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Chief Administrative Law Judge
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DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER
Administrative Law Judge

June 26, 2024

Christine Tracey – <u>chrissy.tracey@stepstonegroup.com</u> 12209 Park Heights Avenue Owings Mills, MD 21117

RE:

Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 2024-0139-A

Property: 12209 Park Heights Avenue

Dear Ms. Tracey:

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,

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

DJB:dlw Enclosure IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * BEFORE THE (12209 Park Heights Avenue)

4th Election District * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

2nd Council District

* HEARINGS FOR

Christine Tracey

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2024-0139-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Christine Tracey ("Petitioner"), for the property located at 12209 Park Heights Avenue, Owings Mills (the "Property"). The Petitioner is requesting variance relief pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), Section 400.4.A.1.a, to allow an accessory apartment to exceed one-third of the dwelling's floor area. The subject property and requested relief are more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Street view photographs were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 2A-2E.

The Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. A ZAC comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEP"), on June 20, 2024, indicating the following:

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The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 9, 2024 and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code ("BCC"). Based upon the information available, 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 to satisfy the requirements of Section 307.1 of the BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR would cause practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship for the Petitioner.

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 <u>26th</u> day of **June**, **2024**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), Section 400.4.A.1.a, to allow an accessory apartment to exceed one-third of the dwelling's floor area, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for her appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt
 of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time
 is at her own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order
 has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be
 required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original
 condition.
- Petitioner must comply with the DEPS ZAC Comment, received on June 20, 2024; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

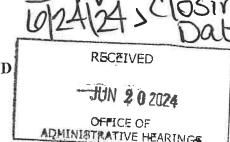
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DEREK L BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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:

June 10, 2024

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2024-0139-A

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Legal Owner: Christine Tracey

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BOOK: 44520 PAGE: 481

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Christine A. Tracey FKA Christine A. McDowell, whose mailing address is 12209 Park Heights Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117, hereinafter grantor, for \$1.00 (One Dollar and Zero Cents) in consideration paid, grants and quitclaims to Christine A. Tracey, hereinafter grantee, whose tax mailing address is 12209 Park Heights Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117, with quitclaim covenants, all right, title, interest and claim to the following land in the following real property:

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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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ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

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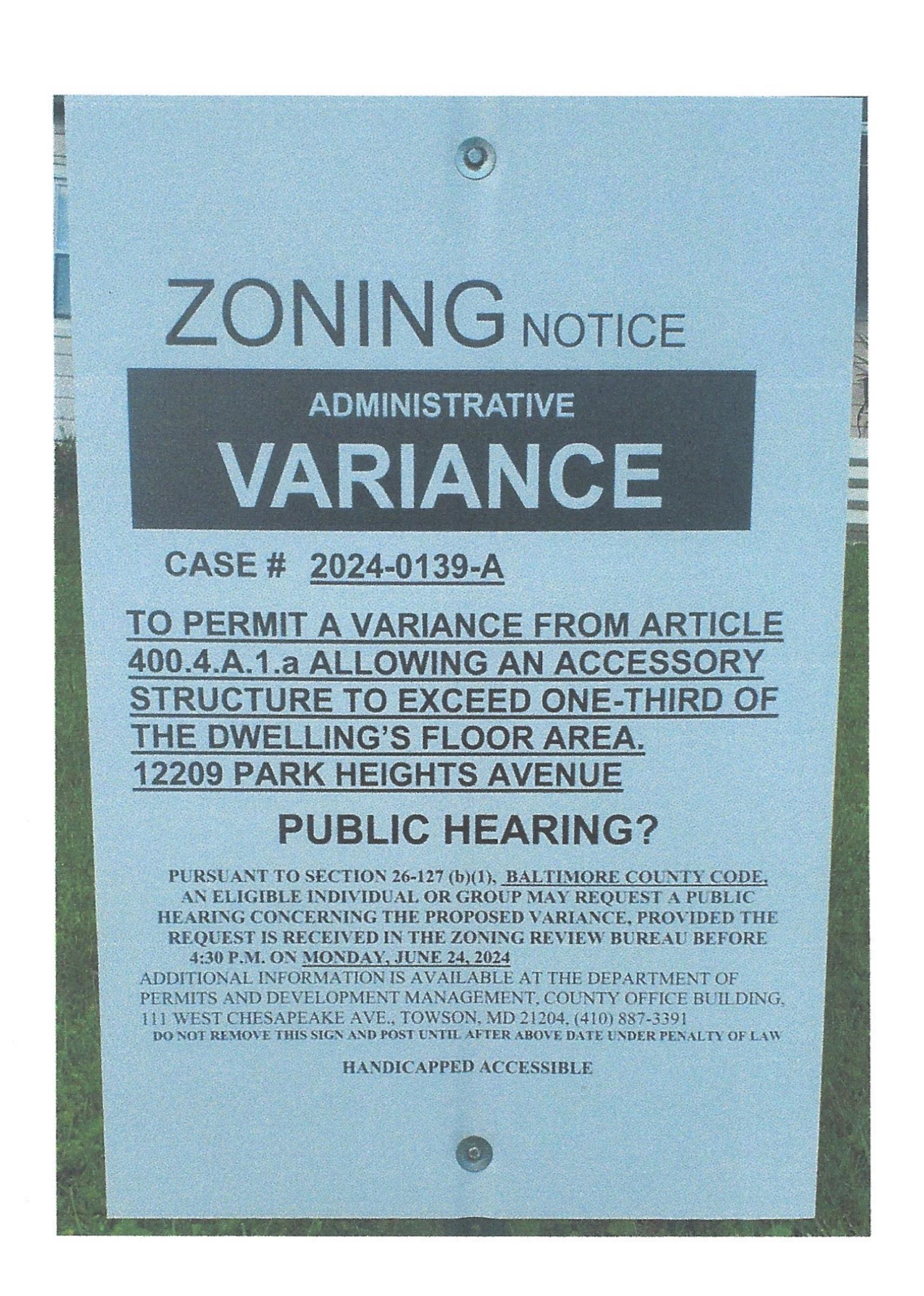
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Date of Closing: JUNE 24, 2024

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: 12209 PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE

The sign(s) were posted on: JUNE 9. 2024



(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, MD 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410-666-5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: June 10, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM: Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0139-A

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: No comment.

Recreations & Parks: No Greenways affected.

VKD: sc cc: file

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



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

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Real Property Data Search () Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

View Map	View GroundRei	nt Redemption	View	GroundRent Registra	ation
Special Tax Recaptur	e: None				
Account Identifier:	District - 0	4 Account Numl	per - 0407047400		
		Owner Info	rmation		
Owner Name:	TRACEY	CHRISTINE A	Use: Principal Reside	RESIDENTIAL nce:YES	
Mailing Address:		RK HEIGHTS AVE MILLS MD 21117-	Deed Reference:	/44520/ 00481	
	Locat	ion & Structu	ıre Informatio	n	
Premises Address:		RK HEIGHTS AVE MILLS 21117-	Legal Descriptio	n: 1.07 AC 12209 PARK HEIO ADJ CHARLES S	
Map: Grid: Parcel: I 0049 0018 0201		ubdivision: Se	ction: Block: Lo	t: Assessment Year: 2022	Plat No: Plat Ref:
Town: None					
Primary Structure Bu 1931	ilt Above Grade Liv 1,452 SF	ing Area Finish	ed Basement Area	Property Land Area 1.0700 AC	County Use
Stories Basement Typ	oe Exter	-	alf Bath Garage La	st Notice of Major Im	provements

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments			
		As of 01/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023	As of 07/01/2024		
Land:	90,600	90,600				
Improvements	107,700	139,100				
Total:	198,300	229,700	219,233	229,700		
Preferential Land:	0	0				

Transfer Information

Seller: MCDOWELL CHRISTINE A Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Date: 04/19/2021 Deed1: /44520/ 00481	Price: \$0 Deed2:
Seller: GOETZ HELEN MAY Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	Date: 10/20/2011 Deed1: /31309/ 00384	Price: \$190,000 Deed2:
Seller: GOETZ JOHN H,JR Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Date: 10/18/1999 Deed1: /14096/ 00652	Price: \$0 Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessme	nts: Class	07/01/2023	07/01/2024
County:	000	0.00	
State:	000	0.00	
Municipal:	000	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

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Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: Approved 01/03/2012

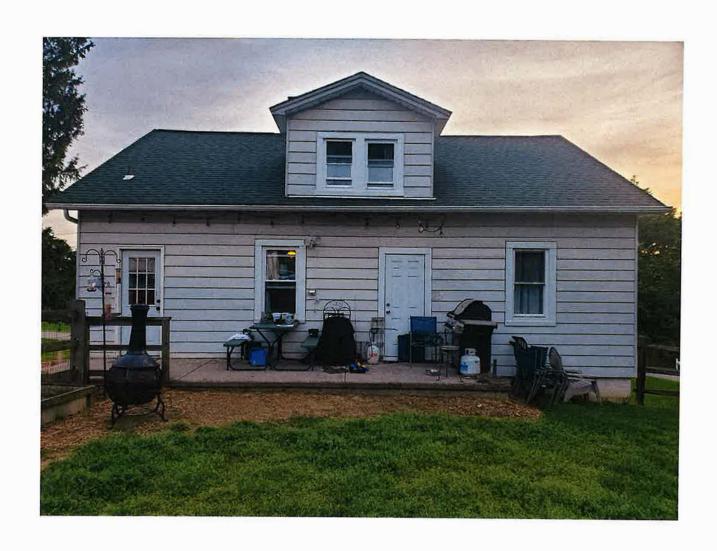
Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

 $\textbf{Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status:} \ No \ Application \textbf{Date:}$

Location of Photograph - Front of House



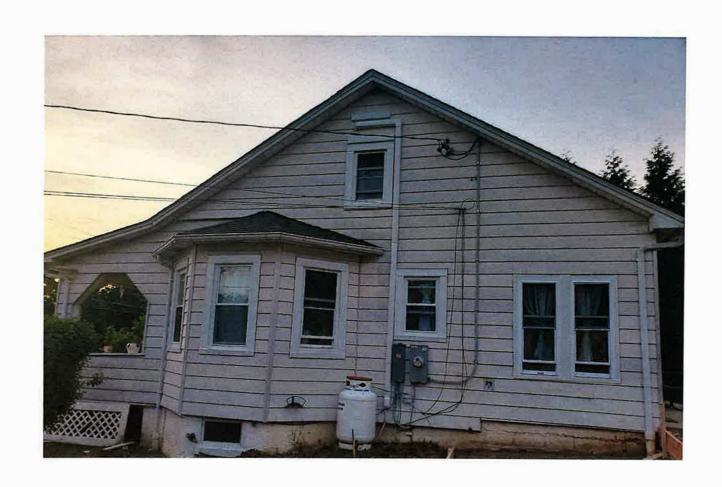
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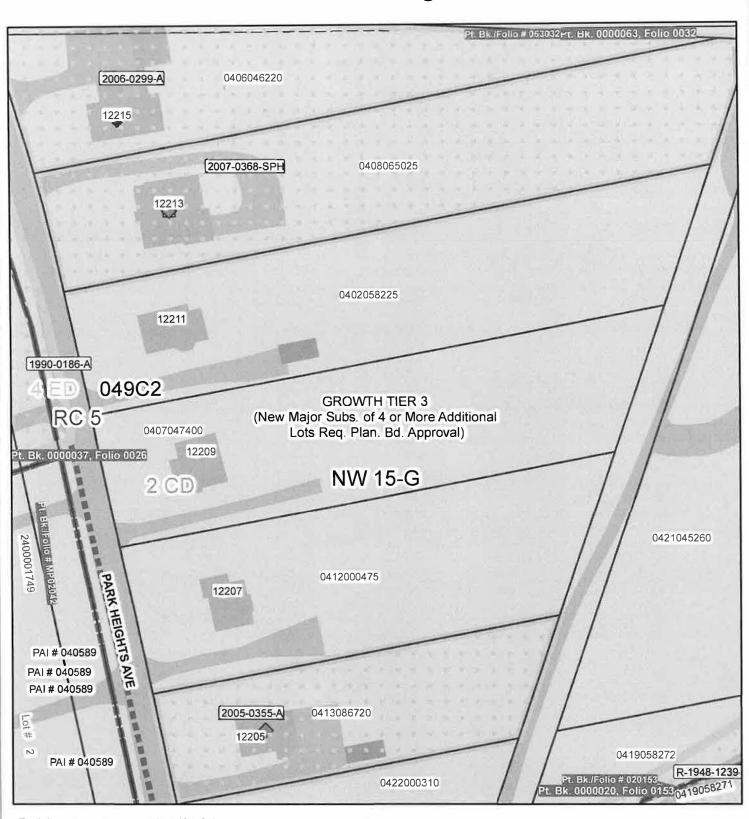
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12209 Park Heights Ave

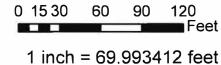


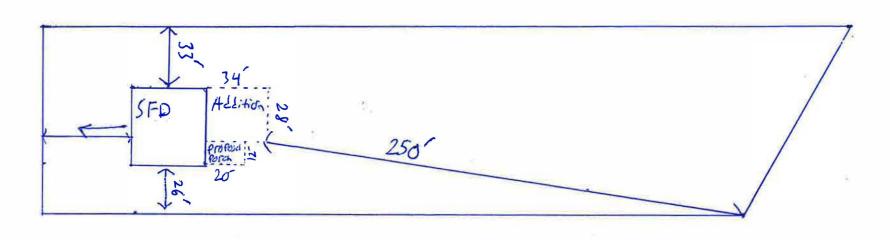
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Publication Agency: Permits, Approvals & Inspections Projection/Datum: Maryland State Plane, FIPS 1900, NAD 1983/91 HARN, US Foot







Foring Map#: 0049

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Loi Acrege: 1.07 Ac

Historic: No

CBCA: No

Flood Plain: No

water: Private

Sewer: Private

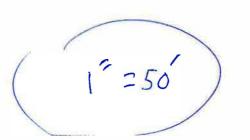
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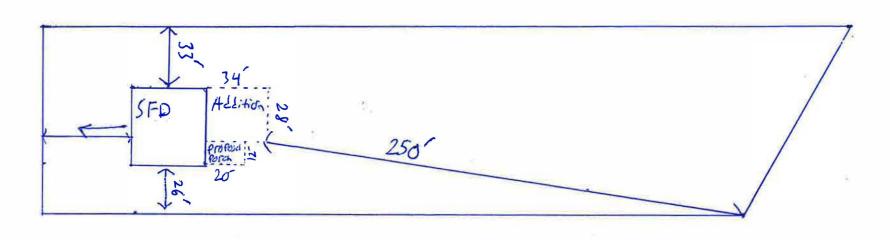
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