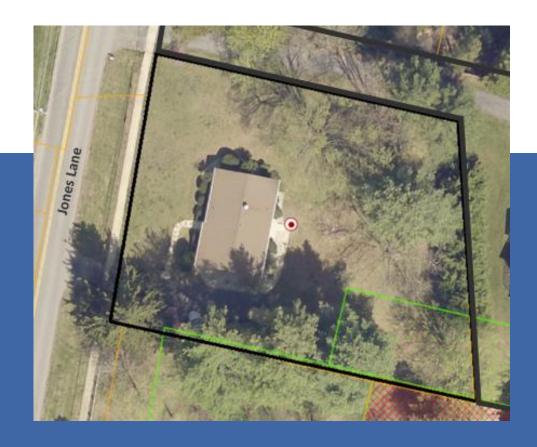
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14511 JONES LANE (LOT 23) PRELIMINARY PLAN AMENDMENT #11996072A



Description

Application to amend Preliminary Plan No. 119960720 for Forest Conservation purposes to abandon an existing 2,371 square foot Category I Conservation Easement on Lot 23, located at 14511 Jones Lane. The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the easement removal by paying a fee-in-lieu.

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LOCATION/ADDRESS

Lot 23, 14511 Jones Lane, North Potomac

MASTER PLAN

2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan

ZONE

R-200

PROPERTY SIZE

0.46 Acres

APPLICANT

Janica Woodley

ACCEPTANCE DATE

November 2, 2022

REVIEW BASIS

Chapter 22A



- Staff recommends approval with conditions of the Amended Preliminary Plan and associated Final Forest Conservation Plan.
- The Applicant purchased the lot with an existing 2,371 square foot Category I Conservation Easement that does not include any environmentally sensitive features or any forest. The Applicant proposes to abandon the Conservation Easement and mitigate for the removal by paying a fee-in-lieu at a ratio of 2:1, the equivalent of 4,743 square feet.
- The Application conforms to Chapter 22A.
- No community correspondence has been received.

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SECTION 1: RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

FINAL FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN 11996072A

Staff recommends approval with conditions of the Preliminary Plan Amendment for Final Forest Conservation Plan purposes to abandon a 2,371 square foot Category I Conservation Easement located on a 0.46-acre residential lot located at 14511 Jones Lane ("Subject Property" or "Property"). There are no environmentally sensitive features, including forest on the lot and there is no development or disturbance proposed. All site development elements shown on the latest electronic version of the Final Forest Conservation Plan No. 11996072A as of the date of this Staff Report submitted via ePlans to the M-NCPPC, are required. None of the previous conditions of approval as noted in the Planning Board Opinion approving 119960720, with a mailing date of April 29, 1996, require modification (Attachment A). The following Conditions are in addition to all other previous conditions, which remain in full force and effect:

ENVIRONMENT

- 8. Within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving 11996072A, the Applicant must submit a fee-in-lieu payment to the M-NCPPC Planning Department for the 0.10 acres (4,743 square feet) of mitigation credit.
- 9. Within ninety (90) days of the mailing of the Planning Board Resolution approving 11996072A, the Applicant must submit a Deed of Release of Conservation Easement for the entirety of the existing Category I Conservation Easement on Lot 23 in a form approved by the M-NCPPC Office of General Counsel. The Deed of Release must be recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records. The entirety of the existing easement remains in full force and effect until the Deed of Release has been approved and recorded in the Montgomery County Land Records. The Deed of Release cannot be approved by M-NCPPC until the fee-in-lieu is paid.

SECTION 2: SITE DESCRIPTION

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND VICINITY

The Subject Property is a 0.46-acre residential lot known as Lot 23, located at 14511 Jones Lane, in North Potomac. The Property is developed with a single-family detached residential home with driveway access from Jones Lane. There are no environmentally sensitive features on or immediately adjacent to the Subject Property, nor is there any forest.



Figure 1 – Subject Property (Lot 23) and adjacent Lot 22

SECTION 3: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PREVIOUS APPROVALS

The Subject Property was part of a two-lot subdivision known as the Hoes Property, approved under Preliminary Plan #19960720 by Planning Board Opinion with a mailing date of April 29, 1996 (Attachment A). At the time of the subdivision, the home located on the Subject Property was existing on Lot 23. The subdivision created a second lot, a "flag lot" known as Lot 22, and included construction of a new home. The Final Forest Conservation Plan approved as part of the subdivision, resulted in a forest planting requirement of 0.14 acres, or approximately 6,098 square feet (Attachment B). This planting requirement was met along the southern property line of the two lots and protected via a Category I Conservation Easement. Approximately 0.054 acres, or 2,371 square feet of the Conservation Easement is located on the Subject Property.

PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to abandon the existing Category I Conservation Easement on the Subject Property and mitigate for the removal through a fee-in-lieu at a 2:1 rate. The Applicant notes that there was no forest within the Conservation Easement at the time they purchased the Property in September 2020. They wish to abandon the Easement and install a fence along the perimeter of the yard for their dog to be able to roam leash-free and for their privacy from the "flag lot" located directly behind them. In the provided Statement of Justification, the Applicant notes that the Conservation Easement does not meet the minimum size requirements under the definition of "forest" as it is less than 10,000 square feet in area. While this has no bearing on the easement, the Applicant also notes the proximity of the house on the adjacent Lot 22, and that this "flag lot" would likely not be approved under the current standards because the two lots do not meet the 80-foot flag lot setback minimum currently under Chapter 50. The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the removal of the 2,371.38 square foot (0.05 acre) Category I Conservation Easement through a fee-in-lieu payment at a 2:1 rate, which equates to mitigation for 4,742.76 square feet or 0.10 acres. There is no construction or land disturbance proposed as part of this Application.



Figure 2 – Subject Property (Lot 23) and proposed Conservation Easement removal

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Applicant followed proper noticing requirements related to this Application to amend Final Forest Conservation Plan #119960720.

As of date of this Staff Report, no correspondence has been received related to this Application.

SECTION 5: PRELIMINARY PLAN 11996072A FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

All previous findings for Preliminary Plan 119960720 remain valid except as amended as part of this Application to amend the associated Final Forest Conservation Plan.

FOREST CONSERVATION

1. All Forest Conservation Law, Chapter 22a requirements are satisfied

The Application meets the requirements of Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law. The Application includes one developed lot, Lot 23. There is no disturbance proposed as part of this Application.

The Planning Board approved Forest Conservation Plan #119960720 as part of Preliminary Plan No. 119960720 with the Planning Board Opinion mailing date of April 29, 1996. At the time of the original approval and currently, no forest or other environmentally sensitive features (i.e., streams, stream buffers, steep slopes, etc.) exist on the Property. The original Forest Conservation Plan resulted in an afforestation requirement of 0.14 acres (6,098 square feet) to be planted on-site across the two lots and protected in a Category I Conservation Easement (Attachment B).

The Application, Final Forest Conservation Plan Amendment 11996072A, requests to amend the Final Forest Conservation Plan to abandon the 0.05-acre (2,371.38 square feet) portion of the Category I Conservation Easement that is located on the Subject Property and mitigate for the removal by fee-in-lieu payment at a 2:1 rate (Attachment C).

Staff supports the Applicant's request to abandon the Category I Conservation Easement because it is not protecting any environmentally sensitive features or any forest and does not meet the minimum size criteria for forest. Category I Conservation Easements are utilized to protect sensitive features and forest, and these do not exist on the Subject Property. Per Chapter 22A, the minimum size criteria under the definition of "forest" is 10,000 square feet. The size of the Category I Conservation Easement does not meet the minimum criteria; nor does it contain any environmentally sensitive features, such as streams, wetlands, and stream buffers.

Per Section 22A-12(g)(2), "A person may make an in lieu fee payment to the forest conservation fund only if the person satisfactorily demonstrates that the off-site reforestation and afforestation requirements are less than 0.5 acre, and the Planning Board or Planning Director, as appropriate, finds that: (A) no on-site priority planting area is present; and (B) no other appropriate on-site planting areas is available." Additionally, it has been Planning Board policy to not accept Conservation Easements on lots less than two acres in size to ensure property owners have a usable backyard area and to reduce the potential for unauthorized encroachments into the easements resulting in violations. Given the fact that this Conservation Easement does not contain any forest or other environmentally sensitive features, does not meet the minimum size criteria specified in the definition of "forest" and would not be accepted as a Conservation Easement under the current standards, Staff supports the Applicant's request to abandon the Category I Conservation Easement on the Subject Property with mitigation through a fee-in-lieu payment at a 2:1 rate.

SECTION 6: CONCLUSION

As conditioned, the Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan Application satisfies the findings under Chapter 22A. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plan #11996072A to amend the associated Final Forest Conservation Plan with the conditions specified at the beginning of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Previous Approval Preliminary Plan Opinion 119960720

Attachment B: Previous Approval Final Forest Conservation Plan 119960720

Attachment C: Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan 11996072A

Date of mailing: April 29, 1996



Action: Approved Staff Recommendation (Motion of Comm. Holmes, seconded by Comm. Richardson, with a vote of 3-0; Comms. Holmes, Richardson, and Baptiste, voting in favor, with Comms. Aron, and Hussmann temporarily absent).

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

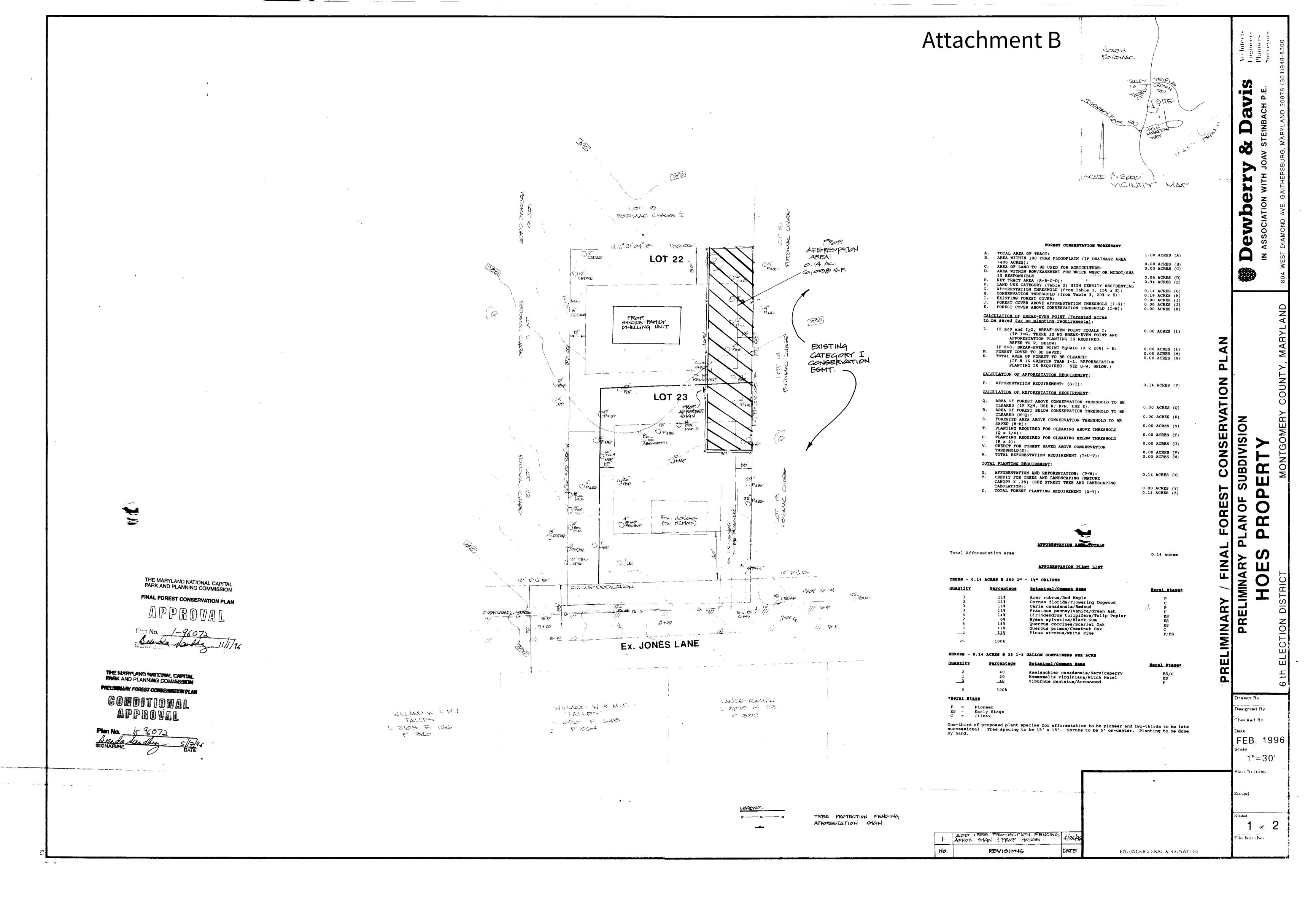
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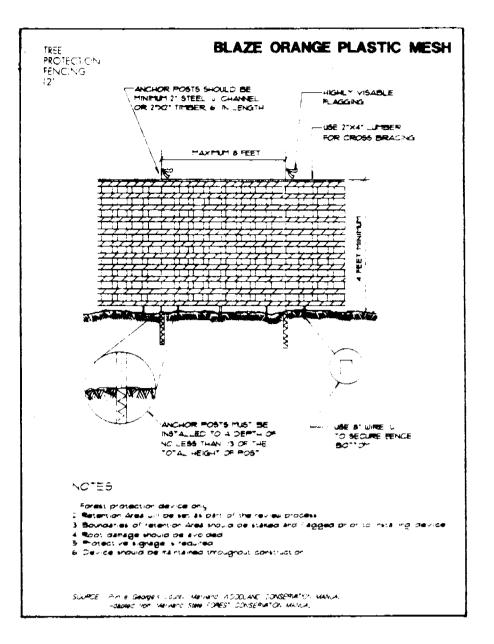
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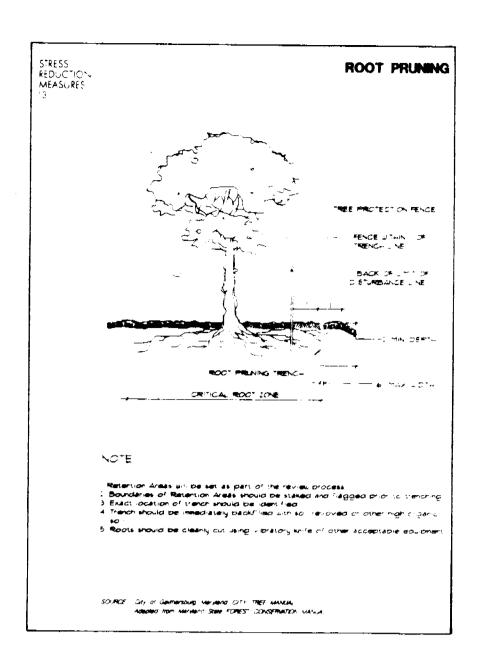
, submitted an application for the On 02-14-96, TAMARA CORPORATION approval of a preliminary plan of subdivision of property in the R200 zone. of land. The The application proposed to create 2 lots on 1.00 ACRES application was designated Preliminary Plan 1-96072. On 04-25-96, Preliminary Plan 1-96072 was brought before the Montgomery County Planning Board for a public hearing. At the public hearing , the Montgomery County Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted in the record on the application. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented by staff and on the information on the Preliminary Subdivision Plan Application Form attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Montgomery County Planning Board finds Plan 1-96072 to be in accordance with the purposes and eliminary Quirements of the Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 50, Montgomery County Code, as amended) and approves Preliminary Plan 1-96072, subject to the following conditions:

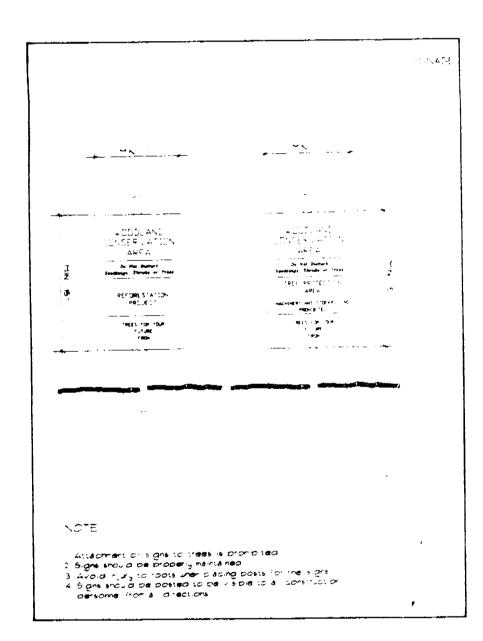
Approval, pursuant to the DeMinimis Provisions of the FY 96 Annual Growth Policy, subject to:

- (1) Compliance with the conditions of approval for the preliminary forest conservation plan. Applicant must meet all conditions prior to recording of plats or MCDEP issuance of sediment and erosion control permit, as appropriate
- (2) Record plat to reference common ingress/egress easement
- (3) Conditions of MCDEP stormwater management approval dated 3/4/96
- (4) Dedication of Jones Lane 35' off center line
- (5) Access and improvements as required and approved by MCDOT
- (6) Other necessary easements
- (7) This preliminary plan will remain valid until May 29, 1999
 (37 months from the date of mailing which is April 29, 1996)
 Prior to the expiration of this validity period, a final record plat for all property delineated on the approved preliminary plan must be recorded or a request for an extension must be filed.

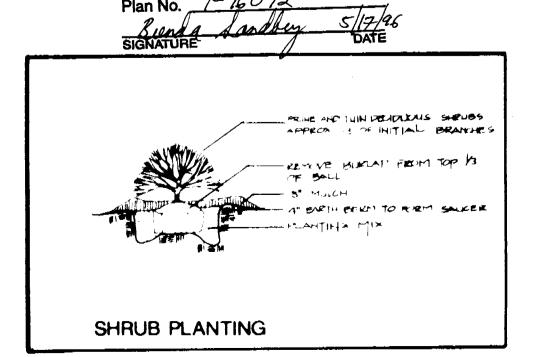


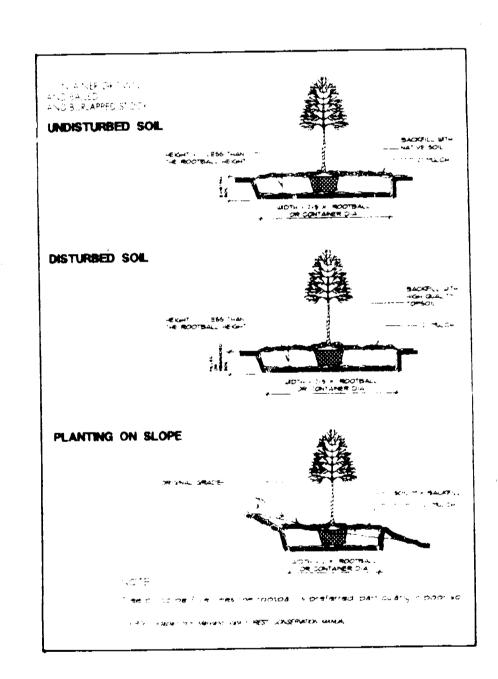


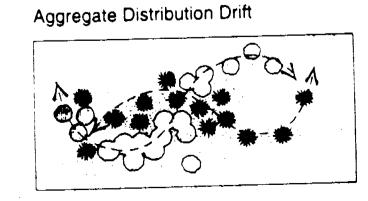




THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION PRELIMINARY FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN







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PLANT MATERIAL SELECTION

- A. All plant materials greater than 1" caliper shall meet or exceed the requirements of standard nurserymen specifications. All plants shall be typical of the species and variety, shall have a normal habit of growth, and shall be first quality, sound, vigorous, wellbranched, and with healthy, well furnished root systems. They shall be free of disease, insect pests, and mechanical injuries.
- B. Planting stock less than 1" caliper should meet the following standa #13:

Seedlings/whips: 1/4" to 1/2" caliper with roots no less than Hardwoods:

8" long 1/8" to 1/4" caliper with roots not less than Conifers: 8" long and top height of 6" or more Shrubs: 1/8" or larger caliper with 8" root system

PRE-PLANTING CONSIDERATIONS

- A. A soils analysis will be conducted prior to commencement of reforestation. Test pits will be dug in areas of undisturbed soil to determine if a fragipan layer is present. If fragipan is present, it should be pierced by auguring and planting holes should be dug to twice the normal diameter for the material planted.
- B. Soils should be treated by incorporating natural mulch within the top 12 inches, or amendments as determined by the soils analysis. Natural amendments, such as organic mulch or leaf mold compost are
- C. If fill material is used at the planting site, it should be clean fill with 12 inches of native soil. Stockpiling of native top soils must be done in such a way that the height of the pile does not damage the seed bank.

3. PLANT MATERIAL STORAGE

It is recommended that planting occur within 24 hours of delivery to the site. Plant materials which are left unplanted for more than 24 hours should be protected from direct sun and weather and kept moist. Nursery stock should not be left unplanted for more than two (2) weeks.

4. ON-SITE INSPECTION

Prior to planting, planting stock should be inspected. Plants not conforming to standard nurseryman specifications for size, form, vigor, roots, trunk wounds, insects, and disease should be replaced.

PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

- A. Container Grown Stock: Successful planting of container grown stock requires careful site preparation and inspection of the plant material root system. Caution is recommended then selecting plants grown in a soils medium differing from the for the planting site. The plant should be removed from the container and the roots gently
 - loosened from the soils. If the roots encircle the root ball, substitution is strongly recommended. J-shaped or kinked root systems should also be noted, and substituted if necessary. Roots may not be trimmed on-site, due to the increased chances of soil borne diseases. The planting field should be prepared as specified. Native stockpiled soils should be used to backfill planting field. Rake soils evenly over the planting field and cover with 2 to 4 inches of mulch.
- B. Balled and Burlapped Trees: Balled and burlapped trees must be handled with care while planting. Trees should not be picked up by the trunk or dropped, as both practices will tend to separate the trunk from the root ball. Prior to planting, root balls should be
- C. Planting fields should be created equal to 2.5 times the diameter of the root ball. Use watering to settle soil backfilled around trees. Stockpiled native top soils, if available, should be used to backfill the planting field. Amendments are not recommended in the planting field, as studies have shown that roots will be encouraged to stay within the amended soils. Soils should be raked evenly over the planting field and covered with 2 to 4 inches of
- Staking of trees is not recommended except in areas of high winds. Movement is necessary to strengthen the trunk of the planted tree. If stakes are used, they should be removed after the first growing season. Wrapping is also not recommended due to the increased opportunities for insect infestation and disease.

6. POST PLANTING CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Soil Stabilization: For areas of large-scale disturbance, soils must be stabilized using a non-turf-building ground cover or engineering fabric.
- B. Protective Devices: To prevent damage of planted areas, all reforestation and afforestation sites must be posted with appropriate signs and fenced. Construction equipment shall be prohibited in these areas.

NOTES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- ALL PLANTS TO BE NURSERY GROWN AND FURNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASN. "AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR NURSERY STOCK" ANSI 260.1 LATEST EDITION.
- ALL TREES TO BRANCH SYMMETRICALLY AROUND CENTRAL LEADER NO FORKED LEADER STOCK WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- ANY SUBSTITUTIONS ARE TO BE OF EQUIVALENT TYPE & SIZE AND MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- CONTAINER STOCK MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR BALLED & BURLAPPED STOCK UPON APPROVAL BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER.
- INSTALLATION OF PINES AND OAKS SHALL BE DURING SPRING PLANTING SEASON ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY ALL UTILITY COMPANIES FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION.
- ANY DAMAGE TO EXISTING UTILITIES, BUILDINGS, PAVING, CURB, WALKS, AND EXISTING VEGETATION SHALL BE REPAIRED TO PREVIOUS CONDITION OR REPLACED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT HIS EXPENSE.
- ALL AREAS TO BE PLANTED SHOULD BE FINISHED WITH A MINIMUM 3" FINE TEXTURED, SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON PLAN.
- ALL AREAS DISTURBED DURING INSTALLATION SHALL BE SEEDED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- POTABLE WATER SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL PLANT MATERIALS AS REQUIRED FOR GROWTH.
- IF PLANT MATERIAL CANNOT BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PLAN, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ ENGINEER FOR RESOLUTION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

Afforestation Planting Inspection Schedule

Afforestation Planting must commence no later than one-year after completion of development.

Inspection of the afforestation plantings shall be as follows:

- 1. Immediately following the completion of the afforestation plantings.
- 2. Two-years from the date of the plantings.

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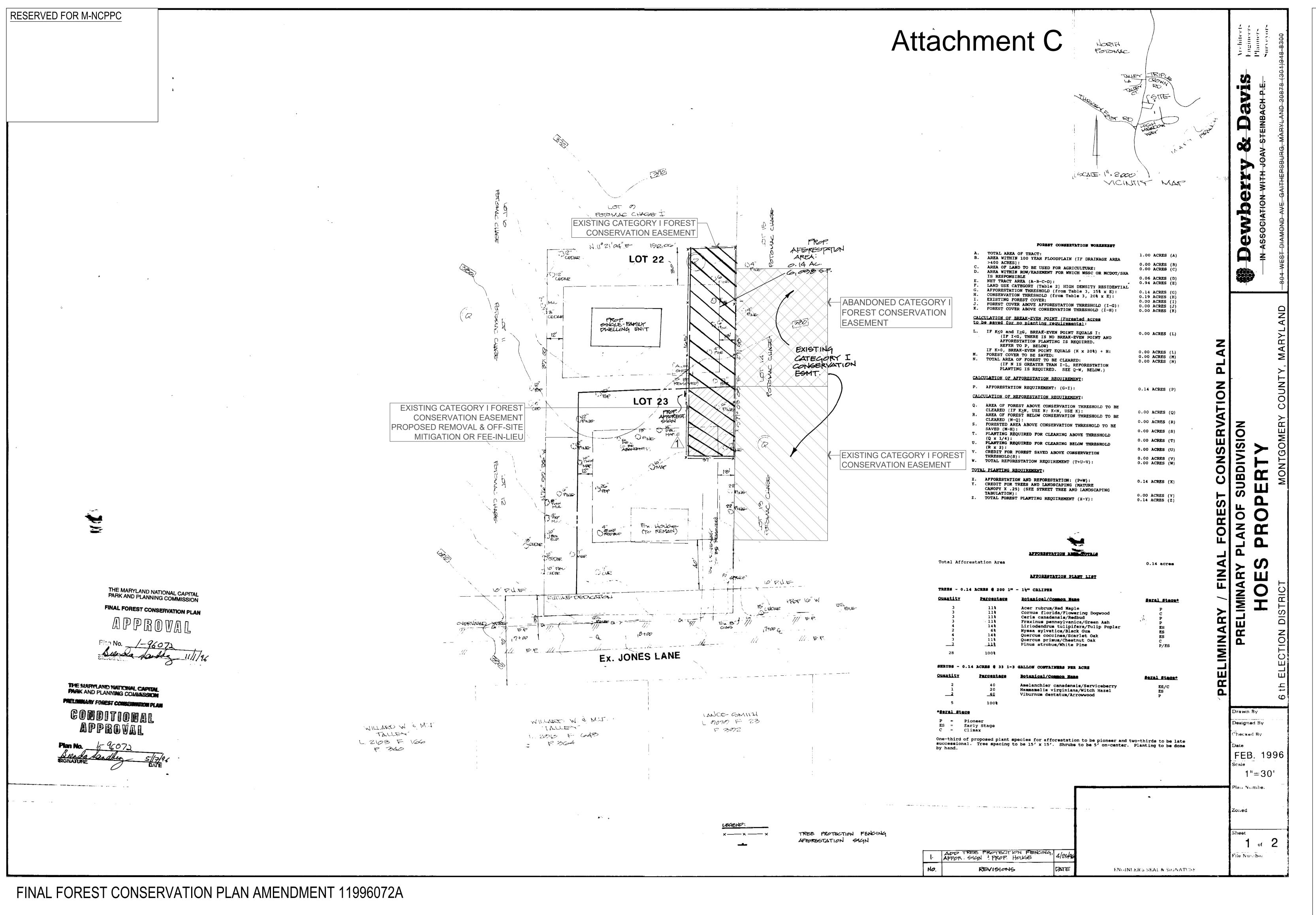
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LIST OF AMENDMENT ITEMS

1. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF CATEGORY 1 EASEMENT 2,371.38 SF TOTAL

NOTES:

- 1) THIS AMENDMENT IS FOR CATEGORY 1 CONSERVATION EASEMENT REMOVAL ON LOT 23 LOCATED AT 14511 JONES LANE NORTH POTOMAC, MD 20878
- 2) NO DISTURBANCE IS PROPOSED AS PART OF THIS AMENDMENT.
- 3) INFORMATION SHOWN IS FROM ORIGINAL FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL.
- 4) PLEASE REFERENCE SHEET 5 OF THIS AMENDMENT PACKAGE FOR EXACT AREA OF EXISTING EASEMENT AND ACCURATE PROPERTY LINE DEPICTION.

DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATE				
The Undersigned agrees to execute all the features of the Approved Final Forest Conservation Plan No including, financial bonding, forest planting, maintenance, and all other applicable agreements.				
Developer's Name:	District Comment Management			
	Printed Company Name			
Contact Person or Owner:				
	Printed Name			
Address:				
Phone and Email:				
Signature:				

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed Professional Landscape Architect under the laws of the State of Maryland.

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