

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

PAUL M. MAYHEW
Managing Administrative Law Judge
MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Administrative Law Judge

July 6, 2023

Shelton and Bettye Haynes – <u>sheltonh224@gmail.com</u> 9616 Fable Drive Owings Mills, MD 21117

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Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 2023-0120-A Property: 9616 Fable Drive

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haynes:

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,

Mauren E. Murphy

MAUREEN E. MURITY Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

MEM:dlw Enclosure IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE (9616 Fable Drive)

2nd Election District 4th Council District Shelton & Bettye Haynes Petitioners BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2023-0120-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Shelton and Bettye Haynes ("Petitioners") for the property located at 9616 Fable Drive, Owings Mills, Maryland (the "Property"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit a proposed deck with a rear yard setback of 2.4 ft. in lieu of the required 22.5 ft.

The Property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence (the "Site Plan"). (Pet. Ex. 4). Aerial photographs were submitted showing the location of the Property in a residential neighborhood. (Pet. Exs. 1, 2). Along the street side where the Property is located are 10 homes (9600-9618) in which 7 of those 10 homes have rear facing decks. (Pet. Ex. 2). Street view photographs were submitted showing the rear of the home slopes down severely into the Forest Buffer Easement area. (Pet. Exs. 3A-3E). The Forest Buffer Easement area (3.1398 acres +/-) also contains storm water management device(s), all of which are maintained by a private homeowner's association (3.8071 acres +/-). The Property was created as Lot 163 on the Amended Plat 2 of 4 recorded in Land Records of Baltimore County on March 3, 2004 (SM 76, folio 99). (Pet. Ex. 5). Unlike the adjoining properties shown on the

Amended Plat, the Property, although rectangularly-shaped, is not symmetrical on all sides. There were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments submitted by any of the County reviewing agencies.

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 Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the Property having been posted on June 10, 2023, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented. The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavit as required by Baltimore County Code ("BCC"), §32-3-303.

Based upon the information available, the Amended Plat indicates that the Property is unique from adjoining properties in that it is not a symmetrical rectangle. The severe slope in the rear of the Property and its immediate connection to Forest Buffer Easement area which cannot be developed, adds to its irregularity. These unique features create a practical difficulty in improving the rear yard for its use and enjoyment. There is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of BCZR, §307.1. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the BCC and the BCZR, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 6th day of July, 2023, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit a proposed deck with a rear yard setback of 2.4 ft. in lieu of the required 22.5 ft., be, and it is, hereby **GRANTED**; and,

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

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

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

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

Mauren E. Murphy

MEM:dlw



ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE – OR – ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING
To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections
To the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County for the property located at:

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance (THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the information herein given is true and correct and that the undersigned is/are competent to testify in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto. In addition, the undersigned hereby affirms that the property is not the subject of an active Code Enforcement case and that the residential property described below is owned and occupied by the undersigned.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION ADDENDUM

Address 9616 Fable Drive, Owings Mills MD 21117

Currently Zoned: <u>DR 5.5</u>

Deed Reference: 20886 / 0556 10 Digit Tax Account # 2200023596

Owners Printed Names Shelton A Haynes & Bettye L Haynes

Administrative Variance request: To install a new deck and patio

Summary

Given the rear setback, lot size, sloping topography, and the builder's placement of the home, there is no room to expand the use of the lot in a reasonable manner without the approval of a variance. Without the requested approval, the homeowner would be deprived of the same rights commonly enjoyed by other homeowners in the community that are identically zoned. (See Exhibit 2). As previously mentioned, neighboring identically zoned properties have expanded the use of their lots in the same manner as requested in this petition, and thus, no special privilege would be conferred upon this lot or owner.

Overall, granting this variance to install a deck and patio would be in harmony with the spirit of the community without any injurious impact or detriment to neighboring properties, the community, or the general welfare of the public.

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THE ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 9616 Fable Drive, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Beginning at a point on the southwest corner side of Fable Drive which is 50 feet wide at the distance of 194.6 feet east of the centerline of Dark Star Way which is 50 feet wide.

Being Lot No. 163, Section One in the subdivision of Villages of Winterset as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book No.067, Folio106, Plat 2 of 4, containing 5,527 S.F. or .1268 acres, located in the 02Election District and 04 Council District.

2073-0120-4

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

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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.



Permits, Approvals and Inspections

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

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	Petitioner: Haynes
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Baltimore County Department of	
Permits, Approvals and Inspections	
Room 111, County Office Building	
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Towson, Md. 21204	
This letter is to confirm, under pena	Ities of perjury, that the necessary sign(s)
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9616 Fable Drive – Front, southeast	side of property (2 of 3)
<u>9616 Fable Drive – Close up of sign v</u>	vording (3 of 3)
on <u>6/10/23</u>	
	Sincerely,
	Richard E. Hoffman (signed) 6/10/23
	904 Dellwood Drive
	Fallston, Md. 21047
	(443) 243-7360

Certification of Posting

Case No 2023-0120-A



9616 Fable Drive – front, northwest side of property (1of 3)

Richard E. Hoffman (signed) 6/10/23

Richard E. Hoffman
904 Dellwood Drive
Fallston, Md. 21047
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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: June 8, 2023

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0120-A

Address: 9616 FABLE DR

Legal Owner: Shelton and Bettye Haynes

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2023.

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

Additional Comments:

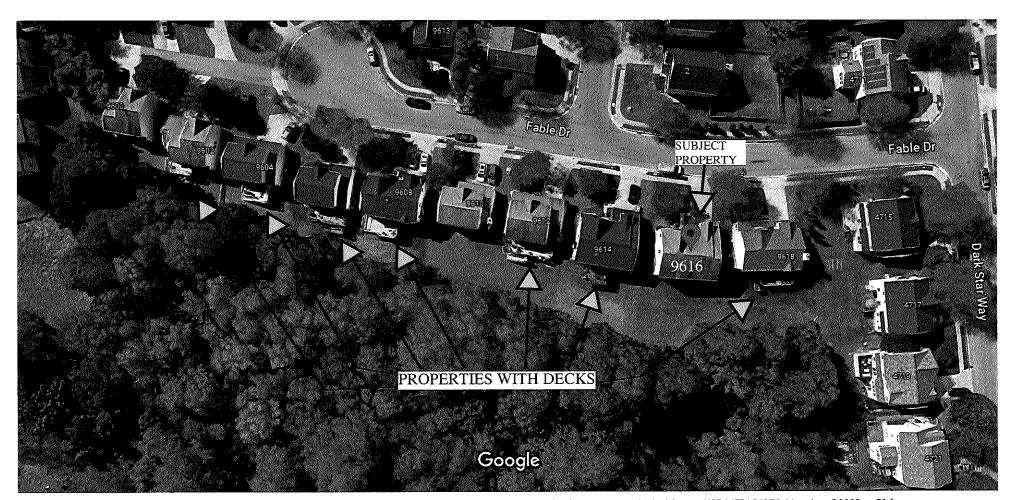
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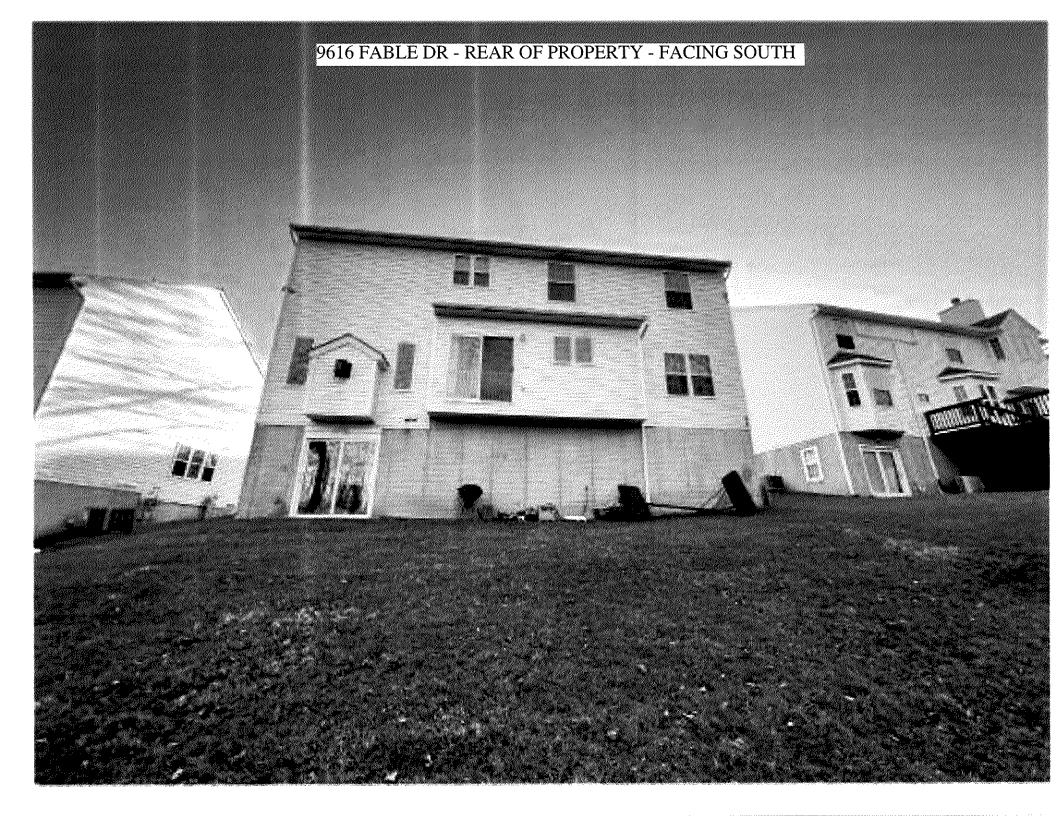
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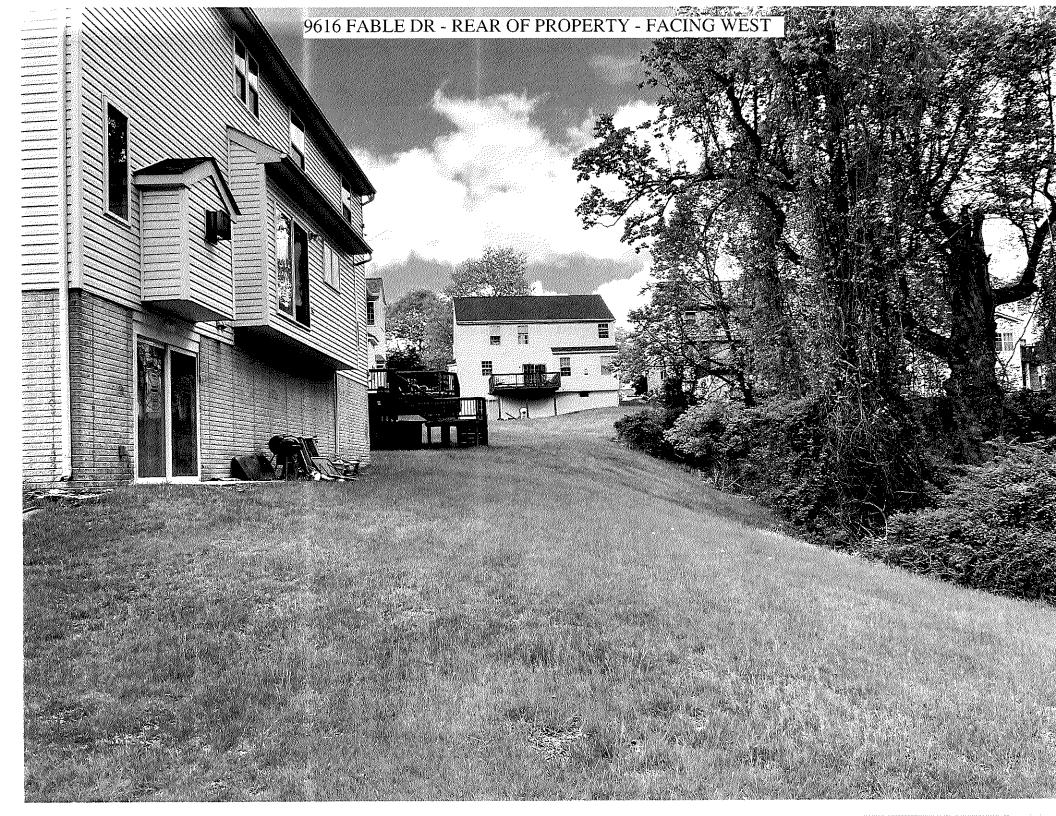


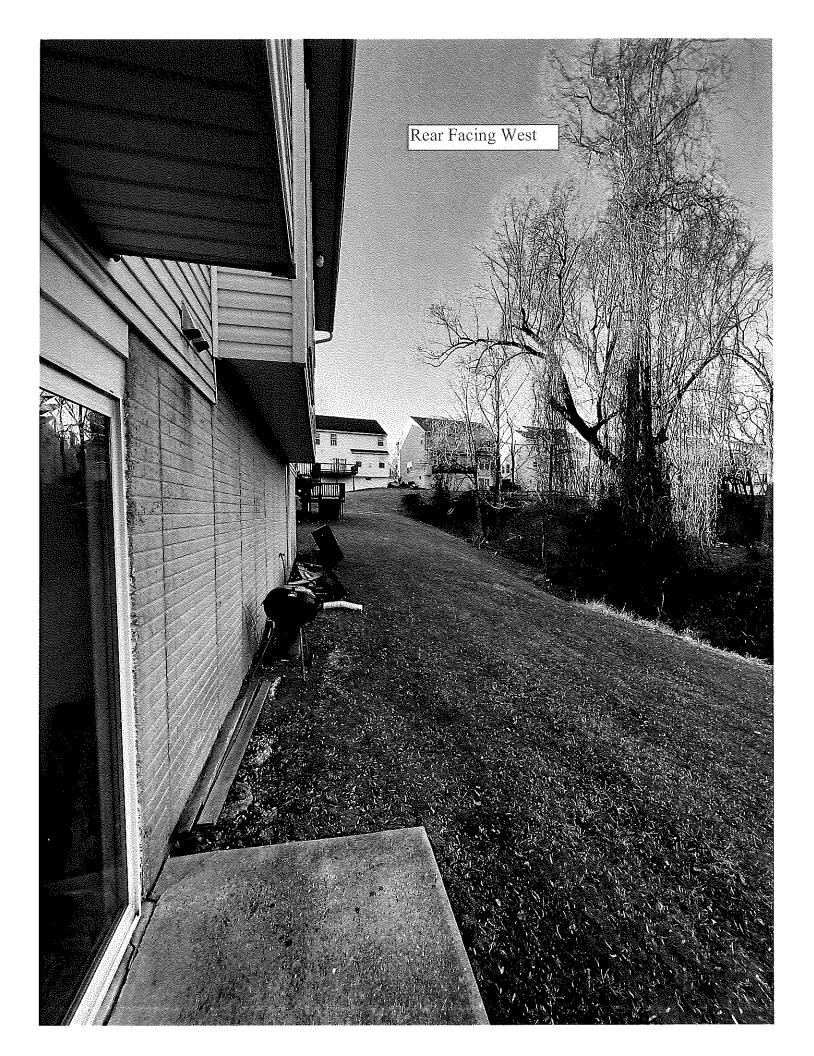
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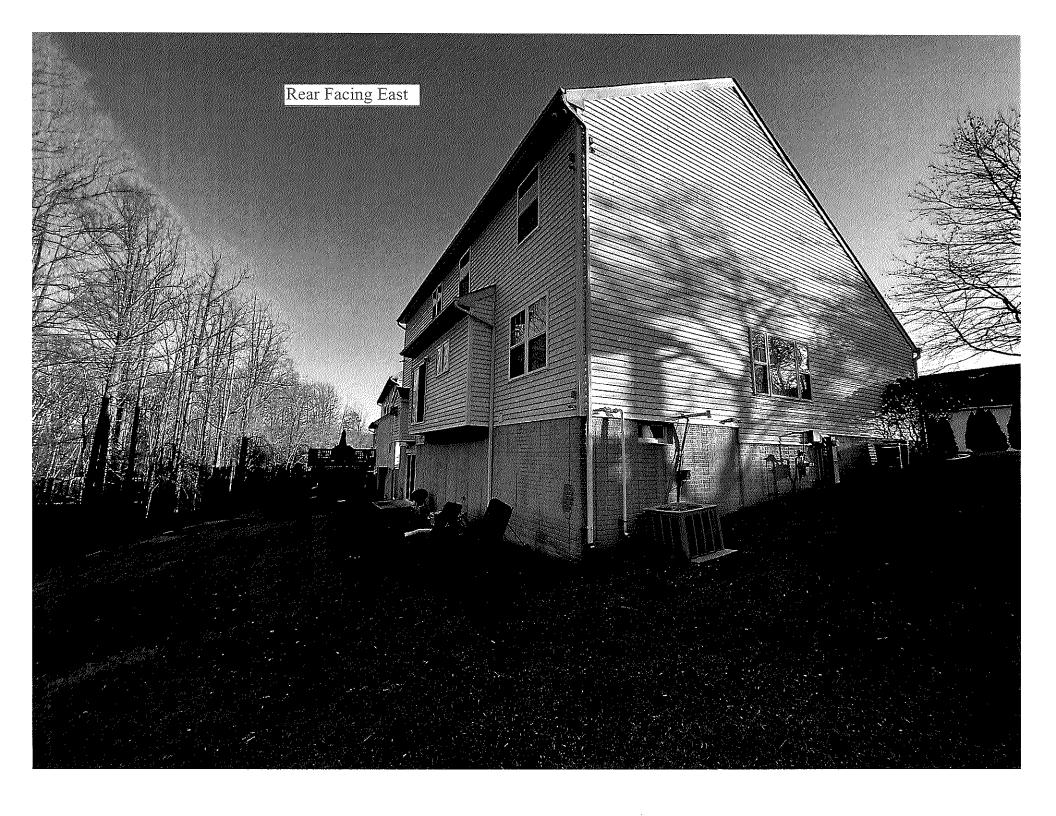
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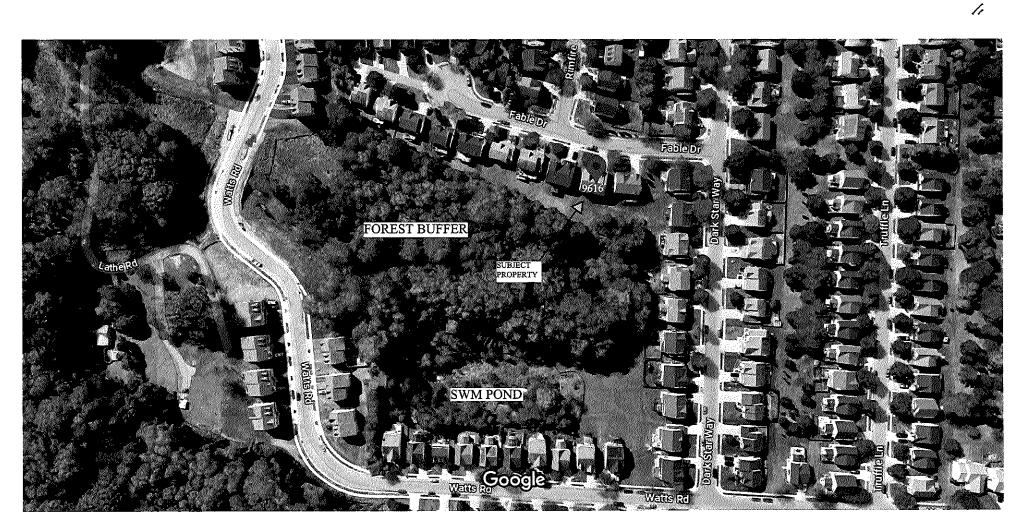




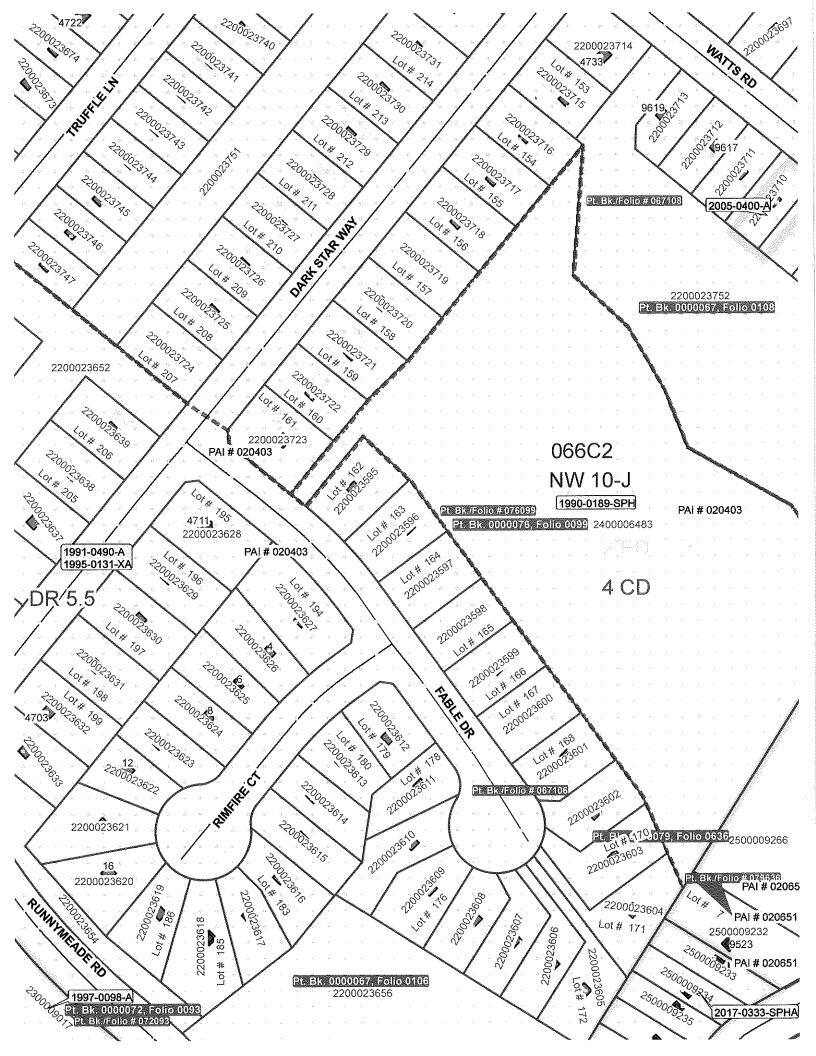


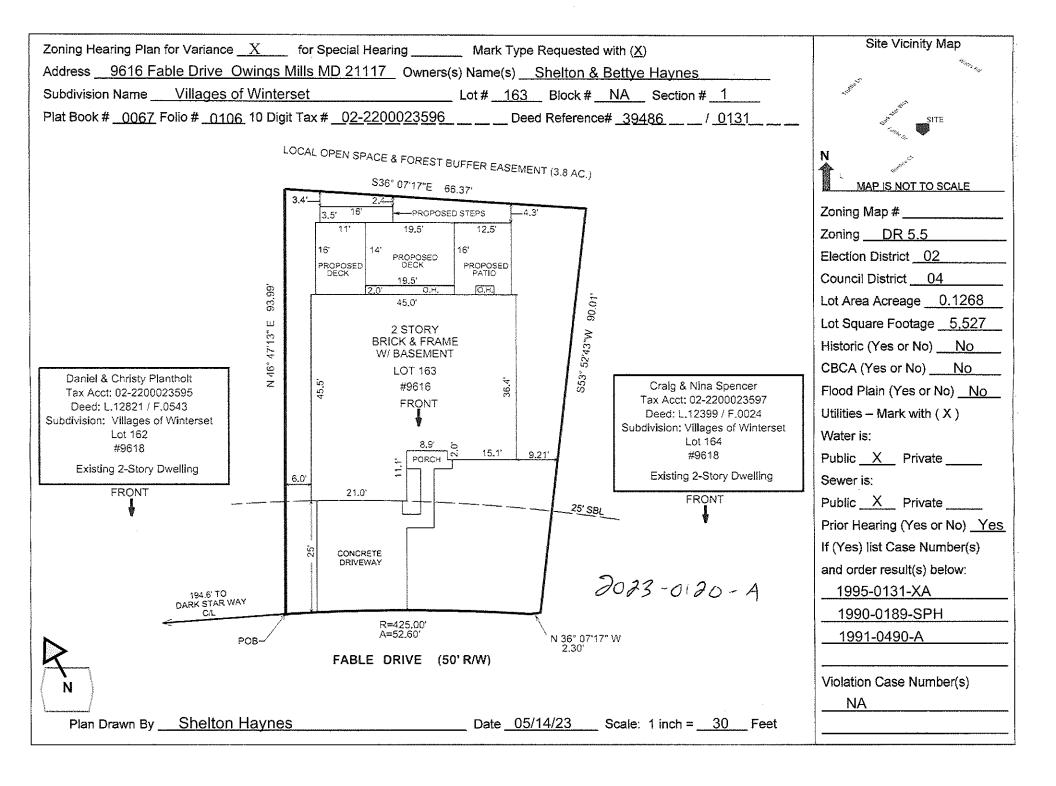


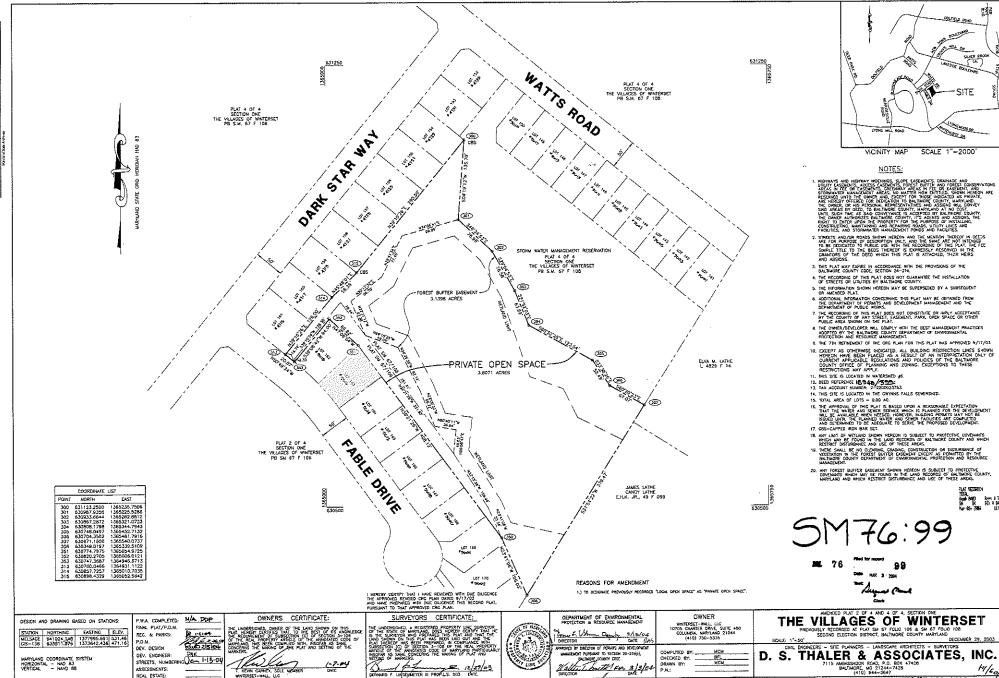
Aerial Map - Showing Forest Buffer and SWM Pond



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