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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

January 16, 2018

Christopher D. Mudd, Esq. Venable LLP 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500 Towson, MD 21204

RE: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION -

Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Case No. 2018-0111-SPHXA Property: 2950 Garrett Road

Dear Mr. Mudd:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order on Motion for Reconsideration rendered in the above-captioned matter.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087

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

(2950 Garrett Road)

7<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District

Stephen Mark & Helen Norman Elmore

Legal Owners

Star Bright Farm, LLC

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OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2018-0111-SPHXA

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

By letter dated January 5, 2018, Petitioners sought clarification concerning one of the conditions included in the Order dated December 13, 2017. The correspondence will be treated as a motion for reconsideration under Rule 4K of the Zoning Commissioner's Rules of Procedure.

The condition at issue prohibited wedding ceremonies or receptions at the site. Petitioners seek confirmation this restriction would not prevent them from holding "non-commercial weddings" on the property. In a letter dated January 10, 2018, Michael Pierce (who participated in the December 11, 2017 hearing) agreed this restriction should not prevent "non-commercial weddings" at the site.

I concur, and will amend Condition No. 4 accordingly. A wedding or reception on the property for a family member or close friend (without compensation) is properly characterized as an accessory use. This is especially the case here, where the subject property is a 127 acre farm with significant buffers between adjacent properties. In a recent unreported opinion which considered the application of Queen Anne's County's "special event" ordinance regulating weddings and other gatherings at farms and similar venues, the court acknowledged the regulation applied only to events held for compensation. The County's director of planning testified the

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ordinance would not prohibit "family weddings or weddings of friends." Salmon v. Evans, 2017 WL 747873 (Court of Special Appeals, 2-27-2017).

The second aspect of Petitioners' motion is more problematic. Though they have no plans to do so at this time, Petitioners are concerned the restriction prohibiting weddings could preclude them from seeking such approval at a later date. The subject property is zoned R.C. 2, and though I have not exhaustively researched the point, I do not believe a commercial wedding or reception venue would be permitted in the zone by right or special exception. <u>See B.C.Z.R. § 1A01.2</u>. While not deciding the point, I believe Mr. Pierce is correct that a petition seeking such approval should properly "be denied as being contrary to the zoning."

Petitioners' primary concern is that a subsequent petition could be barred by the doctrine of *res judicata*. Though it is true Petitioners did not seek approval to have commercial weddings at the property, *res judicata* applies not only to claims pursued but also those that could have been included in the original petition. Powell v. Breslin, 430 Md. 52, 64 (2013) (res judicata bars relitigation of matters decided and which "could have been litigated in the first suit"). I am amenable to clarify the restriction to specifically allow Petitioners to revisit the issue at a later date, although I am not sure this would immunize them against a subsequent challenge based on *res judicata*.

But this issue could also arise in the future under other circumstances. The zoning of the property could change. The County Council could amend the RC use regulations to permit commercial events and receptions on rural properties. In these circumstances, Petitioners would of course be entitled to file a petition seeking approval to have such events on their property. *Res judicata* is not applicable when there is a change in the governing law. <u>Gertz v. Anne Arundel</u>

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WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>16<sup>th</sup></u> day of **January**, **2018**, by this Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County that the motion for reconsideration be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Condition No. 4, on page 6 of the December 13, 2017 order in the captioned case be and is hereby stricken in its entirety, and in its place insert the following:

4. Petitioners shall be entitled to have wedding ceremonies and/or receptions on the property provided the participants shall be related to Petitioners by blood or marriage or close, longstanding friendship. Any such weddings shall be "non-commercial"; i.e., Petitioners shall not receive compensation of any sort in connection with hosting such events. No commercial weddings or receptions shall be held at the subject property, although Petitioners may at a later date, through a public hearing process, seek to amend or strike this prohibition, and such request shall not be barred by *res judicata* and/or collateral estoppel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions of the December 13, 2017 order shall continue in full force and effect.

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

JOHNE. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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**OPINION AND ORDER** 

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed on behalf of Stephen Mark and Helen Norman Elmore, legal owners, and Star Bright Farm, LLC, lessee ("Petitioners").

The Petition for Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R") as follows: (1) to confirm that various activities conducted on the subject property, including public field visits, pick-your-own produce, field-to-table picnics/suppers, and harvest and seasonal-related programs, are permitted as accessory uses to the principal farm, farm market, and agricultural training and trade school uses; (2) under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. or in the alternative a variance from Section 409.8.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an off-street parking area in a field without screening or landscaping; (3) under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. or in the alternative a variance from Section 409.8.A.2 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an off-street parking area in a field without a durable and dustless surface; (4) under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. or in the alternative a variance from Section 409.8.A.6 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an off-street parking area in a field without striping; and (5) to confirm there is a sufficient parking area for the proposed farm market and agricultural training and trade school uses.

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In addition, a Petition for Special Exception was filed as follows: (1) for a farm market; and (2) for an agricultural training and trade school.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Peter Elmore and landscape architect David Martin. Christopher D. Mudd, Esq., represented the Petitioners. Mike Pierce attended the hearing to obtain additional information regarding the requests. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was submitted by the Department of Planning (DOP). That agency did not oppose the requests.

The subject property is approximately 127.04 acres in size and is zoned RC-2. The large rural property is improved with a dwelling constructed in 1853, a bank barn and several other outbuildings. The vast majority of the site is unimproved and several fields are used for planting crops including lavender, blueberries and vegetables. The property is subject to and governed by an easement held by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF).

The Petitioners are not proposing any new structures or development at this time. Instead, the case for the most part involves an interpretation of the zoning regulations to determine if certain uses as proposed are permitted in an RC-2 zone. A special hearing is the appropriate mechanism to undertake this inquiry. *Antwerpen v. Balto. Co.*, 163 Md. App. 194, 209 (2005) ("A request for special hearing is, in legal effect, a request for a declaratory judgment").

As discussed at the hearing, the variance requests pertain to off-street parking. Petitioners propose parking on a field adjacent to an existing driveway. Petitioners contend that paving, striping and "improving" the parking area, arguably required under B.C.Z.R. §409, would be antithetical to the goals of the RC-2 zone. I concur, but rather than granting a variance to dispense

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with these requirements, I believe the special hearing is the proper procedure to address this issue.

As such, the petition for variance will be dismissed without prejudice.

#### Special Exception

Under Maryland law, a special exception use enjoys a presumption that it is in the interest of the general welfare, and therefore, valid. Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). The Schultz standard was revisited 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.

In the RC-2 zone, both farm markets and schools for agricultural training are permitted by special exception. B.C.Z.R. §1A01.2.C.9 & C.24. But two special exception uses cannot be permitted on the same property. Even so, and as discussed at the hearing, I do not believe the types of educational seminars and workshops proposed by Petitioners would constitute the operation of a "school for agricultural training" as listed in B.C.Z.R. §1A01.2.C.24. Seminars and hands-on workshops of this type are often offered on farms and agricultural sites. I believe they are properly categorized as accessory or ancillary uses to the farm, which of course is permitted by right in the RC-2 zone. B.C.Z.R. §1A01.2.B.2. Mr. Martin, who was accepted as an expert, opined Petitioners satisfied B.C.Z.R. §502.1, and no testimony or evidence was offered to rebut this conclusion. As such the petition for special exception to approve a farm market will be granted.

#### **Special Hearing**

As noted above, the first aspect of the special hearing pertains to parking at the site. The site plan identifies an area for vehicle parking on a flat, grassy field adjacent to the bank barn,

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where many of the proposed farm activities would be held. Mr. Martin testified that at least 60 cars could be accommodated in this area which both he and Peter Elmore believed would be more than sufficient. It would be unthinkable to pave this area and in any event it would violate the MALPF easement on the property. See Ex. 5. The Regulations do not specify the number of spaces required for uses such as those proposed herein, and in that circumstance the ALJ is authorized to determine whether the parking shown on the plan would be sufficient. B.C.Z.R. §409.6.A. I am convinced by the testimony of Messrs. Martin and Elmore that the parking shown on the site plan would be more than sufficient for the intermittent types of uses proposed. As such this portion of the special hearing will be granted.

The other aspect of the petition for special hearing concerns the accessory and ancillary uses proposed, including public tours, pick-your-own produce and seasonal programs. Mr. Elmore described in some detail his vision for the farm, and stated he would like to offer farming workshops to teach people to cultivate and use crops. The bank barn would be used for a farmers market where Petitioners would sell the crops grown on site. Mr. Elmore explained the plan is to incorporate elements of permaculture, a concept which promotes holistic and sustainable agriculture that is in harmony with the surrounding area and natural ecosystems.

The subject property is zoned RC-2. The purpose of this zoning classification is to "foster conditions favorable to a continued agricultural use of the productive agricultural areas of Baltimore County." B.C.Z.R. §1A01.1.B. In addition, the Master Plan specifically encourages such activities in the RC-2 zone which will "foster a sustainable agricultural industry." The plan also notes consumers desire "experiences related to agricultural production… such as wineries, pumpkin festivals, community supported agriculture and direct market business operations." *See* Master Plan 2020, pp. 142-44. These are precisely the types of activities proposed by the

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Petitioners herein, which I believe are especially appropriate for large RC-2 zoned tracts. As such this portion of the special hearing request will also be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 13th day of December, 2017, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."): (1) to confirm that various activities conducted on the subject property, including public field visits, pick-your-own produce, field-to-table picnics/suppers, educational seminars/workshops, and harvest and seasonal-related programs, are permitted as accessory uses to the principal farm use; (2) to permit an off-street parking area in a field without screening or landscaping; (3) to permit an off-street parking area in a field without a durable and dustless surface; (4) to permit an off-street parking area in a field without striping; and (5) to confirm there is a sufficient parking area for the proposed farm market and proposed accessory uses, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to operate a farm market on the subject property be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance under B.C.Z.R. §409.8.A be and is hereby DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE..

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 1. 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.
- Petitioners shall be subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the December 5, 2017 letter from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Any changes or modifications of these restrictions requires written ORDER RECEIVED FOR FIL

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permission from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

- 3. The farmer's market at the site shall operate between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and any special events at the property (including dinners, educational seminars, etc.) must conclude no later than 10 p.m.
- 4. No wedding ceremonies or receptions may he held at the site.

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

JOHNE. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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which is presently zoned RC-2

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

Address 2950 Garrett Road, White Hall, MD 21161

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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County. Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Star Bright Farm, LLC	Legal Owners (Petitioners): Stephen Mark Elmore and Helen Norman Elmore
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Attorney for Petitioner:	Representative to be contacted:
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### STEPHEN MARK ELMORE HELEN NORMAN ELMORE

#### 2950 GARRETT ROAD

#### ATTACHMENT NO. 1

# TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING/VARIANCE AND SPECIAL <u>EXCEPTION</u>

- 1. Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. to confirm that various activities conducted on the subject property, including public field visits, pick-your-own produce, field-to-table picnics/suppers, and harvest and seasonal-related programs, are permitted as accessory uses to the principal farm, farm market, and agricultural training and trade school uses.
- 2. Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R., or in the alternative a Variance from Section 409.8.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an off-street parking area in a field without screening or landscaping.
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- 4. Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R., or in the alternative a Variance from Section 409.8.A.6 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an off-street parking area in a field without striping.
- 5. Special Hearing under Sections 500.7 and 409.6.A of the B.C.Z.R. to confirm there is a sufficient parking area for the proposed farm market and agricultural training and trade school uses.

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## STEPHEN MARK ELMORE HELEN NORMAN ELMORE

### 2950 GARRETT ROAD

#### **ATTACHMENT NO. 2**

# TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING/VARIANCE AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION

- 1. Special Exception for a farm market, pursuant to B.C.Z.R. Section 1A01.2.C.9.
- 2. Special Exception for an agricultural training and trade school, pursuant to B.C.Z.R. Section 1A01.2.C.24.

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#### DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.

LAND PLANNING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING, ZONING 222 BOSLEY AVENUE, SUITE B1, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

#### **ZONING DESCRIPTION**

October 17, 2017

Star Bright Farm, LLC 2950 Garrett Road Whitehall, MD 21161

Beginning for the description of a 127.04 acre tract identified as Parcel 0057, Tax Map 0013, at a point at the centerline intersections of Old York Road (S.R. 439) and Kirkwood Shop Road thence S 47° 59' 45" W, 25.22' feet more or less to a point of beginning at the northwestern most corner of the subject property thence:

- 1) to a curve to the right on Old York Road having a Radius of 1923.79' with a chord bearing of S62° 48' 26"E, and a chord length of 569.44' thence,
- 2) to a curve to the right on Old York Road having a Radius of 1237.17' with a chord bearing of S36°44'12"E and a chord length of 729.04' thence,
- 3) to a curve fillet at Garrett Road having a Radius of 25.00' with a chord bearing of S18°18'14"E and a chord length of 30.72' thence,
- 4) S56° 12′ 32"W, 175.59' thence,
- 5) S55° 29' 17"W, 427.17', thence,
- 6) to a curve to the right on Garrett Road having a Radius of 473.00' with a chord bearing of S64° 58' 05"W and a chord length of 190.74' thence,
- 7) S78° 03' 01"W, 23.94', thence,
- 8) To a curve to the left on Garrett Road having a Radius of 650.60' with a chord bearing of S67°23'52"W and a chord length of 272.81' thence,
- 9) S55° 17' 43"W, 263.84', thence,
- 10) S51° 49' 05" W, 461.18', thence,
- 11) S42° 30' 16"W, 113.70', thence,
- 12) S 42° 30′ 16″W, 90.34′, thence,
- 13) S 49° 27' 50"W, 239.39', thence,
- 14) To a curve to the left on Garrett Road having a Radius of 890.40' with a chord bearing of S39° 46' 17" W and a length of 299.81 thence,
- 15) S 30° 04' 45"W, 231.28', thence,
- 16) To a curve to the left on Garrett Road having a Radius of 180.00' with a chord bearing of S03° 11' 40" E and a chord length of 197.51' thence,
- 17) S 36° 28' 05"E, 424.92', thence,
- 18) To a curve bearing right on Garrett Road having a Radius of 150.00' and a chord bearing of S43° 22' 56"W and a chord length of 175.67' thence,
- 19) S 35° 13' 11"W, 408.60', thence,
- 20) To a curve to the right on Garrett Road having a Radius of 695.87' with a chord bearing of S40°26'46"W, and a chord length of 161.88' thence,

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21) N 50° 27' 57"W, 1466.56', thence

22) N 27° 02' 25"E, 1377.80', thence,

23) N 00° 16' 04"W, 114.37', thence,

24) N 81° 34' 01"E, 629.34', thence,

25) N 41° 29' 31"E, 1811.01', back to the point of beginning

Containing 5,532,120 Square Feet or 127.049 Acres of Land more or less.

The above bearings are based on the Maryland State Coordinate System (NAD83/91). NOTE: THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR CONTRACTS, CONVEYANCES OR AGREEMENTS.



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

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 5304965

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VENABLE LLP - CU00174151 210 W Pennsylvania Ave Ste 500 TOWSON, MD 21204-5304

#### Bill To:

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Nov 21, 2017

#### 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:

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2950 Garrett Road

Elmore

NW/s Garrett Road at the corner of the SW/s of Old York

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Hearing: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in

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

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

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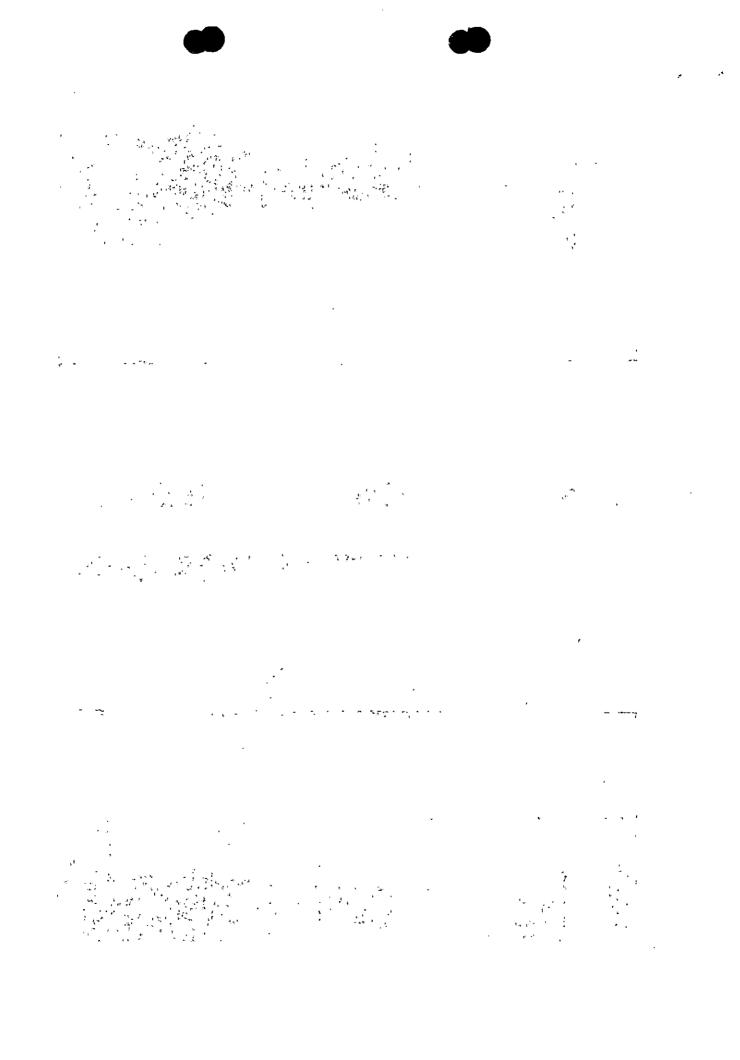
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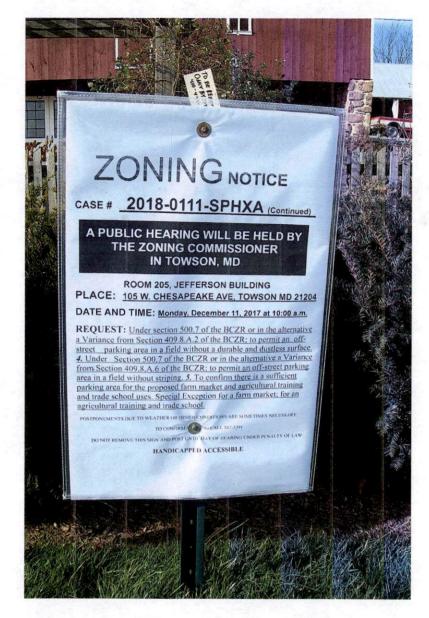


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<b>Baltimore County Department of</b>	
Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 111	
111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204	
Attn: Kristen Lewis:	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
This letter is to certify under the penal posted conspicuously on the property le	ties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were ocated at:
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	November 21, 2017
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C: Christopher Mudd, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 500, Towson 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Elmore, 2950 Garrett Road, White Hall 21161

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017.

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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 2018-0111-SPHXA

2950 Garrett Road

NW/s Garrett Road at the corner of the SW/s of Old York Road

7<sup>th</sup> Election District – 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Stephen Mark Elmore and Helen Norman Elmore

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Star Bright Farm, LLC

Special Hearing 1. To confirm that various activities conducted on the subject property, including public field visits, pick-your-own produce, field-to-table picnics/suppers, and harvest and seasonalrelated programs, are permitted as accessory uses to the principal farm, farm market, and agricultural training and trade school uses. 2. Under Section 500.7 of the BCZR or in the alternative a Variance from Section 409.8.A.1 of the BCZR; to permit an off-street parking area in a field without screening or landscaping. 3. Under section 500.7 of the BCZR or in the alternative a Variance from Section 409.8.A.2 of the BCZR; to permit an off-street parking area in a field without a durable and dustless surface. 4. Under Section 500.7 of the BCZR or in the alternative a Variance from Section 409.8.A.6 of the BCZR; to permit an off-street parking area in a field without striping. 5. To confirm there is a sufficient parking area for the proposed farm market and agricultural training and trade school uses. Special Exception for a farm market; for an agricultural training and trade school.

Hearing: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building.

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Arnold Jablon

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

2950 Garrett Road; NW/S Garrett Road @ \*

Corner of SW/S of Old York Road

7<sup>th</sup> Election & 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Stephen M & Helen N Elmore

Contract Purchaser(s): Star Bright Farm LLC \*

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

2018-111-SPHXA

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

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

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Christopher Mudd, Esquire, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

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# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

#### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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

December 6, 2017

Stephen Mark Elmore Helen Norman Elmore 2950 Garrett Road White Hall, MD 21161

RE: Case Number: 2018-0111 SPHXA, Address: 2950 Garrett Road

Dear Mr. & Ms. Elmore:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on September 18, 2017. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Star Bright Farm LLC, 2950 Garrett Road, White Hall MD 21161 Christopher D Mudd, Esquire, 210 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson MD 21204





Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn Secretary Gregory Slater Administrator

Date: 10/23/17

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. 2018-0111-5PHXA

Special Exception, Special Heaving, Variance

Star Bright Farm, LLC

2950 Barrett 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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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

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: 18-111

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

2950 Garrett Road

**Petitioner:** 

Mark Stephen Elmore, Helen Norman Elmore

Zoning:

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**Requested Action:** 

Special Hearing, Special Exception, Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a special hearing, special exception and variance as identified on the attachments submitted in support of the petition.

A site visit was conducted on October 11, 2017.

The property is subject to a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easement and the request is currently under review by MALPF staff. State approval is contingent upon County Zoning approval.

Certain aspects of the requested zoning relief relating to the farm-related events and the farm market were brought to the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board (BALPAB) on October 11, 2017. The BALPAB recommended the approval for the request. The BALPAB found that the requested events which were to include workshops, field to table dinners, and seasonal harvests and festivals fell within the appropriateness standards for the Advisory Board consideration. These standards include:

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- The proposed use is a home occupation

The Department of Planning has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief with the understanding that the proposal remains under the purview of MALPF.

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Date: 11/22/2017 Subject: ZAC #18-111

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

Prepared by:

**Division Chief:** 

Kathy Schlabach

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### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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



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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:

October 30, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2018-0111-SPHXA

Address

2950 Garrett Road

(Mark & Elmore Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 30, 2017.

 $\underline{X}$  The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

1. Ground Water Management must review any building permits filed – for a proposed farm building, if it would involve well and septic issues, etc.

Reviewer:

Dan Esser

Date: 10/23/17

# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: November 1, 2017

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 30, 2017

Item No. 2018-0108-A, 0110-SPHA, 0111-SPHXA and 0112-SPH

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

VKD: efc cc: file

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Arnold Jablon

**DATE:** 11/22/2017

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Dan Esser

Date: 10/23/17

Case No.: 2018 - 0111 - SPHXA - 2950 Danit RA.

Exhibit Sheet Petitioner/Developer Protestant No. 1 Site plan No. 2 No. 3 3A-3K Photos No. 4 Letters of Support Md. Dept. Agriculture letter Dec. 5, 2017 No. 5 No. 6 DOP ZAC Comment 11/22/2017 No. 7 CV David Martin. No. 8 No. 9 My Neighborhood No. 10 No. 11 No. 12

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January 10, 2018

The Honorable John E Beverungen (via hand-delivery)
Office of Administrative Hearings
105 E Chesapeake Ave
Towson, MD 21201

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re: Case No: 2018-0111-SPHXA Address 3950 Garrett Road

Legal Owners/Petitioners: Stephen Mark Elmore and Helen Norman Elmore

Lessee/Petitioner: Start Bright Farm, LLC

Dear Judge Beverungen,

I am in receipt of your Opinion and Order dated December 13, 2017 and correspondence from Mr. Christopher Mudd, Esq., counsel to petitioner, in which he requests certain clarifications to the conditions included in your order.

Naturally, nothing in this order, nor in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations should be construed as preventing the owner from holding a "non-commercial wedding" on the property, for example, his own. However, it must be noted that my interest in this matter was prompted by reports from neighbors and my own online research which shows that the property has been used for the past 3 years for at least a dozen wedding receptions, all appearing to be very much "commercial". I am satisfied that Mr. Elmore's testimony was that "commercial weddings are not a part of the business plan".

Also, I don't believe that a future petition to use this property for actual "commercial weddings" would risk *res judicata*, since that was not the request in the above-captioned case. Nevertheless a clarification of this in the Order is appropriate. Such a new petition would, rather, most likely be denied as being contrary to the zoning.

I support the issuance of a corrected Order.

Michael a Pierce

Michael Pierce

cc: Christopher Mudd (via e-mail cdmudd@venable.com)





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Christopher D. Mudd Counsel

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

January 5, 2018

## VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Office of Administrative Hearings 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No.: 2018-0111-SPHXA

Address: 2950 Garrett Road

Legal Owners/Petitioners: Stephen Mark Elmore and Helen Norman Elmore

Lessee/Petitioner: Star Bright Farm, LLC

## Dear Judge Beverungen:

I am in receipt of your Opinion and Order dated December 13, 2017 issued in the above-captioned case. My client is pleased to have received approval for the Special Exception to operate a farm market and related uses on the property located at 2950 Garrett Road (the "Property").

The purpose of this correspondence is to clarify one of the conditions Your Honor issued in the Opinion and Order. Specifically, you wrote that "[n]o wedding ceremonies or receptions may be held at the site." See Dec. 13, 2017 Op. and Order, p. 6. Presumably, this condition was imposed in response to the inquiries of Mr. Mike Pierce with respect to weddings, and the subsequent testimony of Mr. Peter Elmore, who briefly explained that commercial weddings are not a part of the Petitioners' business plan that was described during the hearing.

I now write to clarify and confirm two aspects related to the condition. First, we seek to confirm that the condition is not intended to prohibit the Petitioners from holding non-commercial weddings on the Property (i.e., weddings not-for-profit and not part of any business). We would not want this condition to be construed as prohibiting a wedding that has absolutely no relationship to the farm market and accessory businesses being operated on the Property (e.g., if Peter Elmore wanted to have his own wedding there, he should be able to do so). This would be no different than any property owner who may host a private party on their own property, which is unrelated to any business that may or may not be conducted on the property.

Second, we seek to confirm that, in the event that the Petitioners elect at a later date to seek subsequent approval for the ability to host commercial weddings on the Property, as part of its



The Honorable John E. Beverungen January 5, 2018 Page 2

business operation, the condition would not preclude them from doing so. Your Honor is very much aware of the principals of *res judicata* that have, from time-to-time, been determined to be applicable in the land use realm in Baltimore County, and while the Petitioners do not intend to hold weddings as part of the current business operations described during the hearing, we would not want the condition to forever prohibit them from seeking to do so in the future. Should commercial weddings present themselves as a feasible opportunity for their business model on the Property via special exception (or otherwise), the Petitioners may desire to later seek to include such a use. Of course, in such event, another public hearing may be appropriate, in order to evaluate the use. Nonetheless, at this time we specifically seek to confirm that your condition will not forever preclude the Petitioners from seeking future approval for commercial weddings on the Property.

Though this correspondence is not intended to be a formal motion for reconsideration, I understand that Your Honor may treat it as such for the purposes of issuing a response to the issues presented above. Regardless, we respectfully request that Your Honor clarify and/or confirm that the condition requiring that "[n]o wedding ceremonies or receptions may be held at the site," (1) does not prohibit the Petitioners from holding non-commercial, not-for-profit weddings on the Property; and (2) would not preclude Petitioners from pursuing approval for the ability to host commercial, for-profit weddings on the Property at a later time as a matter of *res judicata*. If Your Honor is so inclined, the condition could be amended to read: "No commercial (for-profit) wedding ceremonies or receptions may be held on the property, and if the Petitioner ever intends to hold commercial (for-profit) wedding ceremonies or receptions on the property, it must first file a petition for the appropriate relief to amend this condition."

Thank you for your continued time and consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Christopher D. Mudd

cc: Mr. Michael Pierce (via e-mail)

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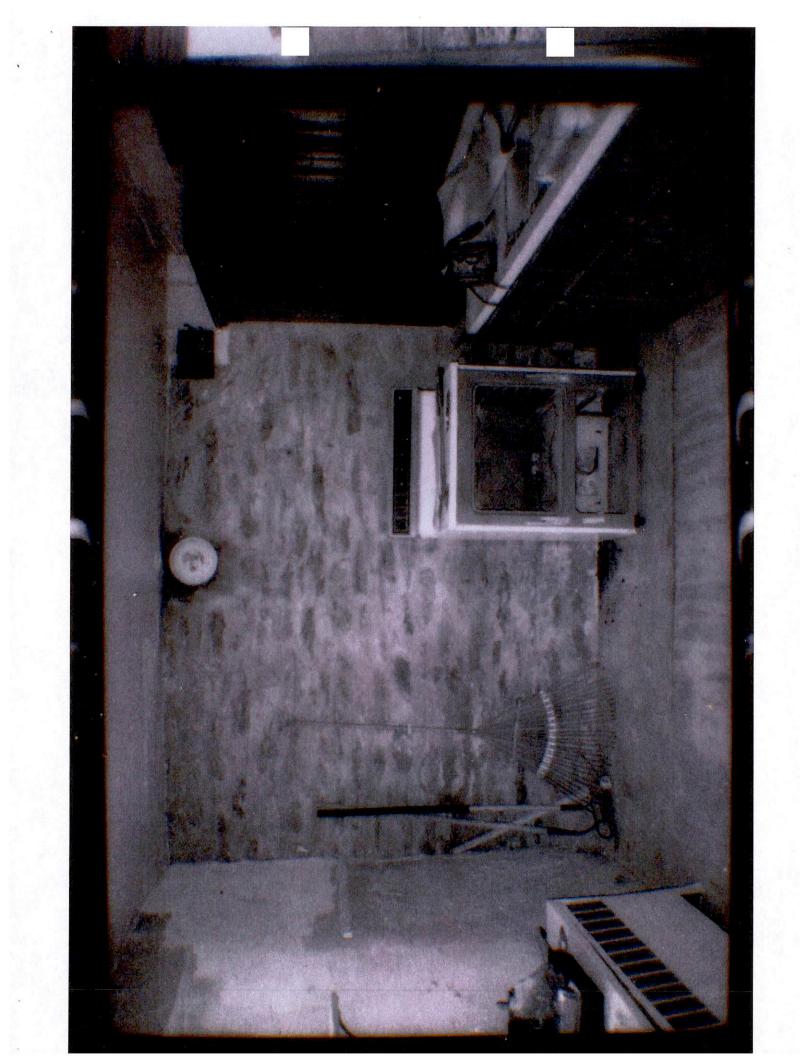
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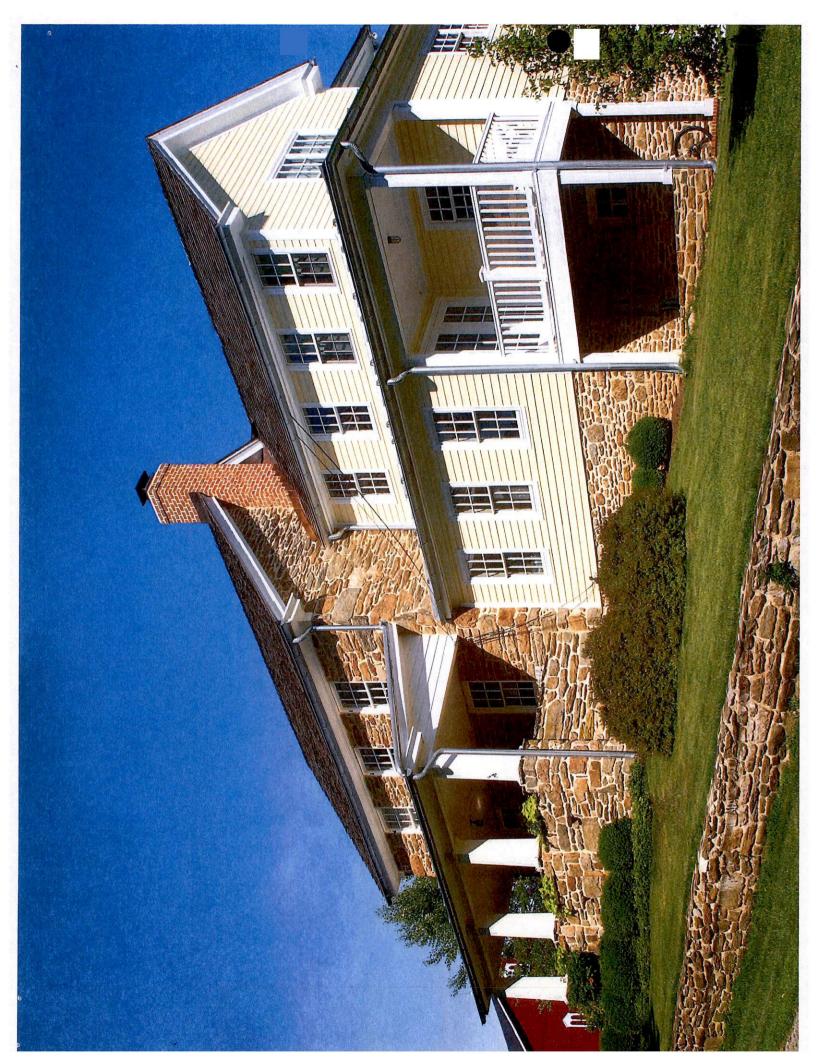
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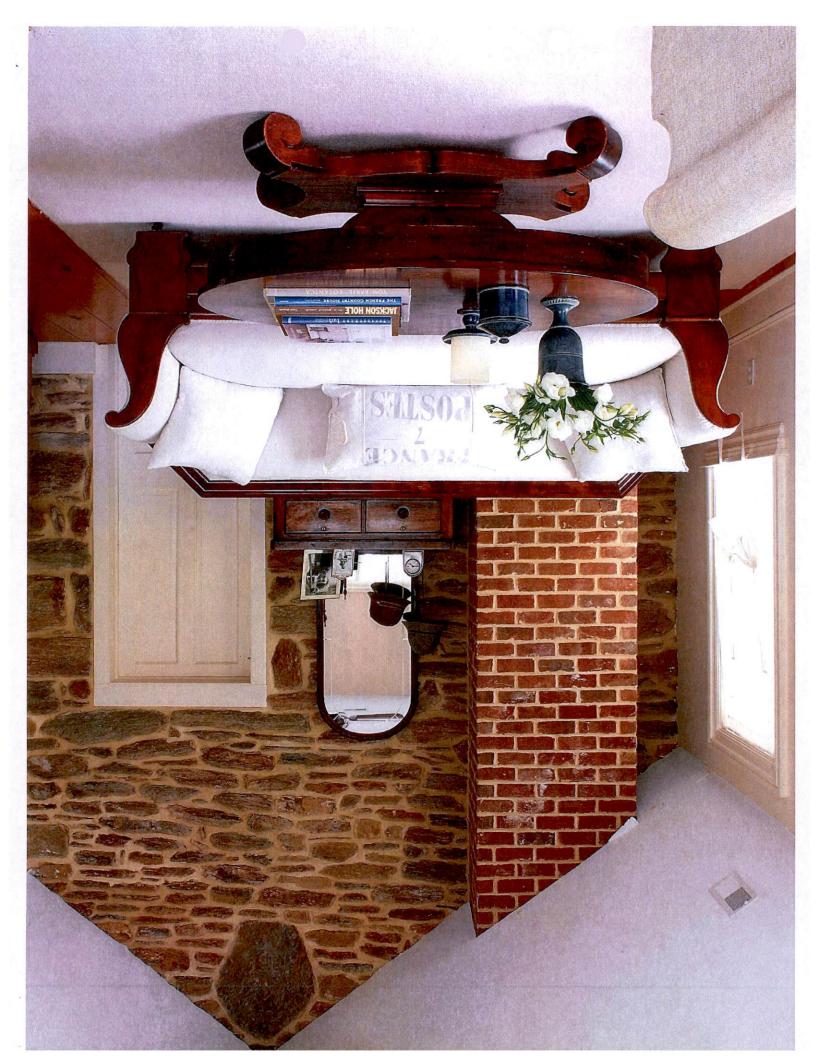










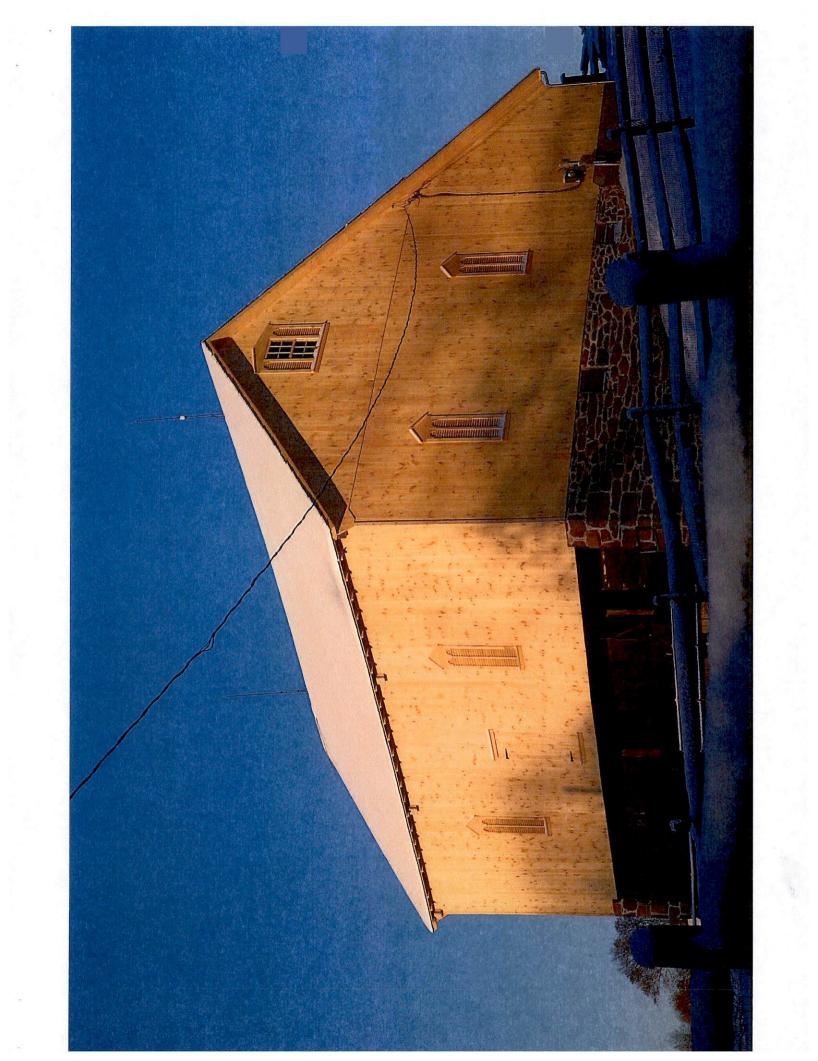




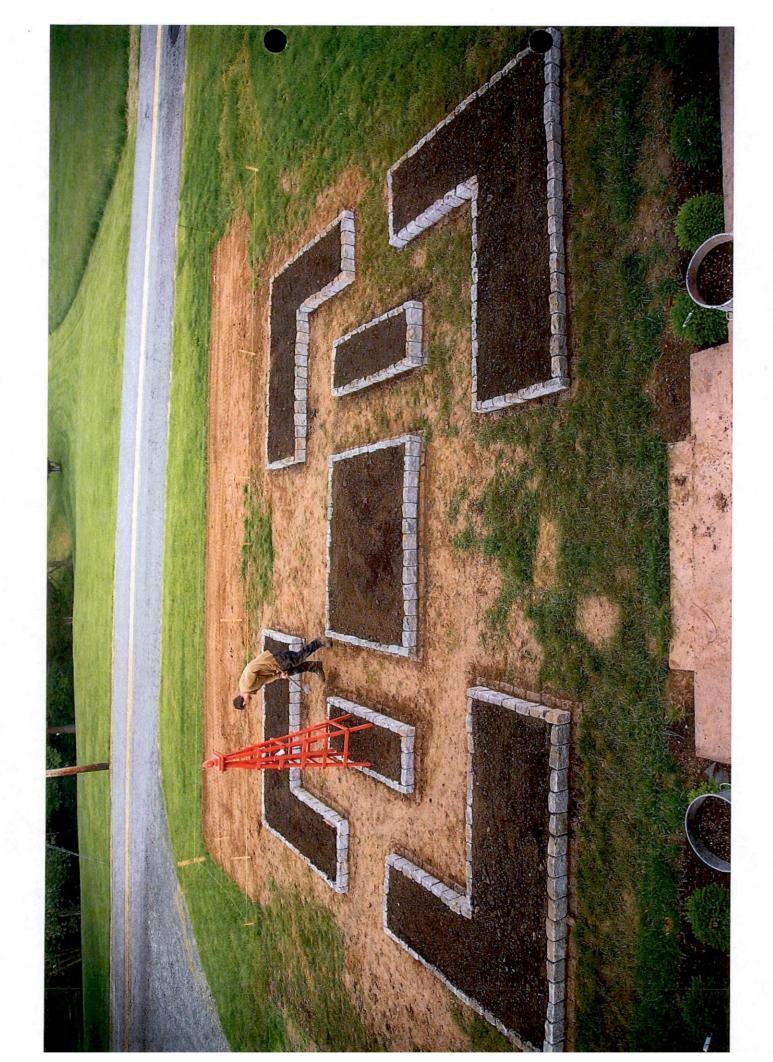


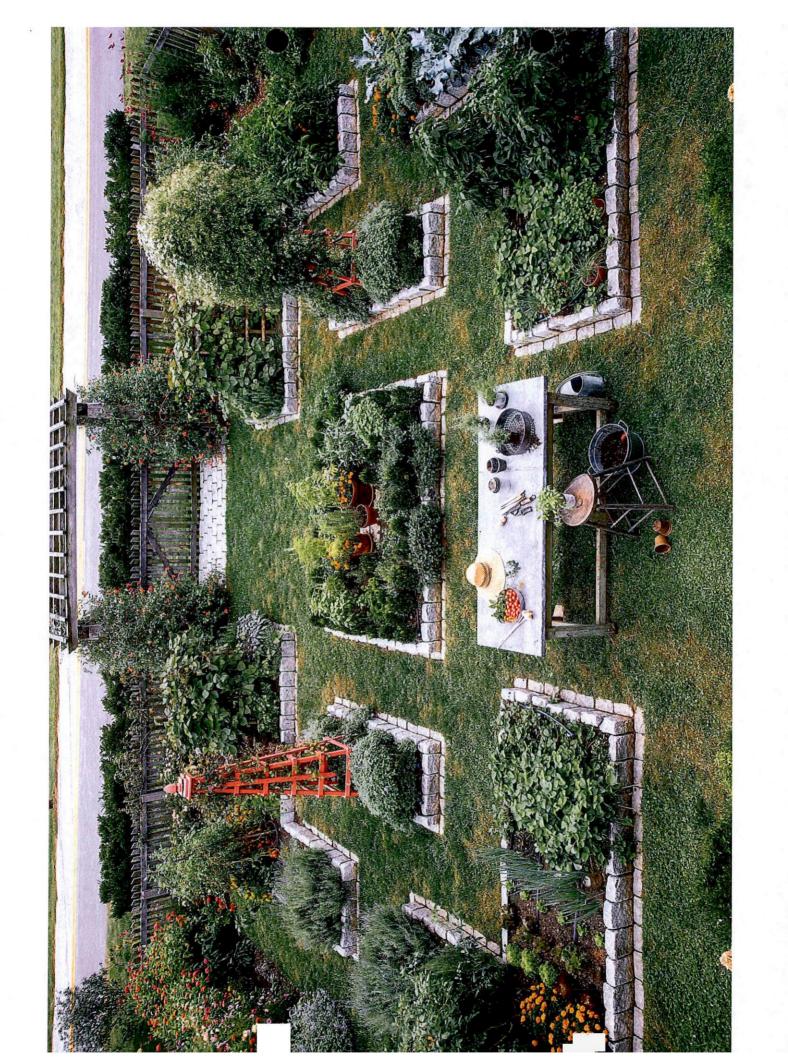


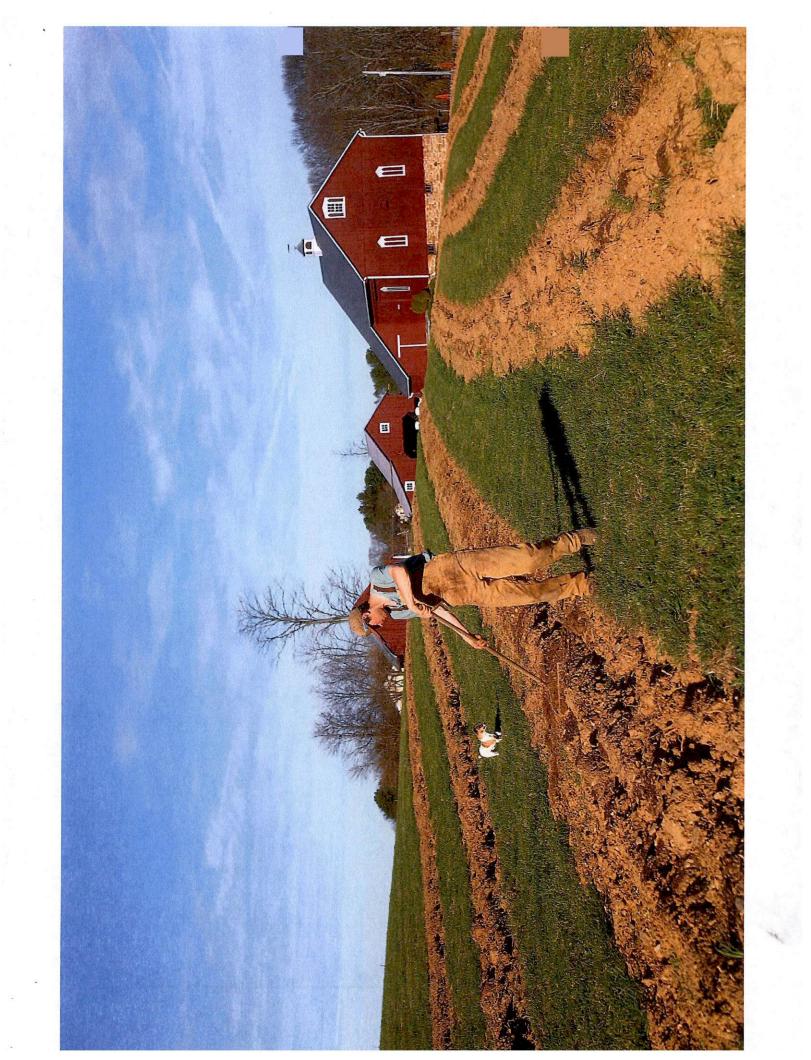




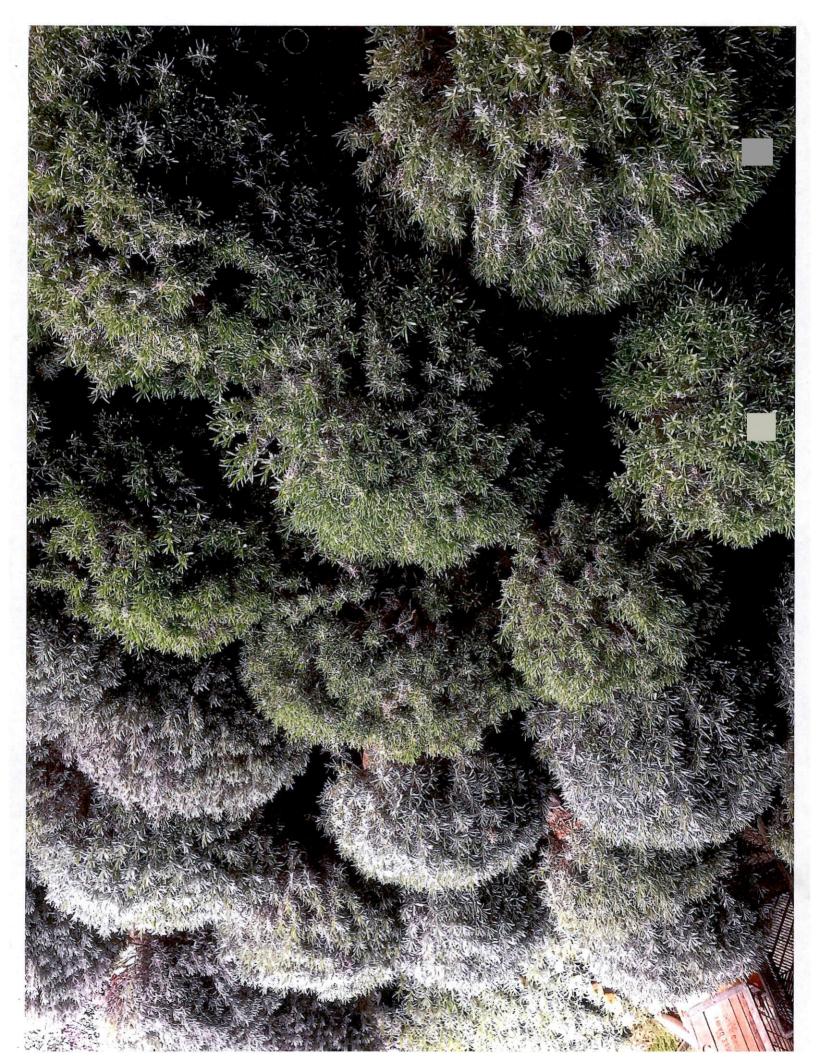


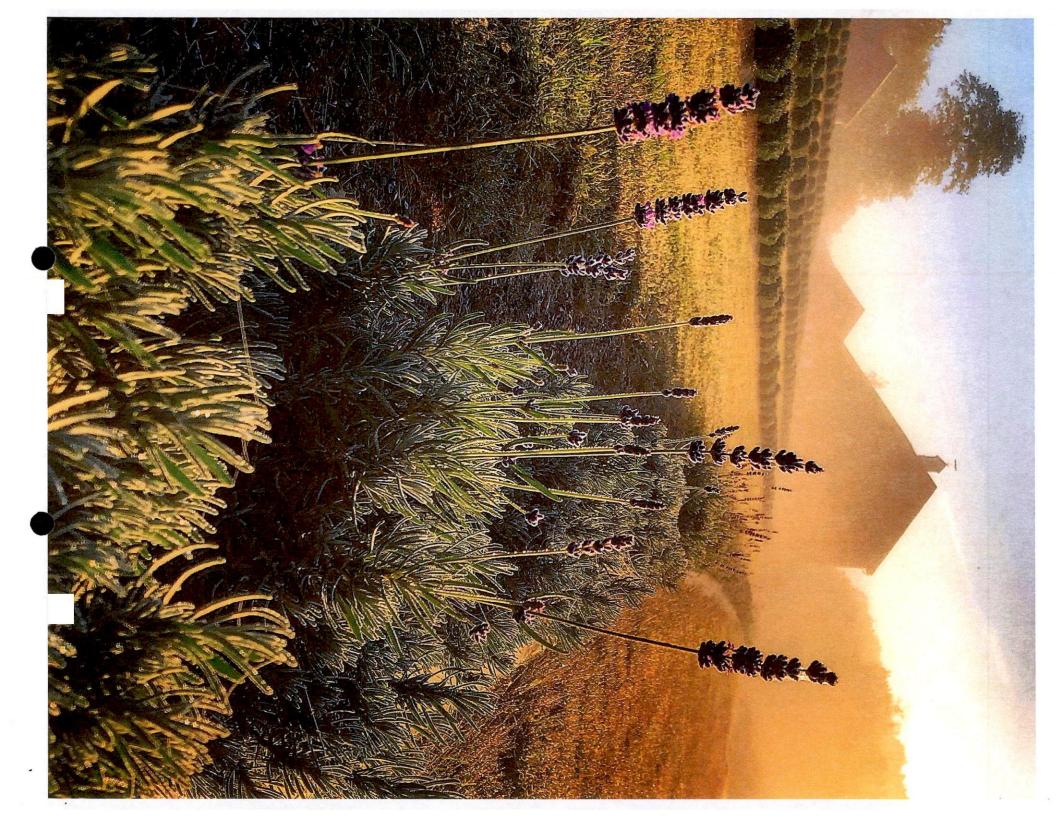


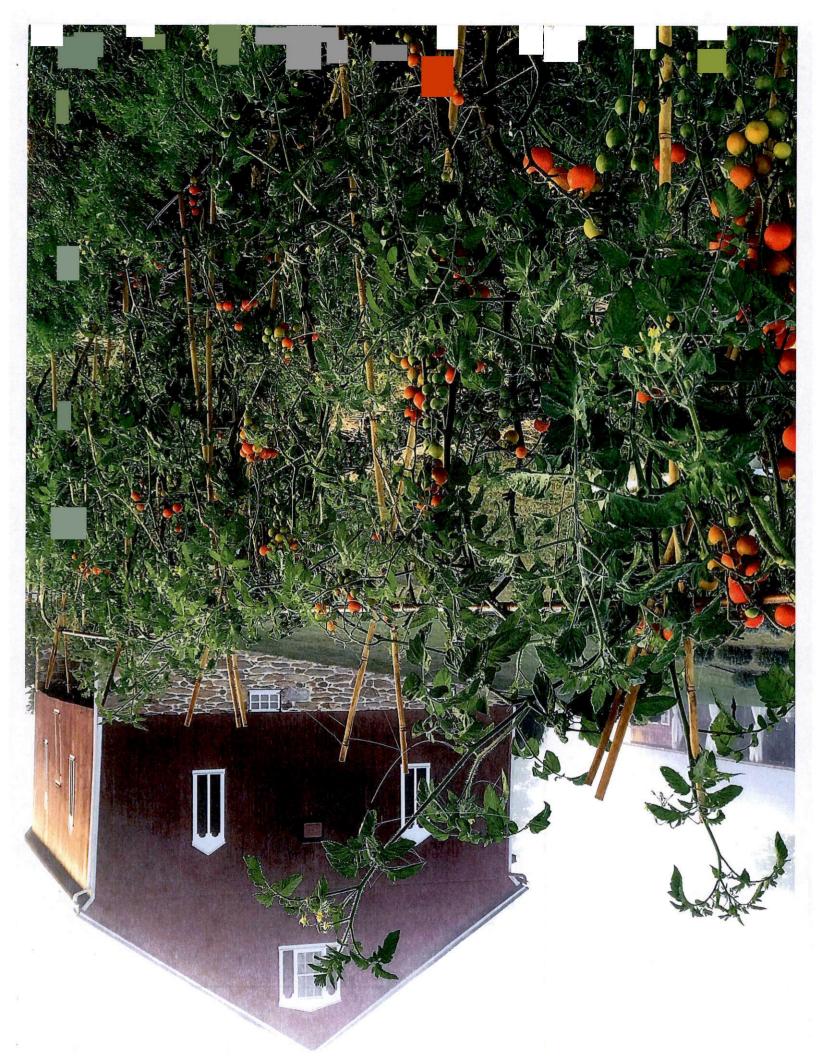






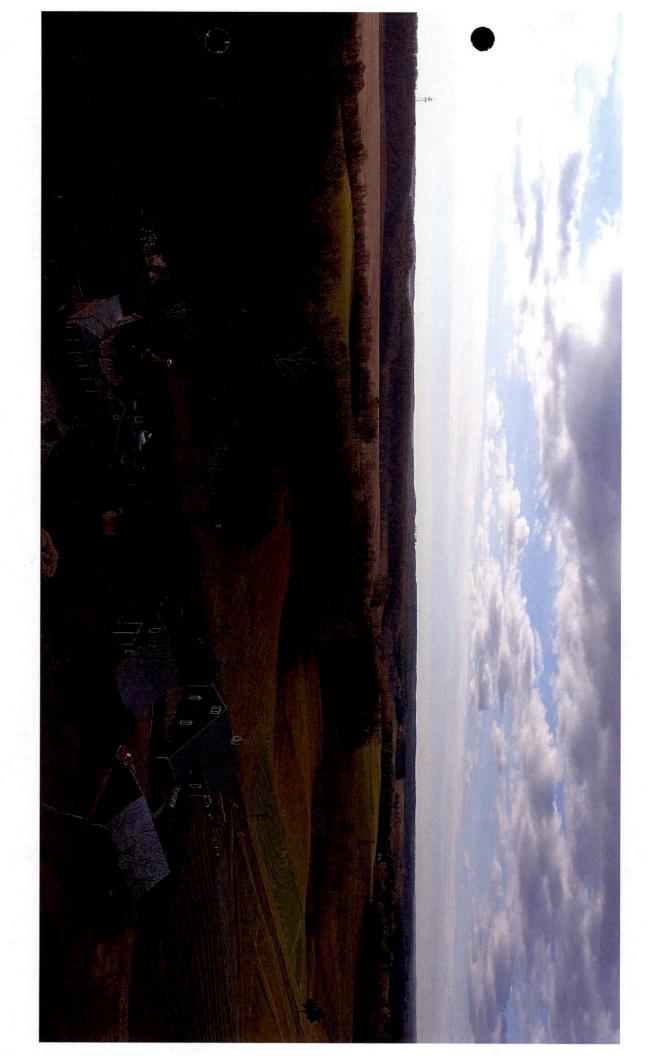


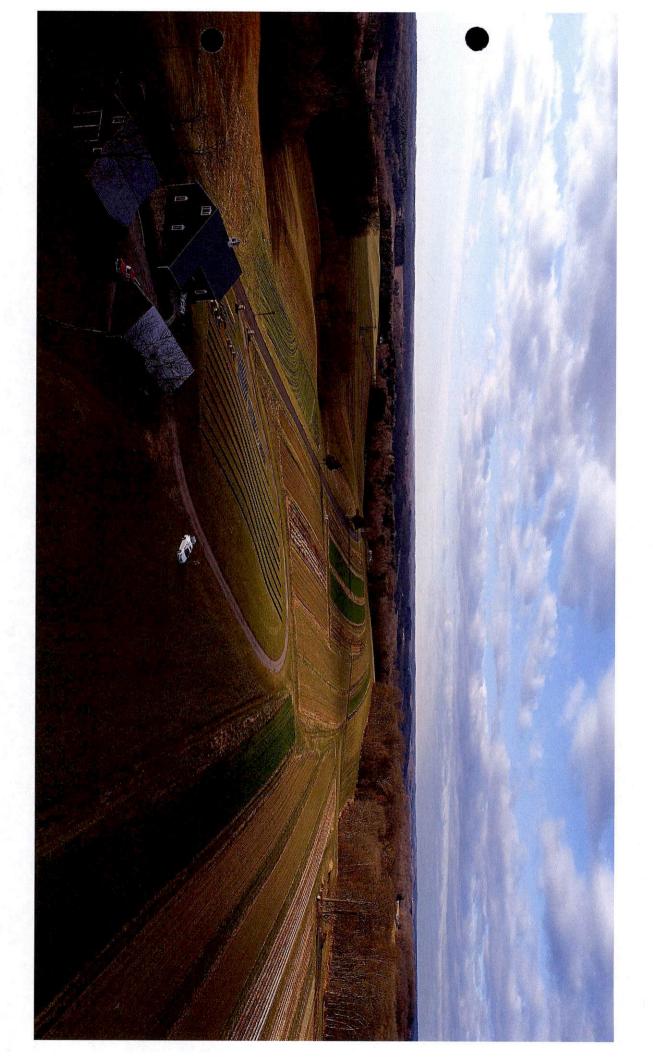


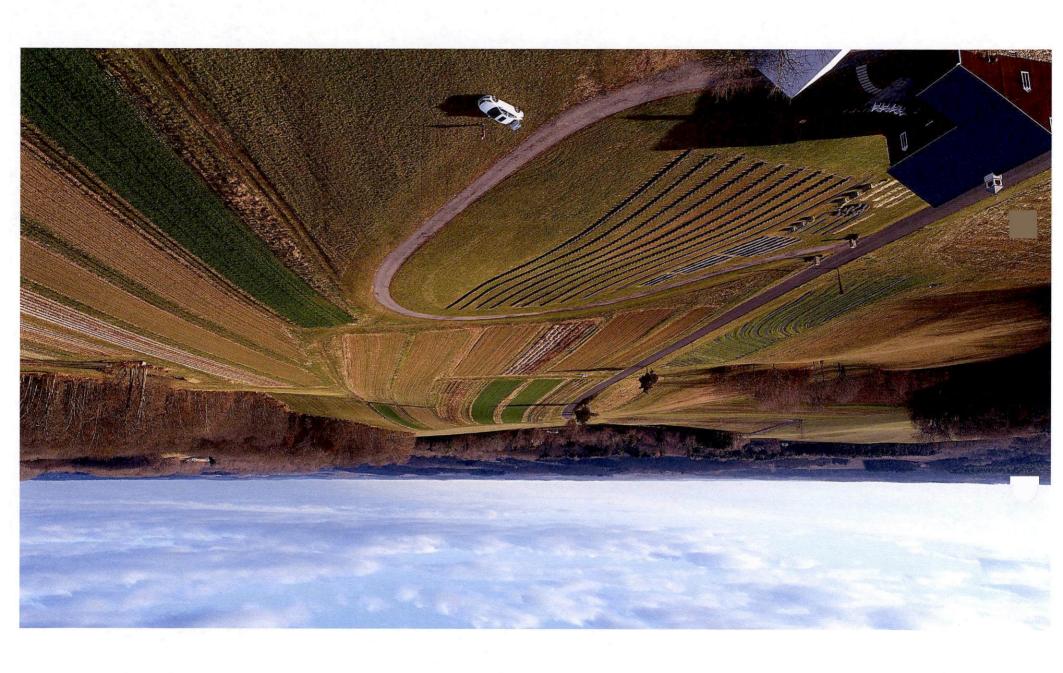


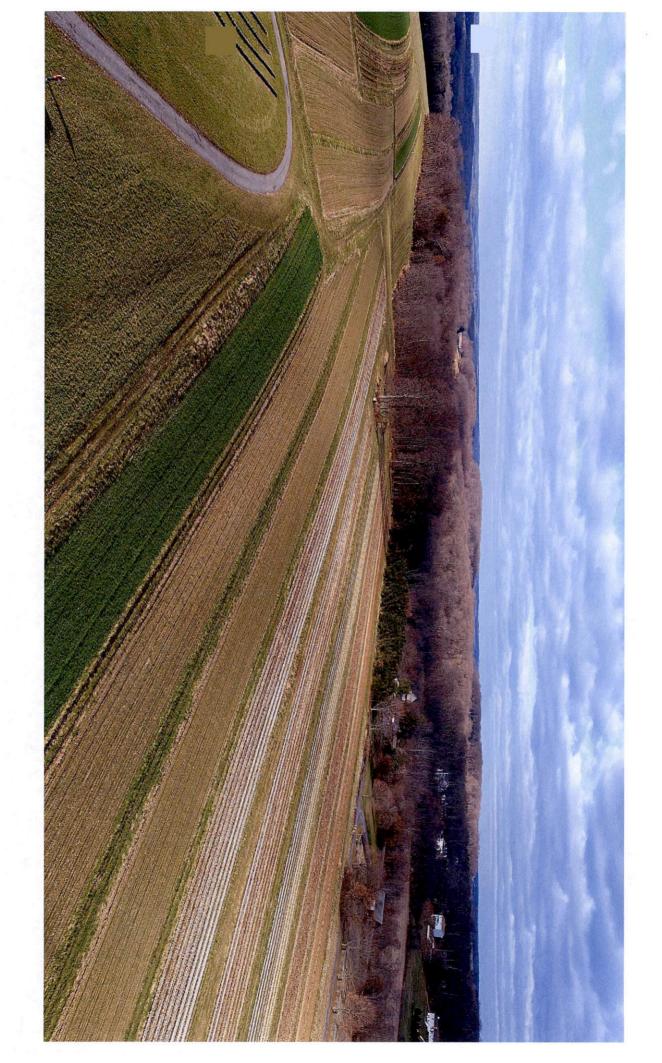




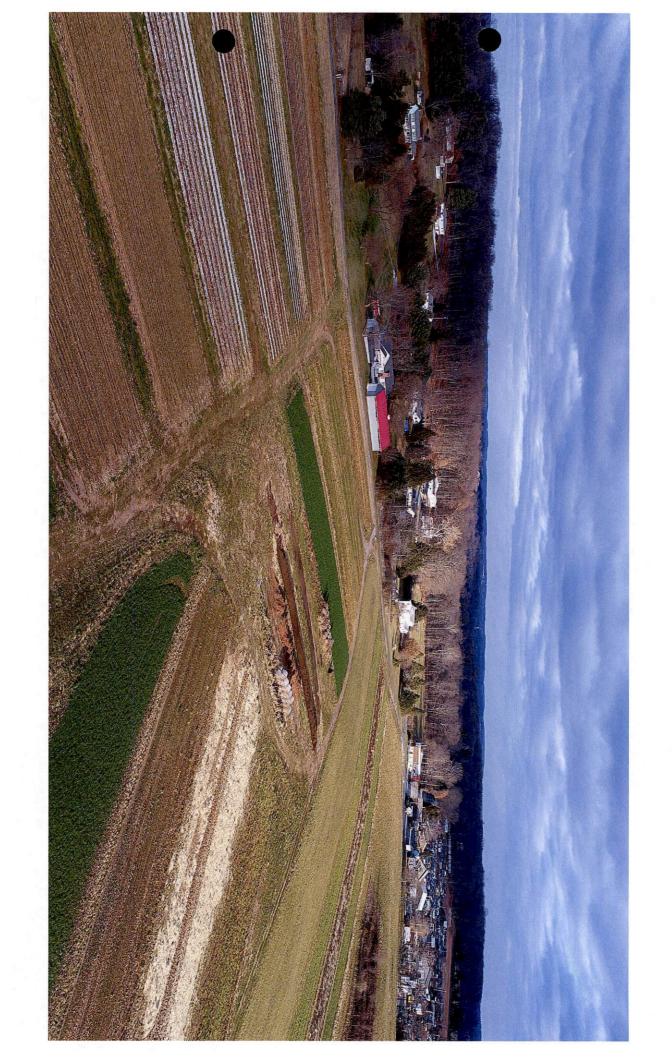


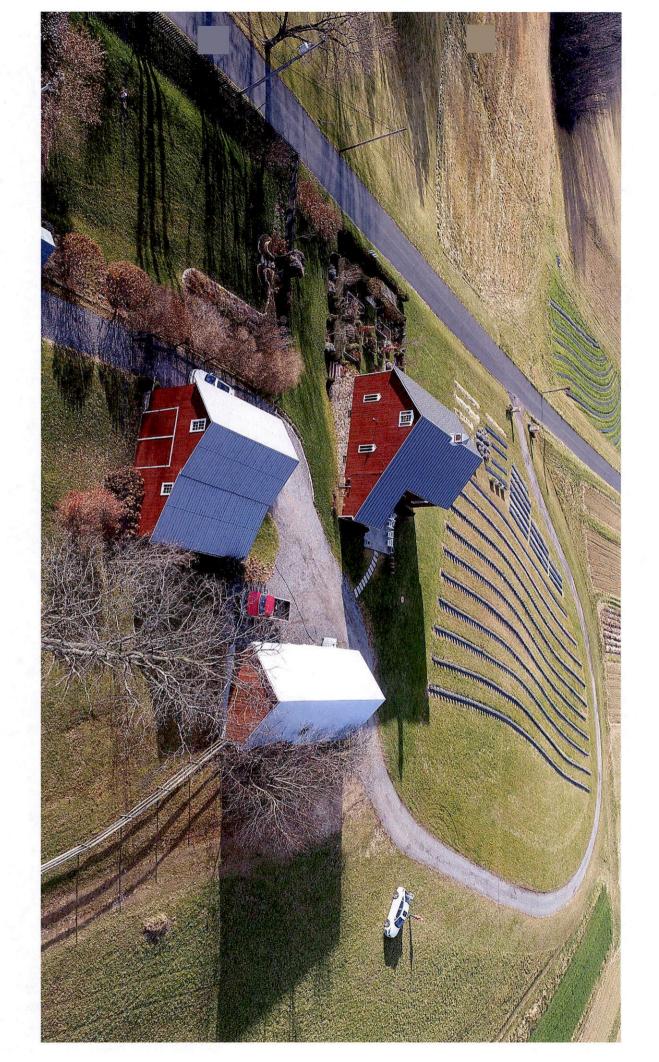


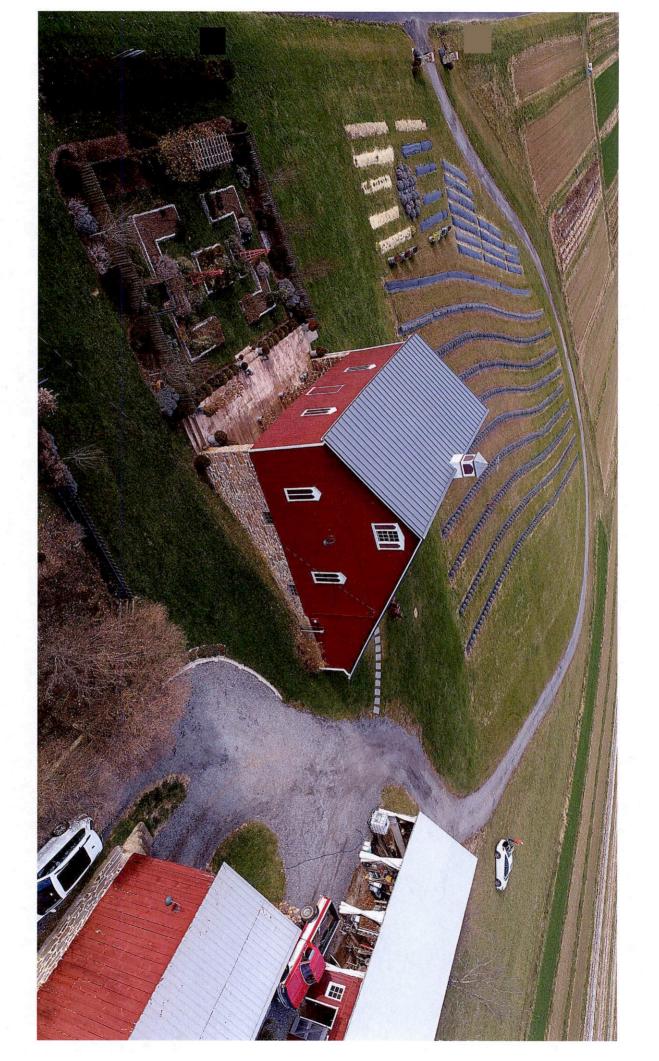




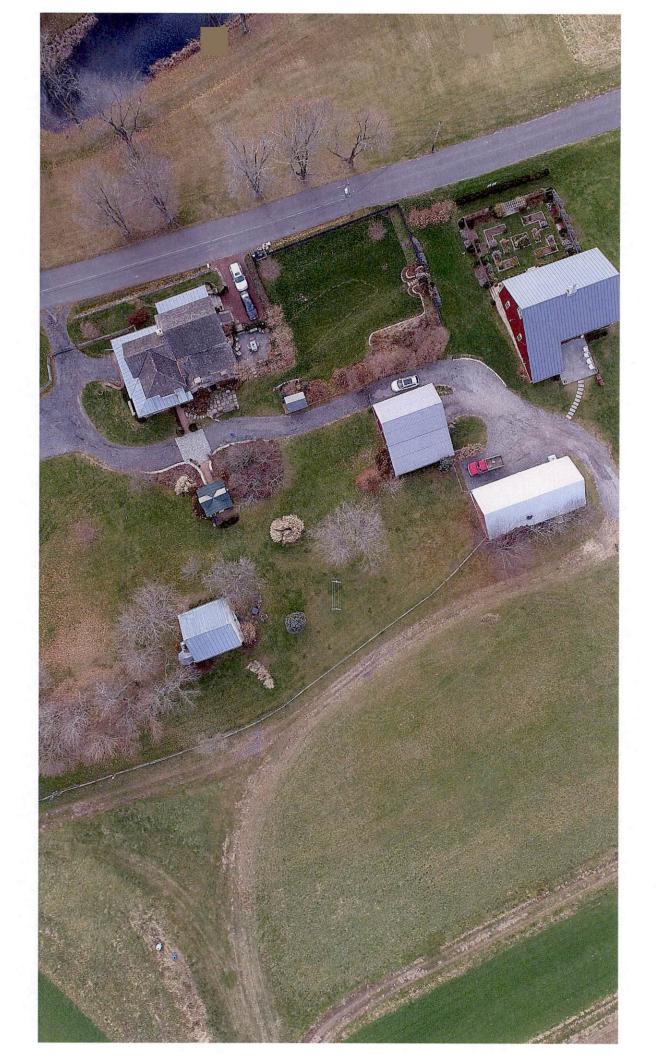












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The Rose Family

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EXHIBIT NO.



19718 Kirkwood Shop Road White Hall, Maryland 21161

Dear Zoning Board,

We are neighbors of Star Bright Farm. It is encouraging to see the lavender and blueberry fields planted this year and the promise of the harvests to come.

As a member of the White Hall community and close neighbor of Star Bright Farm, we support the efforts of Star Bright Farm to host onsite farm market. We hope to attend events at the farm and in the barn that encourage and promote the sale of their products such as farm to table dinners, agriculture related workshops and harvest events.

Signed,

Drew and Joan Norman 19178 Kirkwood Shop Rd White Hall, MD 21161

### **Legacy Farm**

#### 2434 Garrett Road

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11/28/17

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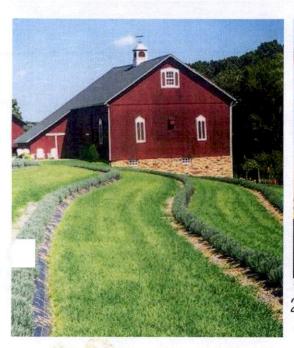
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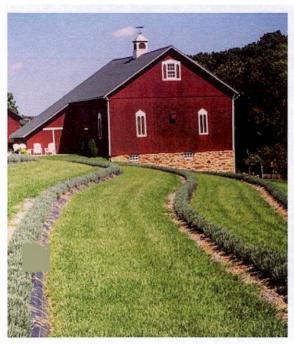




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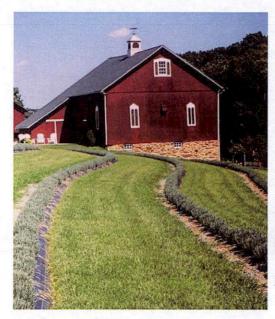
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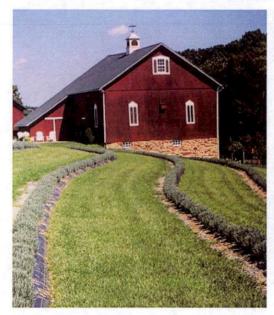


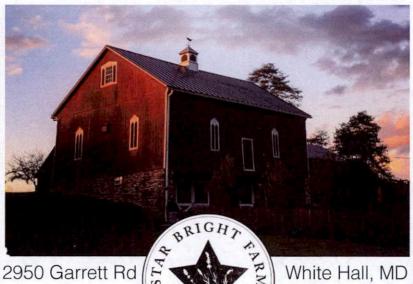


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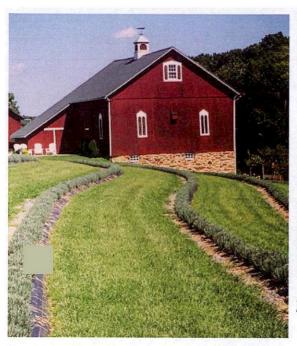
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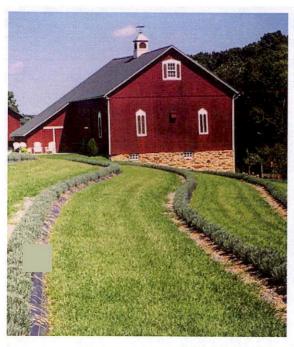






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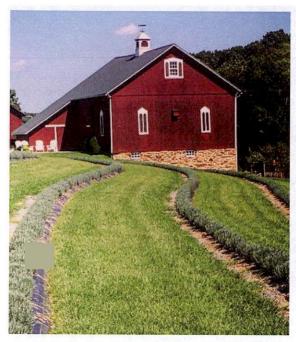


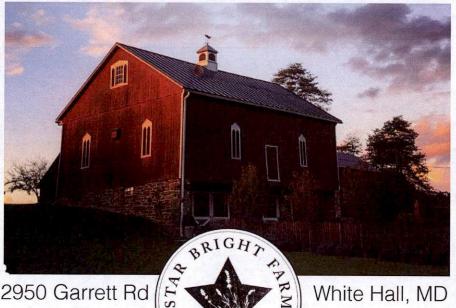




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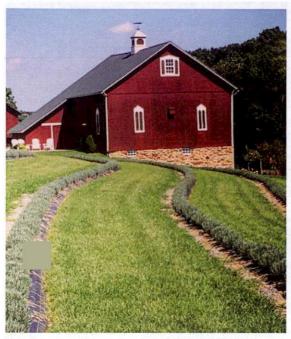






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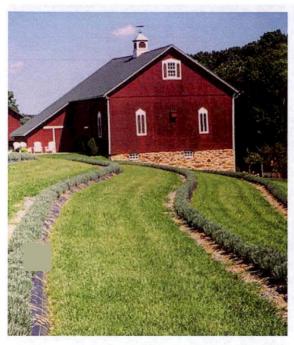


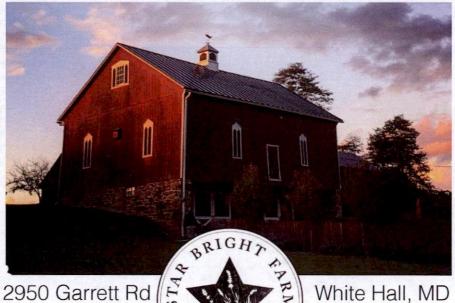




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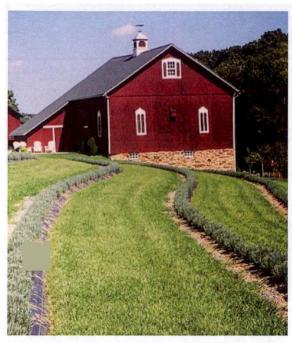
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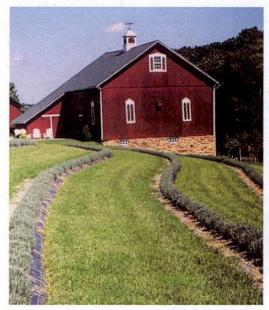
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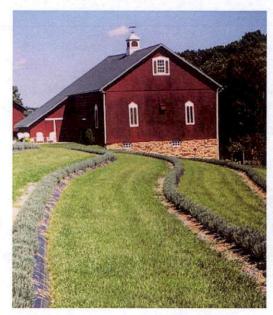


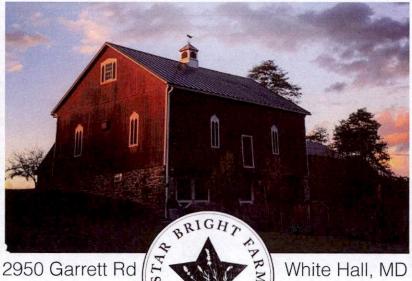




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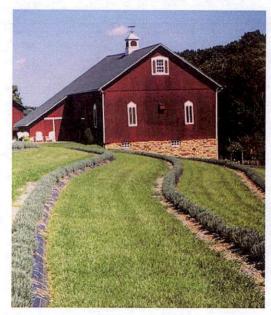


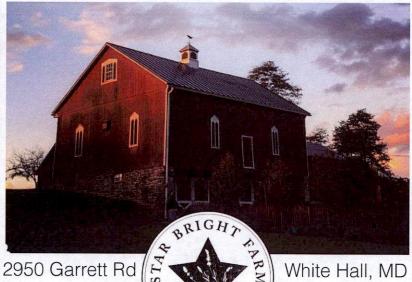




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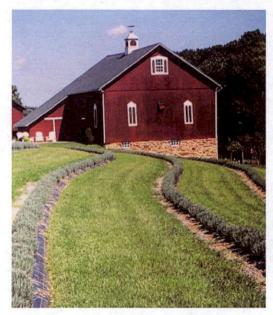


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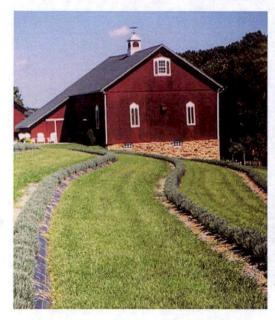
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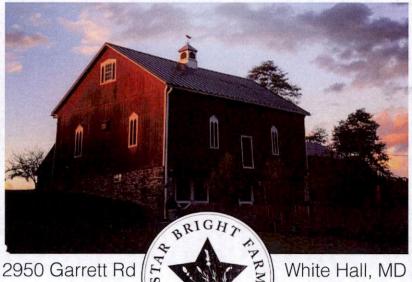






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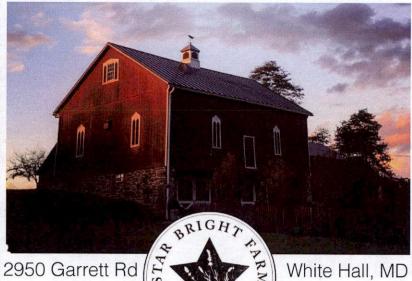




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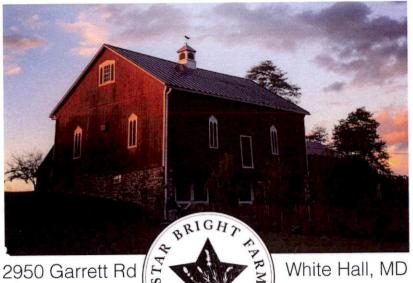




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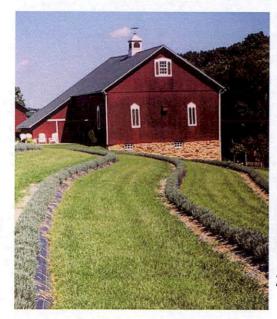


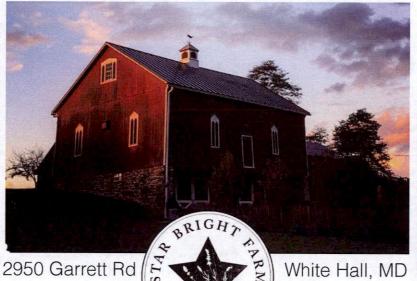






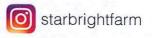
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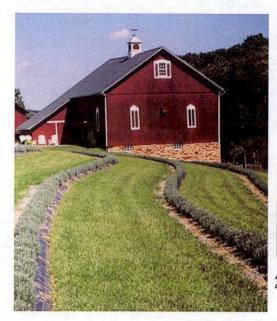






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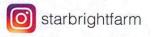






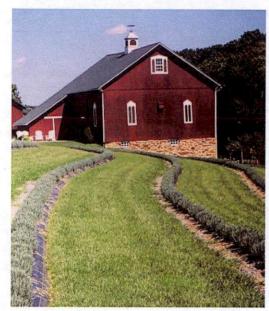


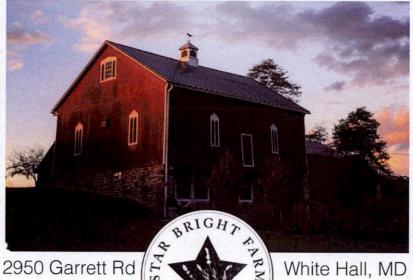
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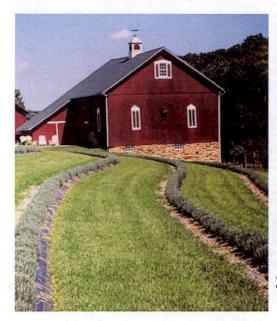
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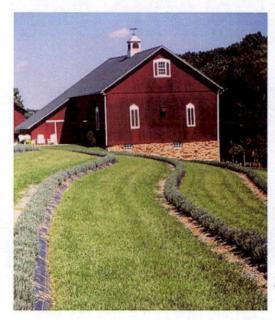
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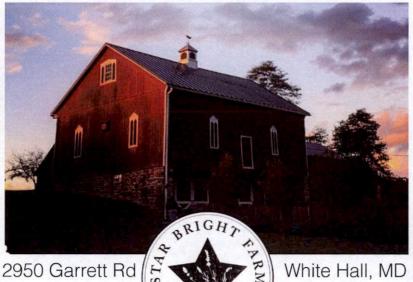






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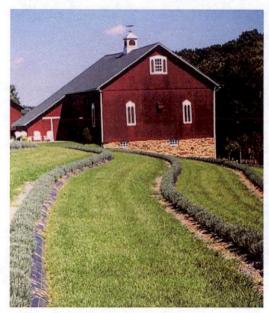


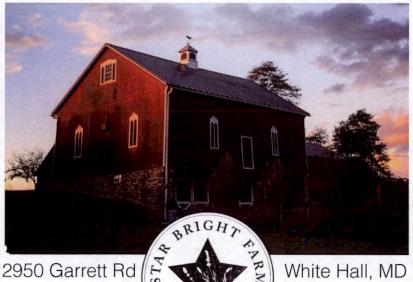


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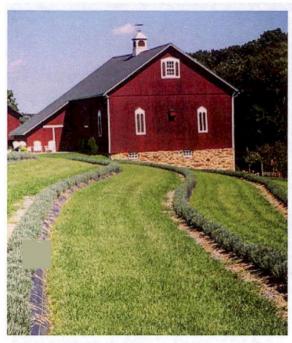


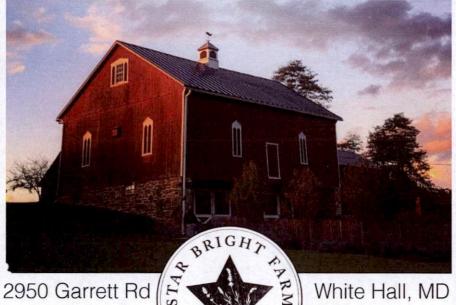




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December 5, 2017

Star Bright Farm Mark, Helen, and Peter Elmore 2950 Garrett Road White Hall, MD 21161

Re: MALPF #03-95-04: Requested uses and events

Dear Elmore family,

Thank you for working with the Foundation over these last few years to determine how best to expand and grow your agricultural operation on your property while complying with the Foundation's policies and regulations. I have received your request to conduct events and operate a farm stand on your farm, along with Baltimore County's recommendation of the request. The description of your intended uses of your farm provides an overview of where your operation stands currently, and how you plan to grow into the future.

Per the Foundation's Guidelines for Requested Uses of Land in the MALPF Program (Guidelines), the Foundation's Board of Trustees has delegated administrative approval authority to the county's agricultural board and the Foundation's staff regarding certain uses, subject to the requirements listed in the Guidelines. Your request to operate farm markets/road side stands as well as up to 16 farm related events, are two of the categories that MALPF Staff is able to approve.

Based on 1) the information you have provided about the proposed uses/events and the farm market; 2) the approval of the proposed uses/events and the farm market by the county's agricultural advisory board; and 3) all but one of the conditions listed in the Foundation's Guidelines being satisfied, you are hereby granted conditional Foundation approval for the following requested activities/events. The information you and Mr. Lippincott provided stated that you have not yet received Baltimore County approval to conduct either the Farm Market or the individual events. Once you have received the County permit for these actions, please provide me a copy of the County's approval. At that time, the approval for your requested activities/events shall be finalized.

These activities/events will be conducted either outside or in existing structures. No new construction of additional buildings was requested, nor approved, to conduct these activities/events. The following are the activities and events conditionally approved by this letter:

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: 11/22/2017

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: 18-111

INFORMATION:

**Property Address:** 

2950 Garrett Road

Petitioner:

Mark Stephen Elmore, Helen Norman Elmore

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Special Exception, Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a special hearing, special exception and variance as identified on the attachments submitted in support of the petition.

A site visit was conducted on October 11, 2017.

The property is subject to a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easement and the request is currently under review by MALPF staff. State approval is contingent upon County Zoning approval.

Certain aspects of the requested zoning relief relating to the farm-related events and the farm market were brought to the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board (BALPAB) on October 11, 2017. The BALPAB recommended the approval for the request. The BALPAB found that the requested events which were to include workshops, field to table dinners, and seasonal harvests and festivals fell within the appropriateness standards for the Advisory Board consideration. These standards include:

- The proposed use is a farm or forest related use Agric. § 2-513(b); COMAR 15.15.07;
- The proposed use "conflicts with the overall purpose of the easement to preserve the farm for agricultural use and as open-space land" - COMAR 15.15.07; and
- The proposed use has an historical relationship to farming COMAR 15.15.07.17.G(3)(c); or
- The proposed use is a home occupation

The Department of Planning has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief with the understanding that the proposal remains under the purview of MALPF.

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

Prepared by:

**Division Chief:** 

Kathy Schlabach

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c: Kaylee Justice Christopher D. Mudd, Esquire Office of the Administrative Hearings People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Martin & Phillips Design Associates, Inc., Principal Director of Land Planning / Landscape Architecture

Professional Registration: Landscape Architect

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#### **Education:**

The Pennsylvania State University
Bachelor of Science Landscape Architecture - 1971

## **Professional Affiliations:**

American Society of Landscape Architects, Member Urban Land Institute, Member

Professional practice includes 36 years of land planning, landscape architecture, comprehensive zoning, PUD master planning, site planning, and expert witness testimony regarding land use and zoning issues. Mr. Martin has been practicing in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan region since 1987 and has been qualified as an expert in land planning, site planning, and zoning cases in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Howard County, Harford County, Cecil County, Bel Air, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Perryville, Port Deposit and Federal District Court of Baltimore.

Prior to his relocation to Maryland, Mr. Martin practiced landscape architecture and land planning in Pennsylvania, Florida, Massachusetts, Alabama, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Jamaica.

As President of Martin & Phillips Design Associates, Inc. Mr. Martin supervises community planning, site development, subdivision development plans, and master planning efforts, He also offers zoning, testimony and interpretation on land planning issues before zoning commissioners, boards of appeals, planning commissions, and elected bodies. Mr. Martin facilitates community input meetings, and presents Development Plans in Baltimore County and oversees the preparation of special exception and variance plan requests. He also directs the design of parks, amenity features, lighting plans and landscape plans associated with residential, commercial and institutional projects.

Significant projects include Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) in the State of Florida including; Palm Coast, Florida - 10,000 acre master plan, Beverly Hills, Florida - 6,500 acre master plan, and Doral Park, Florida - 2000 acre master plan. Significant local projects include: Hollywoods, Monmouth Meadows, Greenbriar, Bainbridge Development, Forge Landing, Owings Mills Commerce Center, The Avenue at Whitemarsh, New England Motor Freight Trucking Facility, Cedar Land Farms P.U.D., Westwicke, Beaverbrook, Biddison Property, Bridle Ridge, Green Spring Station, Home Depot of Owings Mills, Bel Air and Timonium, Ashland Market Place, Powell Property, and Baker Property.

Mr. Martin has prepared numerous comprehensive-zoning petitions in Baltimore County during the 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 CZMP processes and has a thorough understanding of the principles of Euclidean zoning and their application throughout the Baltimore Metro region. He also served on an ad-hoc committee that authored the Service Employment (SE) Zone of Baltimore County and the Public Affairs Committee for NAIOP. He has extensive experience dealing with all of the Baltimore Regional Area County's development regulations.

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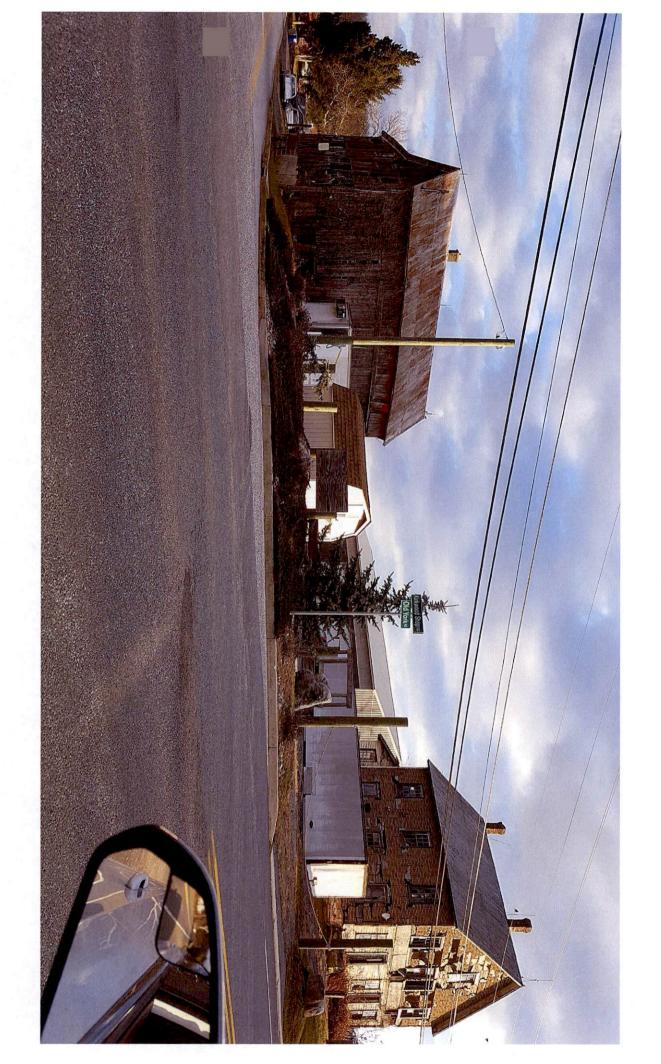
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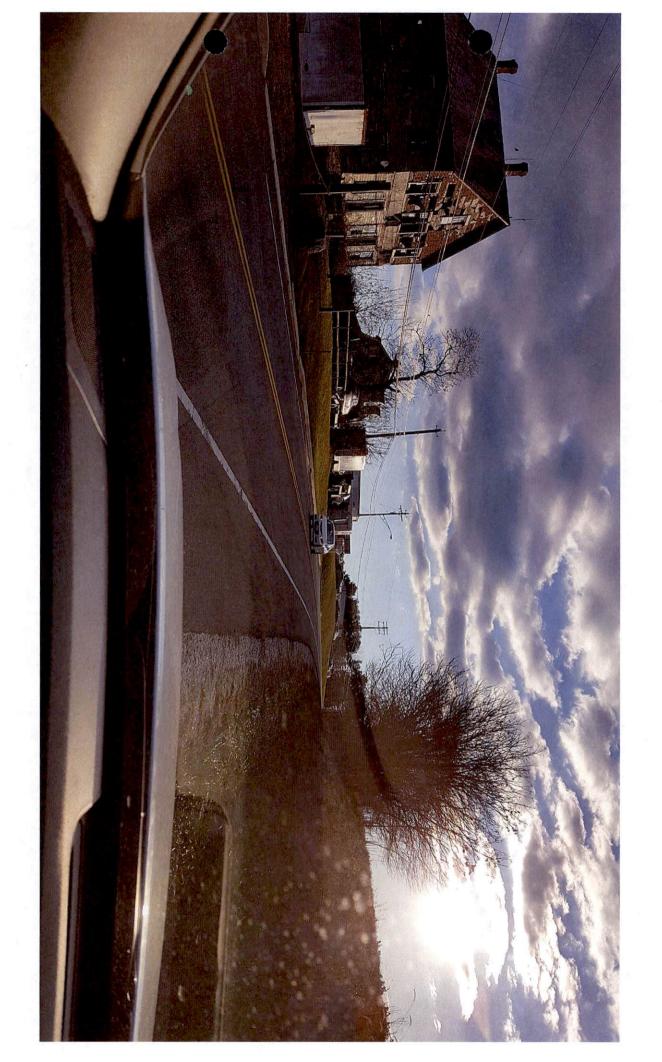


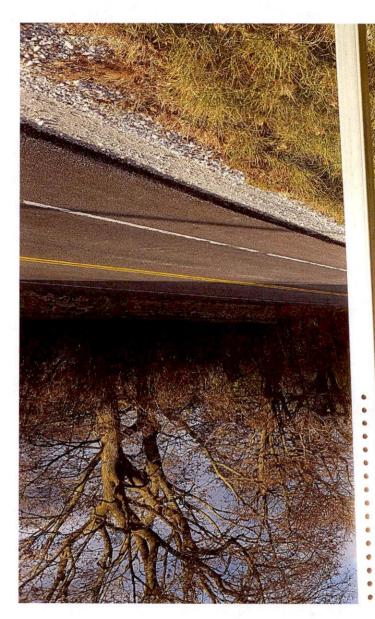
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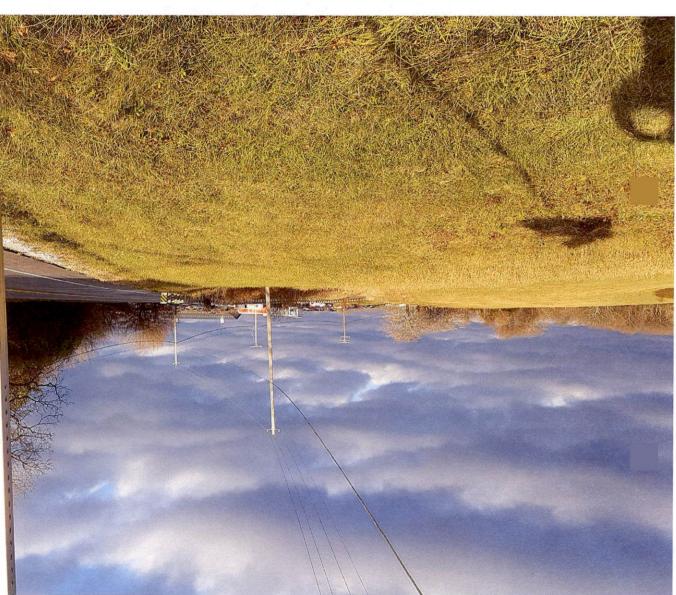
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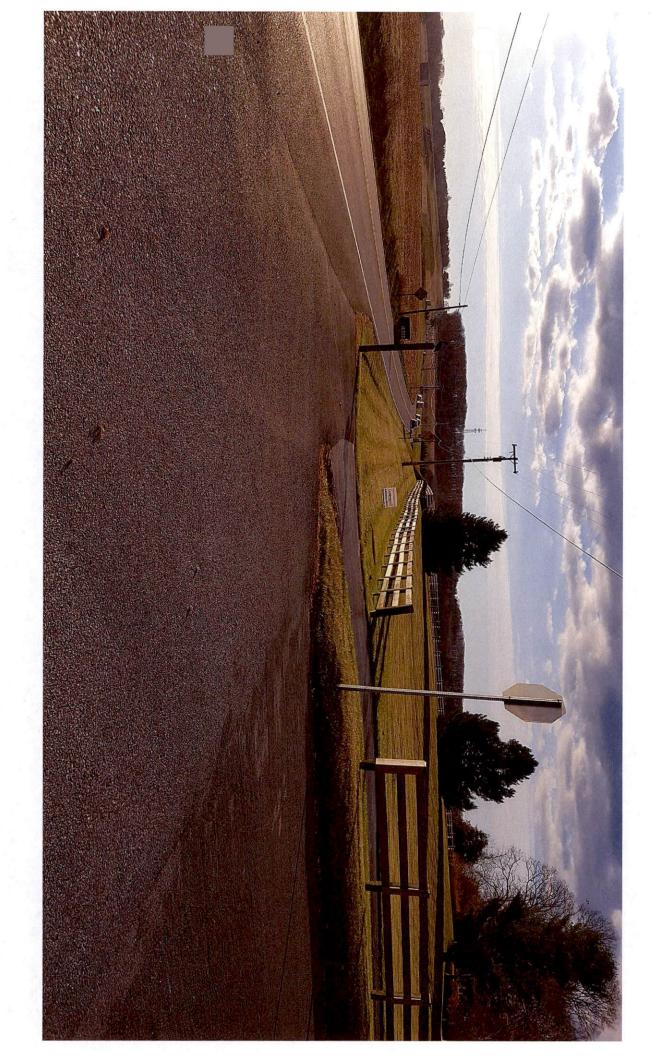




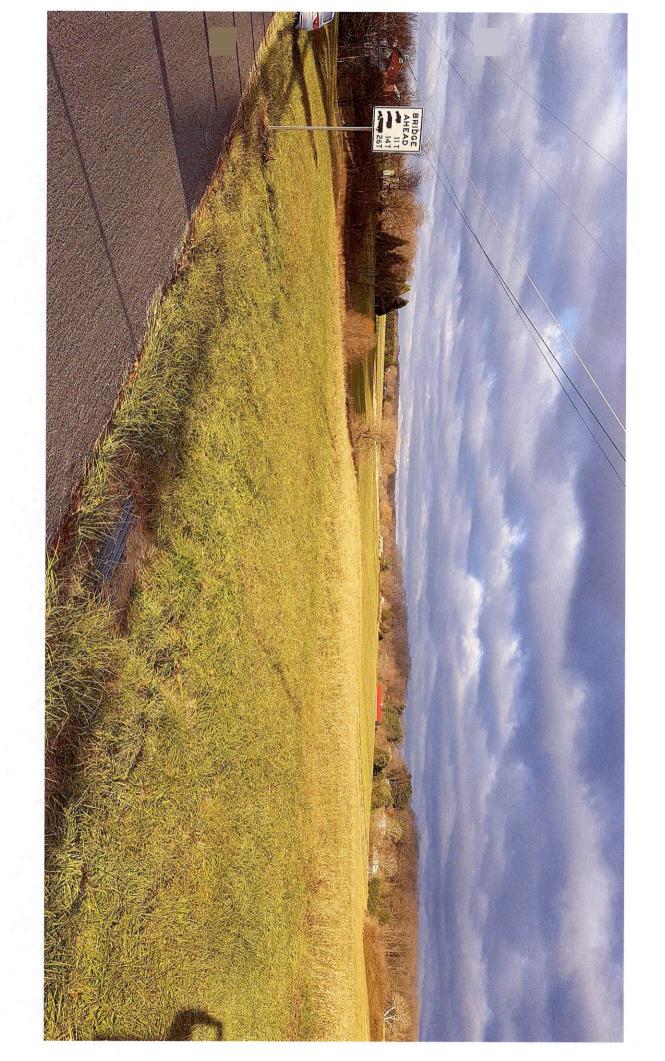


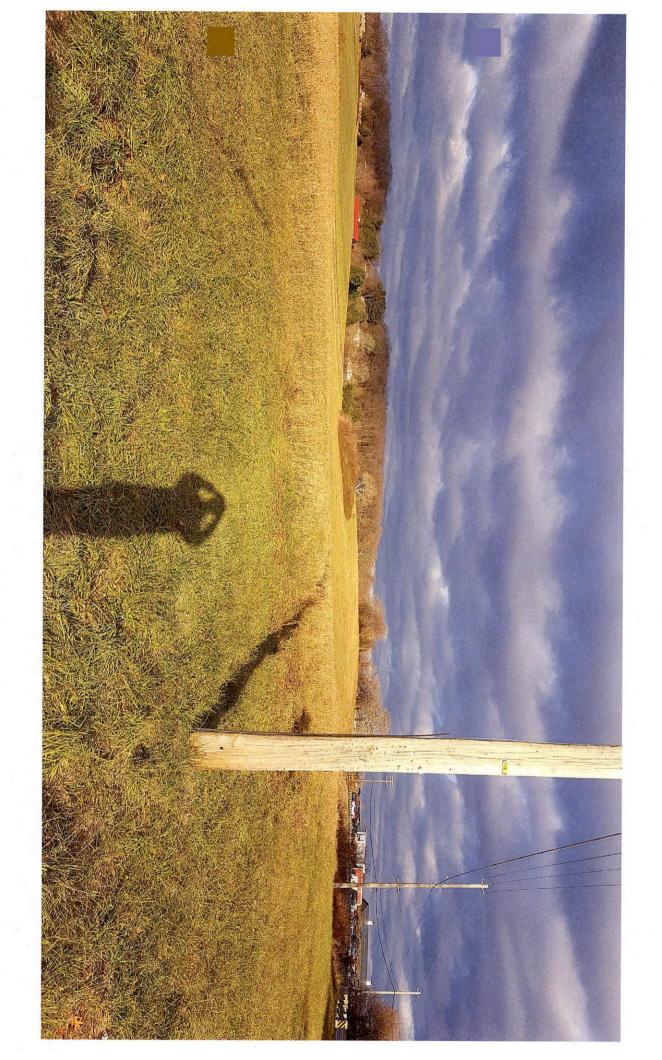


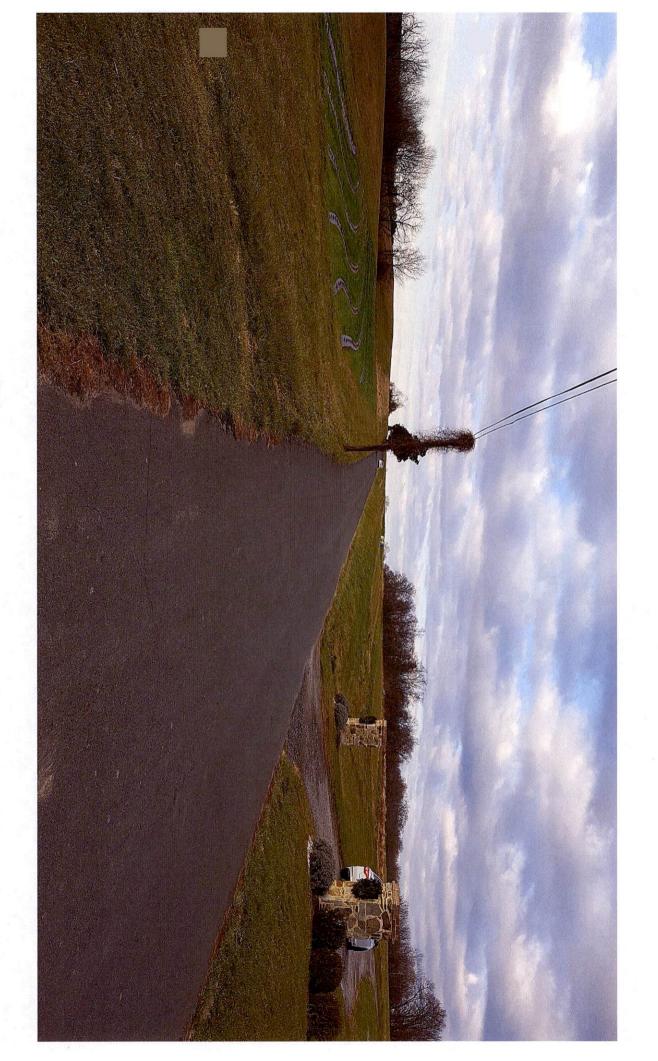










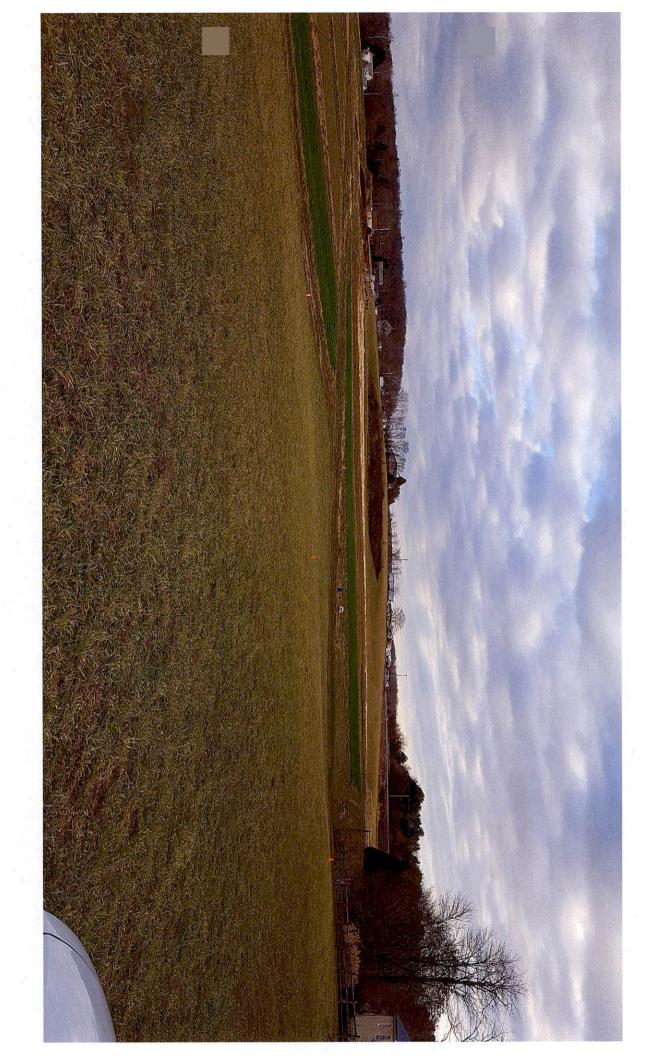


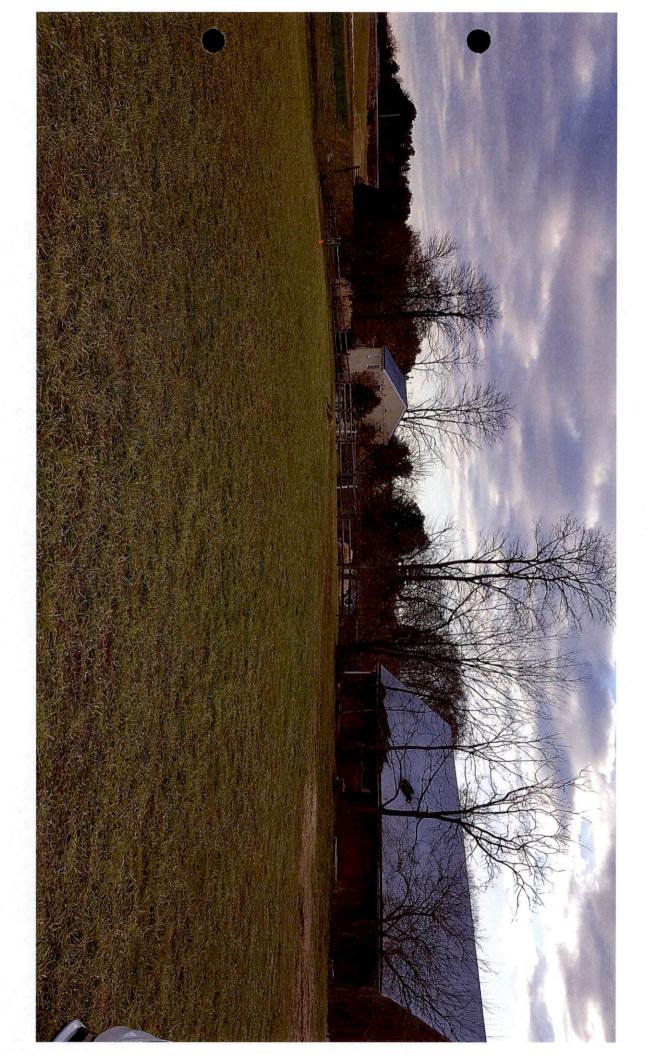






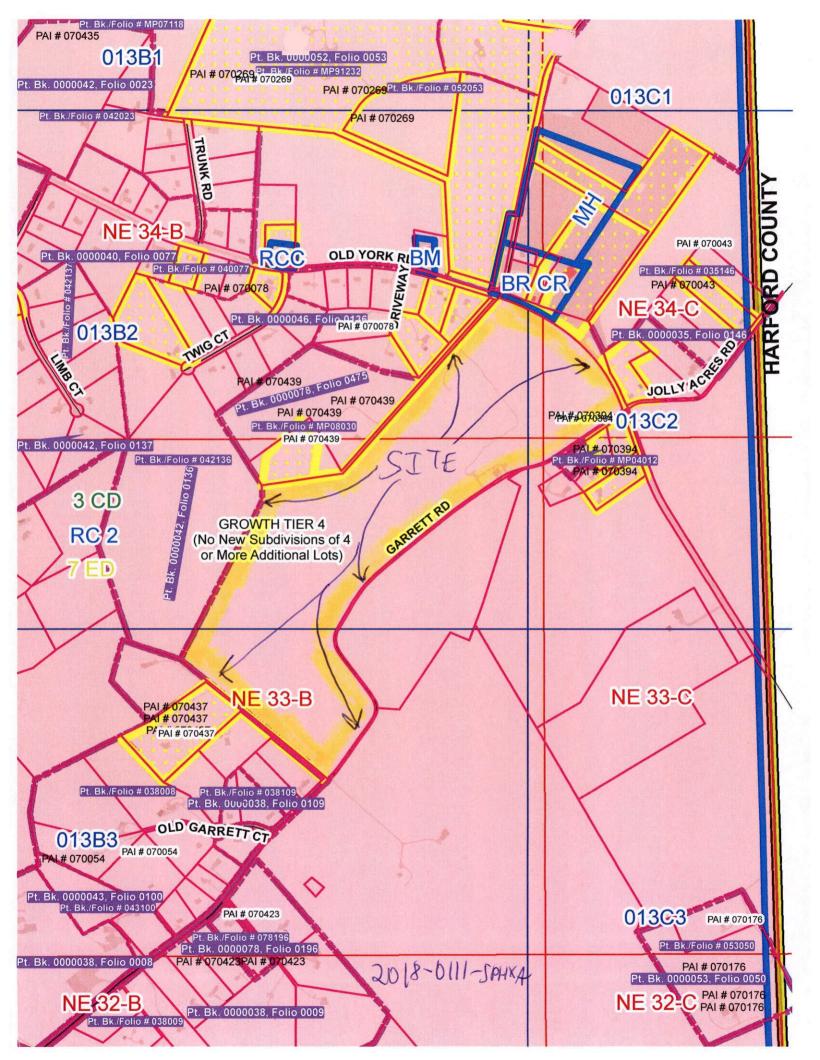


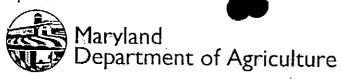












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December 5, 2017

Star Bright Farm Mark, Helen, and Peter Elmore 2950 Garrett Road White Hall, MD 21161

Re: MALPF #03-95-04: Requested uses and events

Dear Elmore family,

Thank you for working with the Foundation over these last few years to determine how best to expand and grow your agricultural operation on your property while complying with the Foundation's policies and regulations. I have received your request to conduct events and operate a farm stand on your farm, along with Baltimore County's recommendation of the request. The description of your intended uses of your farm provides an overview of where your operation stands currently, and how you plan to grow into the future.

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