

## Howard County Department Of Planning And Zoning

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July 18, 2011

Mr. Bruce Gist Howard County Public School System 10910 MD Route 108 Ellicott City, MD 21042

RE:

WP-11-205, Bollman Bridge Elementary School, TM Parcel 25, proposed building additions, parking addition and other improvements (SDP-87-096)

Dear Mr. Gist:

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

As of the date of this letter, the Planning Director **approved** your request to waive Subdivision Sections:

1. 16.1201(n) and 16.1204(d)(1), and granted permission to use the limit of disturbance of 1.10 aces for the proposed improvements (not including areas of temporary disturbance), to compute the forest conservation requirement for this project rather than the net tract area of 46.569 acres of this developed site.

The approval of this waiver petition is subject to compliance with the following condition(s) of approval:

- The Petitioner/Developer shall address the forest conservation obligation for this project the limit of disturbance of 1.10 aces for the proposed improvements (not including areas of temporary disturbance), to compute the forest conservation requirement for this project rather than the net tract area of 46.569 acres of this developed site.
- The forest conservation worksheet for this project shall use the Land Use Category of "IDA".
- 3. The forest conservation obligation for this project is 0.17 acre of afforestation, and the required forest conservation fee-in-lieu payment amount is \$5,553.90 (0.17 ac. = 7,405.20 sq. ft. X \$0.75 = \$5,553.90).
  - A. The required forest conservation fee-in-lieu of \$5,553.90 for this project shall be paid/transferred to the Ho. Co. Forest Conservation Fund.

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Payment to the Director of Finance, Howard County, of a fee-in-lieu to the Ho. Co. Forest Conservation Fund.

- \* For County projects, a copy of the memorandum authorizing the Department of Finance, Bureau of Accounting, to transfer this amount to the Ho. Co. Forest Conservation Fund account may be submitted, rather than a check.
- B. A copy of the receipt for the payment or transfer of \$5,553.90 to the Ho. Co.
  Forest Conservation Fund shall be submitted to Mrs. Brenda Luber of the Division of
  Land Development of the Department of Planning and Zoning.
- C. A completed Forest Conservation Data Summary for this project/plan shall be submitted to Mrs. Brenda Luber of the Division of Land Development of the Department of Planning and Zoning. You may pull up the document by going to: <a href="http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPZ/DPZDocs/FOCODATA.pdf">http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPZ/DPZDocs/FOCODATA.pdf</a>.
- 4. Add a note to the General Notes on plan sheet 1 that states the forest conservation obligation and fee-in-lieu amount paid for this project.
- 5. Add a detailed note to the General Notes on plan sheet 1 for this waiver petition that indicates this waiver petition file number, the sections of the Regulations, request, action, conditions of approval, and the approval date.

## Justification for the approval recommendation for this waiver petition:

- 1. The Petitioner/developer would experience extraordinary hardship and practical difficulties if strict compliance with the Regulations was required. The majority of the 46.569 acre site has been previously developed and the proposed limit of disturbance is only 1.10 acres (not including areas of temporary disturbance). The forest conservation obligation for the 46.569 acre site would be considerable, and would result in an extraordinary hardship for the Petitioner and may negatively affect the viability of the project.
- 2. This waiver petition if approved will not nullify the intent or purpose of the Regulations as the forest conservation obligation will be met for the proposed disturbed area/limit of submission, but not for the already developed/improved areas of the site not to be disturbed.

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Indicate this waiver petition file number, request, sections of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and approval date for this waiver petition in a detailed note on sheet 1 of site development plan, SDP-87-096. This waiver petition approval will remain valid as long as this project is active.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Antol at (410) 313-2350 or email at mantol@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Kent Sheubrooks, Chief,

Division of Land Development

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Research

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Forest Conservation Coordinator Fisher, Collins and Carter, Inc.