#### FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPLICANTS**: Carline & Vladimir Hilaire **ASSESSMENT DISTRICT: 3rd** 

**CASE NUMBER**: 2025-0173-V **COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 3rd** 

PREPARED BY: Donnie Dyott Jr. H **HEARING DATE**: November 13, 2025

#### **REQUEST**

The applicants are requesting a variance to allow an accessory structure (shed) in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot with less setbacks than required on property located at 4694 Mountain Road in Pasadena.

#### **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SITE**

The subject site consists of approximately 1.99 acres of land and is zoned as R1 - Residential District. The property is identified as Lot 3R of Parcel 167 in Block 9 on Tax Map 25 in the Lakeside Estate subdivision. This property is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is improved with a single family detached dwelling and associated facilities. The entire property is located within the N. Grays Bog Contributing Drainage Area and a portion of the property is located within the N. Grays Bog 300' buffer. The proposed shed that is the subject of this application is located outside of the Bog 300' buffer.

#### **APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL**

The applicants seek to construct a shed measuring 12' X 16' (height 11') in the front yard of the property, east of the existing dwelling.

#### REQUESTED VARIANCES

§ 18-2-204 (b) of the Anne Arundel County Zoning Code states that an accessory structure may not be located in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot. The shed as proposed is in the front yard, necessitating a variance to this provision.

No setback variances are required.

#### **AGENCY COMMENTS**

The **Health Department** commented they have no objection to the request and that the applicants must request an Administrative Variance to allow a structure to be located in the Septic Reserve Area.

The Recreation and Parks Department commented that the site lies in the N. Grays Bog Contributing Drainage Area and 300' buffer and that the proposed development is consistent with the spirit of the Green Infrastructure Master Plan.

#### **FINDINGS**

The subject property is of adequate size and width for a lot in the R1 District. The State tax records indicate the dwelling was constructed in 2011. The applicant argues that lot shape is unusual and that placement of the shed in compliance with the Code is difficult due to the setback requirements, shape of the lot and the bog 300' buffer. This leaves little room to place the shed in a functional location that will work for the homeowner. It is described that the shed location is to the side of the home next to the garage which was chosen to minimize impact on adjacent lots.

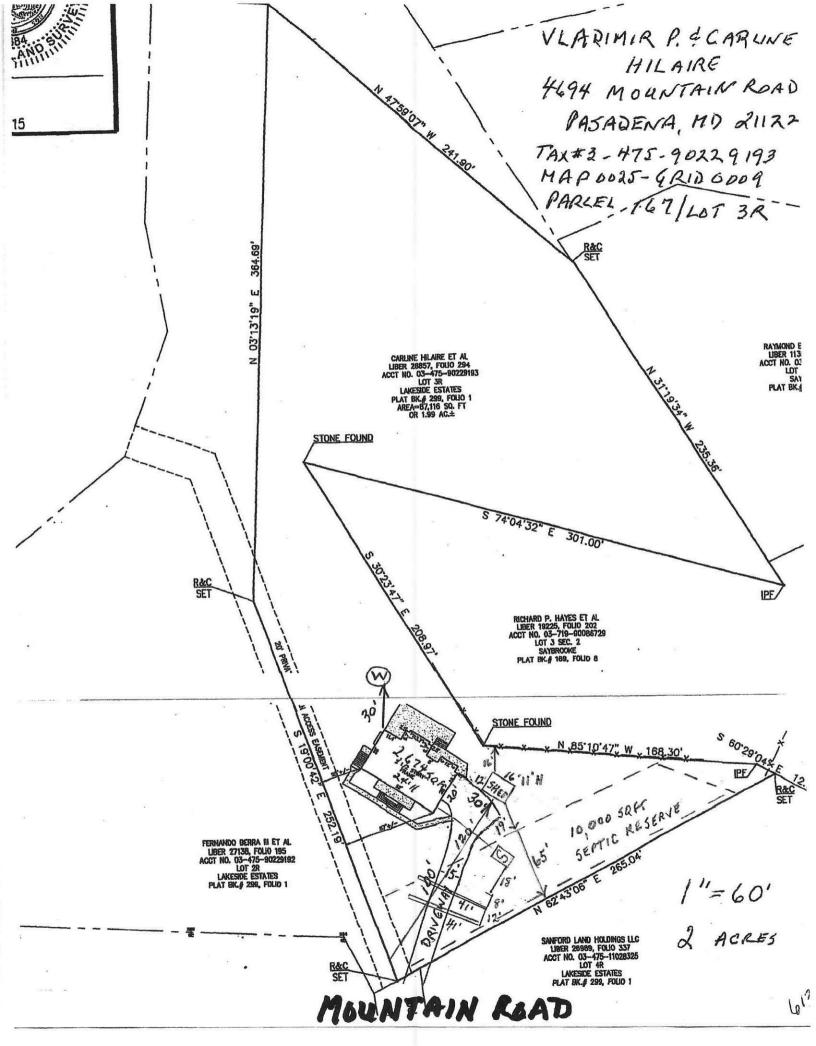
While the lot is of adequate size and width for the R1 District, it can be argued that the location and orientation of the dwelling on the property in combination with the unusual lot shape, creates a unique situation in which compliance with the Code is difficult for the functional placement of a shed. While the shed is technically proposed in the front yard, the location is to the side of the dwelling and behind the existing driveway giving the appearance of being located in the side yard. As such some relief is warranted to allow the applicants to place the shed in the front yard of the site.

The proposed shed at 12' X 16' is modest in size and can be considered the minimum necessary to afford relief by this Office. The location to the side of the dwelling behind the driveway appears to have minimal to no impact on the adjacent properties and would not be detrimental to the public welfare. Furthermore, locating the shed to areas north of the dwelling may intrude into the bog 300' buffer, further restricting placement options for accessory structures.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the standards set forth in § 18-16-305 under which a variance may be granted, this Office recommends *approval* of the zoning variance to allow the construction of the shed as shown on the site plan.

DISCLAIMER: This recommendation does not constitute a building permit. In order for the applicant(s) to construct the structure(s) as proposed, the applicant(s) shall apply for and obtain the necessary building permits and obtain any other approvals required to perform the work described herein. This includes but is not limited to verifying the legal status of the lot, resolving adequacy of public facilities, and demonstrating compliance with environmental site design criteria.



#### Letter of Explanation for a Front Setback Variance Request

Subject property: 4694 Mountain Road

Pasadena, MD 21122

Tax Account No.: 3-475-90229193

Owners: Vladimir Hilaire

Carline Hilaire

Agent for Owners: MBAS Sheds
Applicant for Variance Linda Bachman

410-360-9717

bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com

#### **Responding to Permit B02435379's Comments**

A review of the permit application was done by the Zoning Department. They determined that the location of the 12'x16' x11' high shed the Customer wants to install on their property would be located in front of the home which is not allowed. The house is 2,674 sq. ft. x 25' high. But the shed would be built off of the side of the home next to the garage alongside the driveway. The lot is extremely unusual. The home was built facing the cul-de-sac of this small community that it appears that the front and side of the house both face Mountain Road which is considered to be the front. The Zoning for this property is R1. The setback allowed for accessory structures in an R1 Zone is 40' off of the front property line and cannot be placed in front of the house. Zoning determined that the front property line is on the side of the house where the driveway is. The shed would be 65' off of the front line, as determined by Zoning, and 120' off of the "side" property line which is the side the front of the house faces. Its location would be outside of the septic reserve area complying with the Health Dept.'s requirements. On the other side of the house it would be difficult to place the shed where it would work for the customer due to the 15' side/back setbacks as well as the 30' distance required to be from the well. In addition, the lot is in a bog area which further restricts its location on the lot. The proposed location is the only feasible solution that accommodates the shed while maintaining its safe and functional land use. The lot was recorded in 2011 prior to the development of the adjacent lots within Lakeside Estates. The lot's configuration and topographical limitations differ significantly from the surrounding lots. It's challenging to comply with the setback requirements.

The shed is essential for securely storing equipment and materials currently exposed to the weather and are visible from the street which poses safety risks and detracts from the visual harmony of the neighborhood. The shed's placement will support the routine upkeep of the property and enhance both safety and curb appeal.

The customer has chosen a location that minimizes any impact on the neighboring lots, it will not obstruct sight lines, infringe on their privacy or interfere with any drainage or access pathways.

The customer is requesting that they be allowed to place their 12x16 shed alongside the driveway in front of the garage on the side of the house.

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AFTER RECORDING, PLEASE RETURN TO: Carline Hilaire and Vladimir P. Hilaire

4694 Mountain Road Pasadena, MD 21122

File No.: 01350-15-CRT Tax ID No.: 3-475-9022-9193

LR - Deed (w Taxes) Recording only ST20.00 Grantor/Grantee Name: hilaire Reference/Control #: LR - Deed (with Taxes) Surcharge LR - Deed State Transfer Tax 2,800.00 SubTotal: 2,860.00

2,920.00 Total: 09/30/2015 03:04 wife and husband, party of the second part, Grantees. Arundel County/CC05.01.10 -Register 10

- Witnesseth -

That for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred-Sixty Thousand And No/100 Dollars (\$560,000.00), which includes the amount of any outstanding Mortgage or Deed of Trust, if any, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantors do grant and convey to the said Carline Hilaire and Vladimir P. Hilaire, wife and husband, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, the survivor of them, and the survivor's Personal Representative and assigns,, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in the County of Anne Arundel, State of Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Carline Hilaire and Vladimir P. Hilaire, wife and husband, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, the survivor of them, and the survivor's Personal Representative and assigns, in fee simple.

And the Grantors hereby Covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that they will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that they will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

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BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNAT Amended Plat of Lakeside Estates Maryland in Plat Book 299, folio 2. BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED-as Lot 3R as shown on the plat entitled, "Plat 2 of 2, Amended Plat of Lakeside Estates"; recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon being known as 4694 Mountain Road. Being part of the same property described in Liber 22374, folio 435.

> 09/25/15 09:31 AM VaI #: 0002-144277 County Transfer

As Witness the hands and seals of said Grantors, the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

Lakeside Estates at Mountain Rd, LLC

Elmo J. Singer Member

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY, to wit:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within Deed was prepared by, or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Attorney

NOTARY PUBLIC CINDY L. MILLER
Notary Public, State of Maryland
County of Baltimore

My Commission Expires

### **OWNER OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned each state under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the individual making this statement as follows:

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF APPLICABLE STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTEE HEREBY MAKES OATH THAT THE RESIDENCE ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS DEED WILL BE OCCUPIED BY THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTEE AS THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OF THE GRANTEE, FOR AT LEAST 7 OF THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THIS CONVEYANCE.

AS WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS:

Carline Hilaire

Vladimir P. Hilaire

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of , County of , this 23rd day of September, 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC

CINDY L. MILLER

Notary Public, State of Maryland

County of Baltimore

My Commission Expires

Vladimir P. & Carline Hilaire 4694 Mountain Road Pasadena, MD 21122

> Anne Arundel County Permit Application Center 2664 Riva Road Annapolis, Md 21401

permit. She has my permission to discuss, sign, and submit any updates that may be required.

Ref: Shed Permit 802435379
Tax Account 3-475-90229193

To whom it may concern:

This letter is my authorization designating MBAS Sheds/Linda Bachman as the Applicant for my shed

Thank you,

email: bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com phone: 410-360-9717

#### 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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#### SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION Describe Proposed use of project site: 12'X 1121 SHED IN FRONT AREA OF PROPERTY. INSTALL A Yes Yes Intra-Family Transfer Growth Allocation Grandfathered Lot **Buffer Exemption Area** Project Type (check all that apply) Commercial Recreational Consistency Report Redevelopment Industrial Residential Institutional Shore Erosion Control Mixed Use Water-Dependent Facility Other SITE INVENTORY (Enter acres or square feet) Acres Acres Sq Ft Total Disturbed Area IDA Area LDA Area RCA Area # of Lots Created Total Area Acres Sq Ft Acres Sq Ft Existing Forest/Woodland/Trees Existing Lot Coverage - IMPERIORS APPRZY 70,000 Created Forest/Woodland/Trees New Lot Coverage Removed Forest/Woodland/Trees Removed Lot Coverage Total Lot Coverage VARIANCE INFORMATION (Check all that apply) Acres Sq Ft Acres Sq Ft Buffer Disturbance **Buffer Forest Clearing** Non-Buffer Disturbance Mitigation Variance Type Structure Buffer Acc. Structure Addition Forest Clearing Barn **HPA** Impact Deck Lot Coverage **Dwelling** Expanded Buffer **Dwelling Addition** Nontidal Wetlands Garage Setback Gazebo Steep Slopes Patio Other Pool Shed Other

Revised 12/14/2006

## Critical Area Report Section 4 4694 Mountain Road

B. The types of trees on this property are poplar and oak. Out of the 2 acres of property, the total tree

coverage is approximately 80%. There will be no removal of any trees or shrubs.

C. There will be no impact on the water quality of the pond.

A. This property is a residential property. The 12x16 shed will strictly be used for storage.

- C. There will be no impact on the water quality of the pond.
- D. The impervious surface will only be increased by 392 sq. ft. for the shed.E. There are no endangered species on the property, no natural heritage areas, or plant and wildlife habitats, no steep slope where the shed will be located,



J. Howard Beard Health Services Building 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Phone: 410-222-7095 Fax: 410-222-7294 Maryland Relay (TTY): 711 www.aahealth.org

Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP Health Officer

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sadé Medina, Zoning Applications

Planning and Zoning Department, MS-6301

FROM: Brian Chew, Program Manager

Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE: September 17, 2025

RE: Carline Hilaire

4694 Mountain Road Pasadena, MD 21122

NUMBER: 2025-0173-V

SUBJECT: Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow an accessory structure (shed) with less setbacks than required and in front yard of a non-waterfront lot.

The Health Department has reviewed the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply system for the above referenced property. The Health Department has determined that the proposed request does not adversely affect the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply systems. The Health Department has no objection to the above referenced request. Must request an Administrative Variance to allow a structure to be located in the Septic Reserve Area.

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

cc: Sterling Seay



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sadé Medina, Zoning Division

Office of Planning and Zoning

FROM: Pat Slayton

Capital Projects Division

SUBJECT: Variance Case 2025-0173-V

DATE: September 9, 2025

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed the above plans to determine if there may be impacts to the Anne Arundel County Green Infrastructure Network, parks, and trails. Please note our recommendations according to those findings below.

- This site lies the N Grays Bog Contributing Drainage Area and 300' buffer.
- This site lies within the Anne Arundel County Green Infrastructure Network, a proposed preservation area considered in the Anne Arundel County Green Infrastructure Master Plan. The proposed development is consistent with the spirit of the Green Infrastructure Master Plan.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has no further comments.

cc: File

### Map Title

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