



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

January 22, 2020

Mr. Timothy Cupples, PE, Chief  
Montgomery County Department of Transportation  
100 Edison Park Dr., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re: Forest Conservation Exemption 42020087E; Good Hope Road Sidewalk Improvements

Dear Mr. Cupples:

Based on the review by staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department, the Forest Conservation Exemption request submitted on January 15, 2020 for the Good Hope Road Sidewalk Improvements NRI/FSD/FC Exemption plan is confirmed. The project site is exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A (Forest Conservation Law), Section 22A-5(e) because the site is a State or County highway construction activity that is subject to Section 5-103 of the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code or Section 22A-9 of the Forest Conservation Law.

A pre-construction meeting is required prior to any clearing and grading to verify the limits of disturbance and to determine what tree protections are required. The contractor Site Supervisor, Montgomery County DOT Project Manager, this M-NCPPC Forest Conservation Inspector, MNCPPC Department of Parks arborist, the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services Sediment and Erosion Control Inspector, the MC Right-of-Way Inspector, and a private Maryland licensed Tree Expert should attend this meeting.

You may contact me at [david.wigglesworth@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:david.wigglesworth@montgomeryplanning.org) or at 301-495-4581 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Wigglesworth".

David Wigglesworth

Sr. Planner

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