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Administrative Law Judge

August 25, 2023

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305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502
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RE:

Petition for Variance

Case No. 2023-0133-A

Property: 8917 A Chesapeake Avenue

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,

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

Mauren Z. Murphy

MEM:dlm Enclosure

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (8917 A Chesapeake Avenue)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District
7<sup>th</sup> Council District
Colin Eberwein and Emily Muth
Legal Owners

\* BEFORE THE

\* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS OF

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2023-0133-A

**Petitioners** 

## **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Variance filed by Colin Eberwein and Emily Muth ("Petitioners") for property located at 8917 A Chesapeake Avenue, Miller's Island (the "Property"). Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §1B01.2.C.b and §301.1.A: To permit a front yard setback of 0 ft. for an open porch in lieu of the required open projection setback of 18.75 ft. and a house 5 ft. from a future road widening area (15 ft. from the edge of the existing street) in lieu of the required 25 ft. in a DR 5.5 zone.

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Brian Dietz, registered surveyor, who prepared and sealed a site plan (the "Site Plan") was present at the hearing on behalf of the Petitioners. (Pet. Ex. 2A). Timothy Kotroco and Matthew Kotroco represented the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Planning ("DOP"), Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS"), and Development Plans Review ("DPR") which agencies did not oppose the requested relief.

The Property is 7,146 sf waterfront lot and is improved with a brick and wood garage constructed in the 1930s which served the home at 8917 Chesapeake Ave. (Pet. Ex. 1A -1I). It is zoned Density Residential (DR 5.5). In or about 2010, the prior owners of the Property, Jay S. Thorpe and Elaine L. Thorpe, filed for a lot line adjustment (DRC 0421031) for 8917 Chesapeake Ave. in order to create a separate lot (Lot 14) which is the Property here. (Pet. Exs. 5, 6). The property at 8917 Chesapeake Ave. then became Lot 15. Deeds were recorded in Land Records of Baltimore County (Liber 30352, folio 81; Liber 30352, folio 87) to reflect the newly created lots. (Pet. Exs. 5, 6).

Petitioners purchased the Property from the Thorpes in 2022 and plan to construct a 1,560 sf, 3-story home as shown on the architectural renderings. (Pet. Ex. 3A-3C). The existing garage will be razed. The front porch will face the street. (Pet. Ex. 3A). At the request of DEPS and to comply the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations ("CBCA"), the home is proposed to be setback from the water 74 ft. in order that it would be equidistant with the home at 8917. However, in moving the proposed home away from the water, the front porch is now located with a 10 ft. future road widening area. On that issue, as shown in the street view photographs, the existing road is partly paved and partly gravel with minimal traffic generated by the residents of Millers Island. Mr. Dietz testified that that there are no plans by the County to widen Chesapeake Avenue and that there would be no reason to do so given the minimal traffic. Nevertheless, prior to construction, Petitioners will rotate the front porch steps to remove them from the 10 ft. future roadway widening. The Property is located within a floodplain.

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).

I find that the Property is unique due to its small size and shape. Most properties along the waterfront on Chesapeake Ave. are larger, older homes. Due to the unique shape and size, I find that the Petitioners will suffer a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship if the front yard setback of 18.75 ft., and setback from roadway of 25 ft., were imposed here because they would not be able to construct a modern, waterfront home. Compounding the physical limitations of the Property is the application of CBCA which requires that the proposed home to be setback from the water 74 ft. due to the existing 74 ft. setback for the home at 8917. The Property is also located within the floodplain. The application of all of these regulations in combination would prohibit the construction of a home. I also find that the requested variance relief can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR and without injury to the health, safety or general welfare, particularly in light of the lack of opposition.

Based on the evidence, it does not appear that the County may never widen Chesapeake Avenue but nonetheless, Petitioners will change the architectural drawings to rotate the front porch steps outside of the 10 ft roadway widening.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> day of August, 2023, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR, §§ 1B01.2.C.b and 301.1.A: To permit a front yard setback of 0 ft. for an open porch in lieu of the required open projection setback of 18.75 ft. and a house 5 ft. from a future road widening area (15 ft. from the edge of the existing street) in lieu of the required 25 ft. in a DR 5.5 zone, it is hereby, **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to 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. Petitioners must comply with the DOP, DEPS and DPR ZAC comments were are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

Mauren E. Murphy

Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

MEM/dlm



PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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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# **PETITION FOR VARIANCE**

### Legal Owner (Petitioner):

Colin Eberwein & Emily Muth 4305 Penn Avenue Nottingham, MD 21236

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2023-0133-A

# **Colin Eberwein & Emily Muth**

### 8917A CHESAPEAKE AVE

### **ATTACHMENT NO. 1**

# **PETITION FOR VARIANCE**

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Zoning Property Description for 8917A Chesapeake Avenue, Sparrows Point, MD, 21219

Beginning at a point on the south side of a 10 foot future road widening along Chesapeake Avenue which currently is 18 feet wide at the distance of 534 feet from the centerline of the nearest improved interesting street Baylight Avenue which is 18 feet wide

Beginning for the same at a point on the division line between Lot 13 and Lot 14 as shown on a Plat entitled "Plat of Miller's Island Land Co." and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.P.C. No. 7, folio 26, said point being South 27 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 10.00 fee from the south side of Chesapeake Avenue, 20 feet wide, as shown on said plat; thence running for a new line of division along the south side of a future highway widening are (1) North 64 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East 55.00 feet; thence leaving said highway widening line and running for a new line of division through Lot 14 as shown on said Plat (2) South 27 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 130.00 feet; thence (3) South 64 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds West 55.00feet; thence binding on part of the division line between Lot 13 and Lot 14 as shown on said Plat (4) North 27 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds West 130.00 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.164 acres of land, more or less, with the courses referenced to the Maryland State Coordinate System (NAD 83/91).

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. Pete Gutwald

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

**DATE:** 7/14/2023

FROM:

Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2023-133-A

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

8917A Chesapeake Avenue

Petitioner:

Colin Eberwein and Emily Muth

Zoning:

DR 5.5

Requested Action: Variance

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

Variance(s) -

1. Pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) Sections 1B01.2.C.1.b and 301.1.A to permit a front yard setback of 0' for an open porch in lieu of the required open projection setback of 18.75': and

2. To permit a house 5' from a future road widening area (15' from the edge of the existing street) in lieu of the required 25' in a DR 5.5 zone.

The subject site is an approximately 7,146 square foot waterfront parcel in the Sparrows Point area. The lot measures roughly 55' in width and 140' in length. The site is currently improved with a garage, a driveway, and a concrete paving sea wall. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is mapped Limited Development Area. Per the submitted Zoning Petition and site plan, the property owners wish to construct a three-story single-family detached dwelling with an open front porch and a rear deck. The dwelling is proposed to be 30' x 52'.

The site is within the boundaries of the following community plans: the Greater Dundalk-Edgemere Community Conservation Plan, the Eastern Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan, and the Eastern Baltimore County Revitalization Strategy. The Greater Dundalk-Edgemere Community Conservation Plan, adopted March 20th, 2000, discusses how much of an asset the waterfront is and recognizes it as being a great place to live.

The Department of Planning contacted the representative for the petition on July 3rd, 2023 seeking additional information on if the property owner explored the possibility of locating the dwelling further back on the lot and what the hardships or practical difficulties are. In a July 5th, 2023 reply, the representative explained that the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) has a policy in the Buffer Management Manual that a new proposed dwelling cannot be any closer to the water than the furthest of their two neighbors; this measurement is taken from the closest wall of "living space" that a neighbor has. 8719 Chesapeake Avenue has been razed (Razing Permit Number R22-08881 was issued in March of 2023 following the completion of the engineer's survey), so only 8915 Chesapeake Avenue remains to measure from DEPS determined that the new dwelling at 8917 A Chesapeake Avenue could be as close as 74' to the water. Given that the lot is 140' in length, this setback means more than half the lot cannot be built on. It was also explained that the 10' future road widening area is from a previous lot line adjustment case. The property owner technically no longer owns this area, and their deed cites the road widening area as being the boundary on that side of the property.

The site plan and petition indicate that the proposed dwelling will be 15' from the existing edge of the street, which is a 5' setback from the proposed future road widening area. Between the proposed dwelling and the future road widening is a proposed open porch, which appears to be 5' in depth. The porch is setback 0' from the future road widening area. The steps of the porch appear to be within the future road widening area on the submitted site plan.

Although the lot appears to be able to accommodate a deeper front yard setback, the requirements from DEPS to set the dwelling no closer than 74' to the water and to maintain a lot coverage of 25% or less create a practical hardship or difficulty. Therefore, the Department of Planning has no objections to the requested relief, subject to the following condition:

The front porch steps shall not be in the future road widening area, as this is technically no longer
the property owners property. The Department of Planning recommends the steps be rotated to
access the porch from the side, or that the porch depth be reduced so the porch and steps fit within
the 5' setback from the future road widening area to the proposed dwelling.

Division Chief:

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

Prepared by:

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c: Matthew Kotroco
Michael Thomas, Community Planner
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Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review
Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review
Office of Administrative Hearings
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

#### **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:

July 17, 2023

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2023-133-A

Address:

8917-A CHESAPEAKE AVE

Legal Owner: Colin Eberwein, Emily Muth

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 3, 2023.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) has reviewed the subject zoning petition for compliance with the goals of the State-mandated Critical Area Law listed in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 500.14. Based upon this review, we offer the following comments:

1. Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

The subject property is located within a Limited Development Area (LDA), Modified Buffer Area (MBA), and is subject to Critical Area requirements. The applicant is seeking a special hearing to reduce zoning setback requirements. The proposed waterfront setback of the home is at the minimum allowed per MBA regulations, requiring the setback variance. Based on this, EPS has determined that adverse impacts on water quality from the pollutants discharged from the proposed development can be minimized with mitigation pursuant to Critical Area requirements.

2. Conserve fish, plant, and wildlife habitat;

This is a waterfront lot with a 100-foot Critical Area buffer extending onto the property from Back River. The proposed waterfront setback complies with Critical Area regulations. Meeting buffer requirements, lot coverage requirements, and the 15% afforestation requirement will aid in the conservation of fish, plant, and wildlife habitat in the watershed.

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3. Be consistent with established land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts.

If the proposed home meets buffer, lot coverage, and afforestation requirements, this development will be consistent with established land-use policies.

Reviewer: Marie Brady

### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

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DATE: June 7d, 2023

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

For June 20, 2023 Item No. 2023-0133-A

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

### **DPW&T** Comments:

A) The entire property is within the Tidal Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE (BFE=7.7) per panel FIRM 2400100560F dated 9/26/08. Must comply with Flood Plain Ordinance, See County Bill 40-15 (the latest edition of the Baltimore county Code) and Bill 42-15, and Section 32-4-414 of Article 32, Title 4 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended. Proposed Dwelling is located to the landward side of the LiMWA as shown on FIRM 2400100445G dated 5/5/14 as amended by LOMR 19-03-1117P effective 7/29/2019 and LOMR 19-03-1183P effective 12/31/19.

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The Department of Planning contacted the representative for the petition on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 seeking additional information on if the property owner explored the possibility of locating the dwelling further back on the lot and what the hardships or practical difficulties are. In a July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 reply, the representative explained that the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) has a policy in the Buffer Management Manual that a new proposed dwelling cannot be any closer to the water than the furthest of their two neighbors; this measurement is taken from the closest wall of "living space" that a neighbor has. 8719 Chesapeake Avenue has been razed (Razing Permit Number R22-08881

was issued in March of 2023 following the completion of the engineer's survey), so only 8915 Chesapeake Avenue remains to measure from. DEPS determined that the new dwelling at 8917 A Chesapeake Avenue could be as close as 74' to the water. Given that the lot is 140' in length, this setback means more than half the lot cannot be built on. It was also explained that the 10' future road widening area is from a previous lot line adjustment case. The property owner technically no longer owns this area, and their deed cites the road widening area as being the boundary on that side of the property.

The site plan and petition indicate that the proposed dwelling will be 15' from the existing edge of the street, which is a 5' setback from the proposed future road widening area. Between the proposed dwelling and the future road widening is a proposed open porch, which appears to be 5' in depth. The porch is setback 0' from the future road widening area. The steps of the porch appear to be within the future road widening area on the submitted site plan.

Although the lot appears to be able to accommodate a deeper front yard setback, the requirements from DEPS to set the dwelling no closer than 74' to the water and to maintain a lot coverage of 25% or less create a practical hardship or difficulty. Therefore, the Department of Planning has no objections to the requested relief, subject to the following condition:

1. The front porch steps shall not be in the future road widening area, as this is technically no longer the property owners property. The Department of Planning recommends the steps be rotated to access the porch from the side, or that the porch depth be reduced so the porch and steps fit within the 5' setback from the future road widening area to the proposed dwelling.

**Division Chief:** 

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

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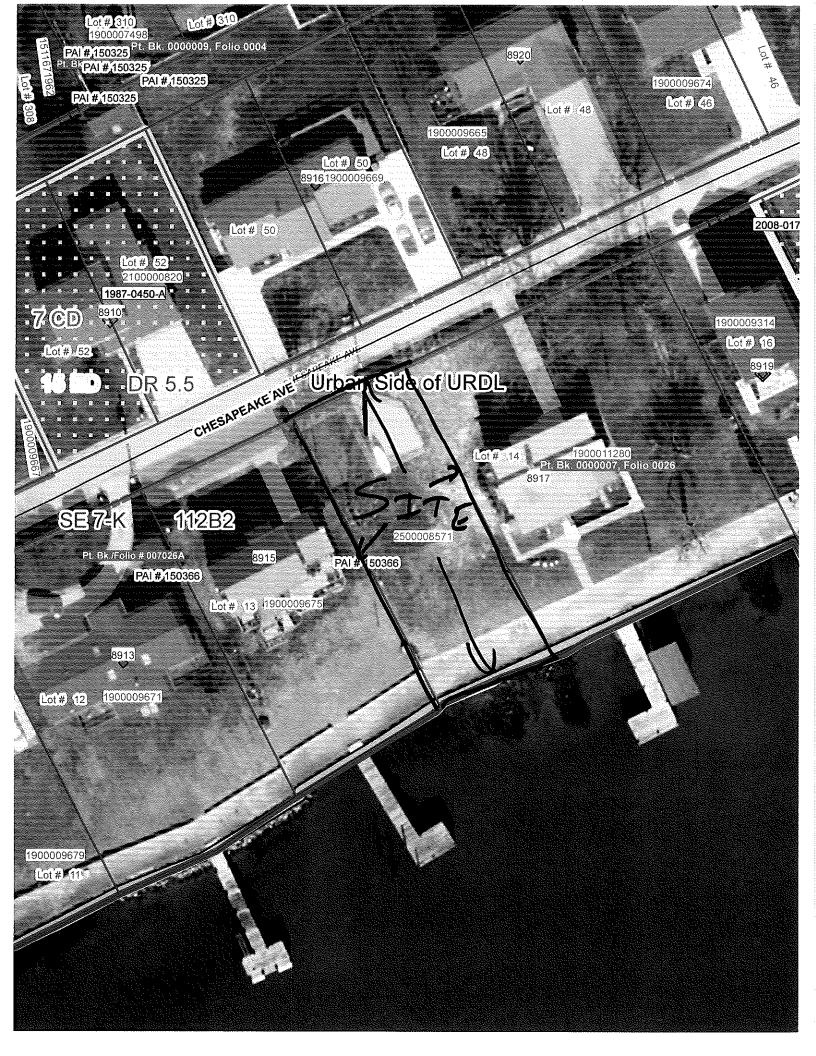
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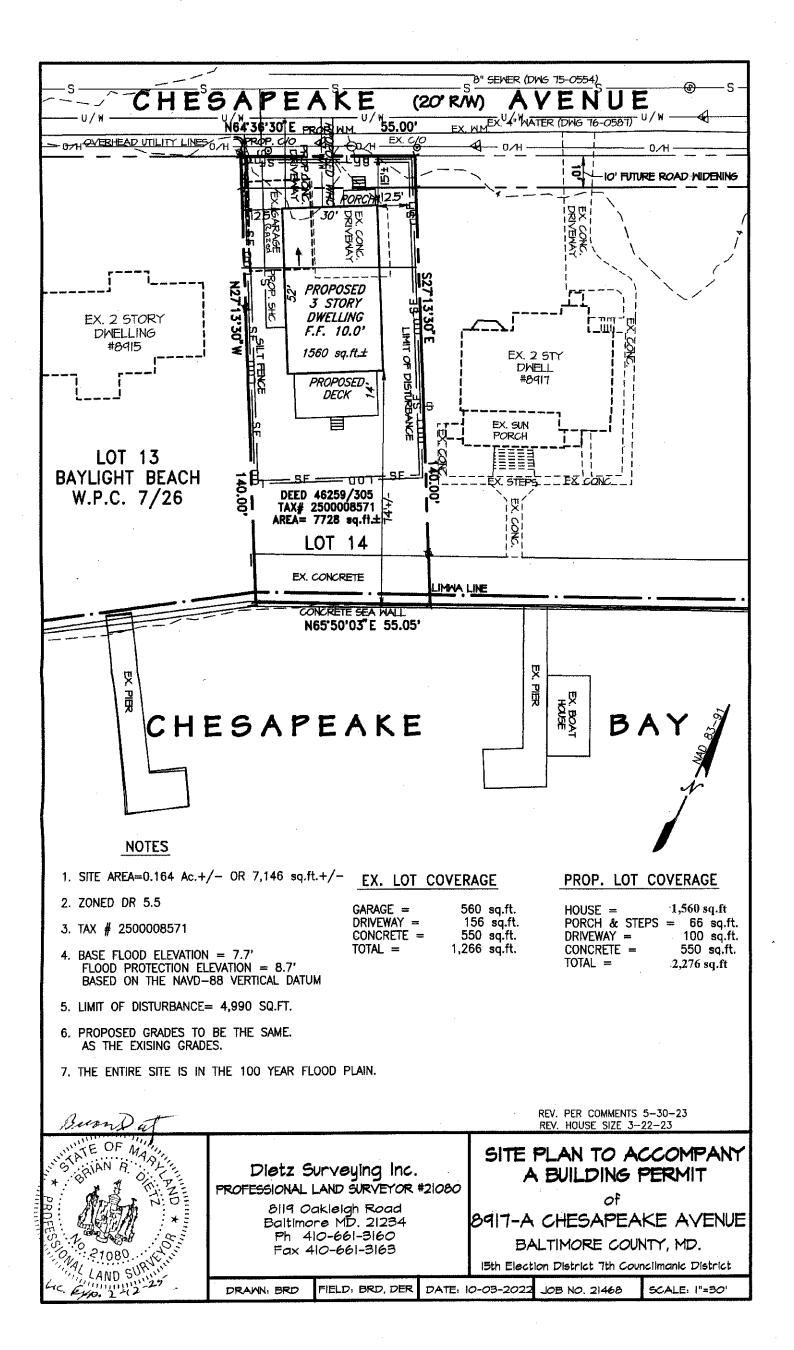
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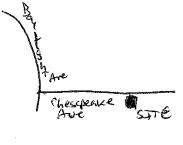
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