16 April 2024

Anne Arundel County Office of Planning & Zoning 2664 Riva Road, 3rd Floor Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: VARIANCE REQUEST
Gregory Gardner & Ellen Richardson
230 Severn Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401
TM 45, GRID 9, PARCEL 57

We are requesting a variance from § 18-4-501 for redevelopment of a single family dwelling in the R1 residential district with a minimum side lot line setback of 8.0ft, a combined side lot line setback of 19.0ft, as well as a minimum rear lot line setback of 21.7ft. There are no Critical Area variances being requested.

The property is located at 230 Severn Drive in the Severn Grove neighborhood and is improved with an existing single-family dwelling constructed around 1938. This is a waterfront property in the Limited Disturbance Area (LDA) of the Critical Area Overlay, is subject to the 100ft Critical Area buffer, and contains steep slopes. The subject property is an irregular shaped waterfront parcel with a lot size of 11,425sf, substantially undersized in area and with less width than required, for the R1 Residential District. The buildable lot is almost entirely within the Critical Area Buffer and 60% of the lot is encumbered by steep slopes and its 25ft setback. The house is served by a private well and septic system.

The current house has been used as our primary residence for the last 10 years. The house has many structural and functional problems that have been too difficult to overcome with a renovation and expansion for our growing family (lack of footings under existing foundation, retaining walls supporting the foundation failing & shifting down the steep slope, etc). We are proposing a teardown and rebuild for a new single family detached house in a similar footprint.

We have generated the current design while working with the various county agencies and their feedback received during the grading permit process [G02019837]. We have successfully been able to increase the home's setback to steep slopes, allow for an acceptable location for the septic system components, allow for stormwater management features that previously did not exist, allow for setbacks from neighboring septic and well systems, all while reducing impervious area.

VARIANCE REQUIRMENTS

Code Article 18-16-305 (a) Requirements for zoning variances:

We respectfully submit that the requested variance meets the intent of 18-16-305 (a)(1). The lot is unique in both its shape & size, and has many physical constraints present that are preventing strict conformance with the zoning code. The lot is a very irregular wedge shape, narrower at the rear lot line (street side) and widening towards the front lot line (water side) however the front half of the lot is limited by steep slopes at an 80% grade. The rear lot line of the property is also at an unnatural angle; neither parallel nor tangent to the curved street. In addition the property, which was platted in 1932, has a lot size of 11,425sf; 28% of the required 40,000sf minimum required for the current R-1 District standards.

Code Article 18-16-305 (c) Requirements for all variances

- (1) the variance is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief;
 - The proposed house is has to total footprint of 1560sf and is modest in size at 3050 sf, including 650 sf below grade due to the site topography. The total house & improvement area have also been reduced so that it will have less impervious area than the existing house.
- (2) The granting of the variance will not:
- (i) alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the lot is located:

The proposed structure is of similar scale and setbacks to the majority homes in the neighborhood. The proposed side yard setback of this house is greater than the current side yard setbacks of the adjacent properties. The proposed structure is setback from Severn Drive evenly between the adjacent structures.

- (ii) substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property:

 The proposed structure and features have been designed, and located, to increase available views of the water and reduce impact of its mass to the adjacent properties.

 The building massing for the Western half of the house will be a single story above grade, and less height than the current structure. The Eastern half of the house will be a full 2 stories; more appropriately scaled yet still lower in height to the larger home sited to the East.
- (iii) reduce forest cover in the limited development and resource conservation areas of the critical area:

No tree removal is being proposed for the redevelopment of the new structure or related improvements.

(iv) be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the critical area or a bog protection area.

The footprint of the house is being placed at the rear of the property in order to limit the impact of the redevelopment to the steep slopes. The site design has reduced the overall impervious area on the lot allowing for more proposed planting area in the buffer and near steep slopes. There is only (1) existing tree in the proposed area of work and it will be protected during construction.

(v) be detrimental to the public welfare:

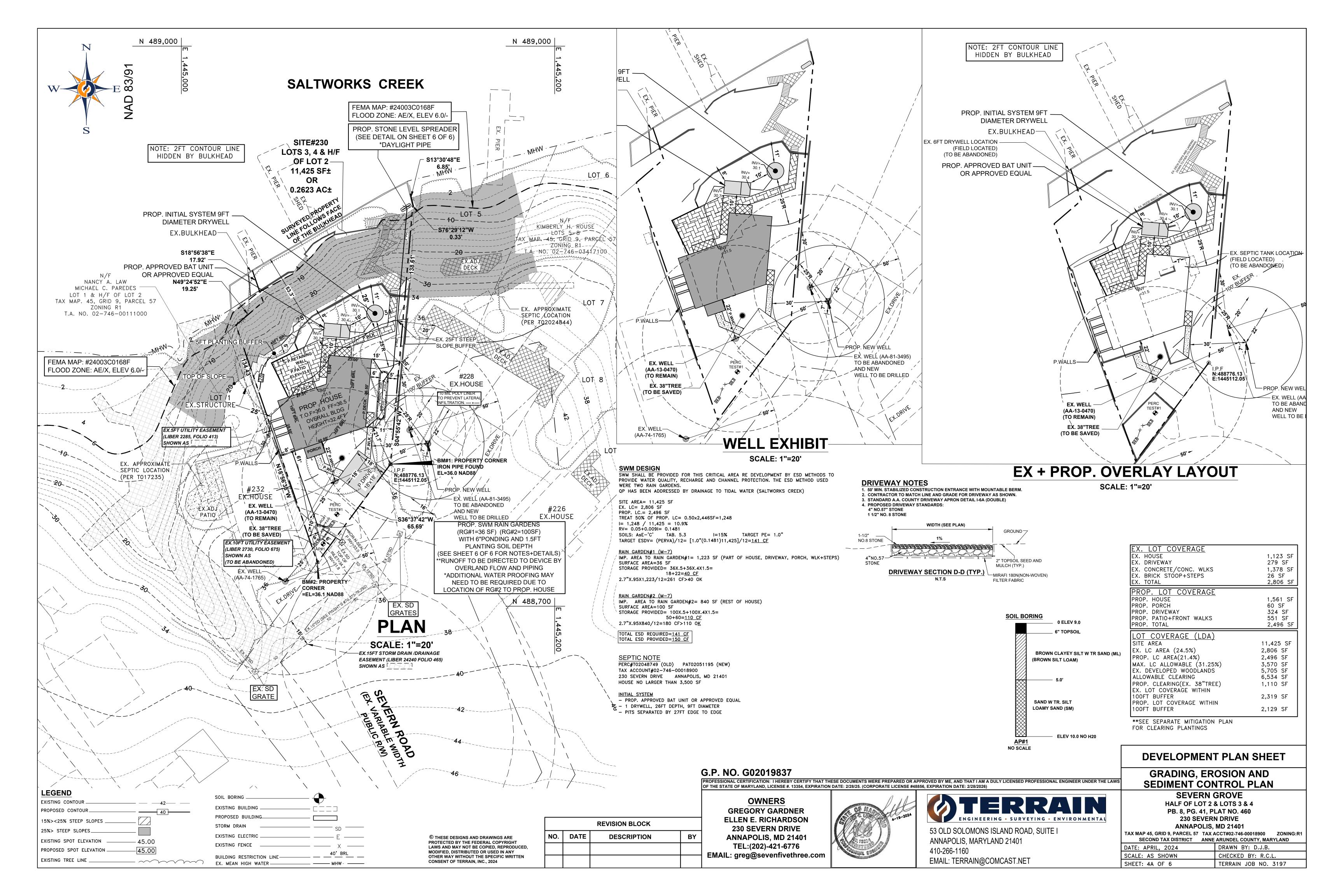
All proposed work will be within the bounds of the property and will not impose harm to adjacent property owners or the public. The proposed structure's overall size and relationship to the lot and lot lines is similar to the majority of homes in the surrounding neighborhood.

We appreciate your consideration of the enclosed variance request and are available to address any question you may have.

Respectfully,

Gregory Gardner & Ellen Richardson, Homeowners

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CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 1804 WEST STREET, SUITE 100 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	Anne Arundel	County			Date: 27 MARCH 2024
Tax Map # 45, GRID 9	Parcel # 57	Block #	Lot # 2 (HALF), 3 & 4	Section -	FOR RESUBMITTAL ONLY Corrections Redesign No Change Non-Critical Area
Tax ID: 2	74600018900				*Complete Only Page 1 General Project Information
Project Name	e (site name, sul	odivision nam		230 SE	EVERN RESIDENCE
City ANN	APOLIS				Zip 21401
Local case nu	***	GARDNER			First name GREGORY
Applicant: Company	Last name	OARDNER			First name Greeck1
Application	Type (check al	l that apply):			
Building Perr Buffer Mana Conditional U Consistency Disturbance	gement Plan Use Report > 5,000 sq ft			Variance Rezoning Site Plan Special Exce Subdivision Other	
Local Jurisd	liction Contact				
Last name	AACo Zoning 410-222-7437			First name	mmission Required By TBD
Phone # Fax #	710-222-7437		Kespon	Hearing dat	

SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe Proposed use	of project	site:				
SINGLE FAMILY	DETACH	ED, RESID	ENCE			
Intra-Family Transfer Grandfathered Lot			Growth Allocation Buffer Exemption Ar	Yes Tea		
Project Type (check a	ll that app	oly)				
Commercial Consistency Report Industrial Institutional Mixed Use Other				Recreational Redevelopment Residential Shore Erosion Contro Water-Dependent Fac	=	
SITE INVENTORY (Enter acre	es or square	feet)			
	Acre	es	Sq Ft	Total Disturbed Area	Acres	Sq Ft 7253 SF
IDA Area			-0-	Total Distarted Titea		1233 81
LDA Area			11,425 SF			
RCA Area		-0-		# of Lots Created		
Total Area		11,425 SF				
		Acres	Sq Ft		Acres	Sq Ft
Existing Forest/Woodland			5906 SF	Existing Lot Coverage		2,808 SF
Created Forest/Woodland			-0-	New Lot Coverage		2,520 SF 2,808 SF
Removed Forest/Woodlar	nd/Trees		-0-	Removed Lot Coverage		
				Total Lot Coverage	1	2,520 SF
VARIANCE INFORM	AATION (Check all t	hat apply)			
		Acres	Sq Ft		Acres	Sq Ft
Buffer Disturbance			5,565 SF			-0-
Non-Buffer Disturbance			1,688 SF	Mitigation		-0-
Variance Type Buffer	_		Ac	Structure cc. Structure Addition		

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CRITICAL AREA REPORT NARRATIVE

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The property is currently improved with a residential single family dwelling with patios, sidewalks, porches, decks and a parking area.

The northern half of the lot, adjacent to the waterfront, is a steep slope and contains a consistent cover of mature hardwoods (Beech, Chestnut Oak, & Locust) totaling. The Southern half of the property is nearly flat and what portions of the property that are not impervious is turf with some planting beds dispersed around the structure. There is a single 38" D.B.H.. White Oak tree on the street side of the house. The entire site contains 5705sf of Woodlands.

7253sf of the site will be disturbed during the course of the project, and appropriate measures will be taken to protect the White Oak tree and its root system during construction so that no Woodlands will be removed or altered during construction. The site will be replanted with 1110sf new native trees and shrubs and no turf inside of the buffer area. The work area will be protected by sediment control measures during the grading and construction of the project to prevent sediment from leaving the site. All work has been limited to the area of the lot outside of the steep slopes.

The existing impervious area on the entire lot is 2808 sf. Post development impervious area on the site will be 2520 sf; a reduction of 288 sf. Included in this reduction impervious area inside of the steep slope buffer will be reduced by 758 sf, and inside of the Critical Area Buffer will be reduced by 220 sf.

Steep slopes exist on the northern portion of the property between the area of disturbance and waterfront adjacent property line.

Topographic Map - - Lot outline ref only not exact





Legend

Foundation

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Elevation

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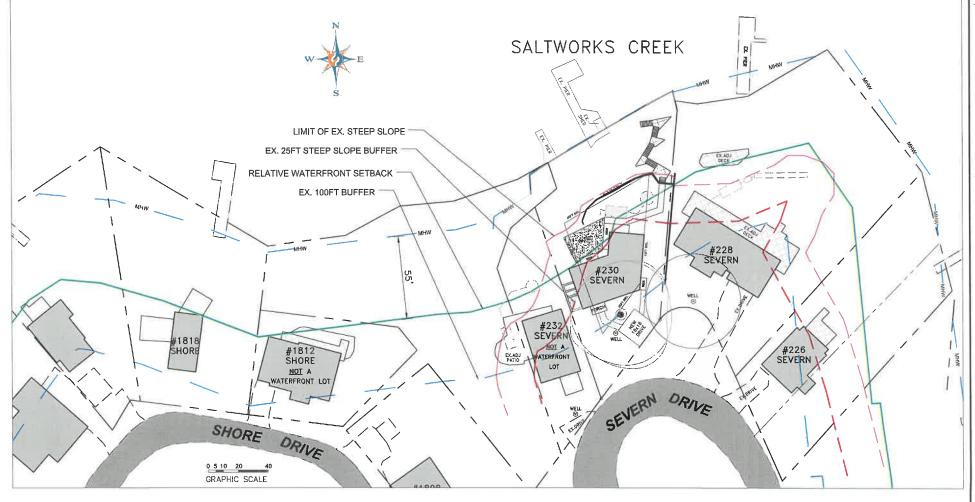
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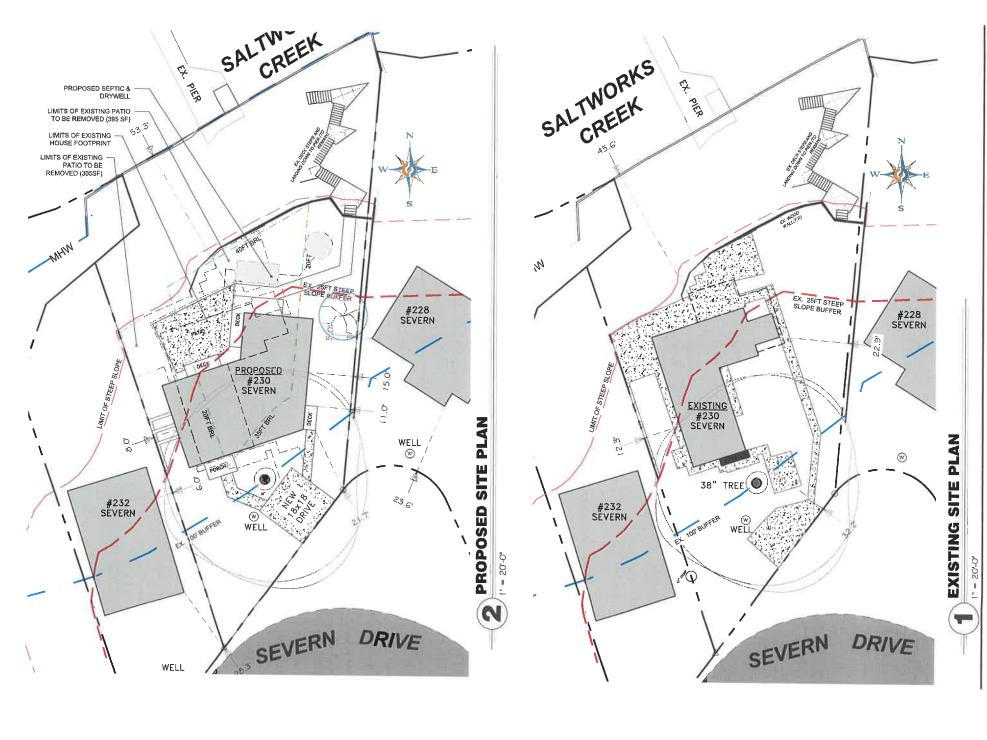
WATERFRONT LOCATION DIAGRAM



15 APRIL 2024

SITE DIAGRAM

SEVEN FIVE THREE DEVELOPMENT 1800 Montana Avo Ne. Washington, DC 20002 - 202,421,6776 www.sevenfivedtree.com



BUILDING DATA SUMMARY

PREMISE:

230 SEVERN DR.

ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

OWNER:

GREGORY GARDNER & ELLEN RICHARDSON

230 SEVERN DRIVE

ANNAPOLIS MD, 21401

ZONE:

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CRITICAL AREA:

YES

ZONING CHART

CATEGORY	EXISTING	PROPOSED	ALLOWABLE	
LOT SIZE	11,425 SF	NO CHANGE	40,000 SF	
STRUCTURE COVERAGE	1425 SF or 12.5%	1835 SF or 16.0%	2856 SF or 25%	
MIN. WIDTH	99.4 FT	NO CHANGE	125 FT.	
FRONT SETBACK	45.6 FT	53.3 FT	40.0 FT	
REAR SETBACK	32.2 FT	21.7 FT	35.0 FT	
SIDE SET BACK (MIN)	12.3 FT	8.0 FT	15.0 FT	
SIDE SET BACK (TOTAL)	35.2 FT	19.0 FT	40.0 FT	
BUILDING HEIGHT	20.9 FT	32.4 FT	45.0 FT	
M.H.W SETBACK	40.2 FT	55.2 FT	N/A	

IMPERVIOUS AREA ENTIRE SITE									
FEATURE	EXISTING		PROPOSED		DIFFERENCE				
HOUSE	1123	SF	1560	SF	+437	SF			
DRIVEWAY	279	SF	325	SF	+45	SF			
PORCH	26	SF	60	SF	+34	SF			
PATIO/WALK/STEPS	1378	SF	575	SF	-803	SF			
TOTAL	2808	SF	2520	SF	-288	SF			

IMPERVIOUS AREA 25FT STEEP SLOPE								
FEATURE	EXISTING		PROPOSED		DIFFERENCE			
HOUSE	460	5F	137	SF	-323	SF		
DRIVEWAY	0	SF	0	SF	0	SF		
PORCH	0	SF	0	SF	0	SF		
PATIO/WALK/STEPS	890	SF	455	SF	-435	SF		
TOTAL	2398	SF	2133	SF	-758	SF		

IMPERVIOUS AREA BUFFER AREA								
FEATURE	EXISTING		PROPOSED		DIFFERENCE			
HOUSE	1123	SF	1560	SF	+437	5F		
DRIVEWAY	0	SF	0	SF	0	SF		
PORCH	26	SF	60	SF	+34	SF		
PATIO/WALK/STEPS	1204	SF	513	SF	-691	SF		
TOTAL	2353	SF	2133	SF	-220	SF		