DESIGN NARRATIVE

The property is currently consists of 3 parcels, each with an existing driveway and house on them. The house on Parcels 402\$403 have been removed. There are two existing wetland / stream systems on or adjacent to the property and there are steep slopes associated with them, however the area of these slopes is less than 20,000 SF and less than 10 feet in height in some areas. These wetland systems and their buffers will be impacted by the proposed fire station. Stormwater Management for the proposed Fire Station is provided by environmental site design to the maximum extent practical and will consist of a areen roof, and 2 micro bioretention and 2 bioretention facilities located on the site to minimize the impacts to the perennial and intermittent streams at the south of the property. Due to the size of the drainage areas and the large areas of paving necessary for the station, 2 structural practices are required. Existing natural resources have been protected to the maximum extent possible while still achieving the goals of the project to construct a new fire station. The natural flow patterns have been maintained by maintaining the existing drainage patterns to the 2 wetland / stream systems and by maintaining the drainage pattern to the existing culvert under Montgomery Road by construction of storm drainage. Impervious areas have been reduced to the maximum extent practical and still achieve the project qoals, or a new fire station with response pads and parking for the public for the hall, located within the station. The soils onsite are clay and prohibit the use of alternative paving. However a green roof has been proposed to reduce rooftop runoff. Sediment and Erosion Control measures have been provided using a trap constructed within the graded area, SSF and SFD to reduce the LOD and forest clearing. Sediment and erosion will be coordinated with the installation of the storm drainage. (As noted in the sequence of construction)

SITE ANALYSIS CHART

- Proposed Use: Fire Station
- 2. Area Tabulations: Total: 5.68 Ac Floodolain: O Ac Wetlands impact: O.II Ac. & Buffers Impact: O.47 Ac Steep Slopes: 0.45 Ac > 25% There are no 15%-24.99% Slopes Forests: Prop. 1.63 Ac. Exist. 4.36 Ac.
- Limit of Disturbance 4.77 Ac. Proposed Impervious: 2.57 Ac Green Space 3.08 Ac. Erodible Soils: 5.68 Ac.
- 3. This property will be served by public water and sewer.
 4. Wetland and Forest Stand Delineation and report prepared by Eco Science Professionals Dated 2/22/13
- 5. Forest Conservation Requirements will be met by retention of onsite forest and by payment of fee-in-lieu for any forest requirements not met by onsite retention or by afforestation. 6. No cemeteries exist onsite.
- 7. No floodplains exists onsite.
- 8. There are no historic structures onsite.
- 9. Approval of the ECP does not constitute approval of any subsequent and associated subdivision plat or site development plan and/or redline revisions. Review of this project for compliance with the Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Regulations shall occur at the applicable plan stage process. Review of applicable future plans will generate additional comments as the project progresses through the plan review
- 10. Erosion control matting shall be provided in all swales. 11. Topography shown hereon was field run by Shanaberger & Lane in February, 2013. The other topography shown hereon is Howard County Aerial Topography.
- 12. Ho. Co. DPZ Files MP-14-010. CAPITAL PROJECT F-5964 13. On June 5, 2013, the Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department held a meeting with the community to discuss the new fire station project. 14. Waiver Petition MP-14-010 was approved October 29, 2013 for the following:

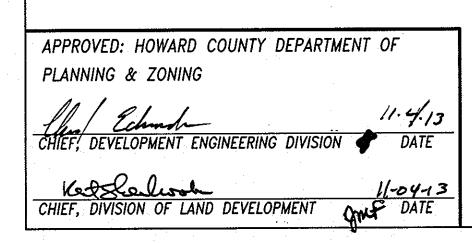
The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered your request for a waiver from the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

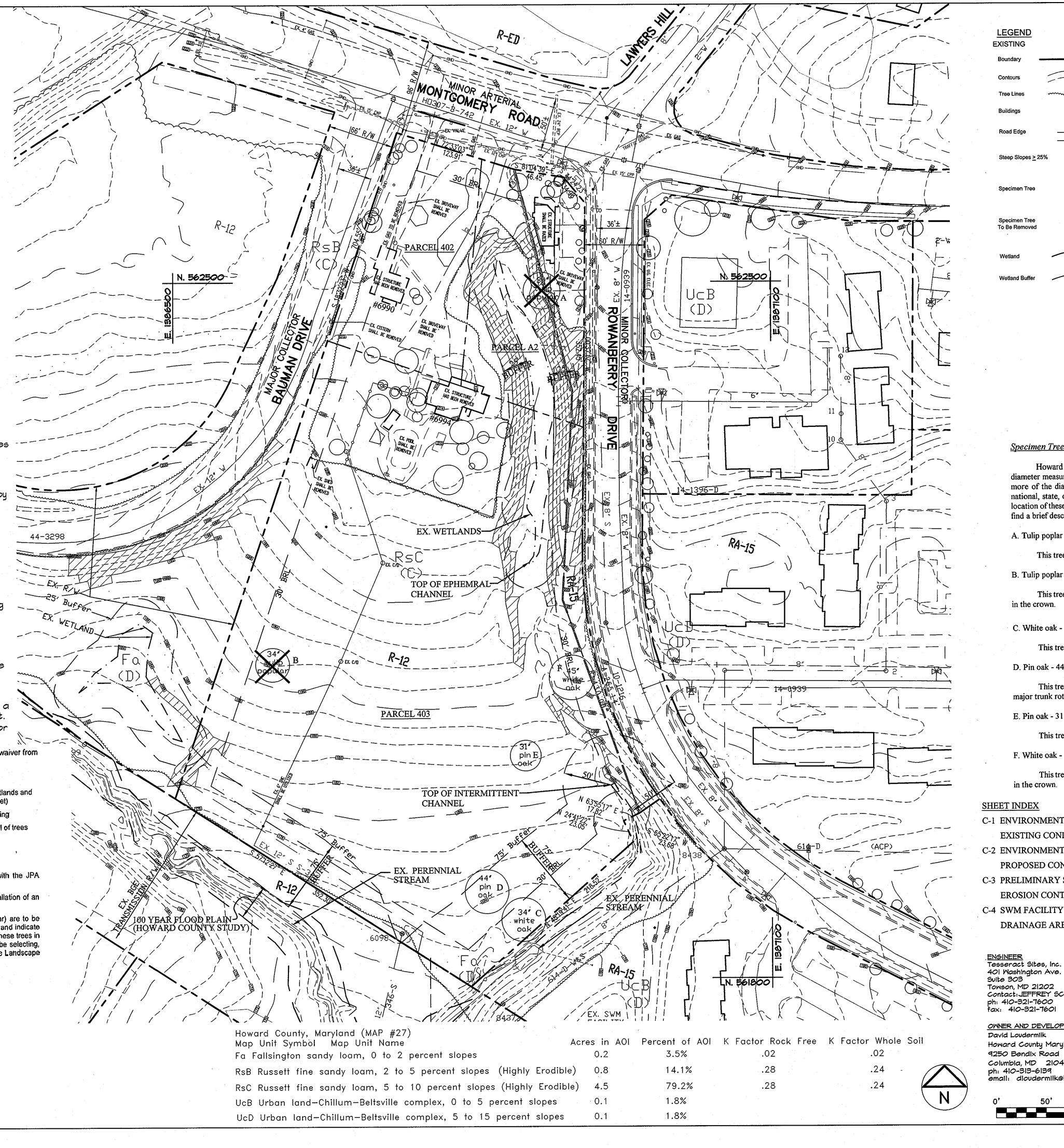
As of the date of this letter, the Planning Director approved your request to waive;

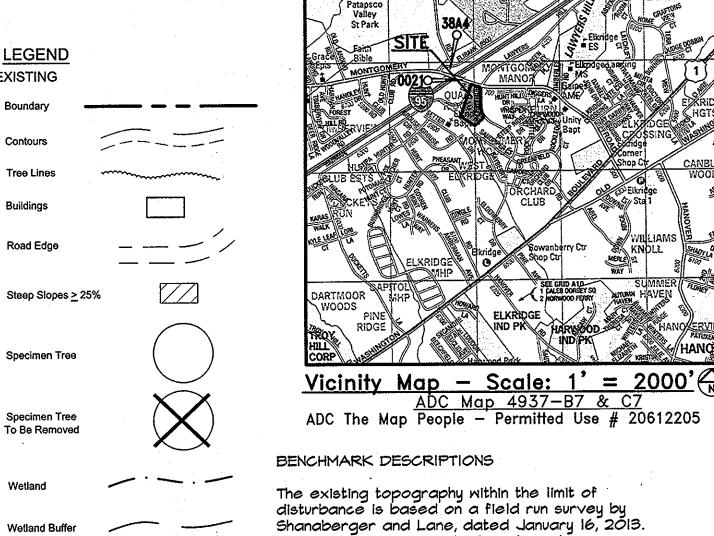
- Section 16.116 Restricting grading activities and the removal of vegetation within wetlands and streams (and associated buffers), as well as on steep slopes (25%+ over 10 vertical feet)
- Section 16.117 Design in accordance with existing topography and to minimize clearing
- Section 16.1205(a) Avoid forest removal in priority retention areas and avoid removal of trees with a 30" dbh or greater (specimen trees)

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Obtain a permit from MDE for the wetland and wetland buffer impacts in conjunction with the JPA submitted on June 28, 2013.
- 2. Maintain groundwater flow to the ephemeral stream and remaining wetlands with the installation of an underdrain to pipe the groundwater through the site to maintain the flow pattern.
- 3. For each of the specimen trees removed, 2 shade trees of the same species (tulip poplar) are to be planted for a total of 4 trees. Please show these replacement trees on the landscape plan and indicate their purpose. Since tulip poplars are not recommended for landscape trees, please place these trees in the interior of the site near the southern extent of the LOD. If a safe planting area cannot be selecting, please provide another large shade tree species within the Recommended Plant List of the Landscape
- 4. Submission of a site development plan in compliance with the above conditions.







The courses and coordinates shown hereon are based on the following Howard County monuments:

Point	Northing	Easting	Elevatio
38A4	562977.6414	1386288.0606	223.372
0021	562745.8233	1386542.0529	226.190

Specimen Trees

EXISTING

Howard County's Forest Conservation Program defines specimen trees as trees having a diameter measured at 4.5 feet above the ground of 30 inches or more; trees having 75 percent or more of the diameter of the current state champion tree of that species; or trees designated as national, state, or county champions. Six (6) specimen trees are present on the project site. The location of these trees is shown on the enclosed Wetland and Forest Stand Delineation Plan. Below find a brief description of each tree.

A. Tulip poplar - 37" DBH

This tree is in fair condition. Moderate dieback is evident in the crown.

B. Tulip poplar - 34" DBH

This tree, which consists of two co-dominant stems, is in fair condition. Dieback was noted in the crown.

C. White oak - 34" DBH

This tree is in good condition with no major issues noted.

D. Pin oak - 44" DBH

This tree, which consists of two co-dominant stems, is in very poor condition. The tree has major trunk rot.

E. Pin oak - 31" DBH

This tree is in fairly good condition. Some dieback is evident in the crown.

F. White oak - 45" DBH

This tree is in fair condition. The tree contains a small trunk cavity and exhibits some dieback in the crown.

SHEET INDEX

C-1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCEPT PLAN **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

C-2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCEPT PLAN PROPOSED CONDITIONS

C-3 PRELIMINARY SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN

DRAINAGE AREA MAP

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Environmental Concept Plan Existing Conditions Elkridge Volunteer Fire Station

Professional Certification. I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland, License No. 14230, Expiration Date: 12/09/14. 14101/512 13842/358 N/A 402 403 A2 TAX/ZONE MAP ELECT.DISTRICT CENSUS TRACT: R-12, RA15 | 38 1ST



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