Chesapeake Bay Environmental 2818 Solomons Island Rd Edgewater, MD 21037

Updated Letter of Explanation"

May 26, 2025
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VARIANCE REQUEST
Carolyn Bolognese
133 Island View Dr
Annapolis, MD 21401

Tax Account: 2154-1042-4400

Map: 50 Parcel: 76 Lot: 214 Subdivision: Cape St. John

- I. Proposed Variance to Anne Arundel County Code 18-2-404 Section (b)
 - 1) (b) A pier or mooring piling shall be located at least 15 feet from a lot line extended for a private pier:

Requested 1st Variance: Proposed 15' Variance to the required 15' Eastern Setback to construct a 6' wide by 70' long pier.

Requested 2nd Variance: Proposed 14' Variance to the required 15' Western setback for two boat lift pilings.

Requested 3^{rd} – Variance: Proposed 0'-3' by 19' (30 sq. ft.) Triangle Shaped Pier Area outside of Property Line Extension to Point of Cove.

- II. Carolyn Bolognese "Applicant" seeks relief from the portions of the above Anne Arundel County Code for the following reasons:
 - 1) The Applicant Carolyn Bolognese (Lot 214) seeks a pier similar to piers on both existing adjacent properties.
 - a) Michael Bolognese, (Lot 215), the adjacent owner to the East the Applicant (133 Island View Dr.), has an existing +/- 6' wide by +/- 75' long pier with two mooring

pilings on the East side of neighbor' pier. Mr. Michael Bolognese has area for two boat slips (one on either side of his pier).

b) Keith & Brooke Wegner (Lot 213R), the adjacent owner to the West, have an existing +/-6' wide pier +/-75' Long Pier with two mooring piles and a boat lift. Additionally, the Weger's have obtained a variance (2025-0032-V) for two additional piles on the East side of their pier for a boat lift to be located (adjacent to Carolyn Bolognese proposed pier). A settlement agreement between Carolyn Bolognese and Keith & Brooke Wegner regarding certain disputed riparian rights (Anne Arundel County case C-02-CV-22-001863) has been recorded in the Anne Arundel County Courthouse in Book 40831 Page 260. As shown on the page 7 of the application, the proposed Bolognese pier, and boat lift pilings will not interfere with the Wegener's variance approved boat lift and agrees with the aforementioned settlement between the parties.

2) The Bolognese lot is unique because of its narrowness along the waterfront.

The Bolognese lot is the only lot on this portion of the creek without a pier and dockage for space for two vessels. See Exhibit 7.

- a) The Cape St. John Community Association has +/- 75 feet waterfrontage and has an existing pier.
- b) The Millman (Lot 212R) has +/- 35' of waterfrontage and has an existing pier.
- c) The Wegner (Lot 213R), the adjacent property to the West of the Bolognese (Lot 214) has an undetermined amount of waterfrontage which is believed to be no less than +/70' and has an existing pier.
- d) The Michael Bolognese (Lot 215) adjacent property to East of the Bolognese Lot has +/-65 feet of waterfrontage and has an existing pier.
- e) Due to its unique orientation on the cove, The Bolognese Lot has approximately 25.5' to 27.5 feet of waterfrontage on Gingerville Creek. David Green surveyed the 27.5 distance in June 2022. Steve Jupitz, using the Green property survey as a base, determined the location of the point of cove and determined the property line extended for used to obtain Wegner pier permit BO2412985. This is the extended line used for approved Wegner Variance 2025-0032-V. The Green Survey was also used to determine to be the "Dividing Line Extension" between the Bolognese and the Wegner properties per a settlement agreement per case C-02-CV-22-001863.
- f) An updated survey prepared by licensed surveyor Steve Jupitz is included with this revised submittal. The Proposed Bolognese variance request conforms to the

updated (most recent) survey which shows slightly less waterfrontage than prior surveys.

- 3) The applicants Lot 214 (Bolognese) predates zoning code and was created prior to 1952. The subject property was granted to Theodore A. Segrist dated November 16, 1951, and recorded in the land records of Anne Arundel County Book 656 page 68.
- 4) Denial of the Bolognese Variance would be a denial of the same rights and privileges enjoyed by both adjacent property owners and also all other properties located in this section of Gingerville Creek.
- III. History of Property disputes among 5 parcels on this portion of Gingerville Creek.

On November 10, 1981, and on September 29, 1981, settlement agreement(s) were recorded at the Anne Arundel County Courthouse in Book 3469 Page 890 and Book 3475 Page 313 that quieted title to the following waterfront properties: Part of Parcel 76, (Cape St. Johns Citizens Association Inc.), Lot 212R (Millman), Lot 213R (Wegner), Lot 214 (Carolyn Bolognese "Applicant". Lot 215 Michael Bolognese (does not appear to be a part of any legal dispute.

In 2022, a legal dispute arose (Case C-02-CV-22-001863) between the Owners of Lot 213R (Wegner) and Lot 214 (Bolognese "the applicant") over, among other things, the legality of prior settlements, riparian rights, and access to a pier located on Lot 213R (Wegner).

The litigation between the Wegner & Bolognese was settled on October 8, 2024. As part of the Settlement, it was agreed that both parties could make certain pier and boat lift improvements on their respective properties inside a certain property dividing line. This "Property Dividing Line Extended" is shown in the enclosed Exhibit 10. Per the Settlement Agreement, the Parties agreed that the Weger and Bolognese piers could be "No closer than 28' apart" (leaving each property with a maximum of 14' of space for a boat lifts/slip). The Wegner's approved boat lift per Variance 2025-0032 locates the Wegner boat lift at 14' which is 1' inside the Wegner's 15' property line set back.

It is important to note that the location of the Wegner Setbacks per Permit (B0240557) was determined by survey prepared by licensed surveyor David Green dated 6/1/22. Moreover, this "Green Survey" was used by mutual agreement between both Wegner & Bolognese for the Wegner Permit. Steve Jupitz later used the Green survey to locate the point of cove and determine the setback delineation. Using the Green Survey avoided a dispute over the location of the property joint property line dividing the two properties. (See Exhibit 11).

As a result of the long history of disputes regarding the properties in this portion of the cove, and due to the changing nature (erosion & accretion) of the Mean High Water Line (MHL), CBE recommended the Bolognese obtain an updated (more recent) MHW Survey closer to the date of the Bolognese variance application.

Enclosed with this submittal is the updated survey prepared by licensed surveyor, Steve Jupitz and sealed May of 2025. The Jupitz survey determined that the length of the waterfrontage of the Bolognese property at 133 Island View Dr. to be 25.5'. (See Exhibit 12).

Please note that a prior survey prepared by Survey Associates (licensed surveyor David Green) determined the length of the water frontage of the Bolognese property at 133 Island View Dr. to be 27.50' (7.28'+20.22'). (See Exhibit 11).

The difference between the updated Jupitz & former Green survey at the intersection of the property line and MHW is 2.00.' When the Bolognese Property (updated Jupitz) Line is extended from the MHW to the Point of Cove, the line narrows to approximately +/1.0 at the location of the landward pilings of both parcels boat lifts. Additionally, the Wegner variance approval shows a 1' setback from the "Agreed Property Dividing Line".
Therefore, the space between the Bolognese boat lift piles and Wegener boat lift piles results a +/- 2' of separation (or adequate room) for the boat lift piles to be constructed between two properties.

In other words, the Proposed Bolognese 12' Boat lift is located with a 2' separation from the approved Wegner boat lift piles (per 2025-0032-V) and the Proposed Bolognese boat lift piles (per 2025-0058-V).

Please note that the proposed Bolognese Boat lift is 12' wide, which is 2' less than the 14' wide lift approved for the Wegner's and is less than the maximum 14' permitted in the Recorded Settlement Agreement Book 40831 Page 260. 12' is the minimum necessary for relief.

Please note that the exhibit recorded per the Settlement Agreement Site Plan Book 40831 page 263 is an estimated graphical interpretation. The proposed variance plans are highly accurate and in order to meet the intent of the settlement the applicant must, in addition to two setback variances, obtain a 30 sq ft Variance at the end of the Channelward end of the pier where the pier extends 3' beyond the property line extended to the "Point of Cove".

Please note that all properties West and East of the Bolognese property have piers with a minimum space for two boats (one on each side of their pier). The Bolognese is the only property on this portion of Gingerville Creek without a pier. The Bolognese proposed boat lift is 12' wide is 2' less than the boat lift approved at the Wegner's. There is a 2' space between the space between the Bolognese piles and Wegner piles to mitigate any possibility of contractor error in installing the proposed pilings. The Bolognese are willing to install their pier and pilings under the supervision of a licensed survey to avoid contractor error.

Denying pier for the Bolognese would be an unwarranted hardship and deny the Bolognese of the riparian rights enjoyed by all other waterfront property owner's in the Creek.

The Bolognese pier meets the general spirit and intent of the Settlement Agreement between the two neighbors. However, the Bolognese Boat lift is to be 12' Wide.

The Bolognese proposed pier is 4' landward of a line between the pier at 135 Island View Dr. (Wegner) and 131 Island View Dr. (Michale Bolognese).

- IV. The following attachments were previously submitted with the Prefile Application:
 - 1) Proposed Variance Administrative Site Plan.
 - 2) Topographical Map..
 - 3) Zoning Boundaries.
 - 4) Critical Area
 - 5) Vegetated Areas: +/-3,676 sq ft of Trees & +/-2,467 sq ft of Shrubs Impervious Area: +/-3,658sq ft.
 - 6) Vicinity Map.
 - 7) Existing Pier Structures along the waterfront in Gingerville Creek..
 - 8) Property Owner's Deed.
 - 9) List of Property Owners within 300.'
 - 10) Settlement Exhibit showing agreed property extension dividing line.
- V. The following is additional document submitted with this "Updated Letter of Explanation"
 - 11) Survey Associates Survey Sealed by David Green (Bolognese Property 2022)
 - 12) Sealed Steve Jupitz Survey (Bolognese Property 2025)

VI. Critical Area Report : For property in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area

- 1) Topographic map Exhibit 2
- A paragraph or less addressing each point listed below:
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Response: The existing proposed use is residential R2 waterfront-Critical Area IDA.

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e) Additional Statements:

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- (ii) substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property.
- (iii)reduce forest cover in the limited and resource conservation areas of the critical area.
- (iv) be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the critical area or bog protection area; or
- (v) be detrimental to the public welfare.

In closing, The Bolognese property is unique in that is the narrowest of the lots on this portion of the cove, which restricts the available space for a pier and boat lift (2 pilings) and complicates the owners access and use of their waterfront. The property has an irregular curved shoreline resulting in a small wedge shaped buildable area over the water which creates a practical difficulty in accommodating piers and boat lifts/slips. The variance, if approved, will not substantially impair the use or development of either adjacent properties, or impact navigation or use the use and enjoyment of the adjacent lots and will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. Approval of the pier and pilings to install a boat lift serves two purposed. One it creates a 12' wide slip width boundary preventing a boat with a beam in excess of 12' wide on being moored on the applicants pier which may aggravate the neighbor by encroaching over an agreed upon property dividing line. Second, boatlifts are favored by environmentalist and government review agencies because a boatlift keeps boats out of the water, reducing the deterioration of the bottom paint and possible degrading water quality.

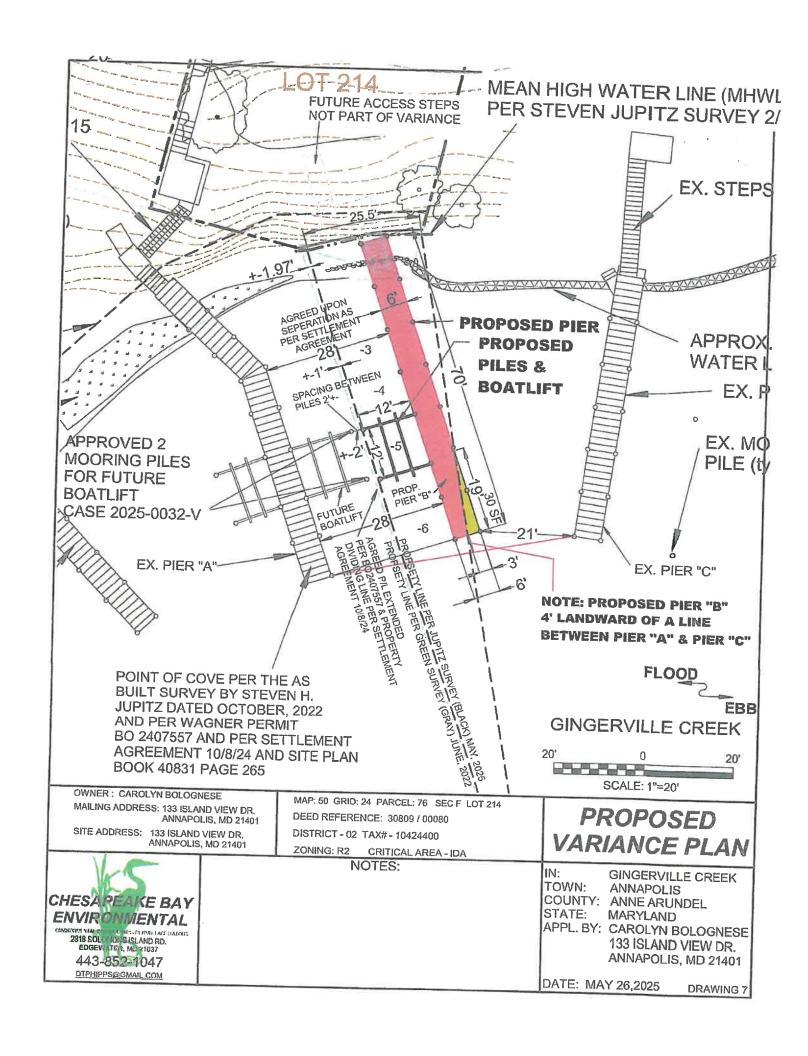
For all the aforementioned reasons, the Bolognese respectfully request that the proposed variance be approved.

If County staff has any questions or comments or would like to have additional information please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Phipps,

Chesapeake Bay Environmental 443-852-1047 dtphipps@gmail.com



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

PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sadé Medina, Zoning Applications

Planning and Zoning Department, MS-6301

FROM: Brian Chew, Program Manager

Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE: May 29, 2025

RE: Carolyn J. Bolognese

133 Island View Drive Annapolis, MD 21401.

NUMBER: 2025-0058-V

SUBJECT: Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow a pier and pilings (2) with less setbacks than required.

The Health Department has reviewed the above-referenced request. The property is served by public water and sewer facilities. The Health Department has no objection to the above-referenced request.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Brian Chew at 410-222-7413.

cc: Sterling Seay

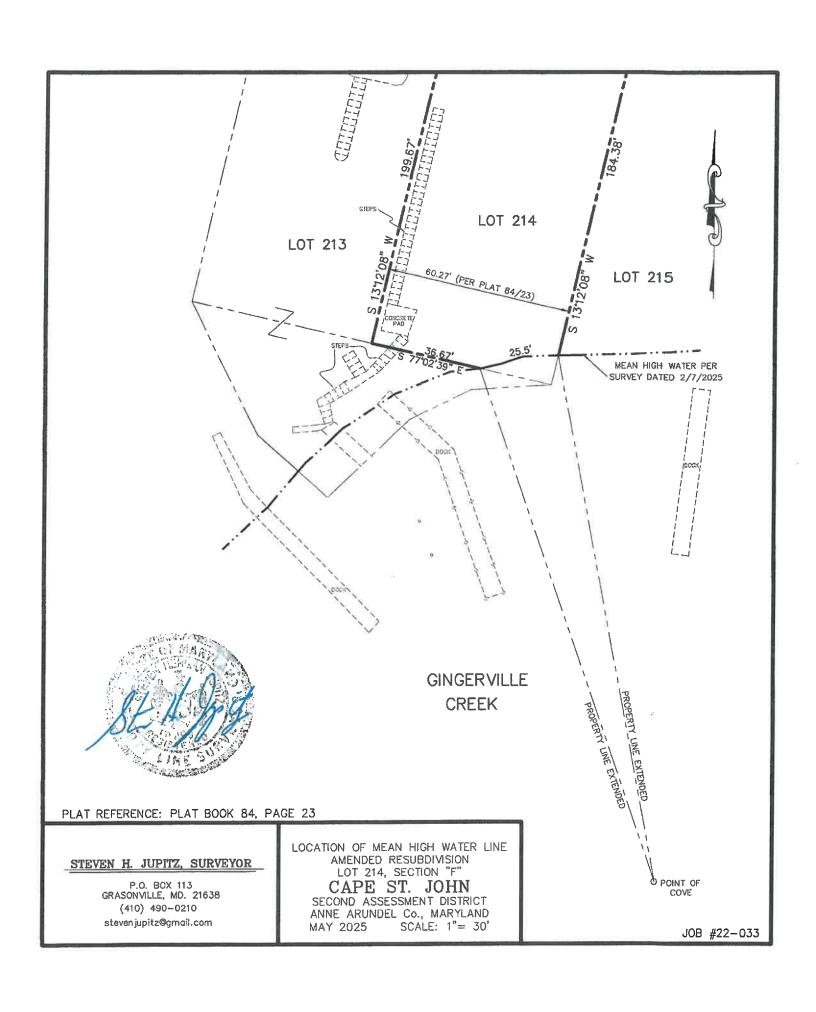


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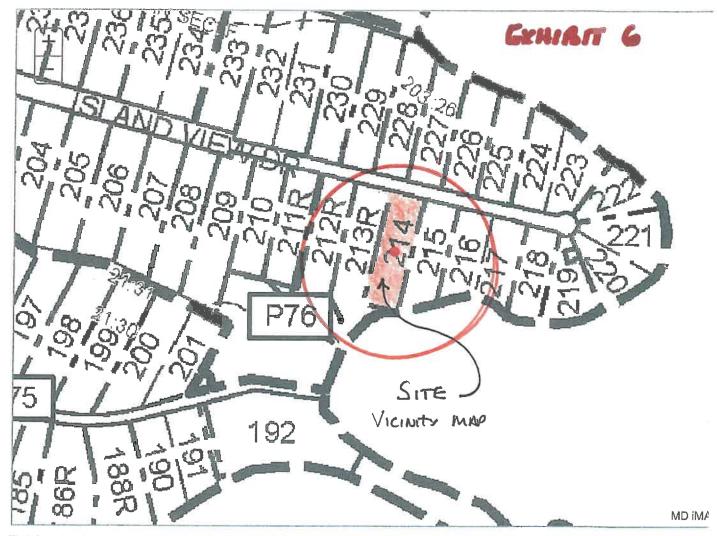


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District: 02 Subdivision: 154 Account Number: 10424400



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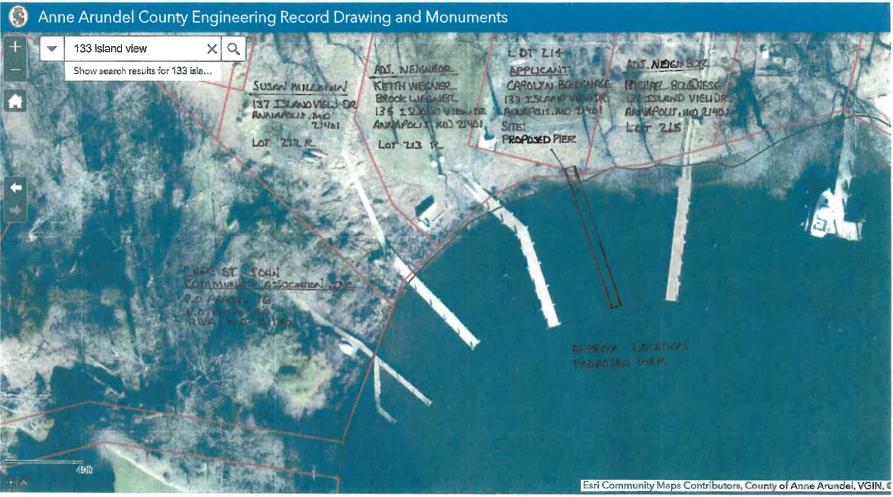
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