MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 19, 2018

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2018-0331-XA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on November 16, 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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Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL
EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE
(14538 Old York Road)
10th Election District
3rd Council District
Creech Company, LLC
Legal Owner
Lerch Brothers, LLC
Lessee

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2018-0331-XA

Petitioners

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as Petitions for Special Exception and Variance filed for property located at 14538 Old York Road. The Petitions were filed on behalf of Creech Company, LLC, legal owner and Lerch Brothers, LLC, lessee ("Petitioners"). The Special Exception petition seeks approval to use the subject property for a landscape service company in the RC zone. The Petition for Variance seeks approval: (1) for an existing internal roadway located 1 ft. from a property line in lieu of the required 25 ft.; and (2) for an existing accessory structure (barn) located 25 ft. from a property line in lieu of the required 50 ft. A site plan was marked as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing in support of the petitions were John Lerch, Tom Lerch, landscape architect David Martin and environmental specialist Henry Leskinen. Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. represented Petitioners. Several neighbors, represented by J. Carroll Holzer, Esq., opposed the requests. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP) and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS). Neither agency opposed the request.

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The subject property is approximately 49.34 acres in size and is zoned RC-2. The property is improved with a single-family dwelling, pool, barn and other accessory buildings. The large site has several paddocks with sheds for horses and a portion of the property is in agricultural production.

The Lessee has for approximately five years operated its landscaping business at the site without obtaining a special exception. A complaint was filed recently with Code Enforcement, and Petitioners were informed a special exception was required for a "landscape service operation" in an RC-2 zone. BCZR §1A01.2.C.15. Several neighbors vehemently oppose the special exception request, contending that the Lessee's storage of materials on the property is unsightly and that the business operations are noisy and disturb the tranquility of this rural area. The protestants also argue that the Lessee is in fact a general contractor (not a landscape company), a use not permitted in the RC-2 zone.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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

Landscape architect David Martin, who was accepted as an expert, described the site plan which he prepared and also reviewed numerous photographs of the site and surrounding areas. He noted the site is large and is fairly well-screened by forest and topographical features. He opined

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Petitioners satisfied all requirements in BCZR Section 502.1 (as well as Section 404.3 concerning landscape service operations) and the Maryland case law interpreting that provision.

Henry Leskinen, an ecologist accepted as an expert, testified the Lessee was cited by Baltimore County for placing fill material and pallets in the forest buffer on site. Mr. Leskinen testified he is working with DEPS and has developed a plan that will eliminate the violation. He said the proposal is to remove all debris from the buffer area, install a silt fence, and have a surveyor determine how much fill needs to be removed from the buffer area to restore the *status quo*. He opined that if the plan is implemented Petitioners will be in compliance with all regulations concerning environmental features on the subject property.

Other than their testimony as briefly described above, Protestants did not offer any evidence which would tend to establish that the detrimental impacts of the use at this location would be above and beyond those inherently associated with a landscaping company, regardless of its location in the zone. As such I believe the petition for special exception should be granted.

In other words, the negative impacts identified by Protestants are ones that are inherent in the operation of a landscape service operation. As Mr. Lerch testified, such businesses have trucks, utility trailers, mowers and other power equipment. They also store landscaping materials on-site, including mulch, pavers, timbers and other hardscaping materials. This type of commercial equipment can be loud and the storage of landscaping materials can be fairly described as unsightly. But the Baltimore County Council is presumed to have been aware of these impacts when it permitted such a use by special exception. As recognized by Maryland's highest court, most if not all special exception uses have such adverse impacts. *Montgomery County v. Butler*, 417 Md. 271, 297 (2010) ("Most [uses for which a special exception is required] are regarded as potentially troublesome because of noise, traffic, congestion, or other associated problems").

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Part of the difficulty in a special exception case concerns the nomenclature. While Baltimore County uses the term "special exception," throughout the country the more familiar term is "conditional use." The latter term correctly identifies that the use can be conducted subject to certain conditions imposed by the zoning board to protect surrounding properties. The "special exception" terminology leads members of the community to believe (mistakenly) that the petitioner is seeking an exception to existing regulations. That is not the case. The County Council in Section 1A01.2.C of the BCZR has identified more than 30 uses (many of which, including the landscape service operation, are commercial in nature) which are presumptively and conditionally appropriate in the RC-2 zone.

Protestants also contend Petitioners are operating a general contracting or masonry business at the site. They described hearing very loud noises emanating from the site which they believe are associated with masonry and/or contracting work. Protestants presented internet postings by Lerch Brothers advertising that they build outdoor kitchens, pools, pool houses, etc. Prot. Ex. 1-I. They also submitted a printout for a business known as "Masonry Repair Services," which lists the business address at the subject property. Prot. Ex. 1-B.

Mr. Lerch testified that in his opinion landscaping involves everything that is built outside of the home. He also testified he formerly ran a masonry business online using subcontractors, but is no longer affiliated with "Masonry Repair Services" even though the Old York Road address is still used on the website.

The BCZR defines a "landscape service operation" as one "primarily engaged in the designing, installing, planting or maintaining of lawns, gardens or other plantings at off-site commercial or residential uses." BCZR §101.1. That definition was adopted in 1992, and while it does use the word "primarily," it fails to specifically enumerate the many other tasks routinely

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undertaken by landscape companies. Mr. Lerch testified landscaping companies frequently install patios, walkways and other features using stone or other durable material, which is often referred to as "hardscaping." Tom Dembeck, who has been a landscape contractor for many years and has clients in the vicinity of the subject property, testified he "never cuts grass." In response to a question from Petitioner's counsel he acknowledged he has constructed for clients water features, patios, pavers and walls, all of which he considers to be within the domain of a landscape service operation.

The reality is that the dividing line between a landscape business and general contractor is unclear, and the BCZR is of little assistance in resolving the inquiry. In fact, the zoning regulations define a "contractor's shop" as a business involved in the "construction, improvement or maintenance of buildings or <u>landscaping of grounds</u>." BCZR §101.1 (emphasis added). A "contractor's equipment storage yard" is defined as the space used for "storage or keeping of contractor's equipment or machinery, <u>including landscaping equipment and associated materials</u>." Id. (emphasis added). Based just on the above definitions, one could argue that a business which stores "landscaping equipment" is operating a contractor's equipment storage yard, which is not permitted in the RC 2 zone.

Leaving aside those inconsistencies, it is clear a general contracting or masonry business cannot be operated lawfully at the subject property, and Petitioners have not made such a request. The Protestants could have, but did not, file a petition for special hearing seeking a determination of whether the operation at the site was a general contracting business or landscape operation. Whether or not the Lessee is operating unlawfully at the site must be determined in a code enforcement/zoning violation proceeding, not in a special exception case. Having said that, a restriction will be included in the order below to prevent the Lessee from breaking, recycling, or

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sorting stone or concrete at the site, which I do not believe are activities associated with a landscape service operation.

VARIANCES

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).

The large property has irregular dimensions and topographical changes across the site. As such the property is unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted Petitioners would suffer a practical difficulty since they would be required to raze or relocate the internal driveway and barn, both of which have been in existence for many years. 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. Conditions will be included in the order below to help ensure that the potential impacts upon the community are minimized.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, this <u>17th</u> day of **October**, **2018**, that the Petition for Special Exception for approval to use the subject property for a landscape service operation in the RC zone, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance: (1) for an existing internal roadway located 1 ft. from a property line in lieu of the required 25 ft.; and (2) for an existing accessory structure (barn) located 25 ft. from a property line in lieu of the required 50 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

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

- 1. Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- 2. No signage pertaining to the landscape service operation may be installed at the subject property.
- 3. No showroom and/or retail sales shall be permitted at the subject property.
- 4. Petitioners are not permitted to break, sort, recycle or otherwise process concrete or stone materials at the subject property.
- 5. Petitioners must comply with the ZAC comments submitted by the DOP and DEPS, copies of which are attached hereto.

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 14538 Old York Road which is presently zoned RC 2 Deed References: 29016/367 10 Digit Tax Account # 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 9 7 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Creech Company, 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 2. X a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for a landscape service company in the RC 2 zone. X a Variance from Section(s) From Section 404.1.A for an existing internal roadway located 1 foot from a properly line in lieu of the required 25 feet. From Section 404.1.B for an existing accessory structure (barn) located 25 feet from a property line in lieu of the required 50 feet. Also, for such further relief as the Administrative Law Judge may require. 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): SEE ATTACHED SEE ATTACHED Name- Type or Print Name #1 - Type or Print Name #2 - Type or Print Signature #1 Signature # 2 Signature Mailing Address Mailing Address State Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: Adam M. Rosenblatt, Esquire Adam M. Rosenblatt, Esquire Name - Type or Print Name- Type or Print Signature Venable LLP Signature Venable LLP 210 W. Pennsylvanja Ave., Ste 500 Towson MD 210 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 500 MD Towson State Mailing Address State Mailing Address 21204 410-494-6271 amrosenblatt@venable.com 21204 410-494-6271 amrosenblatt@venable.com Zip Code Telephone # Telephone # Email Address Filing Date CASE NUMBER 2018 -0331-X4 Reviewer

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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION **FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

OWNER

Name: Creech Company, LLC

Printed Name: Greeny C. Franks
Authorized Representative

2018-0331-XA

ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

LESSEE

Name: Lerch Brothers, LLC

By:

Printed Name: John LERCH
Authorized Representative

2018-0331-XA

DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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

ZONING DESCRIPTION

May 21, 2018

Lerch Brothers Landscape Contractors 14538 Old York Road Phoenix, MD 21131-1444 Election District 10 Councilmanic District 3



Beginning for the description of a 49.342 acre tract identified as Parcel 0353 Tax Map 0035, at a point at the centerline intersections of Old York Road and Glenberry Court thence S 30° 38' 22" W 54.43' (feet) more or less to a point of beginning at the northwestern most corner of the subject property thence the following courses:

- 1) S 80° 08' 22" E, 34.43', thence
- 2) S 35° 07' 35" E, 189.40' to a point on a curve to the right having a radius of 605.03', length of 545.85' a chord bearing of S 08° 15' 38" E and a chord length of 527.52' thence
- 3) S 19° 40′ 32″ W, 526.17′, thence
- 4) N 72° 10' 45" W, 518.00', thence
- 5) S 18° 08' 07" W, 1043.40', thence
- 6) N 71° 49′ 32″ W, 457.40′, thence
- 7) N 07° 18' 38" W, 279.96', thence
- 8) N 59° 20' 00" W, 320.44', thence
- 9) N 21° 33' 00" E, 973.11', thence
- 10) N 54° 36' 19" W, 371.02' thence
- 11) N 59° 19' 44" E, 387.33' to a point on a curve to the right having a radius of 629.12', length of 409.31', a chord bearing of N 78° 06' 24" E and a chord length of 402.13, thence
- 12) S 83° 08' 10" E, 422.02' to a point on a curve to the left having a radius of 476.61', length of 337.84', a chord bearing of N 76° 26' 31" E and a chord length of 330.81' thence back to the point of beginning;

Containing 2,149,337.52 Square Feet or 49.342 Acres of Land more or less.

The above bearings are based on the Maryland State Coordinate System (NAD83/91).

NOTE: THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR CONTRACTS, CONVEYANCES OR AGREEMENTS.

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Case #:

2018-0331-XA

Description:

Case Number: 2018-0331-XA - Notice of Zoning Hearing

Darlene Miller, Public Notice Coordinator (Representative Signature)

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

CASE NUMBER: 2018-0331-XA

14538 Old York Road

NW/s Old York Road, southeast of Glenberry Court 10th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Creech Company, LLC

Lessee: Lerch Brothers, LLC

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Hearing: Monday, September 10, 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 Baltimere County

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//s/Arnold Jablon, Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County
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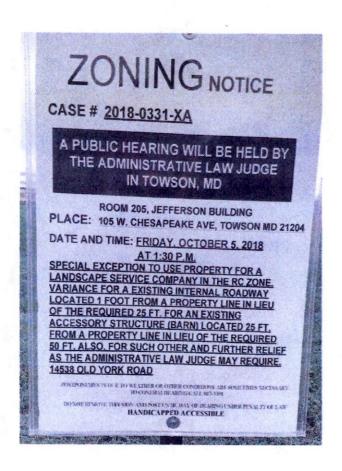
Petitioner / Developer: LAWRENCE SCHMIDT, ESQ. ~

R. MIDDLETON EVANS

Date of Hearing: OCTOBER 5, 2018

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 14538 OLD YORK ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: SEPTEMBER 13, 2018



Zinda O Keefe
(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

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Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

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(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



1st Sign Background Photo



2nd Sign Background Photo 14538 Old York Road Case # 2018-0331-XA Posted 9/13/2018





CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 8/19/2018

Case Number: 2018-0331-XA

Petitioner / Developer: LAWRENCE SCHMIDT, ESQ.

Date of Hearing: SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 14538 OLD YORK ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: AUGUST 19, 2018



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(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

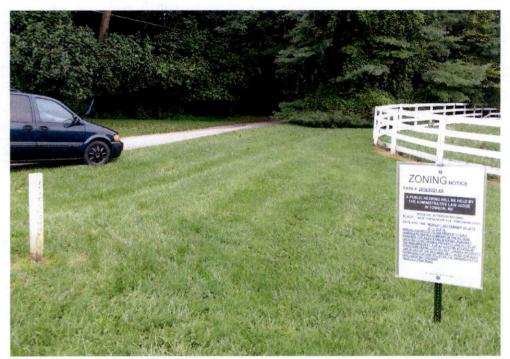
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BACKGROUND PHOTO 1ST SIGN ~CASE # 2018-0331-XA @ 14538 OLD YORK RD.



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ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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August 30, 2018

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105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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C: Lawrence Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204 R. Middleton Evans, 14514 Old York Road, Phoenix 21131

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018.

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TO: THE DAILY RECORD

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 Issue

Please forward billing to:

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
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Director AJ:kl

C: Lawrence Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION *
AND VARIANCE
14538 Old York Road; NW/S Old York Road, *
1328' SE of intersection of Glenberry Court
10th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Creech Company, LLC
Contract Purchaser(s): Lerch Brothers, LLC
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2018-331-XA

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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.

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of June, 2018, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Adam Rosenblatt, Esquire, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 500, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zummerman

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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September 26, 2018

Creech Company, LLC C/O Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire 600 Washington Ave, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case Number: 2018-0331-XA, Address: 14538 Old York RD

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on June 1, 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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Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn Secretary Gregory Slater Administrator

Date: 6/11/18

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the Case number referenced below. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory

Committee approval of Case No. 2018-0331-XA Special Exception Variance Creech Company LLC, Gregory C Franks 14538 Old York Road

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, P.L.A.

Metropolitan District Engineer

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

District 4 - Baltimore and Harford Counties

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

July 5, 2018

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0331-XA

Address

14538 Old York Road

(Creech Company, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2018.

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Reviewer:

Regina Esslinger

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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: 18-331

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

14538 Old York Road Creech Company, LLC

Petitioner: Zoning:

RC 2

Requested Action:

Special Exception, Variance

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Date: 8/23/2018 Subject: ZAC # 18-331

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Division Chief:

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TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 5, 2018

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 18, 2018 Item No. 2018-0331-XA

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

If Special Exception and Zoning Relief is granted, a Landscape Plan is required per the requirements of the Landscape Manual. A lighting Plan is also required.

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Reviewer:

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Exhibit Sheet - Continued

Petitioner/Developer

Respondent 10-17-18

No. 13	Site plan (redline)	Packet of Materials provided by Mr. Middleton Evans
No. 1	Photo w/ property overlay	
No. 15	Leskinen CV	
No. 16	4A > Eco-Science letter 4B and BC response	
No. 17	David Martin CV	
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Eco-Science Professionals, Inc.



CONSULTING ECOLOGISTS

Henry A. Leskinen

Principal/Ecologist Eco-Science Professionals, Inc.

Active Registration: Year First Registered/Discipline

1993 - USACOE Certified Wetland Delineator Certification # WDCP93MD0310006A

1993 - MD DNR Forest Conservation Act - Qualified Professional

Education: Degree(s)/Year/Specialization

Bachelor of Science w/Honors/1983/Biology, St. Marys College of Maryland

Experience & Qualifications:

Mr. Leskinen, a field ecologist and U.S Army Corps of Engineers Certified Wetland Delineator, has worked as a natural resources consultant for 31 years, the last 25 years for Eco-Science Professionals, Inc. During that time he has participated and managed over 1500 wetland delineations projects throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. He has obtained numerous Section 404 and Maryland Nontidal Wetlands permits for clients and maintains an excellent relationship with regulatory personnel. He has prepared wetland mitigation plans for both nontidal and tidal wetlands. Mr. Leskinen is certified to perform Wetland Evaluation Techniques by the Federal Highway Administration and is well-versed in the New England Wetland Functional Assessment techniques. Mr. Leskinen has completed over 800 Forest Stand Delineations and Conservation Plans and maintains a thorough knowledge of current environmental regulations. Additionally, he has performed breeding bird surveys, floral surveys, and rare, threatened, and endangered species surveys throughout the State of Maryland

Prior to establishing Eco-Science Professionals, Inc., Mr. Leskinen worked as a consultant for the firm of Environs, Inc. and its sister company, Sylva Native Plant Nursery. He served as nursery manager for Sylva, a company which specialized in growing native trees and shrubs for reforestation and wetland restoration projects.

Expert Testimony:

Mr. Leskinen has been accepted as an expert in wetland delineation, forest conservation, natural resources inventories and assessments, and wildlife issues. He has testified numerous times in the following forums: Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County Board of Zoning Appeals, State Board of Public Works, Maryland Public Service Commission

Additional Training:

Hydric Soils and Use of Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States (Updated). Sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. March 2015

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2nd Maryland Consultants Workshop, March 2004

Hydrogeomorphic Wetland Classification and Assessment Techniques. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, February, 1997.

Stream Restoration Workshop, Ecosystem Recovery Institute and Brightwater Consulting, October 1990.

Unified Federal Wetland Delineation Training Course, Wetland Training Institute, April 1989.

A New Tree Biology, Appalachian State University, November 1988.

Wetland Evaluation Techniques (WET II) Training Course, Federal Highway Administration, February 1989.

MD Department of Natural Resources Non-Tidal Wetlands Training Course, July 1987.

Affiliations:

Member, Town of Manchester, Maryland Planning and Zoning Commission, 2002-Present Member, Town of Manchester, Maryland Tree Commission, 1999-Present, Chairman 2002-Present Member, Town of Manchester, Maryland Board of Zoning Appeals, 1999-2002 Member, Maryland Ornithological Society

Teaching Experience:

Carroll County Bird Club . Current. Leads birding field trips to various sites.

Basic Tree Identification. June 2005. Class taught to Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Society of Land Surveyors.

Gunpowder Tours, 1994-1999 - Mr. Leskinen served as a nature guide, leading plant and bird identification walks through Gunpowder Falls State Park. This work was done in conjunction with Mr. Wally Vait of On The Fly fishing shop.

Selected Project Experience:

Fort George G. Meade, Anne Arundel County, MD. Performed rare, threatened, and endangered (RTE) survey of 1,600 acre military installation under contract to the Nature Conservancy. Flora and fauna lists and vegetative community assessments were performed for the entire installation. The survey identified a plant that was believed to have been extirpated in the State of Maryland.

MD DNR Wetland Mapping Interpretation, Maryland's Eastern Shore. Project manager for contract with the Maryland Water Resources Administration to provide services to groundtruth aerial photographic interpretations of 164 wetlands in five eastern shore counties of Maryland. Tasks performed included: dominant and co-dominant vegetative community identification by strata, soil boring interpretation and identification, and Cowardin wetland classification. Each of the 164 sites included a wetland and upland sample point.

Bishops Meadow, Baltimore County, MD. Performed wetland delineation, steep slopes/erodible soils analysis, forest stand delineation, and prepared forest conservation plan for proposed residential subdivision

MD Route 25 Geometric Improvements, Baltimore County, MD. Performed wetland delineation and forest stand delineation adjacent to approximately 5 miles of highway. Resource assessment was needed to facilitate geometric improvements to highway.

Lakeside, Harford County, MD. Project manager, scope of work included wetland delineation, permit application, and Phase I & II mitigation design. The business park development project required 5.6 acres of wetland creation. In addition to plan preparation, served as coordinator and manager for installation, maintenance and monitoring of created wetland.

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September 28, 2018

Mr. Gris Batchelder
Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection
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111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 319
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Lerch Brothers Landscape Contractors

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VINCENT J. GARDINA, Director Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

October 3, 2018

Mr. Henry Leskinen Eco-Science Professionals P.O. Box 5006 Glen Arm, MD 21057

Re: Lerch Brothers Landscape Contractors

14538 Old York Road

Dear Mr. Leskinen:

Environmental Impact Review received your letter on September 28, 2018 regarding the unauthorized fill at 14538 Old York Road. Our office approves of the methodology outlined in the letter to remove the fill from the preliminary forest buffer and return the property to its natural grade. Please note, the location of the super silt fence discussed in Step 2 on the first page of your letter may need to be adjusted as the fill is removed to account for any changes to the wetland edge. As indicated in your letter, EIR requires a forest buffer restoration plan for review and approval to address the unauthorized fill in the preliminary forest buffer.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (410) 887-3980.

Sincerely yours,

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Environmental Impact Review

cc: Jim Blevins, Sediment Control

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DAVID L. MARTIN, RLA VICE PRESIDENT

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Landscape Architect, Maryland, No. 776 Landscape Architect, Pennsylvania, No. 573-E

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, BS, Landscape Architecture, 1971

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Professional practice includes 47 years of land planning, landscape architecture, comprehensive zoning, PUD master planning, site planning, and expert witness testimony regarding land use and zoning issues. Mr. Martin has been practicing in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan region since 1987 and has been qualified as an expert in land planning, site planning, and zoning cases in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Howard County, Harford County, Cecil County, Bel Air, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Perryville, Port Deposit and Federal District Court of Baltimore.

Prior to his relocation to Maryland, Mr. Martin practiced landscape architecture and land planning in Pennsylvania, Florida, Massachusetts, Alabama, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Jamaica. As Vice President of DMW and formerly President of Martin & Phillips Design Associates, Inc. Mr. Martin supervises community planning, site development, subdivision development plans, and master planning efforts, He also offers zoning testimony and interpretation on land planning issues before zoning commissioners, boards of appeals, planning commissions, and elected bodies. Mr. Martin facilitates community input meetings and presents Development Plans in Baltimore County and oversees the preparation of special exception and variance plan requests. He also directs the design of parks, amenity features, lighting plans and landscape plans associated with residential, commercial and institutional projects.

Significant projects include Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) in the State of Florida including; Palm Coast, Florida - 10,000 acre master plan, Beverly Hills, Florida - 6,500 acre master plan, and Doral Park, Florida - 2000 acre master plan. Representative local projects include: Hollywoods, Monmouth Meadows, Greenbriar, Bainbridge Development, Forge Landing, Owings Mills Commerce Center, The Avenue at Whitemarsh, Cedar Lane Farms P.U.D., Westwicke, Beaverbrook, Biddison Property, Bridle Ridge, Green Spring Station, Home Depot of Owings Mills, Bel Air and Timonium, Ashland Market Place, Powell Property, and Baker Property, Highlands Corporate Park, Preston Gateway North Industrial Park, Catholic Charities Senior Housing at the Village Crossroads (HUD). Baltimore County planned Unit developments include: Brandywine PUD, Chapel Springs PUD (HUD), The Residences at Soldier's Delight PUD and Loch Raven Commons PUD.

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

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects, Member Chairman Baltimore County Design Review Panel – Executive Appointment

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., Towson, MD - Martin & Phillips Design Associates, Inc. Bradshaw, Gill, & Fuster, PA – Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. – M. Robert Fenton & Assoc.



Petitioner's Exhibit A

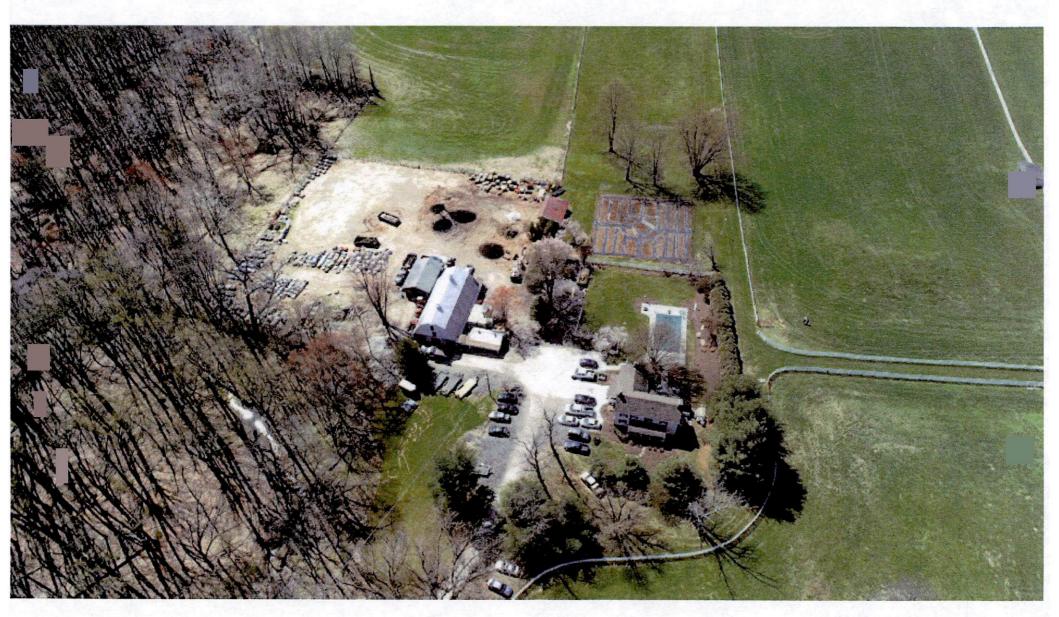


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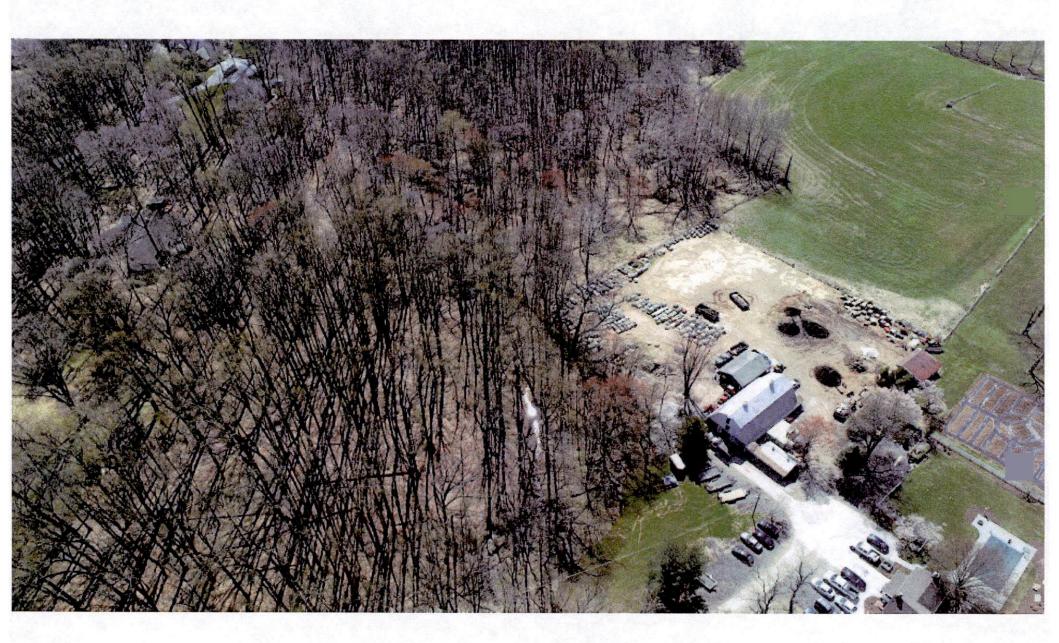




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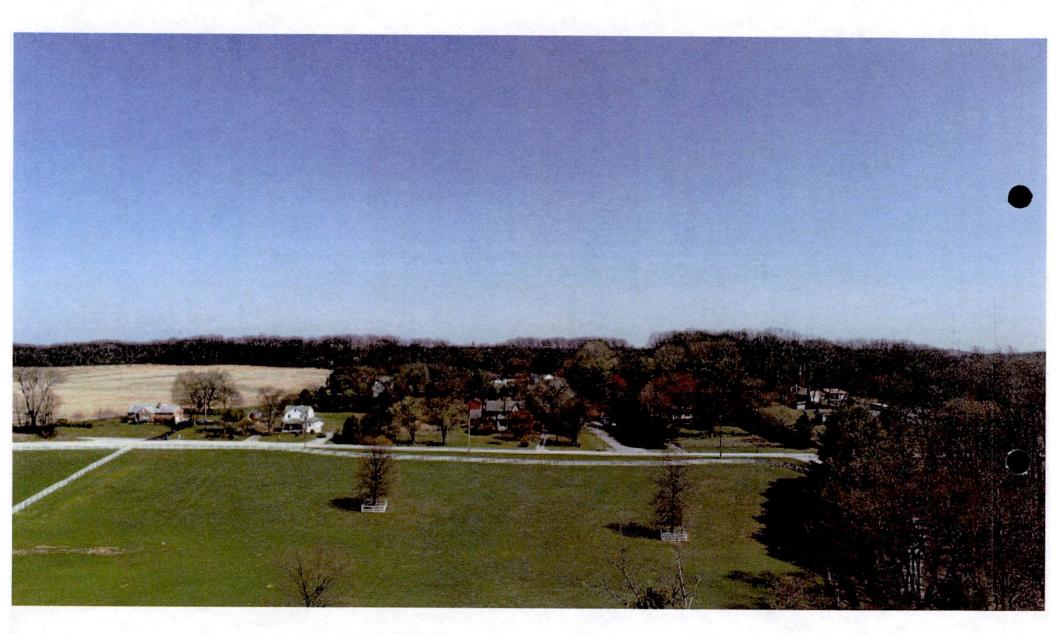
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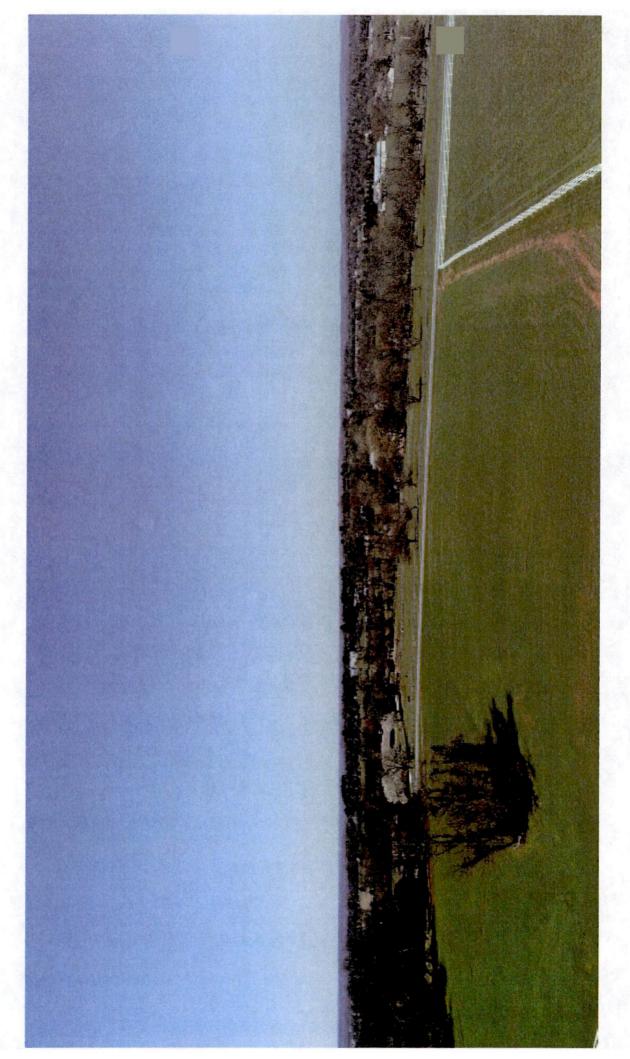




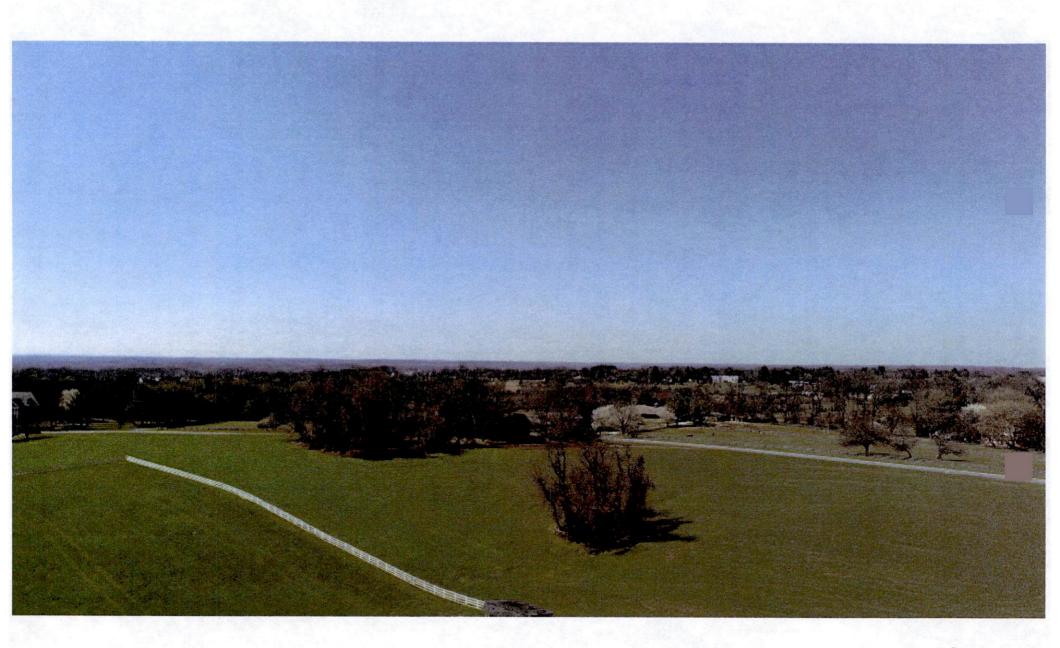
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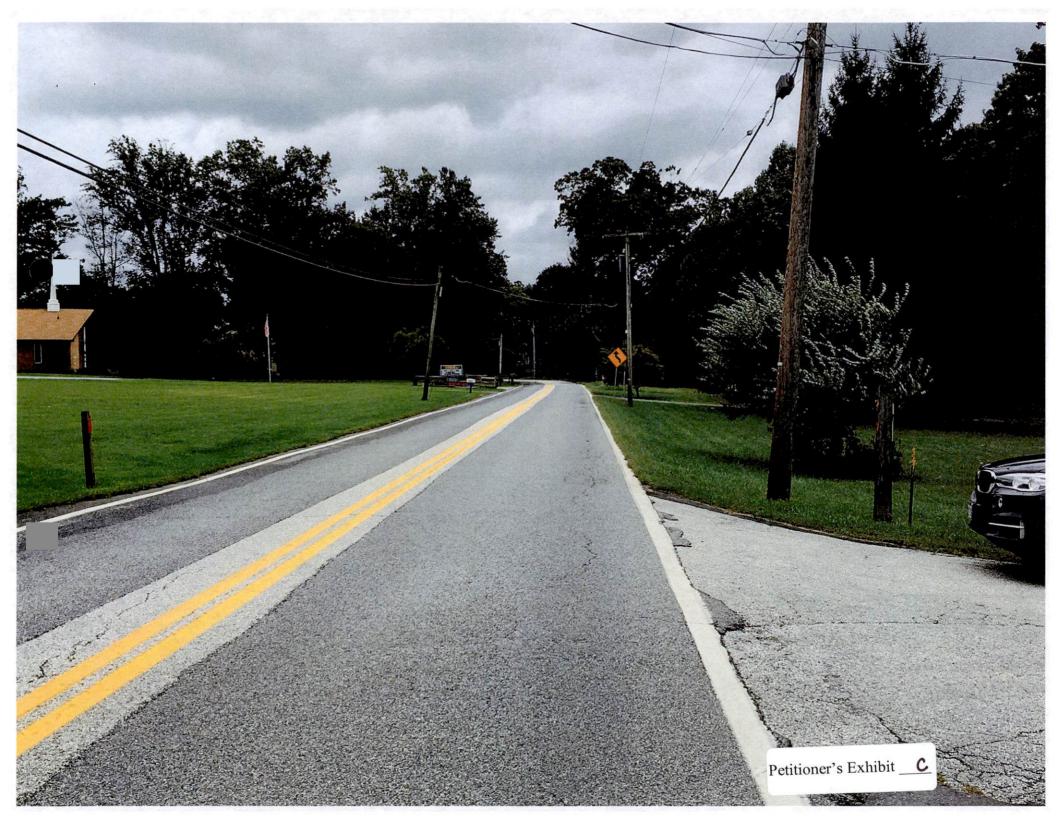
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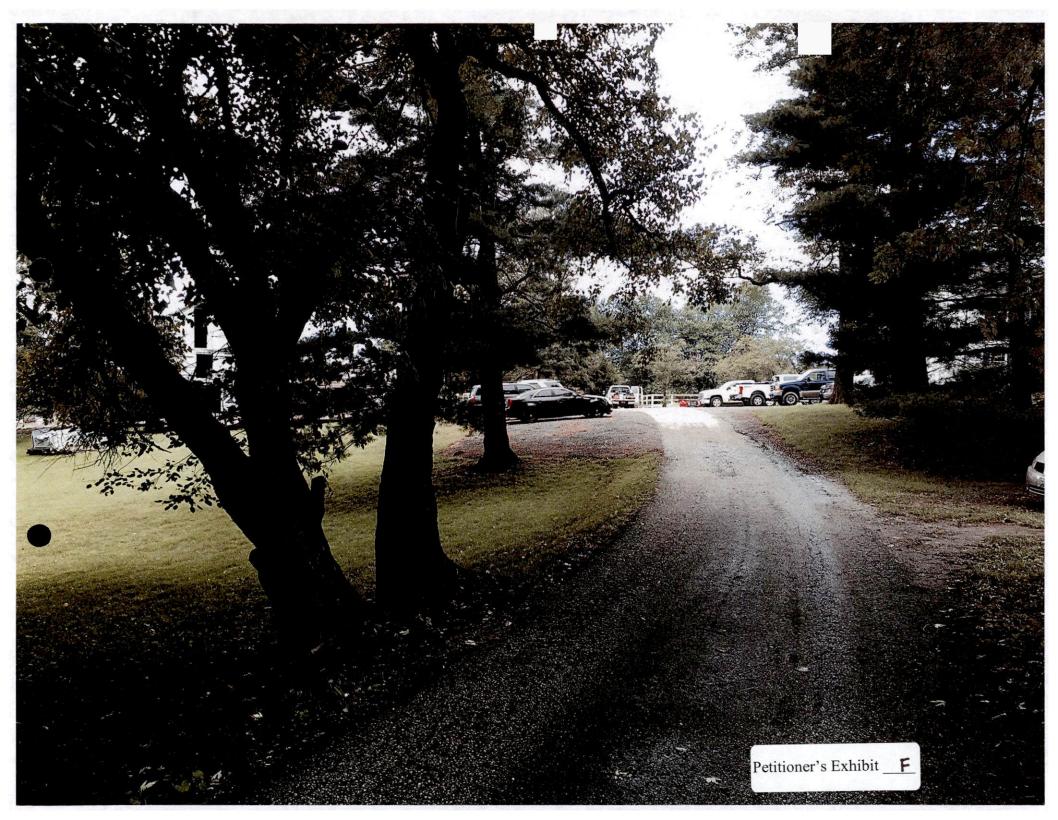




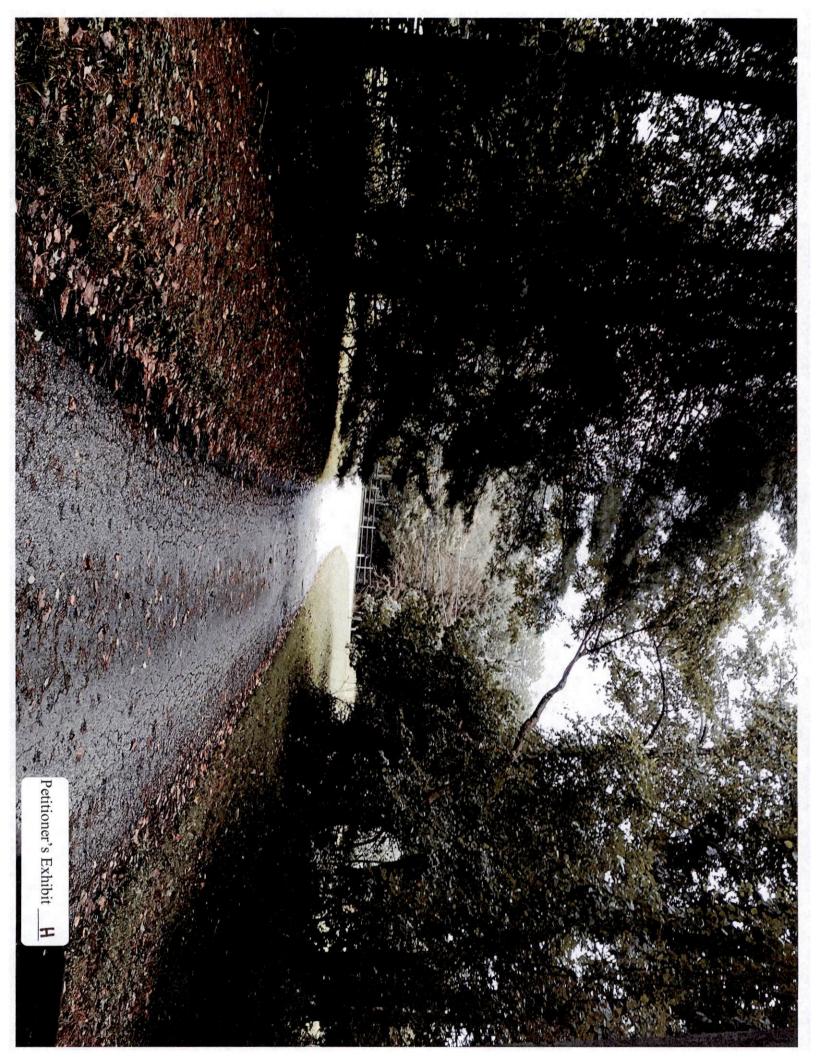






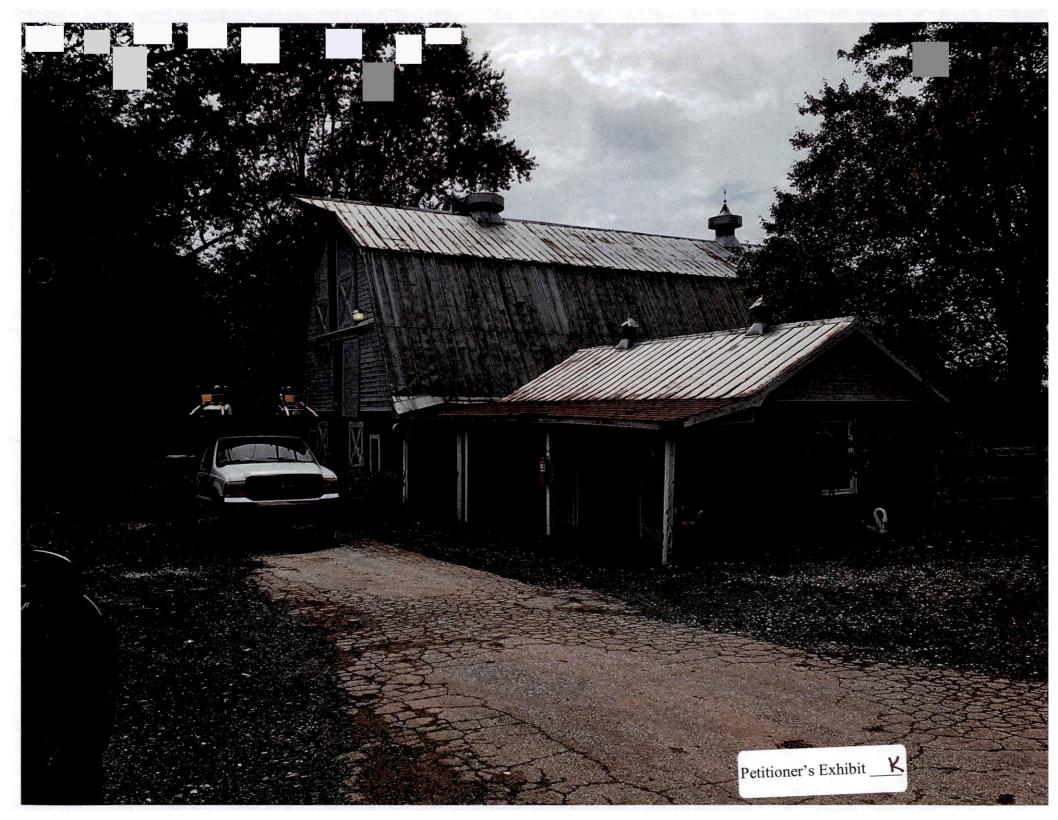


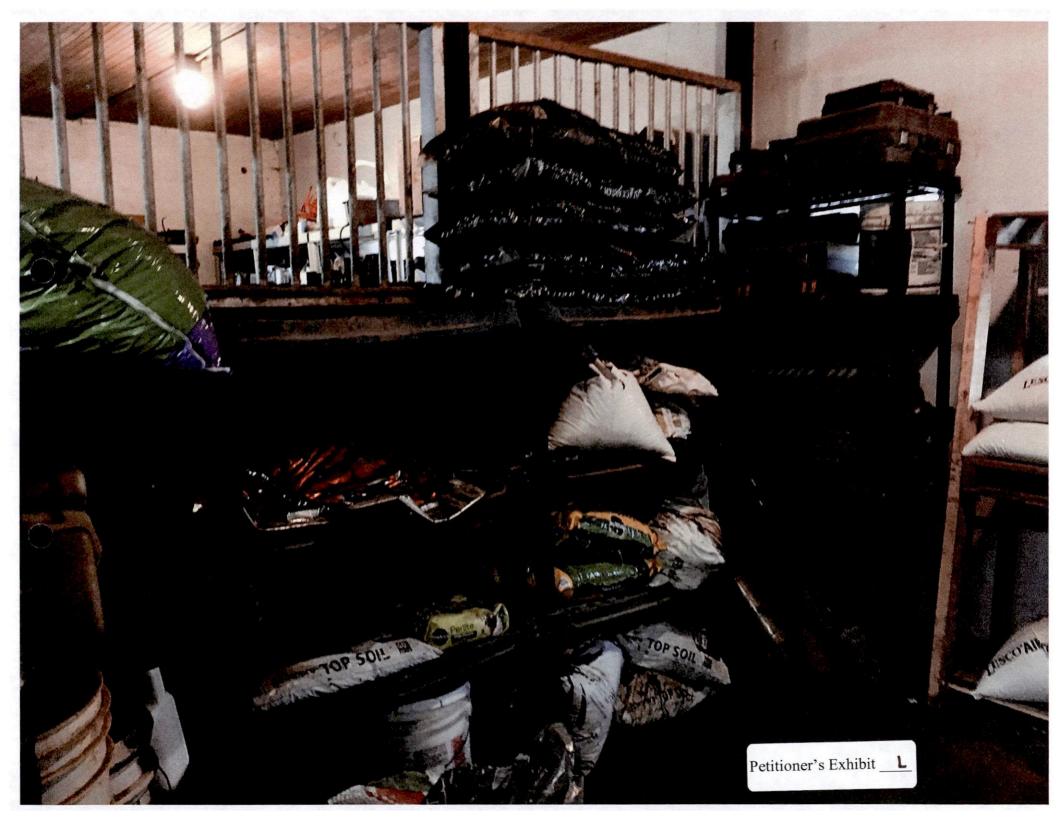
























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Documents List for Case # 2018-0331-XA for 14538 Old York Road 10/5/2018

- A. Zoning map of or community with Green Acres Farm (#14538) at center
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- C. Code Violations and other Complaints from Baltimore County government
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- N. Complaint letter from neighbor, Robert Groves, of 14521 Old York Road
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- P. Photograph by Middleton Evans taken on April 9, 2018 showing completion of fill dirt operation that covered up the dump area
- Q. Complaint Report and other docs by Baltimore County relating to September code violations by Lerch concerning fill dirt project/ Info provided by Jim Blevins, Sediment Control Supervisor for Baltimore County
- R. Maryland Dept. of Assessments & Taxation Renewal Application for Masonry Repair Services MD by Tom Lerch dated July 26,2018 Note business location.
- S. Maryland.Gov screen shots showing Masonry Repair Services still has active account at 14538 Old York Road
- T. Screen shot of Masonry Repair Services website from 10/2018 showing no business address, just an active phone number (phone # recently verified)
- U. Online references to possible prior address of Lerch Brothers in Cockeysville
- V. BaltimoreCounty.gov/MyNeighborhood screen shot to confirm zoning status of 203 Cockeysville Road as ML for "Manufacturing, light."

Evidence presented by: Middleton Evans

14514 Old York Road Phoenix, MD 21131



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Record Id: CC1802165

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5/17/2018: Adam Rosenblatt:

I was just retained to resolve the attached correction notice for 14538 Old York Road. I am going to be filing a petition for special exception for the existing landscape service company but cannot get the petition filed by the April 30 deadline on the Correction Notice. As we discussed, I will connect the owner with a consultant to prepare a site plan and file the petition on or before June 1, 2018. I would ask that any and all code enforcement action be stayed pending the outcome of the zoning case.

LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. EPSTEIN, LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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October 2, 2018



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

RE: Case No.2018-0331-XA, Property at 14538 Old York Road, Phoenix, MD.

Dear Judge Beverungen:

I am writing to express my concerns over an application for a Special Permit to utilize the above-property for various commercial business activities. I live about 300-500 yards from 14538 Old York Road. On numerous occasions my wife has mentioned that she has heard "blasting noises" at the property. Presumably, they are utilizing heavy equipment to break rocks, move earth and create a landfill. The machinery creating a ruckus is not your typical apparatus utilized in a land scape business.

In addition to the disruptive noises, I have serious concerns about water contamination. We don't want materials either buried or chemicals seeping into our well water. It is wholly improper for the business to be utilizing the property as a dump. The haphazard burying of raw materials and waste could be very easily create an environmental nightmare. Our neighbors and I enjoy a rural and peaceful milieu that should neither be interfered with nor trespassed upon by commercial businesses. I certainly do want our property values affected by such activity.

Please consider all of the above prior to ruling on the Exception. Thank you very much for your anticipated consideration.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Epstein



Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections **Complaint Report**



Record Id: CG1800163

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Assigned To Jeffrey Kuessner Assigned Date

09/13/2018

Received Date

09/13/2018

Status Monitor

Compliance Date

09/20/2018

Hearing Date

Complaint Description: Dumping debris and covering it up with dirt within 100 ft of a stream.

Property

14538 OLD YORK RD PHOENIX, MD 21131-1444 Tax id: 2100000197

Owner

CREECH COMPANY LLC 23 GLENBERRY CT PHOENIX, MD 21131-1413

Complainant

Middleton Evans 14514 Old York Rd Phoenix MD, 21131 410-336-9567

Inspection Details

Inspector	
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Date 09/13/2018 Service

Initial Inspection

Result

Action

Correction Notice Issued

Complied On

Jeffrey Kuessner Jeffrey Kuessner 09/28/2018

Re-Inspection Re-Inspection

Issued Monitor Scheduled

Correction Notice

Monitor

Lien Information - No Lien

Comments Detail

9/13/2018: Grading over 5000 sq. ft. without a permit (owner must obtain grading permit). Correction issued. ***JK/lk

9/28/2018: 9/14/18 Visited site with owners of Learch Brothers and EIR Inspector. Area behind the barn has been filled with 6 ft. of dirt and debris. The neighbor (complainant) Middleton Evans video taped the process of the violation. A Stop Work Order has been issued to obtain a grading permit to remove the fill and restore the area to the original grade. R/C 9/28/18 ***JWB

9/26/18 Met in office with owner of Learch Brothers landscape. John Lerch has hired a consulting Ecologists and is in progress of optaining the proper grading permit. JWB/lk R/C 10/10/18 ***JWB/lk



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Date: 03/19/2018

LERCH BROTHERS, LLC 14538 OLD YORK RD PHOENIX MD 21131-1444



Renewal Application- Fee \$25

Trade Name: MASONRY REPAIR SERVICES MD, LLC

ID Number: T00367634 Date Registered: 08/27/2013 Lapse Date: 08/27/2018

The trade name filing described above will lapse unless this application and filing fee of \$25 are received at this office by the lapse date. If this trade name is no longer in use, do not file this form and the trade name will lapse automatically.

Below is the address currently in the public record. If you renew this trade name, please check this address for accuracy and make any changes in the space provided. Only the business address may be changed by using this form. In order to change any other information you must obtain an "Amendment Certificate" form and file it with the Department.

Place of business:

MASONRY REPAIR SERVICES MD, LLC 14538 OLD YORK ROAD PHOENIX MD 21131 Make changes to business address here:

P.O. BOX 43 PHOENIK, MD

21131

I certify that the above trade name continues to be in use and I hereby apply for another five

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Owner's signature

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Authorized Title

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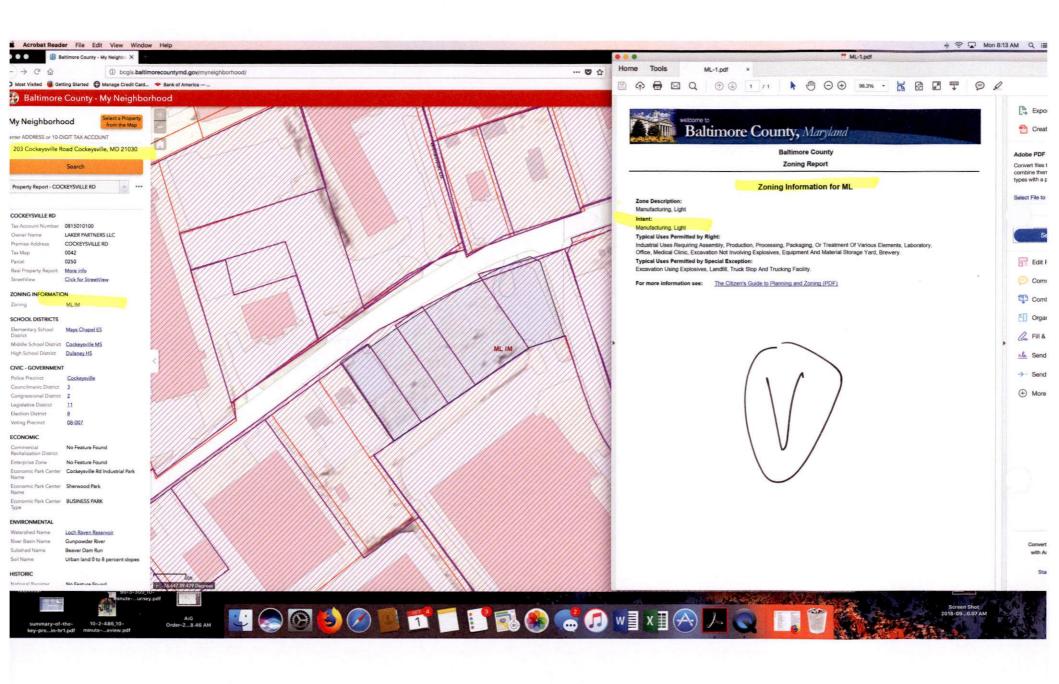
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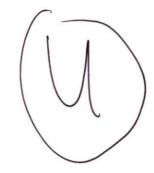
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Debra Wiley

From:

Debra Wiley

Sent:

Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:26 PM

To:

Suzanne Cohen

Subject:

Case No. 2018-0331-XA (14538 Old York Rd.)

Attachments:

20181108122415544.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Per your request, please find attached a copy of the Opinion and Order in reference to the above matter.

Have a great day!

----Original Message-----

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

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Message from "RNP002673F6C9D3"

This E-mail was sent from "RNP002673F6C9D3" (MP 3055).

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

RE: 14538 OLD YORK ROAD

- * BEFORE THE OFFICE
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E/S of Old York Road 10th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

- * HEARINGS FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * 2018-331-XA

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt LLC on behalf of Lerch Brothers, LLC in the above captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

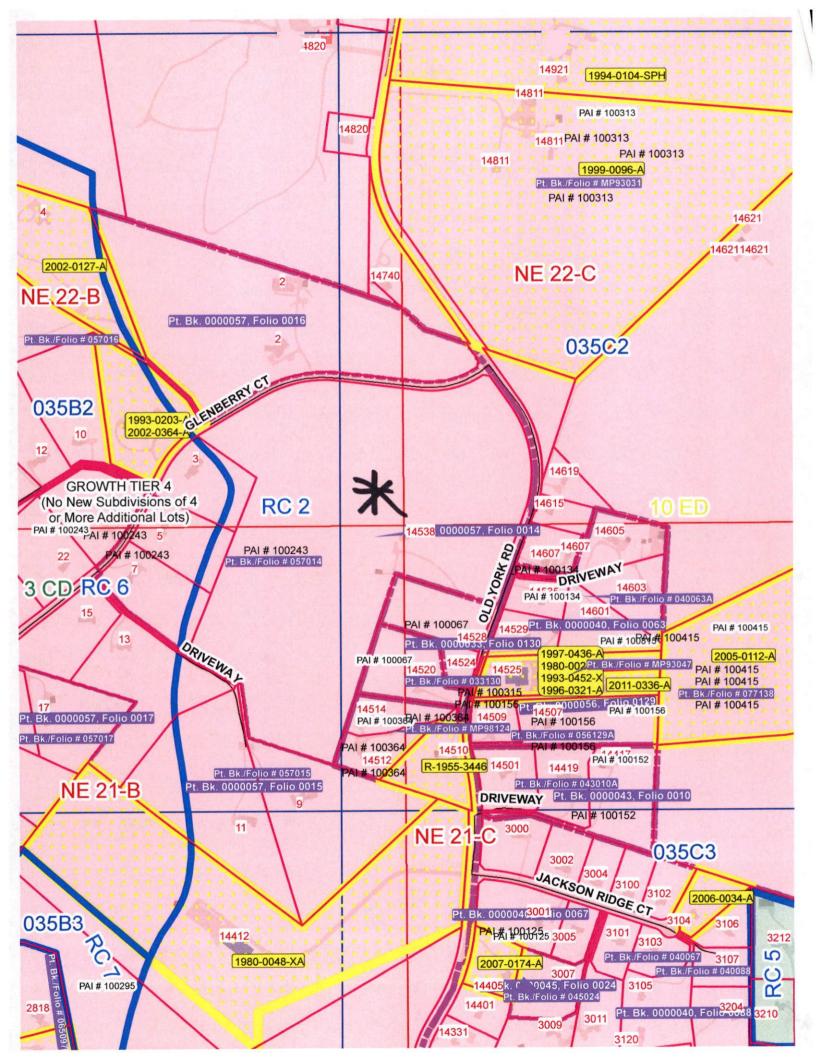
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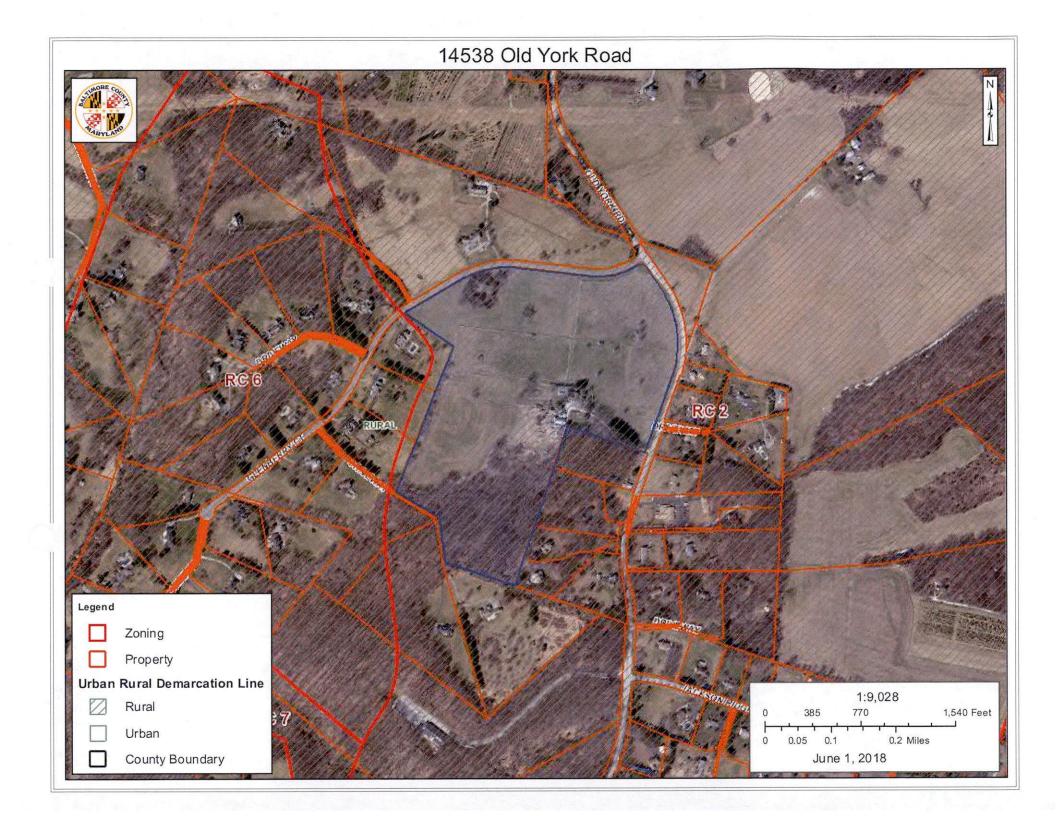
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Linda Okeefe < luckylinda 1954@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 02, 2018 9:21 PM

To:

Administrative Hearings

Subject:

2nd Certifications Case # 2018-0031-XA ~ 2019-0067-SPHX ~ 2019-0008-A

Attachments:

Old York Rd. 2nd Cert..jpeg; Old York Rd. Photo.docx; Owings Mills Blvd 2nd Cert..jpeg;

Owings Mills Blvd. Photo.docx; Francke Ave. 2nd Cert..jpeg; Francke Ave. photo.docx

HI Sherry,

I have some new 2nd Certifications for you. Case # 2018-0031-XA - Old York Rd. Case # 2019-0067-SPHX - Owings Mills Blvd. & Case # 2019-0008-A - Francke Ave.

Linda O'Keefe 523 Penny Lane Hunt Valley MD 21030 Phone # 410-666-5366 Cell# 443-604-6431 Fax# 410-666-0929 luckylinda1954@yahoo.com

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SECOND CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: SHERRY NUFFER

DATE: 10/2/2018

Case Number: 2018-0331-XA

Petitioner / Developer: LAWRENCE SCHMIDT, ESQ

R. MIDDLETON EVANS

Date of Hearing: OCTOBER 5, 2018

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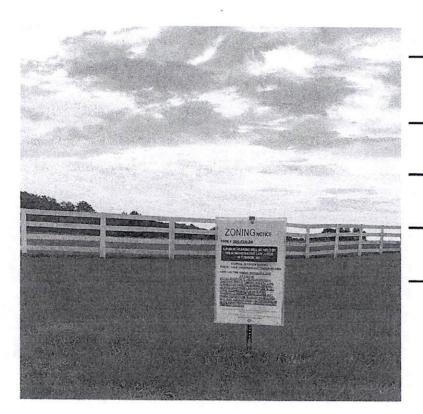
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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 14538 OLD YORK ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

The sign(s) were re-photographed on: OCTOBER 2, 2018



(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



2nd Sign Re-Photographed 10/2/2018 @ 14538 Old York Rd. CASE # 2018-0331-XA

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Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections **Complaint Report**

Record Id: CC1802165

Record ID

Assigned To

Assigned Date

Received Date

Status

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Hearing Date

CC1802165

Paul Cohen

03/12/2018

03/12/2018

Correction Notice Mailed

04/30/2018

Complaint Description: Landscaping business being ran from the property

masonry services repair Maryland Creech brothers landscaping

both have website

***3/26/18, 2ND COMPL, CAN CALL IF ADDITIONAL INFO NEEDED, ROBERT BROVES, 410 459-4365

Property

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<u>Owner</u>

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ANONYMOUS

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5/1/2018: 5/1/18 office has extended the case to 6/1/18 see attached e-mail, spoke to the compl. Middleton Evans 410-336-9657

5/17/2018: Adam Rosenblatt:

I was just retained to resolve the attached correction notice for 14538 Old York Road. I am going to be filing a petition for special exception for the existing landscape service company but cannot get the petition filed by the April 30 deadline on the Correction Notice. As we discussed, I will connect the owner with a consultant to prepare a site plan and file the petition on or before June 1, 2018. I would ask that any and all code enforcement action be stayed pending the outcome of the zoning case.

August 21, 2018

Mr. Arnold Jablon Director, Department of Permits Approvals & Inspection 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

I am requesting a postponement of the Special Exception hearing set for Monday, September 10 at 1:30. The Case # is 2018-0331-XA. I am traveling to Monterey, California from September 4-12 and will be photographing birds for the upcoming book, *Photographic Atlas of North American Birds*, tentatively to be published by Smithsonian Books. The trip is timed for the peak of seabird activity, and I am currently scheduled to be out with Shearwater Journeys for all-day trips on September 7 and 9. I have included copies of the reservations for the hotel, airfare and pelagic trips to document the trip dates, which was scheduled months ago. I am a professional photographer specializing in birds at this point in my career.

I am the neighbor to 14538 Old York Road who discovered that an illegal business was operating on this former horse farm. I reported the offense to Inspector Paul Cohen of Code Enforcement in March, and shared his contact information with other neighbors who were concerned about all the racket relating to their masonry business operating here. Numerous homes are well within earshot of the illegal industrial activity. I have also been keeping my neighbors informed of any developments with the case as it progresses. Most importantly, I am the only neighbor that has been collecting photographic and video evidence of the Lerch Brothers masonry activity, which is clearly forbidden on RC-2 land, especially considering the proximity of many neighbors. It is imperative that I be able to testify at the hearing, but this important trip cannot be re-scheduled due to its precise timing.

I can be reached at 410.336.9567 or email at middleton63@gmail.com. Please inform us of your decision well before my departure date of September 4, if you are able. I am in town after the California trip for the rest of September and October as well, and any date after September 14 would be fine for a new hearing date.

R. Middleton Enduz

R. Middleton Evans 14514 Old York Road

Phoenix, MD 21131

From: Middleton Evans middleton63@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: Schedule Changes That Impact Your Upcoming Trip

Date: August 20, 2018 at 12:34 PM

To: Kristie Evans KristieandSterling@gmail.com



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From: Delta Air Lines < Delta Air Lines @n.delta.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Subject: Schedule Changes That Impact Your Upcoming Trip

To: MIDDLETON63@gmail.com

See your updated flight information.



UPDATE

DELTA 1101 Wed, September 12	Minneapolis - St Paul, Minnesota 8:28 pm	Baltimore, Maryland 11:59 pm	
DELTA 1924	Atlanta, Georgia	Baltimore, Maryland	
Wed, September 12	9:11 pm	11:10 pm	

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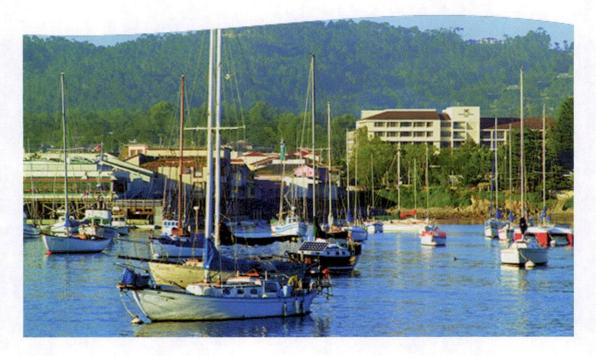
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To: Kristie Evans KristieandSterling@gmail.com



From: Reservations@portolahotel.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 3:05 PM
Subject: Reservation confirmed.
To: middleton63@gmail.com





Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for choosing the Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay. We have the pleasure to confirm the following reservation:

RESERVATION DETAILS:

CONFIRMATION NUMBER:	3110810	
GUEST NAME:	Robert Evans	
ARRIVAL DATE:	Tuesday, September 4, 2018	
DEPARTURE DATE:	Wednesday, September 12, 2018	

ROOM TYPE: Studio Suite King NUMBER OF ROOMS: 1 # OF GUESTS: NUMBER OF NIGHTS: FIRST NIGHT RATE: \$ 327.00 RATE CHANGE ON Sep 6 \$ 319.00 2018: RATE CHANGE ON Sep 7 \$ 463.00 2018: RATE CHANGE ON Sep 8 \$ 479.00 2018: RATE CHANGE ON Sep 9 \$ 303.00 2018:

Check-in time is after 4:00pm Check-out is by 12:00pm

Please note that quoted rate does not include any applicable taxes or parking fees.

Reservations must be cancelled at least 48 hours prior to arrival. Late cancellation will result in a charge equal to the first night's room and tax. To avoid an early departure fee, please advise the hotel at least 24 hours in advance of your early departure.

Thank you again for selecting the Portola Hotel & Spa. Please contact our Reservations staff at (888) 222-5851 or info@portolahotel.com, if we may be of further assistance. For additional information on our hotel and the Monterey Peninsula, please visit our website at www.portolahotel.com.

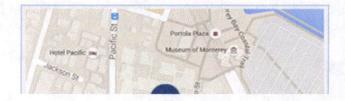
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We look forward to having you as our guest.

Warm Regards, The Reservations Department

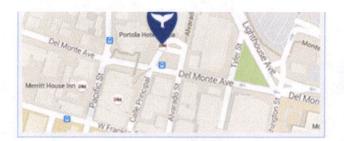
Hotel Information

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WELCOME ABOARD! Shearwater Journeys, Inc. is pleased to have you join us on our exciting nature trip to observe some of the most fascinating wildlife at Monterey Bay. Please read the following information carefully as it will add to your enjoyment of the trip. We have offered pelagic trips from Monterey since 1976!

CONFIRMATION: This is your receipt for \$ \(\frac{100}{100} \) and confirmation of \(\frac{100}{100} \) reservation(s) for the \(\frac{100}{100} \) \(\frac{100}{100} \) boat trip. Please go to CHRIS' FISHING SHOP on FISHERMANS WHARF IN MONTEREY at 7:00 a.m. \(\frac{100}{100} \) SHARP. They will direct you to the boat. The boat will depart immediately after the pretrip briefing. Please be PROMPT. \(\frac{100}{100} \) The boat will NOT wait for latecomers. We will return at 3 p.m. Allow at least 10 minutes to park your car and walk down the wharf.

WARM CLOTHING should be brought in large quantities, including rain gear, headwear, gloves and non-skid shoes or boots. Persons in open-toed shoes will not be admitted to the boat. A large man's handkerchief is good for wiping spray from glasses. The boat will go out in rain or small craft warnings, at the captain's discretion, so be prepared. Ponchos must be secured about the waist with a belt. Bring sunscreen. It can be cool any time of the year, including summer, on the ocean.

SNACKS are NOT available, as there is no galley on board. Bring ample food, crackers and liquids. There is a "head" or bathroom on board.

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SEASICK PILLS are highly recommended, and to be effective, they must be taken one hour prior to boarding. If you have never taken them before, check with your doctor first, and be sure to read the warnings on the label. There is no need to be embarrassed about this common problem, but it does require your attention. The best cure for seasickness is prevention. Eat a non-greasy, high protein breakfast (A full stomach is less likely to betray you). Don not drink alcoholic beverages the night prior to your trip. Pretzels and carbonated beverages during the trip can be helpful to settle your stomach. Avoid the use of colognes and perfumes. Go to bed early. The number one cause of seasickness is lack of sleep. Ginger and wrist bands generally do NOT work. Take a pill. Remember, the key to avoiding seasickness is to take preventative measures PRIOR to your trip.

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REFUNDS can ONLY be made if Shearwater Journeys is notified THIRTY DAYS, in writing before the date of your trip, using the postmark date of your letter as the cancellation date. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD YOU CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION AFTER THE THIRTY DAY CUT-OFF PERIOD.

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SAFETY reasons prevent pregnant women from being admitted to the boat. The facilities cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Please consult with Debra Shearwater for making a reservation for anyone under the age of 12 years.

SMOKING is NOT permitted on the boat. This is for everyone's comfort. To improve the quality of your pelagic trip, we request that you please turn off CELL PHONES and pagers while on the boat. Soliciting of any sort is not permitted without the express permission of Debra Shearwater.

PARKING is available in the public lot near the wharf is best. This is a very confusing area and it is best to allow ample time, or to scope it out the day prior to the trip. From Del Monte Ave, turn right on Washington Street into the main parking lot. Take a ticket upon entering, get a validation coupon from Chris Fishing, and it will cost you much less on exiting at the end of the day. Be aware that there are two different wharves. If you go to the commercial wharf, you will miss the boat.

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Kristen L Lewis

From:

Lawrence Schmidt < lschmidt@sgs-law.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:52 PM

To:

Arnold Jablon

Cc:

Kristen L Lewis

Subject:

RE: 2018-331xa

Thanks Arnold. I've emailed my clients and asked if they have any objections. I told them that the County usually grants one PP per side but I'm sure they'd like to know who is asking and why.

Larry

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From: Arnold Jablon [mailto:ajablon@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:36 PM

To: Lawrence Schmidt Cc: Kristen L Lewis **Subject:** RE: 2018-331xa

I will ask Kristin to scan and send you a copy of the letter.

From: Lawrence Schmidt [mailto:lschmidt@sgs-law.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:09 PM

To: Arnoid Jablon <ajablon@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: arosenblatt@Venable.com; Alyssa Moyers <amoyers@sgs-law.com>

Subject: RE: 2018-331xa

Arnold: This is the Lerch Bros. property (landscape service operation) and this property has already been posted for a hearing on 9/10/18.. Who asked for the postponement? And why? I entered my appearance (replacing Adam because he had a conflict) on July 10. I haven't been copied or seen any request for postponement. Can you let me know who is requesting the pp and why and then I'll ask the client and let you know. I would like to run this by my client before I respond.

Thanks.

Larry

Lawrence E. Schmidt | Partner

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:28 PM

To: Lawrence Schmidt **Subject:** FW: 2018-331xa

Larry, see below. Any issue?

From: Rosenblatt, Adam M. [mailto:AMRosenblatt@Venable.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:22 PM

To: Arnold Jablon
Cc: Kristen L Lewis klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov

Subject: RE: 2018-331xa

I had to refer this case to Larry Schmidt due to a conflict. Can I forward your email or do you want to separately email him?

Adam M. Rosenblatt, Esq. Venable LLP t 410.494.6271 | m 410.294.9430 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Suite 500 Towson, MD 21204

From: Arnold Jablon <a jablon@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: Tuesday, Aug 21, 2018, 12:18 PM

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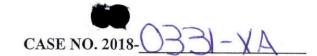
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FYI, I received a request from a neighbor for a pp. I will pp, however, the neighbor will be advised a new date must be agreed upon as quickly as the ALJ's calendar permits. New advertisement would not be required but the re-posting would have to be paid by

the party requesting the pp. Kristin, notify Mr. Evans I will pp. Check John's schedule for the earliest dates he is available, then have Mr. Evans contact Adam immediately, and they can agree to a new date.

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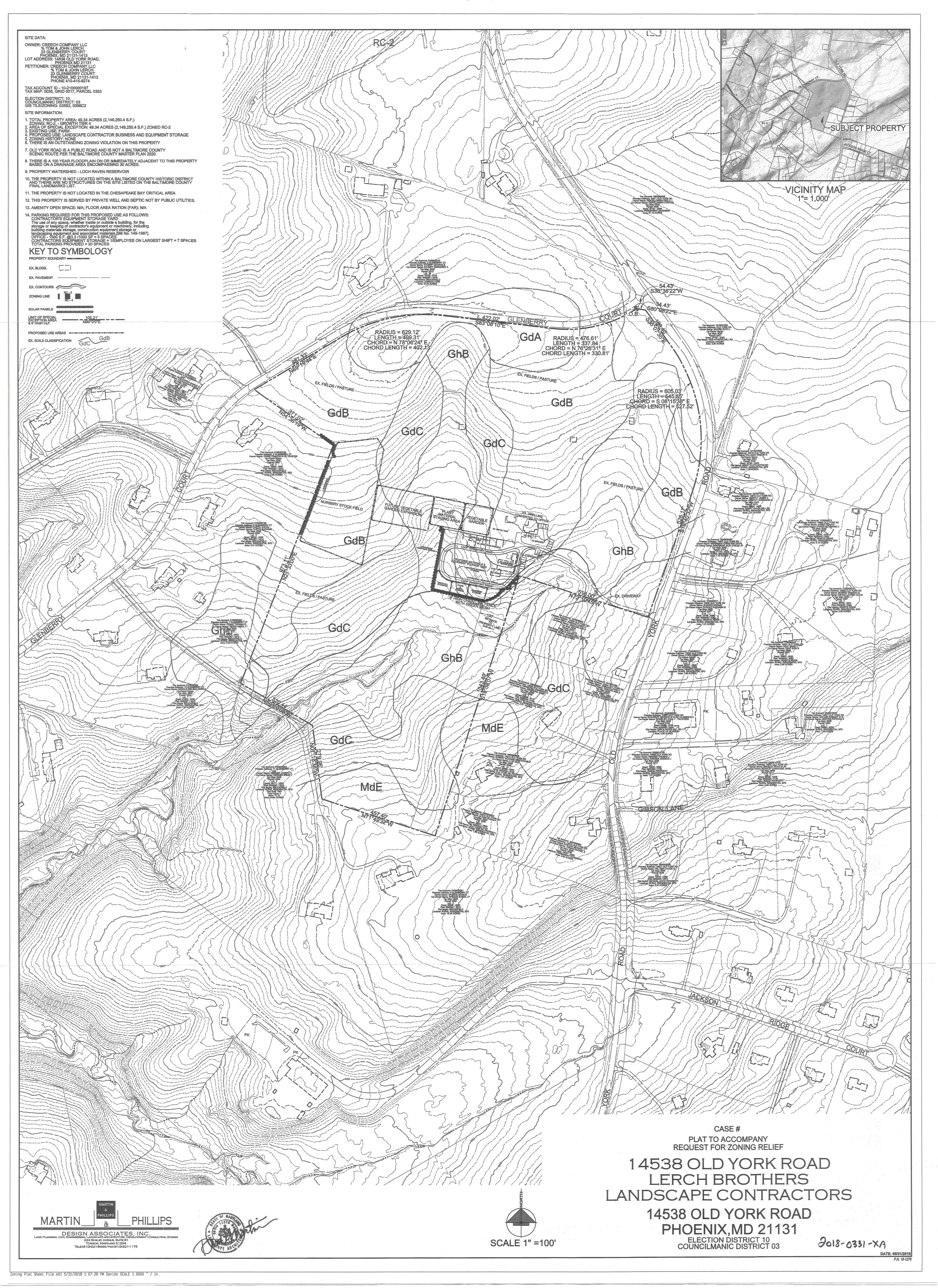
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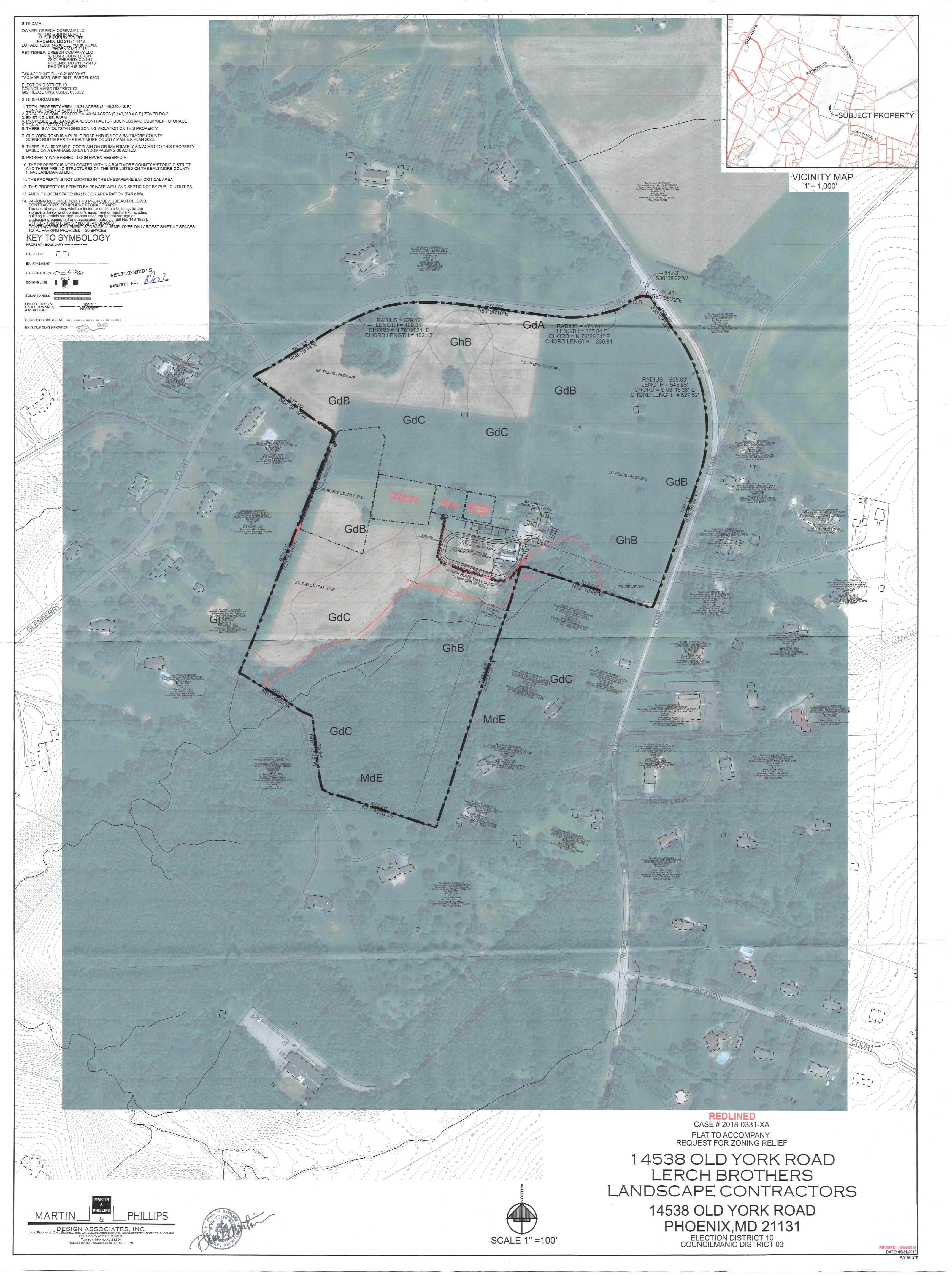


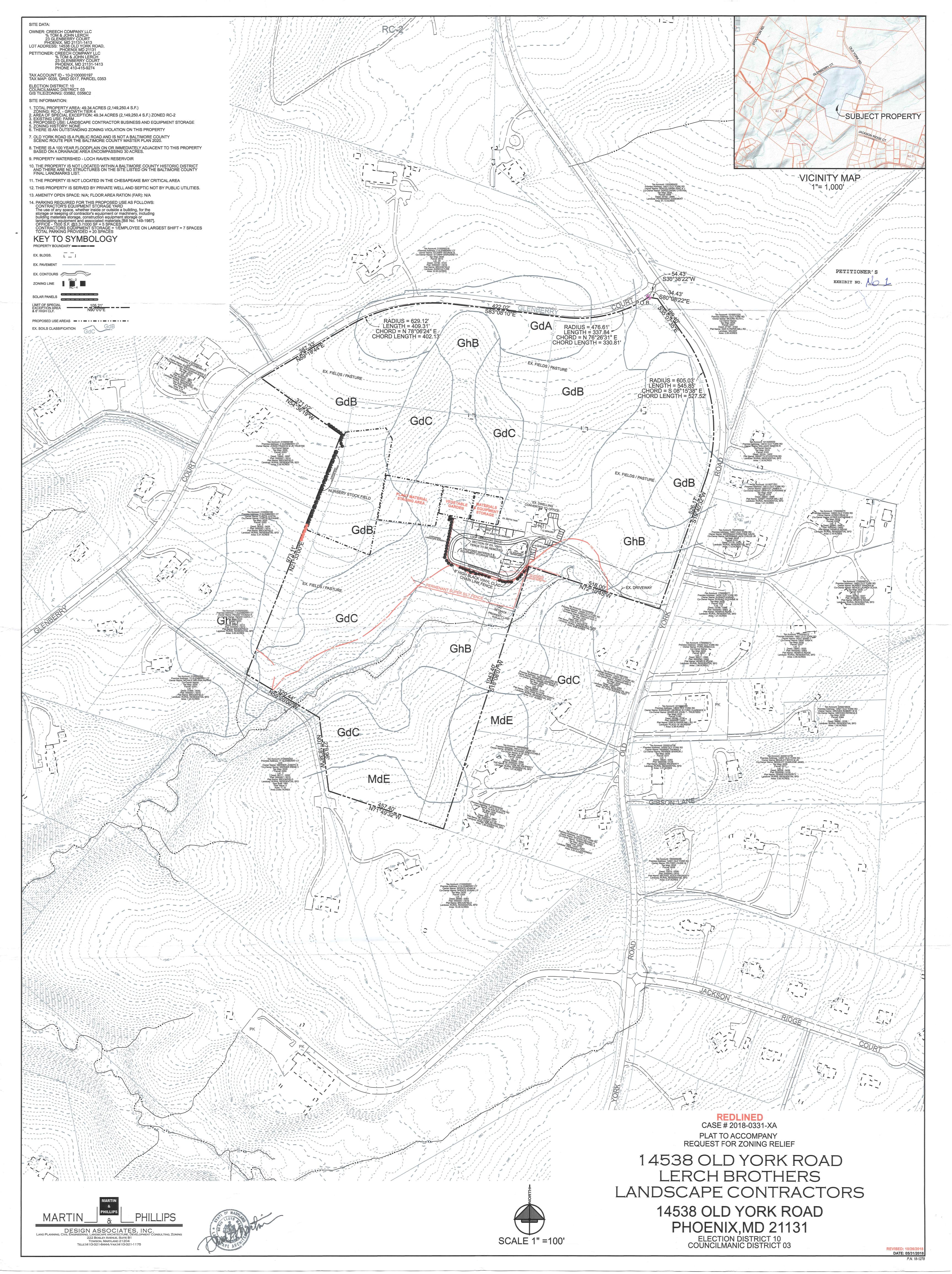


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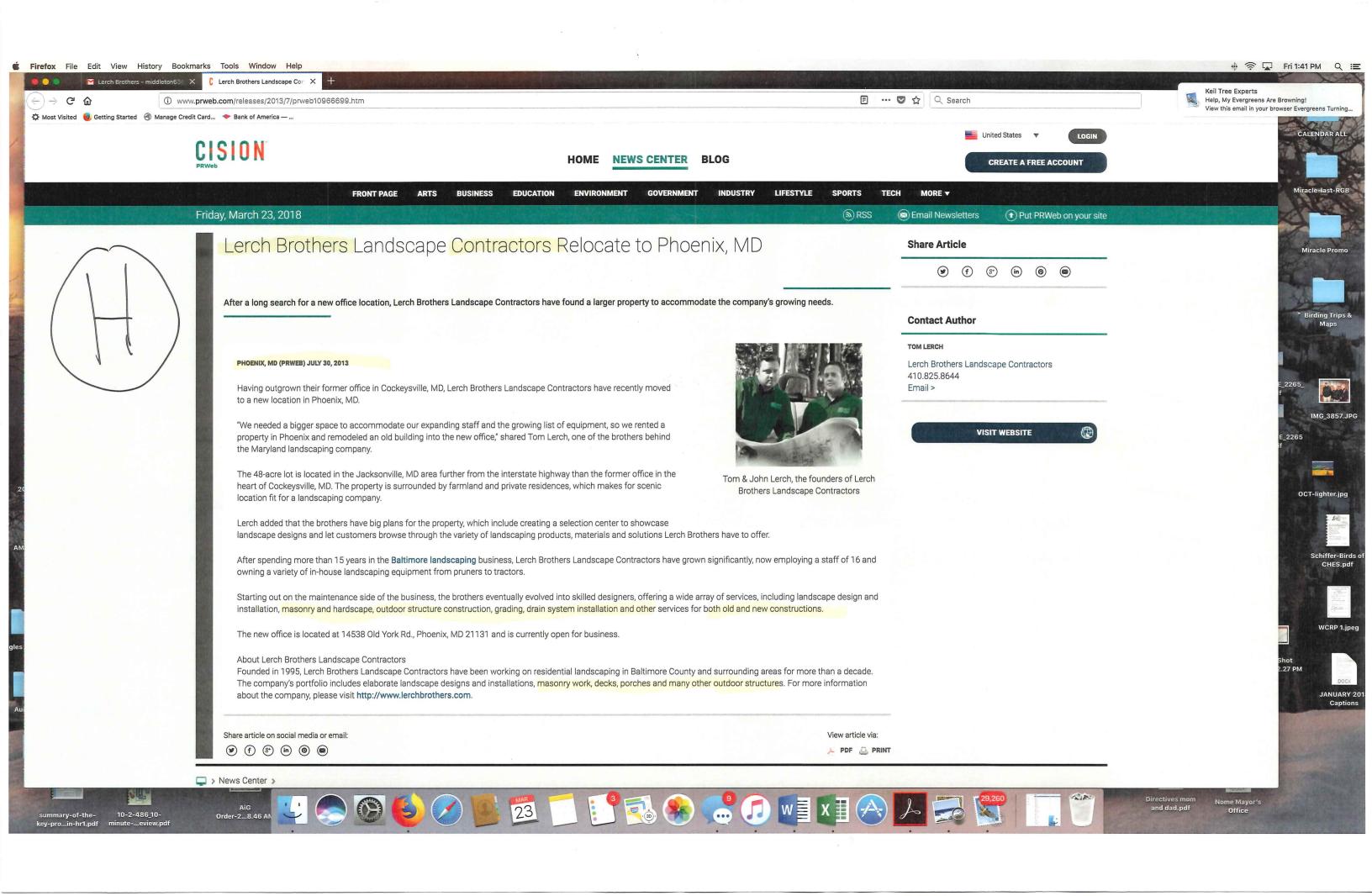


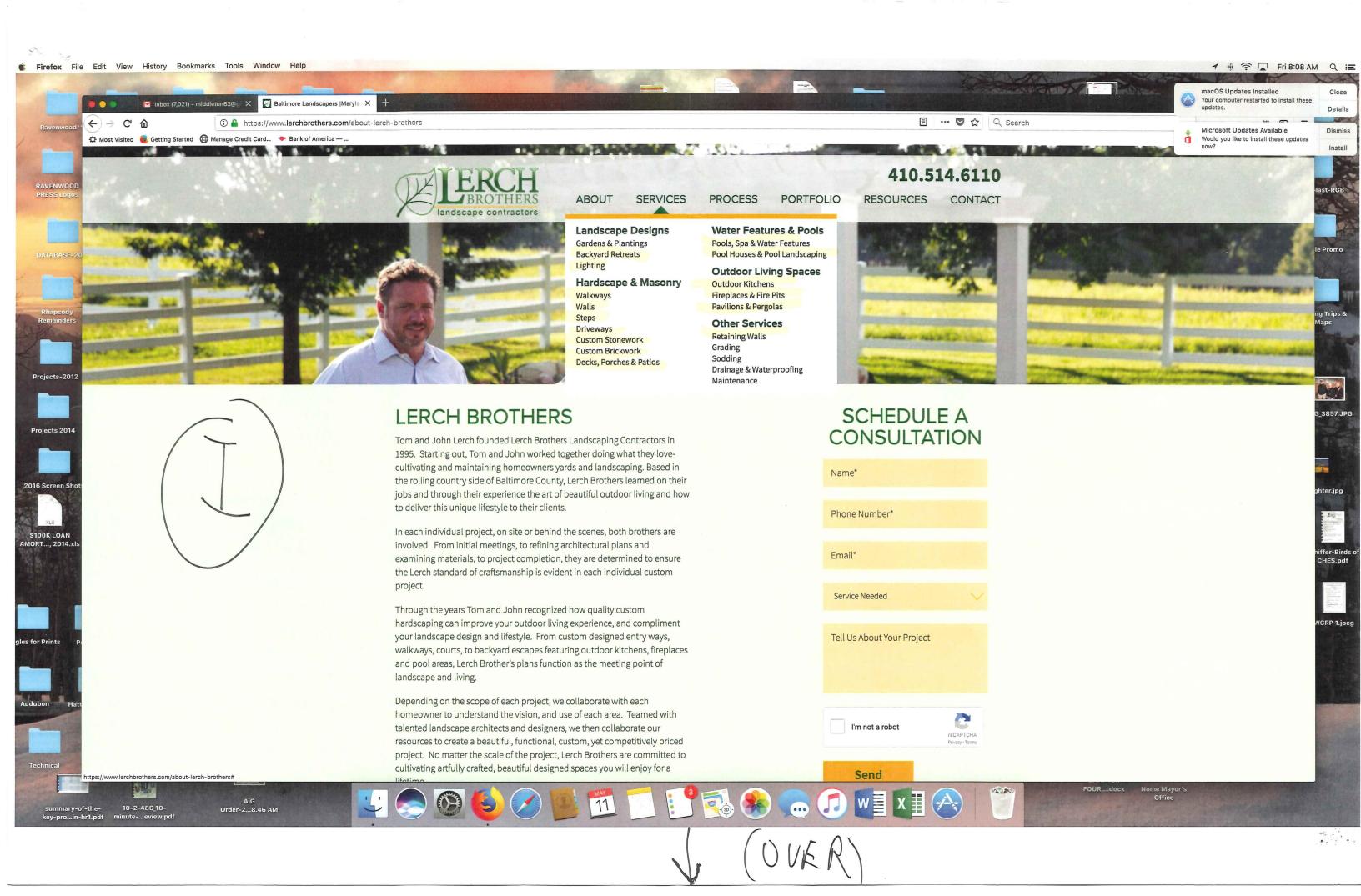














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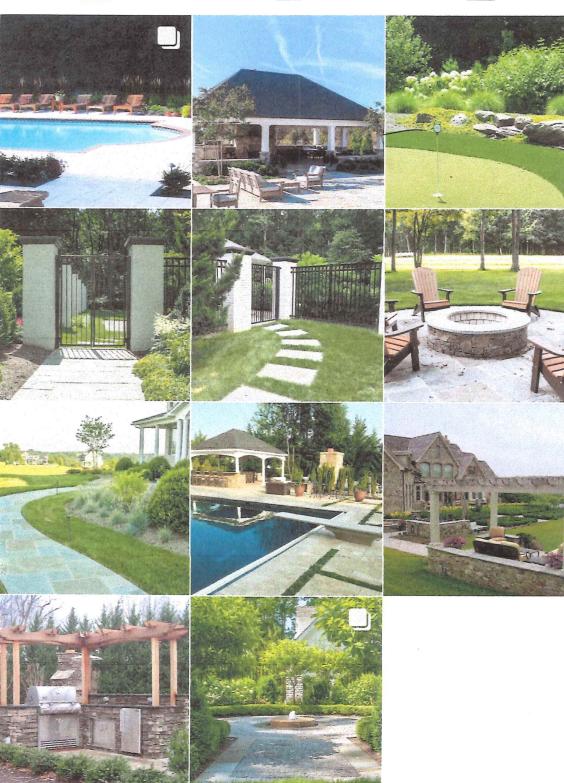
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October 1, 2018

Judge John E. Beverungen,

years. Although I could not be at court today I did want to voice my complaints about the Phoenix, MD. on which Lerch Brothers Landscaping has been operating for the past couple of My name is Janie Ginsburg and our property abuts the property, 14538 Old York Rd.

As much as The Lerch Brothers claim that they are running a landscaping business on business that is being run there.

this property, I see no plants growing there. The property is full of cement, machinery,

containers, big trucks, etc.

The noise from this operation is very disturbing to our peaceful country home. The

and other various indistinguishable noises. The sound of all of these comes right into our consists of large trucks coming in and out, repetitive banging of machines breaking up concrete, noise starts early in the morning, often before we get up, and continues throughout the day. It

house.

We would be happy to have a landscaping business next to us. It would beautify our

next to. There are no plants growing in the fields, there is only a hill entirely covered with man right up the road and looking at the beauty it brings to our community. That is not what we live neighborhood with the beautiful plantings. I love driving by the landscaping business which is

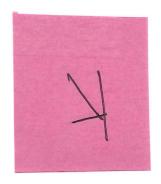
Please stop the illegal use by Lerch Brothers of the land which we live next to. We miss made debris. It is a an eyesore in our back yard.

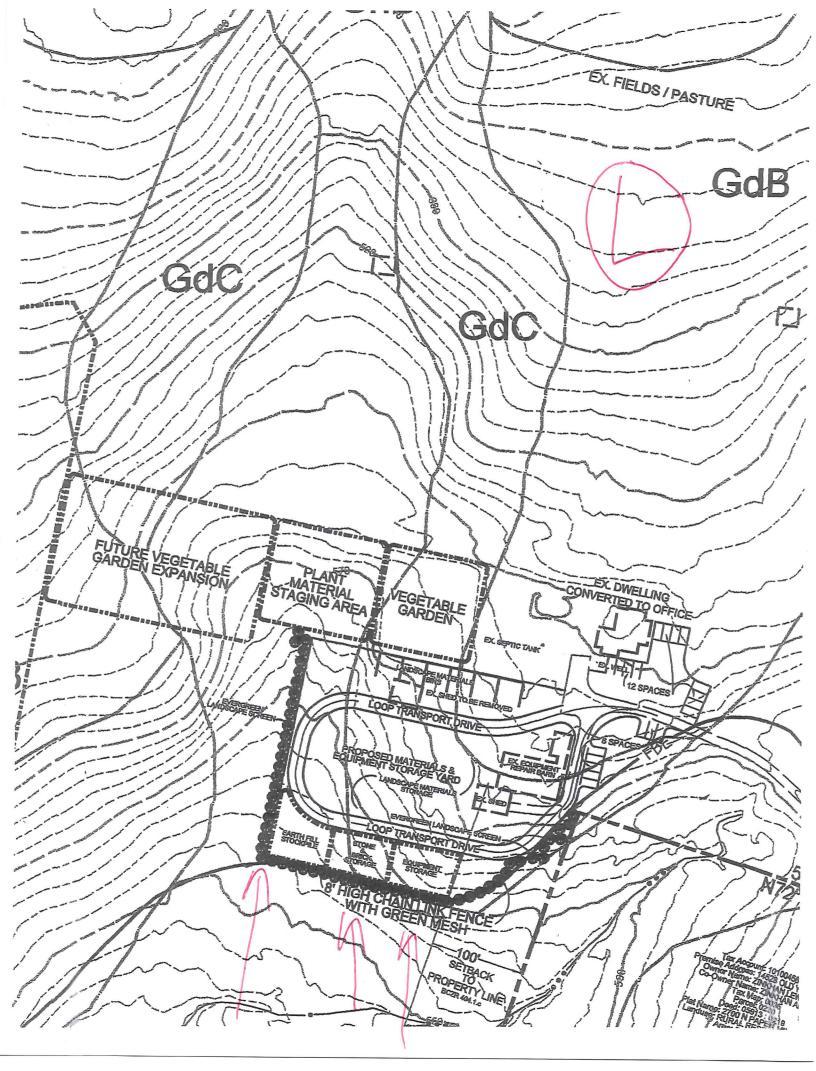
watching horses run on the land and the peace and quiet of our home.

Sincerely,

Janie Ginsburg

Phoenix, Md 21131 14520 Old York Rd.







John E. Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings 105 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204CASE # 2018-0331-XA

20, September 2018

Your Honor,

Thank you for hearing this case today. My name is Robert Groves and I live at 14521 Old York Road. I wish to write you due to me being unable to attend today in person because I feel that you should know other resident's opinions as well about the business at 14538. I am writing to ask the court to deny the special exception to the company in question. The reasons for my asking to deny this is on the following grounds:

I had a meeting with the Lerch Brothers on April 17, 2018 and sat down and expressed my concerns. They wanted to meet with the whole community, but schedules did not permit all of us getting together. In this meeting I addressed four key points that I wanted them to address, these things were reasonable I believe for a community member to be requesting a business to perform to be operating in a residential area. Prior to this hearing I also spoke to their former council Adam Rosenblatt on June 16, 2018 and as he verified with me I shared these same concerns on these issues and he even saw my neutrality in this issue hoping that we could all get along; sadly this is not the case.

- a. The first thing was that an environmental plan be put into place for the property because of the use of commercial fuels such as hydraulic fluid and engine oils as well as routine maintenance. I asked for this because through an environmental class at work, the Maryland State Highway Administration, we have been informed that a quarter size drop of hydraulic fluid could stay in the soil for up to ten years. This could pose and issue to surrounding residences as we are on well water. I was told by the brothers that they use the same water but I also spoke with their attorney advising him that I would like to see a plan in place and I was told by him they would be addressing this issue. Here we are almost six months later and still no plan to protect us as a community.
- b. As being my neighbor across the street I requested that loud noises such as dumping concrete be reconsidered and possibly dumped before returning to this site in question. They have continued to dump things in their dumpsters and making all sorts of noises disturbing the tranquility that we have worked hard for and paid for in this area.
- c. I also had shared that at the church I work at across the street we have to follow MDE and permitting guidelines within Baltimore County and I shared with former council that I felt that as they have been operating next to a residence zoning, that they are not within the limits of the law for the neighborhood. Please note that with this I asked the council to have the proper operation of the law be brought up because if a church has to be held to the standards within the state of Maryland why can't a landscaping business do the same?
- d. Lastly, I requested that the work schedules be reconsidered and not have their trucks pulling in and unloading in the evenings. Their trucks are still coming in as late as 7:00pm and they still seem to ignore that this is a residential area and not a commercial setting.

These four things are all reasonable for a company operating in a residential setting, yet all have not been addressed. If this business wishes to continue to operate within this community then they should be working to respect the residents. When I left the meeting, I thought and felt they truthfully cared about what I shared with them and where going to address somethings, since then nothing has changed. I hope that we will could all get along but since nothing has changed I feel that may never happen.

In conclusion the owners themselves would not want this operation in their backyard and yet they operate this business around our properties without thought to us. If they did this on their own property I am sure that their own neighbors would not deal with it either. This operation is not just a average Joe towing a zero turn mower with a F-150, this is a full blown commercial business operating in our backyards.

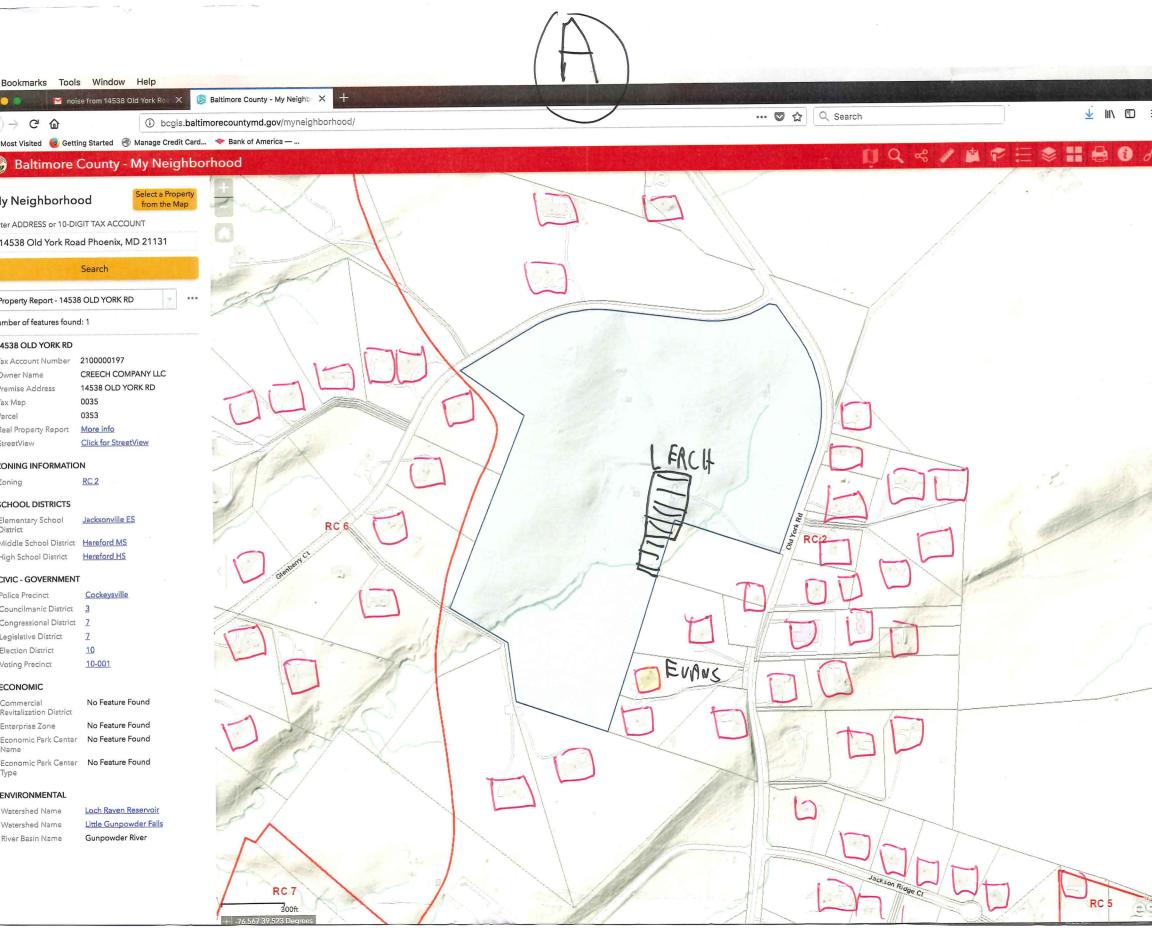
Thank you for your consideration with this matter and hope that this will help you decide on behalf of the families residing in My Ladies Manor.

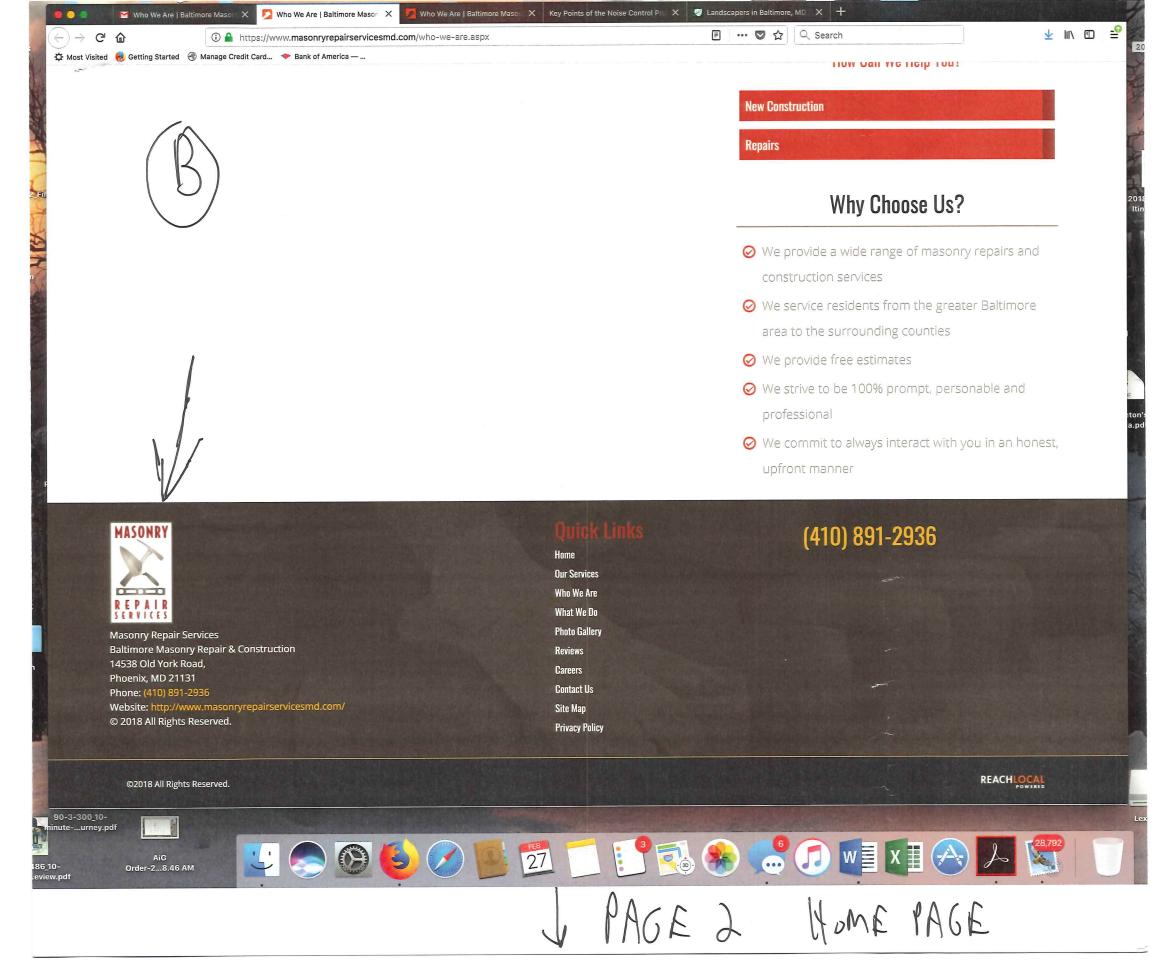
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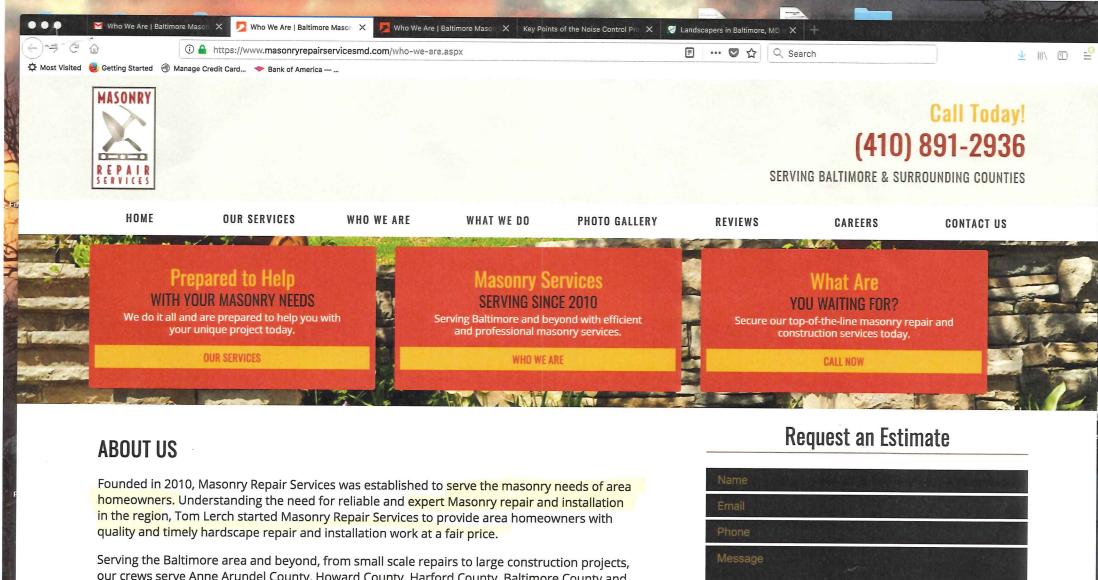
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