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Administrative Law Judge

September 10, 2024

Leonard R. Sligh – <u>lsligh3315@gmail.com</u> 2043 Sue Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21221

RE:

Petition for Variance

Case No. 2024-0170-A

Property: 2052 Holly Neck Road

Dear Mr. Sligh:

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

c: Deborah Cascio - <u>deborahcascio@verizon.net</u>

Keith - bfoy2008@gmail.com

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(2052 Holly Neck Road) 15 <sup>th</sup> Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
7 <sup>th</sup> Council District Deborah Cascio & James Taylor	*	HEARINGS OF
Legal Owners Leonard R. Sligh	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Contract Purchaser/Lessee	*	CASE NO. 2024-0170-A
Petitioners		
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## OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Variance filed by Deborah Cascio and James Taylor, legal owners and Leonard R. Sligh, contract purchaser ("Petitioners") for property located at 2052 Holly Neck Road, Essex (the "Property"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), § 1A04.3.B.2.b, to approve a proposed dwelling with a setback of 46 ft. in lieu of the required 150 ft. from the centerline of any collector road (Holly Neck Road).

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing and was held on September 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Petitioners, Deborah Casio and Leonard Sligh appeared at the hearing. There were no interested parties or protestants at the hearing.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Planning ("DOP") the Department of Public Works and Transportation ("DPWT) and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS")

The Property is approximately 2.26 acres and is zoned RC 5. The Petitioners want to construct a single-family dwelling on the property. The property is surrounded by detached residential dwellings, agricultural activities, and areas designed for forest conservation and forest

buffer easements.

Mr. Sligh testified that the subject property faces Holly Neck Road and is part of a parcel which was the previously subject of Case No. 2018 0024-SPH involving Petitioner Casio's property located to the east of the subject property, fronting 1937 Silver Lane. As a result of that case, the Petitioners entered into a Critical Area Easement with Baltimore County that occupies roughly 80% of the subject property. (Pet. Ex. 2) Mr. Sligh explained that the Petitioners are proposing the construction of an approx. 1,344 sq ft. house and garage fronting Holly Neck Road on the limited area unaffected by the Critical Area Easement. (Pet. Ex. 12) He noted that the existence of the easement restricts the ability to set back the proposed dwelling further from the road, thus causing the need for the requested variance relief. Mr. Sligh provided photos of dwellings in the immediate area that have similar set backs and that have less than the 1.5 acre lots as proposed in the instant case. (Pet. Ex. 6-11) Additionally, Mr. Sligh explained that the modest size of the proposed dwelling is also in keeping with the surrounding community. As noted on the site plan, the dense wooded area to either side of the proposed dwelling with further shield it from the view of the nearest neighbors. (Pet. Ex. 4, 12, 13) Additionally, Petitioners offered into evidence a Petition signed by several members of the surrounding community in support of the proposed relief. (Pet. Ex. 14)

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 fact that 80 % of the subject property is encompassed by a Critical Area Easement clearly satisfies the "uniqueness" requirement in the *Cromwell* analysis. The restraints caused by this easement prohibit the Petitioners from setting the proposed dwelling further back from the Holly Neck Road. Additionally, I find that the Petitioners will suffer a practical difficulty if variance relief were denied in that the proposed modest dwelling could not be constructed. I further find that the Variance relief here is within the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and that they will not harm the public health, safety or welfare, particularly in light of the lack of opposition.

Accordingly, the Petitioners' request for variance relief is GRANTED.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>10<sup>th</sup></u> day of **September 2024**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR, §1A04.3.B.2.b, to approve a proposed dwelling with a setback of 46 ft. in lieu of the required 150 ft. from the centerline of any collector road (Holly Neck Road). , be and is hereby **GRANTED**; and

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 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 shall comply with conditions set forth in the DOP, DEPS and DPWT comments and are attached hereto.
- 3. The Site Plan (Pet. Ex. 15) is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

ANDREW M. BELT

Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

AMB/dlm

## **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND** INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. Pete Gutwald

**DATE:** 8/2/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0170-A

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 2052 Holly Neck Road

Petitioner:

Deborah J. Cascio and James C. Taylor

Zoning:

RC 5

Requested Action: Variance

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

Variance - From Section(s) BCZR 1A04.3.B.2.b. to approve a proposed dwelling with a setback of 46 ft in lieu of the required 150 ft from the center line of any collector road (Holly Neck Rd)

The subject property is located on the east side of Silver Lane, 933 feet northeast of the centerline of Cedar Creek Road in the Essex area of Baltimore County. It encompasses approximately 115,702 square feet and is zoned RC 5. The applicant intends to build a single-family dwelling on the property. The property is surrounded by detached residential dwellings, agricultural activities, and areas designated for forest conservation and forest buffer easements.

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The applicant cited the following practical hardships and justifications regarding this variance request:

1. Without the requested variance, the property would be unbuildable. Constructing the proposed modest home of 1,344 sq. ft., including a garage, would not be feasible.

- 2. The requested variance aligns with the character of adjoining properties in the neighborhood. Some properties are close to the road, while others are not, as evidenced by the attached pictures.
- 3. The hardship is not a result of any actions by the purchaser/builder.
- 4. The property will be used for a single-family home. The proposed home will be a well-received addition to the community, with a height not exceeding 29 feet, an off-street driveway for safe parking, and a mailbox at the front.
- 5. The proposed house will fit well with the existing community, which includes relatively new adjoining properties and some well-kept older homes.

The Department of Planning believes that the requested relief is consistent with similar requests and designs in the neighborhood and does not alter the character of the RC 5 zone. The Department has no objections to this variance request, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This site is subject to the RC 5 Performance Standards as listed in Section 1A04.4 of the BCZR.
- 2. A detailed architectural elevation must be submitted to the Department of Planning for review at permitting.
- The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the proposed garage into a dwelling unit
  or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area or kitchen
  facilities.
- 4. The garage shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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

Division Chief:

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

SL/JGN/KP

c: Leonard Sligh, Representative
Maria Mougridis, Community Planner
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. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

August 12, 2024

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2024-0170-A

Address:

2052 HOLLY NECK ROAD

Legal Owner: Deborah Cascio, James Taylor

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 5, 2024.

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2. Conserve fish, wildlife, and plant habitat;

With a Critical Area Easement protecting the Critical Area buffer and forest (about 80 per cent of the property), and the zoning relief requested, the development of the property can result in the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plant habitat in the Critical Area.

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.

By meeting all Critical Area lot coverage, buffer, and forest requirements, and by minimizing impacts to the principal structure setback measured off the outer limits of the Critical Area Easement, the development can be consistent with established landuse policies.

Reviewer: Paul Dennis, Environmental Impact Review

## **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

**DATE:** July 30, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

Case 2024-0170-A

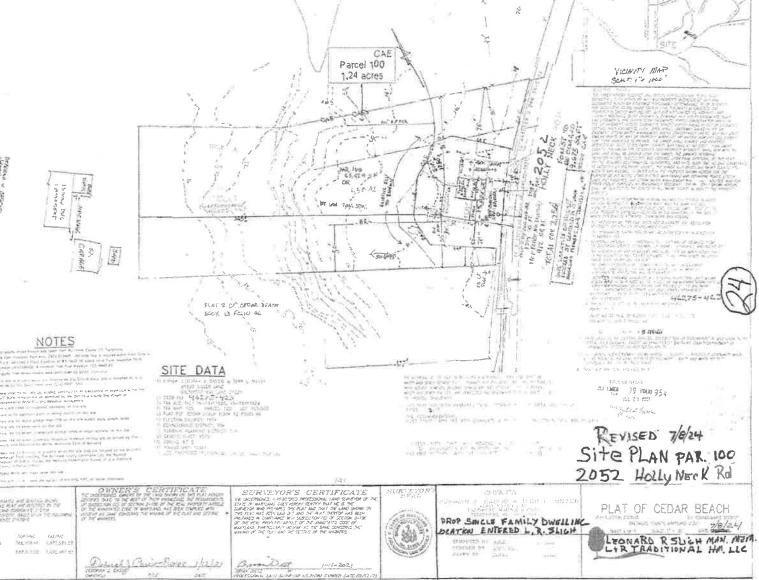
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## **PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)** To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections To the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County for the property located at: 2/22/ Currently Zoned 423 10 Digit Tax Account # Deed Reference 10 Owner(s) Printed Name(s) DEBORAH J. (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST) The undersigned, who own and occupy the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the plan/plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for an: a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for Variance from Section(s) BCZR 1A04.3.B.2.b To approve a proposed dwelling with a setback of 46 ft in lieu of the required 150 ft from the center line of any collector road (Holly Neck Rd) 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) SEE AHACHMENT Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I/ we agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to be bound 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). Legal Owners (Petitioners): Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Type or Print Name - Type or Signature #1 Signature DEBORAL CASELO lailing Address LSHGH331506MAL QUELLOSU @ **Email Address** Email Address COM Zip Code Telephone #'s (Cell and Home) Zip Code Representative to be contacted: Attorney for Petitioner: 611 Name - Type or non Signature Signature 2043 Mailing Address Mailing Address LSligh GMAIL.COM Telephone # Zip Code Email Address Zip Code Do Not Schedule Dates Reviewer Filing Date\_

## ATTACHMENT I

A. The first step requires the petitioner to prove, to the satisfaction of the ALJ, that the property whereon structures are to be placed (or uses conducted) is unique, unusual, and different from the surrounding properties such that the uniqueness causes the zoning provision to impact more on the subject property than on the surrounding properties.

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TO HAVE A SMALL BACK YARD AND NOT ENCROPHING INTO READ

CAF I AM ASKING FOR A 35' FRONT YARD SETBACK

1. "To prove undue hardship for a use variance, the following three criteria must be met:

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PLANTINGS PICTURES

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2. To provide practical difficulty for an area variance, the following criteria must be met:

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B. The second step of the test requires that the petitioner must demonstrate that strict compliance with the BCZR would result in either practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. The Court of Special Appeals in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, stated:

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ADDITION TO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY WITH A

HEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 29' A OFF STREET DRIVE WAY

FOR SAFE PACKING. MAILBOX POSTED & FRONT ONLY,

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HOUSE WILL BE A GOOD FIT.

## ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR

2052 Hollyneck Rd (Parcel 100)

Beginning at a point on the West side of Hollyneck Rd which is 21 feet wide at a distance of 273 feet Northeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Golupski Rd which is 20 feet wide.

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# PROPERTY DISCRIPTION OPTION II.

BEING LOT# 520 BLOCK 12 SECTION 1204.4

OF THE SUBDIVISION CELAR BEACH
AS RECORDED IN THE BALTIMORS COUNTY
PLAT BOOK 12 FOLIO 123 CONTAINING
65.423 5Q FT AND 1.502 ACRES
LOCATED IN THE 15th ELECTION DISTRIC
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## **FOR** SILVER LANE LOTS 505 AND 506 & PART OF PARCEL 100 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 2122 15<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the Eastside of Silver Lane 40 feet wide; 933 ' Northeasterly from the centerline intersection of Cedar Creek Road 50' wide;

Thence running along Silver Lane the following 2 (Two) courses and distances:

- 1) North 37°-17'-57" East 50.00 feet to a point;
- 2) North 37°-39'-57" East 49.38 feet to a point;

Thence leaving said lane the following 5 (five) courses and distances;

- 3) South 52°-20'-03" East 150.44 feet to a point;
- 4) South 59°-29'-03" East 161.81 feet to a point:
- 5) South 30°-30'-57" West 168.86 feet to a point;
- 6) North 59°-28'-44" West 203.02 feet to a point;
- 7) North 22°-58'-11" West 149.44 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing 50,285 Square Feet or 1,154 Acres more or less

Being known as lots 505 and 506 shown on a plat entitled plat of Cedar Beach Book 12 Folio 90 which is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland and parcel 100

recorded in deed Liber 34752 Folio 123.

Civil Engineers / Land Planners / Surveyors - 1249 Engleberth Road / Baltimore, Maryland 21221 / 410-391-2336

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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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Case Number: 2019-0170-A  Property Address: 3052 Hally neck Rd (Parcel 109)  Baltimize no 21221
Legal Owners (Petitioners): <u>Jeborah Cascio</u> Tames Taylor Contract Purchaser/Lessee: <u>Leonard Sizh</u>
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Company/Firm (if applicable): Leonard Stigh  Address: 2043 She Are  Baltinare no 21221
Telephone Number: 443-992-3163

<sup>\*</sup>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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TOWSON, MD 21204
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WWW.BALTIMORECOUNTYMD.GO

Cashier: Tyler C.
Transaction 102411

Total

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Certificate of Posting

Case# <u>2024-0170-A</u> Petitioner/Developer Leonard Sligh

Date of Hearing/Closing September 9, 2024

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Management County Office Building Room 111; 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson Md. 21204 Attention:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to certify under penalties of perjury that the necessary sign/signs required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 2052 Holly Neck Road on August 17, 2024. Signs 1A & 1B

Sincerely, Martin Ogle

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9912 Maidbrook Road

Parkville, Md. 21234

443-629-3411

## **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 (DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: August 12, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0170-A

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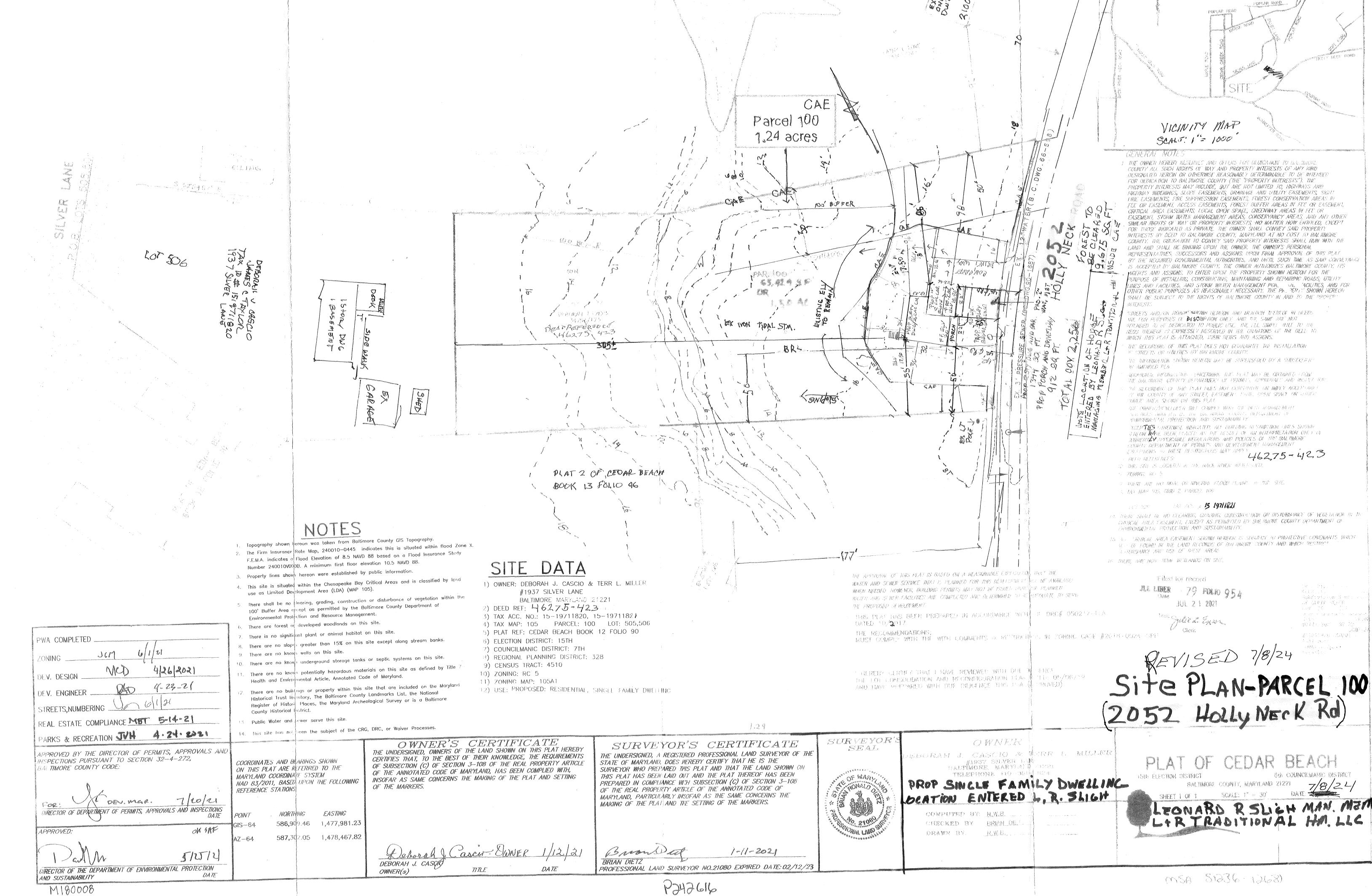
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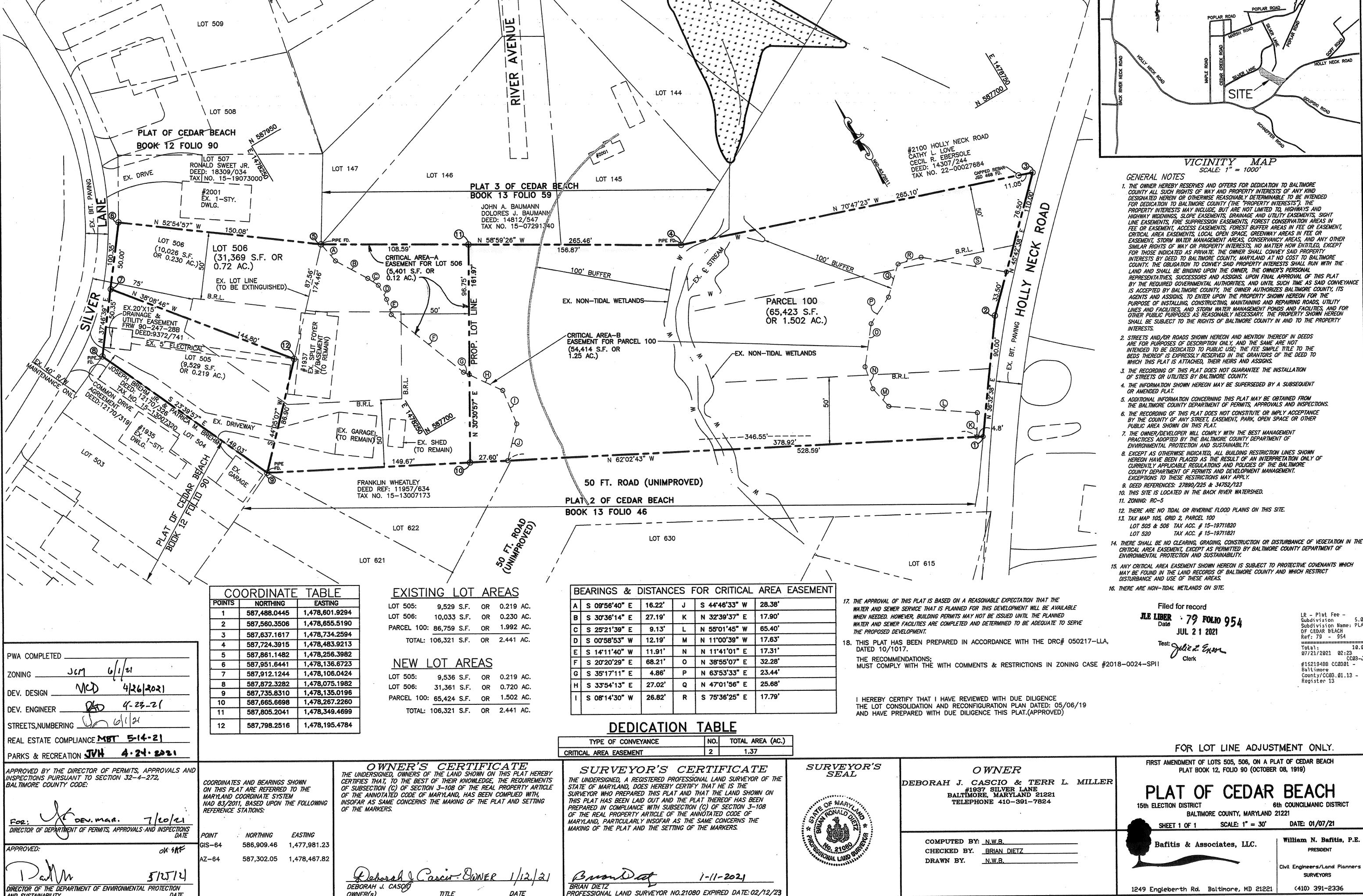
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## **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: July 30, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

**FROM:** Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

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- 5. The proposed house will fit well with the existing community, which includes relatively new adjoining properties and some well-kept older homes.

The Department of Planning believes that the requested relief is consistent with similar requests and designs in the neighborhood and does not alter the character of the RC 5 zone. The Department has no objections to this variance request, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This site is subject to the RC 5 Performance Standards as listed in Section 1A04.4 of the BCZR.
- 2. A detailed architectural elevation must be submitted to the Department of Planning for review at permitting.
- 3. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the proposed garage into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area or kitchen facilities.
- 4. The garage shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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

**Division Chief:** 

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View GroundRent Redemption View GroundRent Registration View Map Special Tax Recapture: None District - 1 Account Number - 1519711821 Account Identifier: Owner Information RESIDENTIAL CASCIO DEBORAH J Use: Owner Name: Principal Residence: TAYLOR JAMES C /46275/ 00423 1937 SILVER LANE Deed Reference: Mailing Address: BALTIMORE MD 21221-61 Location & Structure Information HOLLY NECK RD Legal Description: Premises Address: BALTIMORE 21221-CEDAR BEACH Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: Plat No: Plat Ref: 0012/ 0090 520 2024 0105 0002 0100 15080077.04 0000 Town: None Primary Structure BuiltAbove Grade Living AreaFinished Basement AreaProperty Land AreaCounty Use 2,2600 AC Stories Basement Type Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage Last Notice of Major Improvements

#### Value Information

	Base Value	Value	alue Phase-in Assessments	
	5	As of 01/01/2024	As of 07/01/2023	As of 07/01/2024
Land:	46,200	47,900		
Improvements	0	0		
Total:	46,200	47,900	46,200	46,767
Preferential Land:	0	0		

#### Transfer Information

Seller: CASCIO DEBORAH J	Date: 01/25/2022	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /46275/ 00423	Deed2:
Seller: MILLER ALBERT W 3RD	Date: 03/10/2014	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /34752/ 00123	Deed2:
Seller: CASCIO DEBORAH J	Date: 04/07/2009	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /27890/ 00230	Deed2:

#### **Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments:	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
Special Tax Recapture: None			

### **Homestead Application Information**

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

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