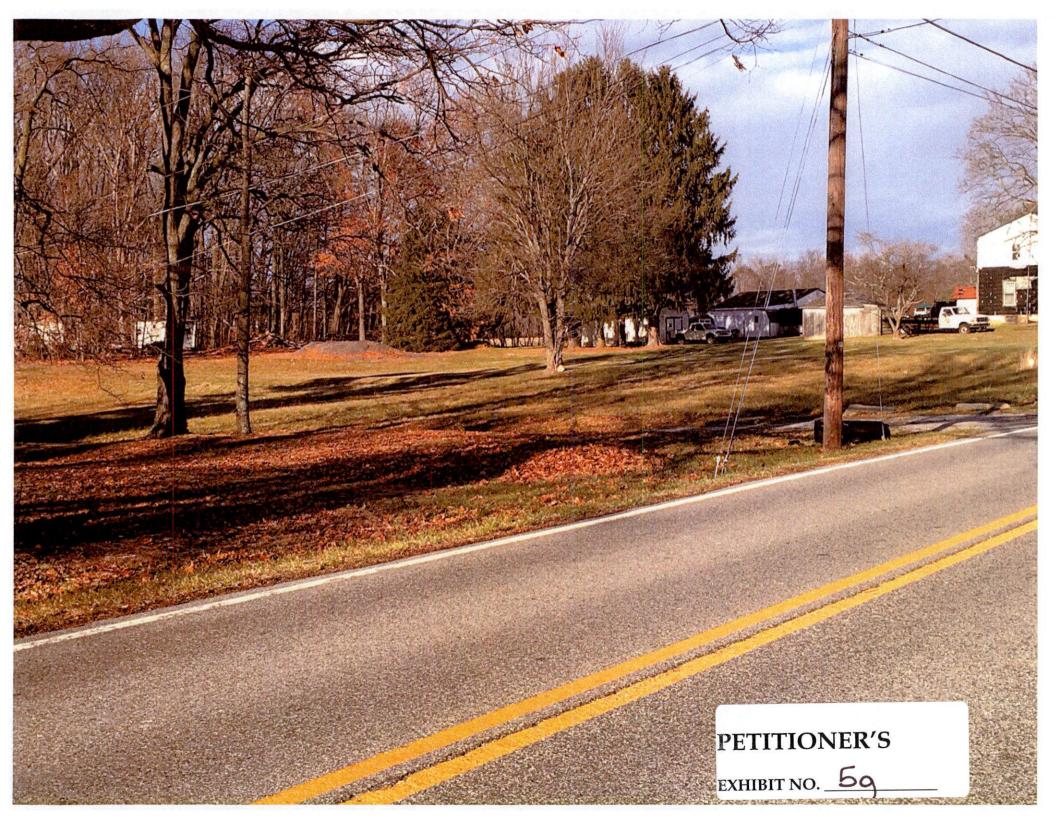


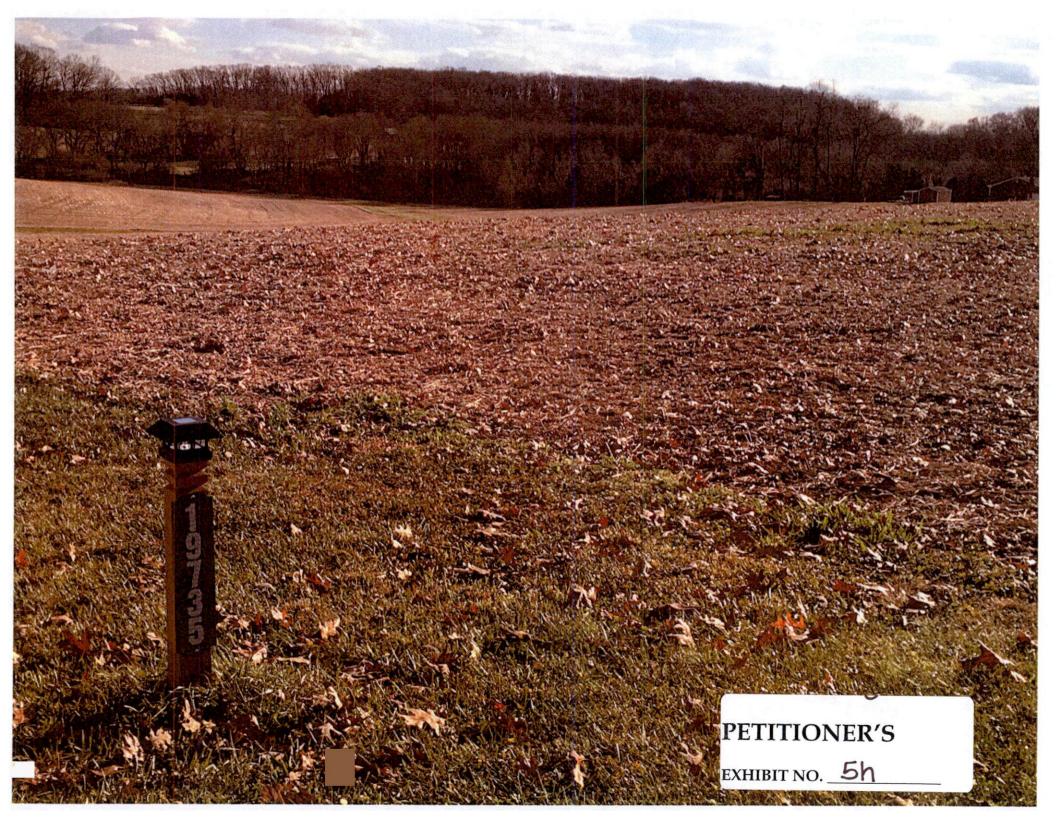




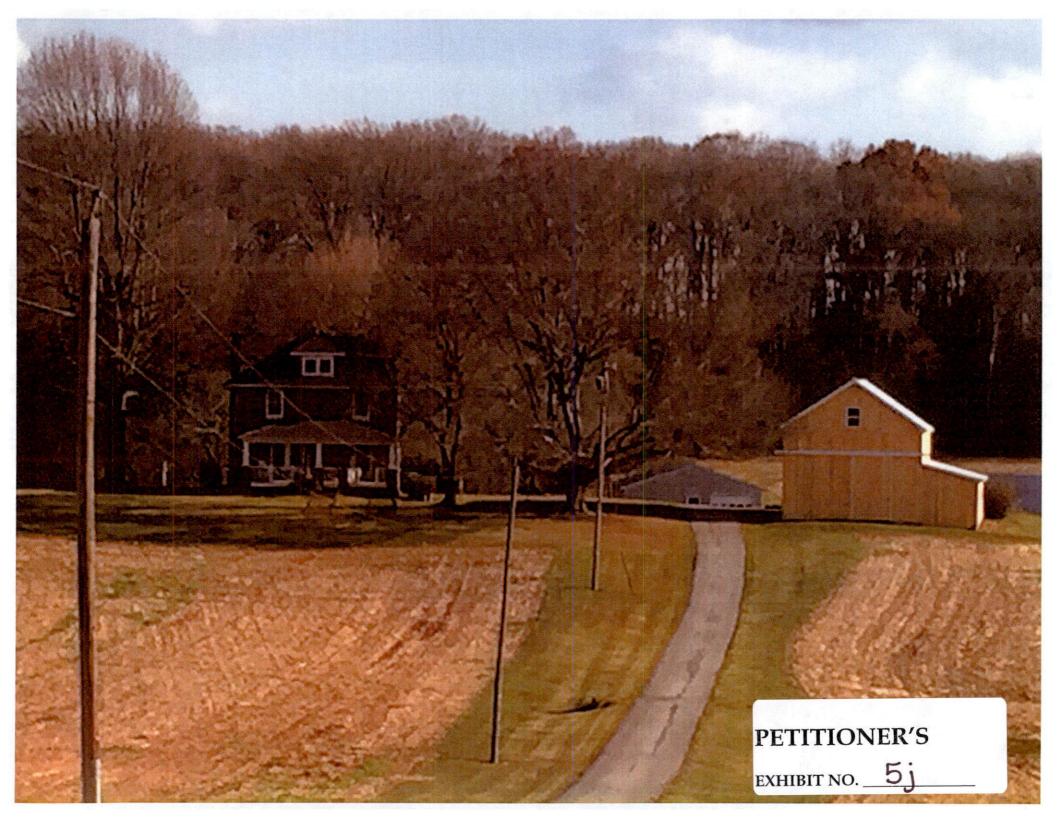


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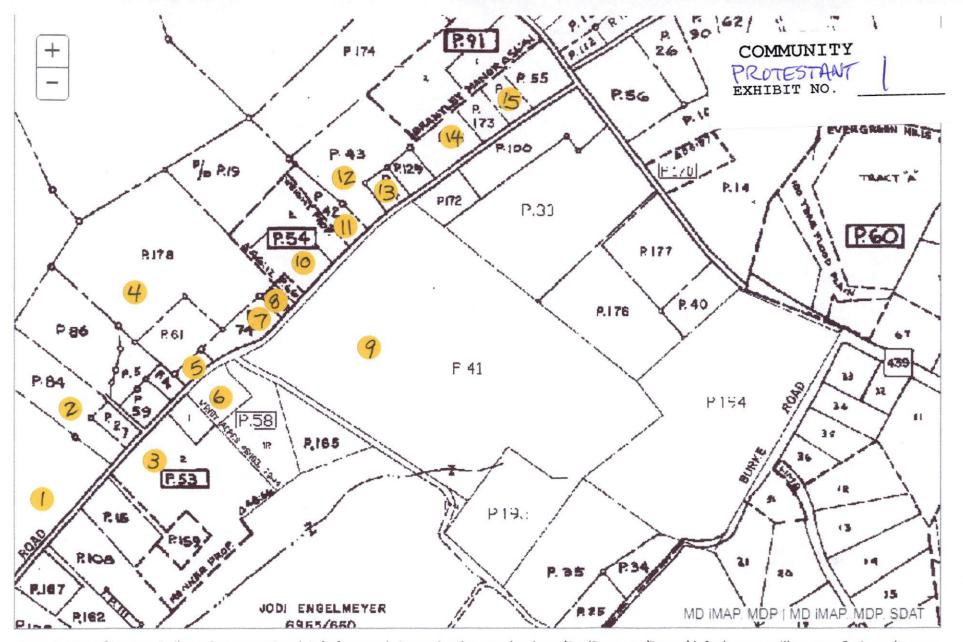






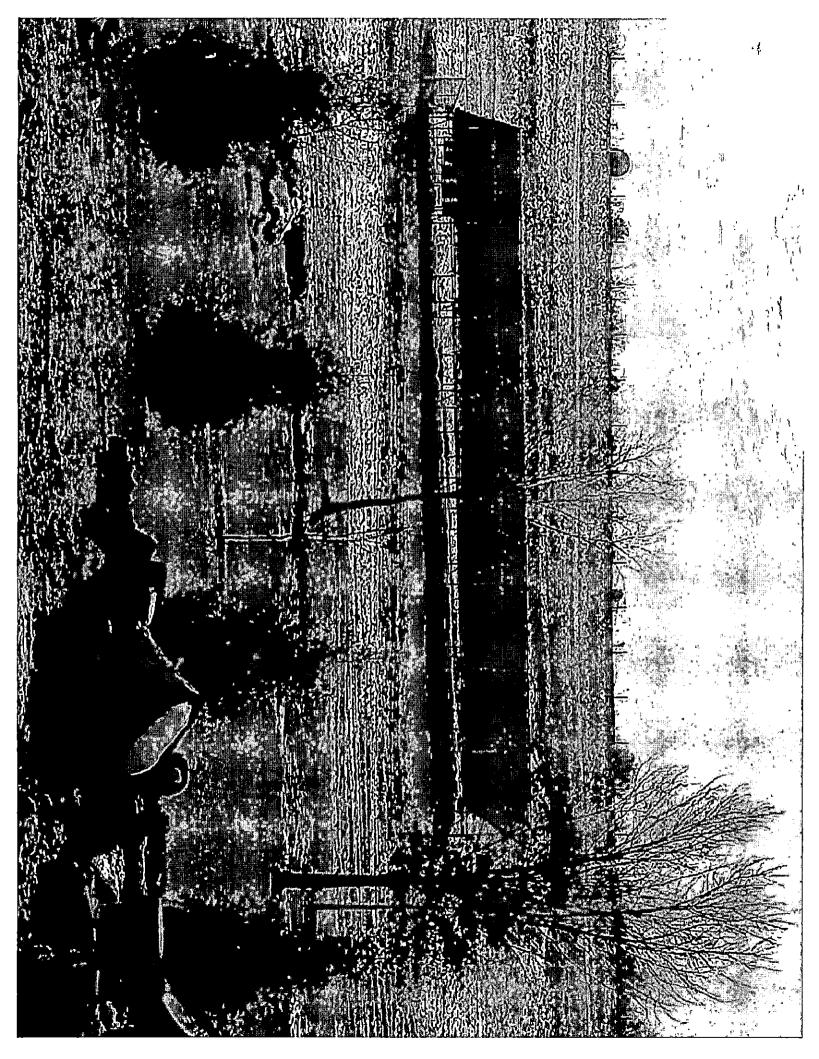


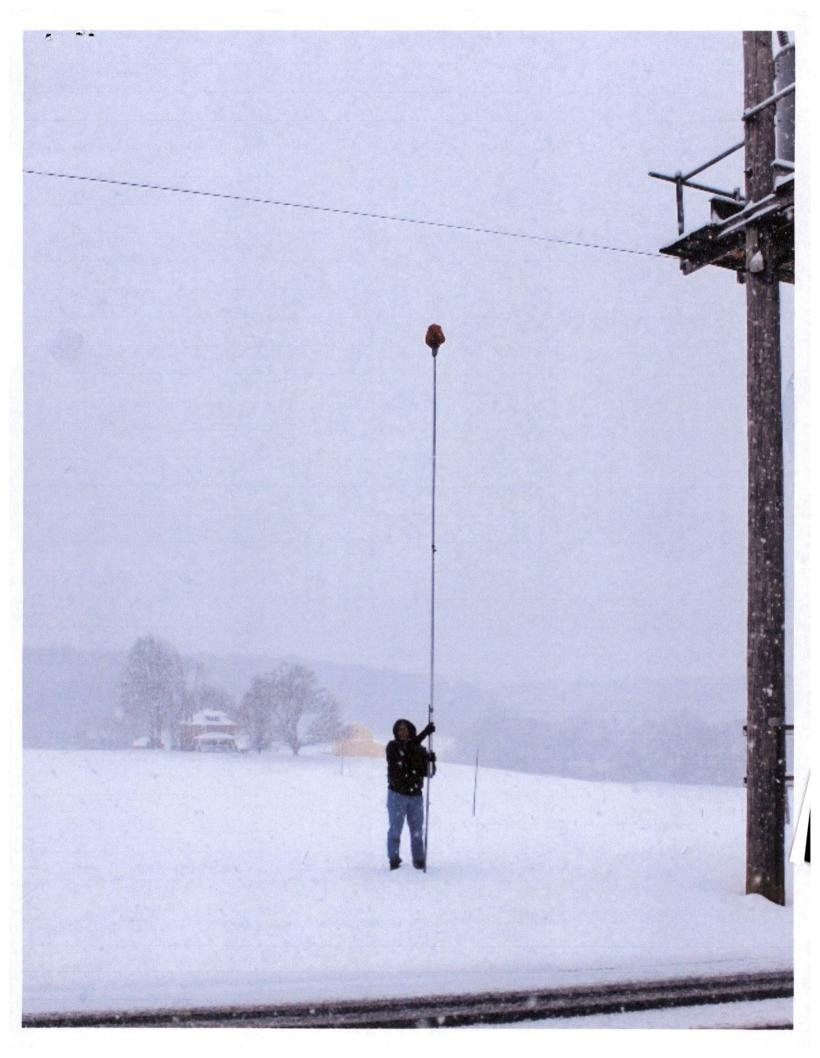




Map & Date of Houses Built on Graystone Road, info from websites: sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx, willow.com & zip realty.com

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December 12, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building, Suite 103 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Development of a Solar Facility at 19735 Graystone Road Case No. 2018-0072-X

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Our property, 19618 Burke Road, is bordered on 2 sides by the Phillips property at 19735 Graystone Road.

We moved to this area in the fall of 1979 for the peace and quiet of the beautiful rural area, and to get away from the city and commercialism.

It is unbelievable that someone would even consider adding a solar facility so near to the houses of this beautiful rural community. In addition to the effects to the neighborhood, wildlife, their habitat loss and water drainage issues would also be incurred.

Presently, when we go out in the yard or look out our windows, we see beautiful trees, wildlife and farm land. If this proposal is approved, we will be faced with an eyesore consisting of a sea of metal/glass as well as a cell tower which will be a reflecting nuisance with a flashing beacon of light that will disturb the tranquility of the night. Therefore, the installation of a solar facility on land zoned RC2 would be a total misuse of prime farm land.

This area is considered by many to be God's country and NOT the place for a solar facility. It is gut wrenching to think the beautiful, tranquil view from our home and our community will be destroyed, as that is not why we moved to this area.

Mancy C. Vitek and Family

19618 Burke Road

White Hall, Md. 21161

December 12, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Development of a Solar Facillity at 19735 Graystone Road
Case # 2018-0072-X

Our property, 19618 Burke Road, is bordered on 2 sides by the Phillips property at 19735 Graystone Road.

We moved to this area in the fall of 1979 for the peace and quiet of the beautiful rural area, and to get away from the city and commercialism.

It is unbelievable that someone would even consider adding a Solar Facility so near to the houses of this beautiful rural community. In addition to the effects to the neighborhood, wildlife, their habitat loss and water drainage issues would be incurred.

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December 13, 2017

The Honorable Judge John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 212204

Re: Case #18-072-X

Dear Honorable Judge Beverungen:

I am writing in opposition of the special exception for the Solar Facility at 19735 Graystone Road.

Councilman Kach has said Solar Facilities currently are not covered by county law so this is new territory for all of us and it's outpacing our ability to plan for it.

I feel there needs to be more of a balance between the benefits of solar energy production with the potential impact of solar energy-producing facilities upon the County's land use policies, particularly in resource conservation and agricultural zones, as well as in commercial and industrial manufacturing zones where the impact of such facilities on surrounding residential communities must be considered.

After all, Baltimore County has spent millions of taxpayer dollars to preserve over 65,000 acres of rural land. This land should always be protected and farms already in legacy programs bought with taxpayer dollars should never be considered for this type of land use!

We should also consider the experiences of other Counties and States that have already started to charter these types of projects.

In Kent County, along a road that was once the main route to Philadelphia, Apex Clean Energy wants to install solar panels across more than 300 acres of farmland.

The facility, named Mills Branch Solar, would generate up to 60 megawatts of power — enough for every household in the county says officials for the Charlottesville-based company. They call the site ideal because it doesn't require any clearing, has no environmental concerns and is close to a transmission line.

The problem for Kent officials and residents isn't that it's a massive solar farm - it's that it's not in the right place.

The county studied how it might approach proposals for renewable energy generation back in 2010, and again more recently as farmers began receiving calls from solar companies, say Amy Moredock, who is the county planning director.

With the support of concerned residents, county officials set zoning rules encouraging such facilities to go in an area zoned for commercial and industrial use - not on agricultural land.

"It's not that you can't have solar," said Janet Christensen-Lewis, vice chairwoman of the alliance. "Our farmland is precious."

In Allegany, Dan's Mountain Wind Force wants to build 17 wind turbines along the county's highest ridge.

The group, a subsidiary of Laurel Renewable Partners LLC in Greensburg, Pa., originally planned more, but scaled back amid eight years of back-and-forth with Allegany officials concerned about impacts to scenic mountain vistas and the county's 911 communications antenna.

The county denied zoning approval for the project last December.

In Talbot County, the County Council imposed a temporary ban on new solar farms to gain time to craft zoning preferences.

In New Jersey, officials adopted incentives for developing solar farms on brownfields and limits on development of large-scale projects on farmland. That helped to stabilize the industry, said Fred Rohs, general manager for energy production for Marina Energy, which owns the solar farm in Hebron.

The Hebron project is one of the biggest in the state, but it had a smooth permitting process. And with a good fence that screens it from surrounding forest and field, Rohs said, he hasn't heard any complaints from neighbors!

The Maryland Farm Bureau is surveying its membership about solar farms on agricultural land, with some disagreement to sort out: While some farmers oppose the loss of tillable land, others want the stable income of a solar lease.

There are signs that not all of the hundreds of acres of solar panels on the table will actually materialize. The flood of solar power supply to the state has cut the income that companies can earn from renewable energy credits. Because the state is expected to exceed a goal that 0.7 percent of its electricity come from solar this year, the prices of the credits are expected to fall from \$120 to \$20 this year. So there is no rush for Northern Baltimore County to get in this race.

I support renewable energy projects but I think that a Solar Facility in a rural area that isn't helping to provide energy to the agricultural operation of the farm is in direct conflict with the County's preservation efforts. I'd like to see the Baltimore County take similar actions as Talbot County and imposed a temporary ban on new solar farms to gain time to craft zoning preferences and New Jersey by imposing incentives for developing solar farms on brownfields and limits on development of large-scale projects on farmland.

For this reason and for all the other reasons presented to you today from our community, I respectfully request that the zoning variance for 19735 Graystone Road be denied as proposed solar facility is not a good fit for the White Hall community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Arthur

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Honorable John E. Beverungen

RE: #case 2018-0072-x

We are very must opposed to the development of Ground Mountain Solar proposal

To erect 20 foot solar panels on Graystone Rd. And southwest of Old York Rd.

We are concerned about the environment and the disruption of nature.

Nancee Palm Nancee Palm December 13, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Ave. Suite #103 Towson, MD 21204

Case #2018-0072-X
Regarding the property for a solar facility @ 19735 Graystone Rd.

I always dreamed of having a house in the country. The beautiful farmland, rolling hills & wildlife. Many animals pass through our land. I can watch the gorgeous sunsets from my front porch without any obstructions. It's very serene & is A WAY OF LIFE.

A solar facility would definitely have a negative impact on all who live in the area. It would also greatly decrease the value of our homes.

I am extremely opposed to the solar facility. I'm sure there are other locations for a solar facility that would not have houses nearby & affect so many individuals who want to maintain the beauty, environment & serenity of living in the country.

Linda Boyce 19625 Burke Rd. White Hall, MD 21161

Kinda Boyce

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building, Suite 103 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Development of Solar Facility at 19735 Graystone Road Case # 2018-0072-X

I live in one of the houses bordering the Phillips' property. This farmland property is in the middle of a community and surrounded by homes on all sides. We have enjoyed the farmland view for many years and enjoy the country setting our community has to offer. We know that some farmland is sold to developers who build homes and hopefully are considerate of the community in doing so. Our house was built on what was once farmland as well. Our community may wish that the farmland remained undeveloped but these things happen. Despite this, all can benefit: (1) Folks can buy newly constructed homes and have a house in the country. (2) Our community can still see grass, rolling hills, new folks taking care of their yards, Christmas lights and fellowship with new neighbors in the country. (3) The developer realizes a profit in the sale of these new homes. All are winners here.

However instead, I would never expect a developer to build 10-20 foot commercial solar towers and an 8 foot fence with barbed wire in the middle of our community which only benefits only him, not us. Even if an attempt is made to conceal these towers with trees, we will all still probably see the fence and towers. The folks along Graystone Road in particular will never see past these towers and lose sight of the country they built homes to see. Homeowners will take a hit to property value; see a destruction of the vista of the beautiful countryside and quality of life we've worked for. This proposal is an inappropriate commercial intrusion in a rural community.

As I said in the beginning, all can benefit from proper development of farmland. However, this attempt at solar tower development only benefits one person, the developer, at the expense of the neighboring homeowners. This is wrong. Commercial use of land would be better suited on property adjacent to open spaces without homes. It is ironic that huge commercial solar towers are proposed on Graystone; a road designated a "scenic route" where you can see amazing rolling hills, cattle, horses, and beautiful scenery. I hope and pray that Phillips' "partial" commercial solar tower development is not allowed, so that additional "full" development of solar towers on his property will never see the light of day.

Richard Boyce 19625 Burke Rd

White Hall, MD 21161

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Thursday December 14, 2017 1:30 - 3:30 pm 3rd Council District Case Number: 2018-0072-X Location: Southeast side of Graystone Road, southwest of Old Your Road 7th Election District Legal Owners: Jerry Phillips Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC Special Exception to use property for partial development of a 840 kw A/C ground mounted

Hearing Location: Jefferson Building, 105 w. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm 205, Towson 21204

solar facility; 4E-102 of County Bill 37-17.

Douglas R. Price Eleanor E. Price 19732 Graystone Road White Hall, Maryland 21161

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December 13, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case #: 2018-0072-X

Honorable John E. Beverungen,

This letter is concerning the potential solar facility on 19735 Graystone Road. We have lived here for 34 years, but the property has been in the family for over 50 years. We picked this spot to build because of the view of Mr. Slade's farm. It was devastating to us when we read the zoning sign for the solar facility posted across the road.

Our first request would be for a postponement due to such short notice and lack of time to research. Looking out across our front yard is a view not many people will ever have the pleasure of seeing. It's magnificent! The deer graze in the field, geese fly in circles over the field, and we enjoy watching the crops being planted and picked. My grandsons are 5 and 8 years old and I have to call them when the equipment comes to harvest the field. Our oldest grandson loves to check whatever has been planted on a daily to weekly basis. We added on a larger front porch just to enjoy the view of the field, so that we could enjoy sun rises with coffee and watching the moon come up over the dark fields, and there is always a beautiful rainbow after a good rain. This solar facility will depreciate the value of our property as well as our neighbor's property.

There are so many issues to be concerned about such as the irreversible damage to the soil, the springs that run into streams, the bog turtles, the trout that come up to lay eggs, deer and other wildlife, and the UV rays that will reflect on our home from the solar facility.

A solar facility being put on this property is a horrible misuse of farm land in rural scenic northern Baltimore County.

Douglas Price

Eleanor Price

December 9,2017

Agriculture in Baltimore County is one of our largest industries. In the 1960s, the county moved to implement the RC zones to control the unwise development in the rural areas. Our county has received national recognition and praise for this historic action.

The adjoining former John Francis Farm, known as "Walnut Springs", was the last development to be approved under the old one acre zoning in the 7th District. The New RC 2 zoning required one house per 50 acres in order to preserve prime and productive farm land and to protect the rural areas from commercial development. All existing commercial uses were identified and given appropriate zoning for the use at that time. The county and state have since invested millions of dollars to preserve this prime and productive farmland in the last 50 years. There are 10 farms, representing about 2,00 acres of protected farm land, surrounding the Graystone Road farm.

The use of prime and productive farm land for commercial solar uses is a **total misuse** of this same prime land we have made a major effort to preserve. The neighbors living adjacent to this proposed commercial development will be negatively affected and betrayed by this misuse of RC2 land. There are many areas in other RC zones that are more isolated and would not have the negative impact on the adjacent land owners.

Commercial solar plots do not qualify as an agriculture use in a RC zone! Wayne McGinnis

First chairman Baltimore County Agriculture Land Preservation Board

Former Chairman Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation

Baltimore County Planning Board member representing 3rd Council District



Angela Price <akprice523@gmail.com>

Case #: 2018-0072-X

Angela Price <akprice523@gmail.com> To: jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov

Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 8:59 AM

Dear Judge Beverungen,

I am writing in regards to the proposed solar facility on 19735 Graystone Road (case number 2018-0072-X). This location has been one of the many beautiful farms that northern Baltimore County is known for and has been around for decades. Therefore, developing a solar facility would be inappropriate for this area.

I currently live across the street from this farm and have lived here for over 30 years. Each day I look across the street at this beautiful farm and I can't imagine anything other than crops to be planted in this field by our local farmers in the spring/summer. During the winter, I look at the deer grazing in the field and the snow that falls over the field with the moon glistening on the snow is a sight that no picture can capture. Putting a solar facility will not only ruin such a beautiful scene, but it will also ruin the soil when installing the solar panels. Once these panels are installed, the soil will never be preserved to the original state if the facility is no longer in use. This farm will never be able to be used as anything more than a commercial zone in a rural area. Surrounding neighbors to this location moved to this area because it was far from commercial property which is why this is the country. The country is for agricultural farming, wildlife, scenic byways, and friendly neighbors. This location is not appropriate for a solar facility.

Judge Beverungen, I hope you take what I have written into consideration. It would be a shame to see such beautiful land destroyed by something that community cannot benefit from. At least with the agricultural farming that was being farmed at this location previously, the crops fed the cows which became food in our stores. What good is a potential solar facility to our community? Nothing! It's just a personal gain, an eye sore which will depreciate land value, and ruining the good name of northern Baltimore County.

Thank you,

Angela Price 19732 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161 443-909-0806 akprice523@gmail.com

Fwd: Case #2018-0072-X

To Mom & Dad <edprice1@comcast.net> • Angie <akprice523@gmail.com>

----- Original Message ------

From: Theresa Frederick < theresa 059@comcast.net >

To: <u>jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov</u> Date: December 14, 2017 at 5:39 AM

Subject: Case #2018-0072-X

Dear Judge Beverungen,

This email is in regards to Case 2018-0072-X, the solar facility that is proposed on Graystone Road and Old York Road. Solar panels are a commercial business, this is not an agricultural business. Fields of solar panels do not constitute a working farm but instead running a commercial business in a residential and agricultural community.

My husband and I have worked hard to be able to stay in Northern Baltimore County and raise our young boys. Unfortunately we are not able to own our own farm but at least can give our children the ability to live in an area that is surrounded by farms. The last thing that should be put on a piece of property that is bordered by homes and is neighbored by other preserved farms is a power facility. This is just opening up the door to allow for more commercial businesses. Where do you draw the line and how do you draw it once you allow one?

There are other properties in Northern Baltimore County that would be more suitable for solar panels. The landfill in Parkton just to name one place. This type of facility should be placed somewhere off the road in a secluded area not surrounded by homes. As a mortgage banker I work with real estate every day and know that the homeowners surrounded by this facility are going to have a large decline in their property values. Not only is this going to be an eye sore to the community but these neighboring homeowners will have a difficult time selling their homes and receiving the value that it is worth today. No one bordering this property would have ever thought that Baltimore County would allow a commercial business to be run on their neighbors property when they purchased their homes.

Please take what I have said into consideration when hearing this case. My parents live across the street from the subject property. I grew up dreaming of living on what was then Mr. Slade's beautiful farm. I have fond memories of playing on his property as he was so generous to allow my sister and I to ride bikes on his property. Mr. Slade was a good man who worked hard for what he had and when he sold the property believed he sold the property to a farmer who was going to work the land as a true farm. I take pride in living in

Northern Baltimore County as I feel that most of our residents want to preserve this area and it's land to keep it the way it has been and should be, a rural community.

Thank you,

Theresa Frederick 1630 Stablersville Road White Hall, MD 21161 (410) 598-5543 theresa059@comcast.net All pictures were taken from front yard of 19732 Graystone Road facing 19735 Graystone Road. You will see a view of Burke Road which will be the east side of the driveway.

The last 5 pictures will show the west side of the driveway.

Kenneth Thompson & Tammy Roth 2500 Openshaw Rd. White Hall, MD 21161 Thompsonken995@gmail.com Tpmenterprise@yahoo.com 443-299-7970 443-798-4920

December 12, 2018

Zoning Commissioner 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. Room 205, Jefferson Building Towson, MD 21204

CASE # 2018-0072-X

To Judge Beverungen,

We have multiple concerns with the plans for the commercial solar field to be located on Graystone Rd.

Our home sits at the corner of Openshaw & Old York Rd (Rt. 439). Old York Rd is a Main Rd. that is heavily traveled. The intersection of Old York Rd & Graystone Rd. is dangerous. On a daily bases there are numerous vehicles that lay on there horn, slam on there brakes, swerve across the double yellow lines all to avoid hitting someone either entering onto Graystone Rd or exiting Graystone Rd. There are many accidents at this intersection that go unreported. At this section of road the speed limit is 45 mph. which even if this was obeyed with the flow of traffic makes this a dangerous intersection. To think that a commercial facility would be allowed in a rural RC Zone area that we have worked hard as a community to preserve is absurd.

Directly across from our home is the Verizon Substation there are numerous trucks in and out of this substation 24/7 - 365 days a year. On numerous occasions the substation door is left open the noise generated from this facility is piercing at times. It is a vibration humming noise that is disturbing to us but extremely disheartening to our pets to the point where we will get out of bed at 3 am to go close said door of the substation .The Verizon substation is located on commercial land.

We purchased our home in 2014 and we have a great amount of money and sweat invested in restoring this historical building which was the local phone company switch board, this was also my childhood home.

We feel there are far more appropriate areas for this Solar Facility other than beautiful rolling farmland.

We know this much for sure GOD is not creating anymore farmland.

With Kindest Regards, We Remain

Tammy Roth

Kenneth Thompson

12/11/2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Bldg. 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case Number 2018-0072-x

Dear Judge Beverungen,

I am writing to respectfully request that you **deny** the application of Philips Development LLC to construct a power generation station on the farmland at 19735 Graystone Road. I live at 19836 Old York Road, adjacent to the proposed power station.

There are numerous and insurmountable problems that the proposed construction would create for me, the environment, the community, and the entire region of northern Baltimore County.

I am a life-long resident of Baltimore County. After serving in the military and getting my degree, I bought my peace of paradise in 1988. I built my house and in keeping with the area opened a Christmas tree farm. I raised a family, lost family, and was hoping that I could retire and spend the rest of my days here in peace, ultimately leaving my property to my children. My property and the surrounding area is full of wildlife including deer, fox, redtails, blue heron, and even bald eagles. As my property is on a ridge looking over the subject farm, the vistas, particularly to the west, are spectacular. The farm rests in a valley nestled by a wooded buffer to the south and west. Countless times in the past 30 years I have walked along the edge of my property to take in stunning sunsets over the farm and Graystone Road. The attached photos (3) might give you an idea of just how special the property is.

If this project is permitted I would be staring down at a sea of gray steel and chain link. Graystone Road is a designated scenic route (kind of foolish on the county's part to designate a country road as a scenic route and then allow a power station on it in full view of travelers). I feel sorry for the people who live on Graystone as this plant will literally be in their front yards. Given the proposed height of this structure and the topography of the site, my neighbors along Graystone and I will live in full view of this monstrosity. I am certain that the developer will argue that the plans provide for all the required screenings and buffer around the site. However, the proposed 2 rows of evergreens around a 7-foothigh chain link and barbed wire fence are grossly inadequate and not in keeping with the surrounding country side.

You might think that solar generated power is an environmentally benign endeavor but frankly it's not. The compounds that are used in the collectors are extremely hazardous. So much so that they are manufactured overseas because our EPA regulations don't permit it here. Additionally, this project creates acres of impervious surface. Not only the collectors themselves but the parking and construction areas contribute to run-off. Years ago, I sometimes visited the previous owner of the farm and I know that there is a spring head and wetland in the property that drains to a branch of the Gunpowder River. The property has several drainage swales that channel surface run-off to this wetland area. We all understand the importance of decreasing impervious surfaces to maintain the aquifer and to protect our creeks and streams.

Solar power plants are not maintenance free, there is no such thing as set it and forget it. There will be routine maintenance and unscheduled repair of the collectors, transfer station, and fencing. This area, including the intersection of Graystone Road and Rt. 439, cannot handle the increased truck traffic as it is already overburdened.

Obviously, there are countless other sites available including rooftops and parking lots in towns and cities across Maryland that would be much more appropriate for these structures. In fact, many areas, including Carroll County, have rejected the idea of covering the country side with power stations. I understand that Anne Arundel County has placed a moratorium on these rural power stations pending further study. Other countries that are ahead of us in alternative power are abandoning the idea because the technology hasn't proven itself to be practical or durable.

It is so sad to see that the disease of pay for play corrupt politics in Washington also exists in our county. County Bill 37-17 with its destruction of our scenic and rural way of life was obviously written with special interests in mind and rammed through the County Council by another bought and paid for politician without consideration or input from the people who live here. The impact on the value of our homes and our lifestyle will be devastating. However, lopsided 37-17 is, there is ample justification to deny the proposal as provided by §4E-104 A.10. I'm asking that you consider the impact on the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding properties, the topography of the land, the presence of natural forests, and the proximity to streams and wetlands.

You can help preserve our way of life, protect the environment, and protect our lifelong investment in this community by denying this petition to construct a power plant on the farm at 19735 Graystone Road. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Michael and Marsha Chilcoat 3 Limb Court White Hall, MD 21161

December 13, 2017

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The Honorable Judge John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 212204

Re: Case #18-072-X

Dear Honorable Judge Beverungen:

We are writing to express our concerns and objections to the proposed solar facility installation to be located at 19735 Graystone Road. It is unconceivable to us how a property zoned as R2 can be used for what we consider to be industrial. Granting a special exception to this zoning undermines any and all prior land management, preservation efforts, zoning laws, and rural esthetics.

In our 16 years of residency at this location, we have enjoyed the quiet and expansive agricultural atmosphere. To look out and see the open spaces and crop rotations are some of the most scenic in the area. We witness the deer, hawks, fox, squirrel and numerous other wildlife partaking of the pristine area. The installation of this solar facility would create havoc on all of this during and after. There are too many potential outstanding factors with this project:

- Chemical leaching
- Possible carcinogenic effects
- Visually offensive
- Added lighting
- Added noise
- Traffic concerns
- Decreased property values

It is our experience in the past that allowing this zoning exception only breeds additional elements. If this is allowed, what is to stop other exceptions such as cell towers, building rights, etc. People have fought to keep this land and area in preservation for many years and we respect the agriculture zoning.

We do understand the need for renewable energy resources, but not at the expense of those who have purchased property based on specific zoning requirements and love of the land and surrounding spaces. There are other areas that would support this endeavor without the disruption and change this is causing.

Please remember, we have elected our officials to support our current laws and restrictions that apply to situations such as this. "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" are just that and this certainly cannot qualify as one. It

seems that one persons' quest for monetary compensation is coming before a majorities desire to have their rightful and intended way of life. We are imploring you to very thoughtfully consider and reject this application. In doing so you will hopefully prevent any future considerations on this type of action and be a part of preserving this valuable land.

Attached with this letter are pictures from Burke Road looking over to the field and also from Graystone Road where the proposed panels will be located. We are reasonably expecting notices regarding any future activity and development with this plan. Please feel free to contact us at 410-960-1241 or 410-459-0127 or in writing.

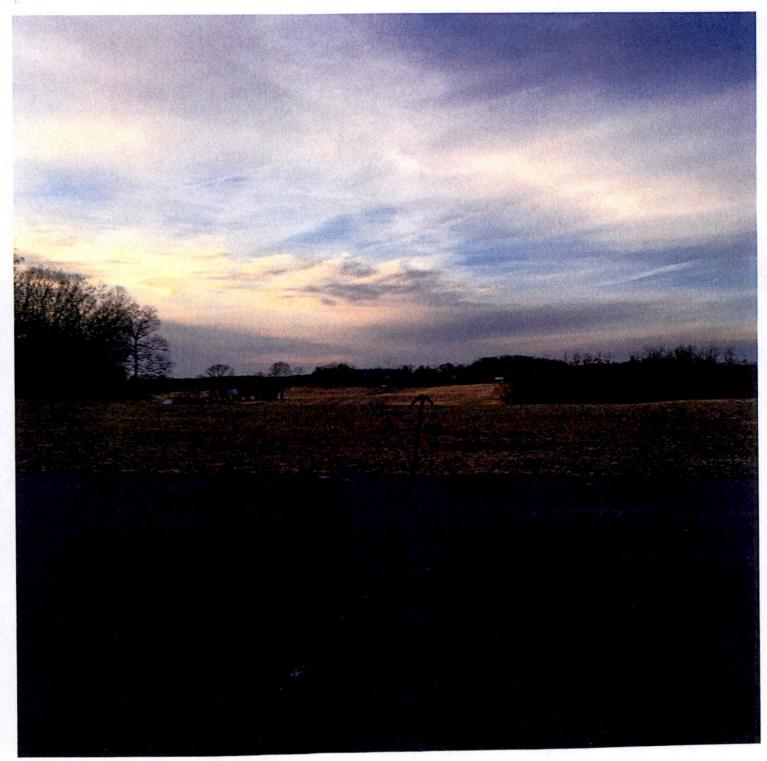
Sincerely,

Michael and Marsha Chilcoat

CC: Wade Kach

12/14/2017





Our view from Burke Road looking across the field – we would be able to see all of the solar panels and all equipment that goes with it. Would we be seeing lights at night?

The current crop rotated field on Burke road

December 13, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson. MD 21204

RE: Case No. 2018-0072-X

Southeast side of Graystone Road, southwest of Old York Road

7th Election District-3rd Councilmatic District

Legal Owner: Jerry Phillips

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC

Hearing Date: December 14, 2017 .

Special Exception to use property for partial development of a 840 kw A/C ground mounted solar facility. 4E-102 of County

Bill 37-17

From: Donald and Diane Kincaid 19705 Graystone Rd. White Hall, MD 21161

Dear Judge Beverungen:

We reside at 19705 Graystone Rd, which borders the southwest side of the Phillips property. We find the prospect of a solar facility devastating to the value of our property as this project would be visible from the time you enter our driveway and the entire time you are on our property, including the view out of all our windows and doors on the northeast side of our home. Our view of a beautiful farm is not ours alone but shared by everyone who drives on Graystone Rd. and many neighbors who also live nearby. What has happened to preserving viable farmland for producing crops? This is something that Northern Baltimore County has a well-known history for. I also am an owner of a farm in the area and am sickened by the thought of this eyesore being considered. The impact would be felt by the entire community.

Our property sits in a position that we feel would cause us a never ending view of the planned facility due to the topography of the land. The property has elevation drop in excess of 60 feet. Any noise and glare are also of great concern to us. We were granted a kennel license years ago by Baltimore County so that we could have multiple hunting dogs. We are concerned about negative affects on our dogs from high pitch noise and traffic associated with the solar panels, electrical frequency outputs and maintenance vehicles that will be potentially operable all hours of the day and night.

From our home you can see the effect following a rain storm in terms of runoff and the flow pattern it takes down to lower land behind our property. This is only going to be worse with the impervious surface of these panels, not to mention the toxins that will be carried in the rainwater to the swampy area behind us, then to the streams and waterways leading to Loch Raven Reservoir.

We feel other options should be considered for these facilities rather than the limited farmland that is left. It seems more appropriate that commercial sites should be utilized. Perhaps rooftops on malls, schools, post offices, parking garages, firehouses as well as outdated and abandoned shopping areas. Would it not make more sense to create the power in areas closer to where it would get utilized?

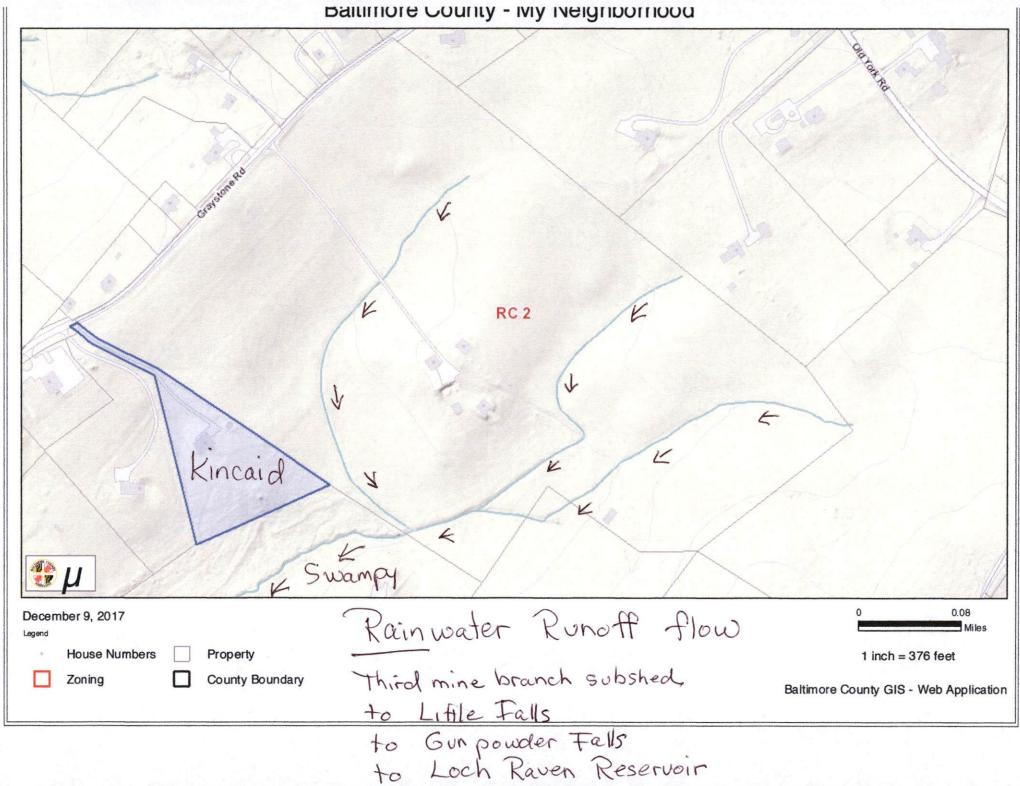
What will happen when this facility has become outdated? What will our community be left with and who will bear the financial burden of cleanup and restoration? It seems unfair that a developer can put all this money in his pocket at everyone else's expense and our elected officials help him all the way. We beg you to stop this proposed solar facility. I have enclosed photos and maps to help see our point of view.

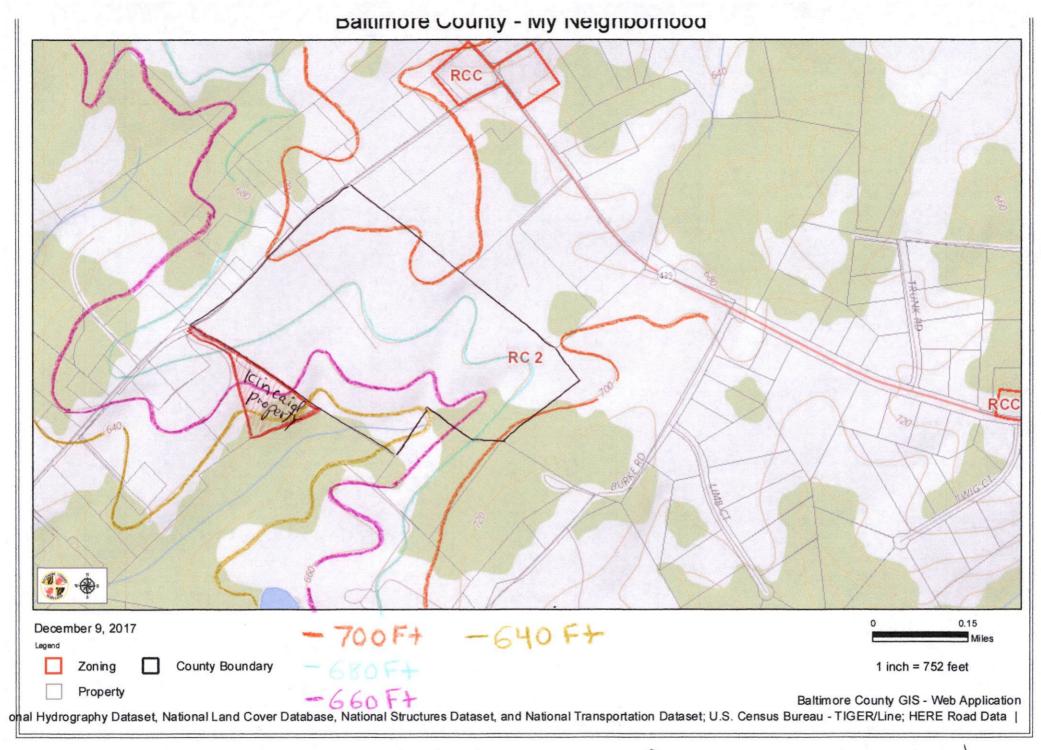
Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Topography showing 60t feet drop in elevation on Phillips property

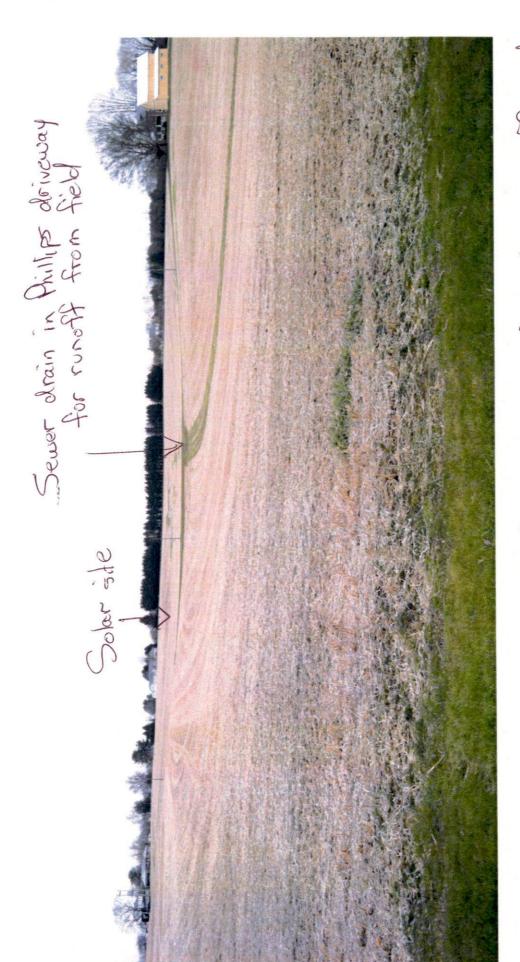
Aerial view to show location of photos





From Kincaid mailbox facing Burke Rd





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From Graystone Rd. For corner of property Craystone Rd Booke fol

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From Burke 181. Looking toward Graystone Rd.

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The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Re: 19735 Graystone Road Solar Facility Special Exception

Case No.: 2018-0072-X

Dear Judge Beverungen:

My name is Douglas Shepperd, Jr. and I own a two story house located at 19806 Graystone Road and that property has been in my family for more than 60 years. I purchased that property because I planned to make it my permanent home. I'm not planning on moving in 10 or 20 years, I plan to stay there for my lifetime.

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Douglas Shepperd, Jr. 19806 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161 The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Re: 19735 Graystone Road Solar Facility Special Exception

Case No.: 2018-0072-X

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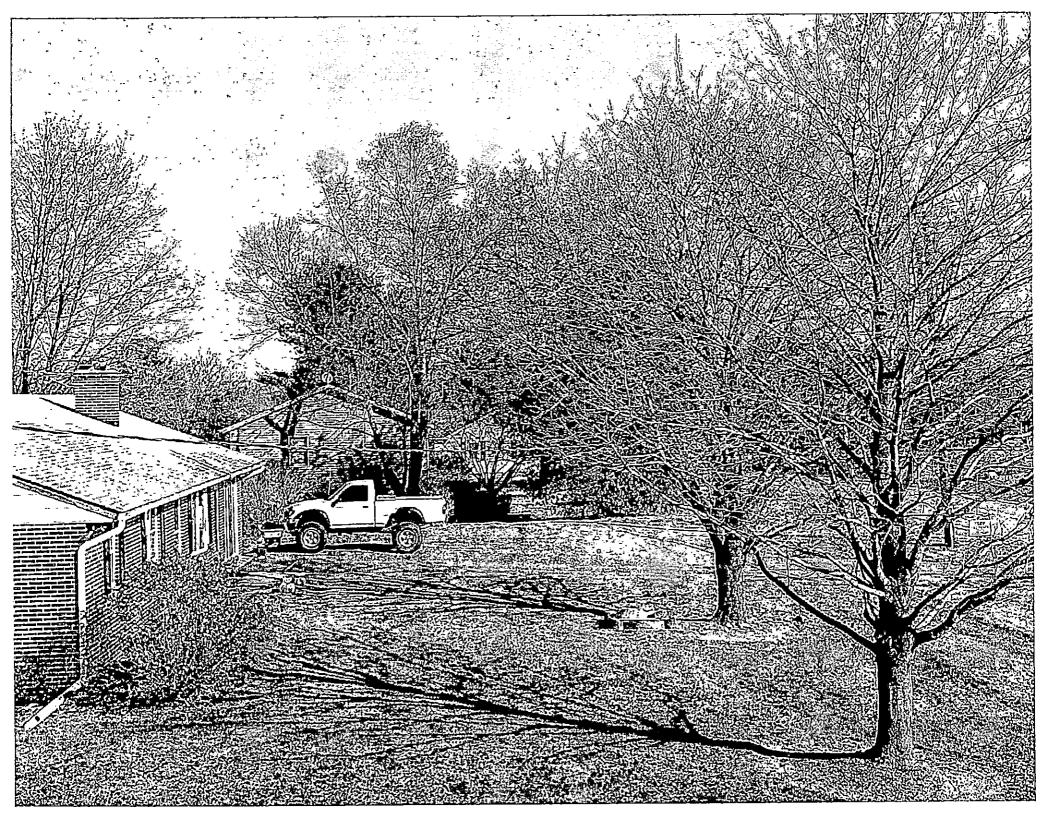
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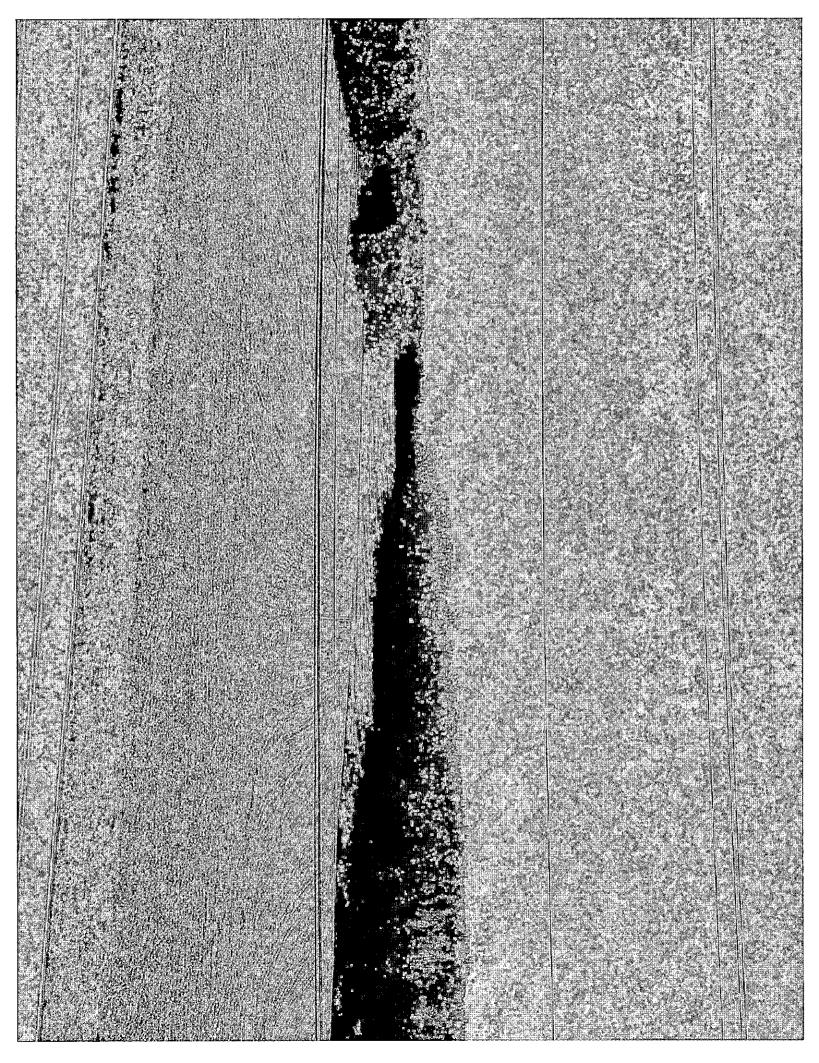
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19817 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161 Dec 14, 2017

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Ref: Case number: 2018-0072-X

Subject: Special Exception to use property for partial development of a 840 kw A/C ground mounted solar facility. 4E-102 of County Bill 37-17.

Back in 2003, my wife and I moved from Catonsville, MD to northern Baltimore County. Since moving here, we have enjoyed living in the quiet tranquil country an enjoy watching some of the wildlife from our backyard. About two weeks ago, I was surprised to learn that a zoning exception for partial development of a 840 kw A/C solar facility was filed with the county.

After reviewing the proposed plans for this solar facility, I talked to a real estate agent, who has sold real estate in northern Baltimore County for over 15 years. It is their opinion that the proposed solar farm and the view that will be seen from my property will reduce the resale value of my home.

I have never been to a zoning hearing before and have the following questions about the process but did not have sufficient time to find the answer.

- 1. I understand the reasons for wanting to develop electricity from solar energy. However, I also understand that there are also limits to the amount of rural land that is available to be used for agricultural purposes in order to feed our growing population. Since Baltimore County Bill No. 37-17 permits building solar farms on both commercial and rural land, I would like to know if an economic study was ever performed between placing a 2 megawatt A/C solar facility on this property versus building it on commercial property closer to more densely populated areas in the county.
- 2. It is my understanding that this is a special exception for placing a 2 megawatt A/C ground mounted solar facility on this property but the petitioner is only requesting that a 840 kw A/C capability be built at this time. If this special wavier is approved, does it mean that the petitioner can expand the facility to produce an additional 1 megawatt of power for commercial use or will they be required to submit another zoning wavier for public review and comment?

3. The Inter-Office Memorandum from the Department of Planning dated 10/6/2017states that at the time of building permit application the petitioners shall submit: (a) the final fixed location and area of the facility, and (b) a solar glare analysis to the department accompanied by written confirmation that the facility will not be detrimental to the adjacent residential properties. If this special wavier is approved, does it mean that the petitioners has the ability to modify or change the final location of the solar panels and the community will not have the opportunity to comment on either the final location of the solar panels or the solar glare analysis?

I have attached three pictures to this letter:

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- a. Attachment 1 is a picture taken by my deck. It is about 120 feet away from the proposed location of the perimeter boundary plants. I have added three red lines to the picture. The bottom red line is approximately where the perimeter landscape boundary will start. This was determined by placing two poles in the ground. Both poles are about 4½ feet high and set back from the property line by about 30 feet. In addition, the pole on the right side of the picture is set back from Graystone Road by about 120 feet. The land shown in this picture gently slopes away from the right and front sides of the picture towards the back where the elevation is 35 feet lower. Based on the height of these poles, I drew the middle red line about 4½ to 5 feet above ground level and the top red line was extrapolated to be about 10 feet above the ground. The light green at the bottom of the picture is my lawn, the light brown is the gentle rolling farm land where the petitioners are planning on placing the solar farm and the dark green in the background are the trees located on the far side of the property.
- b. Attachment 2 is a picture of the northeast corner about 20 feet west of the property line with 19817 Graystone Road. On the left side of the picture about half way up is a 4 ½ foot pole located about where the perimeter landscape boundary will start.
- c. Attachment 3 is a picture taken while standing on Graystone Road approximately 500 to 600 feet west of the proposed site. Starting on the left side of the picture the proposed location slopes down and to the right about 35 feet to the loop at the right of the area. The red line encloses the area where approximate 80 % of the solar arrays will be located. As the picture clearly shows any solar panels located in this area can clearly be seem from people traveling on Graystone Road.

The following are specific concerns that I have regarding the impact that this solar facility will have on our environment:

1. The Baltimore County landscaping manual permits a solid linear screen for when maximum opacity is needed to a loosely staggered screen where a filtered view is appropriate. Based on my review, it appears that the petitioners have chosen to implement a loosely staggered screen. The types of plants selected are slow growing conically shaped evergreens which will be spaced 15 feet apart in two rows around the entire facility. This means that it will take approximately 15-20 years before the shrubbery will be tall enough to completely hide the solar panels. Referring back to Attachments 1 and 2, you can definitely see that placement of solar panels with this type of perimeter boundary plantings will ruin both my view of the country side and the view of anyone traveling on this scenic

section of Graystone Road for years to come. While insertion of vinyl strips in the chain link fence will help reduce the view into the property for those parts of the solar array that are less than 5 feet from the ground, it will not help hide those parts of the solar arrays that are above this height. I disagree with the petitioners approach and believe that this approach is inadequate to preserving the view of our rural community and the scenic view along Graystone Road.

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- 2. Based on the site plan, there will be a space of about 20 feet in depth between the perimeter landscape boundary and my property as well as along Graystone Road. Since the bill already requires that the owner, operator or lessee to maintain the facility and the perimeter landscaping plants, it would also be good if they were also required to maintain this small area rather than let this narrow piece of property be permitted to grow wild and be required to be responsible for the timely replacement of any perimeter landscaping plants that get severely damaged or die.
- 3. The process of transforming DC voltage into AC voltage could create a significant amount of electronic interference which can disrupt normal radio and television broadcasts as well as other sensitive electronic equipment. The interference can be distributed via radio frequency waves, electromagnetic waves and through the power lines. What types of studies/tests have been perform on the equipment being proposed to determine if the proposed transformer and switching equipment will not interfere with other electronic equipment on our property?
- 4. It is my understanding that solar panels are made using hazardous materials. While strides have been made to reduce the possibility of contaminating the ground it cannot be guaranteed that some type of contamination will not occur. Therefore, the owner or operator of the facility shall be required to:
- a. Shall not be allowed to store any hazardous waste on the property for a period of more than 30 days.
- b. When the facility has reached its "End of Life" or is closed, then the owner or operator shall be required to also restore the land to its original condition so that it can once again be used for agricultural purposes.
- c. A bond needs to be required to ensure that in the event the company or any of its successors closes the facility to the ground will be restored to its original condition and can be used for agricultural purposes.
- 5. In addition to the normal traffic on Graystone Road, several school bus routes also use this road during the school year. Since the proposed site for the solar facility can be directly viewed from Graystone Road, the solar glare analysis needs to not only consider the effects of the glare on the homes in the area but also the impacts that it will have on drivers who may have problems temporarily seeing out their windows because of the glare from the solar panels.

In summary, it is my opinion that this proposed location is a poor choice for building a solar facility and that there are other alternatives available. I believe that this facility will (1) significantly reduce the aesthetic beauty of our rural countryside for years to come, (2) reduce the resale value of my home, and (3) unless strong protective measures are in place today, we will find out that the land has been damaged to the point that it will not be able to be use as farm land in the future.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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Attachment 1 – A view of the proposed location from 19817 Graystone Road.

Attachment 2 – A view of the proposed northeast corner.

Attachment 3 - A view about 600 feet west of the proposed location.





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December 14, 2017

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> Re: Case No. 2018-0047-X 15637 York Road

> > 8th Election District-3rd Councilmatic District

Legal Owner: Robert Gerner

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: ESA Sparks Glencoe, LLC

Hearing Date: December 18, 2017

and

Case No. 2018-0072-X

Southeast side of Graystone Road, southwest of Old York Road

7th Election District-3rd Councilmatic District

Legal Owner: Jerry Phillips

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Forefront Power, LLC

Hearing Date: December 14, 2017

Dear Judge Beverungen:

The North County Community Group (NCCG) strongly opposes granting the special exception requests referenced above. If the special exceptions are granted, we respectfully request several important requirements that the Administrative Law Judge is authorized to make.

Today, Baltimore County devotes two-thirds of its land — 258,000 acres — to rural and environmentally protected uses. Preservation of rural land keeps agriculture thriving, protects the county's watershed, maintains the environmental purity of forests and green spaces, and gives residents an enhanced quality of life. Bill 37-17 enables a new commercial use on Baltimore County rural conservation land and has high potential to result in consequences for Baltimore County no one could have imagined: over-saturation of commercial solar facilities on rural conservation land. District 3 is now experiencing a land rush to lease, not purchase, open farmland.

Bill 37-17 was passed against strong opposition from many Third District community groups, including NCCG, Sparks Glencoe Community Planning Council, Hanover Road Association, the Valleys Planning Council, Manor Conservancy as well as Third District residents and their councilman. Requests for councilmembers outside of the Third District to put aside personal differences and do the smart thing for Baltimore County were ignored. Proponents of the bill were traditional development forces. Reasons for district-wide opposition focused on:

1) Introduction of a new commercial use on land zoned to foster and protect agriculture. Commercial solar facilities are, by their industry's own admission, power plants. 100% of power generated from these facilities is intended to be sold to the electric grid for significant profit. References to "solar" farms and "harvesting" energy are euphemisms promoted by developers to make solar power plants more palatable to landowners. Commercial solar power generation facilities are not farms; energy is not a crop. Commercial solar facilities are power plants on industrial sites.

Commercial solar facility developers pose a significant threat to Baltimore County's agricultural industry (farmers and industries that support them) as well as state-sponsored conservation easement efforts. Scale is the key to farming profitability. Most farmers must lease significantly more land then they own. At \$100-\$150/acre per year for leased farmland, they cannot afford to compete for land with solar companies offering upwards of \$14,000/acre per year.

2) Provision for a study a full year after implementation of the special exception provision. Although Bill 37-17 provided for equal distribution of commercial facilities across all districts, District Three is experiencing a disproportionate surge. A record of commercial (utility) solar facilities planned in Baltimore County is attached. Any study one year from now will be too late.

Baltimore County's enabling legislation combined with prohibitive legislation in surrounding counties make northern Baltimore County farmland / open spaces attractive target sites for the solar industry. In neighboring Harford and Carroll counties, rural conservation land is protected, reserved for use by the agricultural industry. Solar generation of power for sale to others is considered an industrial use and is restricted to those zones. Already, project proposals to construct commercial solar facilities along the scenic byways of northern Baltimore County exceed the year-one Community Solar Project allocation, with a promise of more to come in the next few years. Leased farmland is simply the most affordable way to produce energy with solar panels.

3) No incentives to prioritize utilization of existing impervious surfaces for solar energy collection, e.g. commercial roof tops, parking lots, etc.
Solar power is in a constant state of innovation. New advances in solar panel technology are being announced almost every week. In the past year alone, many milestones in solar efficiency have been achieved, and the future looks even brighter. Ground-mounted solar arrays will be obsolete long before the end the land lease term – too late to save precious farmland special exceptions will exploit.

In a recent community meeting, a representative for the Gerner property project demonstrated no interest in taking into account the negative impact on adjoining property owners. It was clear, their intention is to do the bare minimum. So, in the event that either or both special exceptions are granted, such exceptions should include specific requirements Bill 37-17 authorizes the Administrative Law Judge to make.

- 1) The law requires the county to calculate the amount of security bond or financial security to repair any unsafe or hazardous conditions or to remove the solar facility, but omitted detail on how this calculation would be approached. The following should be an integral part of the calculation:
 - Quantitative baseline soil analysis, including physical, chemical and biological indicators;
 - b. Size and type of landscape buffer; and
 - c. Projected future cost through the length of the lease term to remediate the land once the facility has been removed.

- 2) When the solar facility ceases operation, the lessee must immediately notify the county and, in a timely manner, restore the land to its baseline state, a requirement not required by current Baltimore County law. Developers can walk away and leave the landowner with significant land restoration costs to realize the full market value of the property.
 - Solar panels require careful end-of-life handling, an issue the industry is only just beginning to consider. Cost-effective recycling programs are not yet in place for damaged or discarded solar panels. Interior components within most solar panels contain toxic materials and rare earth elements that cannot be placed in US landfills. When panels are damaged from handling, vandalism, or natural causes, ground contamination could result.
- 3) The lessee must provide a detailed facility maintenance plan that complies with current Maryland laws and regulations concerning pesticide and pest control, and invasive plant prevention and control. Although reports of using animals to graze amid solar panel arrays is reported in the news and developer presentations, it is not a required practice. At a recent community meeting a representative of the Gerner project explained their intention was to electronically monitor the unmanned facility and mow around the panel arrays only when power generation efficiency is impaired. With a minimum panel height of 2½ feet, this means grass and noxious weeds would only be mowed or sprayed with herbicides when their height begins to shade the panels.
- 4) Require the landowner and their lessees install and maintain landscape buffers in accordance with the directives of the Baltimore County landscape architect and input from immediately impacted property owners, whose property value and quality of life are at issue. The height of the landscape buffer should be sufficient to immediately obscure the view of any power plant that may be built on the property, e.g. mature trees, not saplings.
- 5) The lessee shall notify county and abutting property owners of a change in ownership or control of the LLC so they know who to contact in case there is an issue.

The NCCG applauds and supports the state's efforts to increase utilization of renewable energy. However, there are concerns about the loss of prime and productive farmland outside the Baltimore County URDL when there are options available, i.e. installing solar panels over existing impervious surfaces, such as rooftops of commercial and industrial buildings, parking lots, etc. The best interests of Baltimore County residents would be served by incentivizing responsible production of solar energy, positioning our County to benefit from technology improvements and protecting landowners from exceptions that are inconsistent with the County Master Plan.

Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Kathleen A. Pieper, President North County Community Group, LLC

Record of commercial (utility) solar facilities planned in Baltimore County

Zoning Case	Address	Property Owner	Dist.	Zone	Filed	Company	Size
2016-0335	15700 Hanover Pike	Lippy	3	RC2	6/23/2016	Earth and Air Technologies	2 MW
2017-0101	11956 Philadelphia Rd	11956 Phil. Rd. LLC	6	RC5	10/11/2016	Turning Point Energy	
2017-0104	612, 632 Freeland Rd	Atkinson	3	RC2	10/12/2016	OneEnergy Development, LLC	2 MW, 9.6a
2017-0107	5298 Frye Rd	Woodensburg Land & Cattle	3	RC2	10/16/2016		
2017-0108	20450 Middleton Rd	Dave Matthews	3	RC2/8	10/16/2016	Bluefin Origination	1.9 MW, 18.64a (SE area)
2017-0344	14497 Green Rd		3	RC2	6/21/2017	Bluefin Origination	2 MW
2018-0030	1139 Monkton Rd	Rexroth	3	RC2	7/23/2017	OneEnergy Develoment	2 MW
2018-0047	15637 York Rd	Gerner	3	RC7	8/9/2017	ESA Sparks Glenco, LLC	1.849 MW, 9a
2018-0052	15700 Hanover Pike	Lippy	3	RC2	8/13/2017	New Source Generation, LLC	.99 MW
2018-0072	19735 Graystone Rd	Phillips	3	RC2	8/31/2017	Forefront Power, LLC	0.84 MW, ab 6.25a
2018-0077	2316 Ridge Rd	Sauter	4	RC6	9/10/2017	Forefront Power, LLC	1.98 MW
2018-0078	9155 Old Court Rd	White-Rose	4	RC2	9/10/2017	Forefront Power, LLC	1.98 MW
2018-0095	11956 Philadelphia Rd	11956 Phil. Rd. LLC	6	RC5	9/26/2017	Turning Point Energy, LLC	2 MW
2018-0123	9203 Dogwood Rd	Neubauer	4	RC2	10/31/2017	Solar Smart, LLC	2 MW
2018-0124	10021 Old Court Rd	Neubauer	4	RC2	10/31/2017	Solar Smart, LLC	1.98 MW
2018-0127	10790 Raphel Rd	BGE	5	RC5	11/3/2017		

2019-0072X

December 9,2017

Agriculture in Baltimore County is one of our largest industries. In the 1960s, the county moved to implement the RC zones to control the unwise development in the rural areas. Our county has received national recognition and praise for this historic action.

The adjoining former John Francis Farm, known as "Walnut Springs", was the last development to be approved under the old one acre zoning in the 7th District. The New RC 2 zoning required one house per 50 acres in order to preserve prime and productive farm land and to protect the rural areas from commercial development. All existing commercial uses were identified and given appropriate zoning for the use at that time. The county and state have since invested millions of dollars to preserve this prime and productive farmland in the last 50 years. There are 10 farms, representing about 2,00 acres of protected farm land, surrounding the Graystone Road farm.

The use of prime and productive farm land for commercial solar uses is a **total misuse** of this same prime land we have made a major effort to preserve. The neighbors living adjacent to this proposed commercial development will be negatively affected and betrayed by this misuse of RC2 land. There are many areas in other RC zones that are more isolated and would not have the negative impact on the adjacent land owners.

Commercial solar plots do not qualify as an agriculture use in a RC zone! Wayne McGinnis

First chairman Baltimore County Agriculture Land Preservation Board Former Chairman Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation Baltimore County Planning Board member representing 3rd Council District



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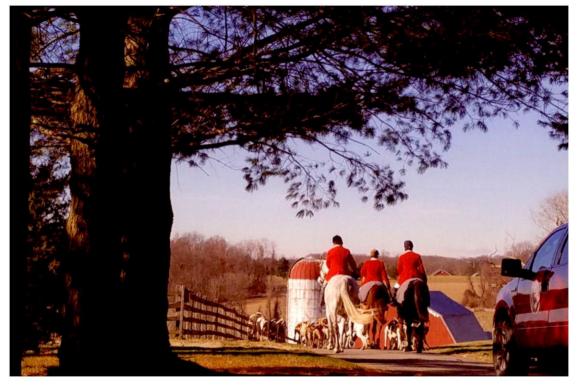






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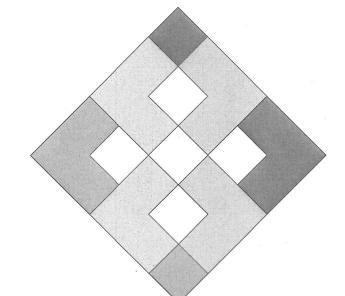
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FOREFRONT POWER

SITE NAME:

MD-WHITE HALL LAND - PHILLIPS

SITE ADDRESS: 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITE HALL, MARYLAND 21161

SITE INFORMATION SITE ADDRESS: TAX ACCOUNT ID: N 39°39'59.7" (NAD 83) W 76°35'42.4" (NAD 83) SITE COORDINATES: 709'± (NAVD 88) GROUND ELEVATION: 1114.00 kW SYSTEM SIZE (DC): SYSTEM SIZE (AC): 840.00 kW MODULE TYPE: TRINASOLAR TSM-340 DE14A(II) 4x SUNGROW SG60KU-M INVERTER 1 (ROOFTOP): AZIMUTH: TILT (ROOFTOP): GROUND LANDLORD NAME: JERRY PHILLIPS 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITE HALL, MARYLAND 21161 GROUND LANDLORD ADDRESS: FOREFRONT POWER, LLC 100 MONTGOMERY ST. #1400 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104 APPLICANT: **ELECTION DISTRICT:** CONCILMANIC DISTRICT: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: VOTING PRECINCT: #07-001

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PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

THIS DESIGN PACKAGE PROVIDES DRAWINGS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 1,114.00 kW DC RATED PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD IN WHITE HALL, MARYLAND.



SYSTEM SUMMARY

NUMBER OF PANELS: 3276 SYSTEM SIZE (DC): 1,114.00 kW SYSTEM SIZE (AC): 840.00 kW

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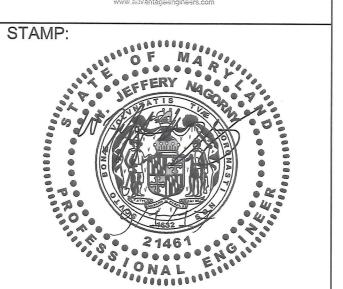
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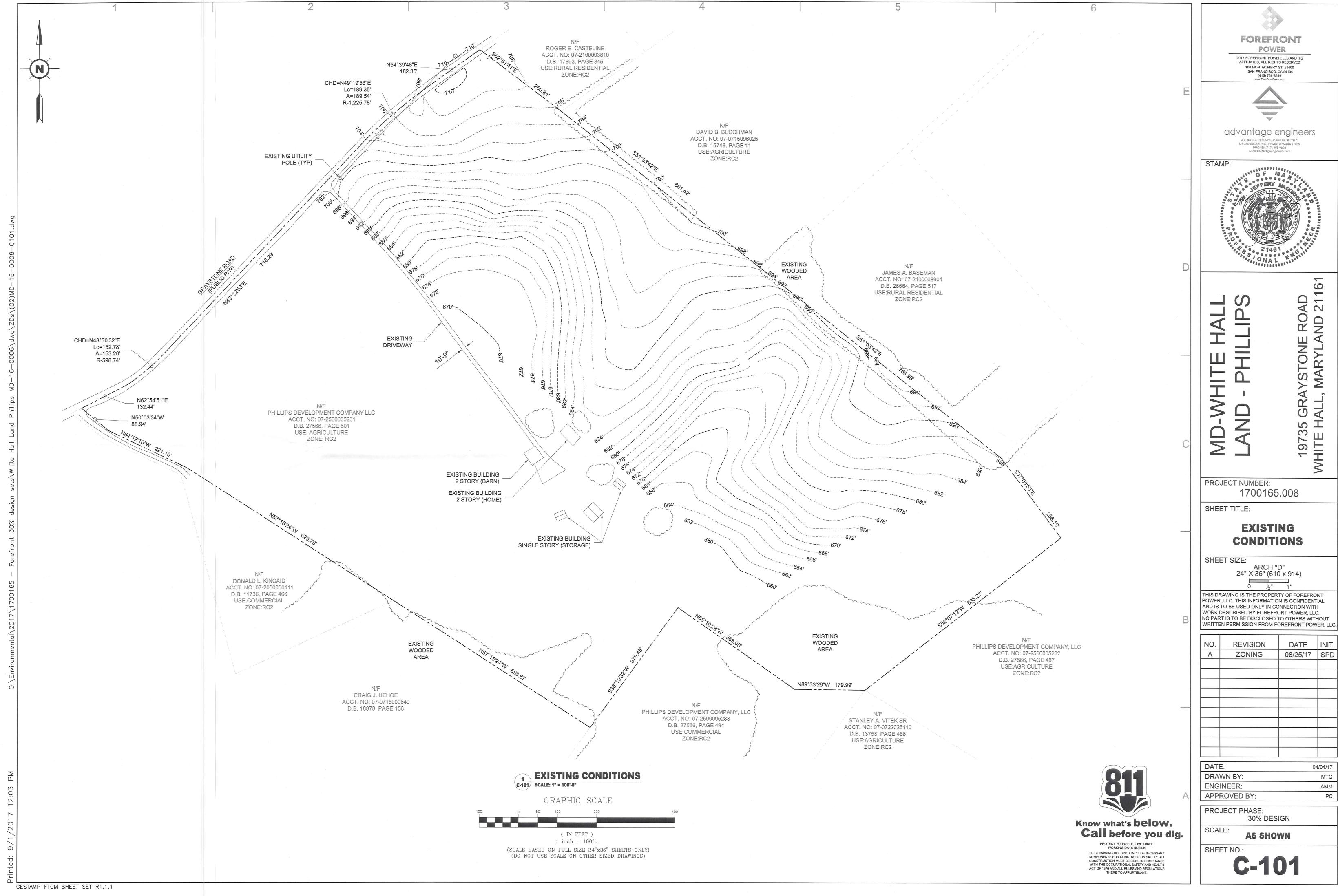
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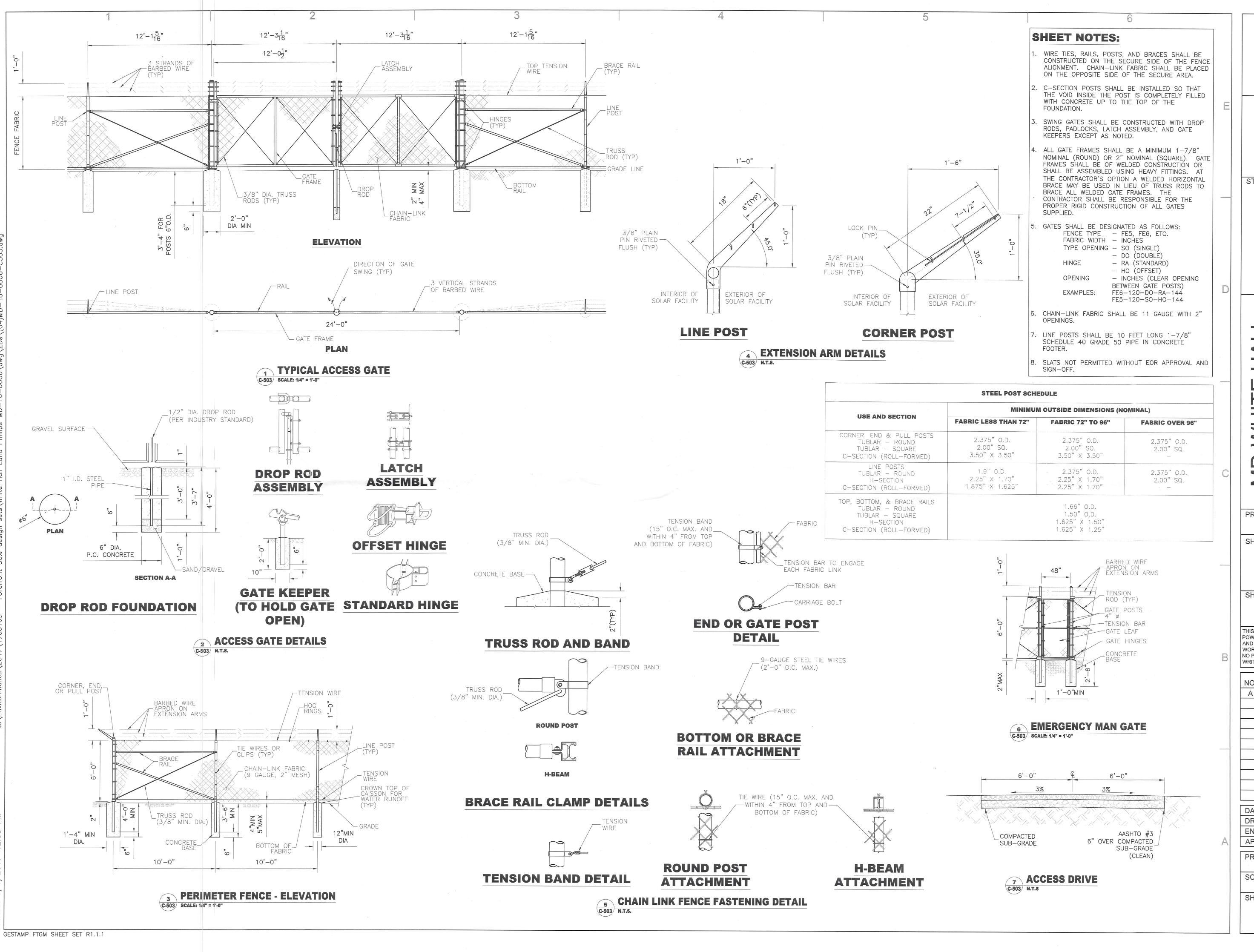
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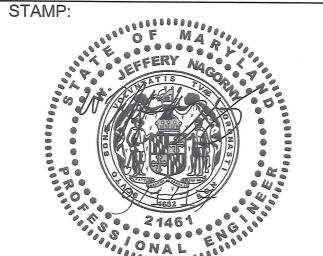


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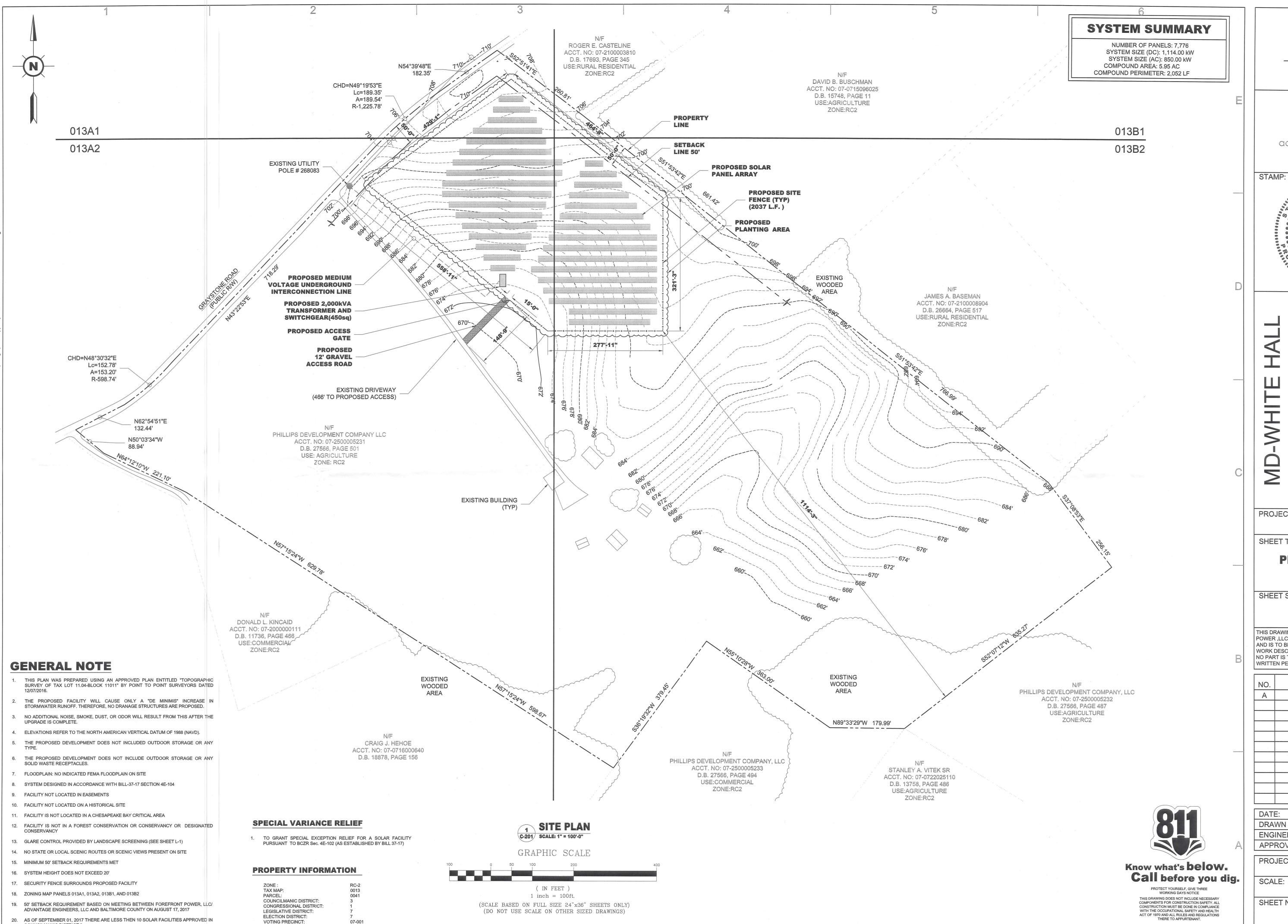
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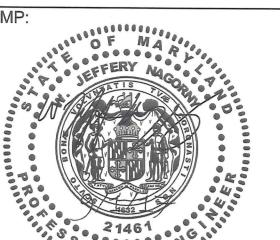
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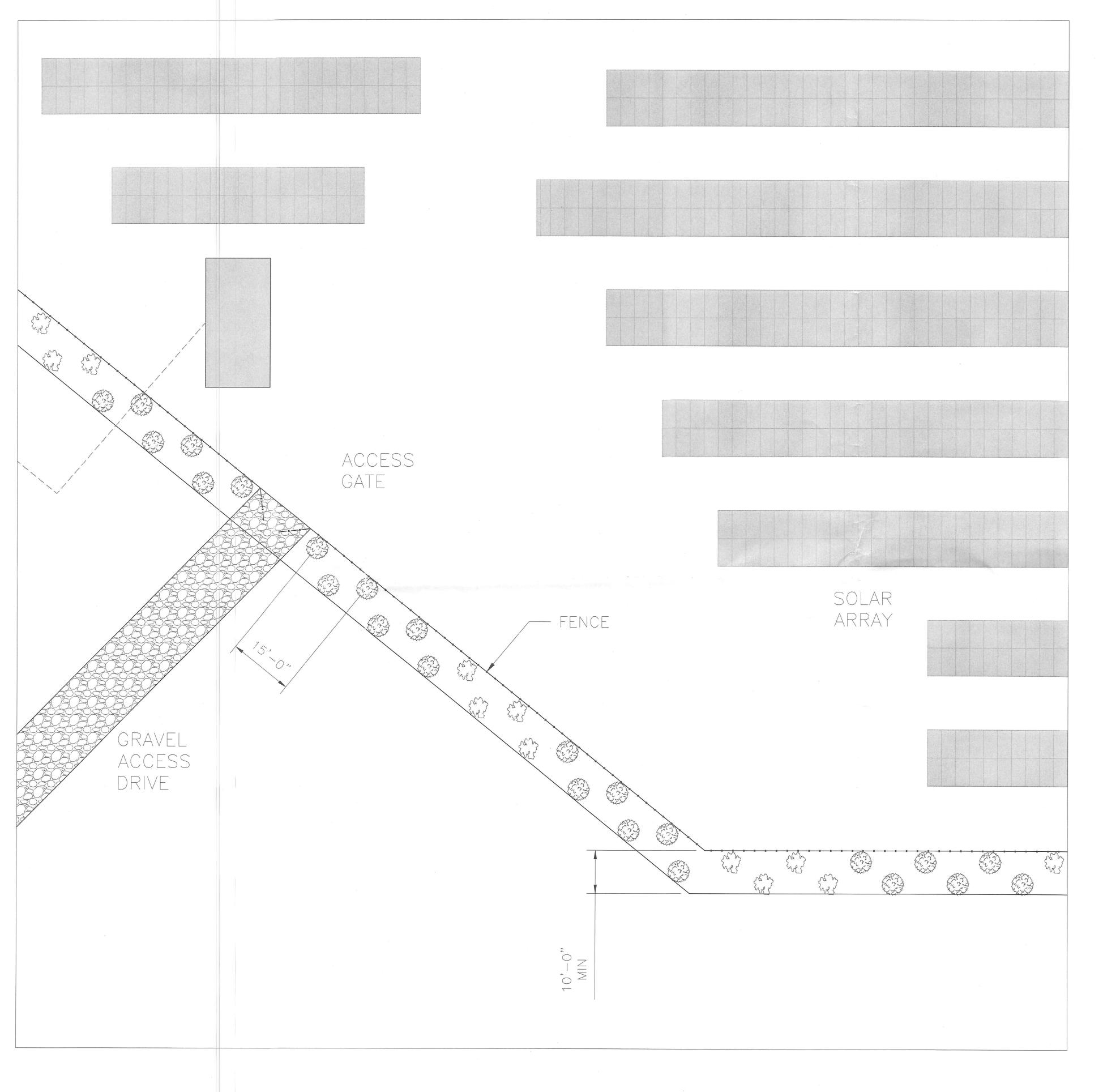
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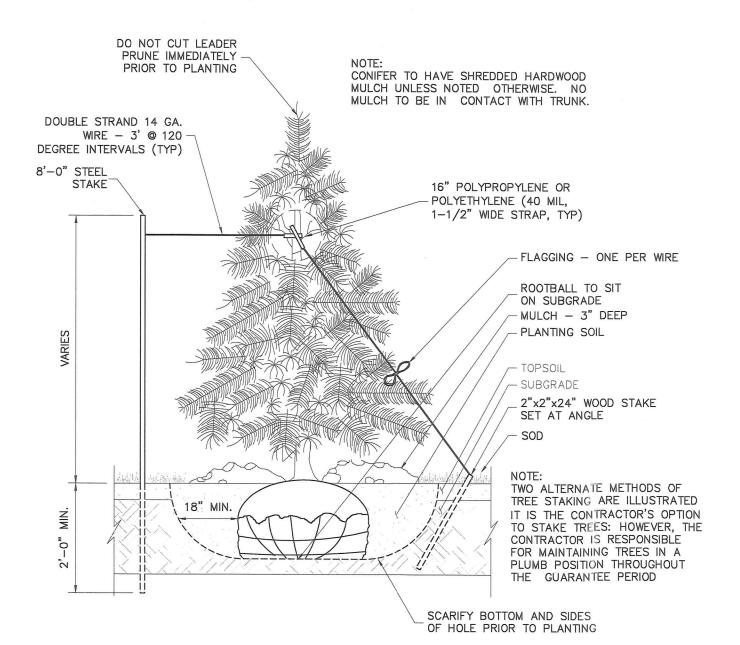
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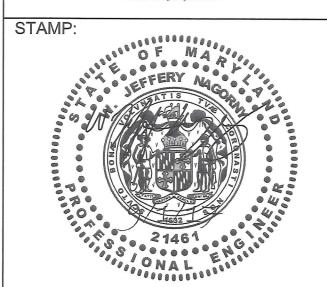
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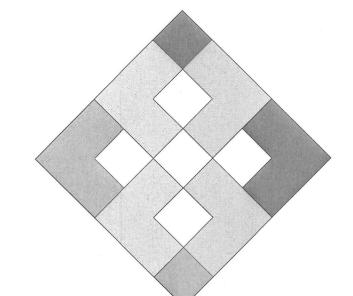
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MD-WHITE HALL LAND - PHILLIPS

SITE ADDRESS: 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITE HALL, MARYLAND 21161

SITE INFORMATION MD-WHITE HALL LAND - PHILLIPS SITE NAME: SITE ADDRESS: JURISDICTION: 445.01/2 CENSUS TRACT / BLOCK: N 39°39'59.7" (NAD 83) W 76°35'42.4" (NAD 83) SITE COORDINATES: 709'± (NAVD 88) **GROUND ELEVATION:** 1114.00 kW SYSTEM SIZE (DC): 840.00 kW SYSTEM SIZE (AC): TRINASOLAR TSM-340 DE14A(II) MODULE TYPE: 4x SUNGROW SG60KU-M INVERTER 1 (ROOFTOP): AZIMUTH: TILT (ROOFTOP): 25° JERRY PHILLIPS GROUND LANDLORD NAME: GROUND LANDLORD ADDRESS: 19735 GRAYSTONE ROAD WHITE HALL, MARYLAND 21161 FOREFRONT POWER, LLC 100 MONTGOMERY ST. #1400 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104 APPLICANT: **ELECTION DISTRICT:** CONCILMANIC DISTRICT: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: #07-001 **VOTING PRECINCT:**

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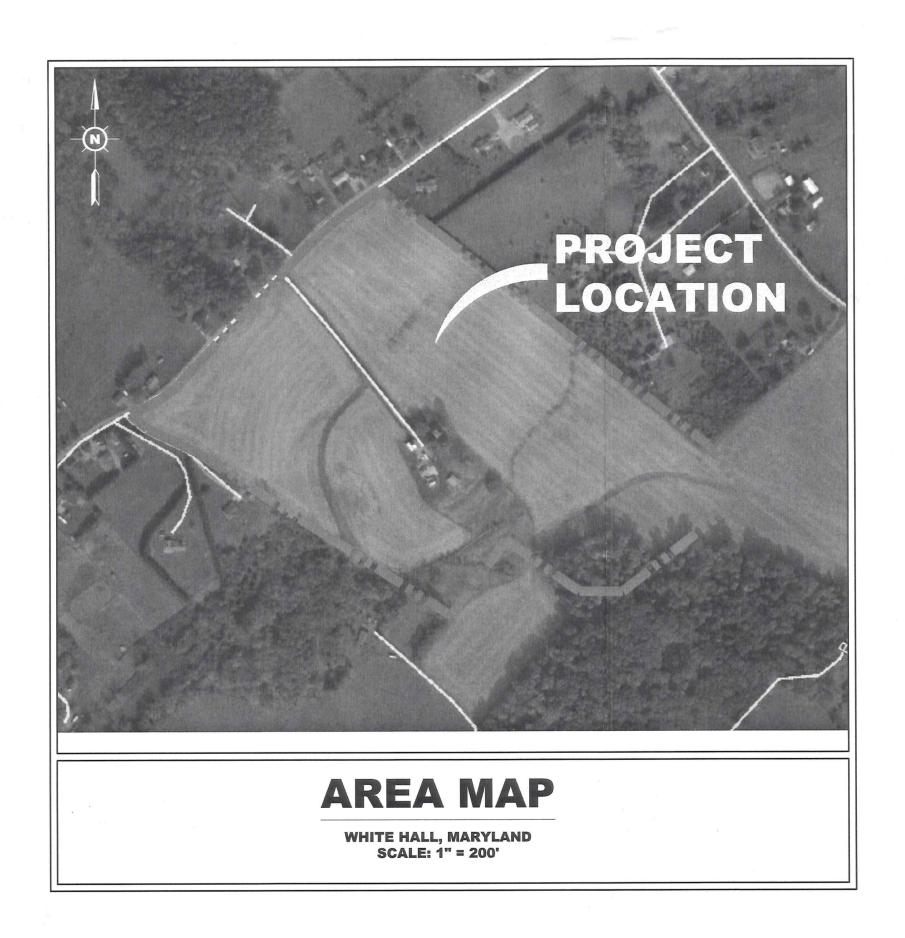
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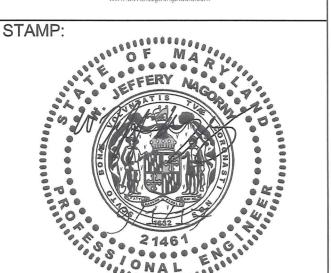
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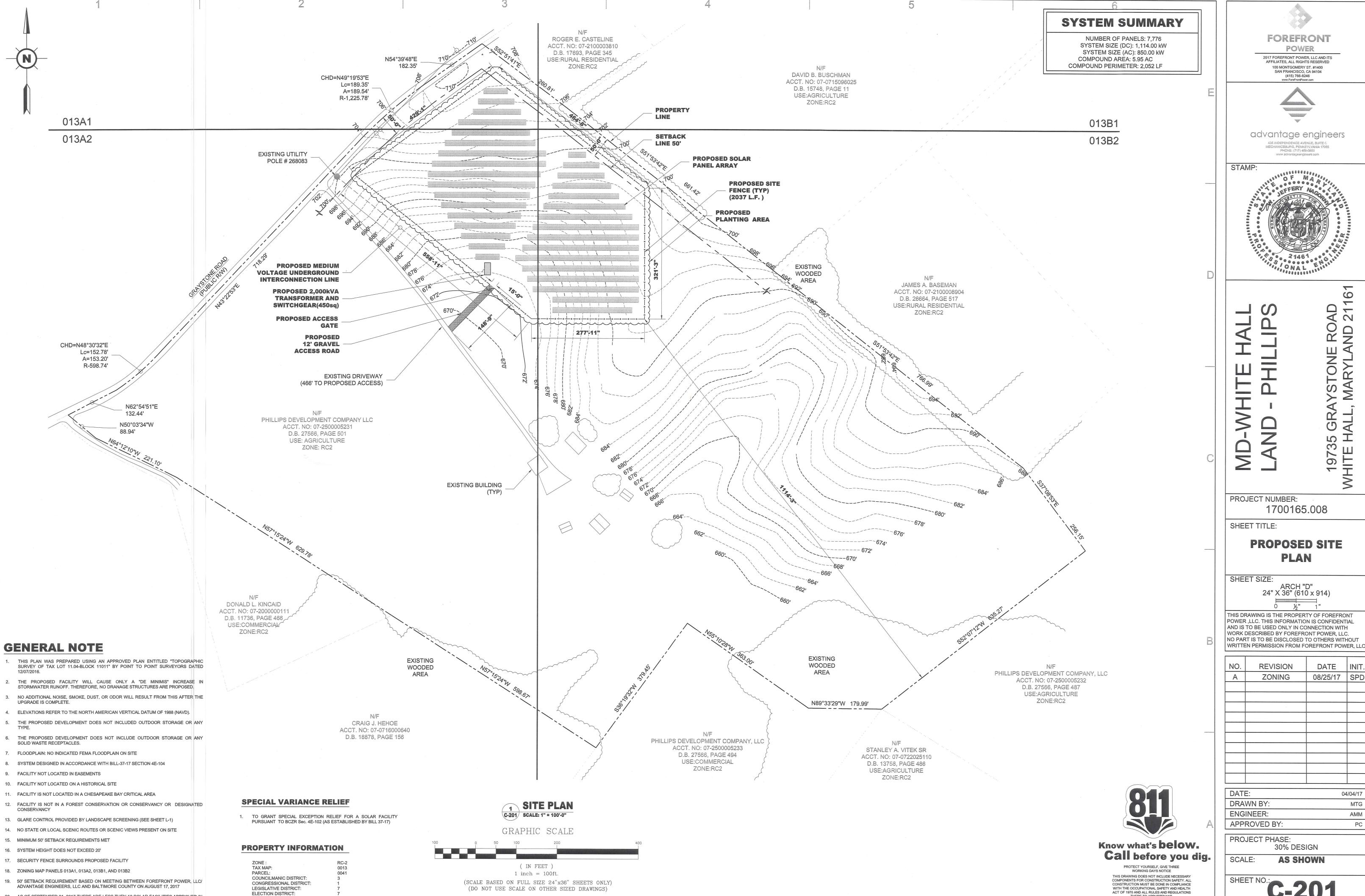


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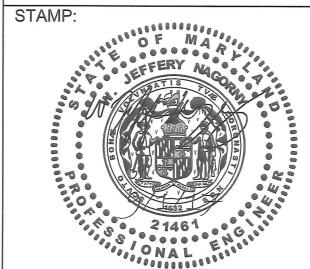
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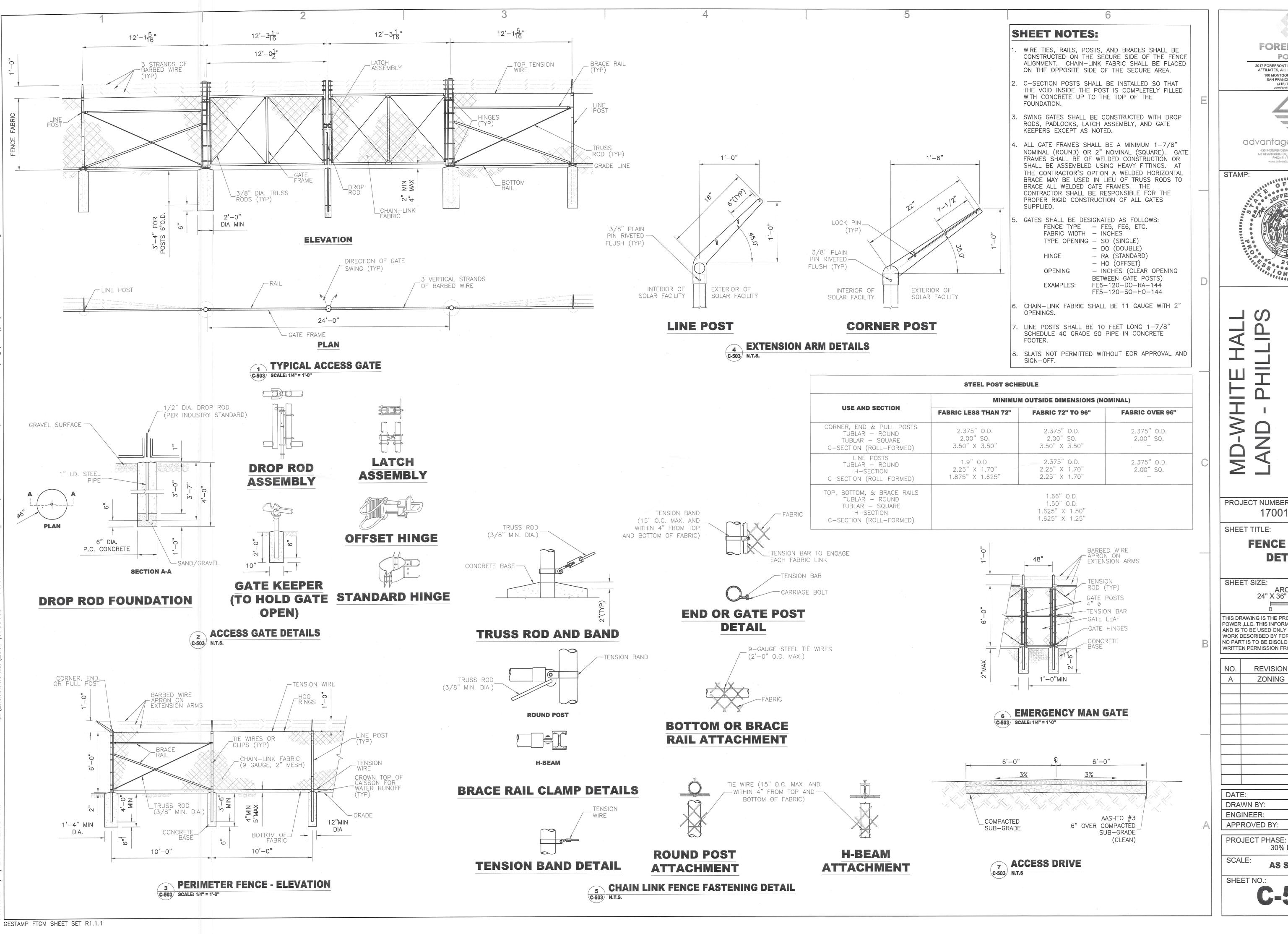
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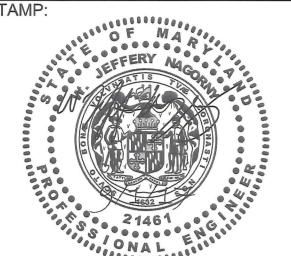
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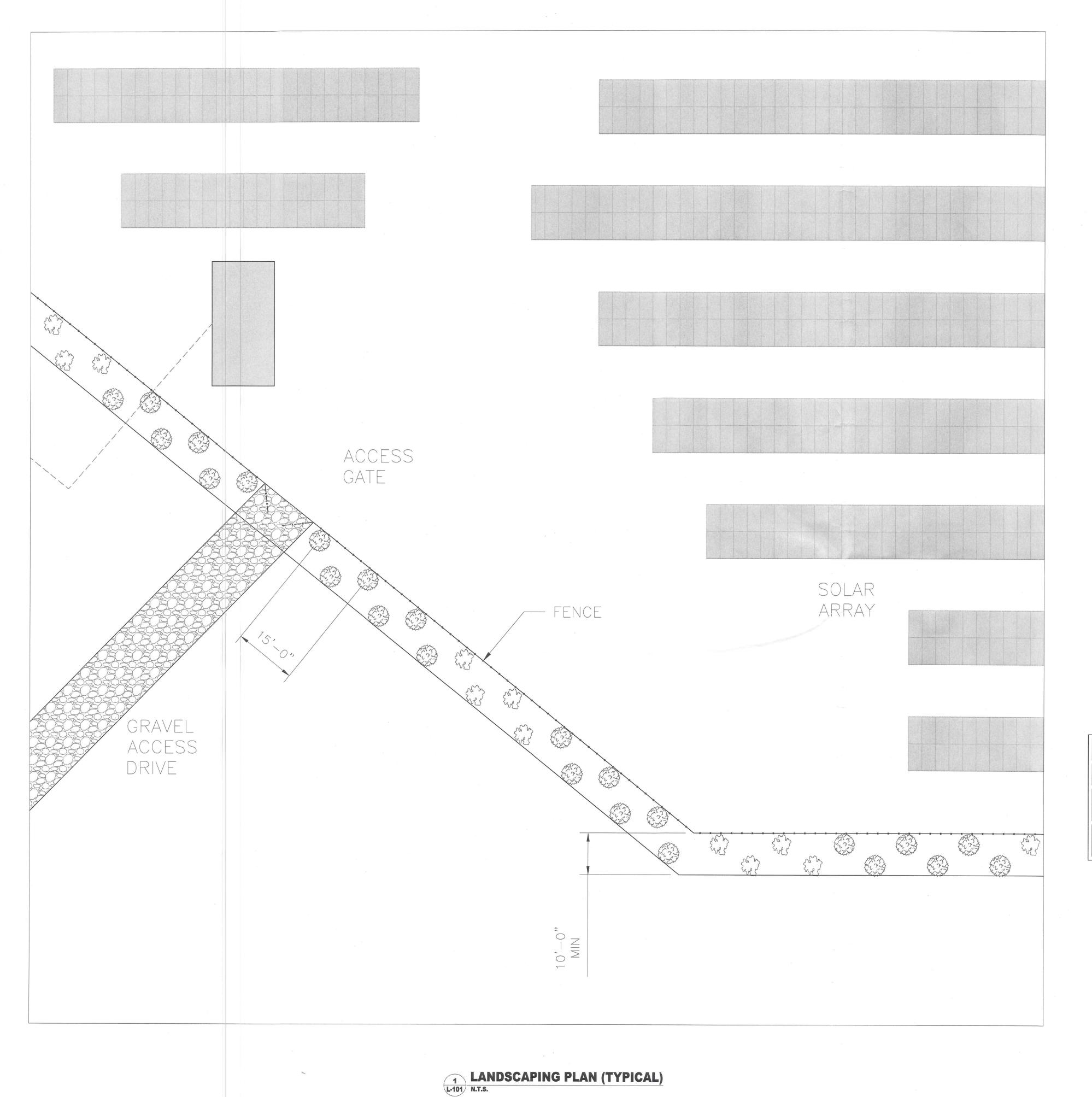
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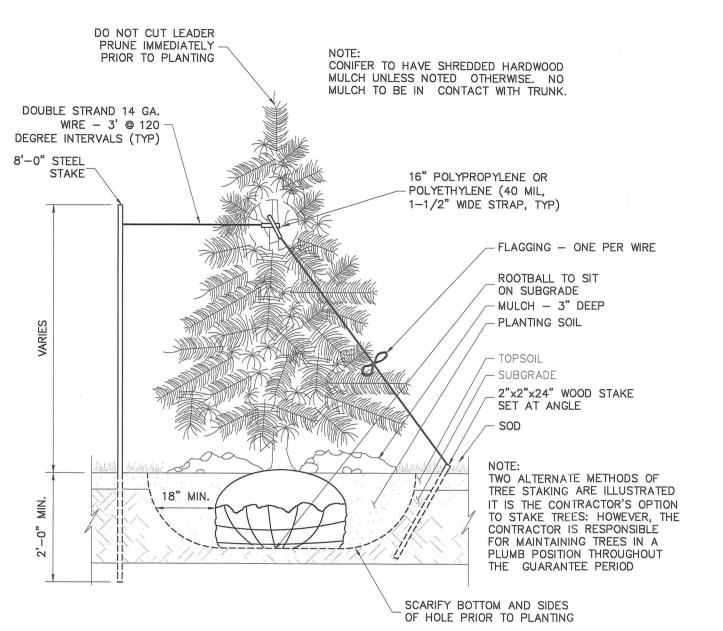
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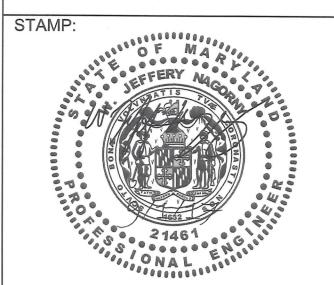
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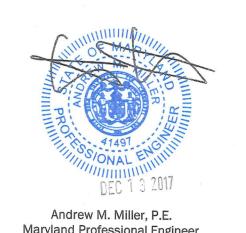
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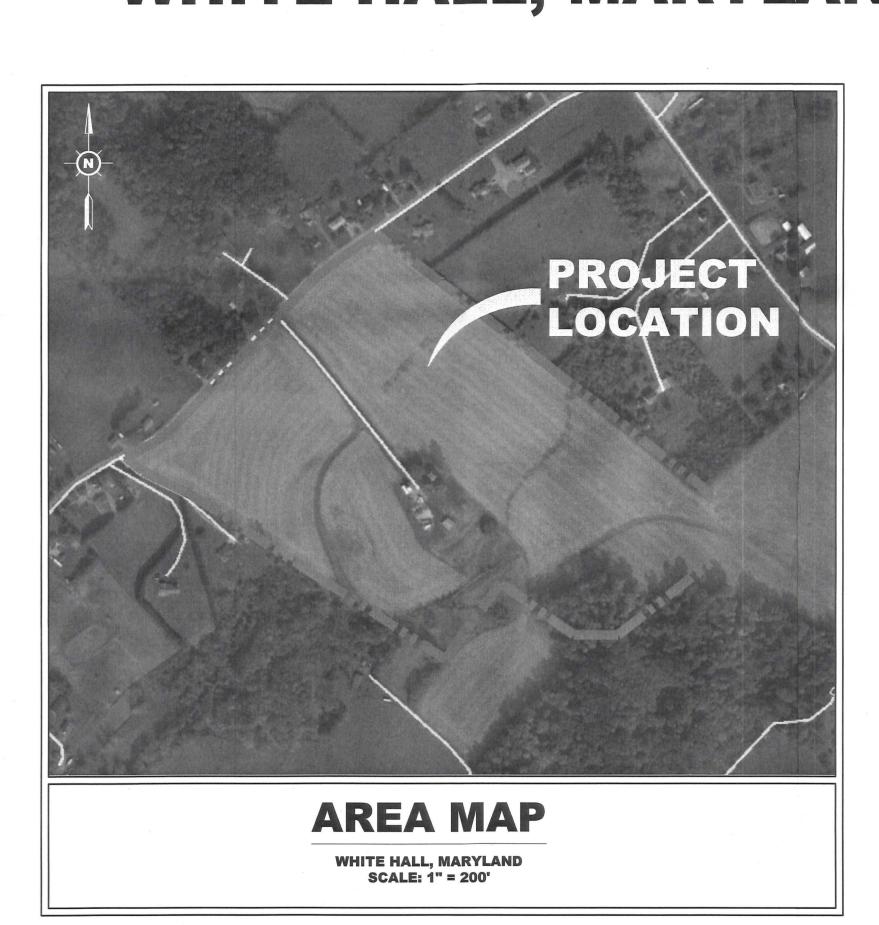
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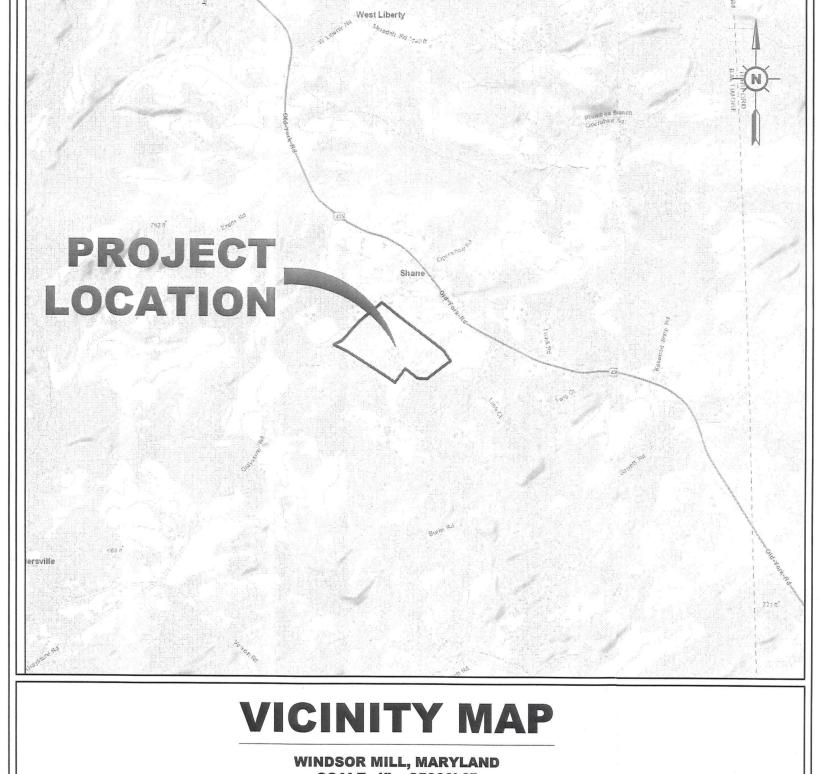
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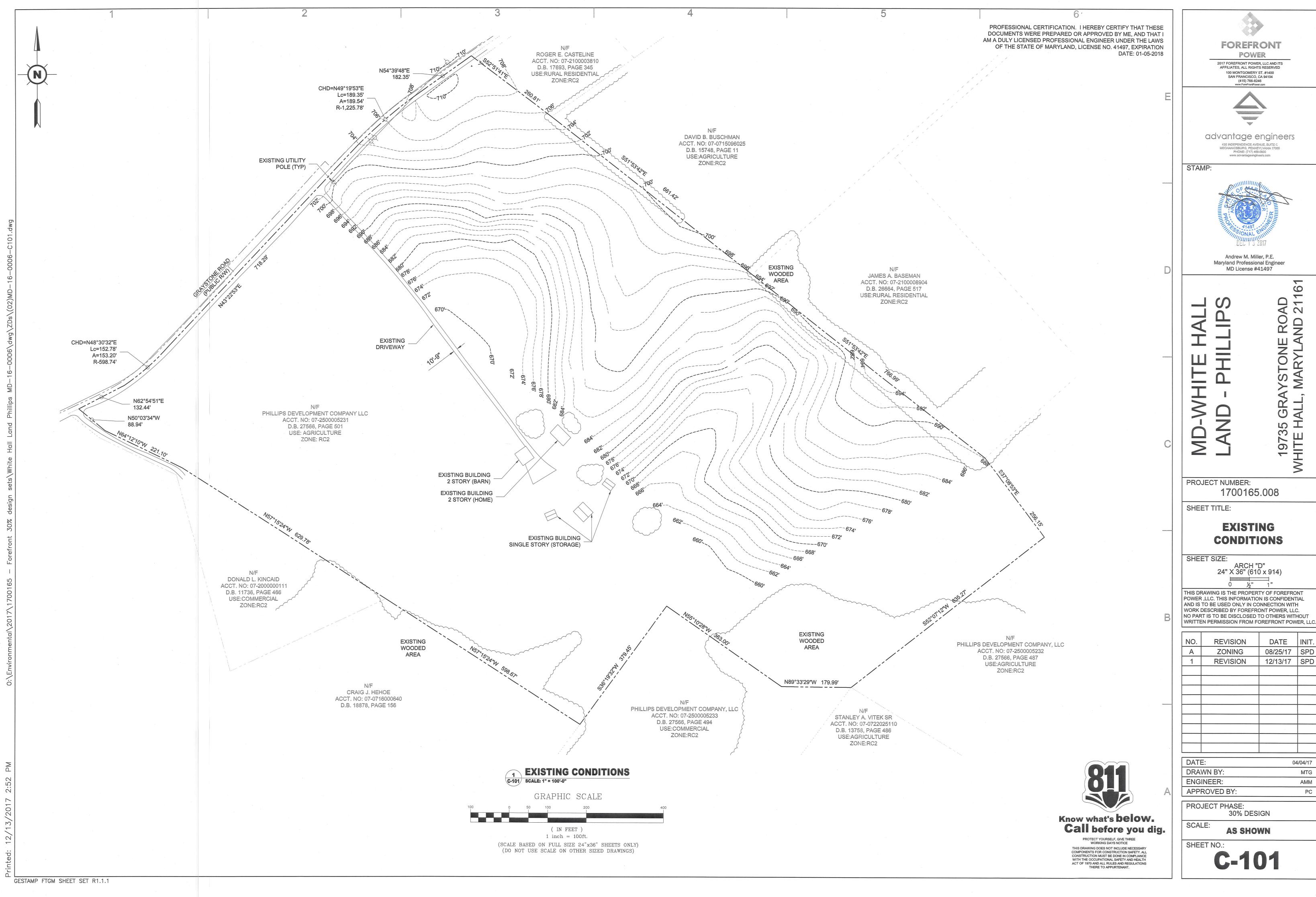
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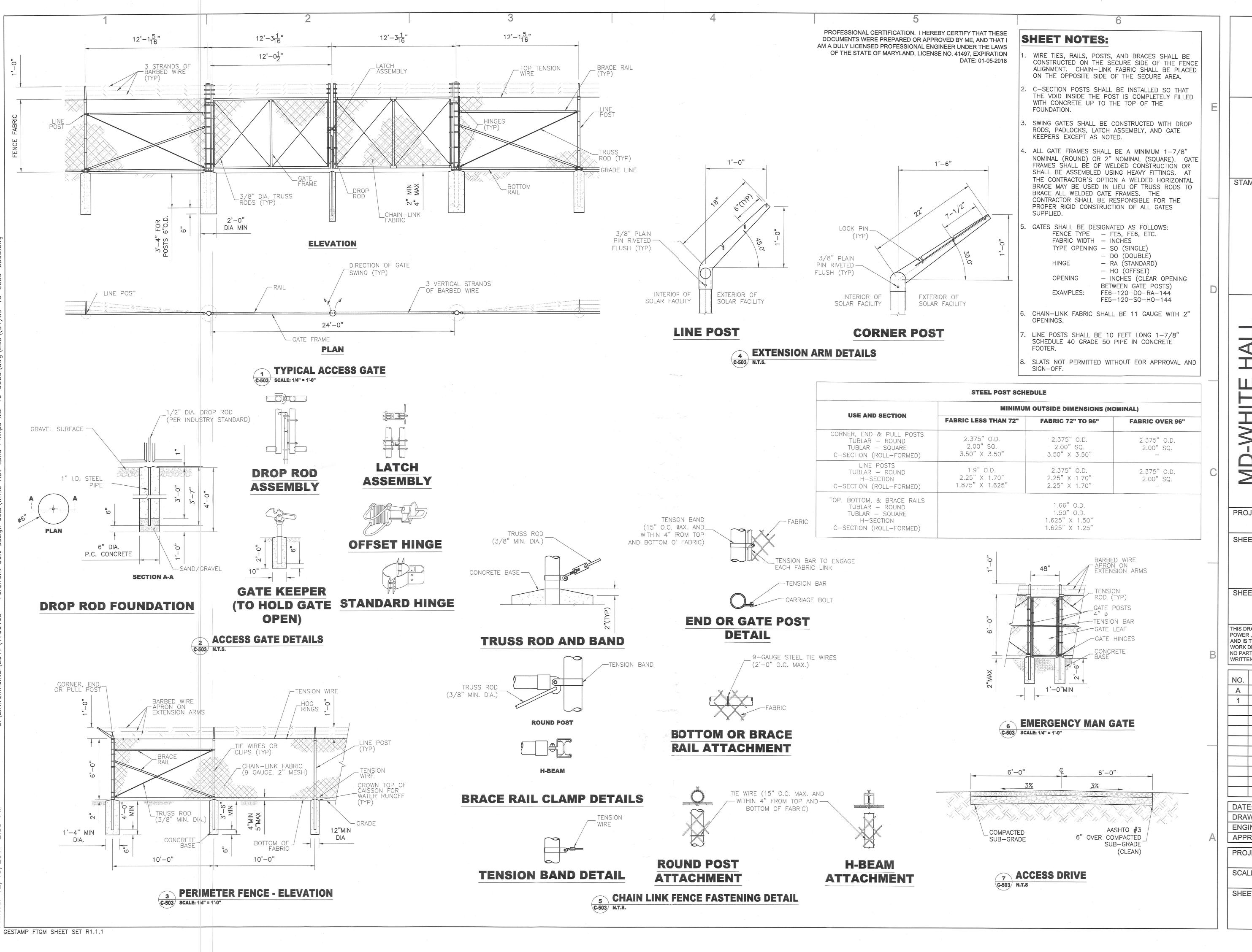
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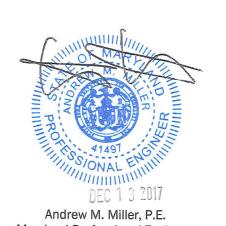


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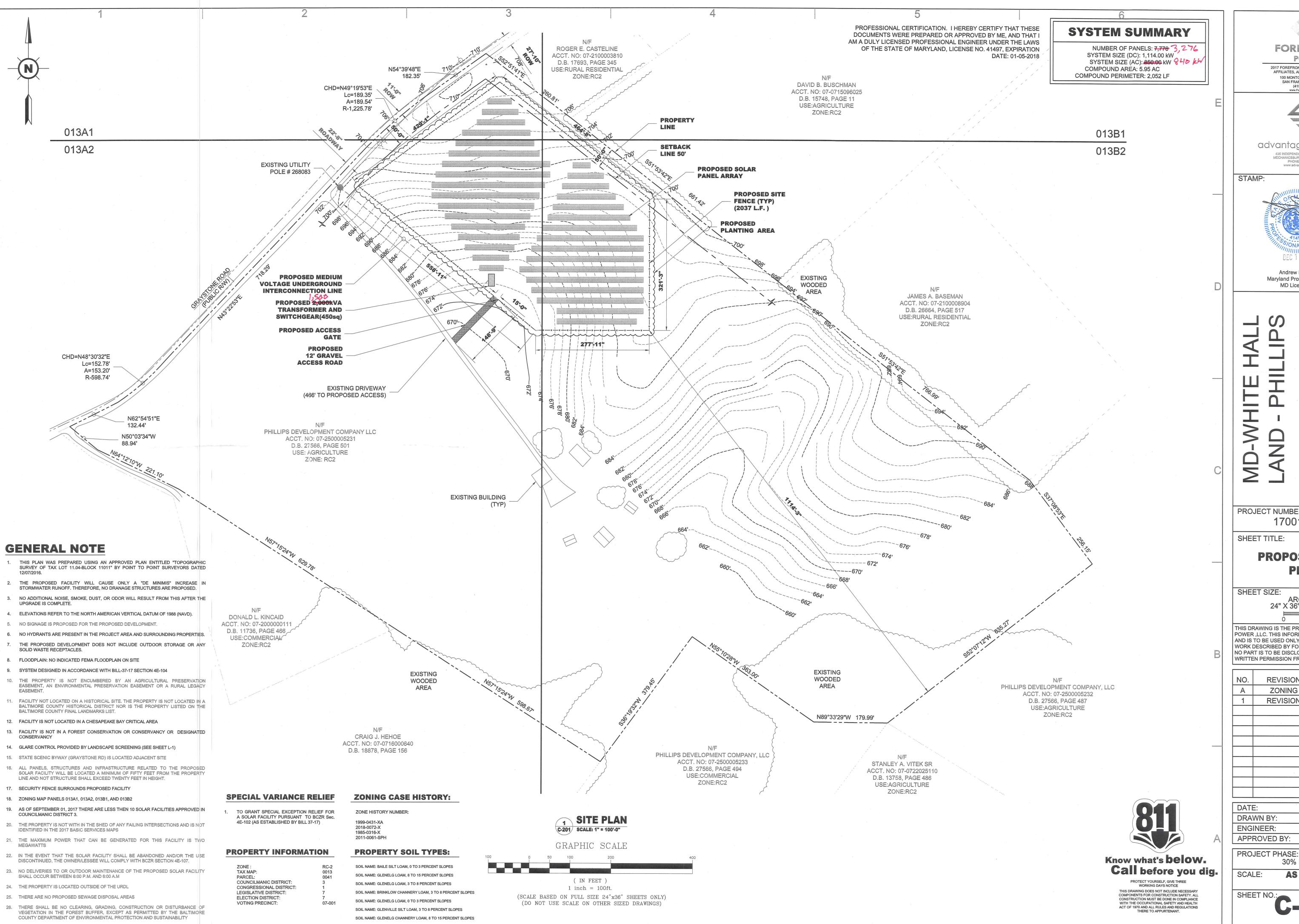
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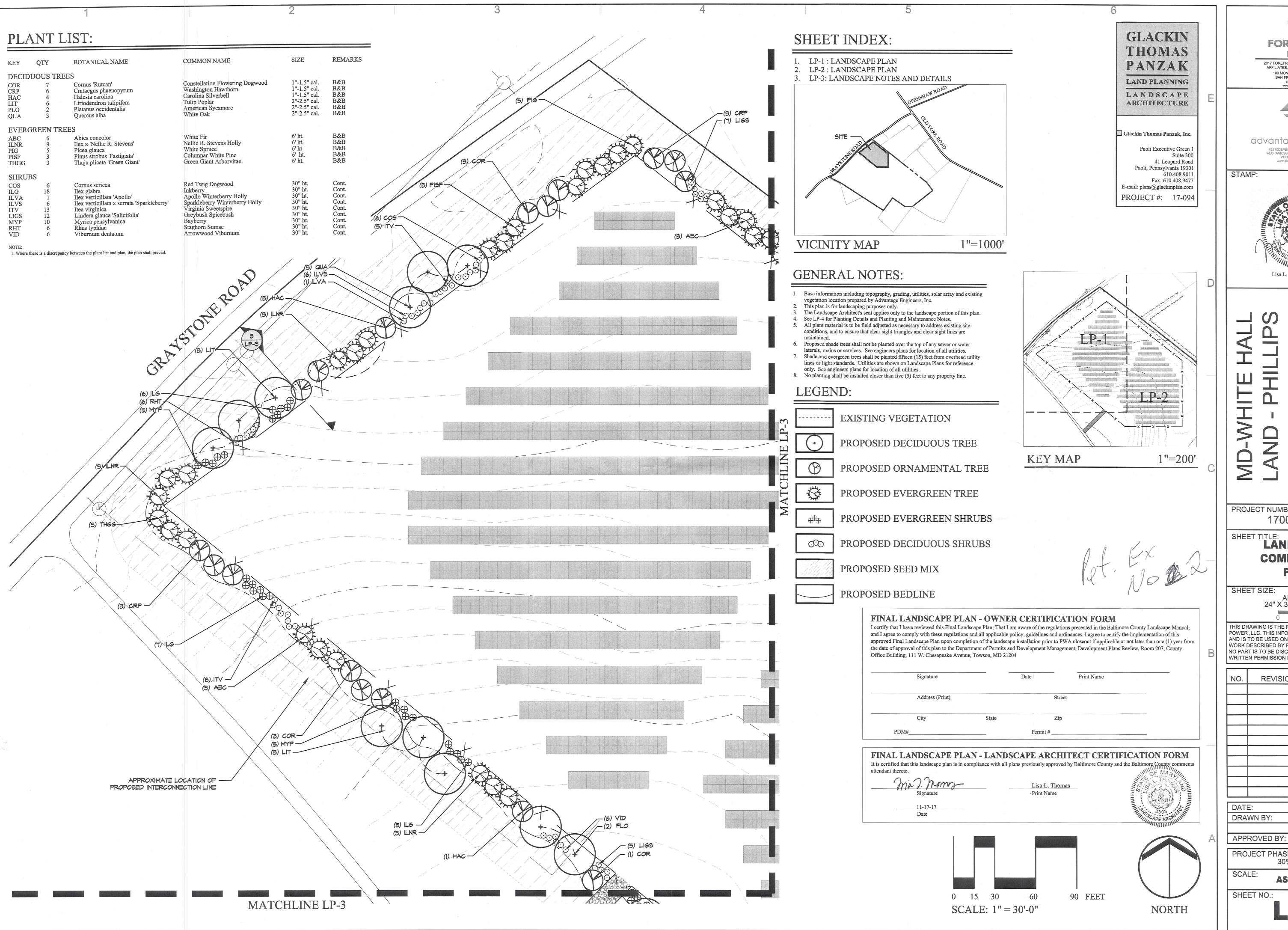
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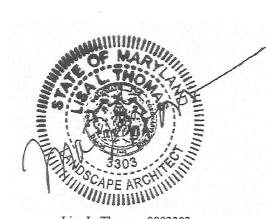
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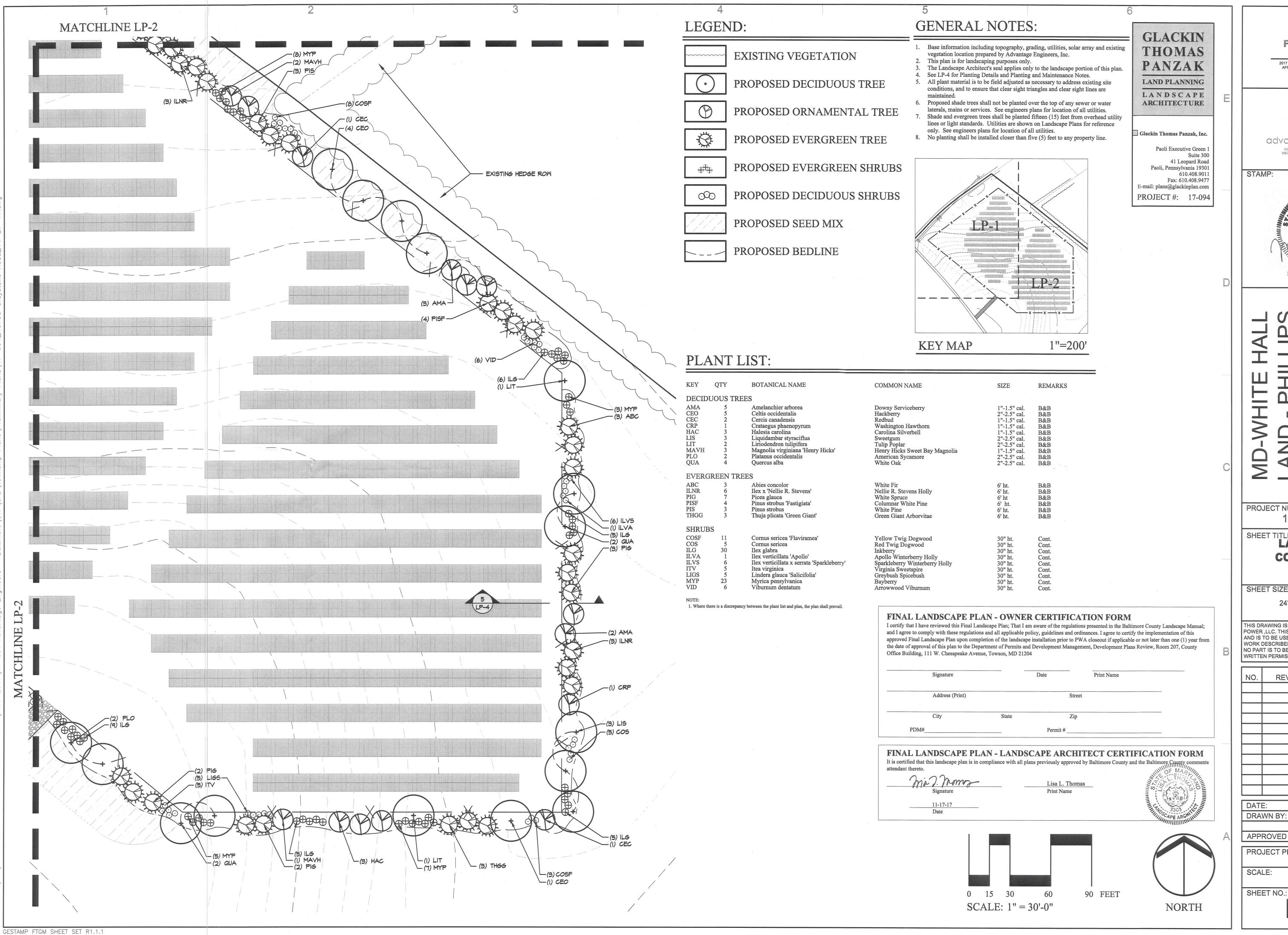
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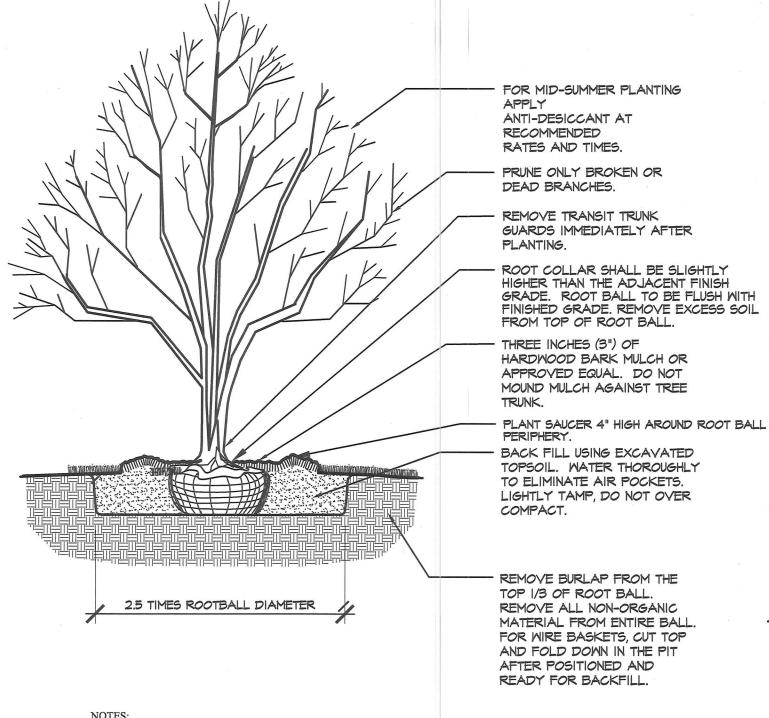
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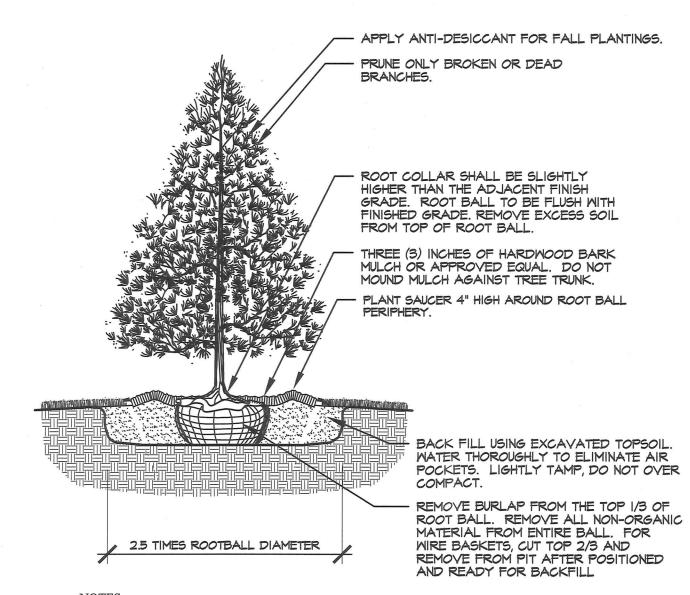
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2. Trees with central leader broken or dead shall be rejected.

3. Trees that do not display the typical characteristics for their species shall be rejected. 4. Flood planting pit with water twice within 24 hours of planting. 5. Trees shall not be staked. Landscape contractor shall be responsible for inspecting and righting trees for a period of 12 months. If it is determined that staking is needed, it shall

be provided in accordance with industry standards, periodically inspected, and removed

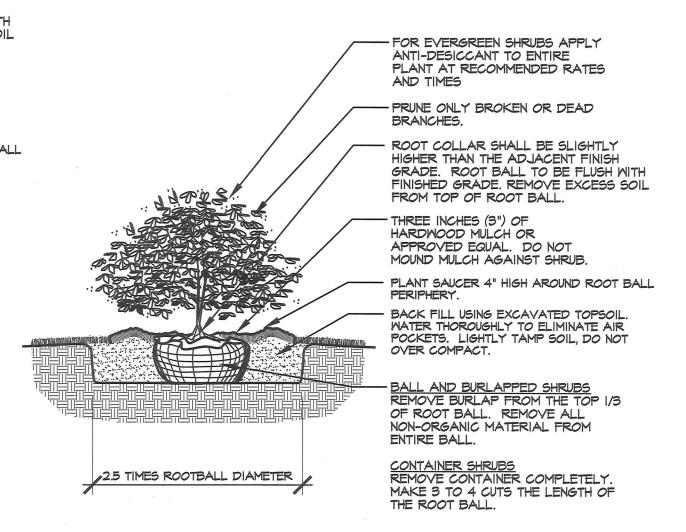
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. Trees with poor quality root balls or root balls that have been cracked or damaged shall be rejected. 2. Trees with central leader broken or dead shall be rejected 3. Trees that do not display the typical characteristics for their species shall be rejected. 4. The owner shall be responsible for contacting the contractor, who shall right and secure any tree that leans out

5. Flood planting pit with water twice within 24 hours of planting.

EVERGREEN TREE WITH STAKES DETAIL



SHRUB DETAIL

NOTE: FLOOD PLANTING PIT WITH WATER TWICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PLANTING.

PLANTING NOTES:

1. The contractor shall furnish and plant all plants shown on the drawings, as specified, and in quantities indicated on the plant list.

2. All plants shall be nursery grown and freshly dug. All plants shall be in accordance with The American Standard for Nursery Stock, latest edition.

4. All plants shall be hardy under climatic conditions similar to those in the locality of the project. 5. Fall Digging Hazard: Any species listed below, if included on the plant list, must not be dug in the fall (October through December) because of risk to the tree's survival. Special exceptions may be granted if the owner is notified in writing and an extended warranty on these plants is agreed upon prior to digging. The following varieties should not be dug in fall: Betula, Carpinus, Celtis, Cercidiphyllum, Crataegus, Cryptomeria, Fagus, Halesia, Ilex (tree form varieties), Liquidambar, Liriodendron, Nyssa, Ostrya, Prunus, Pyrus, Quercus (except Quercus palustris), Salix weeping varieties, and Tilia tomentosa. Digging for Malus and Zelkova varieties should be avoided in fall only when in leaf.

6. All plants shall be typical of their species or variety and shall have a normal habit or growth. They shall be sound, healthy and vigorous, well branched and densely foliated when in leaf. They shall be certified by appropriate State and Federal authorities to be free of disease and insect pests, eggs or larvae. They shall have healthy, well-developed root systems.

7. Trees with central leader broken or dead shall be rejected

8. Plants that do not display typical characteristics for their species shall be rejected.

- 9. Substitutions: When plants of a specified kind or size are not available within a reasonable distance, substitutions may be made upon written request by the contractor, if approved by the owner and/or municipal authority.
- 10. Measurement: Dimensions of trees and shrubs shall conform to The American Standard for Nursery Stock, latest edition.

11. Size: All plants shall conform to the measurement specified on the plant list, unless authorized in writing by the Township landscape architect and the owner. 12. Balled and burlapped plants shall be dug with firm natural balls of earth, of diameter and depth to include

- most of the fibrous roots. Container grown stock shall have been grown in a container long enough for the root system to have developed sufficiently to hold its soil together firm and whole. No plants shall be loose 13. Plants with poor quality root balls or root balls that have been cracked or damaged shall be rejected.
- 14. Root balls of all plants shall be adequately protected at all times from sun and drying winds or frost. 15. Conditions detrimental to plants: The contractor shall notify the project representative in writing of all soil or drainage conditions which the contractor considers detrimental to the growth of plants. The contractor shall state the conditions and submit a proposal for correcting the conditions, including any change in cost, for review and acceptance by the project representative. 16. The owner or the owner's representative shall be notified prior to beginning planting operations.

17. All planting shall be at the locations indicated on the drawings. The contractor shall be responsible for planting at the correct grades, alignment, and to the indicated layout of the planting beds.

18. Layout of planting: The contractor shall lay out with identifiable stakes the location of all planting beds as indicated on drawing. The layout of planting shall be approved by the project representative prior to any excavation of plant pits or plant beds.

19. Minor adjustments to plant locations may be necessary due to field conditions and final grading. The contractor shall notify the owner if major adjustments are required.

20. Planting soil shall be excavated native soil from the planting pit. Planting soil shall be thoroughly mixed, with all rocks, clods and roots removed.

21. Plants with broken root balls or excessive damage to the crown shall be replaced prior to planting. 22. If needed, trees shall be staked and guyed according to accepted industry practice.

23. Each tree and shrub shall be pruned in accordance with The American Nursery and Landscape Association Standards to preserve the natural character of the plant. All dead wood or suckers and all broken or badly bruised branches shall be removed.

24. Mulch: Immediately after planting operations are completed, all trees and shrub planting pits shall be covered with a 3" (three inch) layer of double shredded hardwood bark mulch, or other material approved by the owner or the owner's representative. A granular pre-emergent weed control shall be spread prior to mulching. The limit of this mulch for deciduous trees and single evergreen trees shall be the area of the pit. For shrub and perennial beds and for evergreen tree clusters, a continuous, mulched bed shall be created.

25. Trees in leaf, including evergreens, when planted shall be treated with anti-desiccant such as Wilt-Pruf® if planted during the months of June through September, November, and December.

26. Weed control: All planting areas shall be free from weeds prior to the beginning of planting operation. Contact herbicide sprays should only be used as required and all manufacturer's specifications followed.

- 27. Guarantee: All plant material shall be guaranteed by the contractor for twelve (12) months from the date of the issuance of a building permit for the project, or before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the principal building on the lot, whichever is later. The owner shall be responsible for maintenance unless otherwise agreed with contractor. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to monitor the project during the guarantee and notify the owner if problems develop with the plant material. Any material that is 25 % dead or more shall be considered dead and must be replaced at no charge. A tree shall be considered dead when the main leader has died back, or there is 25% of the crown dead. All plantings which do not survive after the expiration of the 1 year maintenance guarantee shall be replaced by the owner.
- 28. All debris resulting from landscape contracting operations shall be cleaned up and removed from the site on
- 29. Watering: Landscape contractor is responsible for watering sufficiently at the time of planting and until the job is completed, accepted and turned over to the owner.

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SEEDING NOTES:

1. Areas to be seeded shall be seeded twice. Once as early in the spring as possible (March 31-May31). The second seeding shall take place in the fall (September-November) 2. Meadow seed mixes will be the following, from Ernst Conservation Seeds (800-873-3321):

NATIVE UPLAND WILDLIFE FORAGE & COVER MEADOW MIX: ERNMX-123, applied at a

3. Annual rye grass seed shall be added to all seed mixes at a rate of 5 lbs. / acre, to serve as a nurse crop. 4. Use mechanical planters to drill or slit specified seed mix into soil, spreading 1/2 of the seed in one direction and the other 90° to the first pass. Keep seeding operations within 3' of the designated seeding areas. Slightly overseed into undisturbed areas to blur disturbance line. 5. Roll seeded area lightly after planting.

6. Mulch with a light covering of clean, weed-free chopped straw or marsh hay after seeding. On Slopes: Mix seed mix with 10 second application of remaining fiber over the seed.

7. Water regularly within the first 4-6 weeks after planting, applying 1-inch of water every 3 to 5 days, in the absence of rain. Water after 6 weeks only if prolonged dry periods occur.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE NOTES:

1. A slow release nitrogen balanced fertilizer with a 2-1-1 ratio shall be applied at a rate of two (2) pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet in September, October, and February.

3. Insecticides and fungicides are recommended for insect and disease control.

4. Reseed bare areas of meadow.

6. Mulch all shrub and groundcover beds yearly with three (3) inches of double shredded natural (un-dyed) hardwood bark. Mulch is not to be mounded against the base of any shrubs or trees. If stone mulch is used, mulch shall be inspected on a yearly basis to ensure there is an even cover. Additional stone mulch shall be added as necessary.

2. Lime shall be applied at the rate determined by a soils report.

5. All trash, litter, and other debris shall be removed from meadow areas, and shrub beds as needed.

7. Permit shrubs to grow and enlarge to their desired size. Evergreen shrubs shall be allowed to grow into a

8. Prune trees in accordance with Landscape Specification Guidelines for Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Areas.

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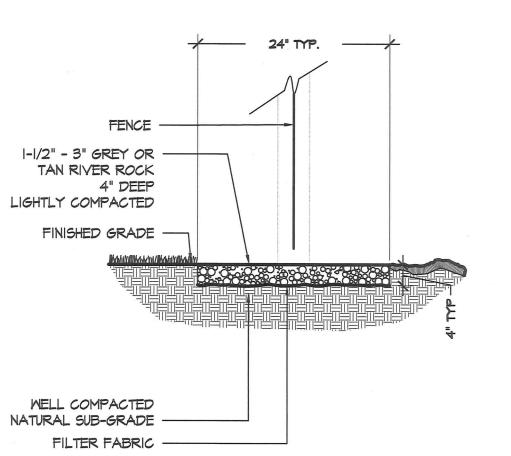
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MOW EDGE DETAIL

FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN - OWNER CERTIFICATION FORM

I certify that I have reviewed this Final Landscape Plan; That I am aware of the regulations presented in the Baltimore County Landscape Manual; and I agree to comply with these regulations and all applicable policy, guidelines and ordinances. I agree to certify the implementation of this approved Final Landscape Plan upon completion of the landscape installation prior to PWA closeout if applicable or not later than one (1) year from the date of approval of this plan to the Department of Permits and Development Management, Development Plans Review, Room 207, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Signature		Date	Print Name
Address (Print)		Street	
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FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CERTIFICATION FORM It is certified that this landscape plan is in compliance with all plans previously approved by Baltimore County and the Baltimore County comments attendant thereto.

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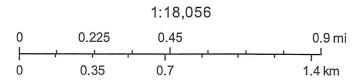
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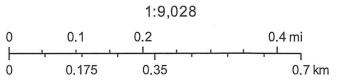


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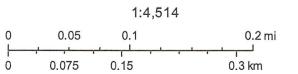


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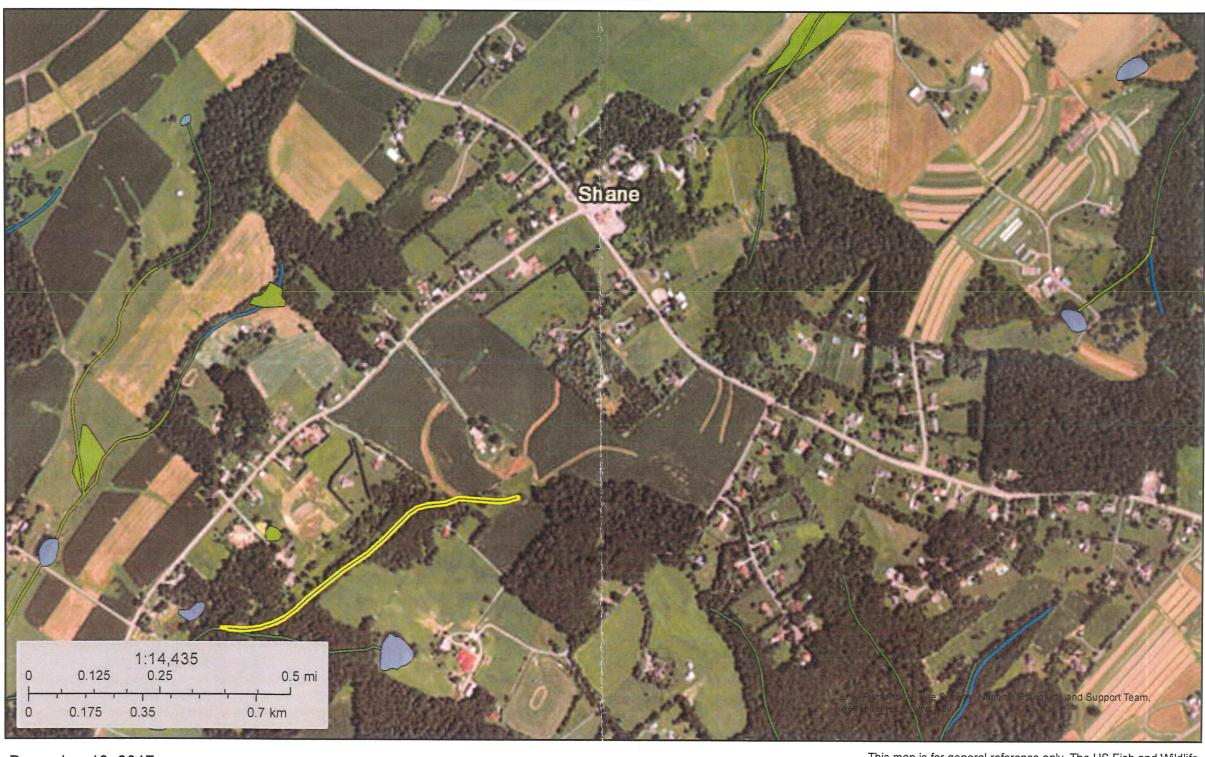




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Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Lake

Other

Riverine

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