

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 19, 2001

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

A. Malcolm Shaneman Planning Department (301) 495-4587

SUBJECT:

for Subdivision Informational Maps Items the

Planning Board's Agenda for October 26, 2001.

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Items #08, #09, #10, #11. These subdivision items are scheduled for Planning Board consideration on October 26, 2001. The items are further identified as follows:

Agenda Item #08 - Preliminary Plan 1-01048
Academy Child Development Center, Inc.

Agenda Item #09 - Preliminary Plan 1-01037

Frazier Property

Agenda Item #10 - Preliminary Plan 1-97044A New Covenant Fellowship Church

Agenda Item #11 - Preliminary Plan 1-97098A Thompson Farm

NEW COVENANT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (1-97044A)



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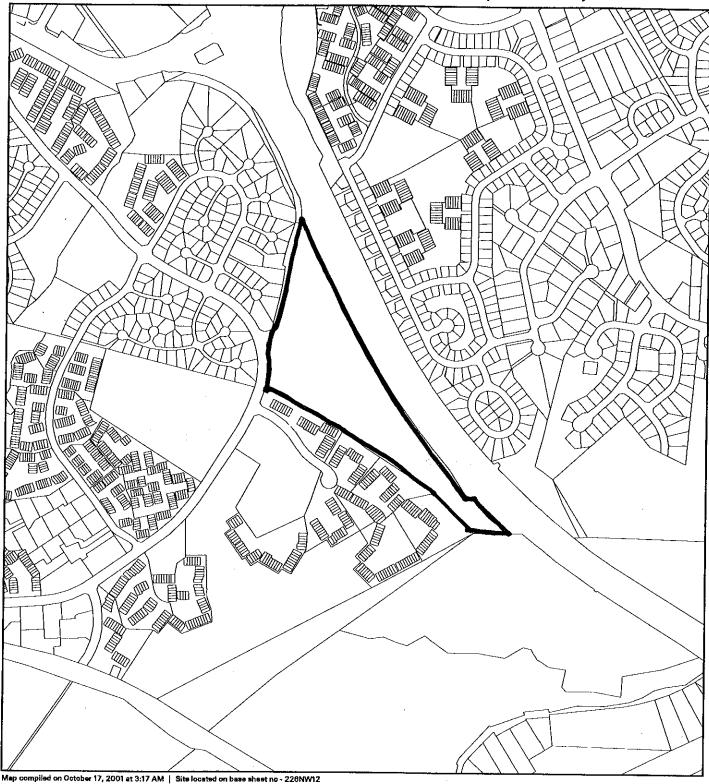
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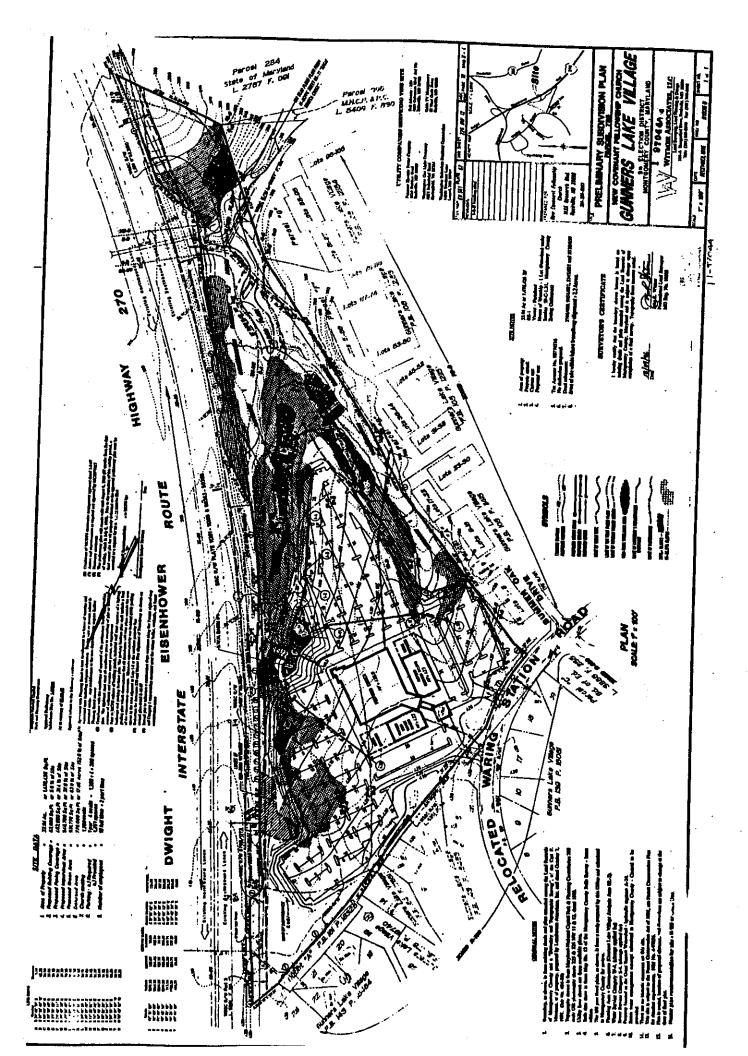
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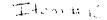
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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Malcolm Shaneman, Supervisor

Development Review Division

VIA:

Ronald C. Welke, Coordinator DKH for

Transportation Planning

FROM:

Ki H. Kim, Planner Transportation Plannin

SUBJECT:

Preliminary Plan No. 1-97044A

New Covenant Fellowship Church Germantown West Policy Area

This memorandum is Transportation Planning staff's adequate public facilities (APF) review of the subject preliminary plan amendment for the proposed K-5th grade school and a day-care center on the currently existing church. The site is located on the east side of Waring Station Road in the Germantown West Policy Area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Planning staff recommends the following conditions as part of the APF test for transportation requirements related to approval of this preliminary plan amendment:

Limit the preliminary plan amendment to a K-5th grade school with enrollment up to 300 students and a day-care center with enrollment up to 300 children.

DISCUSSION

Summary of Local Area Transportation Review

Three local intersections were defined as critical intersections to be affected by the development of the subject site and were examined in the traffic analysis to determine whether all intersections meet the applicable congestion standard of 1,500 Critical Lane

Volume (CLV) for the Germantown West Policy Area. The critical lane volume (CLV) impacts of the proposed development on critical intersections in the vicinity of the site were analyzed and are summarized in Table I.

Table I

Intersection Capacity Analysis with CLV Under Various Development Schemes During the Peak Hour									
	Existing		Background		Total				
	AM	PM	АМ	РМ	АМ	РМ			
Middlebrook Rd/Waring Station Rd-DOE Driveway	836	972	897	1112	964	1180			
Waring Station Rd/Summer Oak Drive	545	422	582	436	598	438			
Wisteria DriveWaring Station Rd-Caledonia Court	330	360	337	363	357	368			

As shown in the above table, the three intersections analyzed are currently operating at acceptable CLVs (below 1,500) and this acceptable level will continue for the background and total development conditions.

Policy Area Transportation Review

Based on the FY 02 AGP staging ceiling capacity, there is sufficient capacity available for employment development (2,097 jobs as of September 30, 2001) in the Germantown West Policy Area to accommodate the proposed developments under the subject preliminary plan amendment.

Site Access and Circulation

Two access points to the site exist on Waring Station Road. The internal pedestrian circulation system shown on the preliminary plan and existing access points are adequate.

CONCLUSION

Staff concludes that the subject preliminary plan satisfies the APFO requirements since all nearby intersections are anticipated to operate at an acceptable CLV and there is sufficient staging ceiling capacity available for employment development in the Germantown West Policy Area under the current FY 02 Annual Growth Policy staging ceiling capacity

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TO:

Malcolm Shaneman, Subdivision Supervisor

Development Review Division

FROM:

Sue Edwards, I-270 Corridor Team Leader Suc

Community-Based Planning Division

SUBJECT:

New Covenant Fellowship Church

At the time the *Germantown Master Plan* was approved and adopted in 1989, this property (GL-2) was undeveloped and recommended for moderate intensity office use or a major institutional building. The Master Plan states:

"This property is at a prominent, gateway location as it is the first area in Germantown visible on the west side of I-270 when traveling north. Any development on this property will be highly visible from I-270" (page 55).

The property contains development constraints including severe slopes of a stream valley and land dedicated for the Corridor Cities Transitway easement. The property has been studied as a potential transit station.

The New Covenant Fellowship Church, as constructed, is very visible from I-270 but does not contribute to the character of a desirable gateway into Germantown. The landscaping and lighting plan, as approved in Preliminary Plan No. 1-97044, has been unsuccessful in softening and "greening" the image of the site as seen from I-270.

Modification of this preliminary plan to include a private school and daycare facility offers the potential to add defined green areas and shade landscaping for playfields. The play areas required for licensed day care facilities can also mitigate the stark, barren condition of the site today.

The parking area is entirely visible from I-270 without screening. Landscaping of parking aisles is not effective in providing shade and visual relief from the hardscape. Cleared areas are not well stabilized by groundcover or lawn.

The *I-270 Master Plan Design Guidelines* prepared for the Maryland State Highway Administration provide suggestions for landscape treatment at the right of way edge. It is important to create a scale and massing of plant material appropriate for a wide right of way.

Staff recommends that as a condition of the preliminary plan modification, additional landscaping, shade trees, vegetative screening and lawn be installed.

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