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Administrative Law Judge

March 31, 2025

Henry Olaya <u>henryolaya@northropreatty.com</u> Karen Ljunggren 1317 S. Seneca Road Middle River, MD 21220

RE: Petition for Variance

Case No. 2024-0274-A

Property: 1317 S. Seneca Road

#### Dear Petitioners:

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 Chief Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

Mauren E. Murphy

MEM:dlm Enclosure

c: Marcel Mileo marcel@lazooutdoors.com

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (1317 S. Seneca Road)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Council District Henry Olaya & Karen Ljunggren *Legal Owners* 

Petitioners

\* BEFORE THE

\* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2024-0274-A

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### **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners, Henry Olaya and Karen Ljunggren ("Petitioners") for the property located at 1317 S. Seneca Road, Middle River (the "Property"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §400.1 to allow an accessory structure (pool and deck) in the front and side yards in lieu of the required rear yard of a waterfront property.

A WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing on March 25, 2025. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Henry Olaya attended the hearing along with Marcel Mileo, representative from LAZO Outdoors, who prepared a site plan (the "Site Plan"). (Pet. Ex. 1). There were no Protestants or interested citizens who attended the hearing.

A Zoning Advisory Comments ("ZAC") comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") indicating that due to the Property's location within a Limited Development Area ("LDA"), it is subject to Chesapeake Bay Critical Area ("CBCA") requirements including mitigation by plantings. A Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comment was also received from Department of Public Works and Transportation ("DPWT")/Development Plans Review ("DPR") indicating the following:

- (A) The proposed site is North of the coordinates described in County Code 32-8-201(J)(21) so the tidal base flood elevation is 8.5. All proposed living spaces must be elevated above the base flood elevation plus the required freeboard as outlined in Bill 6-24, the current proof materials must be used the LiMWA is on the property.
- (B) The pool mechanicals must be elevated out of the flood protection elevation.
- (C) The pool must be anchored to prevent floatation.

The Department of Planning ("DOP") also submitted a ZAC comment primarily addressing a Petition for a Floodplain Variance. The Flood Plain Variance was added by Office of Zoning Review ("OZR") as required, but was then withdrawn pursuant to BCC, §32-8-201 and §32-8-603. (See File). DOP did not oppose the front/side yard location of the proposed pool/deck.

The Property measures 1.88 +/- acres, and improved with a 1,376-sf home, constructed in 1960 which fronts on Goose Harbor Inlet. (Pet. Ex. 1). The Site Plan labels the front door as facing northeast. (Pet. Ex. 1). The Property is split-zoned Resource Conservation – Residential, and Resource Conservation – Critical Area (RC5 and RC-20). There is a Critical Area Easement along the waterfront. Mr. Mileo testified that the Petitioners wish to construct a 450 sf in-ground pool and deck on the waterfront side. The pool/deck will be located outside of the Critical Area Easement.

The Property was the subject of Case No. 05-307-SPH wherein Special Hearing relief was granted to Petitioners' predecessors in title, to confirm that the Property was an existing nonconforming parcel to which additional acreage was permitted to be added to the total acreage of 1.88 acres. That Petition for Special Hearing was filed as a result of RC5 minimum acreage requirements under BCZR, §1A04.3.B.1.a.

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 Property is unique due to its irregular size and shape as well as the 1960's home which was constructed closer to the street side of the Property. In accordance with the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual ("ZCPM"), I find that the waterfront side of this Property is front yard and the street side is considered the rear yard. As a result of the placement of the home near the street, there is no area available in the rear yard (street side) in which to construct an in-ground pool. The proposed location for the pool and deck is the front and side yards per the ZCPM. Given the nexus between the unique Property features and the requested relief, I find that the Petitioners would suffer a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship if area Variance for the pool and deck were not granted in order that the pool/deck can be located along the waterfront side. 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.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>31st</u> day of **March**, **2025**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §400.1 to allow an accessory structure (pool and deck) in the front and side yards in lieu of the required rear yard of a waterfront property. be, and 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. The Site Plan (Pet. Ex. 1) a copy of which is attached hereto, is incorporated herein.
- 3. Petitioners and all subsequent owners shall comply with the DEPS, and DPWT ZAC comments which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Chief Administrative Law Judge

Mauren E. Murphy

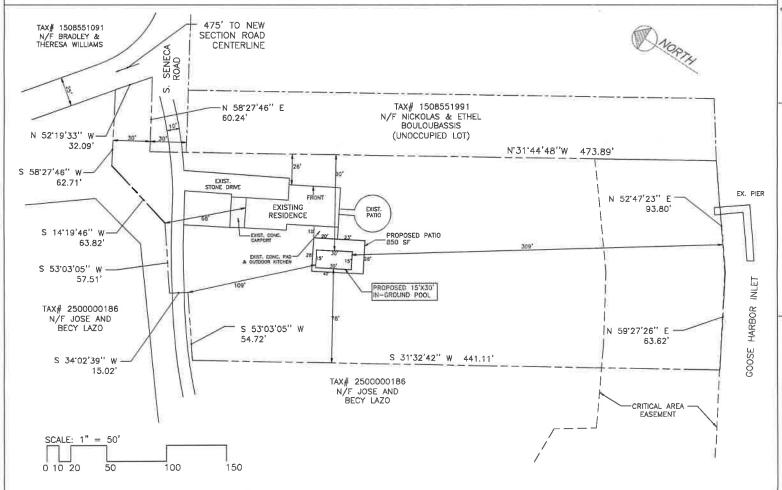
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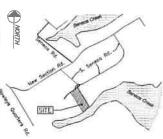
MEM:dlm

### ZONING HEARING PLAN FOR VARIANCE 1317 S. SENECA ROAD

OWNER: HENRY OLAYA & KAREN LJUNGGREN SUBDIVISION NAME: BOWLEY'S QUARTER

LOT 2, TAX ID#: 2500000187, DEED REF#: 38491/00136





Site Vicinity Map

ZONING MAP# 0098 SITE ZONED: RC5, RC20 ELECTION DISTRICT: 15 COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 5 LOT AREA ACREAGE: 1.88 LOT AREA SQUARE FEET: 81.893 HISTORIC DISTRICT: NO IN CBCA: YES IN FLOODPLAIN: YES UTILTITIES WATER: PUBLIC SEWER: PUBLIC PRIOR HEARING: YES CASE NUMBER: 2005-0307-SP4 ORDER RESULT: VARIANCE GRANTED TO CONFIRM NON-CONFORMING USE AND LAND TRANSFER VIOLATION CASE NUMBERS:

DRAWN BY: MARCEL MILEO DATE:12/4/24 Scale: 1" = 50'

LAZO LANDSCAPING, INC. 1301 Trimble Road Edgewood, MD 21040 410.780.0870 MHIC No.: 152386



#### 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:

February 28, 2025

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2024-0274-A

Address:

1317 S SENECA ROAD

Legal Owner: Henry Olaya

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 28, 2025.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability 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:

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

The waterfront property is located within a Limited Development Area (LDA) and is subject to Critical Area requirements. The property also has a recorded Critical Area Easement for the 100-foot Critical Area buffer. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow a pool and deck in the front and side yards of the property. Mitigation for pool and deck will be required through additional planting within the Critical Area Easement. As such, DEPS has determined that adverse impacts on water quality from the pollutants discharged from the proposed development can be minimized with this mitigation pursuant to Critical Area requirements. Planting will occur in spring/summer 2025 in accordance with the Buffer Management Plan submitted to DEPS January 23, 2025.

2. Conserve fish, plant, and wildlife habitat;

This is a waterfront property with a required Critical Area buffer preserved by a Critical Area Easement. The proposed structures are located outside the required buffer. Mitigation planting can 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.

The proposed structures will meet lot coverage requirements and mitigation planting ensure this development will be consistent with established land-use policies.

Reviewer: Marie Brady, Environmental Impact Review

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

DATE: February 21, 2025

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

Department of Permits, Approvals

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

Case 2024-0274-A

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

**DPR:** No comment.

**DPW-T:** A) The proposed site is North of the coordinates described in County Code 32-8-201(J)(2) so the tidal base flood elevation is 8.5. All proposed living spaces must be elevated above the base flood elevation plus the required freeboard as outlined in Bill 6-24, the current County Code. Any area below this elevation cannot be used for living space, storage only, or flood proof materials must be used. The LiMWA is on the property.

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Landscaping: No comment.

Recreations & Parks: No comment LOS & No Greenways affected.



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### PETITION FOR PUBLIC 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:

CASE NUMBER 2024-0274- AFPM Filing Date 2 13 125 Do Not Schedule Dates: Reviewer K
Address 1317 S. Seneca Road, Middle River, Middle River MD 21220 Currently Zoned RC5 & RC20
Deed Reference 38491 / 00136 10 Digit Tax Account # 250000187
Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Henry Olaya & Karen Ljunggren
(SELECT THE HEARING TYPE(S) BY MARKING AN X NEXT TO THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE SPECIFIC PETITION REQUEST FOR EACH HEARING TYPE):
The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the property description and plan/plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:
a Special Hearing pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether of not the Zoning Commissioner should approve
If you need additional space for the special hearing petition requests above, you may add an attachment to this petition and check the "SEE ATTACHMENTS" box below:  SEE ATTACHMENTS (if box is checked)
2a Special Exception pursuant to the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for
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(For Variance item 3 above, indicate below what is unique about your property resulting in hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "UNIQUENESS AND HARDSHIP OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY TO BE PRESENTED AT

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### Page 2 of Petition for Public Hearing(s)

4. x a Floodplain Management Variance pursuant to Baltimore County Code Section(s)
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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the Zoning Regulations and/or Baltimore County Code. I/ we agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to be bound by the laws and restrictions of the Zoning Regulations and/or Baltimore County Code.

**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).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:			Legal Owners (Petitioners):		
Name- Type or Print			Henry Olaya Name #1 – Type or Pr	/ Karen Ljung int Name #2 -	gren Type or Print
Signature			Signature #1/	Signature to RIVEN	MD
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### ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 1317 S. SENECA ROAD

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### PART B

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Certificate of Posting

Case# <u>2024-0274-A</u> Petitioner/Developer Henry Olaya

Date of Hearing/Closing March 25, 2025

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 1317 S. Seneca Road on March 3, 2025. Signs 1A & 2A

Sincerely, Martin Ogle

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Martin Ogle 9912 Maidbrook Road

Parkville, Md. 21234

443-629-3411

# 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:2024-0274-AFPM
Property Address: 1317 S. Seneca Rd
Legal Owners (Petitioners): Henry Olaya
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Company/Firm (if applicable): Marcel Mileo
Address: 209 Daisy Dr Mechanicsburg PA
Telephone Number: 717-802-1486

<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.



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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: February 28, 2025

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0274-A

Address: 1317 S SENECA ROAD

Legal Owner: Henry Olaya

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 28, 2025.

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Reviewer: Marie Brady, Environmental Impact Review

### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**TO:** Peter Gutwald, Director **DATE:** February 21, 2025

Department of Permits, Approvals

**FROM:** Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0274-A

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 2/26/2025

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

**FROM:** Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0274-A

**INFORMATION:** 

**Property Address:** 1317 S. Seneca Road

**Petitioner:** Henry Olaya and Karen Ljunggren

**Zoning:** RC 5 and RC 20

**Requested Action:** Variance

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

*Variance* - To permit a variance from section 400.1 of the BCZR, allowing an accessory building (pool and deck) in the front and side yard instead of the required rear yard of a waterfront property.

Floodplain Management Variance - Pursuant to Baltimore County Code Section 32-8-701 to permit a proposed in-ground 15'x30' concrete pool.

The proposed property, sits along Seneca Road and the shoreline of Seneca Creek in the Middle River area of Baltimore County, spans two zones RC 5 to the east and RC 20 to the west. This area features a combination of wooded regions and residential developments. The waterfront properties are primarily detached homes, each with private docks, indicating a community with direct access to water. Like other residences in the area, both the principal dwelling and the proposed pool at this property are located within the floodplain.

The RC5 zoning classification is designed to address the challenges of wasteful and disorderly rural-residential development and the complications arising from inadequate lot sizes that do not support on-lot sewer and water systems. This zoning aims to prevent financial burdens and potential hazards that might compromise the safety and welfare of residents. By delineating areas apt for rural-residential development, the RC5 zoning encourages organized growth patterns and minimizes development's impact on natural resources. It ensures that each lot is sufficiently large to accommodate necessary sewer and water systems, thereby promoting a structured and sustainable environment in line with the overall developmental guidelines for the region. This classification complements the established development patterns and proposed variances described for the property along Seneca Road.

The Department of Planning does not oppose the requests for the following reasons:

a. Although the primary concern is the pool's encroachment into the floodplain, it is noted that many existing dwellings and their accessory structures in the area already extend into the floodplain.

b. The character of the property and the general architectural style of the area support the proposed development. Similar developments are found along Seneca Road and Seneca Creek, maintaining the consistency of the community's landscape.

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

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

**Division Chief:** 

enifer G. Nugent

#### SL/JGN/KP

c: Marcel Mileo, Representative Megan Oliver and Iyad Abdi, Community Planners Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review Office of Administrative Hearings People's Counsel for Baltimore County

### Real Property Data Search ()

#### Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

View Map

District - 15 Account Number - 2500000187

**Owner Information** 

Owner Name:

OLAYA HENRY A

View GroundRent Redemption

Use: RESIDENTIAL

View GroundRent Registration

Mailing Address:

LJUNGGREN KAREN 1315 S SENECA RD

Deed Reference:

Principal Residence: YES

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**BALTIMORE MD 21220-4035** 

**Location & Structure Information** 

Premises Address:

1317 S SENECA RD

**Legal Description:** 

1.878AC

BALTIMORE 21220-4035

W/END S SENECA RD

Waterfront

GOOSE HARBOR INLET

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood:

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Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year:

Dist Date

Plat No: MS

2 2024 Plat Ref:

Town: None

0098 0005 0010

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use

1960

1,376 SF

15030020.04

1.8800 AC

34

StoriesBasementType

ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarage

**Last Notice of Major Improvements** 

1 NO

STANDARD UNITBLOCK/3

2 full

1Att/1Carport

### Value Information

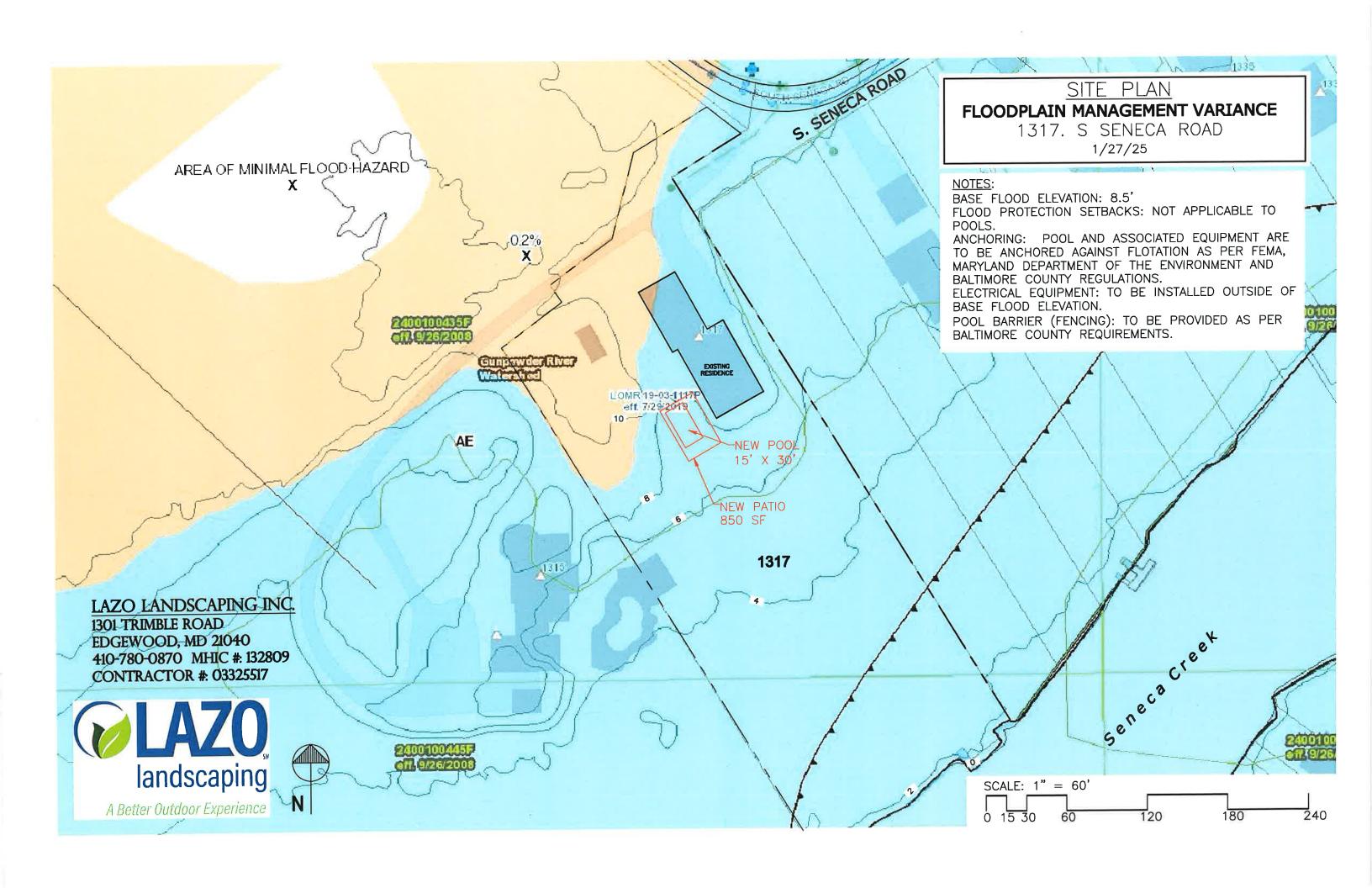
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		As of 01/01/2024	As of 07/01/2024	As of 07/01/2025
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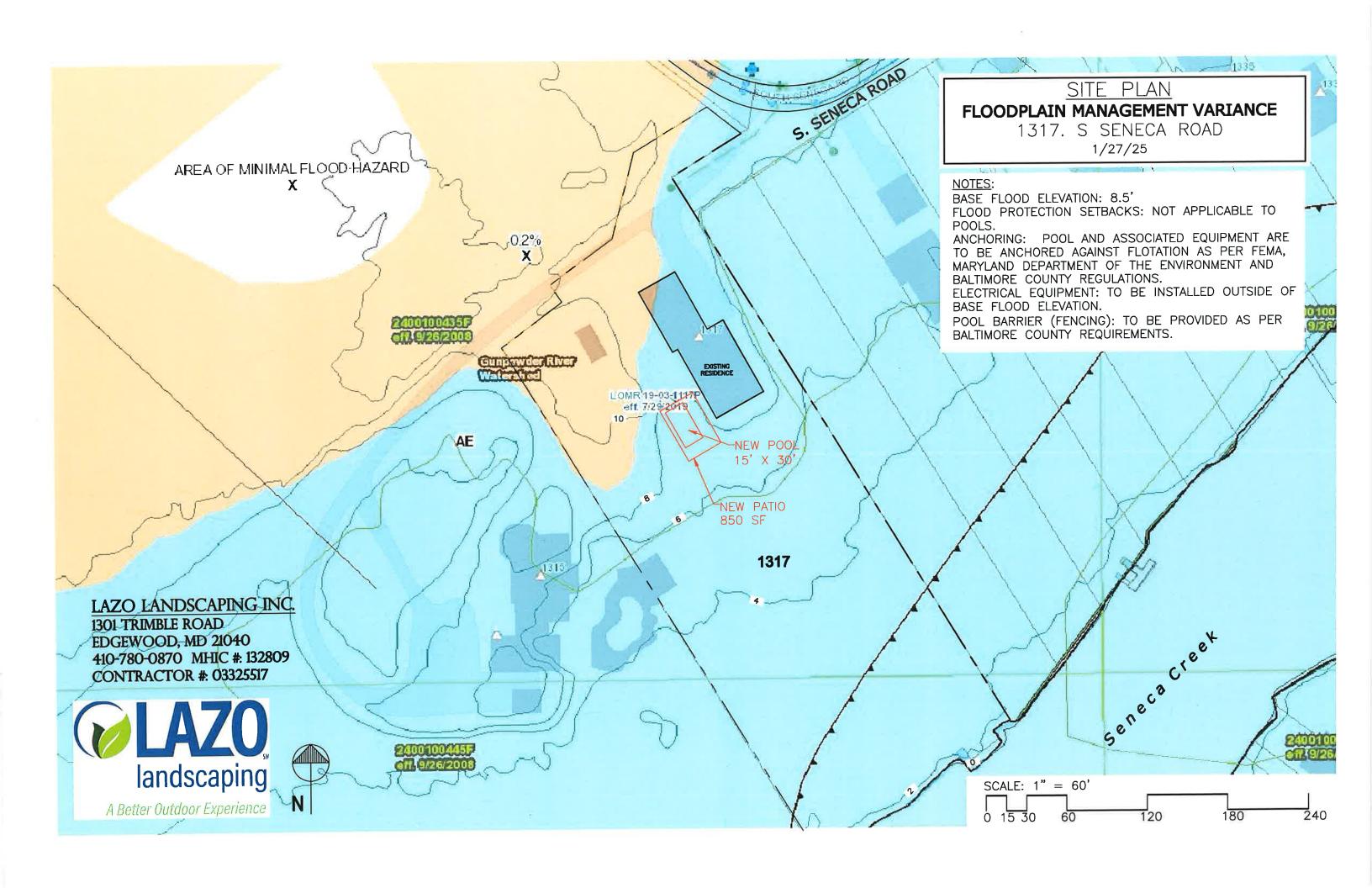
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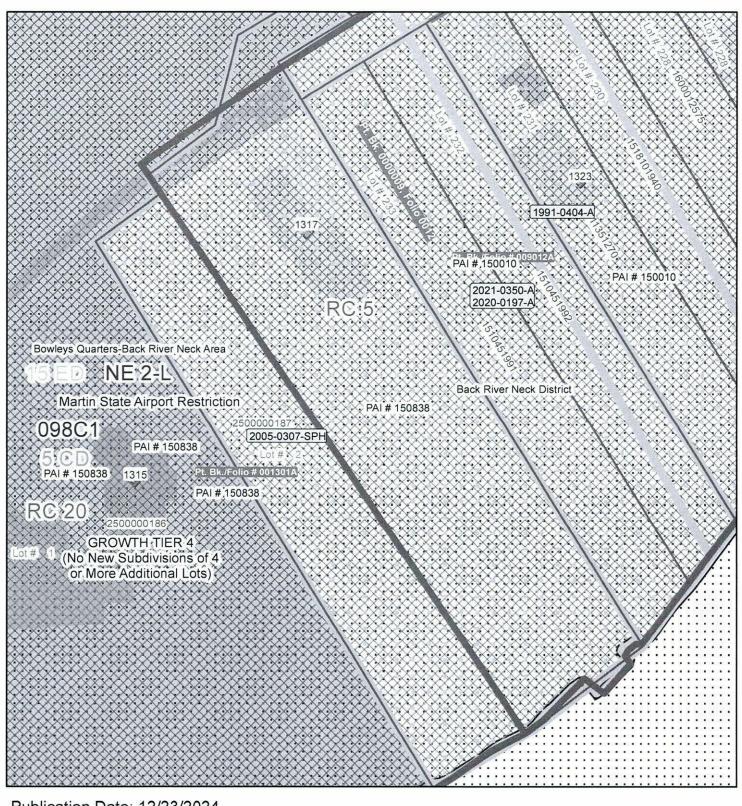
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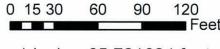


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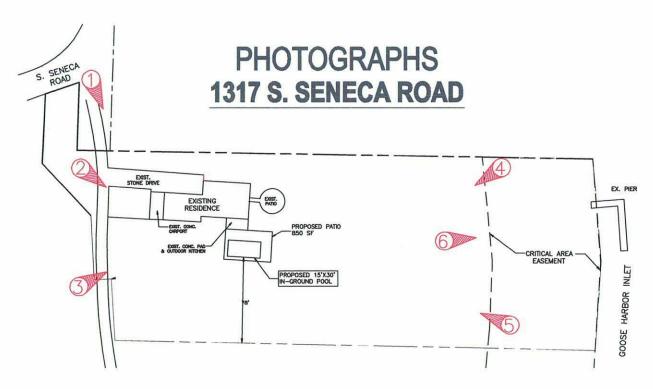


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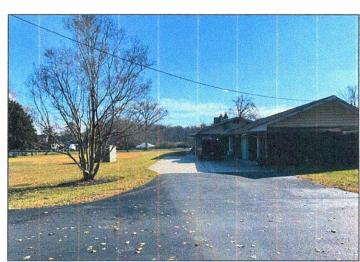


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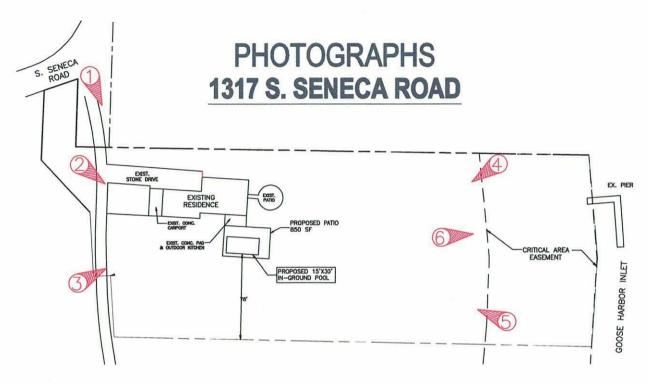








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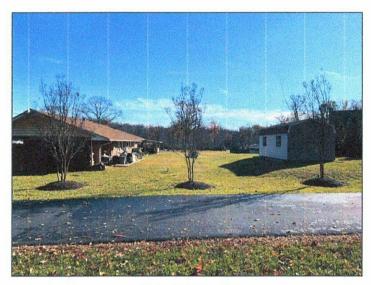


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