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May 20, 2024

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RE:

Petition for Special Hearing

Case No. 2023-0104-SPH Property: Esther Ann Way

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to Baltimore County Code § 32-3-401(a), "a person aggrieved or feeling aggrieved" by this Decision and Order may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

AMB:dlm Enclosure

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Esther Ann Way

Case No: 2023-0104-SPH

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IN RE: **PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING** * BEFORE THE

(Esther Ann Way)

4th Election District * OFFICE OF

4th Council District

Valley of David Partnership * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Legal Owner

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner * Case No: 2023-0104-SPH

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH)" as a Petition for Special Hearing filed by Valley of David Partnership ("Petitioner") for the property located at Esther Ann Way, Reisterstown (the Property"). The Special Hearing was filed from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 500.7, to remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans for future subdivision and construction of three single-family homes on a Parcel A. Also, for such other and further relief as the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") may require.

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing on May 13, 2024. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. David Adler appeared on behalf of the Petition. Adam M. Rosenblatt of Venable, LLP represented the Petitioner. Christopher DeCarlo from Whiteford, Taylor and Preston represented Protestants Jameel McClain, Keisha McClain, Angela Hamlin, Antonio Hamlin and Tony Amphay.

Stephen Warfield of Matis Warfield also attended on behalf of the Petitioner. The Site Plan he prepared and sealed was admitted as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. He was accepted as an expert in engineering, site planning, and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR").

Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Environmental Protection Sustainability ("DEPS") which indicated that the

Petitioner must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands, Floodplains and to comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations, and the comment of the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting of March 11, 2024, which is attached. In addition, a ZAC comment was received from the Department of Planning ("DOP"). They did not oppose the requested relief.

The property is approximately 23.51/63.65 acres and is zoned RC 4. Mr. Warfield testified that CRG and FDP plans were approved for the Valley of David development in 1993. (Pet. Ex 5 & 6) Mr. Warfield explained that the FDP contained 8 lots which have now been developed, and an additional "Parcel A" which is noted on the CRG Plan as "To be retained by the developer." (Pet. Ex 5) The plans also reflect that the development possesses 12.7 density units in total. Mr. Warfield explains that the Parcel A has been sold and the Petitioner proposes to amend the FDP and CRG plans to remove parcel A and eventually build 3 three single family dwellings upon it. He noted that the necessary density units were available for such development. (Pet. Ex. 12)

Not officially part of the Valley of David development, but adjacent to the portion of Parcel A where future development is proposed, is the Nicodemus Ridge Development, where the homes of the all Protestants are located. Mr. Warfield explained that this 4-home development was granted a private road easement from its developer in 2018. This private road is only access to the Nicodemus Ridge development and was used solely by the residents of the 4 homes when the houses were constructed *circa* 2019. (Pet. Ex. 8). It was noted by Mr. Warfield that this easement contained the following language regarding amendments:

15. Amendment. Notwithstanding any foregoing provision in this Declaration, the Declarant, and any assignee in writing of such right, shall have the right, power and authority to amend, modify, revise or change any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of recordation of this Declaration and in order to accomplish

any such amendment, each Lot Owner and any lienholder(s) of any Lot Owner's property (other than a lienholder of property owned by Declarant) hereby appoint Declarant or its written assignee as their power of attorney to execute any such amendment. THIS SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY SHALL BE IRREVOCABLE AND COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST. In addition to Declarant's amendment rights in this Section 15, after all Lots have been conveyed to an Owner other than Declarant, this Declaration may be amended by an instrument executed by all Owners. Any amendment to this Declaration must be duly recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendment to this Declaration shall require the prior written consent of a Builder while Builder owns any of the Lots, and such consent shall not to be unreasonably withheld.

Mr. Warfield testified that in 2023, this easement was amended to include use of the private road by the approximately 23.5153 acres of Parcel A. (Pet. Ex. 9) He explained that this private road will be the proposed point of access to the 3 homes to be built on that parcel. He opined that the 3 homes would generate approx. 30 additional trips a day on this road.

Mr. Warfield explained that the 3 homes noted on Pet. Ex. 12 were added to the proposed Amended Development Plan at the suggestion of People's Counsel, but that such development still requires County review through the development plan process. He stressed that the sole relief sought in the case at bar was for the amendment of the Valley of David CRG and FDP plans to reflect the removal of Parcel A.

Keisha McClain testified on behalf of the Protestants. She and her husband have lived in the Nicodemus Ridge development since 2021. Ms. McClain has been a real estate agent for 17 years. She described her decision to buy in this development being based on the presumption that it would be a privately gated community with only 4 homes. (A private gate did not ultimately become part of the development) She explained that she was told by her developer that the surrounding woods could not be developed. Ms. McClain confirmed that she was aware when she purchased her home of the 2018 easement for the private road, but had no notice of the 2023 amendment that extended the roads use to Parcel A. Ms. McClain also explained that she was particularly disturbed when in 2022 construction crews arrived and began the clearing of several

trees directly across from her home. (Prot. Ex. 4a-b) She described having no notice that such tree removal was to take place and noted that this occurred before the 2023 amendment of the easement. She explained that any development of Parcel A will occur directly across from the front of her house and will negatively affect her property value. (Prot. Ex. 3a-d)

AMENDMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS

BCZR § 1B01.3. Plans and plats.

- A. Development plans.
- 1. Purpose. This paragraph is intended:
- a. To provide for the disclosure of development plans to prospective residents and to protect those who have made decisions based on such plans from inappropriate changes therein . . .

As noted above, the legislative purpose behind the disclosure of development plans is to provide notice to prospective residents as to a development's future plans and to protect them from changes to such plan that may be deemed inappropriate. The rules for providing such notice are encompassed in § 1B01.4 outlined below:

Notice in conveyance. Any party who sells an interest in real property within an area covered by an approved partial or final development plan shall attach to the instrument of sale a notice directing the buyer's attention to the plan (including any amendment) and listing the location of the various certified copies which may be publicly inspected (Paragraph 6), together with a listing of the recorded plats covering all portions of the subdivision as a whole. The notice shall also generally apprise the buyer of the rights, requirements and remedies provided under the development plan, those provided under this article and these zoning regulations in general, and those set forth in provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504, and, to this end, the notice shall be on a form issued by the county and approved by the Office of Law, the Zoning Commissioner, and the Planning Board as being clear and sufficient for the purpose.

BCZR § 1B01.7.b. outlines the process for the amendment of a development plan such as that requested in the case at bar.

- b. Amendment after sale of interest in nearby property or upon demand for hearing. In the case of an amendment not allowed under Subparagraph a, by reason of sale of property within the area, or in case of a demand for hearing by an eligible individual or group, the plans may be amended through special exception procedures, in the manner provided under Section 502 and subject to the following provisions:
- (1) The amendment must be in accord with the provisions of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies and with the specific standards and requirements of this article, as determined by the Department of Planning. The Director, on behalf of the Planning Board, shall notify the Zoning Commissioner accordingly.
- (2) Only an owner of a lot abutting or lying directly across a street or other right-of-way from the property in question, an owner of a structure on such a lot, or a homes association (as may be defined under the subdivision regulations or under provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504) having members who own or reside on property lying wholly or partially within 300 feet of the lot in question are eligible to file a demand for hearing.
- (3) It must be determined in the course of the hearing procedure that the amendment would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan and of this article.

As noted above, such a request for an amendment to a development plan must be adjudicated through a request for Special Hearing. A hearing to request special zoning relief is provided for under BCZR, §500.7, which states as follows:

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

"A request for special hearing is, in legal effect, a request for a declaratory judgment." *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 877 A.2d 1166, 1175 (2005). And, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations.

BCZR, §1B01.7.b notes that "the plans may be amended through special exception procedures, in the manner provided under Section 502 . . .". While the proposed amendment involves the removal of a parcel rather than further development or a change within the Valley of David Development plan itself, much of this analysis is not germane to the case at bar. Mr. Warfield, recognizing that the BCZR is somewhat ambiguous as to whether the special exception factors found in § 502.1 are applicable to the development plan amendment analysis, in an abundance of caution, opined that all of relevant requirements of BCZR, § 502.1 are satisfied when considering the removal of Parcel A. As to the requirements of BCZR, § 1B01.7.b.1, Mr. Warfield confirmed that the DOP had confirmed that the requested amendment was in accord with the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies ("CMDP") and the specific standards of Article 1B, and that the department found that the requested relief did not pose any risk to the R.C.4 zoning classification and did not object to the requested amendment. (Pet. Ex. 11) Finally, Mr. Warfield opined that the proposed amendment was consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan and the BCZR.

Notice

In keeping with the legislative intent of requiring the disclosures of development plans, I find that the original CRG Plan and FDP clearly depicts that Parcel A was to be retained by the developer. The plan also notes that there are a total of 12.7 density units in the development and

that only 8 dwellings are proposed for construction, leaving additional available density units. Mr. Warfield noted that Parcel A was akin to a possible "phase II" of the development and noted that nothing on either plan signifies that Parcel A would be prohibited from being developed in the future.

It is clear that Nicodemus Ridge is not part of the Valley of David Development and notice provisions for amendments to Valley of David Development do not extend to the residents of Nicodemus Ridge. While Nicodemus Ridge was not constructed until *circa* 2019, it does appear on the relevant plans as a neighboring development. Counsel for the Protestants argues that Nicodemus Ridge residents have recourse to object to amendments to neighboring development plans that may affect their developments. Assuming that the code's notice provisions encompass such residents, the evidence reflects that Parcel A was identified on the prior relevant plans along with available density calculations. While the Protestants raise the valid point that their private road was never included in these plans as an access road for Parcel A, the 2018 private road easement which was recorded in the land records of Baltimore County clearly includes language that allows for the amendment of this easement to include other parties. Such clear language provides notice that the use of the private road by Nicodemus Ridge residents would not be perpetually exclusive.

While the Petitioner has included 3 dwellings on their proposed revised FDP, the particulars as to this possible future development's compliance with County development regulations are not at issue in this hearing. In regards to the proposed amendment to the CRG and FDP plan, Mr. Warfield's expert testimony as to Petitioner's compliance with the requirements of BCZR § 1B01.7.b is uncontroverted. Notwithstanding this fact, the concerns articulated by Ms. McClain are well-founded due to her extreme proximity to Parcel A and the possible future

development of this parcel. These concerns include the additional traffic generated on the private

road, the loss of the wooded buffer directory across from her home and the potential detrimental

effect to her home's property value. While these concerns are not without merit, I do not find it

inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan or the BCZR to remove Parcel A

from the original Valley of David CRG and FDP plans. Whether such a parcel can be developed

as intended by the Petitioner is subject to future review and comment by the relevant County

agencies. Consequently, the Petitioner's request for Special Hearing is GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED this 20th day of May, 2024 by this Administrative Law

Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing under BCZR § 500.7 to remove Parcel A from the

valley of David FDP and CRG plans for future subdivision and construction of three single-family

homes on a Parcel A, 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 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, Petitioner would

be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

• Petitioner must comply with the DEPS ZAC comments, copies of which are attached

hereto and made a part hereof.

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

ANDREW M. BELT

Administrative Law Judge

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for Baltimore County

AMB/dlm

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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:

which is presently zoned RC 4 Address Esther Ann Way

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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) VALLEY OF DAVID PARTNERSHIP C/O DAVID S BROWN ENTERPRISES

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRI	ATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)
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VALLEY OF DAVID - PARCEL A

REVISED ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

- 1. Special Hearing to amend the Valley of David FDP and to remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans for future subdivision and construction of three (3) single family homes on Parcel A.
- 2. Also, for such further relief as the Administrative Law Judge may require.

VALLEY OF DAVID – PARCEL A ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

Property Owner and Legal Owner:

VALLEY OF DAVID PARTNERSHIP C/O DAVID S BROWN ENTERPRISES

Ar. Howard S. Brown

100 Painters Mills Road – Suite 900

P.O. Box 548

Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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

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^{*}Failure to advertise and/or post a sign on the property within the designated time will result in the Hearing request being delayed. The delayed Hearing Case will be cycled to the end of pending case files and rescheduled in the order that it is received. Also, a \$250.00 rescheduling fee may be required after two failed advertisings and/or postings.

Inter-Office Correspondence

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



TO:

Hon. Paul M. Mayhew; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

May 19, 2023

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2023-0104-SPH

Address:

Esther Ann Way

Legal Owner: Valley of David Partnership

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 22, 2023.

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

Additional Comments:

Development of Parcel A must fully comply with the regulations indicated above. This will require, at a minimum, Environmental Impact Review (EIR) approval of a forest stand delineation, forest retention investigation report, and forest conservation plan with ultimate recordation of a Forest Conservation Easement and its Declaration of Protective Covenants. Any development layout on Parcel A must honor the Forest Buffer Easement and its 35-foot setback.

Reviewer:

Glenn Shaffer

Inter-Office Correspondence





TO:

Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

March 6, 2024

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2023-0104-SPH

Address:

ESTHER ANN WAY

Legal Owner: Valley of David Partnership

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 11, 2024.

- <u>X</u> The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:
- 1. If zoning variance is granted, Ground Water Management requests that it be conditioned to include the following:
 - a. An approved perc application that meets all GWM policy and regulations.

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Rochelle V. Underwood

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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Sincerely,

March 21, 2024

(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date)

SSG Robert Black

(Print Name)

1508 Leslie Road

(Address)

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(City, State, Zip Code)

(410) 282-7940

(Telephone Number)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 3/13/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2023-0104-SPH REVISED PETITION

INFORMATION:

Property Address: Esther Ann Way

Petitioner: Valley of David Partnership c/o David S Brown Enterprise

Zoning: RC 4

Requested Action: Special Hearing

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for the following:

Special Hearing -

1. To amend the Valley of David FDP and to remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans for future subdivision and construction of 3 single family homes on Parcel A.

2. Also, for such further relief as the Administrative Law Judge may require.

The property is surrounded by forest, including rural residential neighborhoods. In light of these circumstances, the applicant seeks to remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans. The subject property is located along Nicodemus Road in the Reisterstown area of Baltimore County.

The Department finds that the requested relief does not pose any risk to the R.C.4 zoning classification and does not have any objections to the request.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Henry Ayakwah at 410-887-3482.

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

Division Chief:

SL/JGN/KP

c: Adam M. Rosenblatt

Joseph Wiley, Megan Benjamin and Abigail Rogers, Community Planners Ngone Seye Diop, Community Planning Division Chief

Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review

Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review Office of Administrative Hearings People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: March 12, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0104-SPH

Address: ESTHER ANN WAY

Legal Owner: Valley of David Partnership

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 11, 2024.

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

Additional Comments:

Development of Parcel A must fully comply with the regulations indicated above. This will require, at a minimum, Environmental Impact Review (EIR) approval of a forest stand delineation, forest retention investigation report, and forest conservation plan with ultimate recordation of a Forest Conservation Easement and its Declaration of Protective Covenants. Additionally, any development layout on Parcel A must honor the Forest Buffer Easement and its 35-foot setback, which shall be delineated in accordance with Section 33-3-111 of the Water Quality Regulations and recorded with its Declaration of Protective Covenants.

Reviewer: Glenn Shaffer

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0104-SPH

Address: ESTHER ANN WAY

Legal Owner: Valley of David Partnership

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 11, 2024.

- \underline{X} The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:
- 1. If zoning variance is granted, Ground Water Management requests that it be conditioned to include the following:
 - a. An approved perc application that meets all GWM policy and regulations.

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Rochelle V. Underwood

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: March 8, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM: Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2023-0104-SPH

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

DPR: No comment.

DPW-T: No Exception taken.

Landscaping: If Special Hearing is granted a Landscape Plan is required per the requirements of the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

Recreations & Parks: Based on Special Hearing, LOS open space requirements will be reviewed and determined. No Greenways affected.

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

DATE: June 14, 2023

Department of Permits, Approvals
Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

FROM:

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 22, 2023

Item No. 2023-0099-A, 0102-SPHA, 0103-SPH, 0104-SPH & 2023-0105-A

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

VKD: JK cc: file

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 5/23/2023

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2023-0104-SPH

INFORMATION:

Property Address: Esther Ann Way

Petitioner: Valley of David Partnership c/o David S Brown Enterprise

Zoning: RC 4

Requested Action: Special Hearing

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for the following:

Special Hearing -

1. To remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans.

2. Also, for such further relief as the Administrative Law Judge may require.

The subject property is located along Nicodemus Road in the Reisterstown area of Baltimore County. The property is surrounded by forest, including rural residential neighborhoods.

In light of these circumstances, the applicant seeks to remove Parcel A from the Valley of David FDP and CRG plans.

The Department finds that the requested relief does not pose any risk to the R.C.4 zoning classification and does not have any objections to the request.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Henry Ayakwah at 410-887-3482.

Prepared by:

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Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Paul M. Mayhew; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: May 19, 2023

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0104-SPH

Address: Esther Ann Way

Legal Owner: Valley of David Partnership

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 22, 2023.

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

Additional Comments:

Development of Parcel A must fully comply with the regulations indicated above. This will require, at a minimum, Environmental Impact Review (EIR) approval of a forest stand delineation, forest retention investigation report, and forest conservation plan with ultimate recordation of a Forest Conservation Easement and its Declaration of Protective Covenants. Any development layout on Parcel A must honor the Forest Buffer Easement and its 35-foot setback.

Reviewer: Glenn Shaffer

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Re: **REVISION TO ZONING PETITION**

> Case No. 2023-0104-SPH Esther Ann Way - Valley of David

Dear Mr. Kellman,

Petitioner is submitting a revised petition and plan for the above-referenced zoning case. I am attaching three copies of the revised plan and zoning petition as well as a check to cover the cost of the revision. Please circulate this revision so we can get the case scheduled for a hearing.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Adam M. Rosenblatt

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July 18, 2023

Sent via email - administrativehearings@baltimorecountymd.gov

The Honorable Paul M. Mayhew Administrative Law Judge Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Jefferson Building Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Ester Ann Way

Case No. 2023-0104-SPH

Dear Judge Mayhew:

Please accept this letter as my entry of appearance in the above-referenced matter on behalf of my clients, Angela Hamlin, Antonio Hamlin, Keisha McClain, Jameel McClain and Tony Amphay. My phone number and address are as stated above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours

John B. Gontrum

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cc: Adam M. Rosenblatt, Esq.

People's Counsel
Angela Hamlin
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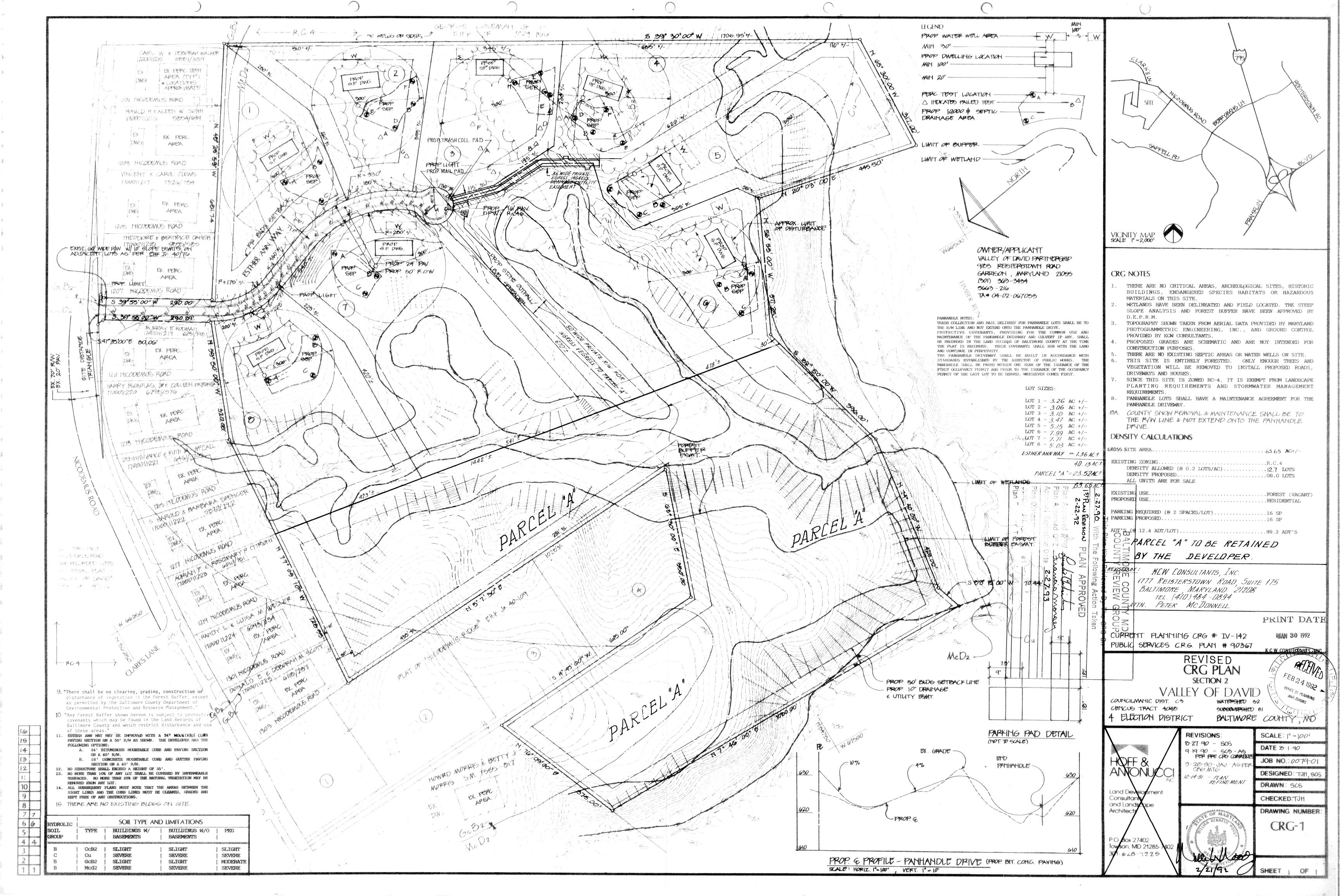
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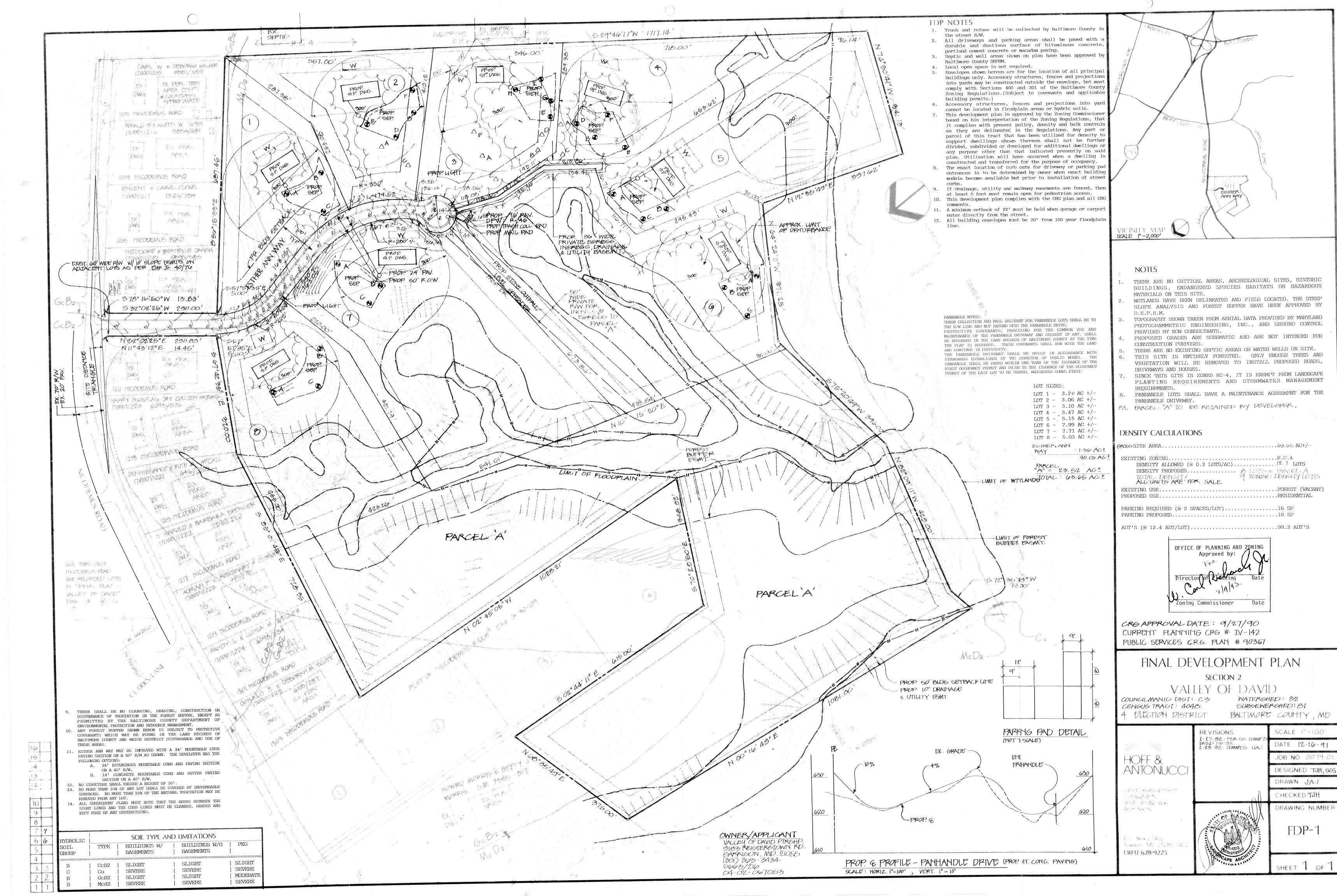
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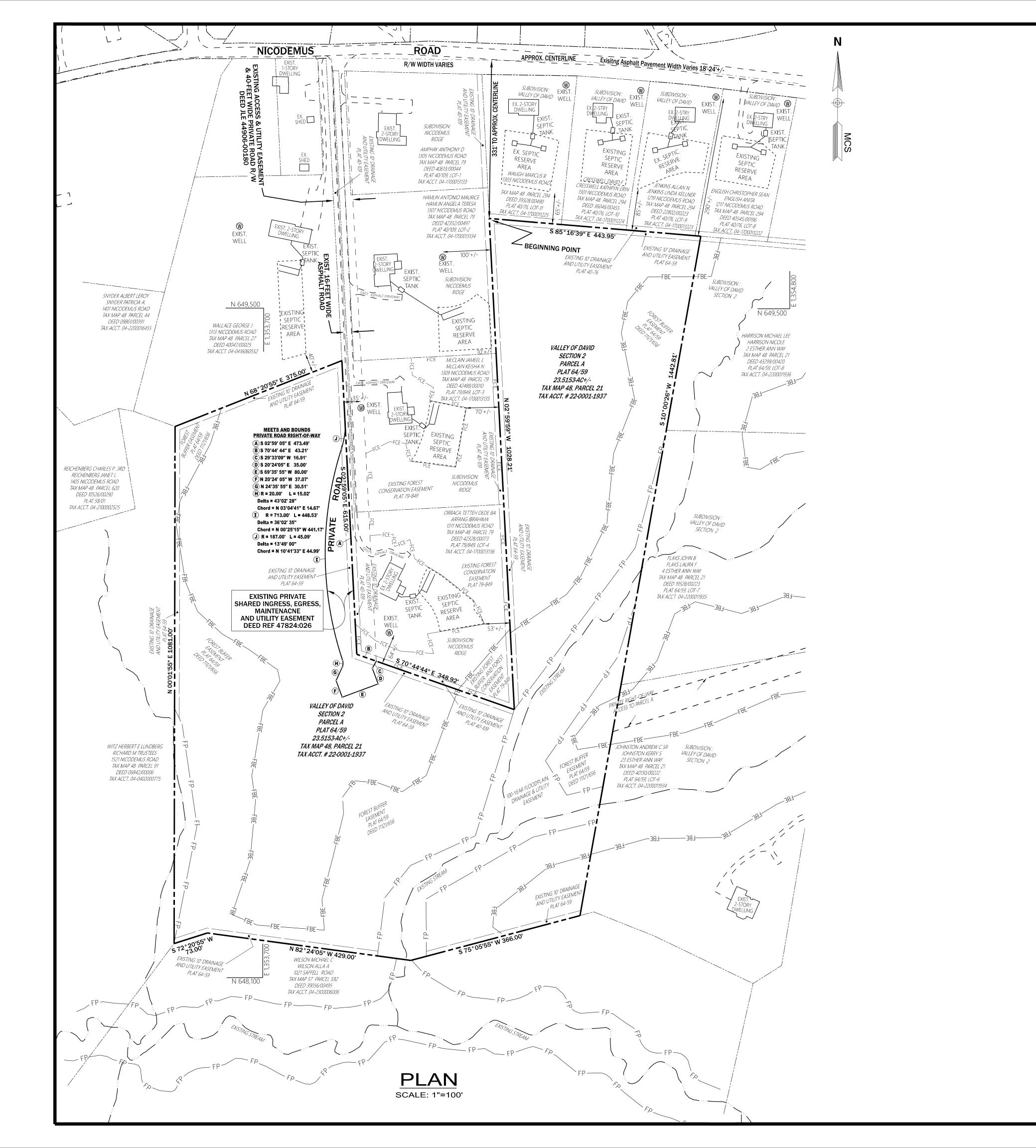
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Attn: Kristen Lewis:	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury the posted conspicuously on the property located at:	
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Sincerely, June 21, 2023 (Signature of Sign Poster) (Date) **SSG Robert Black** (Print Name) 1508 Leslie Road (Address) **Dundalk, Maryland 21222** (City, State, Zip Code) (410) 282-7940 (Telephone Number)





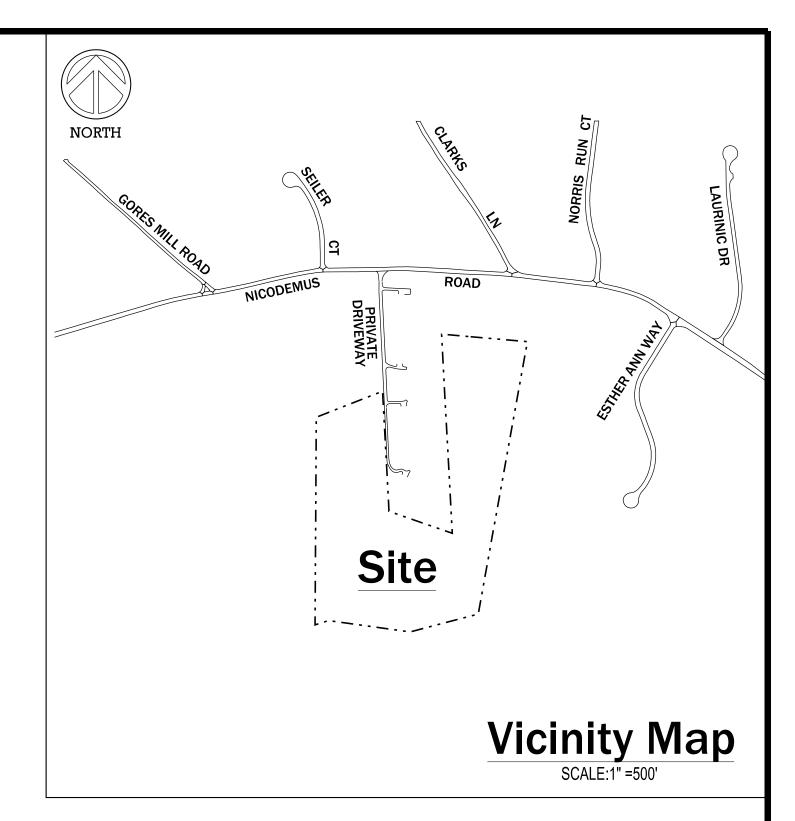


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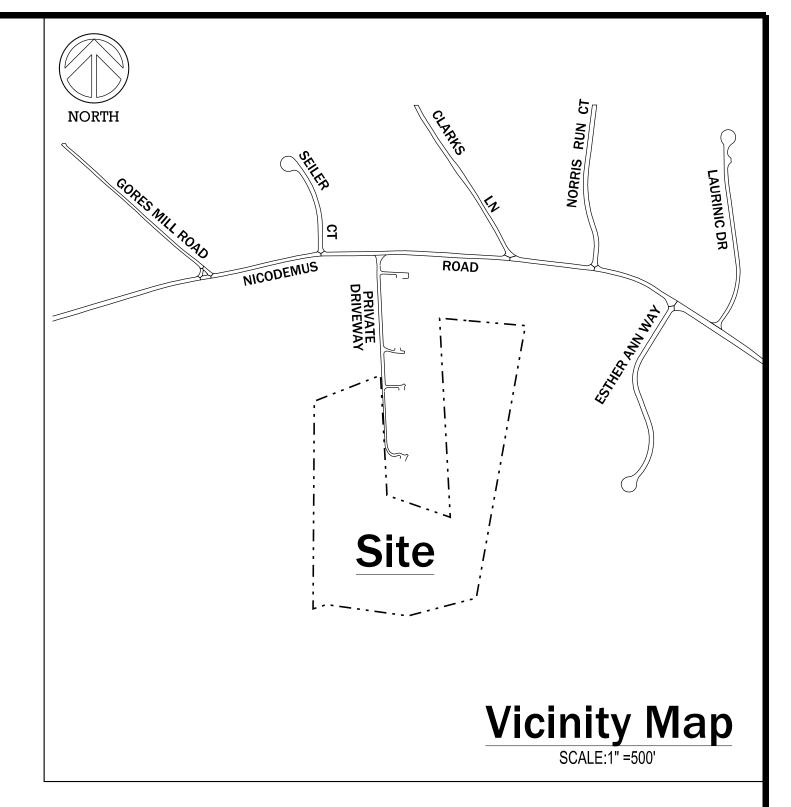


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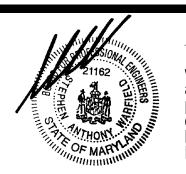
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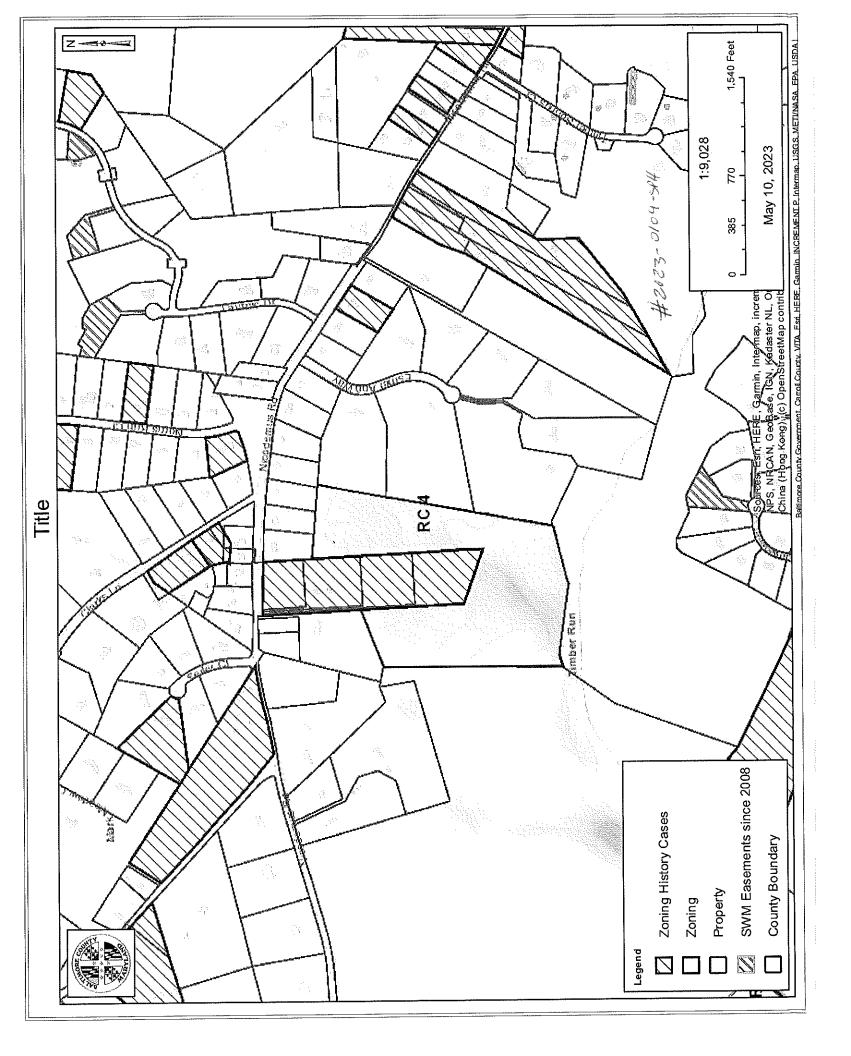
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