

MCPB Item No. Date: 12-4-14

# Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034D Alvermar Woods (In Response to Violations)

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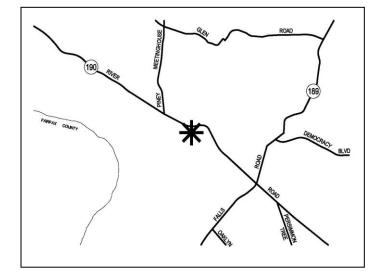
#### Staff Report Date: 11-20-14

## Description

Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034D Alvermar Woods (In Response to a Violation)

- Remove 50,484 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 17, located at 10410 Riverwood Drive
- Remove 1,008 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 16, located at 10420 Riverwood Drive
- RE-2 Zone, Potomac Master Plan *Staff Recommendation*: Approval with conditions

Applicant: Kambiz Kazemi Submittal Date: October 31, 2014 Review Basis: Chapter 22A



#### Summary

- Removal of 51,466 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement.
- Purchase of 102,932 square feet of credit at a Forest Mitigation Bank to compensate for the easement removal.
- A Limited Amendment to Preliminary Plan 11999034A was denied by the Planning Board on October 21, 2010 because it did not meet all the necessary parameters for easement removal in terms of mitigation and easement locations.
- A Limited Amendment to Preliminary Plan 11999034B was approved by the Planning Board on October 3, 2013, when the Applicant was permitted to relocate 0.15 acres of Category I Conservation Easement onsite and take 0.36 acres of Category I Conservation Easement offsite.
- A Limited Amendment to Preliminary Plan 11999034C was denied by the Planning Board on July 17, 2014 because it did not meet all the necessary parameters for easement removal in terms of mitigation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the Limited Amendment to the Preliminary Plan and associated Final Forest Conservation Plan, subject to the following conditions:

- The Applicant must submit a complete record plat application within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving the limited amendment to the Preliminary Plan that removes the entire Category I Conservation Easement from lot 17 and from a portion of lot 16. The existing Conservation Easement remains in full force and effect until the record plat is recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records.
- The Applicant must submit a minor subdivision plan to change the property lines for existing lots 17 and 16. The minor subdivision must be coordinated with the submission of a new record plat that removes the conservation easement.
- 3. A Category I Conservation easement must be recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records by deed and the Liber Folio for the easement area remaining on existing lot 16 must be referenced on the new record plat. The Category I Conservation Easement must be approved by the M-NCPPC Office of the General Counsel before recordation of the easement.
- 4. The Applicant must submit a Certificate of Compliance to use an M-NCPPC approved offsite forest mitigation bank within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving 11999034C. The Certificate of Compliance must provide 102,932 square feet of mitigation credit for the removal of 51,466 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement.
- All other conditions of Preliminary Plan No. 119990340 and Forest Conservation Plan No. 119990340 that were not modified herein, as contained in the Planning Board's Opinion dated February 4, 1999, remain in full force and effect.
- 6. The Applicant must comply with the Settlement Agreement made on October 5, 2014.

# BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan 119990340 "Alvermar Woods" on January 28, 1999, for 2 lots (Lots 16 and 17) on 4.17-acres of land in the RE-2 Zone. (Attachments A and B). The Property is generally located in the southwest corner of the intersection of River Road and Riverwood Drive (Figure 1).

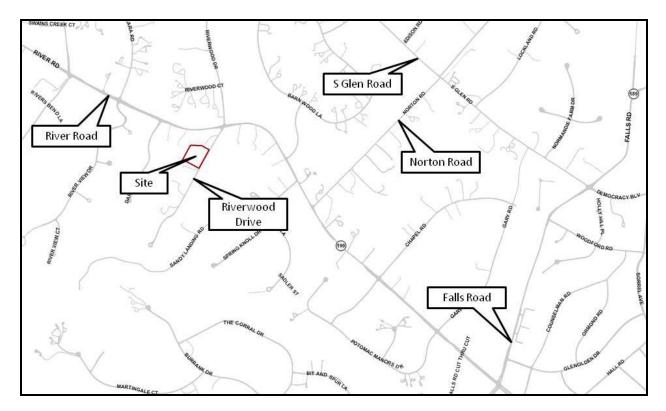
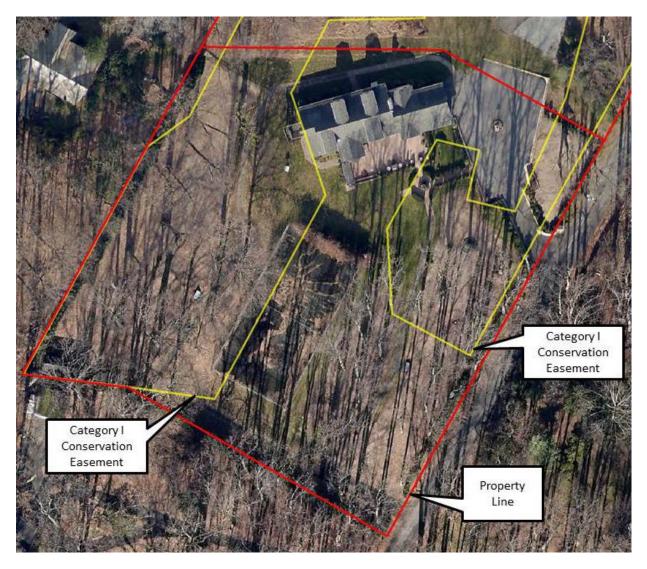


Figure 1: Vicinity Map

That original Preliminary Plan of Subdivision was subject to the Forest Conservation Law (Chapter 22A of the County Code). Conservation Easements were placed on both lots to meet the requirements of the Law. The Forest Conservation Plan ("FCP") for Preliminary Plan 119990340 shows 1.61 acres of existing forest on the 4.17 acre property, with 1.43 acres of forest retained, and 0.18 acres of forest cleared. Development of the two lots did not generate a planting requirement due to the amount of forest retained on the Property. The approved FCP shows 0.33 acres of retained forest in easement on Lot 16 and 1.13 acres on Lot 17.

Lot 17, consisting of 90,309 square feet or 2.07 acres, is located at 10410 Riverwood Drive in Potomac ("Property" or "Subject Property") and is 390 feet south of River Road in the Potomac Subregion Master Plan area. The Property is relatively level and has no streams, wetlands, floodplains or buffers on site. The Property is located within the Potomac River Direct watershed, which has a Use I-P designation. The Countywide Stream Protection Strategy rates the water quality in this watershed as having fair quality. Figure 2 below shows in greater detail the Property and the Conservation Easements.



## Figure 2: Alvermar Woods, Lot 17

The Applicant has been issued numerous Notice of Violations (NOV) and Administrative Citations for unauthorized activities in the Category I Conservation Easement. NOVs were issued to the property owner on July 14, 2009 (Attachment C) and August 28, 2009, (Attachment D). In addition he was issued Administrative Citation #EPD0000004 on August 10, 2010, with a \$500 fine (Attachment E). On July 26, 2012, the Applicant was issued Administrative Citation EPD000086 for the removal of four additional trees within the Category I Conservation Easement (Attachment F). None of the citations were paid. In each case, the Applicant, through his attorney, contested the citations in writing and requested a hearing before the Planning Board, or the Board's designee.

On December 11, 2009, the Applicant submitted Preliminary Plan Amendment 11999034A, which was denied by the Planning Board on October 21, 2010 (Attachment G). On July 31, 2012, the Applicant submitted Preliminary Plan Amendment 11999034B. The Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan Amendment 11999034B on October 3, 2013 (Attachment H), with the following conditions:

- 1. The Applicant must submit a complete record plat application within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving the limited amendment to the Preliminary Plan that delineates the revised Category I conservation easement. The existing conservation easement remains in full force and effect until the record plat is recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records by the Applicant.
- 2. The record plat must reference the standard Category I conservation easement as recorded at liber 13178, folio 412 in the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland over the areas identified to remain, as shown on the amended final forest conservation plan.
- 3. The Applicant must submit a Certificate of Compliance to use an M-NCPPC approved offsite forest mitigation bank within the same watershed within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving 11999034A. The Certificate of Compliance must provide 0.72 acres (31,363.2 square feet) of mitigation credit for the removal of 0.36 acres (15,681.6 square feet) of Category I conservation easement taken offsite.
- 4. The Applicant must delineate the revised Category I conservation easement boundary on the property with permanent easement markers and appropriate signage as required by 11999034A no later than ninety (90) days from the recordation of the record plat and the new conservation easement.
- 5. All other conditions of Preliminary Plan No. 119990340 and Forest Conservation Plan No. 119990340 that were not modified herein, as contained in the Planning Board's Opinion dated February 4, 1999, remain in full force and effect.

On October 18, 2013, the Inspector issued Administrative Citation #EPD000201, with a \$1,000 fine, to Mr. Kazemi, the Applicant, for the mowing and cutting of over 19,000 square feet of herbaceous and woody native plants within the Category I Conservation Easement (Attachment I). The areas cut were outside of the Conservation Easement area that the Planning Board had just allowed to be removed.

The Subject Property remains in violation because the Applicant, and current property owner, failed to satisfy the conditions of approval for Preliminary Plan 11999034B. The Property still has a shed, driveway, and pathway remaining within the Category I Conservation Easement and the Applicant mows the Category I Conservation Easement even though they were authorized to remove the easement from these areas. The Applicant has failed to submit a record plat to change the easements

Planning Enforcement staff scheduled a violation hearing with a Hearing Examiner. The hearing was scheduled for March 3, 2014. Prior to the enforcement hearing, the Enforcement staff and the property owner agreed on a settlement negating the immediate need for a violation hearing (Attachment J). The settlement set in place the process for the Applicant to submit a new limited amendment to the Preliminary Plan to resolve all outstanding issues with the Property. The Applicant submitted a preliminary plan amendment for forest conservation purposes on April 1, 2014. The amendment was subsequently denied by the Planning Board on July 17, 2014 (Attachment K). Since the Planning Board hearing a new settlement was negotiated to resolve the outstanding issues. The November 10, 2014 Settlement does not impact the Planning Boards' regulatory authority in any way and is subject to the Planning Boards' approval of this amendment. The new settlement is included in Attachment L. A new Preliminary Plan Amendment was accepted on October 31, 2014.

#### DICUSSION OF CURRENT AMENDMENT

#### **Applicant's Proposal**

On October 29, 2014, the Applicant submitted an application to amend Preliminary Plan and Forest Conservation Plan #11994091D ("Application" or "Amendment") to remove all 50,458 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement. The amendment shows an anticipated land exchange between the owners of Lots 17 and 16 that will remove an additional 1,008 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 16. This land exchange will increase the amount of Category I Conservation Easement to be permanently removed to 51,466 square feet (Attachment M). The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the easement removal by acquiring 102,932 square feet of credit in a forest mitigation bank. The Applicant's proposal is consistent with the Settlement.

#### **Planning Board Review Authority**

The Forest Conservation Law requires Planning Board action on certain types of modifications to an approved FCP. COMCOR 22A.00.01.13 A (2), the Forest Conservation Regulations, state:

Major amendments which entail more than a total of 5000 square feet of additional forest clearing must be approved by the Planning Board or the Planning Director (depending on who approved the original plan).

The Applicant proposes to remove 51,466 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from the Subject Property. When the original Forest Conservation Plan was approved the area consisted of existing forest which was credited as forest retention. The Applicant has removed all understory and some trees from the Conservation Easement, leaving it in a condition that no longer qualifies as forest, however, the Application must be reviewed by the Planning Board because the application will result in permanent loss of more than 5000 square feet of forest. The Planning Board's policy also requires that all easement removals be approved by the Planning Board.

## **Analysis and Findings**

The Alvermar Woods Subdivision property originally had 1.61 acres of forest. The original approved FCP showed that 0.18 acres of forest was to be removed and that 1.43 acres of forest would be retained. Pursuant to COMCOR 22a-12(h)(2), a Category I Conservation Easement was placed on the forest as a long-term protection measure to protect the existing forest and ensure that it remained a naturally regenerating forest. The Conservation Easement is shown on record plat 21237 (Attachment N) and the terms of the easement are referenced in the Land Records at Liber 13178 folio 412. The record plat was signed by Kambiz and Azar Kazemi on April 29, 1999; the Applicants for Preliminary Plan 11999034D. The approved FCP shows that the Category I Conservation Easements on the plat contained existing forest when the plat was recorded. At this time, none of the conservation areas to be removed with this amendment meet the definition of forest as defined in Section 22A-3 of the Montgomery County Code. This section states,

*"Forest means a biological community dominated by trees and other woody plants (including plant communities, the understory, and forest floor) covering a land area which is 10,000 square feet or* 

greater and at least 50 feet wide<sup>\*</sup>. However, minor portions of a forest stand which otherwise meet this definition may be less than 50 feet wide if they exhibit the same character and composition as the overall stand. Forest includes:

- (1) areas that have at least 100 live trees per acre with at least 50 percent of those trees having a 2 inch or greater diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground; and
- (2) forest areas that have been cut but not cleared."

(\*Note: The definition of forest was changed in 2001, the minimum width was increased from 35 feet to 50 feet.)

The settlement agreement indicates that Planning staff would support the removal of the entire 50,458 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 17, with appropriate mitigation, and the removal of 1,008 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 16, with appropriate mitigation. The total amount of Category I Conservation Easement proposed for removal is 51,466 square feet. Staff supports this request since the property owner has a history of repeatedly violating the terms of the easement and is in non-compliance with the conditions of approval of Preliminary Plan 11999034B.

The mitigation ratio identified in the settlement agreement is consistent with the mitigation required of other Property owners who were granted the ability to remove Conservation Easements off site by the Planning Board. What is different, in this case, is that the Applicant must submit a record plat and a certificate of compliance to use an offsite forest mitigation bank within 30 days of the mailing date of the resolution. The Agreement also gives the Applicant the ability to meet the offsite mitigation requirements at any forest mitigation bank in the County. In the past, the Applicant has had difficulty in obtaining mitigation credits in a forest bank in the same watershed. In addition, the Applicant must pay a penalty of \$22,500 within 30 days of the mailing date of the resolution. If the Applicant fails to complete any of the terms on time the Agreement will be negated and result in a violation hearing.

Staff supports the removal of the onsite easements and the proposed mitigation as a means to resolve the outstanding encroachment issues, which brings the Subject Property into compliance.

## **NOTIFICATION and OUTREACH**

The Subject Property was signed of the upcoming Preliminary Plan Limited Amendment submission and the Applicant sent written notice of the application to all adjoining and confronting property owners, civic associations, and other registered interested parties. These individuals will also be notified of the public hearing on the Application. As of the date of this report, Staff has not received any calls or correspondence in regards to this Application.

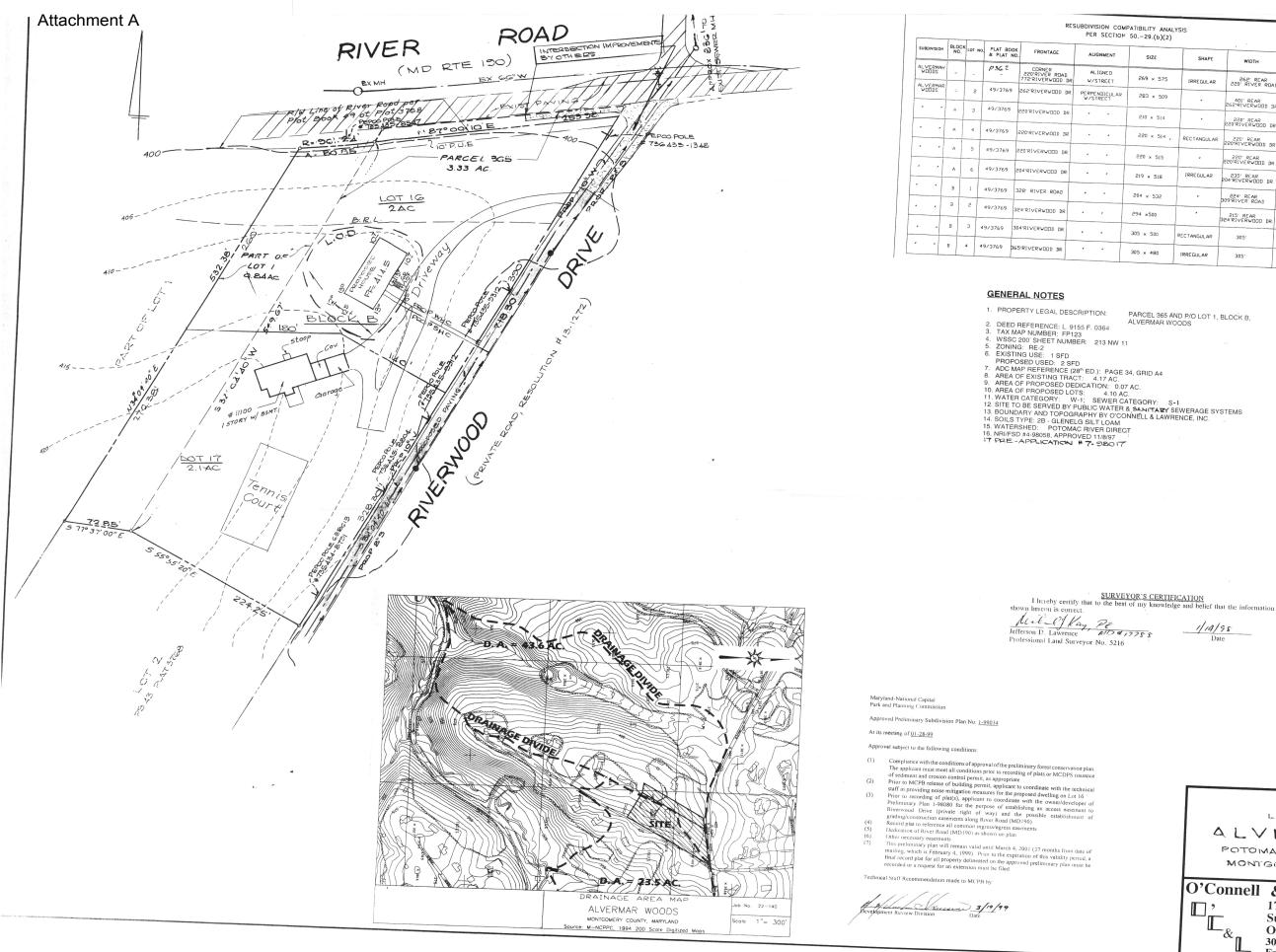
Any comments received hereafter will be forwarded to the Board.

## CONCLUSION

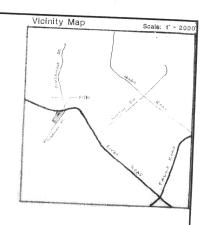
Staff recommends that the Planning Board approve this limited Preliminary Plan amendment to revise the forest conservation plan with the conditions specified above.

## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Original Preliminary Plan No. 119990340
- B. Original Opinion for Preliminary Plan No. 119990340
- C. Notice of Violation (NOV) July 14, 2009
- D. Letter and Corrective Action Order August 28, 2009
- E. Notice of Violation (NOV) August 10, 2010
- F. Notice of Violation (NOV) July 26, 2012
- G. Opinion for Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034A (Denied)
- H. Opinion for Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034B (Approved)
- I. Notice of Violation (NOV) October 18, 2013
- J. March 3, 2014 Settlement
- K. Opinion for Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034C (Denied)
- L. November 10, 2014 Settlement
- M. Proposed Plan Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11999034D
- N. Plat 21237



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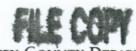


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1/14/98 Date

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# Attachment B



Date Mailed: February 4, 1999

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PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL Action: Approved Staff Recommendation Motion of Comm. Bryant, seconded by Comm. Holmes with a vote of 4-0; Comms. Bryant, Holmes, Hussmann and Perdue voting in favor. Comm. Richards temporarily absent.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## OPINION

## Preliminary Plan 1-99034 NAME OF PLAN: ALVERMAR WOODS, LOTS 16 & 17B

On 10-19-98, KAMBIZ KAZEMI submitted an application for the approval of a preliminary plan of subdivision of property in the RE-2 zone. The application proposed to create 2 lots on 4.17 acres of land. The application was designated Preliminary Plan 1-99034. On 01-28-99, Preliminary Plan 1-99034 was brought before the Montgomery County Planning Board for a public hearing. At the public hearing, the Montgomery County Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted in the record on the application. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented by staff and on the information on the Preliminary Subdivision Plan Application Form, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Montgomery County Planning Board finds Preliminary Plan 1-99034 to be in accordance with the purposes and requirements of the Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 50, Montgomery County Code, as amended) and approves Preliminary Plan 1-99034, subject to the following conditions:

- Compliance with the conditions of approval of the preliminary forest conservation plan. The (1)applicant must meet all conditions prior to recording of plats or MCDPS issuance of sediment and erosion control permit, as appropriate
- Prior to MCPB release of building permit, applicant to coordinate with the technical staff in (2)providing noise mitigation measures for the proposed dwelling on Lot 16
- Prior to recording of plat(s), applicant to coordinate with the owner/developer of Preliminary (3) Plan 1-98080 for the purpose of establishing an access easement to Riverwood Drive (private right of way) and the possible establishment of grading/construction easements along River Road (MD190)
- (4)Record plat to reference all common ingress/egress easements
- (5) Dedication of River Road (MD190) as shown on plan
- (6)Other necessary easements
- This preliminary plan will remain valid until March 4, 2001 (37 months from date of (7)mailing, which is February 4, 1999). Prior to the expiration of this validity period, a final record plat for all property delineated on the approved preliminary plan must be recorded or a request for an extension must be filed.



# Attachment C MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMEN THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Environmental Planning Division 301.495.4540 Fax: 301.495.1303

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

FO	R MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, the undersigned issuer, being duly authorized, states that:
On,	07/14/09 the recipient of this NOTICE, Kambi & A Kazemi Date Recipient's Name
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who	represents the property owner, Karbiz A Kazemi
	Property Owner's Name
is no	otified that a violation of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law (Chapter 22-A) exists at the
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	Failure to hold a required pre-construction meeting.
	Failure to have tree protection measures inspected prior to starting work.
	Failure to install or maintain tree protection measures per the approved Forest Conservation or Tree Save plan.
$\overline{\langle}$	Failure to comply with terms, conditions and/or specifications of an approved Forest Conservation plan or Tree Save plan, or as directed by Forest Conservation Inspector.
	Failure to obtain an approved Forest Conservation plan or Tree Save plan prior to cutting, clearing, or grading 5,000 square feet on a property of 40,000 square feet or greater.
	Failure to comply with reforestation or afforestation requirements of a Forest Conservation Plan.
	Failure to obtain written approval for a fence permit prior to installing a fence that passes through or around a conservation easement.
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)rde .ctio	re to comply with this NOV by $03/15/09$ may result in i) issuance of a citation, ii) issuance of a Stop Work r, and/or iii) issuance of a Notice of Hearing to appear before the Planning Board for appropriate Administrative n. Recipient is to call the inspector at $301-495-4564$ when the corrective action is complete. The following ctive action(s) must be performed as directed and within any timeframes specified below: Stake out limits of disturbance (LOD) and contact Forest Conservation Inspector for a pre-construction meeting:
	Install tree protection measures and/or tree care as directed by Forest Conservation Inspector.
	Submit required application for compliance with Chapter 22A of the County Code. Contact Environmental Planning at 301-495-4540.
	Cease all cutting, clearing, or grading and/or land disturbing activity. Approval from Forest Conservation Inspector is required to resume work.
	Schedule a pre-planting meeting with the Forest Conservation Inspector prior to the reforestation of afforestation planting.
$\langle  $	Schedule and attend a meeting with staff to determine appropriate corrective action to be performed by a date certain. Failure to complete the corrective action by the date assigned may result in i) issuance of a citation, ii) issuance of a Stop Work Order, and/or
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# Attachment D



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

August 28, 2009

Kambiz & A. Kazemi 10410 Riverwood Drive Potomac MD 20854

Dear Mr. Kazemi:

Thank you for meeting with me at your property last month. At our meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> I described the forest conservation easement violations. I determined that portions of a tennis court, a shed and driveways are within a recorded category 1 conservation easement. These structures are prohibited within the conservation easement areas. In addition much of the category 1 conservation easement is being mowed, also a violation of the conservation easement agreement. This prevents the growth of natural regenerating trees and shrubs. In our field meeting, I stated you would be mailed a notice of hearing for the forest conservation easement violations. Since our field meeting, I have had discussions with my supervisor, Mark Pfefferle and our legal staff.

The required remediation action for the conservation easement violations is the submittal, approval, and implementation of a "limited amendment to the preliminary plan "Alvermar Woods 119990340". This remedial action is also described on the attached notice of violation.

Please note that this limited amendment to the preliminary plan will require Montgomery County Planning Board approval and will include penalties for the forest conservation easement violations. The penalty will include mitigation planting for any conservation easement area approved for removal. Further, this limited amendment is only to remedy forest conservation easement violations on your property. Mr. Mirzaie, owner of 10420 Riverwood Drive, has agreed to a remediation plan to restore the conservation easements on his property.

You will be given 90 days or December 1, 2009 to submit the limited amendment to the preliminary plan to Environmental Planning Staff. At least, the plan will have to propose how areas incompatible with category 1 conservation easement will be mitigated either onsite or offsite. Areas of the conservation easement that can be restored will need to be restored with detailed plans. I would recommend meeting with Environmental Planning Review Staff once you have decided on a consultant.

Let me know if you have any questions. Please review the attached notice of violation. I can be reached at 301-495-4564 or <u>stephen.peck@mncppc-mc.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Peck Forest Conservation Inspector Montgomery County Environmental Planning

Attachments: Notice of Violation

# Attachment E

# Citation No. EPD 00004

Administrative Citation Forest Conservation	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commi	ssion
Name: Mrs. Kamdiz	Kazemi
Company/Position:	Last
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Pursuant of the M-NCPPC's authority under Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code, it is formally charged tha(date) at the stated site location did commit the following:	t the above named defendant on $08/10/2010$
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Checks should be made payable to M-NCPPC and shall be paid during normal business hours at the information Co	unter of M-NCPPC's Montgomery Regional
Office located at 8787 Georgia Avenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-495-4610. Failure to comply with the proceedings and/or issuance of additional citations including additional fines. You may also request a hearing before t	he Planning Board or the Board's designee. If
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# Attachment F

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# Attachment H



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB No. 13-148 Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B Alvermar Woods, Lot 17 Date of Hearing: October 3, 2013 OCT 1 6 2013

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under Montgomery County Code Chapter 50, the Montgomery County Planning Board is authorized to review preliminary plan applications; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, by Opinion dated February 4, 1999, approved Preliminary Plan No. 119990340, creating two lots on 4.17 acres of land in the RE-2 zone, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of River Road and Riverwood Drive, in the Potomac Policy Area, Potomac Subregion Master Plan ("Master Plan") area; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, Kambiz Kazemi ("Applicant"), filed an application for approval of an amendment to the previously approved preliminary plan to remove onsite Category I conservation easement from Lot 17, Alvermar Woods known as 10410 Riverwood Drive ("Subject Property"), one of the lots created by Preliminary Plan No. 119990340 and mitigate offsite outside the watershed, which was designated Preliminary Plan No. 11999034A; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2011, the Planning Board denied Preliminary Plan No. 11999034A (MCPB No. 10-148); and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2011, the Applicant filed another application for approval of an amendment to the previously approved preliminary plan to remove onsite Category I conservation easement from the Subject Property, and mitigate some onsite and some offsite within the same watershed, which was designated Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B, Alvermar Woods, Lot 17 ("Preliminary Plan", "Amendment" or "Application"); and

WHEREAS, following review and analysis of the Application by Planning Board staff ("Staff") and other governmental agencies, Staff issued a memorandum to the Planning Board, dated September 20, 2013, setting forth its analysis and recommendation for approval of the Application, subject to certain conditions ("Staff Report"); and

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency Gee

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WHEREAS, on October 3, 2013, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Application, and at the hearing the Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted for the record on the Application; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing, the Planning Board voted to approve the Application subject to certain conditions, by the vote as certified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Board approves Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B to remove onsite Category I conservation easement, and mitigate some onsite and some offsite within the same watershed, subject to the following conditions:<sup>1</sup>

- The Applicant must submit a complete record plat application within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B that delineates the revised Category I conservation easement. The existing conservation easement remains in full force and effect until the record plat is recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records by the Applicant.
- 2. The record plat must reference the standard Category I conservation easement as recorded at liber 13178, folio 412 in the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland over the new onsite areas and the areas identified to remain, all as shown on the amended final forest conservation plan.
- 3. Within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving 11999034B, the Applicant must submit a Certificate of Compliance to use an M-NCPPC approved offsite forest mitigation bank within the same watershed as the Subject Property. The Certificate of Compliance must provide 0.72 acres (31,363.2 square feet) of mitigation credit for the removal of 0.36 acres (15,681.6 square feet) of Category I conservation easement taken offsite.
- 4. No later than ninety (90) days from the recordation of the record plat and the new conservation easement, the Applicant must delineate the revised Category I conservation easement boundary on the Subject Property with permanent easement markers and appropriate signage as required by the forest conservation plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other conditions of Preliminary Plan No. 119990340 and Forest Conservation Plan No. 119990340 that were not modified herein, remain valid, unchanged and in full force and effect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purpose of these conditions, the term "Applicant" shall also mean the developer, the owner or any successor(s) in interest to the terms of this approval.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution incorporates by reference all evidence of record, including maps, drawings, memoranda, correspondence, and other information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that having considered the recommendations and findings of its Staff as presented at the hearing and as set forth in the Staff Report, which the Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference (except as modified herein), and upon consideration of the entire record, the Planning Board FINDS, with the conditions of approval, that:

Unless specifically set forth herein, this Amendment does not alter the intent, objectives, or requirements in the originally approved preliminary plan, and all findings not specifically addressed remain in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, consistent with the procedural rules for the judicial review of administrative agency decisions in Circuit Court (Rule 7-203, Maryland Rules).

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# CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Presley, seconded by Vice Chair Wells-Harley, with Chair Carrier, Vice Chair Wells-Harley, and Commissioners Dreyfuss and Presley voting in favor, and Commissioner Anderson absent, at its regular meeting held on Thursday, October 3, 2013, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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	301-983-4545
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# Attachment I

# Frequently Asked Questions FOREST CONSER

# 1. Why is there a forest conservation easement on my property?

When your lot was created in order to build your house, the developer was required by law to preserve a certain amount of property for forest conservation. The developer chose to place a forest conservation easement over a portion of the subdivision that included your lot. The location of your house on the lot was determined by the builder after the subdivision was created with the easements already in place.

# 2. I have an easement on my property; can I remove it?

In some, but not all cases the Planning Board may let you remove and replace the easement, but it is a costly process. You should expect to survey or replat your property, survey the replacement property, and plant trees and bushes in a much larger area determined appropriate to replace the easement. If you are interested in learning if this is an option for your property, please request a meeting with M-NCPPC staff.

# 3. I received a Notice of Violation. What do I do?

The Notice of Violation lists the corrective actions that need to be completed to bring your property into compliance by a certain date. If you have questions or concerns about the corrective actions, you can set up a meeting with M-NCPPC staff before the compliance date.

# 4. What happens if I don't agree or comply with the Notice of Violation?

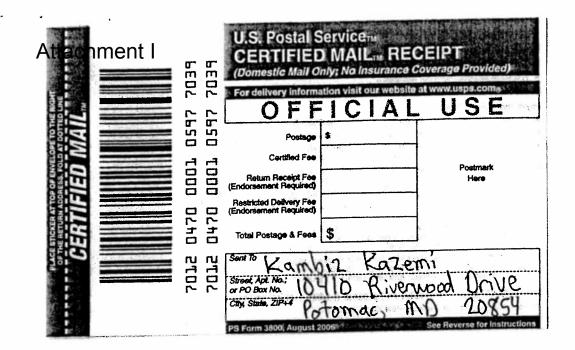
You may set up a meeting with M-NCPPC Staff to discuss the Notice of Violation. The staff will work with you to identify possible solutions to bring your property into compliance. However, you can also request a hearing on the matter, and a Notice of Hearing will be issued. *Please read FAQ #9.* If you ignore the Notice of Violation, the inspector may issue an Administrative Citation to you with a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation and a date by which the fine needs to be paid and the corrective actions completed. You can avoid a fine by bringing your property into compliance.

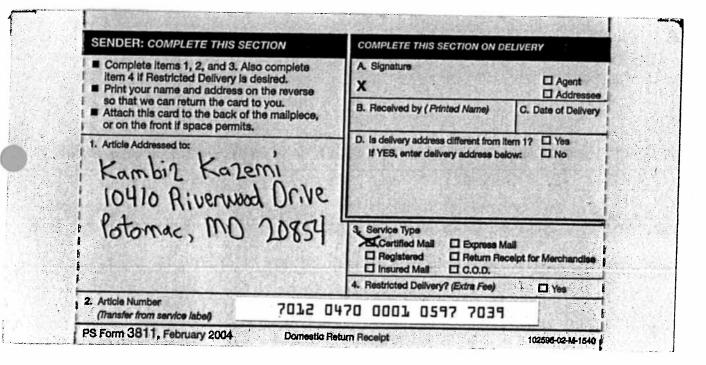
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# 6. If I pay the Citation, is there anything else I need to do?

Yes. You must also bring your property into compliance by performing the corrective actions listed on the Citation. If you have any questions about what needs to be done, please contact the inspector.





Attachment I First-Class Mail Postage & Fees Paid USPS Permit No. G-10 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4 in this box Stephen Peck M-NCPPC Montgomery Courty Planning 8787 Georgia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910

# Attachment J

This Agreement is made on March 3, 2014 between Kambiz and Azar Kazemi ("Kazemi") and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Planning Department Enforcement Staff ("Staff") regarding all alleged violations on 10410 Riverwood Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 ("Property") as noted in the Notice of Hearing dated January 24, 2014 to Kazemi. Staff agrees to dismiss the Hearing scheduled for March 3, 2014 without prejudice to refile subject to the following terms:

- 1. Kazemi must submit a limited preliminary plan amendment application ("Amendment") to remove the entirety of the Category | Conservation Easement from the Property. The Amendment must be submitted and accepted by Staff by Wednesday April 2, 2014.
- 2. Removal of the 49,262 square foot Category I Conservation Easement must be mitigated for in an offsite forest conservation bank at a 2:1 ratio.
- 3. Staff agrees to allow mitigation to occur at any forest conservation bank in Montgomery County.
- 4. Staff agrees to recommend approval of the Amendment to the Planning Board.
- 5. Kazemi must receive Planning Board approval of the Amendment by July 17, 2014.
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Staff agrees that completion of the above terms on time will remedy and settle all alleged violations as indicated in the Notice of Hearing dated January 24, 2014. Any failure on the part of Kazemi to complete the above terms on time will negate this agreement and result in an enforcement hearing.

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Agreed to by: Kambiz Kazemi date

Azar Kazemi

Mark Pfefferle date Chief DARC Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

#### STATE OF MARYLAND

# Attachment J

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>f</u> day of <u>MAACh</u>, <u>2017</u> before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared <u>Kambi 2</u> Kazemi and A2AA , known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing and annexed instrument and acknowledged that said individual executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

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

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# Attachment J

STATE OF MARYLAND \* COUNTY OF *Montgoregy* \* to wit: I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>13</u> day of <u>Much 2014</u>, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared <u>Mark Hyperle</u>, hip <u>Off</u>, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing and annexed instrument and acknowledged that said individual executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

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

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Attachment K MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MCPB No. 14 - 63 Preliminary Plan No. 11999034C Alvermar Woods, Lot 17 Date of Hearing: July 17, 2014

Approved as to

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WHEREAS, by Opinion dated February 4, 1999, the Planning Board, approved Preliminary Plan No. 119990340, creating two lots on 4.17 acres of land in the RE-2 Zone, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of River Road and Riverwood Drive, in the Potomac Subregion Master Plan ("Master Plan") area; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, Kambiz Kazemi ("Applicant") filed an application for approval of an amendment to the previously approved preliminary plan to remove onsite Category I conservation easement from Lot 17, Alvermar Woods known as 10410 Riverwood Drive ("Subject Property"), one of the lots created by Preliminary Plan No. 119990340 and mitigate offsite outside the watershed, which was designated Preliminary Plan No. 11999034A; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2011, Planning Board denied Preliminary Plan No. 11999034A (MCPB No. 10-1480); and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2011, the Applicant filed another application for approval of an amendment to the previously approved preliminary plan to remove onsite Category I conservation easement from the Subject Property, and proposing to mitigate some onsite and some offsite within the same watershed, which was designated Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B, Alvermar Woods, Lot 17 ("Preliminary Plan", "Amendment", or "Application"); and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2013 the Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan No. 11999034B (MCPB No. 13-148); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2014, the Applicant filed another application for approval to amend the previously approved preliminary plan to remove all onsite Category I conservation easement from the Subject Property and mitigate offsite outside the watershed, which was designated Preliminary Plan No. 11999034C; and

Legal Sufficiency: W-NCPPC Legal Department www.montgomeryplanningboard.org E-Mail: mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org WHEREAS, following review and analysis of the Application by the Planning Board staff ("Staff") and other governmental agencies, Staff issued a memorandum to the Planning Board, dated June 26, 2014, setting forth its analysis and recommendation for approval of the Application, subject to certain conditions ("Staff Report"); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2014, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Application, and heard testimony and received evidence submitted for the record on the Application; and

WHEREAS, the underlying purpose of removing the easement from the lot is to address an alleged ongoing violation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Board denies Preliminary Plan No. 11999034C to remove a total of 50,458 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from the Subject Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, considering the entire record in this proceeding, it is inappropriate under the circumstances of this case to approve the proposed amendment.

The Applicant's lot is covered by a forest conservation plan and an associated forest conservation easement covering approximately 1.13 acres. In response to an alleged violation of the easement, the Board approved a preliminary plan amendment in 2013 that allowed the Applicant to remove a certain amount of the easement from his lot, subject to certain conditions, including recording a new plat, providing offsite mitigation, and delineating the new easement boundary with signs.

In October 2013, almost immediately after the Board approved that amendment, the Applicant was cited for another alleged violation of the easement on his lot, outside of the area where the Board approved the easement's removal. Moreover, according to the Planning Department, the Applicant failed to comply with the conditions of approval of the 2013 amendment. Thus, the Planning Department considered the Applicant's initial alleged violations to have continued unremedied. The purpose of this amendment is once again to address the Applicant's alleged violations, including those that the Applicant failed to address when he allegedly did not comply with the conditions of the 2013 amendment. Only this time the Applicant proposes to remove the entire easement from his lot.

The proposed amendment purports to resolve the Applicant's alleged violations of the easement not just by removing it and requiring offsite planting, but also by incorporating a tentative settlement agreement between the Applicant and the Planning Department. The settlement agreement calls, among other things, for the Applicant to pay an administrative civil penalty of \$10,000. The Board understands that the settlement is intended to resolve all of the violations that the Applicant has been alleged to have committed, and that if the Board were to approve the proposed amendment the Applicant would expect that the Board, which has the primary authority to enforce the forest conservation law violations, would not take any further enforcement action in response to those alleged violations.

The violations alleged by the Planning Department are very serious. However, the Applicant does not concede that he has committed the alleged violations. So the Board is being asked to approve the resolution of alleged violations when the existence and extent of any violations is unclear.

If the Applicant has been as reticent about complying with the easement as the Planning Department alleges, a higher civil administrative penalty than called for in the settlement may be justified, particularly given that the willfulness and recurrent pattern of any violations are among the considerations that the Board must take into account in setting a penalty.

In light of the apparent factual dispute about the alleged violations, and the lack of a record about the issues that the Board must consider in determining how to exercise its enforcement authority, the Board would benefit in this case from an evidentiary record and factual findings of an administrative law judge. The Board's enforcement rules provide for a hearing process where such a record and findings can be developed.

In denying the proposed amendment, the Board notes that neither the Board nor the forest conservation law is indifferent when it comes to removing a recorded conservation easement, in which the Board has a property interest. The forest conservation law prioritizes forest planting and protection onsite. The proposed amendment is inconsistent with that priority. A clearer assessment of the state of the forest and the appropriateness of retaining forest on the Applicant's lot, which could also be developed before an administrative law judge, would assist the Board in determining whether to relinquish its easement interest in the Applicant's lot.

Finally, this denial is without prejudice to the Applicant filing a revised proposal that would more effectively address the enforcement concerns or conservation priorities in this case.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes the written opinion of the Board in this matter, and the date of this Resolution is <u>NOV</u> 6 2014 (which is the date that this Resolution is mailed to all parties of record); and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, consistent with the procedural rules for the judicial review of administrative agency decisions in Circuit Court (Rule 7-203, Maryland Rules).

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# CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Dreyfuss, seconded by Commissioner Presley, with Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Dreyfuss, Presley, and Fani-Gonzalez voting in favor, and Vice Chair Wells-Harley absent at its regular meeting held on Thursday, October 30, 2014, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Casey Anderson, Chair Montgomery County Planning Board

# Attachment L

This First Amended Agreement is made on November 10, 2014 between Kambiz and Azar Kazemi ("Kazemi") and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Planning Department Enforcement Staff ("Staff") regarding all alleged violations on 10410 Riverwood Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 ("Property") as noted in the Notice of Hearing dated January 24, 2014 to Kazemi. Staff dismissed the Hearing scheduled for March 3, 2014 without prejudice to refile subject to the terms of a prior Agreement, which is now amended subject to the following terms:

- Kazemi has filed a limited preliminary plan amendment application to remove the entirety of the Category I Conservation Easement from the Property which has been accepted by Staff as Preliminary Plan No. 11999034D ("Amendment").
- 2. Removal of 50,458 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from Lot 17, which must be mitigated for in an offsite forest conservation bank at a 2:1 ratio.
- 3. Removal of 1,008 square feet of Category I Conservation Easement from a portion of Lot 16, which must be mitigated for in an offsite forest mitigation bank at a 2:1 ratio.
- 4. Staff agrees to allow mitigation to occur at any forest conservation bank in Montgomery County.
- 5. Staff agrees to recommend approval of the Amendment to the Planning Board.
- 6. Kazemi must receive Planning Board approval of the Amendment by December 4, 2014.
- 7. Kazemi must submit a record plat reflecting the minor lot line adjustment shown on Attachment 1 hereto and the removal of the conservation easement from existing lot 17 and a portion of lot 16 within 30 days after the mailing of the Planning Board's Resolution approving the Amendment.
- 8. Kazemi must submit an executed Certificate of Compliance for the offsite forest conservation bank within 30 days of the mailing date of the Planning Board's Resolution approving the Amendment.
- Kazemi must pay an Administrative Civil Penalty of \$ 22,500 by check made payable to M-NCPPC within 30 days of the mailing date of the Planning Board's Resolution approving the Amendment.

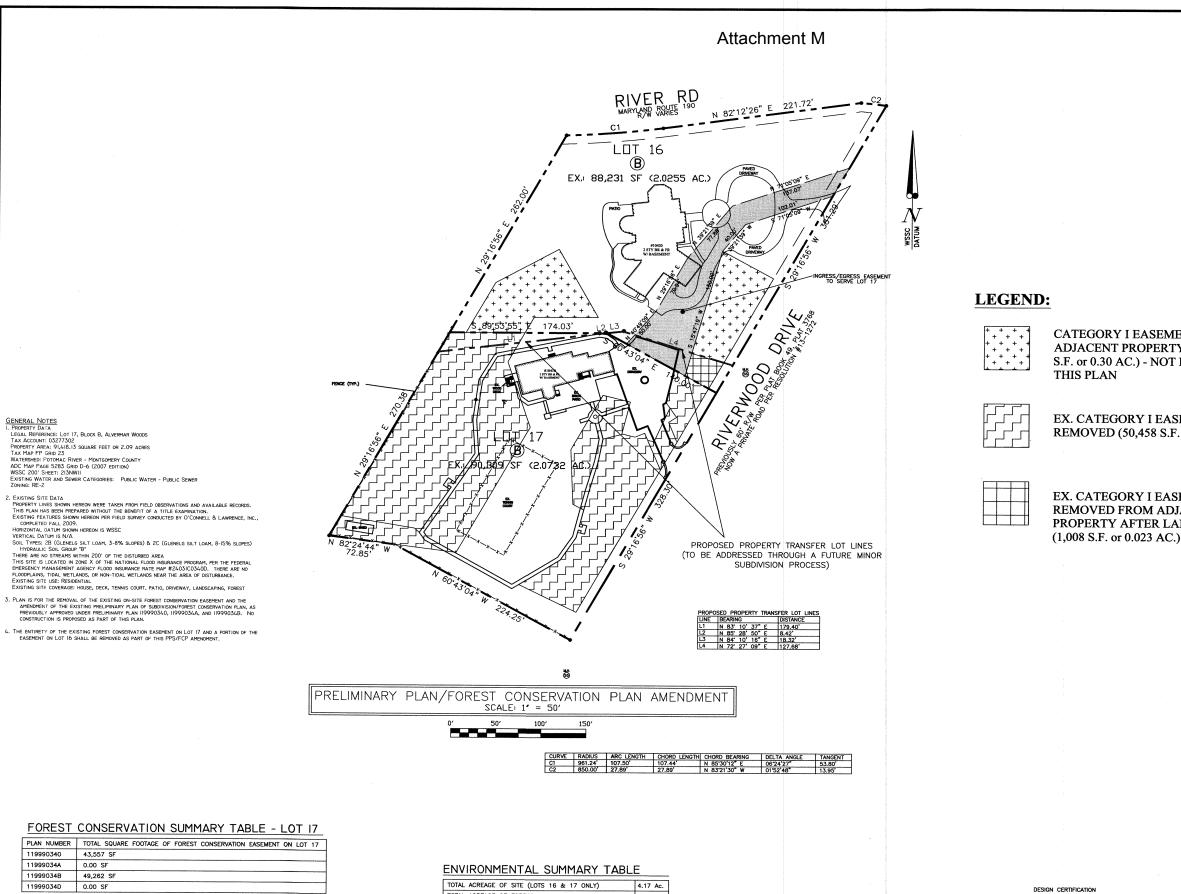
Staff agrees that completion of the above terms on time will remedy and settle all alleged violations as indicated in the Notice of Hearing dated January 24, 2014. Any failure on the part of Kazemi to complete the above terms on time will negate this agreement and result in an enforcement hearing.

Agreed to by: azen Kambiz-Kazemi 11 - 20 - 14

Azar Kazemi

Mark Pfefferle Chief DARC

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission



FOREST CONSERVATION - LOT 16

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11999034D	13,442 SF*
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\*1,008 SF OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT WAS REMOVED AFTER LAND TRANSFER BETWEEN LOTS 16 & 17.

TOTAL ACREAGE OF SITE (LOTS 16 & 17 ONLY)	4.17 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF FOREST	0.30 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF FLOODPLAIN	0.00 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF FLOODPLAIN IN FOREST	0.00 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF WETLANDS	0.00 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF WETLANDS IN FOREST	0.00 Ac.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF FORESTED STREAM BUFFERS	0.00 Ac.
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