MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 26, 2018

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2018-0300-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on July 25, 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.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

(1801 York Road)

8th Election District

3rd Council District

1801 YR, LLC

Legal Owner

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner

* CASE NO. 2018-0300-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by 1801 YR, LLC, legal owner of the subject property ("Petitioner"). The Petition seeks variance relief from §238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") as follows: (1) to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 24 ft. in lieu of the otherwise required 30 ft., and (2) to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 3 ft. in lieu of the otherwise required 30 ft. A site plan was marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Professional engineer Gerry Powell appeared in support of the petition. Jennifer R. Busse, Esq. represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the BCZR. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comment was received from the Department of Planning ("DOP"). That agency does not oppose the request.

The site is approximately 2.72 acres in size and zoned BR. The property is improved with two commercial buildings. In a 2010 zoning case (No. 2010-0297-A) Petitioner obtained variance relief permitting a building-to-building setback of 32' in lieu of the required 60'.

Recently, Petitioner amended the development plan for this site with DRC approval, and a lot ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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line has been created between these two commercial buildings. As such, the variance relief granted in the 2010 case is no longer needed since each building will now be situated on its own lot. But the new lot line has generated the need for building setback variances; no improvements of any type are proposed at this juncture.

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).

As noted in the 2010 zoning case, there is a grade change between this site and the adjoining shopping center. As such the property is unique. If the Regulations were strictly interpreted Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty because it would be required to raze or relocate the buildings. 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 County and/or community opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>25th</u> day of **June**, **2018**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance pursuant to Section 238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"): (1) to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 24 ft. in lieu of the otherwise required 30 ft., and (2) to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 3 ft. in lieu of the otherwise required 30 ft., 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.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln

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PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

Address 1801 York Road

which is presently zoned BR

Deed References: 27143/676

10 Digit Tax Account # 1600005846

Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) 1801 YR, LLC

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:

- a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve
- a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for

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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 regul, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, which is the subject of this / these Petition(s).	, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations
Contract Purchaser/Lessee: EDFU	Legal Owners (Petitioners):
N/A DECENÇANTA	Marc Cohen
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Mailing Address BY City State	Mailing Address City State 21204 410-296-7900 Marc.Cohen@Priority1autogroup.com
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telephone # Email Address
Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire	Representative to be contacted: Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire
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Signature Whiteford, Taylor & Preston	Signature Whiteford, Taylor & Preston
1 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 300, Towson MD	1 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 300, Towson, MD
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21204 410-832-2077 jbusse@wtplaw.com	21204 410-832-2077 jbusse@wtplaw.com
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Attachment to Petition for Variances

1801 York Road

Petition for Variance pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") Section 238.2 to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 24 feet in lieu of the otherwise required 30 feet.

Petition for Variance pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") Section 238.2 to permit a side building to property line setback of up to 3 feet in lieu of the otherwise required 30 feet.

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ZONING DESCRIPTION - 1801 York Road

April 21, 2010

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly right of way line of Ridgely Road, an eighty foot wide right of way, at the southeasterly end of a right of way intersection fillet connecting the north side of Ridgely Road with the easterly right of way line of Maryland Route 45, York Road a 93.5 feet wide right of way. Thence, binding on said fillet and right of way,

- 1) North 72°30'24" West 69.47 feet,
- 2) North 20°24'21" West 246.65 feet. Thence, leaving said right of way,
- 3) North 63°26'39" East 418.41 feet,
- 4) South 20°24'21" East 283.52 feet to the said northerly right of way line of Ridgely Road,
 - 5) South 63°26'39" West 96.59 feet,
- 6) by a curve to the left in a southwesterly direction of radius 3040.00 feet, an arc distance of 268.28 feet and subtended by a chord; South 60°57'25" West 268.19 feet to the place of beginning as recorded in Liber SM 27143, folio 676.

BEING a part of Parcel 3 as shown on the "Final Plat, Property of Archbishop of Baltimore and Ford Leasing Development Company" as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book OTG 34, folio 117, containing 118278 square feet or 2.7153 acres of land more or less. Also known as 1801 York Road in the Eighth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland.



2018-0300-A

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



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: May 9, 2018

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2018-0300-A

Address 1801 York Road

(Cohen Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 17, 2018

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

Reviewer: Steve Ford



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

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

May 31, 2018

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NE corner of Ridgely Road and York Road

8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s) Marc Cohen

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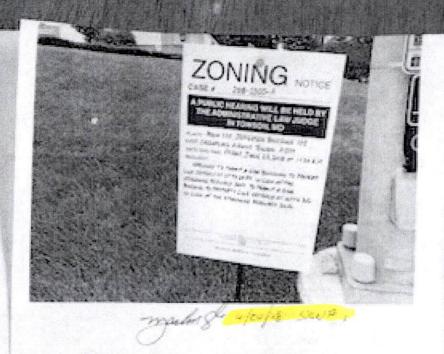
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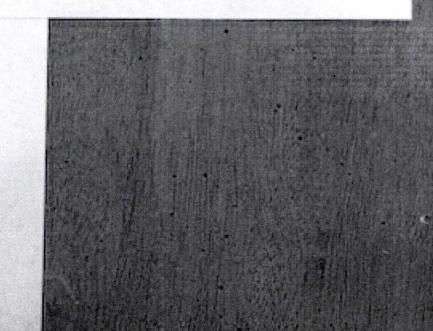
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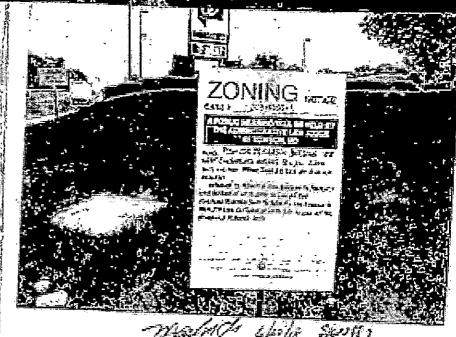
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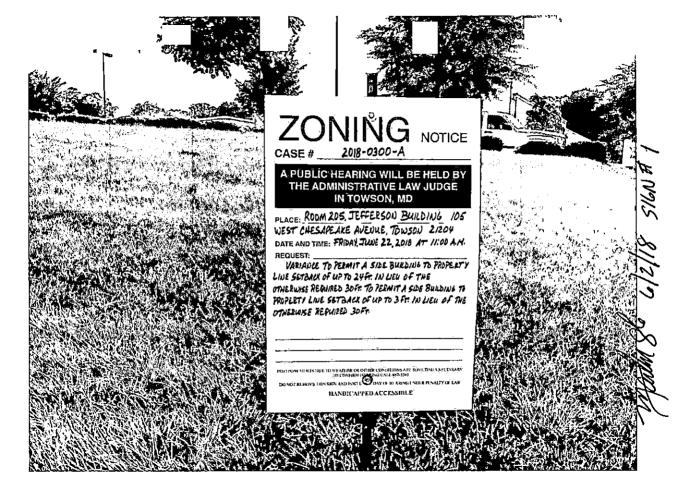
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Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

May 16, 2018

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Arnold Jablon

Arnold Jablon Director

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C: Jennifer Busse, 1 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 300, Towson 21204 Marc Cohen, 700 Kenilworth Drive, Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.
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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, May 31, 2018 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

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And York Road
8th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Marc Cohen
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 2018-300-A

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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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MAY 10 2018

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of May, 2018, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jennifer Busse, Esquire, 1 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



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 fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

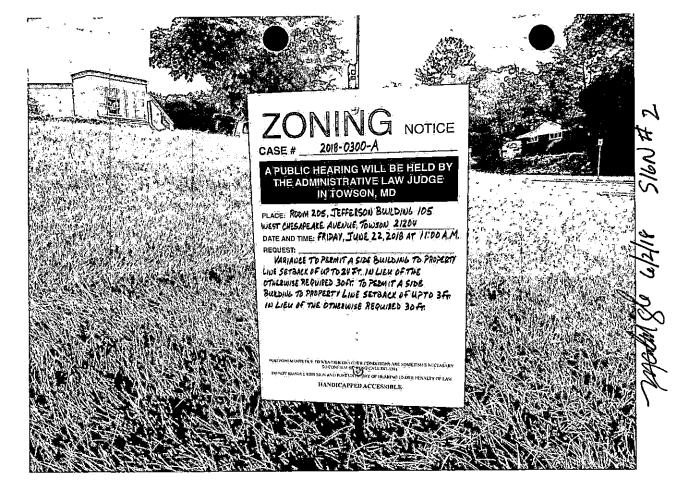
Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should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

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

For Newspaper Advertising:
Case Number: 7018-030-A
Property Address: 1801 York Rd
Property Description:
Legal Owners (Petitioners): 1801 42 UC Contract Purchaser/Lessee: WA
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ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections.

June 13, 2018

Marc Cohen 700 Kenilworth Drive Towson MD 21204

RE: Case Number: 2018-0300 A, Address: 1801 York Road

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on May 2, 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
Jennifer R Busse, Esquire, 1 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson MD 21204



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Secretary
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Administrator

Date: 5/7/18

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 5/7/8. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 45 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for

Varionce, Case Number 2018-0300-A.

Varionce
Marc Cohen
1801 You-K Road.

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

DATE: 6/4/2018

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Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT

Case Number: 18-300

INFORMATION:

Property Address: Petitioner:

1801 York Road Marc Cohen

Zoning:

BR

Requested Action:

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The site is within the Hunt Valley/Timonium Master Plan area. The plan was adopted by the Baltimore County Council October 19, 1998. With respect to this request, the relevant issue listed in the plan is on Page 27 and concerns "improving the visual quality..." The plan specifically mentions sign congestion along York Road.

The Department does not object to the request but advises the petitioner that it will not support the replacement of the existing monument sign on lot 2 with a larger free-standing sign.

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

prepared by:

Lloyd T. Moxley

Division Chief:

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Date: 6/4/2018

Subject: ZAC # 18-300

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c: Wally Lippincott
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Office of the Administrative Hearings
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: June 5, 2018

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT;

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 17, 2018

Item No. 2018-0294-A, 0295-A, 0297-A, 0298-SPH, 0299-A, and 0300-A

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning

items and we have no comments.

VKD: cen cc: file

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: 6/4/2018

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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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:

May 9, 2018

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0300-A

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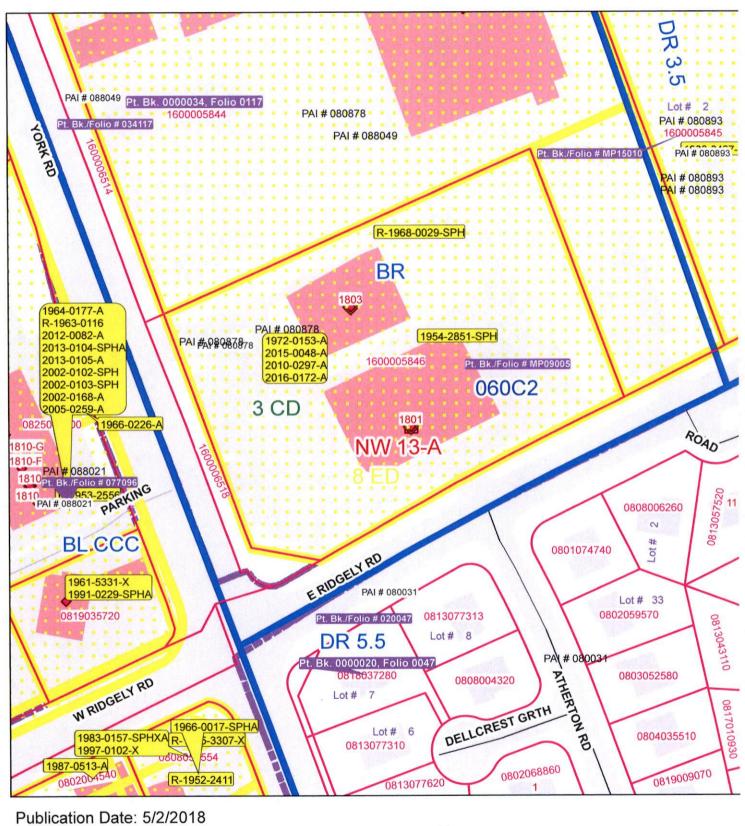
X The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

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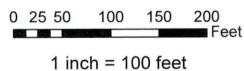
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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

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1801 YR, LLC
Petitioner

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- * BEFORE THE
- * DEPUTY ZONING
- * COMMISSIONER
- * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE NO. 2010-0297-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 Lou Cohen, Managing Member, on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property, 1801 YR, LLC. Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from Sections 238.2 and 102.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to allow a building-to-building setback of 32 feet in lieu of the required 60 feet. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted 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 was Marc Cohen on behalf of Petitioner 1801 YR, LLC and David H. Karceski, Esquire, attorney for Petitioner. Also appearing in support of Petitioner's request for relief were Kevin Small, registered landscape architect, and Dave Rudisill, a civil engineer, both with Frederick Ward Associates, Inc., the firm that prepared the site plan and is managing Petitioner's proposed development. Appearing as an interested citizen was Eric Rockel, President of the Greater Timonium Community Council. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is rectangular in shape and consists of approximately 2.72 acres, more less, zoned B.R. The property is located in the Lutherville area of Baltimore County, at the northeast corner of the intersection of York Road and

Ridgely Road, with ingress/egress from both public roads. The subject property sits along the heavily traveled commercial corridor of York Road, north of Towson and south of Cockeysville/Hunt Valley, and is bordered by a shopping center -- zoned D.R.3.5 -- that wraps around the subject property to the north and east. The rest of the area surrounding the subject property contains a mix of commercial and residential zoning districts. The Ridgely Road residential subdivision, zoned D.R.5.5, is located on the opposite side of Ridgely Road to the south of the subject property. The zoning makeup of the area surrounding the subject property can be seen in the zoning map that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. Several shopping centers also exist near the subject property. The size of the parcels in this area of York Road are extremely varied, as seen in the tax map of the area that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3.

As background to the request at hand, Petitioner noted the recent development history of the subject property. It was revealed that the subject property was previously occupied by the Dulaney Lincoln-Mercury car dealership. The remnants of this prior use can be seen in the photographs that were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 4A through 4E. Mr. Karceski proffered that the subject property was purchased in 2008 and that it was soon determined thereafter that its continued use as a car dealership was no longer viable considering the economic climate. Mr. Cohen testified that redevelopment of the property was pursued and it was determined that a retail-office use for the subject property would be consistent with the commercial nature of this area of York Road. The subject property went through the development process, appearing before the Development Review Committee ("DRC") and receiving approval.

¹ The subject property was purchased from Branco, Inc. in the Deed recorded as Liber-Folio 27143-676.

This initial plan was for the construction of a Walgreens store and a pad site for a proposed bank. The approved plan did not necessitate variance relief. The existing one-story building shown on the site plan consisting of 16,500 square feet, more or less, is nearing completion and will be occupied by the aforementioned Walgreens store. However, due to the struggling economy and the continuing decline of the current banking market, a lessee for the potential banking pad site has not come to fruition. As such, at this juncture, Petitioner proposes to construct a one-story commercial building containing 7,800 square feet, more or less, to be used for retail or office space. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Karceski indicated that no restaurant or fast food establishment is intended for the location. Access to the property is two-fold: a full exit and right-turn entrance is available from Ridgely Road and a full entrance and right-turn exit is available from York Road.

The proposed development meets all external setback requirements and parking requirements. Mr. Karceski stated that variance relief is requested for a building-to-building setback of 32 feet in lieu of 60 feet pursuant to Section 238.2 of the B.C.Z.R. This section requires a 30 foot setback; however, Section 102.2 of the B.C.Z.R. states that "[n]o yard space or minimum area required for a building or use shall be considered as any part of the yard space or minimum area for another building or use." Although the distance between the buildings is internal to the property and the affected area is between the two proposed buildings shown on the site plan, the Zoning Review Office has interpreted this section to require a 60 foot setback, so that each building has its own 30 foot setback for a total of 60 feet; hence, the requested variance relief.

In support of the variance request, Mr. Karceski proffered the testimony of Petitioner's design and engineering consultants that the property is constrained by unique circumstances that would render strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations impracticable. Mr. Karceski

explained that the property line to the north and east shared with Grand York Plaza has an extremely steep grade. Moreover, the entire property sits at an angle on York Road. The steep grading of the subject property and its configuration can be seen in the photographs that were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit's 4A through 4E and 5A through 5I. Additionally, Mr. Karceski cited the fact that the Grand York Plaza shopping center wraps around the subject property and the subject property's location at the intersection of York Road and Ridgely Road as special circumstances affecting the placement of improvements on the property. It is the totality of these circumstances that render this property unique in a zoning sense and drive the need for variance relief.

Further, since a retail commercial use is consistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning classification for this site, compelling Petitioner to strictly comply with the Zoning Regulations would cause unreasonable hardship and practical difficulty by denying Petitioner the right to use the subject property as permitted by these Regulations. Mr. Karceski added that this relief could be granted without detriment to the community and conversely, that Petitioner's improvements would increase the curb appeal and aesthetics of the property and would provide needed redevelopment of an important commercial site to this area of Lutherville. Additional testimony was proffered that if called to testify, Mr. Small would indicate the significant landscaping provided for in the plan in order to increase the aesthetics and positive impact on the surrounding community. Mr. Small's resume was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 7 and an approved landscape plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 6.

Appearing as an interested citizen, Eric Rockel, President of the Greater Timonium Community Council, questioned Petitioner's consultants and Mr. Cohen and expressed some concerns about the proposed development of the property. The majority of these concerns

centered on traffic flow within the property itself and between the Walgreens and the proposed commercial building. Mr. Rockel inquired as to the possibility that a second drive aisle lane could be placed between the two buildings. Mr. Rudisill, whose resume was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 8, testified that the proposed internal traffic flow, with proper signage, could safely and adequately serve the subject property. Mr. Cohen also indicated that directional signage could be provided for and that the safety of patrons is a primary concern in this proposal. Mr. Rockel also expressed concerns about parking. Mr. Rudisill noted that the proposed parking plan was in compliance with the Regulations. However, Mr. Cohen stated that potential lessees would be encouraged to have their employees park in the rear of the site, to the east of the proposed commercial building, leaving closer and more desirable spaces for customers.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments received from the Office of Planning dated June 7, 2010 indicate no opposition to the variance request provided that Petitioner submits building elevations for review and approval to the Office of Planning prior to the application of building permit. Mr. Karceski indicated that Petitioner has no objection to this condition and commented that additional review and approval by the DRC is still necessary prior to this continued development.

The determination of a variance request from the Zoning Regulations is governed by Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R., as interpreted by the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland in Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995). As indicated by the Court in Cromwell, "The general rule is that variances and exceptions are to be granted sparingly, only in rare instances and under peculiar and exceptional circumstances." 102 Md.App. at 700. The two part variance test involves finding that a property is unique and unusual and that if strict adherence to the regulations were required absent relief, an unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty would

result. Self-inflicted or created hardship is not considered proper grounds for a variance. *Id.* at 707.

Considering all of the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested variance relief. I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request. Specifically, I find that the steep grade of the property resulting from its location on the decline of a hill, the fact that the property is located at an intersection with significant road frontage, and the location of the adjacent shopping center parcel that wraps around the subject property, combine to render the property unique. Further, I find that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations would create a hardship that would result in a denial of a reasonable and sufficient use of the property. See, Belvoir Farms v. North 355 Md. 259 (1999). Thus, refusing to grant the variance would result in unreasonable hardship and practical difficulty. I also find this variance request can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R., as interpreted in Cromwell, and in such a manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this ______ day of July, 2010 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that Petitioner's Variance relief from Sections 238.2 and 102.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to allow a building-to-building setback of 32 feet in lieu of the required 60 feet be and is hereby **GRANTED**. The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioner shall submit building elevations to the Office of Planning for review and approval prior to the application of building permit.
- 3. Petitioner shall place directional signage at the appropriate locations on the property so as to promote efficient traffic circulation within the property.
- 4. Petitioner shall direct lessees and/or tenants to encourage employees to park at the northeast portion of the subject property, behind the proposed commercial building, so as to provide customers with more desirable parking near the buildings to the west and south on the property.

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

CPHOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

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Exhibit Sheet - Continued

Petitioner/Developer

No. 1 Site plan

No. 1 Aerial photo

No. 1 DRC Letter 4-24-18 No. 🐹 No. 16 No. 17 No. 18 No. 19 No. 20 No. 21 No. 22 No. 23 No. 24

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

410-887-3335

April 24, 2018

Frederick Ward Associates Gerry P. Powell, P.E. 5 South Main Street P.O. Box 727 Bel Air, MD 21014

RE: York Road

PAI Number: 08-0878 2nd Development Refinement

Tracking Number: DRC-2018-00038 DRC Number: 040318B; Dist. 8C3

Dear Mr. Powell:

Pursuant to Article 25A, Section 5 (U) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and as provided in Section 602 (d) of the Baltimore County Charter, and Sections 32-1-101, 32-3-401, and 32-3-517 of the Baltimore County Code, this letter constitutes an administrative order and decision on the request for issuance, renewal, or modification of a license, permit, approval, exemption, waiver, or other form of permission you filed with this department.

Your request has been submitted for careful review and consideration to the Development Review Committee (DRC), which is composed of representatives from each of those departments involved in land-use decisions. These representatives are designees of the directors of these departments. The purpose of the DRC is to ensure compliance with Section 32-4-106(b)(2) and Section 32-4-262 of the <u>Baltimore County Code</u> and to make recommendations to the Director, Department of Permits Approvals and Inspections (PAI).

The DRC has, in fact, met in an open meeting on April 3, 2018 and made the following recommendations: The DRC has determined that your project meets the requirements of **refinement to the development plan** under Section 32-4-106(b)(2). Please amend the Record Plat. Your project will require a Spirit and Intent letter from PAI's Zoning Review Section. They may be reached at 410-887-3391.

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Frederick Ward Associates York Road 2nd Development Refinement April 24, 2018 Page 2

Please submit a copy of this letter, and one (1) copy of the checkprint to Sharon Miller of this office, Room 123, for final approval of your plan.

I have reviewed the recommendations carefully, and I have determined to adopt the recommendations set forth above. It is this 24th day of April 2018, ordered and decided that the recommendations of the DRC are hereby adopted.

Should you submit an application for any permits that may be required for this project, your application will be processed subject to the conditions set forth above and any plans, securities, or non-county permits that may be required in accordance with County, State, or Federal regulations.

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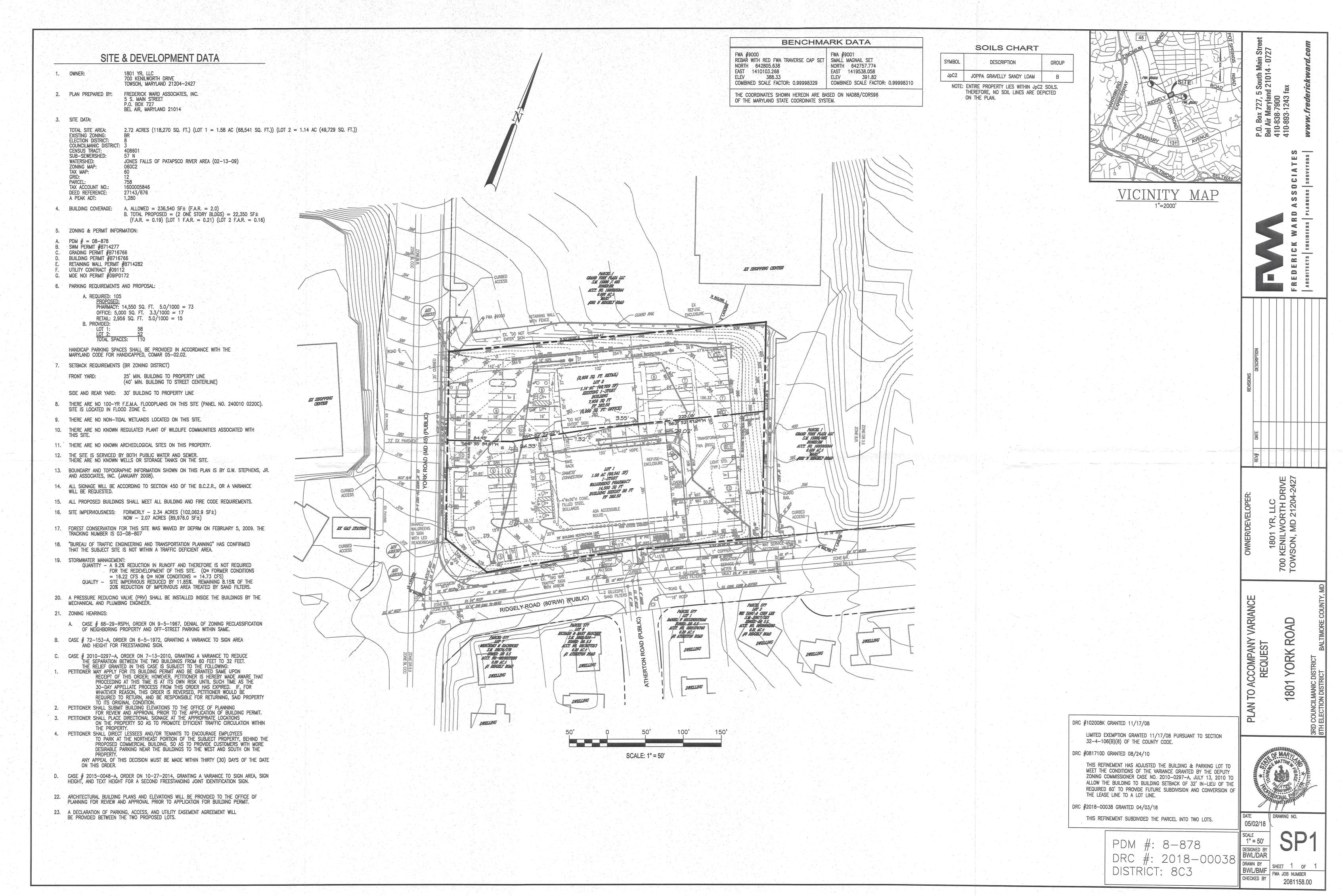
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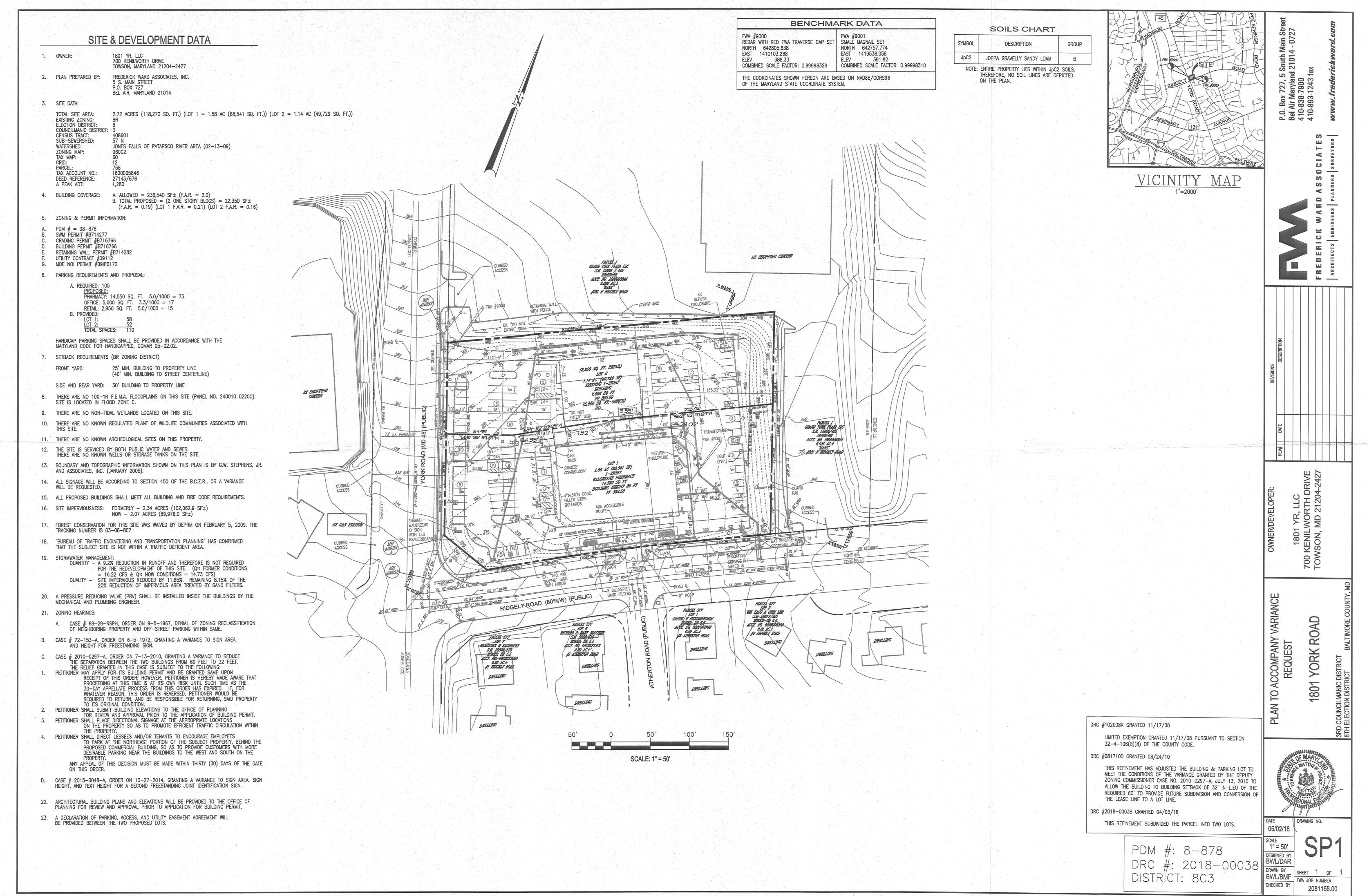
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3RD ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE, COUNTY, MD

OWNER/DEVELOPER 1801 YR, LLC 700 KENILWORTH DRIVE TOWSON, MD 21204-2427



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