



November 1, 2021

Steven Geller

Bright Horizons

200 Talcott Avenue

Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

Re: Forest Conservation Exemption Request
42022053E - 2 Bethesda Metro Center
Date Received: September 27, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Based on the review by staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department, the exemption request accepted for review on September 27, 2021 for the plan identified above is **confirmed**. The project is exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A (Forest Conservation Law), Section 22A-5(s)(1) because the activity is occurring on a tract of land less than 1.5-acres with no existing forest, or existing specimen or champion tree, and the afforestation requirements would not exceed 10,000 square feet.

A pre-construction meeting is required after the limits of disturbance have been staked prior to clearing and grading to verify the limits of disturbance and tree protection measures are in place per the accompanying Tree Save Plan. The M-NCPPC forest conservation inspection staff may require additional tree protection measures. The project manager should contact inspector Josh Kaye at josh.kaye@montgomeryplanning.org or at 301-495-4722 before construction to schedule this pre-construction meeting. The site supervisor, construction superintendent, forest conservation inspector, a private Maryland licensed tree expert, and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services sediment control inspector shall attend this pre-construction meeting.

Any unauthorized changes from the approved exemption request may constitute grounds to rescind or amend any approval actions taken and to take appropriate enforcement actions. If there are any subsequent modifications planned to the approved plan, a new application must be submitted to M-NCPPC for review and confirmation prior to those activities occurring.

Sincerely,

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Senior Planner

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