

November 1, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO:

A. Malcolm Shaneman, Subdivision Coordinator

Development Review Division

VIA:

John A. Carter, Chief, Community-Based Planning Division &

Khalid Afzal, Georgia Avenue Planning Team Leader

Community-Based Planning Division

FROM:

Frederick Vernon Boyd, Community Planner

Community-Based Planning Division

SUBJECT: Preliminary Plan 1-02063, Fraley Property

This proposed preliminary plan is located in the Upper Rock Creek Planning Area. The property is comprised of several parcels that total 6.5 acres. About half of the property—3.1 acres—is in the RT-12.5 Zone. The remainder is in the R-90 Zone. The proposed preliminary plan is consistent with the existing zones and with recommendations in the 1985 Upper Rock Creek Master Plan. It conflicts, however, with the Public Hearing Draft Upper Rock Creek Area Master Plan, now under review by the Planning Board.

Subdivision regulations (Chap. 50-23(d)) state that the Planning Board "may defer action on a proposed subdivision plan application....if all or any part of the plan lies within the boundaries of and conflicts with the proposals of a pending plan or plan amendment."

The Public Hearing Draft (p. 24) notes that the Fraley property is currently classified in the RT-12.5 and R-90 zones and recommends that the entire property is suitable for the RT-10 Zone, which would allow an appropriate transition from commercial uses in the Redland area to residential and institutional uses west of the Fraley property. This recommendation is consistent with that of earlier master plans, which proposed that townhouse development surround the Redland commercial center. The recommendation for the RT-10 Zone reflects prevailing townhouse densities in the three other developments adjacent to the commercial center. It should be noted that the applicant requested the RT-12.5 Zone on the entire property at the public hearing.

The difference between the master plan recommendation and the proposed preliminary plan is one of degree. The Plan recommends development in the townhouse zone for the entire property at 10 units to the acre. The preliminary plan proposes development under the existing zoning, but the applicant, as noted above, is seeking to have the RT-12.5 Zone applied to the entire property, an indication that developing the entire property with townhouses is its ultimate goal. The disagreement, then, is over the appropriate density that should be applied to the entire property.

Three worksessions have been scheduled for the Planning Board's review of the Upper Rock Creek Area Master Plan: November 14, December 5 and December 19. Planning staff intends to discuss the Fraley property recommendations with the Board at its final worksession. Because recommendations for the property have not been reviewed and finalized, the Community-Based Planning Division concurs in the Development Review Division's recommendation that his preliminary plan be deferred.

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ITEM# 10-5

DATE: 11/7/02

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANINING COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 7, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

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FROM:

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Development Review Division

REVIEW TYPE:

Preliminary Plan Review

APPLYING FOR:

Subdivision of Parcels 488, 535, 590, 543 and 591, Tax Map GT42

PROJECT NAME:

Fraley Property

CASE #:

1-02063

REVIEW BASIS:

Chapter 50, Montgomery County Subdivision Regulations

ZONE:

RT-12.5 and R-90

LOCATION:

Located on the North Side of Muncaster Mill Road, Approximately 370 Feet East

of Muncaster Road, Across from Horizon Terrace

MASTER PLAN:

Upper Rock Creek and Vicinity

APPLICANT:

The Bozzuto Group December 11, 2001

FILING DATE: **HEARING DATE:**

November 7, 2002

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Deferral of Preliminary Plan Action Pursuant to Section 50-23(d) of the Subdivision Regulations

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Conformance to Chapter 50, Section 50-23(d)

This section of the Subdivision Regulations provides for Planning Board deferral of an otherwise complete preliminary plan application if the proposed subdivision plan lies within the boundaries of, and conflicts with, the recommendations of a pending master plan or plan amendment. The subject property lies within the Upper Rock Creek Planning Area, which is the subject of a master plan revision in the M-NCPPC work program as approved by the District Council. The plan revision is now in the public hearing (preliminary) draft plan stage. The recommendations of this master plan revision do consider a zoning amendment from the current RT-12.5/R-90 zones to a RT-10 zone for the subject property. The current lot density as depicted on the submitted preliminary plan within the RT-12.5 portion of the site would exceed the allowable density of the proposed RT-10 zone and is therefore in conflict with the recommendations of the proposed plan.

Staff notes that the RT-10 zone as currently structured in the Zoning Ordinance does allow for single-family detached dwellings. Under the current plan proposal, the single-family units as illustrated within the R-90 portion of the site, would conform to the RT-10 zone criteria as currently outlined in the Zoning Ordinance.

Master Plan Compliance

The current proposal is consistent with the existing RT-12.5 zone and the R-90 zones of the Approved and Adopted Upper Rock Creek Master Plan. These zones were enacted in their current configuration to provide for a transition of densities from the commercial zones at the Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115) and Muncaster Road intersection to the lower densities (R-200 and RE-1) further north and west along Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115)

DESCRIPTION

Vicinity

The subject property is located near the intersection of Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115) and Muncaster Road, in an unincorporated area known as Redland. The assemblage of properties is within the Redland Historic District. The properties contain a number of structures that have been through the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) review process. The applicant has secured conditional approval from the HPC for the demolition of the structures.

The subject property is adjacent to the commercial core of Redland. Access to the property will be accommodated via a tertiary public right-of-way to Muncaster Road. Appropriate right-of-way improvements have been agreed to with the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation. Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115) skirts the site to the south, which has raised an issue regarding noise attenuation for the units in closest proximity to this highway.

Proposal

This application proposes forty-two (42) units total: thirty-four (34) single family attached units and eight (8) single family detached units on approximately 6.5 acres. As stated above the property is split zoned. The attached units, within the RT-12.5 zone are located near the commercially zoned areas in Redland providing for the transition to the lower density R-90 zones on the north and western portions of the property. The public road terminates in a cul-de-sac and virtually splits the site at the zoning boundary line. Private alleys off the public road accommodate access to the townhouses. The single family detached units front on the public road. A common open space has been created in the central part of the project and is accessible by all units.

The preliminary plan proposes a noise buffer along Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115). The details of the actual attenuation measures will be addressed at the time of Site Plan. Stormwater management is accommodated on-site in the northwest (lowest) corner of the site with a small bio-retention area in the center of the project. The plan proposes to meet the majority of their forest conservation measures off-site.

Conclusion

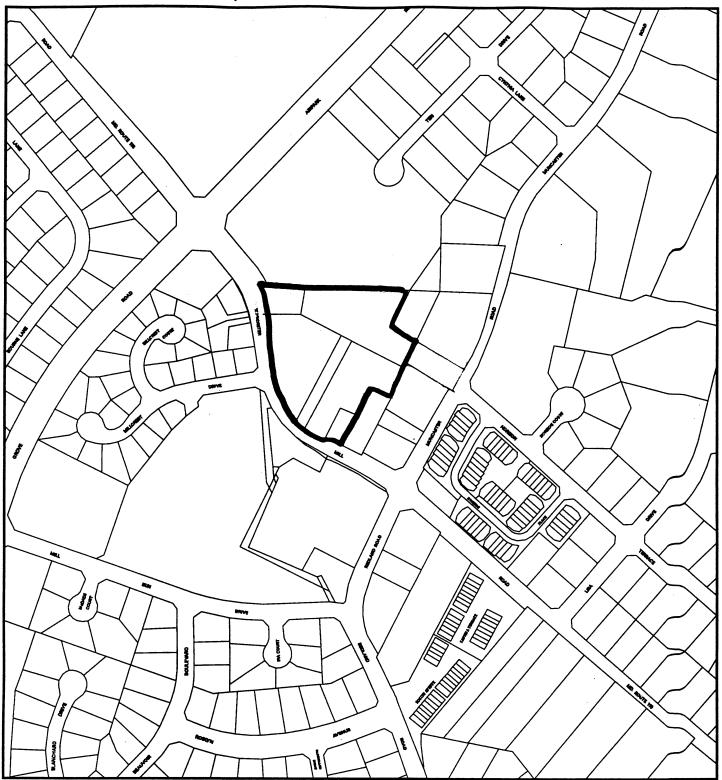
Staff recommends that the plan be deferred to allow the final resolution of the zoning amendments that are anticipated in the master plan revision. (See November 1, 2002, CPB memo) The Community Based Planning memorandum suggests that three worksessions have been scheduled with the Planning Board in November and December.

Attachments

Vicinity Map Pg. 4

Neighborhood Map Pg. 5

Preliminary Plan Pg. 6



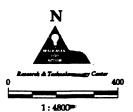
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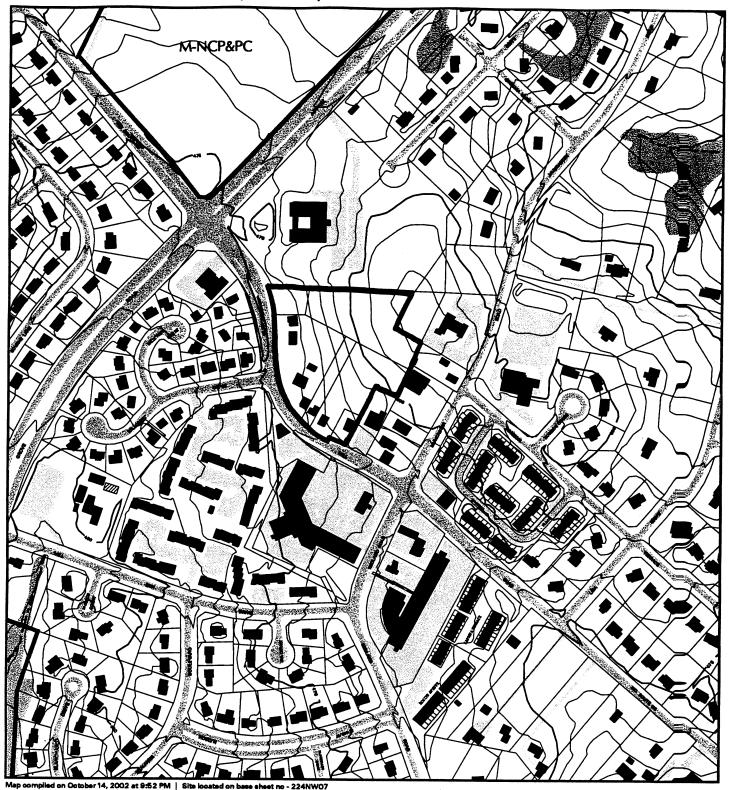
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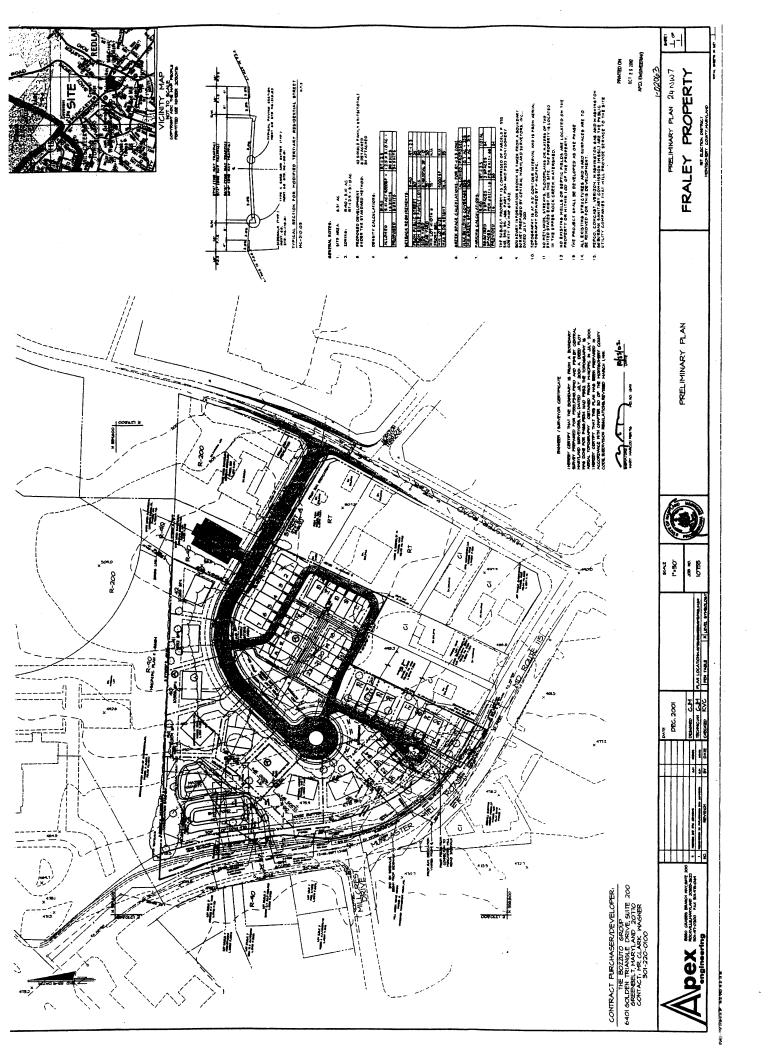
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DATE:

November 01, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

A. Malcolm Shaneman

Development Review Division (301) 495-4587

SUBJECT:

Informational Maps for Subdivision Items Planning Board's Agenda for November 07, 2002. Informational Maps for Subdivision the

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Items #05, #06, #07, #08. These subdivision items are scheduled for Planning Board consideration on November 07, 2002. The items are further identified as follows:

Agenda Item #05 - Preliminary Plan 1-02063 Fraley Property

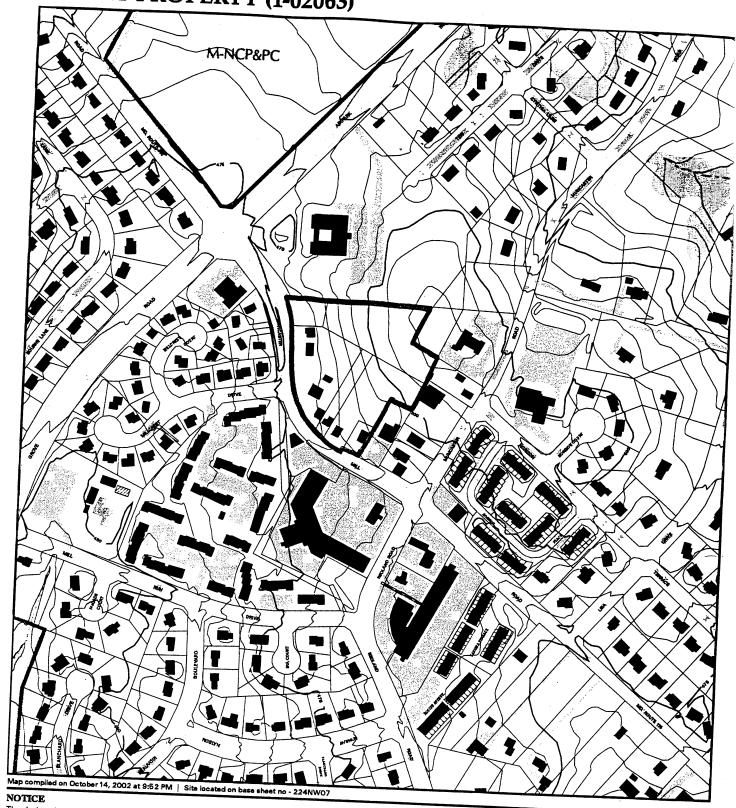
Agenda Item #06 - Preliminary Plan 1-03013 Pollekoff Property

Agenda Item #07 - Pre-Preliminary Plan 7-01014

The Estate at Greenbriar Preserve

Agenda Item #08 - Preliminary Plan 7-01032 Greenbriar Preserve

Attachment



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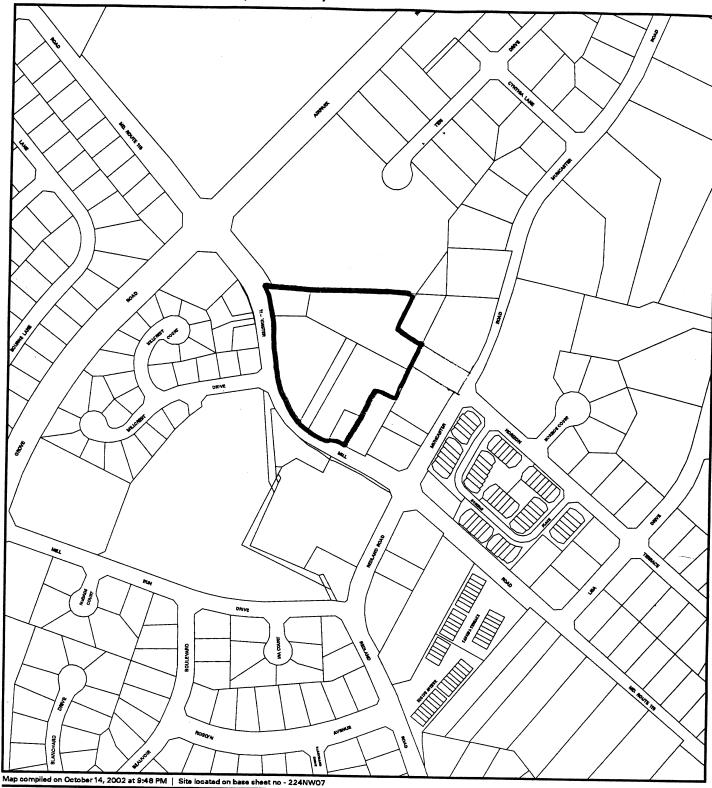
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