



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

August 29, 2018

Mr. Aaron Feldman, Landscape Architect  
M-NCPPC, Montgomery County Department of Parks  
9500 Brunett Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD. 20901

Re: Forest Conservation Exemption/NRI/FSD 42019022E; Columbia Local Park

Dear Mr. Feldman:

Based on the review by staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department, the Forest Conservation Exemption Request submitted on August 29, 2018 for the plan identified above, is confirmed. The project site is exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A (Forest Conservation Law), Section 22A-5(t) because the site is a modification to an existing non-residential developed property: (1) no more than 5,000 square feet of forest is ever cleared at one time or cumulatively after an exemption is issued, (2) the modification does not result in the cutting, clearing, or grading of any forest in a stream buffer or located on property in a special protection area which must submit a water quality plan, (3) the modification does not require approval of a preliminary plan of subdivision, and (4) the modification does not increase the developed area by more than 50% and the existing development is maintained.

A pre-construction meeting is required after the limits of disturbance have been staked prior to clearing and grading. The Parks project manager, Parks arborist, construction superintendent, this forest conservation inspector, a private Maryland licensed tree expert, and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services sediment control inspector should attend. You may contact me at [david.wigglesworth@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:david.wigglesworth@montgomeryplanning.org) or at 301-495-4581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wigglesworth".

David Wigglesworth

Sr. Planner

Development Applications & Regulatory Coordination

CC: 42019022E