IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE OFFICE
(1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard) 12 <sup>th</sup> Election District	*	OF ADMINISTRATIVE
7 <sup>th</sup> Council District Oekos Dundalk, LLC	*	HEARINGS FOR
Legal Owner	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioner	*	CASE NO. 2018-0192-A

#### OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by Oekos Dundalk, LLC, legal owner of the subject property ("Petitioner"). The Petition seeks variance relief from § 450.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows: (1) to allow 2 freestanding joint identification signs on Merritt Boulevard with sign areas/faces of 100 and 150 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 1 freestanding joint identification sign with a sign area/face of 150 sq. ft. (Signs C,D); (2) to allow freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 8 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of 3 in. in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of test and required 8 in. height for sign copy (Signs A, C, D); (3) to allow tenants in a multi-tenant commercial building a wall-mounted enterprise sign with a sign area/face that exceeds two times the length of the wall containing the exterior entrance and defining the space occupied by the tenant (Sign 3 [165 sq. ft. lieu of 139 sq. ft.], Sign 5B [85 sq. ft. in lieu of 76 sq. ft.], Sign 9B [273 sq. ft. in lieu of 96 sq. ft.]); (4) to allow a wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed in a different location than the tenant space (Sign 9A); and (5) to allow an additional wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed on a multi-tenant commercial building over other tenant spaces in lieu of the permitted 1 wall-mounted enterprise sign for each tenant space (Sign 9A). A four-sheet site plan was marked as Petitioner's

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#### Exhibit 1A-1D.

Architect Gary Getz, Ken Myers and Laurie Mazzotta appeared in support of the petition. David Karceski, Esq. represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comment was received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR).

The site is approximately 16 acres in size and zoned BM. The Dundalk Plaza Shopping center has been operated at the site for many years. The center is undergoing substantial renovations including new signage for which zoning relief is required.

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Mr. Getz testified the property is much wider than it is deep. He also noted the road frontage on Merritt Boulevard is 2-3 times more than that of nearby strip shopping centers. As such the property is unique. If the Regulations were strictly interpreted Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty because it would be unable to provide adequate signage for the center. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the absence of community and/or Baltimore County opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of March, 2018, by the Administrative

Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance: (1) to allow 2 freestanding joint

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The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioner must provide landscaping near the base of the freestanding signs on the property, as determined in the sole discretion of the Baltimore County landscape architect.

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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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#### PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

	To the Office of Administrative Law of B Address 1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard	altimore County for the property located at: which is presently zoned BM
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	Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Oekos Dundalk	CLLC
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The und	ersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Balti and plan attached hereto and made a	more County and which is described in the description part hereof, hereby petition for:

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

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

a Variance from Section(s)

#### SEE ATTACHED SHEET

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition)

#### TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

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

which is the subject of this / these Petition(s).	
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owners (Petitioners): Oekos Dundalk LLC
Name- Type or Print	By: Christos Economides, Manager Name #1 – Type or Print Name #2 – Type or Print Name #2 – Type or Print
Signature	Signature #1 Signature # 2
	8300 Guilford Road, Suite C, Columbia, MD
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address City State
1	21046 / / / Zin Code Telephone # Email Address
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#### OEKOS DUNDALK LLC

#### 1401-1417 MERRITT BOULEVARD

#### ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

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Beginning at a point on the east side of Merritt Boulevard, which is 120 feet wide at the distance of 511 feet southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, German Hill Road, which is 70 feet wide.

Being Lot #1, in the subdivision of Laurelwood as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #31, Folio #56, containing 16.109 acres. Located in the 12<sup>th</sup> Election District and 7<sup>th</sup> Council District.



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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

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

March 7, 2018

Oekas Dundalk LLC Christos Economides 8300 Guilford Road Suite C Columbia MD 21046

RE: Case Number: 2018-0192 A, Address: 1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard

Dear Mr. Economides:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on January 23, 2018. 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

David H Karceski, Esquire, 210 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson MD 21204



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

Date: 2/5/18

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the Case number referenced below, which was received on 2/5/18. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto MD1511 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for M16112 . Case Number 2018-01924-1.

Ockos Dundolly LLC 1401-1417 Dunda (LL Avenue

Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) X 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: 18-192

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 1401 – 1417 Merritt Boulevard

Petitioner:

Christopher Economides, Manager - Oekos Dundalk, LLC

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for variance relief as listed on the attachment submitted in support of the petition.

A site visit was conducted on February 8, 2018. The existing shopping center is currently undergoing renovation to include signage.

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

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

Prepared by:

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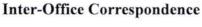
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TO:

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:

February 15, 2018

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2018-0192-A

Address

1401-1417 Merritt Blvd.

(Oekos Dundalk, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 16, 2018.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

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





TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

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DATE:

February 8, 2018

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2018-0192-A

Address

1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard (Oekos Dundalk, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9, 2018.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 12, 2018

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM: Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For February 9, 2018 Item No. 2018-0192-A

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

If Zoning Relief is granted, a Landscape Plan is required per the requirements of the Landscape Manual. If new site lighting is proposed, a Lighting Plan is also required.

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TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** March 1, 2018

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

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FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

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For February 12, 2018

Item No. 2018-0192-A (Corrected Address)

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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 5465100

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

Feb 22, 2018

# 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: # 2018-0192-A 1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard E/s Merritt Boulevard, 511 ft. SE of the centerline of German Hill Road 12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s) Oekos Dundalk, Lt.C Variance to 1. To allow 2 freestanding joint identification signs on Merritt Boulevard with sign areas/faces of 100 and 150 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 1 freestanding joint identification signs with a sign areas/face of 150 sq. ft. (Signs C, D); 2. To allow freestanding joint identification signs with a sign area/face of 150 sq. ft. (Signs C, D); 2. To allow freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 8 lines of text with a sign copy aminimum of 3 in. in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 in. height for sign copy (Signs A, C, D); 3. To allow tertants in a multi-tenant commercial building a wall-mounted enterprise sign with a sign area/face that exceeds two times the length of the wall containing the exterior entrance and defining the space occupied by the tenant (Sign 3-165 sq. ft. lieu of 139 sq. ft.-, Sign 58-85 sq. ft. in lieu of 76 sq. ft.-, Sign 98-273 sq. ft. in lieu of 96 sq. ft.), 4. To allow a wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed on a multi-tenant commercial building over other tenant space (Sign 9A). Hearing: Friday, March 16, 2018 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 accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3388. (2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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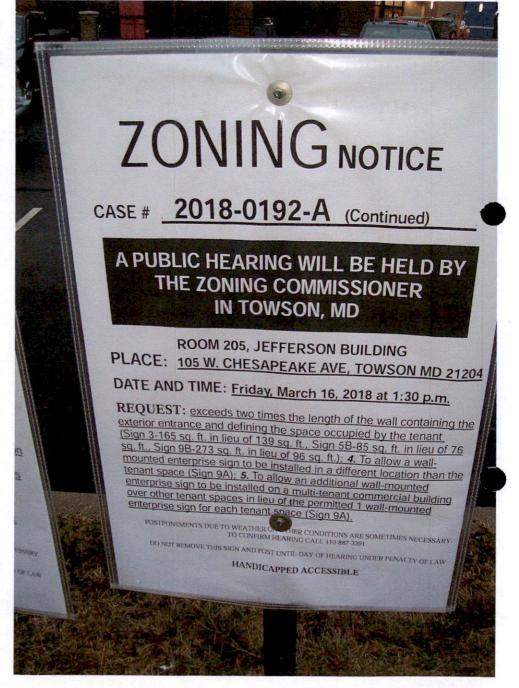
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Legal Advertising

## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

	RE: Case No.:	2018-0192-A
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	Date of Hearing/Closing:	March 16, 2018
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Fowson, Maryland 21204		
Attn: Kristen Lewis:		
Ladies and Gentlemen:		
This letter is to certify under the penalties costed conspicuously on the property locat		equired by law were
1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard		
The sign(s) were posted on	February 24, 2018	
	(Month, Day, Year)	
ZONING NOTICE	Sincerely,	
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case# <u>2018-0192-</u>A

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County Executive

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Deputy Administrative Officer Director, Department of Permits,

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CASE NUMBER: 2018-0192-A

1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard

E/s Merritt Boulevard, 511 ft. SE of the centerline of German Hill Road

12<sup>th</sup> Election District – 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Oekos Dundalk, LLC

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Hearing: Friday, March 16, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building,

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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C: David Karceski, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 500, Towson 21204 Christos Economides, 8300 Guilford Road, Ste. C, Columbia 21046

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.
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Towson, MD 21204

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	12th Election & 7th Councilmanic Districts
	Legal Owner(s): Oekos Dundalk, LLC
	by Christos Economides

Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE OFFICE
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- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* 2018-192-A

#### **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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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David Karceski, Esquire, 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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#### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

#### OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Case Number: 2018-0192-A
Property Address: 1401-1417 Meant Boulevard
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Contract Purchaser/Lessee: NA
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Barbara Lukaserich
Company/Firm (if applicable): Venable UP
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Ste. 500
Towson, MD 21204
Telephone Number: (410) 444 -6208



David H. Karceski

T 410.494.6285 F 410.821.0147 dhkarceski@venable.com

August 16, 2018

Mr. W. Carl Richards, Jr., Supervisor Office of Zoning Review County Office Building Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re: REQUEST FOR SPIRIT & INTENT APPROVAL

ZONING CASE NO. 2018- 192-A Dundalk Plaza Shopping Center

Location: 1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard 7<sup>th</sup> Councilman District, 12<sup>th</sup> Election District

#### Dear Mr. Richards:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my client Oekos Dundalk LLC ("Oekos"), legal owner of the above-referenced property (the "Property"). On June 25, 2018, on behalf of your office, you countersigned a spirit and intent letter for a shift in the location of a freestanding joint identification sign for the Property's German Hill Road frontage. My client has determined it is not necessary to locate this sign on the east side of the point of vehicular ingress and egress for German Hill Road. Rather, the location for the sign will be on the opposite side of German Hill Road, very close to where the sign was originally approved by the Administrative Law Judge in Case No. 2018-192-A.

Please confirm on behalf of the Office of Zoning Review that the location shown on the attached blue-lined plan is acceptable and within the spirit and intent of the 2018 case.

David H. Karceski

Very trally yours.

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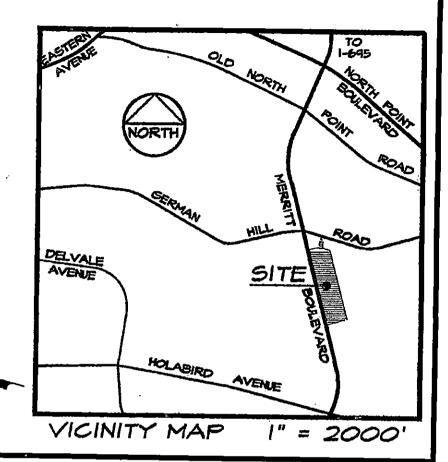
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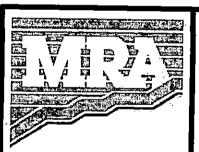
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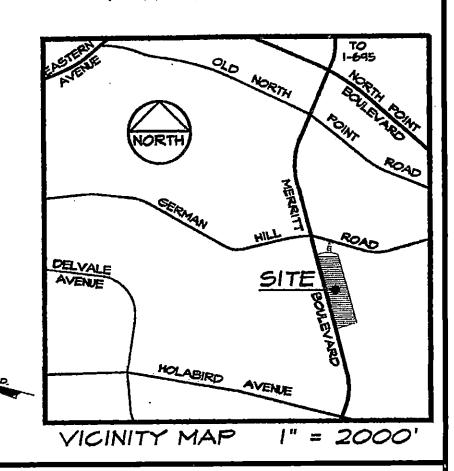
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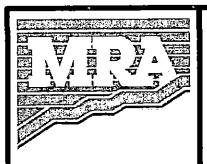
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1401-1417 MERRITT BLVD. DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222

12TH ELECTION DISTRICT 7TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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PLAN TO ACCOMPANY SIGN VARIANCE HEARING

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June 25, 2018

Mr. W. Carl Richards, Jr., Supervisor Office of Zoning Review County Office Building Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re:

REQUEST FOR SPIRIT & INTENT APPROVAL ZONING CASE NO. 2018- 192-A Dundalk Plaza Shopping Center Location: 1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard 7<sup>th</sup> Councilman District, 12<sup>th</sup> Election District

Dear Mr. Richards:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my client Oekos Dundalk LLC ("Oekos"), legal owner of the above-referenced property (the "Property"). Oekos is requesting confirmation, by your countersignature below, that a slightly different location for a freestanding sign than the one shown on the site plan approved in Zoning Case No. 2018-192-A ("2018 Case") is within the spirit and intent of the Order approved in the 2018 Case. A copy of the Order in the 2018 Case is enclosed for your review and convenience.

By way of brief history, in the 2018 Case, the Administrative Law Judge granted multiple variances, which pertain to existing and proposed wall-mounted and freestanding signage. Specific to this request for spirit and intent approval, the Order granted relief for a sign, labeled "SIGN A" on the 2018 Case Site Plan, to be located along German Hill Road in close proximity to and on the east side of a point of vehicular ingress and egress on this road.

My client is now in the process of fabricating and installing new signs on the Property. With regard to Sign A, Oekos discovered, subsequent to issuance of the 2018 Order, that certain underground utility lines are located where the sign is shown to be installed on the 2018 Case Site Plan, which necessitates a slightly different location for the sign. The intended location for Sign A is now on the opposite side of the same point of ingress and egress for German Hill Road,

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Mr. W. Carl Richards, Jr., Supervisor Office of Zoning Review June 25, 2018 Page 2

which is shown and indicated on the enclosed blue-lined site plan, entitled "SITE PLAN TO ACCOMPANY SPIRIT & INTENT REQUEST – CASE NO. 2018-192-A" and dated June 25, 2018. The new location is only a minor shift in the positioning of the sign, and it will continue to be the only freestanding joint identification sign along the German Hill Road frontage of the Property. In addition, there are no proposed changes to the sign, as approved in the 2018 Case and as shown on the 2018 Case Site Plan. For these reasons, we request that you countersign this letter below on behalf of the Office of Zoning Review to confirm that the new location for Sign A does not require another public hearing before the Administrative Law Judge and is within the spirit and intent of the 2018 Case.

With this letter, I have enclosed a check in the amount of 500.00 made payable to "Baltimore County, MD" to cover the cost for your office's <u>expedited</u> review. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any additional materials in connection with this request.

Very truly fours,

Pavid W Karceski

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

W. CARL RICHARDS, JR., SUPERVISOR

OFFICE OF ZONING REVIEW

6/25/

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(1401-1417 Merritt Boulevard)
12<sup>th</sup> Election District
7<sup>th</sup> Council District
Oekos Dundalk, LLC
Legal Owner

Petitioner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

CASE NO. 2018-0192-A

#### OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by Oekos Dundalk, LLC, legal owner of the subject property ("Petitioner"). The Petition seeks variance relief from § 450.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows: (1) to allow 2 freestanding joint identification signs on Merritt Boulevard with sign areas/faces of 100 and 150 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 1 freestanding joint identification sign with a sign area/face of 150 sq. ft. (Signs C,D); (2) to allow freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 8 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of 3 in. in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of test and required 8 in. height for sign copy (Signs A, C, D); (3) to allow tenants in a multi-tenant commercial building a wall-mounted enterprise sign with a sign area/face that exceeds two times the length of the wall containing the exterior entrance and defining the space occupied by the tenant (Sign 3 [165 sq. ft. lieu of 139 sq. ft.], Sign 5B [85 sq. ft. in lieu of 76 sq. ft.], Sign 9B [273 sq. ft. in lieu of 96 sq. ft.]); (4) to allow a wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed in a different location than the tenant space (Sign 9A); and (5) to allow an additional wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed on a multi-tenant commercial building over other tenant spaces in lieu of the permitted 1 wall-mounted enterprise sign for each tenant space (Sign 9A). A four-sheet site plan was marked as Petitioner's

#### Exhibit 1A-1D.

Architect Gary Getz, Ken Myers and Laurie Mazzotta appeared in support of the petition. David Karceski, Esq. represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comment was received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR).

The site is approximately 16 acres in size and zoned BM. The Dundalk Plaza Shopping center has been operated at the site for many years. The center is undergoing substantial renovations including new signage for which zoning relief is required.

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Mr. Getz testified the property is much wider than it is deep. He also noted the road frontage on Merritt Boulevard is 2-3 times more than that of nearby strip shopping centers. As such the property is unique. If the Regulations were strictly interpreted Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty because it would be unable to provide adequate signage for the center. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the absence of community and/or Baltimore County opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 20th day of March, 2018, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance: (1) to allow 2 freestanding joint

identification signs on Merritt Boulevard with sign areas/faces of 100 and 150 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 1 freestanding joint identification sign with a sign area/face of 150 sq. ft. (Signs C,D); (2) to allow freestanding joint identification signs to display a maximum of 8 lines of text with a sign copy a minimum of 3 in. in height in lieu of the permitted 5 lines of text and required 8 in. height for sign copy (Signs A, C, D); (3) to allow tenants in a multi-tenant commercial building a wall-mounted enterprise sign with a sign area/face that exceeds two times the length of the wall containing the exterior entrance and defining the space occupied by the tenant (Sign 3 [165 sq. ft. in lieu of 139 sq. ft.], Sign 5B [85 sq. ft. in lieu of 76 sq. ft.], Sign 9B [273 sq. ft. in lieu of 96sq.ft.]); (4) to allow a wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed in a different location than the tenant space (Sign 9A); and (5) to allow an additional wall-mounted enterprise sign to be installed on a multi-tenant commercial building over other tenant spaces in lieu of the permitted 1 wall-mounted enterprise sign for each tenant space (Sign 9A), be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioner must provide landscaping near the base of the freestanding signs on the property, as determined in the sole discretion of the Baltimore County landscape architect.

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

Signed
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge for
Baltimore County

JEB:sln

Case No.: 2618 - 0192 - A 1401-1417 Merritt BNO.

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No. 2	Getz CV		
No. 3	Aerial exhibit w/ highlighting		
No. 4 UA+ UB	Photos of site before and after		
No. 5	5A Photos of 5B site from front		II
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#### GARY D. GETZ, AIA, NCARB

Principal

#### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE:

MRA: 18
Getz Taylor Architects, Inc. 9
Other Firms: 8

#### **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Architecture, Carnegie-Mellon University, 1982

#### **ACTIVE REGISTRATION:**

Maryland, Architecture, 1985, #6957-A
National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards Certificate
#69181, ID No. 410913
Additional states: Connecticut,
Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine,
Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
New Jersey, North Carolina, North
Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode
Island, South Carolina, Vermont,
Virginia, District of Columbia

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

American Institute of Architects
NCARB, Professional Licensing (National)
International Code Council (ICC)
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
Urban Land Institute, Baltimore
International Council of Shopping Centers
National Association of Industrial and Office
Properties (NAIOP)
Havre de Grace Opera House Foundation
City of Aberdeen Architectural Review
Committee

#### PAST MEMBER:

Harford County Board of Electrical Examiners
Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Harford County Chamber of Commerce Havre de Grace (HdG) Main Street HdG Historic District Commission Restaurant Association of Maryland

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Author of "Creative Retail Thinking." <u>Urban Land Magazine</u>. April 2003

Quoted in "Burlington Mall, No Where To Go But Up." <u>Store Age Executive</u>. May 1989

Featured in "Laras News." <u>Laras Majalah</u> <u>Interior & Arsitktur</u>. September/October 1990

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Mr. Getz was a co-founder of Getz Taylor Architects, Inc. and is a Principal with MRA. He is in charge of architectural design and personally leads the design process on all major building projects. His consensus-building and participatory design process skills enable him to lead diverse building committees to harmonious conclusions, and create projects that please all involved.

Mr. Getz's career encompasses practically all aspects of architecture, from conceptual planning to construction oversight. His efforts in the design of commercial and institutional buildings have contributed to numerous design awards. As a former Associate at Design International, he was in charge of design and project management on numerous inventive, cost-effective vertical and horizontal expansion/renovation projects, located around the world.

Having authored over a dozen tenant design criteria, reviewed and designed hundreds of stores, restaurants, and food court tenants, and assisted in lease and exhibit preparations, his services to the client go well beyond that of the typical architect. This is exemplified by his travel to Jakarta, Indonesia to teach a mall developer's tenants store design techniques. He has also traveled extensively though Europe to increase his knowledge of world architecture.

Mr. Getz meets extensively with clients to determine their goals, desires, priorities, budgets and schedules. He establishes a dialogue with the client to make them an active participant in the design. He invites their criticism of his designs and incorporates those comments to ensure properly functioning buildings.

Mr. Getz is experienced in both new construction and renovation work for private and public clients, most commonly in Baltimore, Harford and Frederick Counties. He regularly analyzes applicable zoning regulations in these jurisdictions.

He was the Principal on the following relevant projects:

Honeygo Town Center, White Marsh, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of design for this mixed-use facility with numerous townhouses and nearly 160,000 SF of retail and office space. The architectural challenge for this project was to meet Baltimore County's requirement to create a "main street" that appeared to have been built over a long period of time. This was achieved through creative site planning and the use of different architectural styles, materials, and elevations.

Centre Court, Pikesville, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of design for a retail project on a constrained, sloped site. MRA manipulated the grading and tucked the two-story, 20,000-SF retail building into a hillside so that upper level tenants could face a parking field on one side of the building and lower level tenants would face the opposite direction. Much care was given to the design of retaining walls, exit corridors, and exterior grades and landscaping.

#### GARY D. GETZ, AIA, NCARB - Page 2 of 5

**Reisterstown Village Addition, Baltimore, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for a *design-build project* to add 17,000 SF to the existing shopping center.

**Loch Raven Plaza, Expansion and Renovation, Baltimore County, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge and Project Manager responsible for the renovation and expansion of the existing retail center. Project included the addition of new storefront canopy, walkway, and pylon signs.

**Lynch Manor Shopping Center Renovation, Baltimore, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for renovation of an 85,000-SF existing "big box" and super market into a traditional in-line center. In order to create proper in-line retail space, add additional pad sites and improve circulation and visibility, the front 90 feet of the existing building were demolished. Renderings and video fly-throughs were prepared for this project.

**Grand York Shopping Center Renovation, Lutherville, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for renovation of the 90,000-SF shopping center. Complete façade renovation included new canopies for the Super Market, and complete renovation of the canopies on the remainder of the center, including tower elements.

Towson Commons Redevelopment Studies and Design, Towson, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge for redevelopment design studies to reposition this mixed-use project that includes cinemas and a 10-story office tower. The redevelopment study process began with a survey of existing commercial real estate market opportunities in the area. The existing theatre component will be demolished and replaced with new retail, office, parking, and hotel uses

**Westview Promenade, Frederick, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge responsible for creating concept, site plan development, and building design for this trend-setting lifestyle center, featured in <u>Urban Land Magazine</u>. MRA designed the 55,000-SF state-of-the-art 16-plex cinema complete with stadium seating, and 170,000 SF of retail shops and restaurants nestled around pedestrian-only landscaped courtyards.

Redevelopment of Frederick Towne Center, Frederick, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge for the proposed demolition and redevelopment of the existing mall property into Main Street retail, residential, and structured parking. Project scope included demolition to 290,000 SF of existing mall (excluding the existing anchor stores) and 700,000-SF of new 2-story exterior facing retailers. The upper level retail was to be serviced from a new 500-car parking deck. In addition, the rear of the property was planned for 450 residential units in 6-story towers including one building that wraps the parking deck. Due to economic conditions, MRA later redesigned the site with a new development team and provided planning for the demolition of the mall and construction of a new outdoor retail center.

The Shoppes at Bowie Town Center, Prince George's County, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge responsible for schematic design for this 101,000-SF shopping center with a 3,500-SF pad site, on 12 acres, zoned MAC.

Clarksville Square 4-Building Retail Shopping Complex, Howard County, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge for design of the new retail complex.

City Place, Silver Spring, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge for the multi-million dollar renovation of a six-story urban retail center. Originally an inward-facing urban mall, City Place has been transformed to meet the latest trends in retail. Street level stores have been reoriented to the outside, and retenanted with cafes and multi-level stores with street access. In conjunction with new development across the street, downtown Silver Spring has become a major retail destination in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Due to the historic designation of the building, new signage has been placed off of the facade and onto freestanding steel grid billboards. A new corner mall entrance, new interior malls on levels one through three and new escalators were installed to reorient the mall to the new street-front development, as well. MRA also provided schematic design for a new 9-story, 210,000-SF office tower to be built on top of the existing structure.

Villages of Meadow Creek, Westminster, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of site planning, retail planning, and architectural design for this 215,000-SF Hybrid Lifestyle center. The plan combines traditional shopping center planning with a main street to direct patrons into the heart of the project. A two-story retail/office building forms one side of main street, while freestanding restaurants will create the opposite street wall. A traffic circle focal point redirects vehicles into the traditional center. Rural images of farmhouses and barns inspired the elevations. Stone, board and batten siding and brick are utilized to reflect the country look.

The Village at Swan Creek, Harford County, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of design for this 103,000-SF mixed use, retail, restaurant, and office development. Design was provided for three main buildings with landscaped courtyards and

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interconnecting pedestrian walkways, while providing areas for four pad sites. The attention to detail and provisions for pedestrian amenities such as outdoor eating areas, safe and convenient walkways, and gathering spaces revitalize a once abandoned site. The project was designed and permitted under the Harford County Fast Track process.

**Tollgate Marketplace Expansion, Bel Air, Maryland** - Design Principal for a 60,000-SF addition to the existing Tollgate Marketplace shopping center.

**Aberdeen Marketplace, Harford County, Maryland** - Design Principal for a 100,000-SF renovation of an unsound and unoccupied retail center.

**Woodbridge Center, Edgewood, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for this 200,000-SF shopping center with five pad sites and 842 parking spaces on 21.75 acres. This mixed-use project involved various tenant spaces including retail, warehouse and loading docks and included a 45,000-SF Mars Supermarket.

**Greenbrier Shopping Center, Harford County, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for the new 180,000-SF retail center located on the north side of Bel Air.

Havre de Grace Plaza Renovation, Harford County, Maryland - Provided design oversight in conjunction with the shopping center's front facade renovation.

**North Carroll Shopping Center, Carroll County, Maryland** - Provided design oversight services as part of the shopping center's front facade renovation. Provided cost conscience facelifts for these centers, maximizing the effect of every dollar spent.

**Big Elk Mall, Elkton, Maryland** - Principal-in-Charge of design for the renovation of 1,200 linear feet of building façade. An extremely cost-effective solution was developed which allowed for a compressed construction schedule in order to lessen the impact to tenants.

**Chambersburg Crossing, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania** - Principal-In-Charge of design for a 271,400-SF, Target-anchored power center. The building façade materials, massing and details were carefully crafted with modern, rectilinear forms to complement the Target Store, without copying it. The stores step back slightly to reveal corner details and create shadows that break the monotony of long masonry facades. Soft planting areas with seating, located between storefronts, create a place of respite along the path among the hard surfaces of the façade and paving.

**The Shoppes at Amyclae, Stafford, Virginia** - Principal-In-Charge of design for a single-story retail building and a two-story office building over retail on the ground floor and a 40-foot tall tower. The project was designed as a new town center with traditional detailing, reflecting the architecture prevalent in the rolling Virginia hills.

**Georgetown Park Mall, Washington, D.C.** - Principal-In-Charge for a major re-tenanting renovation for this trend-setting three-story urban mall which also has underground parking and condominiums integrated into the facility.

Chapel Farm, Frederica, Delaware - Principal-In-Charge of master planning and schematic architectural design for this 120,000-SF shopping center. The design team responded to a historic church located across the street by creating a village green to act as a buffer between the commercial center and religious site. The retail was distributed amongst several small-scale buildings, with pitched roofs, indirect lighting for signage and pedestrian friendly walkways. Landscaped berms and low brick walls added additional screening from the church.

Palladium City Place, West Palm Beach, Florida - Principal-In-Charge of tenant coordination and store design for an 8-block retail and entertainment Main Street development.

**Dover Mall and Food Court Renovation, Dover, Delaware** - Principal-In-Charge of design and project manager for the renovation to this regional mall. Mall floors, planters, dated ceiling elements and mall amenities were updated or renovated. New graphics and planting schemes were developed. The Food Court received extensive renovation, new amenities, as well as a new criteria.

**The Shops at Johnson City, Johnson City, Tennessee** - Principal for a \$5 million renovation of the Mall, including all interior public areas and entrances into the Mall, plus tenant coordination and store design review.

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**Waldorf Gateway, Waldorf, Maryland** - Working with MRA's land planners, Gary was the Principal-In-Charge of schematic architectural design for this new town center consisting of 203,000 SF of retail and 150,000 SF of office space, a 100-room extended stay hotel, 300 condo/apartment units, and structured parking.

**Camelot, Glassboro, New Jersey** - Working with MRA's land planners, Gary was the Principal-In-Charge of the commercial portion of the master plan for this 400-acre, mixed-use community redevelopment project. Integration of planning and architectural services helped create a master plan that is both aesthetically pleasing and fundamentally sound, as well as an excellent graphic presentation that helped local officials visualize what the community will ultimately look like. In the end, the community will contain over 900 single-family homes, villas, and condominiums, and 325,000 SF of main street retail and apartments, interconnected with a variety of recreational facilities and open spaces.

**Lynnhaven Mall, Norfolk, Virginia** - Project Designer for a \$10 million facelift to a multi-story regional mall. Services included renovation of the Center Court/Food Court, tilework throughout the mall and the mall entrances.

**Galtier Plaza, St. Paul, Minnesota** - Project Designer for ICSC award-winning, eight-story downtown city block retail/office complex with integrated residential high-rise towers.

Cocowalk, Coconut Grove, Florida - Project Designer responsible for tenant coordination, store design, and review for this ICSC and ULI award-winning lifestyle center. This project was one of the first urban lifestyle centers in the Country. It includes four-stories of upscale retail, restaurant, and entertainment that wraps a central courtyard. The upper level houses a movie theatre that is fed from a multi-level parking deck at the rear of project. The project fits into the urban fabric of downtown Coconut Grove and rejuvenated the street life in the area.

**Trolley Square, Salt Lake City, Utah** - Project Designer for the renovation of this downtown retail center. The existing building was a garage for the City's streetcars. The project was an adaptive re-use into specialty retail center that included national and local retailers, as well as a food court and restaurants. Mr. Getz lived in Salt Lake City for 4 months while completing this project.

**Pondok Indah Mall, Jakarta, Indonesia** - Project Designer for this ICSC award-winning project, the first American-style mall in Indonesia. Mr. Getz traveled to Indonesia several times to assist with store design and tenant coordination.

Belvedere Square, Baltimore, Maryland - Project Designer for this ICSC award-winning urban main street complex featuring an old time market with individual food vendors, several restaurants, and retailers.

**Burlington Mall, Boston, Massachusetts** - Project Designer for ICSC award winning, \$35-million double-decking of an upscale shopping mall, including tenant coordination and design review of all stores.

**Scottsdale Galleria, Scottsdale, Arizona** - Project Designer for a 1.2-million-square-foot specialty retail and entertainment center. The project included a 4-story atrium housing 400,000 SF of upscale retail Gross Leasable Area and 140,000 SF of opulently designed common area, in addition to 4,500 underground parking spaces.

Mars Super Markets, Various Locations Throughout the Baltimore-metropolitan Area, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of design for numerous Mars locations including: Timonium, Padonia, Carney, Holabird, Wise Avenue, Arbutus, Reisterstown, Dogwood, Aberdeen, Woodbridge, Glen Burnie, and Middle River. Responsibilities included all aspects of the design and construction process.

**Giant Super Market, Pikesville, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for a new 63,000-SF flagship super market on the site of the existing store. A phased construction plan incorporating numerous adjacent properties allowed a new store to be built behind the existing store thereby minimizing the time of store closure. Responsibilities included all aspects of the design and construction process.

**Verizon Wireless Stores, MD, DE, VA, WV, NC, NJ, NY, PA, & D.C.** - Principal-In-Charge responsible for design and construction drawings for over 200 stores in the mid-Atlantic area from New Jersey to North Carolina. Services include schematic design, construction documents and construction administration for architectural, mechanical and electrical engineering work. Stores range between 2,000 and 7,000 SF, including freestanding, strip center, and mall stores.

T J Maxx, Books-A-Million and Security Jewelry Stores, Arundel Mills, Hanover, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge of the design, construction documentation and construction administration for various national retail stores within the Mall.

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**Super Crown Bookstore, Dale City, Virginia** - Principal-In-Charge of design responsible for design of a freestanding, 10,000-SF bookstore based on the tenant's prototype drawings. The exterior was designed to meet Crown's aesthetic satisfaction, while staying within the Developer's limited budget.

Hess Shoes, Baltimore & Columbia, Maryland - Principal-In-Charge and Project Manager responsible for design of a new children's shoe store to be used as a regional prototype. The design created an exciting shopping experience that draws families into the store. Sales immediately skyrocketed 130% from the day the store opened, as compared with their existing store located directly across the mall.

Rockport Shoes, Various locations in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania - Principal-In-Charge and Project Manager responsible for prototype stores to ten malls in the mid-Atlantic region. Each store was designed and built in approximately four months.

**Safeway Building Expansion Study and Design, Montgomery County, Maryland** - Principal-In-Charge of design for the expansion of this 28,000-SF store. Located on a highly constrained and restrictive site, architectural design provided for a 12.000-SF addition as a second floor.

**Safeway Stores, Various Locations in Maryland and Virginia** - Principal-In-Charge of design for architectural and interior design at the following locations: Ellicott City, Cockeysville, Rockville, Bladenberg, and Bel Air, Maryland; and Woodbridge, Leesburg, Fort Hunt, and Alexandria, Virginia. Responsibilities included all aspects of the design and construction process including *all food service equipment specifications and submissions*.

Rite Aid Stores and Pharmacy, Various Locations - Principal-In-Charge and Project Manager for several new standalone Rite Aid Stores and Pharmacies, as well as renovations to several existing stores including modification/addition of store layout, entrances, and store front.



DATE: April 20, 2018

TO: Zoning Review Office

FROM: Office of Administrative Hearings

RE: Case No. 2018-0192-A – Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on April 19, 2018. 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.'

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Oekos Management Corporation; Sid Roros, Vice President Legal Property Owner BEFORE THE

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COMMISSIONER

\* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 08-336-A

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by Sid Roros, Vice President, on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property, Petitioner Oekos Management Corporation. Petitioner is requesting variance relief from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 954 parking spaces in lieu of the required 984 spaces. The subject property and the requested relief are more fully described on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance request were Sid Roros on behalf of Petitioner Oekos Management Corporation, Petitioner's attorney, Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire, and Bill Monk with Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc., the consulting firm that prepared the site plan. Also appearing in support of the requested relief were Dharmesh Shah, employed with Planet Fitness, the proposed tenant of Petitioner, Peter Powell with Beck, Powell & Parsons, Petitioner's architectural consultant, Keith Barnett with KLNB Retail, Petitioner's commercial real estate firm, and Chris McCollum with the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development. There were no Protestants or other interested citizens in attendance at the hearing, and there were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee comments received.

The hearing proceeded by way of a modified proffer from Ms. Busse and from Mr. Monk. Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a large commercial parcel containing approximately 17.21 gross acres and 16.19 net acres, zoned B.M. (Business, Major). The property is developed as the Dundalk Plaza shopping center and contains a total of 185,502 square feet of building area and located in the Dundalk area of Baltimore County. The site plan depicts the subject property and surrounding area.

Petitioner is a Columbia, Maryland based company that owns approximately 1.4 million square feet of property between Wilmington, Delaware and Fredericksburg, Virginia. Petitioner has owned the subject property since 2004 and in addition to this shopping center, owns two other shopping centers in Baltimore County. The shopping center is an older center and has been at this location for decades. Since its purchase of the shopping center, Petitioner has made a number of upgrades and improvements, including a new roof over the entire shopping center.

Petitioner now proposes to locate Planet Fitness, an athletic club, within a 14,072 square foot area that has been vacant for some time. Other tenants at the shopping center include a grocery store, a discount clothing store, a video rental store, a restaurant, a carryout restaurant, a bank, a furniture store, and other various retail stores. Mr. Monk described the topography of the site as unique in the slope of the center and its relationship to Merritt Boulevard, which is unusual compared to other similarly developed parcels in the area. The existing parking lot servicing the shopping center is located along the front, sides and rear of the shopping center. It is connected to the parking lot of the adjoining shopping center to the south. There are a total of 954 parking spaces currently provided.

A photograph was presented of the property showing the location of the proposed athletic club tenant within the shopping center, and was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. The site is already fully developed and with the exception of some

landscaping, is entirely paved. The proposed tenant will be centrally located on the site but more toward the south side of the property as shown on the site plan. This is the area of the site where there is parking at both the front and rear of the shopping center -- in close proximity to the proposed athletic club.

The proposed tenant, Planet Fitness, is a fast growing athletic club which currently has two other Baltimore County locations, one in Lutherville and the other in Glen Burnie. Mr. Shah noted that the facility will typically have three employees at one time on site and the expected hours of operation are 5:00 AM to 10:00PM Mondays through Thursdays, 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Fridays, and 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM during the weekends. Ultimately, Planet Fitness desires to operate 24 hours a day at this location, as they do at their other locations. In fact, Planet Fitness has already received a fair amount of interest by clients with regard to its plans to locate at the property. There will be approximately 80 pieces of cardio equipment and the club will not operate any exercise classes, nor will it offer a daycare component for its clients. There will be a few tanning beds and showers for use by clients. Based on the practices of clients at the other facilities, Planet Fitness expects clients will spend an average of 30 minutes at the facility at any one time, and that the club's busiest times will be in the evenings and on weekends.

It was noted during the hearing that the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development supports the location of the Planet Fitness at the Dundalk Plaza. Chris McCollum is a Commercial Revitalization Specialist with the County's Department of Economic Development and submitted a letter in support of Petitioner's requested parking variance. The Department encourages uses which will likely stimulate growth, and it is anticipated that the location of Planet Fitness at this shopping center will be positive for the community, not only by providing a useful service but also by drawing additional customers to the existing tenants at Dundalk Plaza and the surrounding area. For example, Planet Fitness clients will likely take

advantage of the retail and service uses at Dundalk Plaza such as the grocery store, bank, carryout restaurant, etc.

Section 409.6A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. contains the current regulations for shopping centers. New shopping centers containing 180,387 square feet are required to provide parking at a rate of five spaces per 1,000 square feet or 902 spaces instead of the 954 spaces provided. Because this shopping center predates the current regulations it provides parking based on the individual tenants. Section 409.6A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. requires athletic clubs to provide 10 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of building area. Because Planet Fitness proposes to occupy a 14,072 square foot area, the regulations require 141 parking spaces be provided for the athletic club use. Consequently, based on the per use parking calculation the center would be required to provide 984 spaces total.

The reasoning behind the change in the calculations for large shopping centers appears fairly intuitive. Larger centers generally have multiple uses, and those uses have varying times of peak traffic. Also, there are so many parking spaces required under the five spaces for every 1,000 square feet requirement that there will seldom be a time where there is no parking available. Even restaurants, which by themselves require 16 spaces per 1,000 square feet are included in the five spaces per 1,000 square feet large shopping center calculations. Indeed, it seems reasonable going forward not to require a center to readjust its plan every time a tenant changes.

This particular athletic club proposes to offer only 80 pieces of cardio equipment and since there will be no exercise classes at this location, the requirement of 141 parking spaces appears excessive given the likely use patterns. Even if one assumes there is no car-pooling and no one walking or biking to the club for additional exercise from the adjacent residential community, the idea that over 100 people would be using this facility at any one time appears

farfetched. If the facility becomes so crowded that there is a waiting line for every piece of equipment, people would be expected to either stop coming or to adjust their times to hours when it is less crowded.

There is no evidence that the subject property is providing insufficient parking, and there have been no complaints to this effect. To the contrary, the shopping center appears to be doing well. Finally, it is apparent from the hours of operation that the peak times of customer use for this tenant will vary significantly from the peak hours of customer use for many of the other tenants in the center.

In the overall context of the size of the parking facility, the requested 3% deviation in parking proposed from that which is required under the old regulations is very minor -- the variance request is for only 30 spaces. As noted, if this center were built today, no variance would be necessary. In that sense, the imposition of zoning on this property disproportionably impacts the subject property as compared to others in the zoning district. In addition, the proposed athletic club will provide the community with a positive service which will likely act as an economic stimulus for the area. Hence, knowing that the athletic club's clients will essentially self-police the parking issue, the benefits here outweigh any other issues.

Considering the uncontroverted testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, I find that the subject property has characteristics which are unique, thereby meeting the first prong of the test set forth in *Cromwell v. Ward*, 107 Md. App. 691 (1995) and contained in Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Specifically, I find that the topography of the property and the existing conditions including the positioning of the existing building and parking create a unique situation that generates a practical difficulty in meeting the bulk and setback requirements. I further find that consistent with the test articulated in *McLean v. Soley*, 270 Md. 208 (1973), compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property

for a permitted purpose, the granting of the variance will do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to others in the area, and the relief sought is within the spirit of the ordinance and will not be injurious to the public safety and welfare. *Id.* at 214-215.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioner's variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2008 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that Petitioner's variance request from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 954 parking spaces in lieu of the required 984 spaces be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following.

1. Petitioners are advised that they may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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

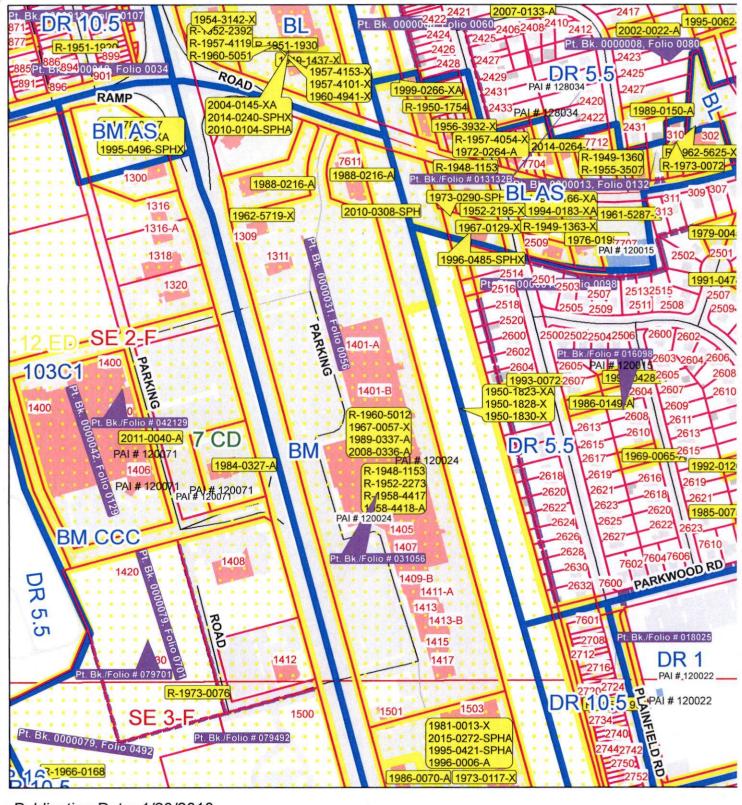
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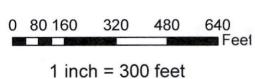


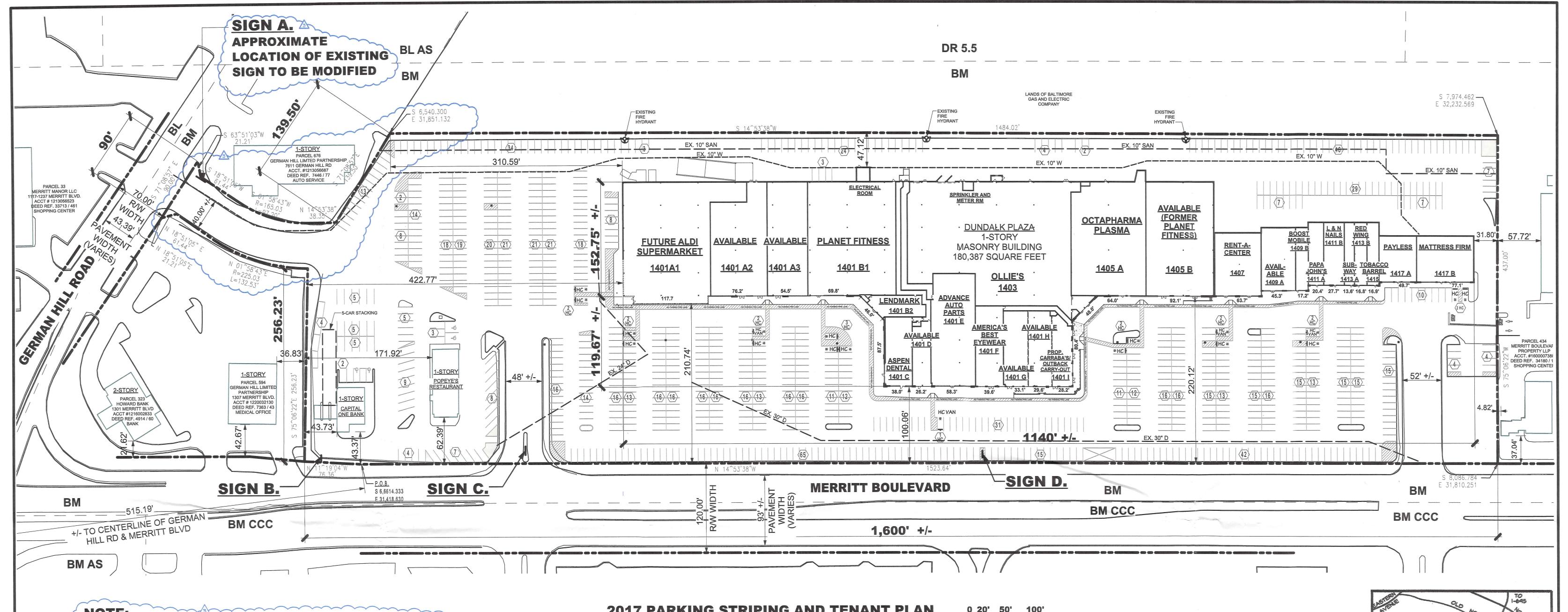
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**PARKING INFORMATION:** 

11/30/2017:

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968 REGULAR PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 18 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 4 HANDICAP VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 990 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN

**HANDICAP PARKING CALCS:** 

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5. NOT BUILDINGS ON THIS SITE ARE A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK OR LISTED ON THE MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST INVENTORY. THE SITE IS NOT WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

- 6. FIRE HYDRANTS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN.
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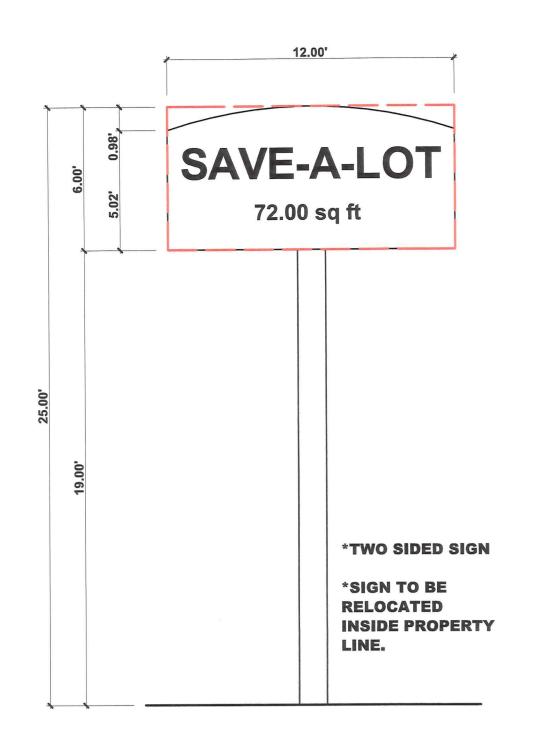
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12TH ELECTION DISTRICT 7TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE REVISIONS JOB NO .: SCALE: 1" = 60' GERMAN HILL FREESTANDING SIGN AMENDED LOCATION 01/16/2018 3 GERMAN HILL FREESTANDING SIGN AMENDED LOCATION DATE: DRAWN BY: DESIGN BY: KJM REVIEW BY: 01 OF 04 SHEET:



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\*TWO SIDED SIGN

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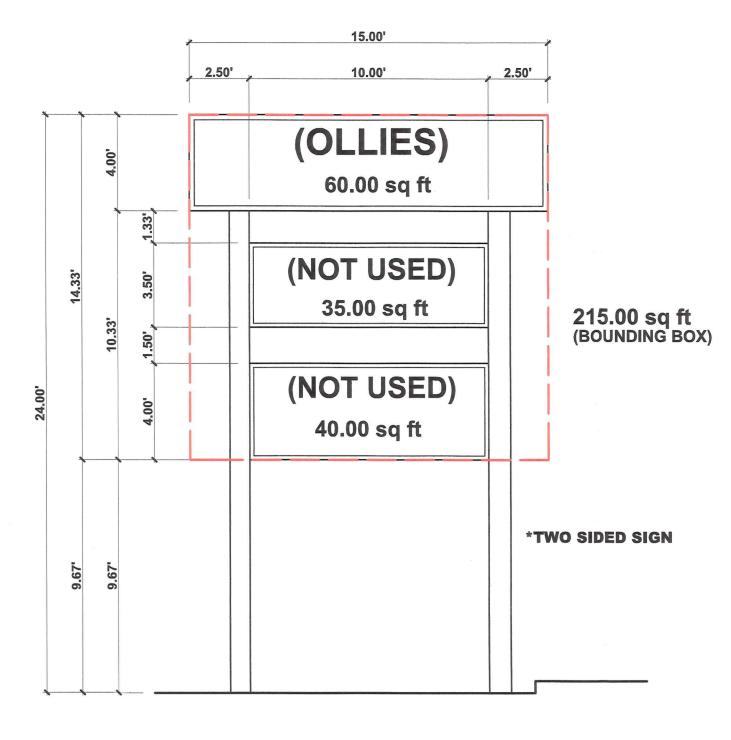
CAPITAL ONE

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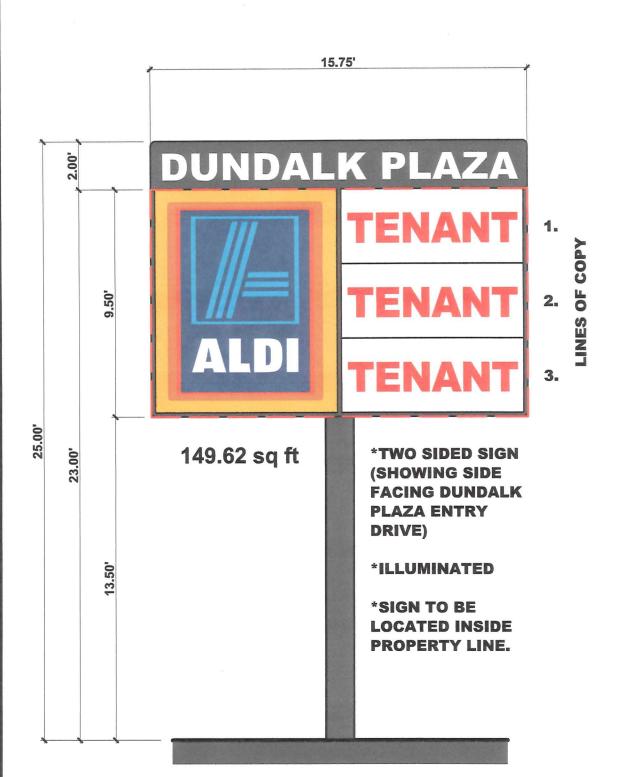
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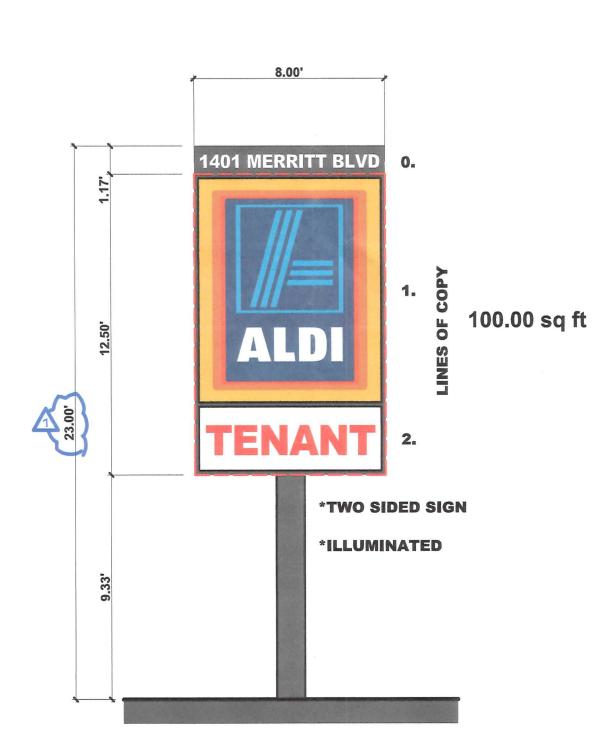
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0 2' 4'



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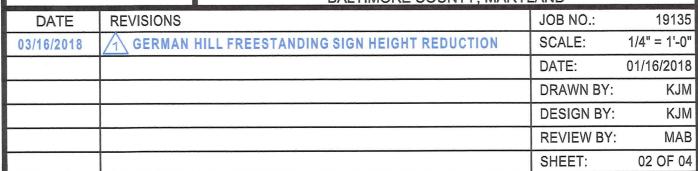
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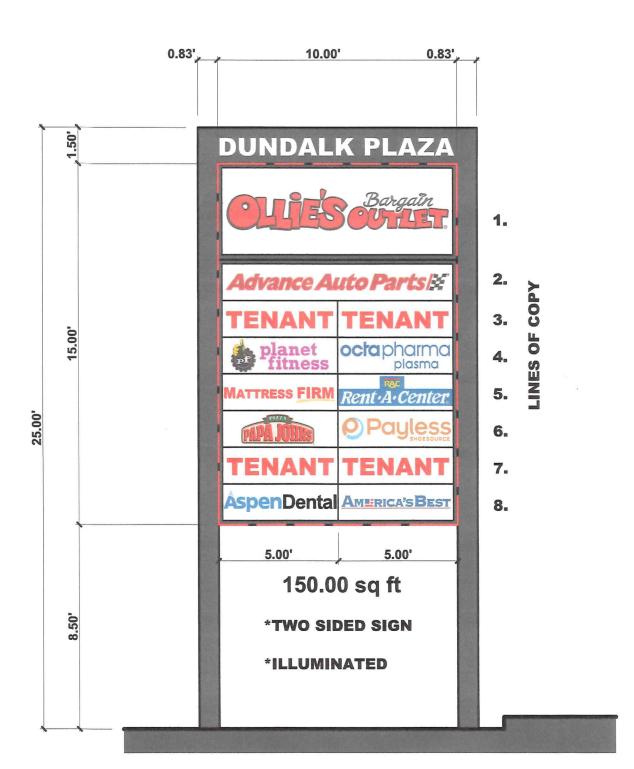
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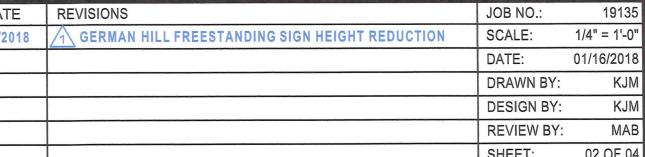
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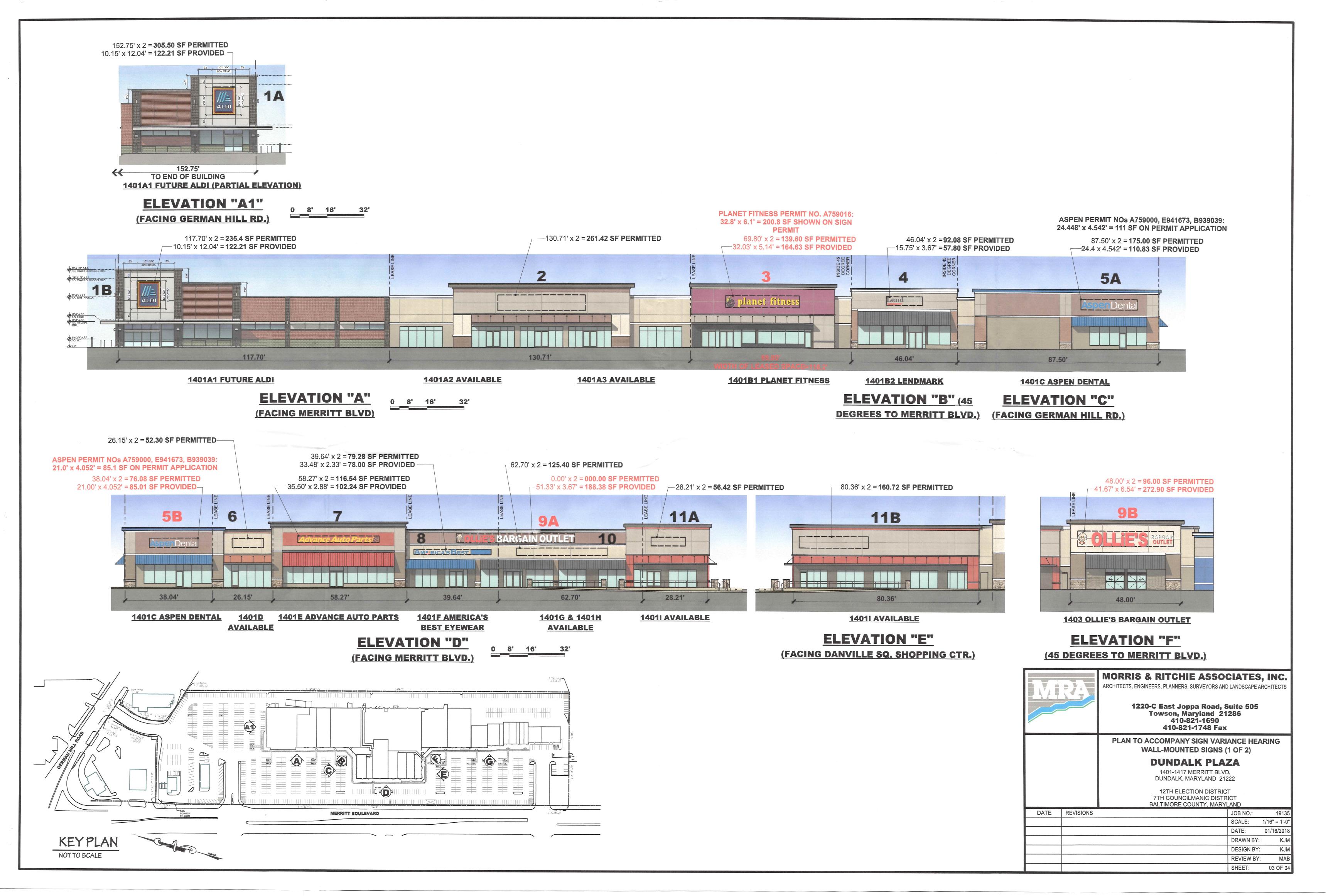
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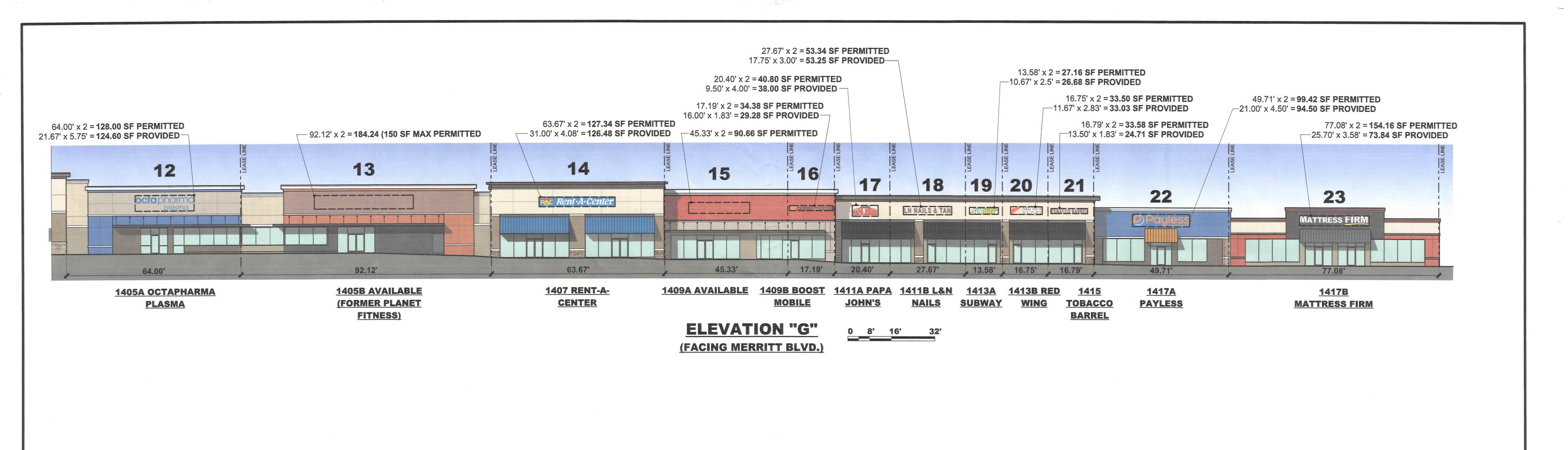
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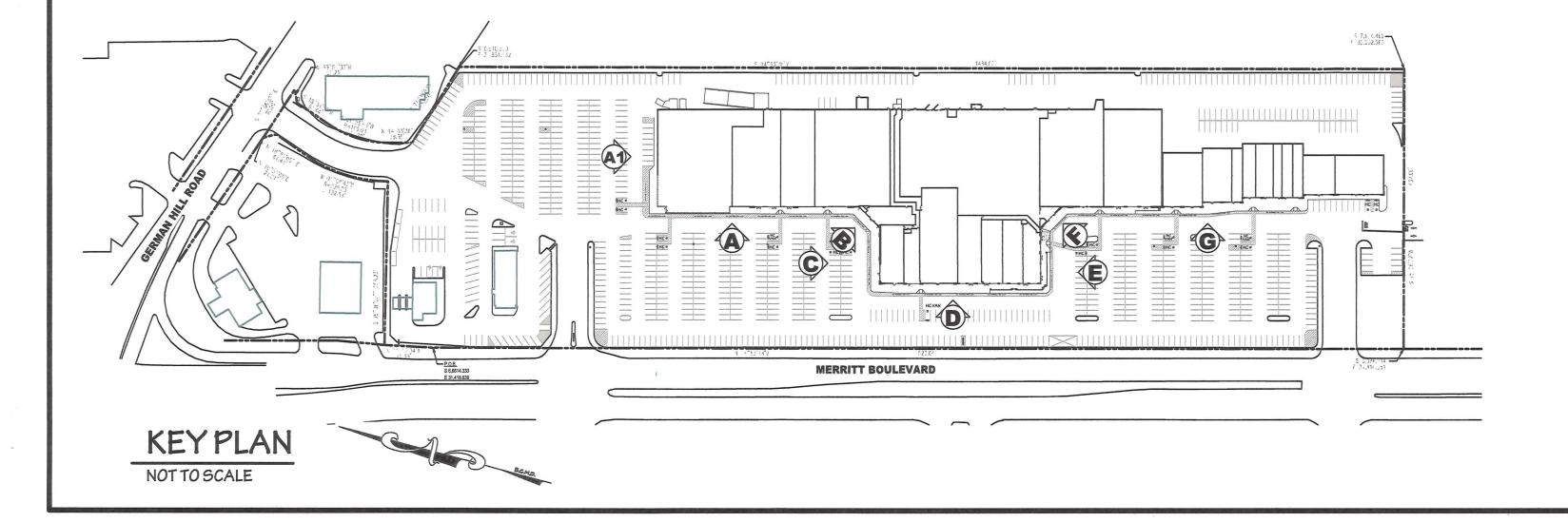
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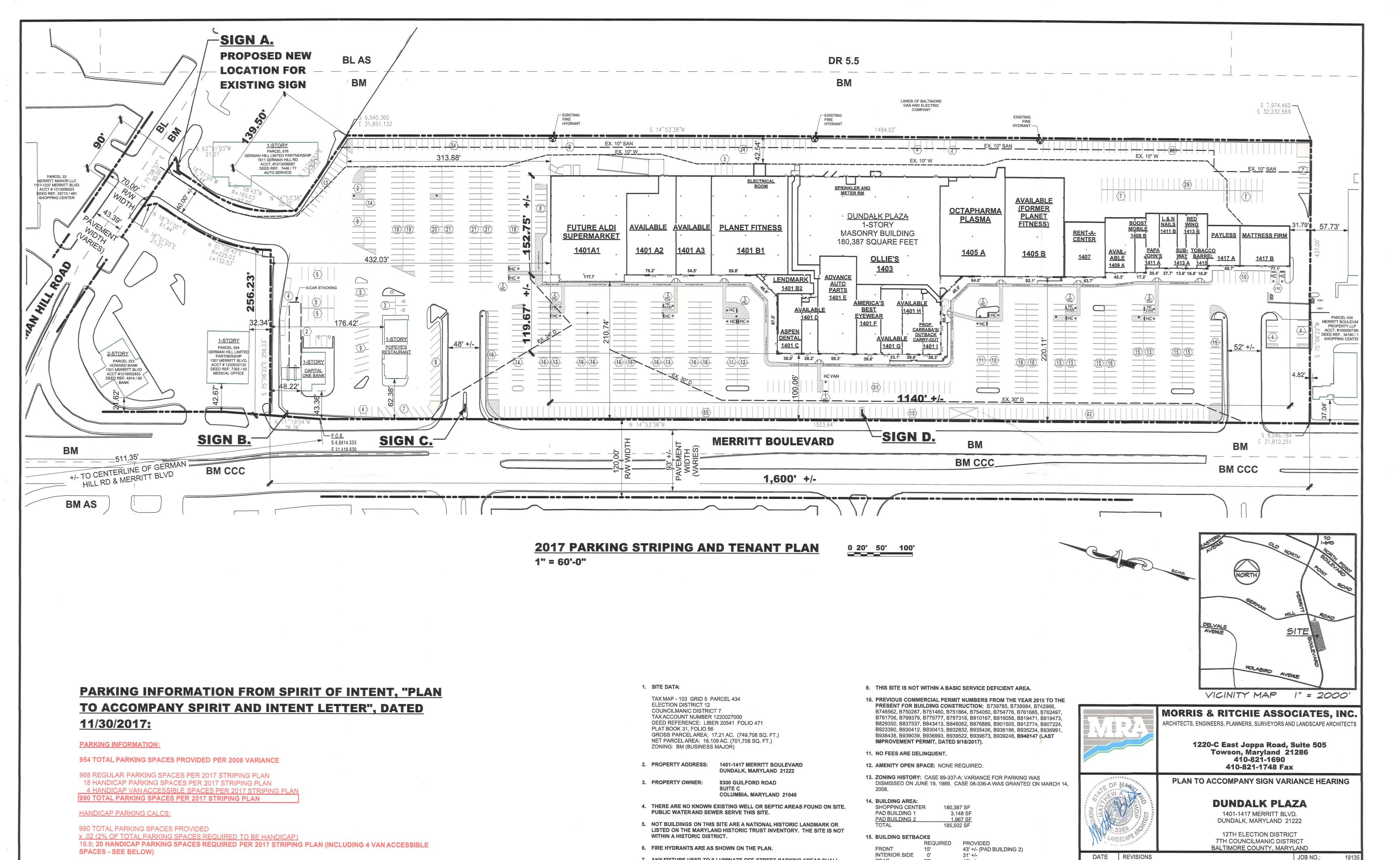
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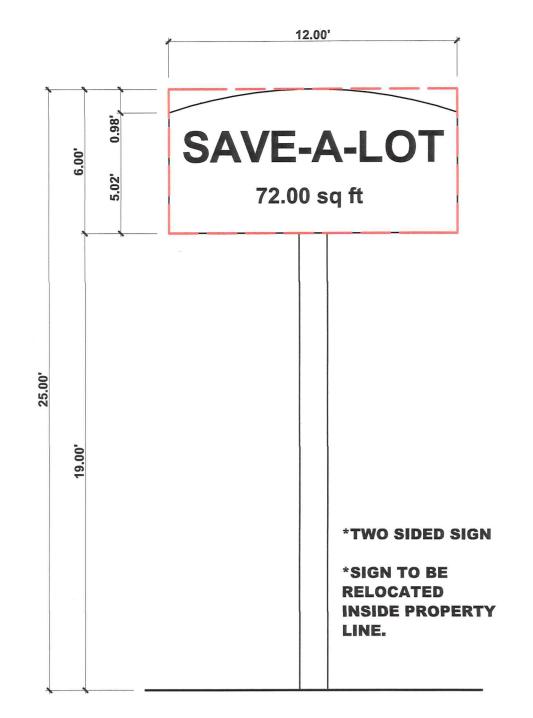
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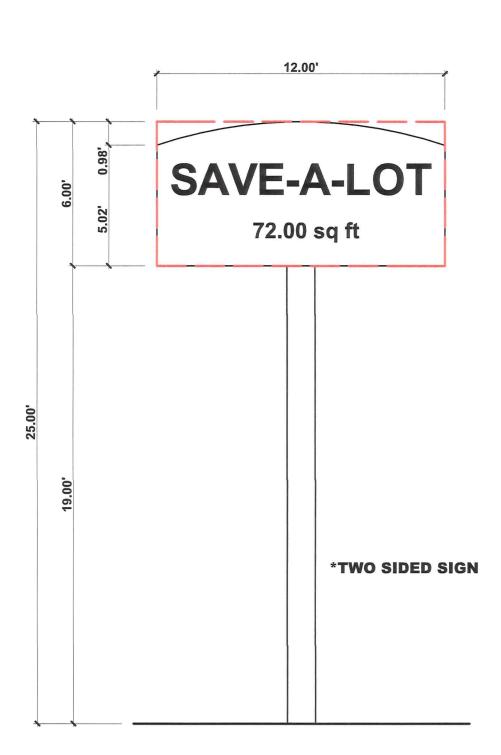
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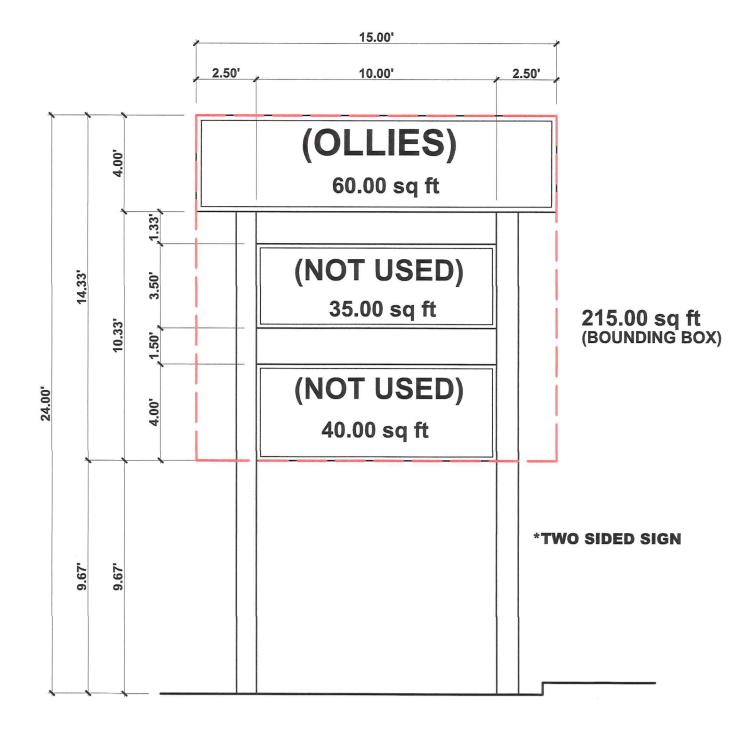
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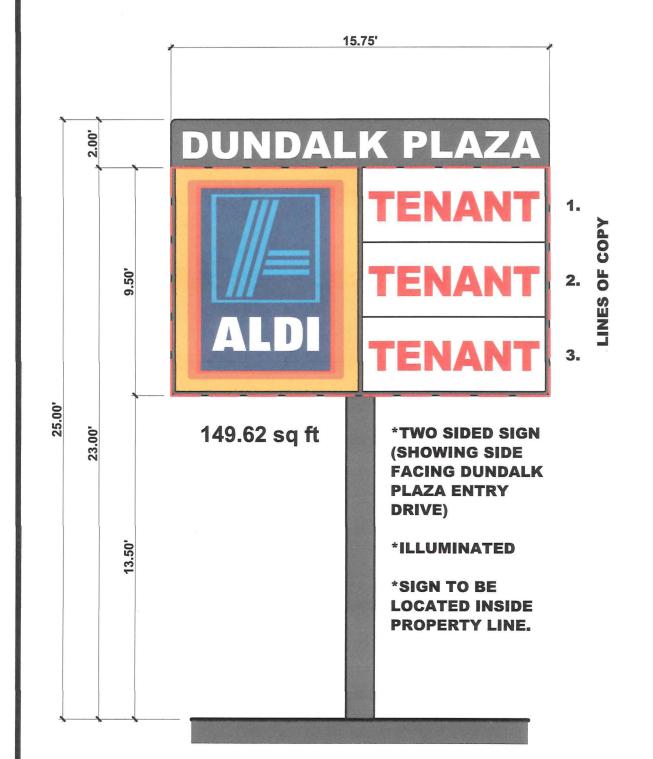
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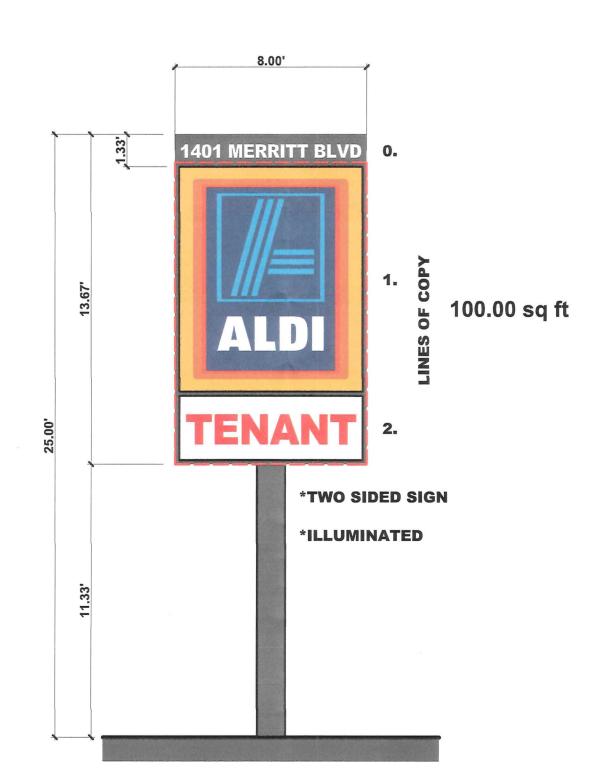
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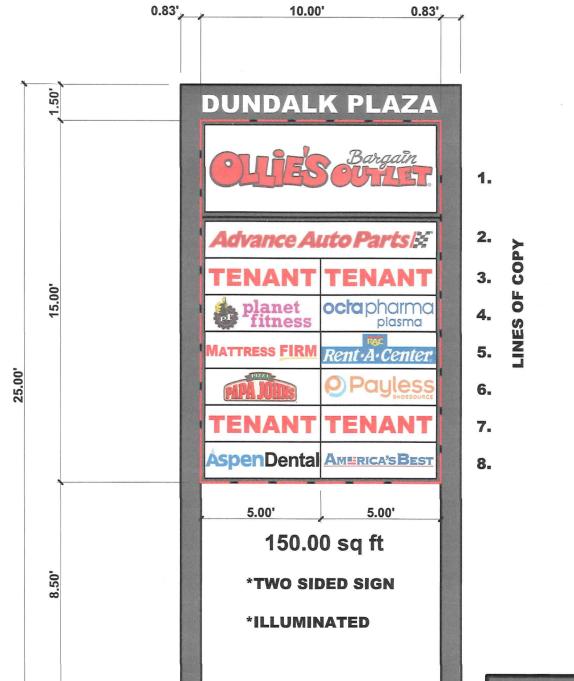


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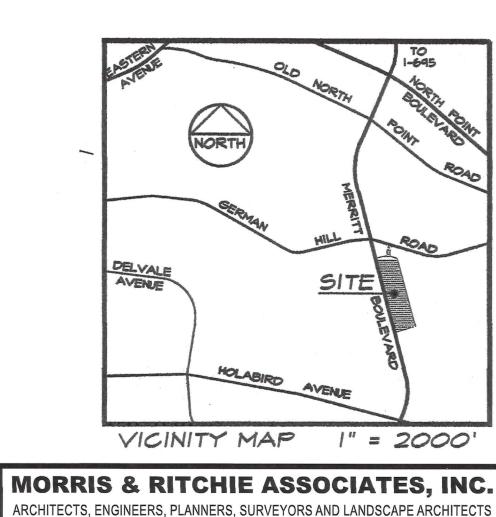


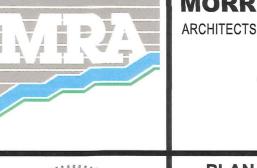
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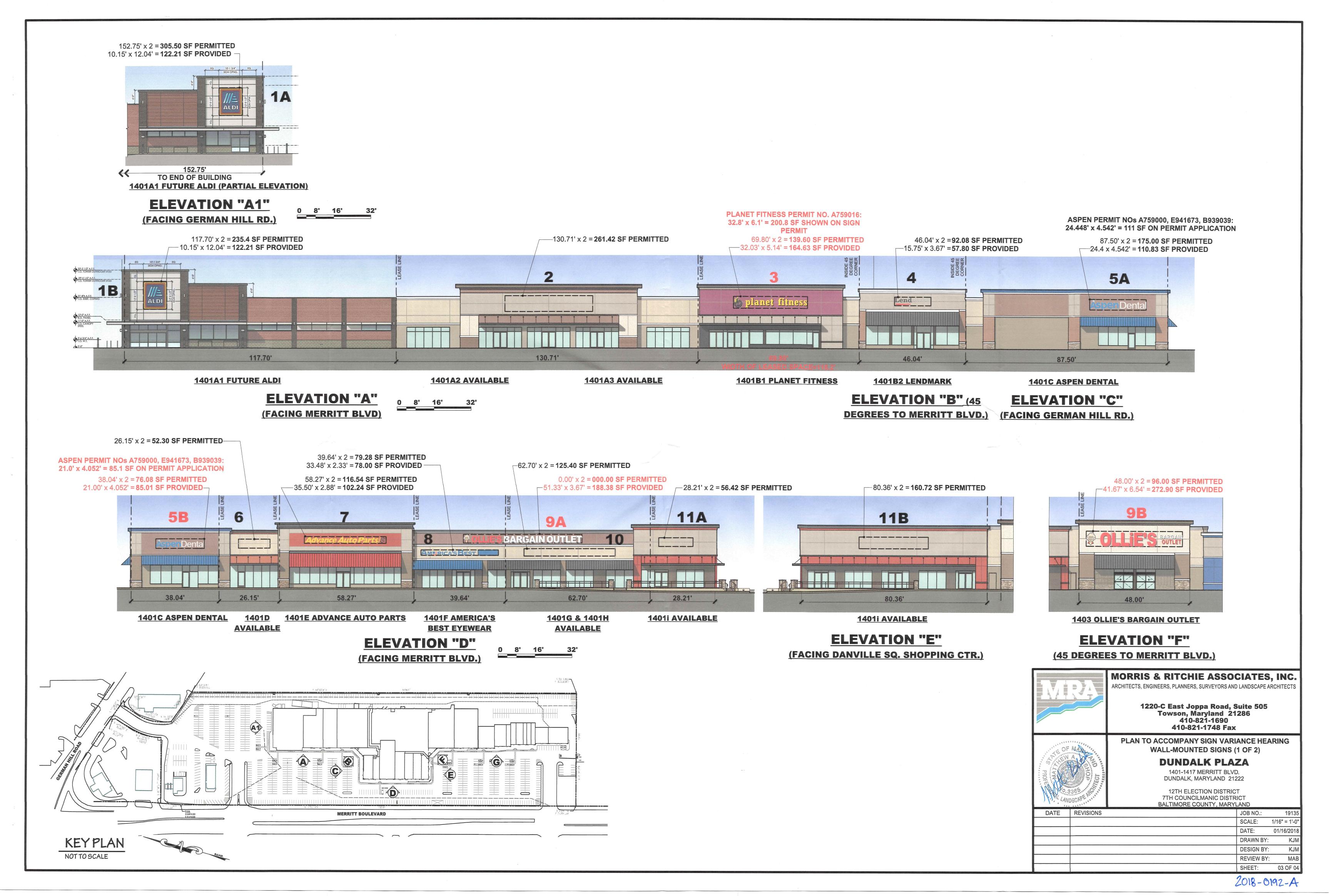
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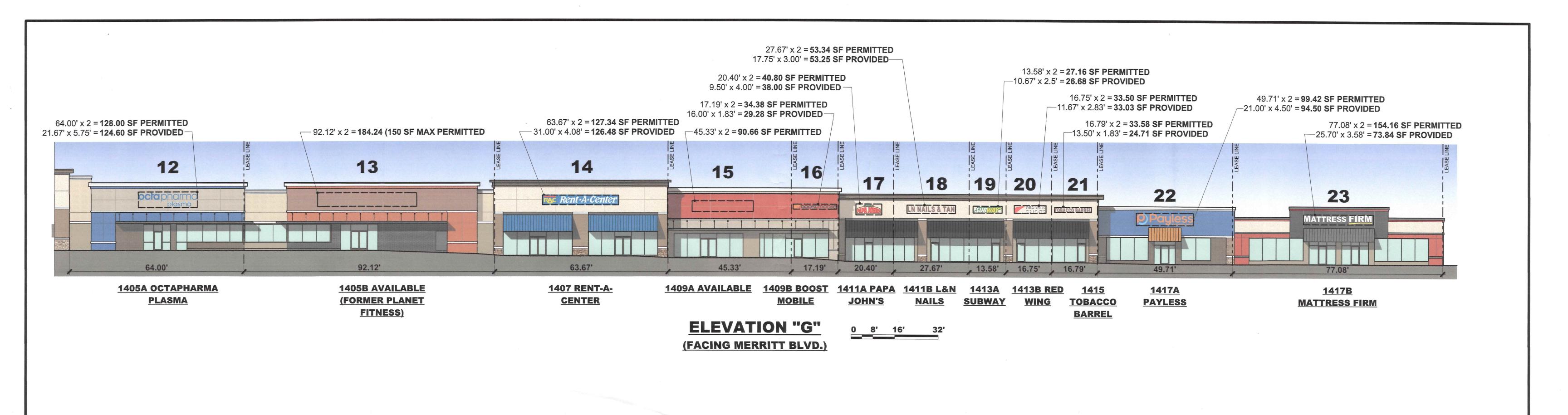
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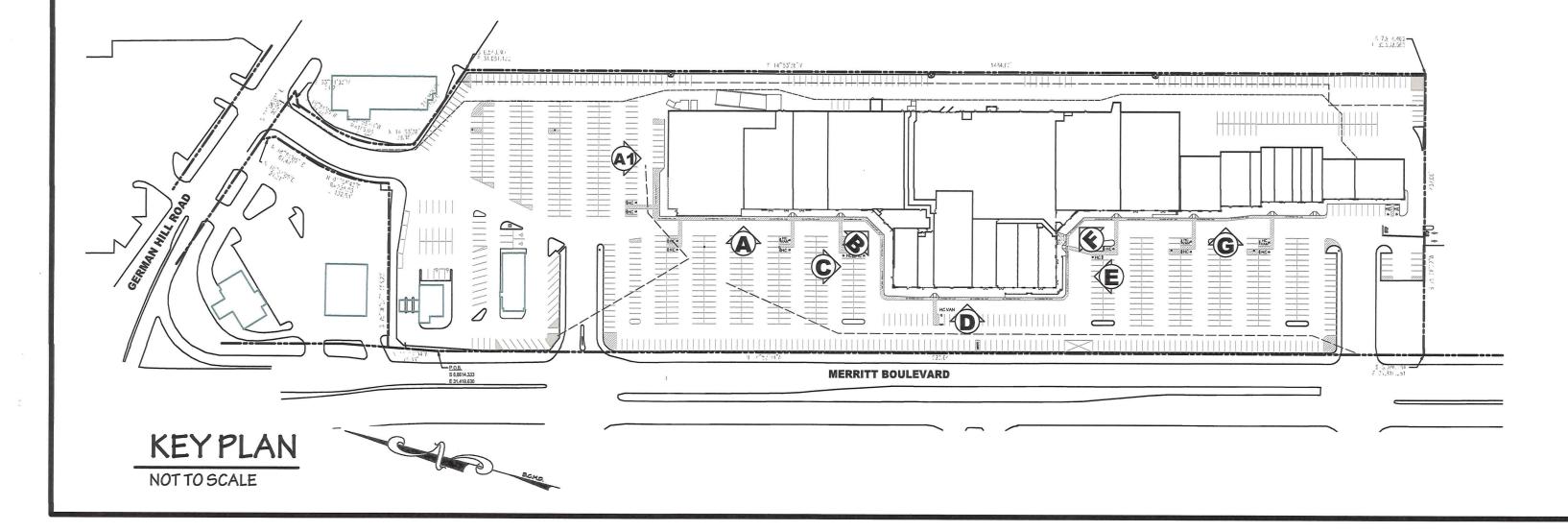
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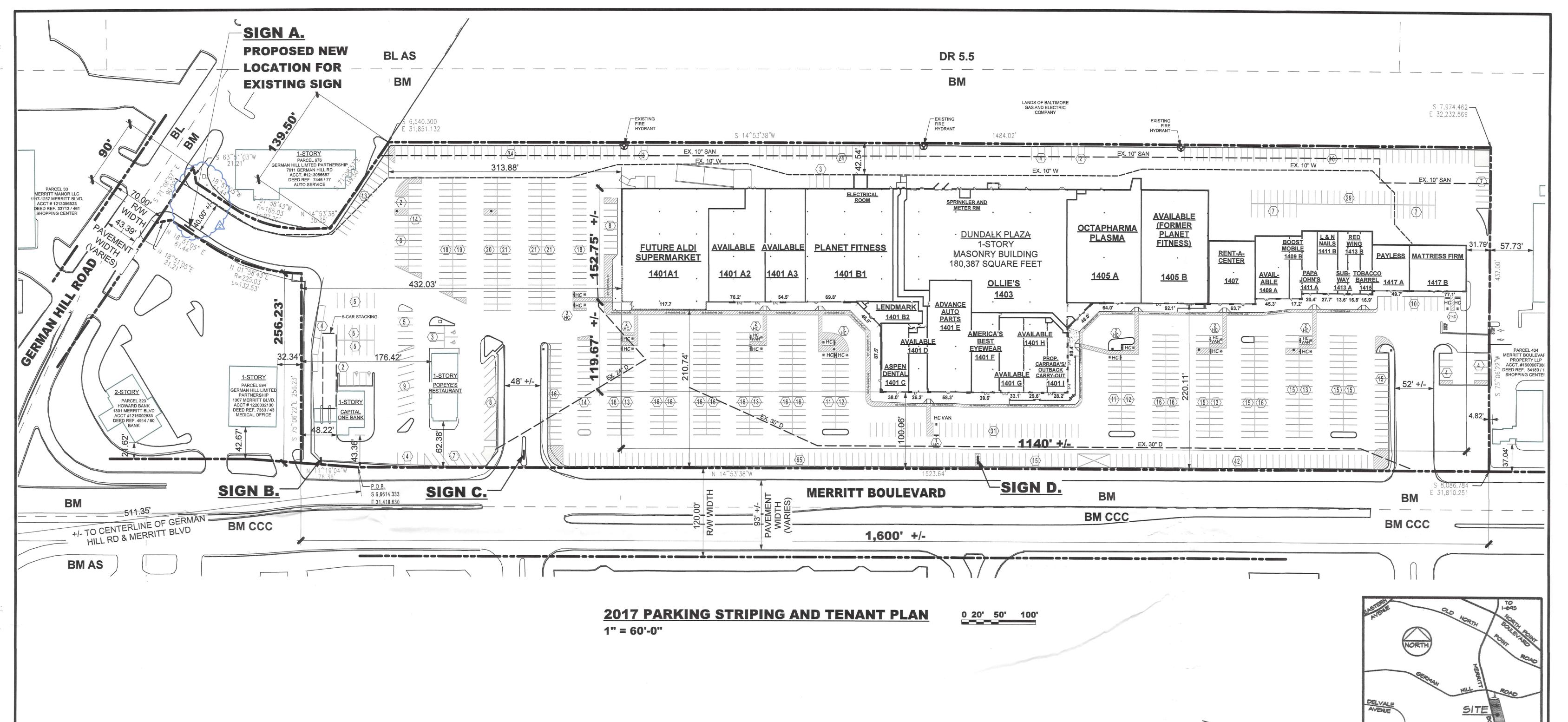
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# PARKING INFORMATION FROM SPIRIT OF INTENT, "PLAN TO ACCOMPANY SPIRIT AND INTENT LETTER", DATED 11/30/2017:

## **PARKING INFORMATION:**

954 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED PER 2008 VARIANCE

968 REGULAR PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 18 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 4 HANDICAP VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 990 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN

## **HANDICAP PARKING CALCS:**

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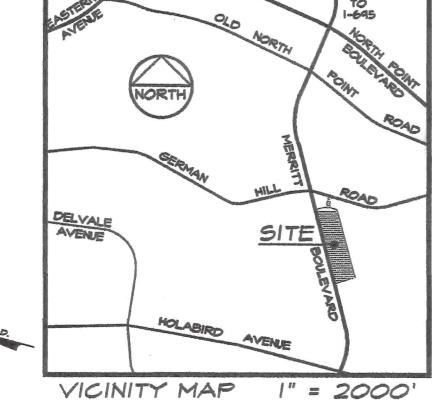
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- 2. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1401-1417 MERRITT BOULEVARD
- DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222
- 3. PROPERTY OWNER: 8300 GUILFORD ROAD SUITE C COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21046
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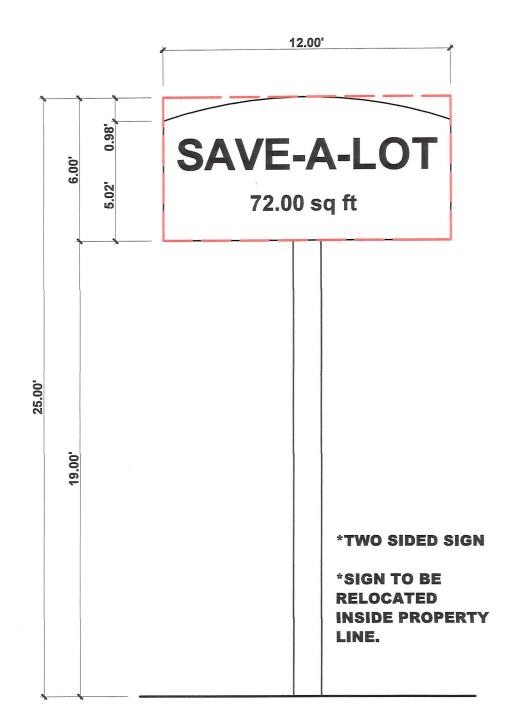
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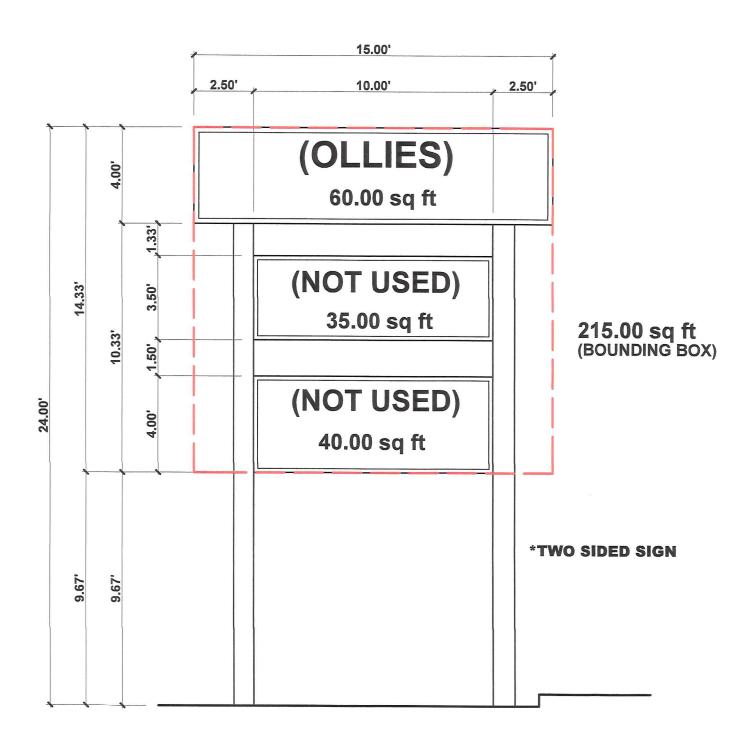
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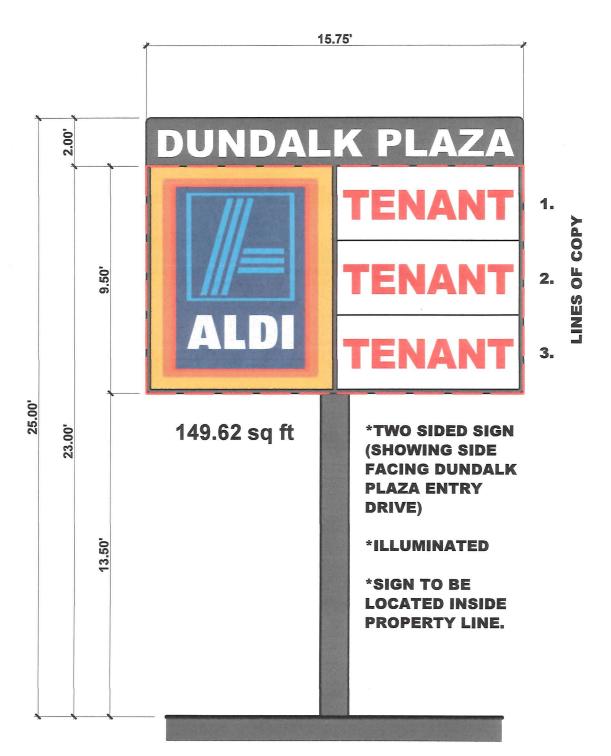
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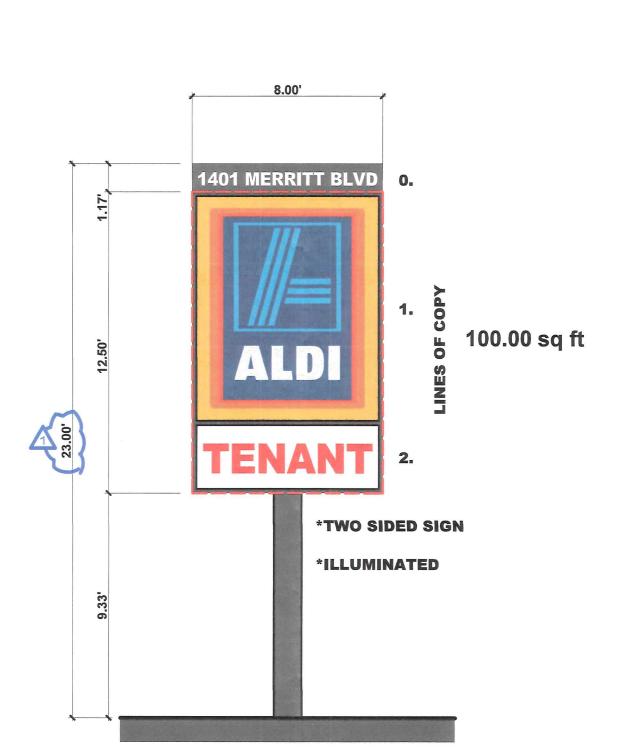
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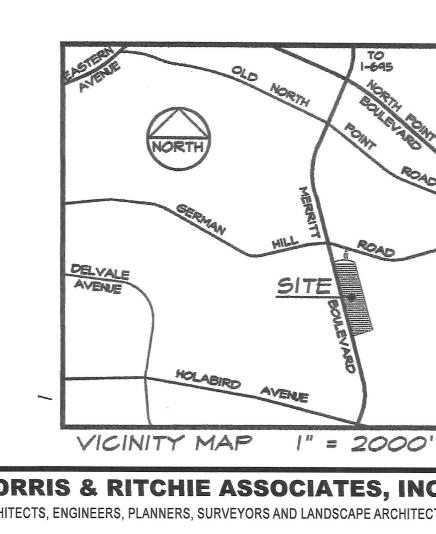
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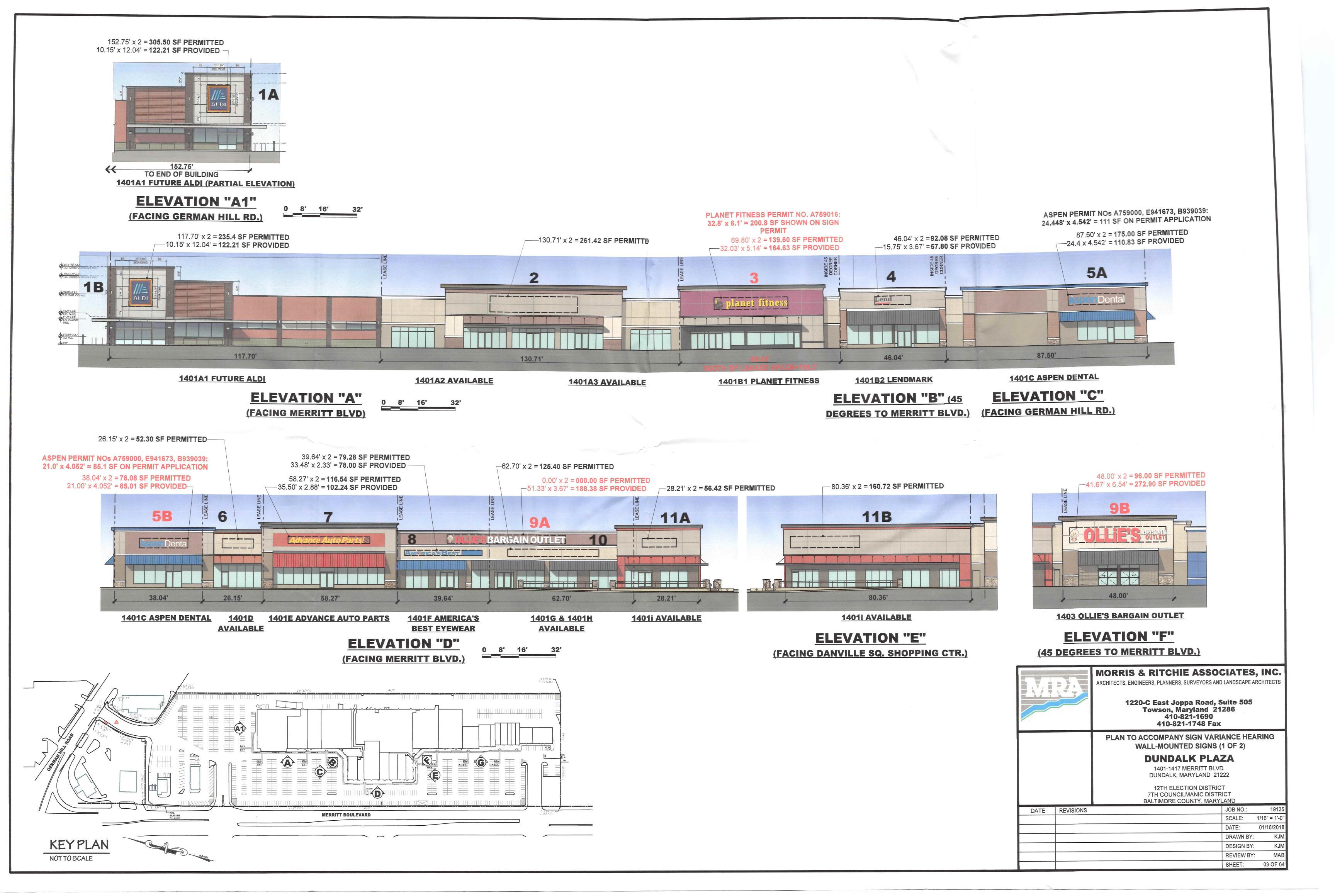
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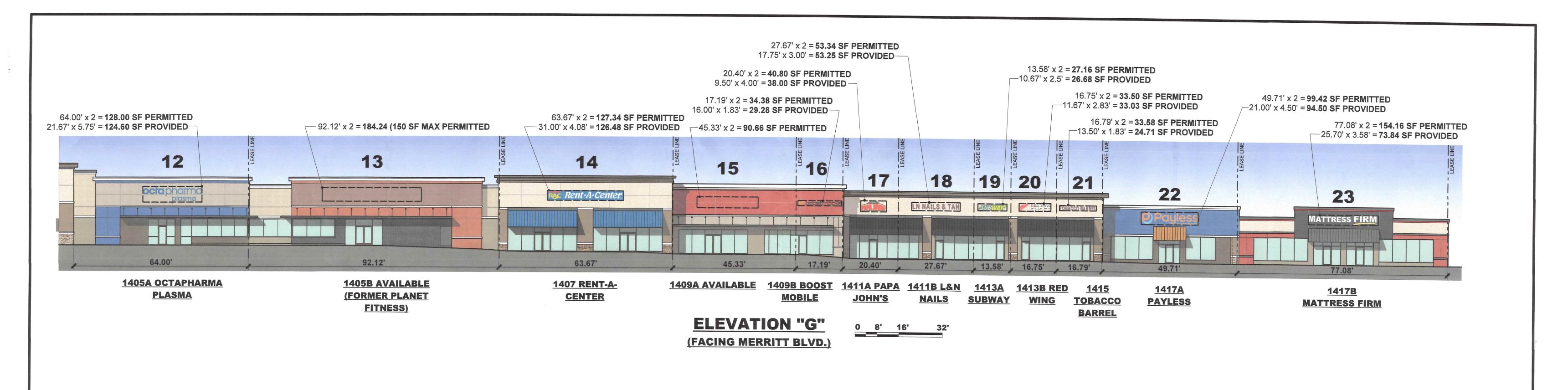
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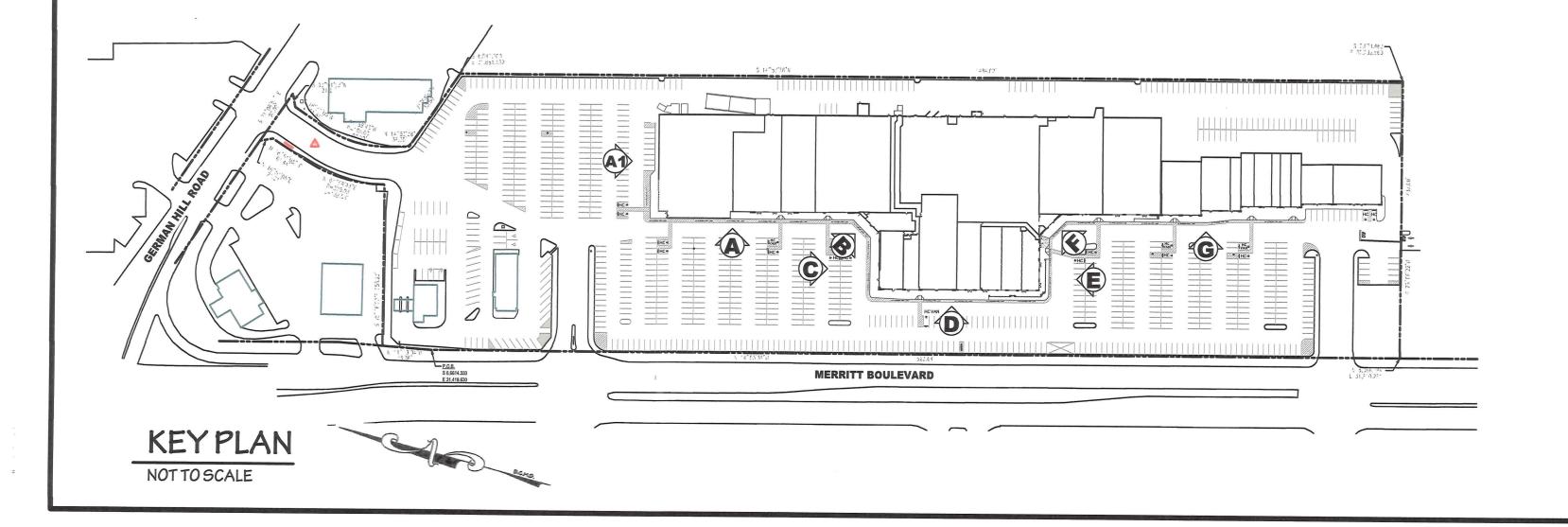
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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - LOCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

0 50' 100'
1" = 100'-0"



PROPERTY LINES



**ZONING LINES** 



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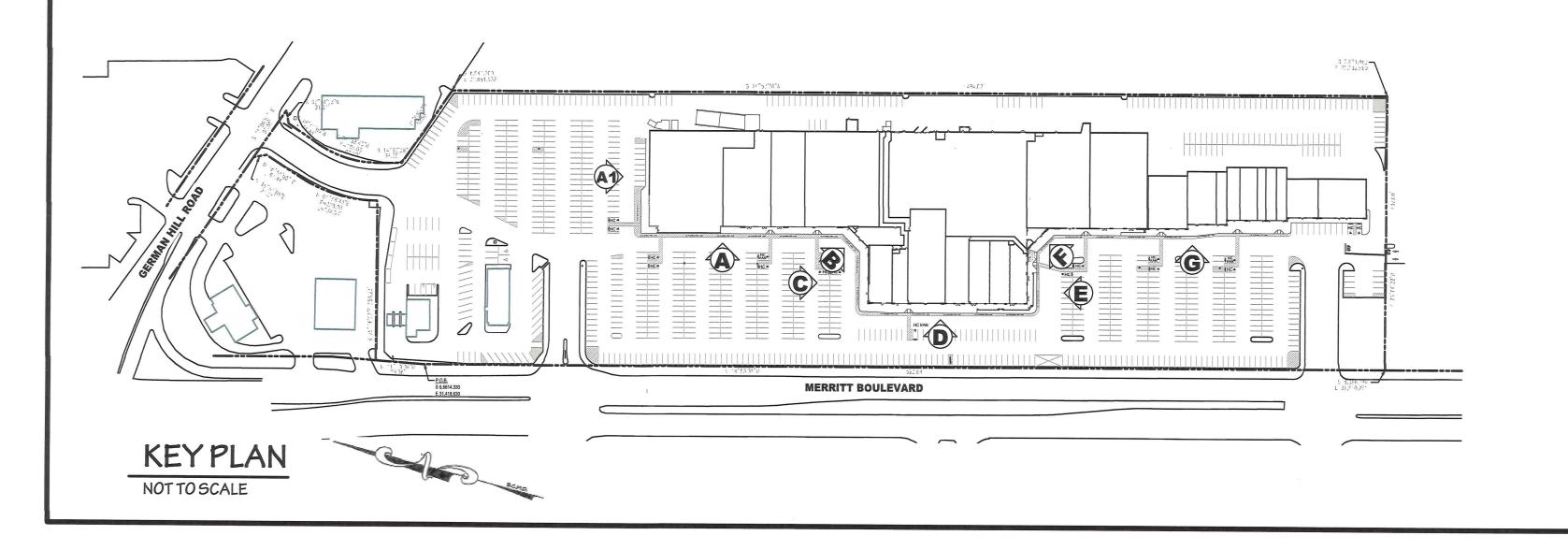
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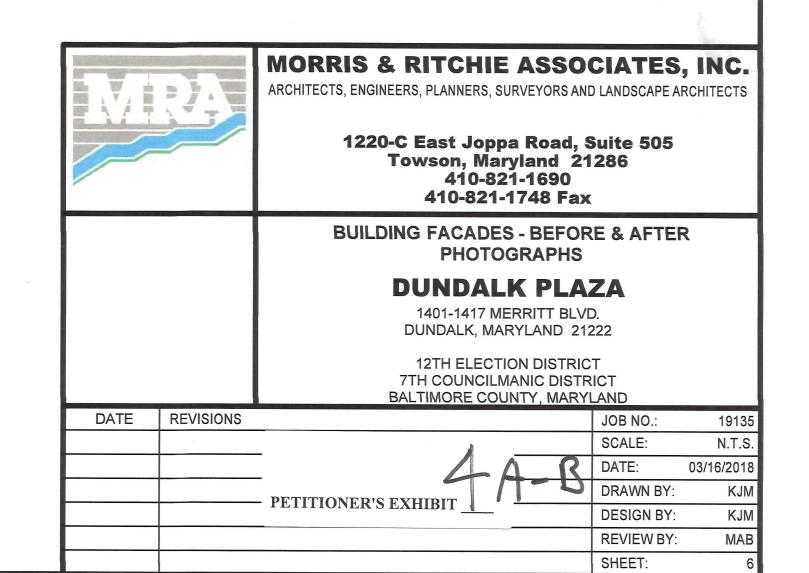


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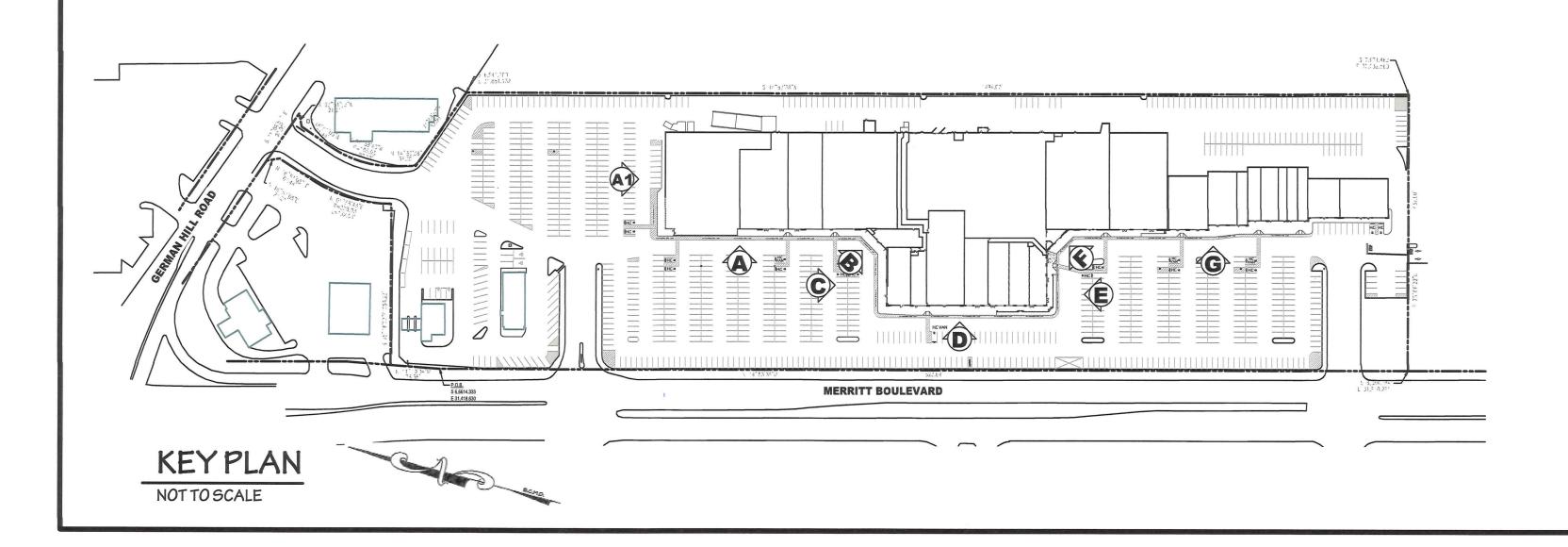




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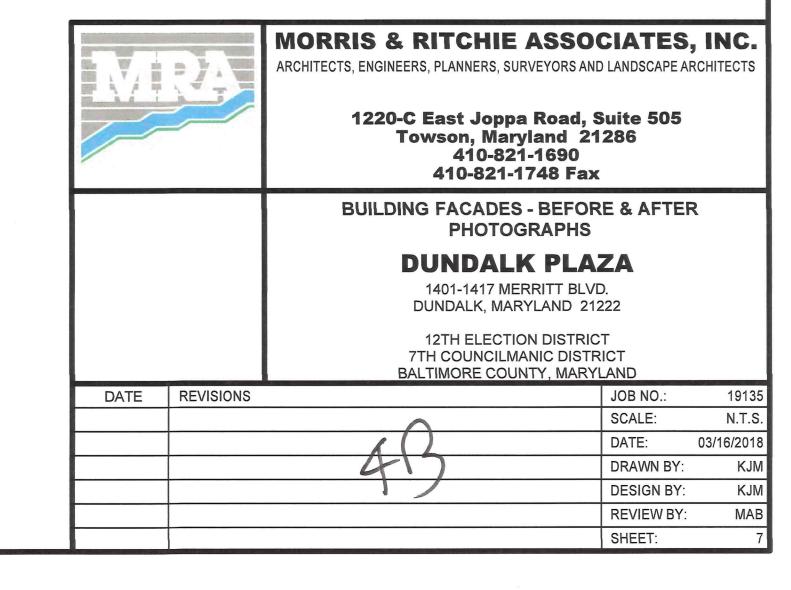


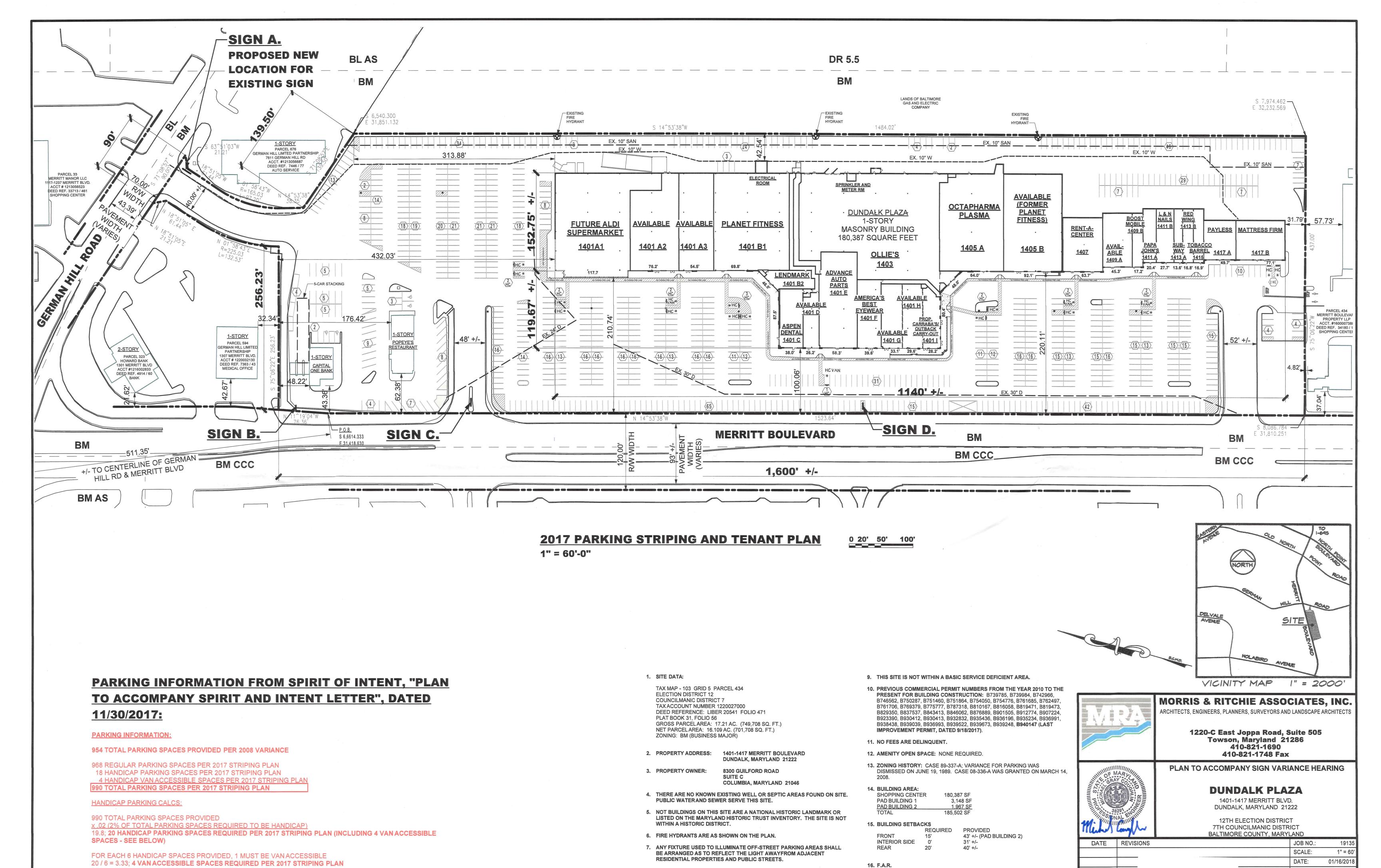


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8. THIS SITE IS NOT WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR THE CHESAPEAKE

BAY CRITICAL AREA.

ALL SPACES 8'-6" WIDE min. x 18'-0" DEEP, u.n.o.

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17. MAX BUILDING HEIGHT = 40'

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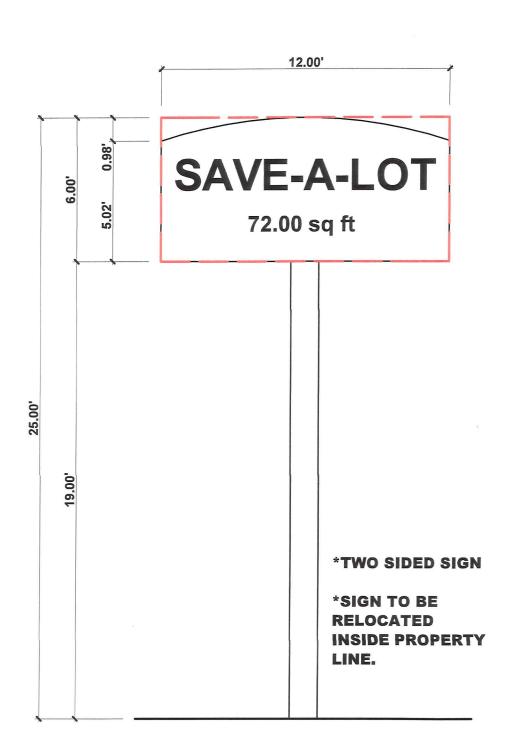
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A. EXISTING FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN **GERMAN HILL ROAD ENTRANCE** 

**SIGN AREA:** 

12.00' x 6.00' =  $72.00 \text{ ft}^2$  (BOUNDING BOX, NOT INCLUDING COLUMN)

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

**SIGN AREA:** 

ALONG MERRITT BLVD

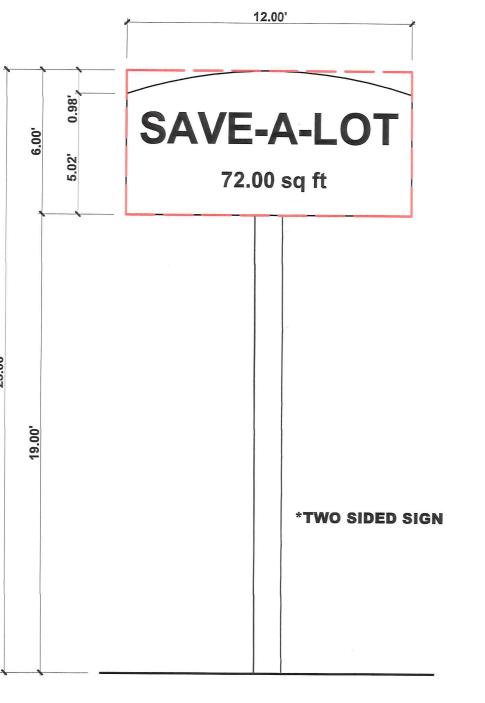
9.25' x 5.17' =  $47.79 \text{ ft}^2$  (BOUNDING BOX, NOT INCLUDING COLUMN)

**PERMIT NO.: E819279 DATE ISSUED:** 06/19/2013

9.25' **CAPITAL ONE** 47.79 sq ft \*TWO SIDED SIGN

**B.** EXISTING FREESTANDING ENTERPRISE SIGN SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

12.00' x 6.00' =  $72.00 \text{ ft}^2$  (BOUNDING BOX, NOT INCLUDING COLUMN)



C. EXISTING FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN MERRITT BLVD ENTRANCE SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

D. EXISTING FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN
ALONG MERRITT BLVD SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" ALONG MERRITT BLVD

15.00'

(OLLIES)

60.00 sq ft

(NOT USED)

35.00 sq ft

(NOT USED)

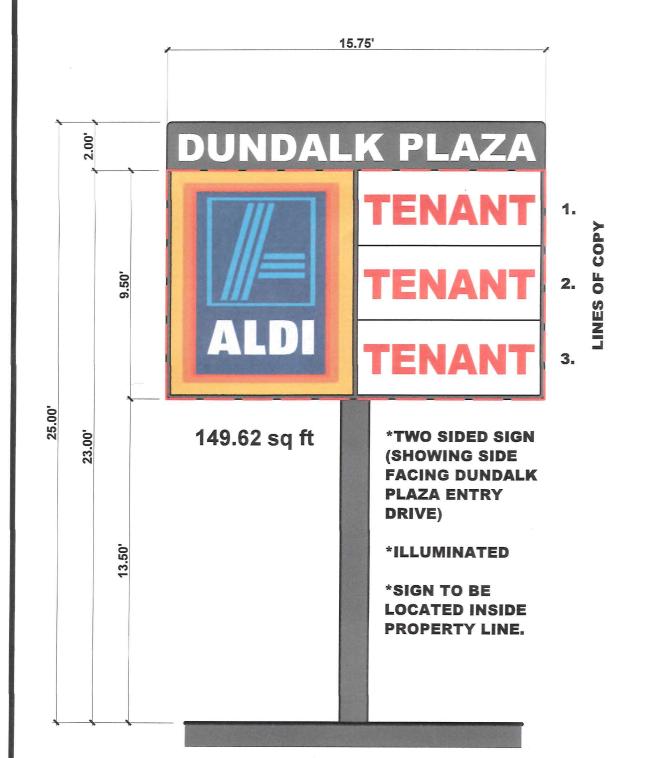
40.00 sq ft

215.00 sq ft (BOUNDING BOX)

\*TWO SIDED SIGN

15.00' x 14.33' = 215.00 ft<sup>2</sup> (BOUNDING BOX, NOT INCLUDING COLUMNS)

0 2' 4'



A. PROPOSED FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN **GERMAN HILL ROAD ENTRANCE** SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

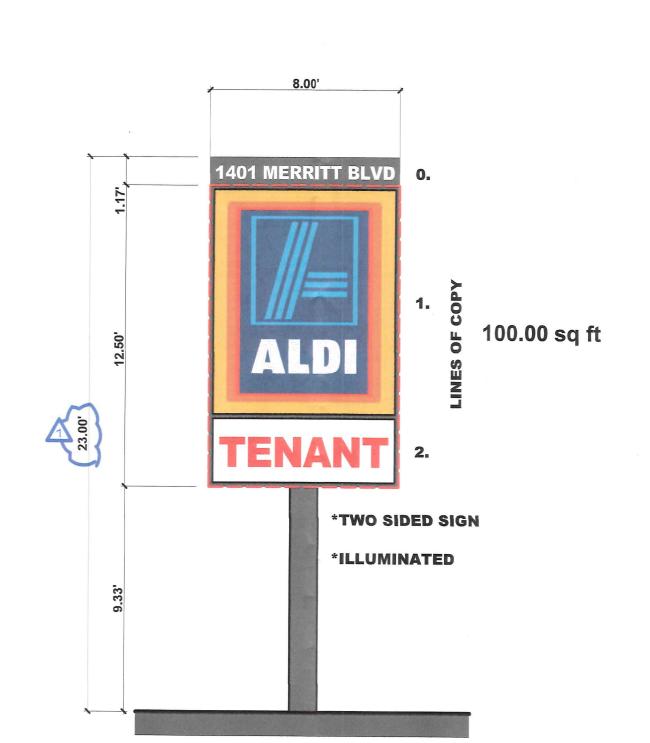
**SIGN AREA:** 

15.75" x 9.50' = <u>149.62 ft<sup>2</sup></u>

(NOT INCLUDING PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION AND COLUMN)

**LETTER HEIGHT:** GREATER THAN 3"

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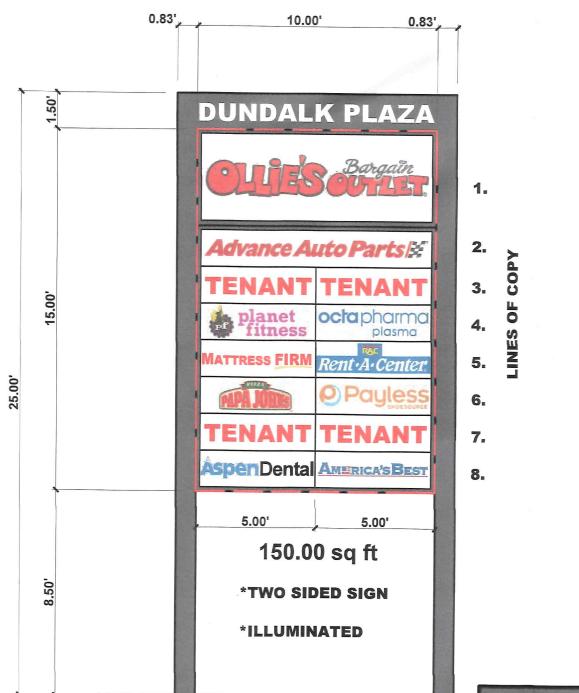
C. PROPOSED FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN MERRITT BLVD ENTRANCE **SCALE:** 1/4" = 1'-0"

**SIGN AREA:** 

8.00' x 12.50' = 100.00 ft<sup>2</sup>

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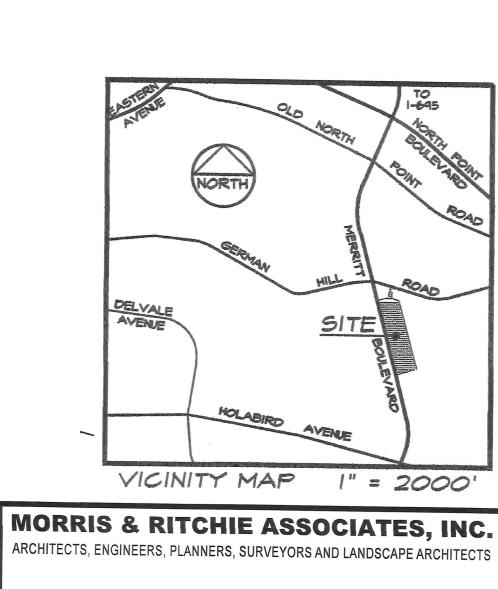


D. PROPOSED FREESTANDING JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN **ALONG MERRITT BLVD** SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

**SIGN AREA:** 

10.00' x 15.00' = <u>150.00 ft<sup>2</sup></u> (NOT INCLUDING PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION AND COLUMNS)

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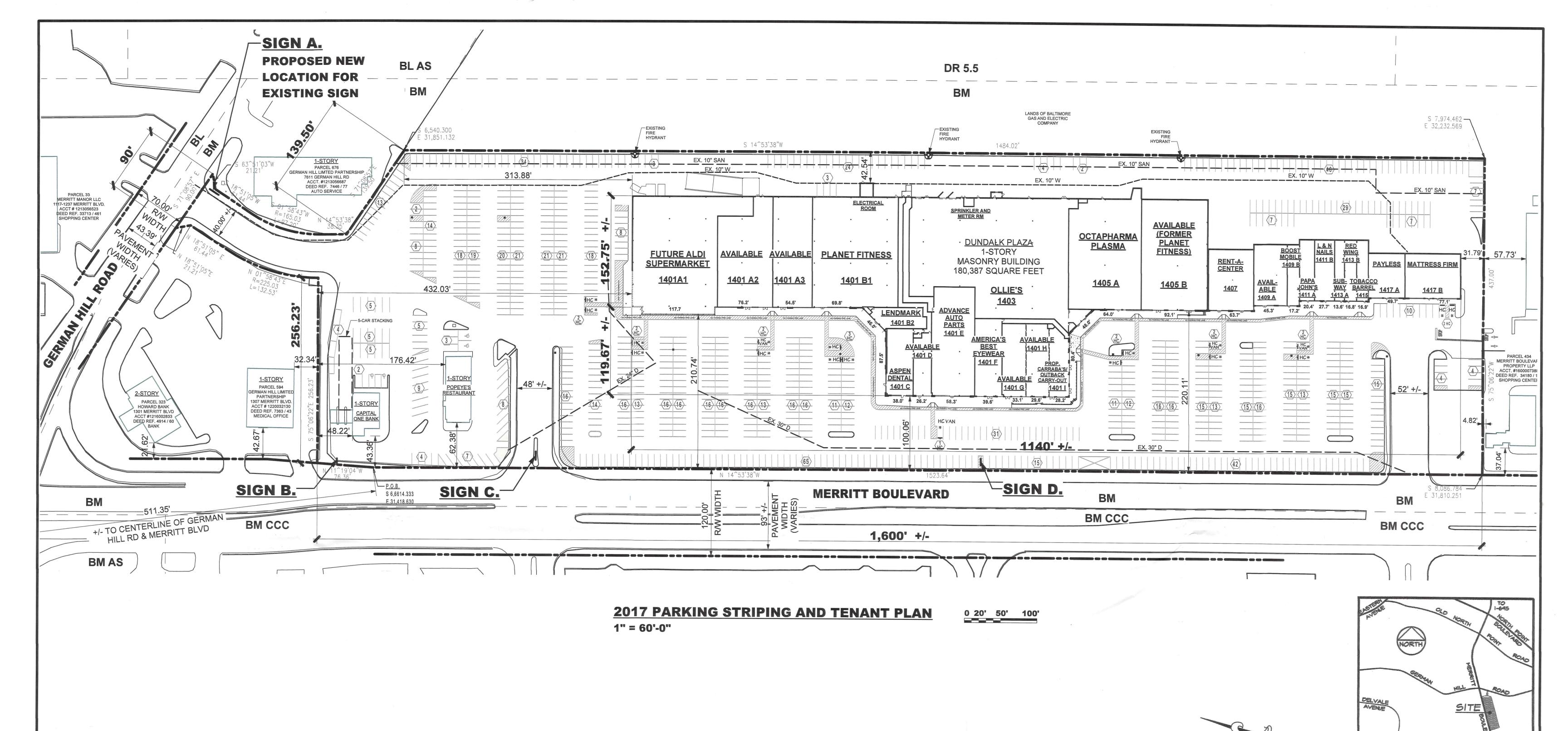
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# PARKING INFORMATION FROM SPIRIT OF INTENT, "PLAN TO ACCOMPANY SPIRIT AND INTENT LETTER", DATED 11/30/2017:

## **PARKING INFORMATION:**

954 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED PER 2008 VARIANCE

968 REGULAR PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 18 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 4 HANDICAP VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN 990 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN

## **HANDICAP PARKING CALCS:**

990 TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED X .02 (2% OF TOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED TO BE HANDICAP) 19.8; 20 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES REQUIRED PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN (INCLUDING 4 VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES - SEE BELOW)

FOR EACH 6 HANDICAP SPACES PROVIDED, 1 MUST BE VAN ACCESSIBLE 20 / 6 = 3.33; 4 VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACES REQUIRED PER 2017 STRIPING PLAN

ALL SPACES 8'-6" WIDE min. x 18'-0" DEEP, u.n.o.

# 1. SITE DATA:

TAX MAP - 103 GRID 5 PARCEL 434 **ELECTION DISTRICT 12** COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7 TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 1220027000 DEED REFERENCE: LIBER 20541 FOLIO 471 PLAT BOOK 31, FOLIO 56 GROSS PARCELAREA: 17.21 AC. (749,708 SQ. FT.) NET PARCELAREA: 16.109 AC. (701,708 SQ. FT.) ZONING: BM (BUSINESS MAJOR)

- 2. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1401-1417 MERRITT BOULEVARD DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222
- 3. PROPERTY OWNER:

WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

8300 GUILFORD ROAD SUITE C

- COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21046
- 4. THERE ARE NO KNOWN EXISTING WELL OR SEPTIC AREAS FOUND ON SITE. PUBLIC WATERAND SEWER SERVE THIS SITE. 5. NOT BUILDINGS ON THIS SITE ARE A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK OR

LISTED ON THE MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST INVENTORY. THE SITE IS NOT

- 6. FIRE HYDRANTS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN.
- 7. ANY FIXTURE USED TO ILLUMINATE OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS SHALL BE ARRANGED AS TO REFLECT THE LIGHT AWAYFROM ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND PUBLIC STREETS.
- 8. THIS SITE IS NOT WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA.

- 9. THIS SITE IS NOT WITHIN A BASIC SERVICE DEFICIENT AREA.
- 10. PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL PERMIT NUMBERS FROM THE YEAR 2010 TO THE PRESENT FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: B739785, B739984, B742966. B746562, B750287, B751460, B751864, B754050, B754776, B761685, B762497, B761706, B769379, B775777, B787318, B810167, B816058, B819471, B819473. B829350, B837537, B843413, B846062, B876889, B901505, B912774, B907224, B923390. B930412, B930413. B932832, B935436, B936196, B935234, B936991, B938438, B939039, B936993, B939522, B939673, B939248, **B940147** (LAST **IMPROVEMENT PERMIT, DATED 9/18/2017)**
- 11. NO FEES ARE DELINQUENT.
- 12. AMENITY OPEN SPACE: NONE REQUIRED.
- 13. ZONING HISTORY: CASE 89-337-A; VARIANCE FOR PARKING WAS DISMISSED ON JUNE 19, 1989. CASE 08-336-A WAS GRANTED ON MARCH 14.

40' +/-

180,387 SF

14. BUILDING AREA: SHOPPING CENTER PAD BUILDING 1

3,148 SF PAD BUILDING 2 1,967 SF 185,502 SF

15. BUILDING SETBACKS **PROVIDED** REQUIRED 43' +/- (PAD BUILDING 2) INTERIOR SIDE 31' +/-

16. F.A.R. PERMITTED PROVIDED

17. MAX BUILDING HEIGHT = 40'



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1" = 2000'

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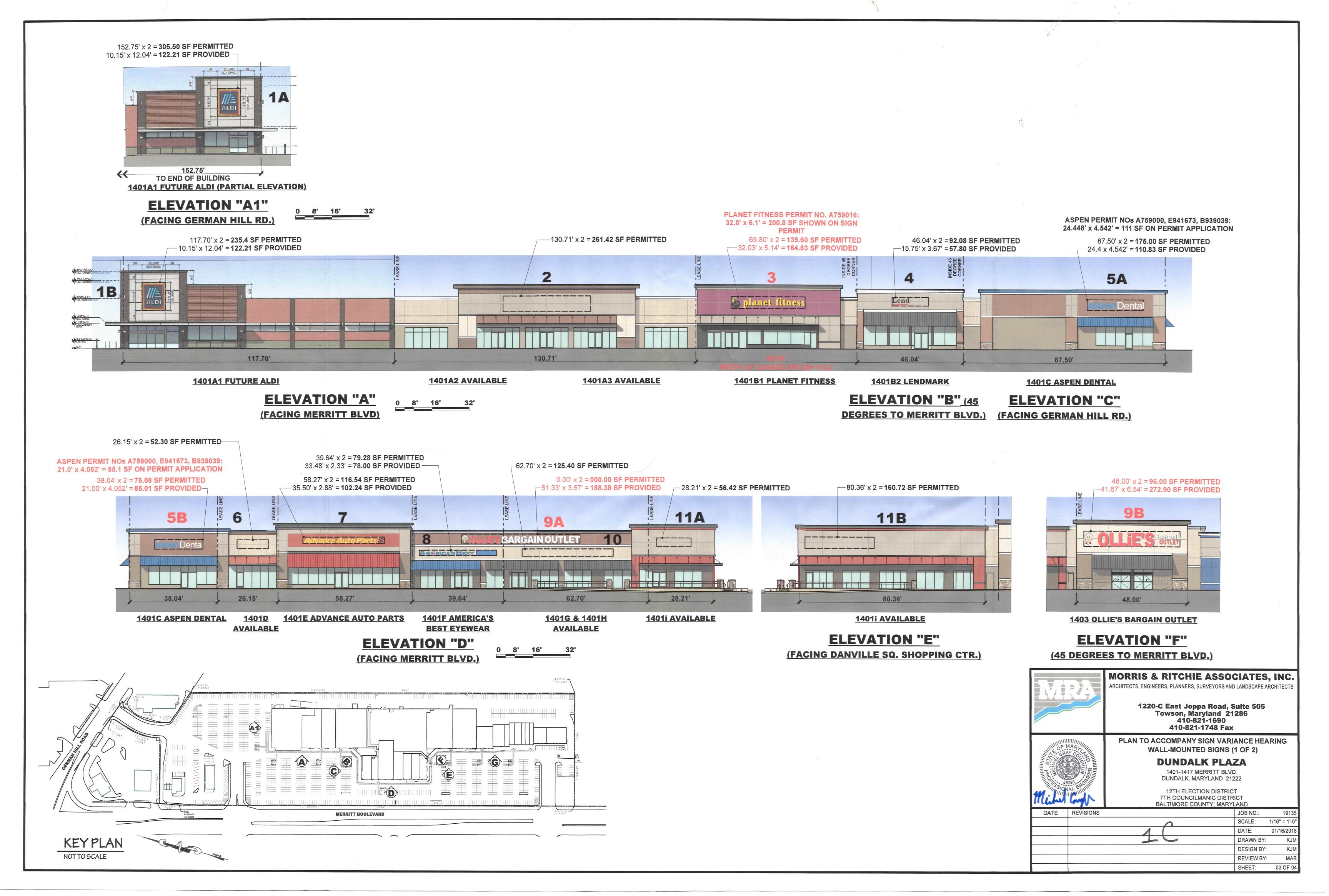
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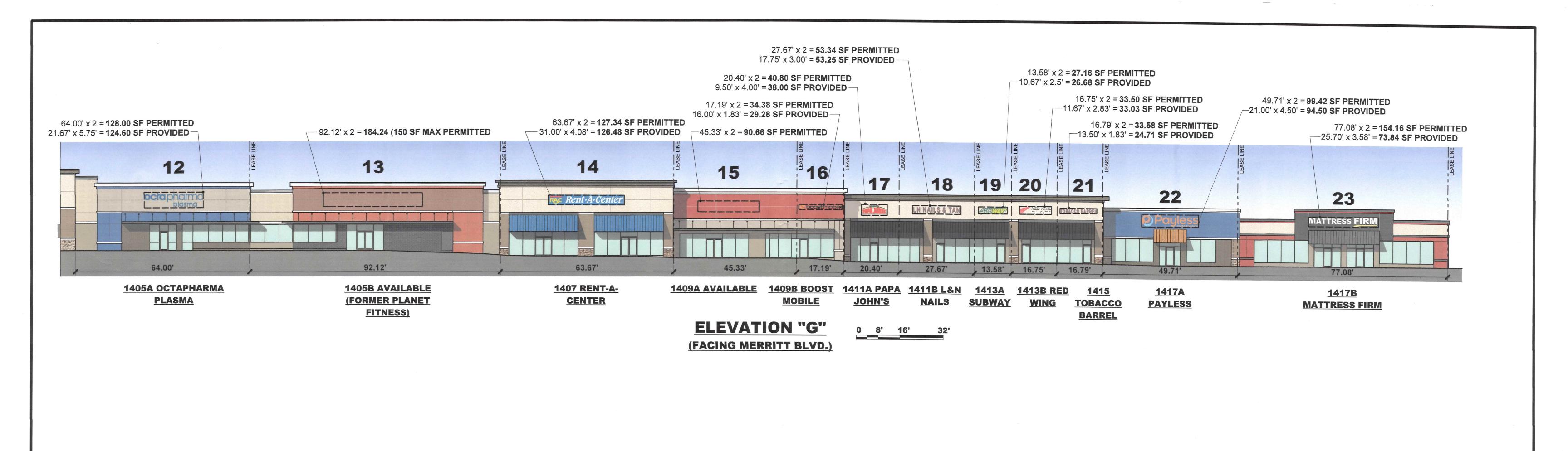
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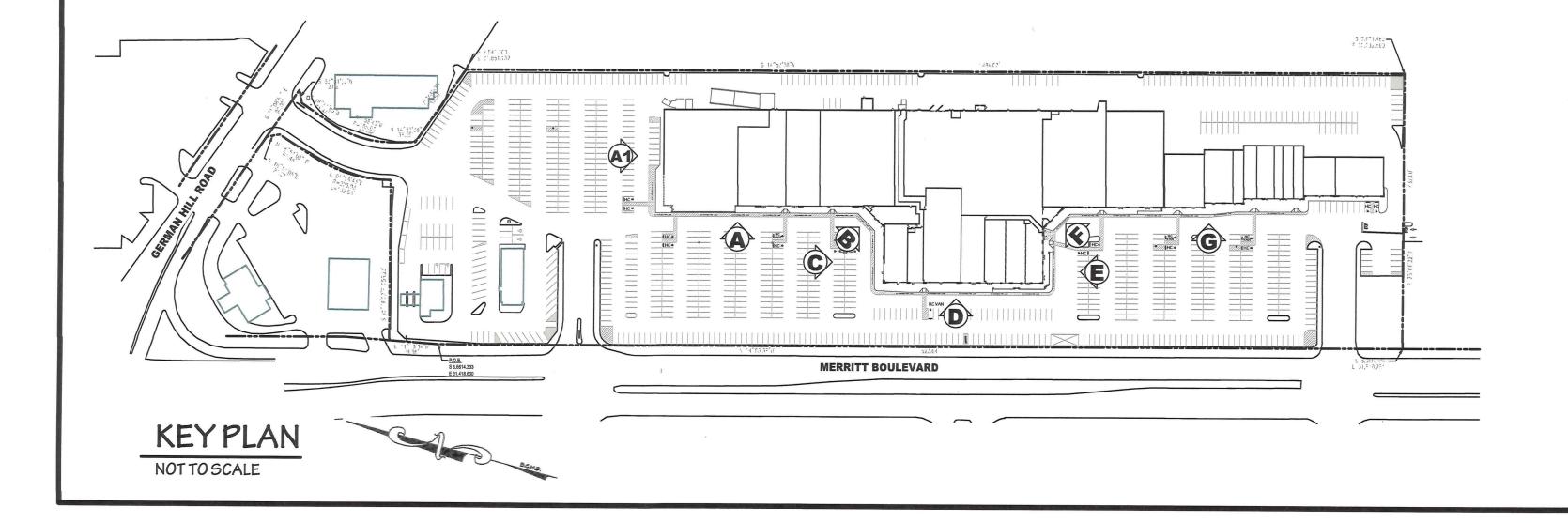
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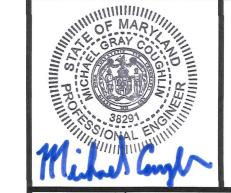




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