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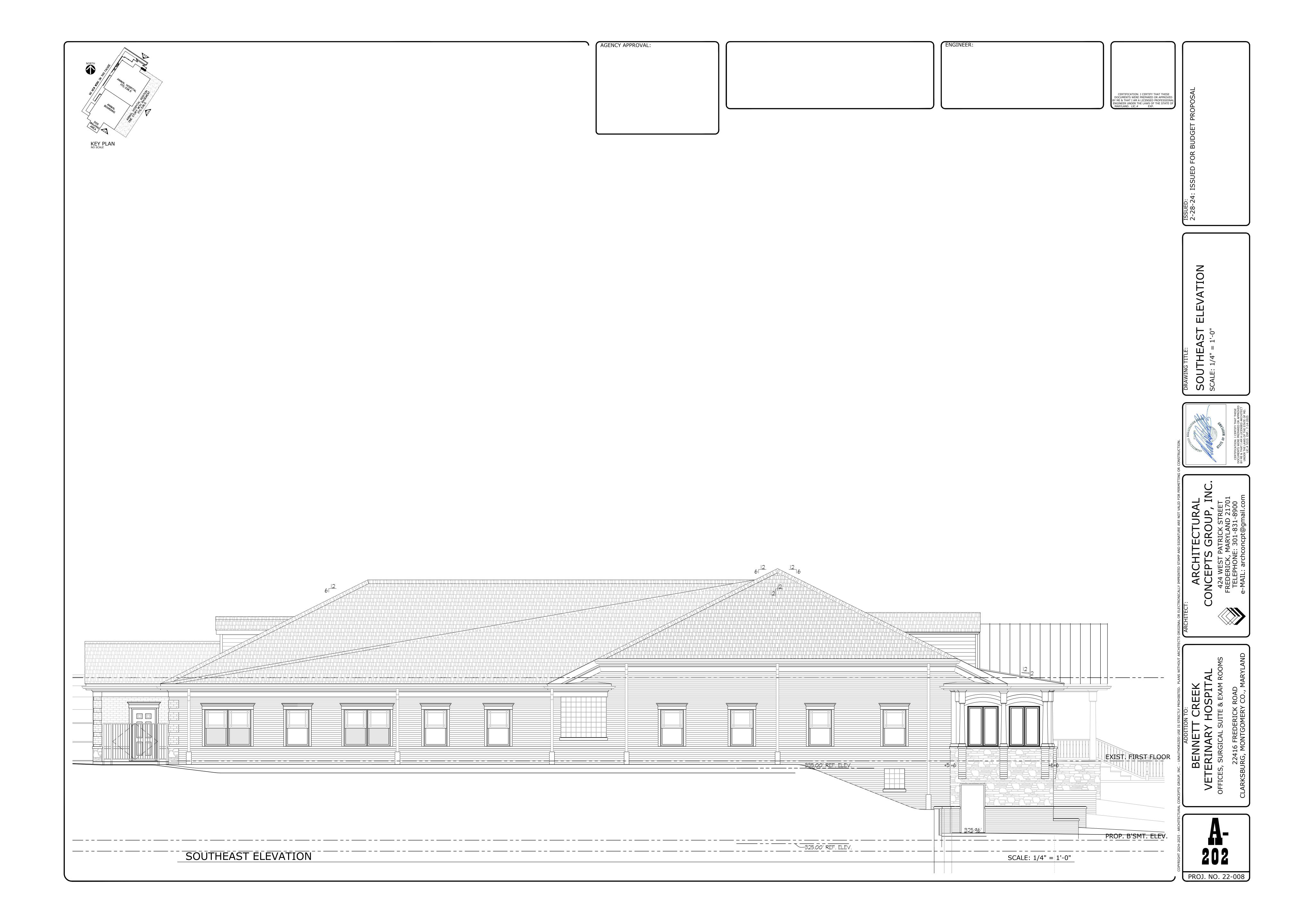
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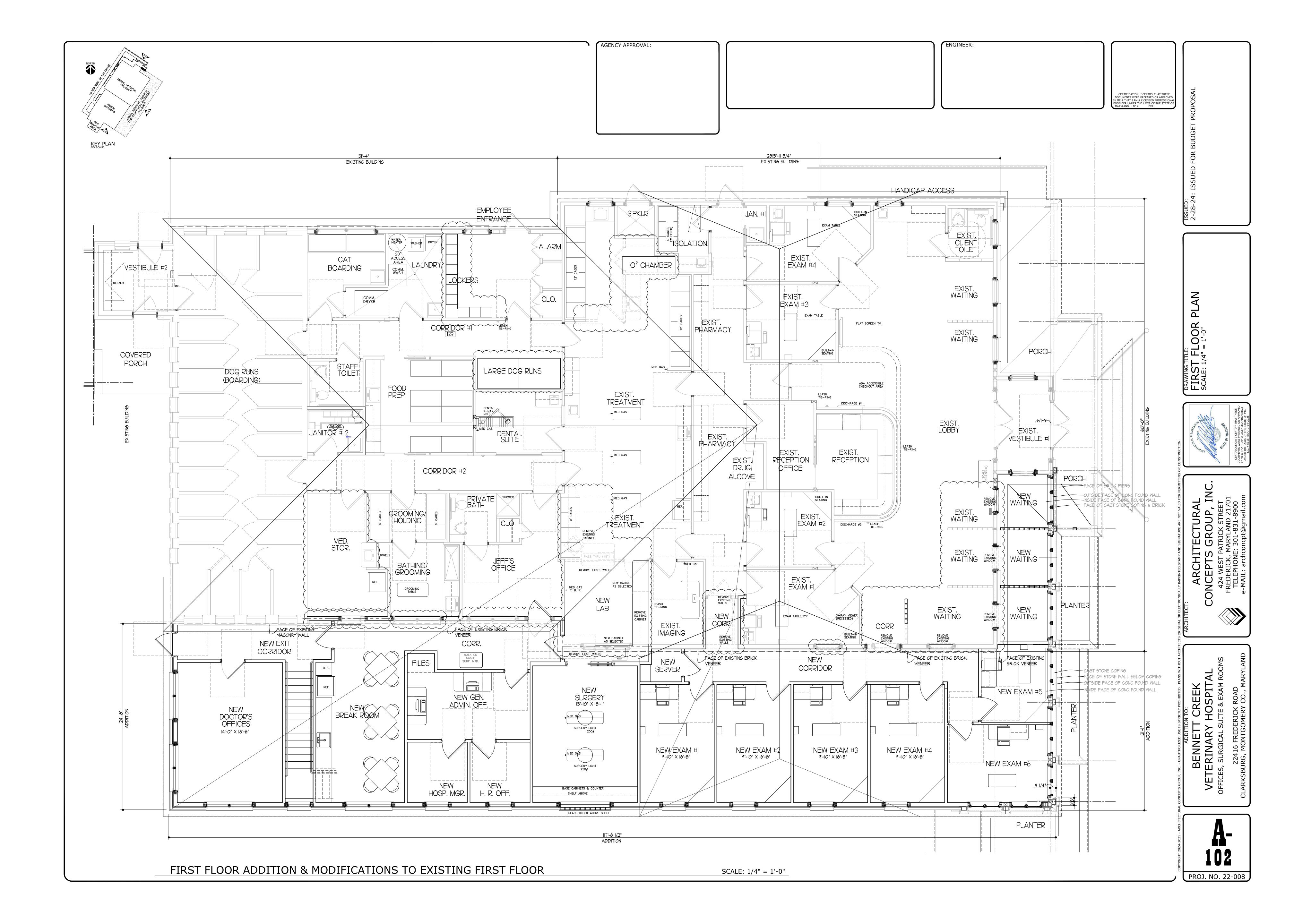


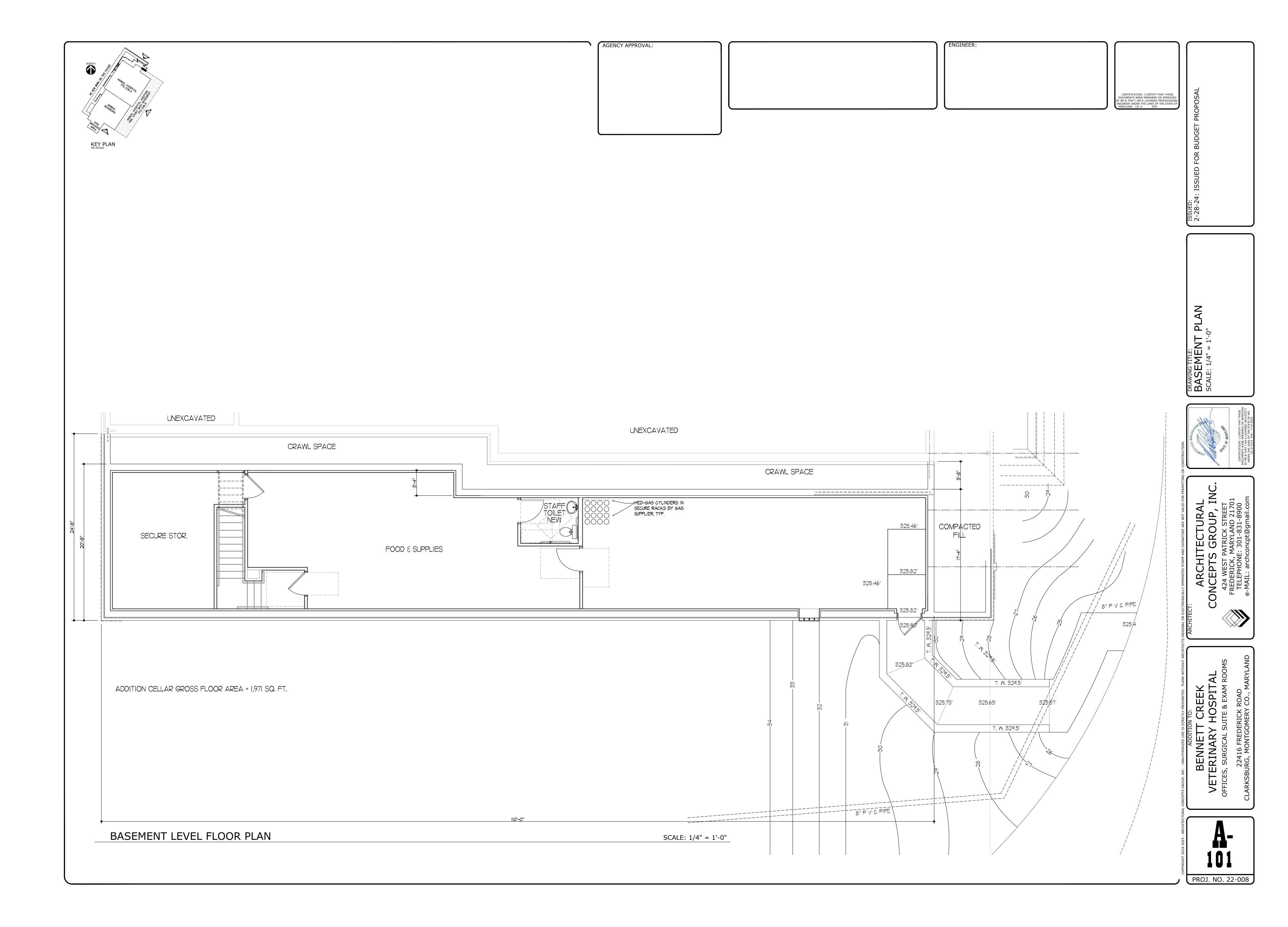
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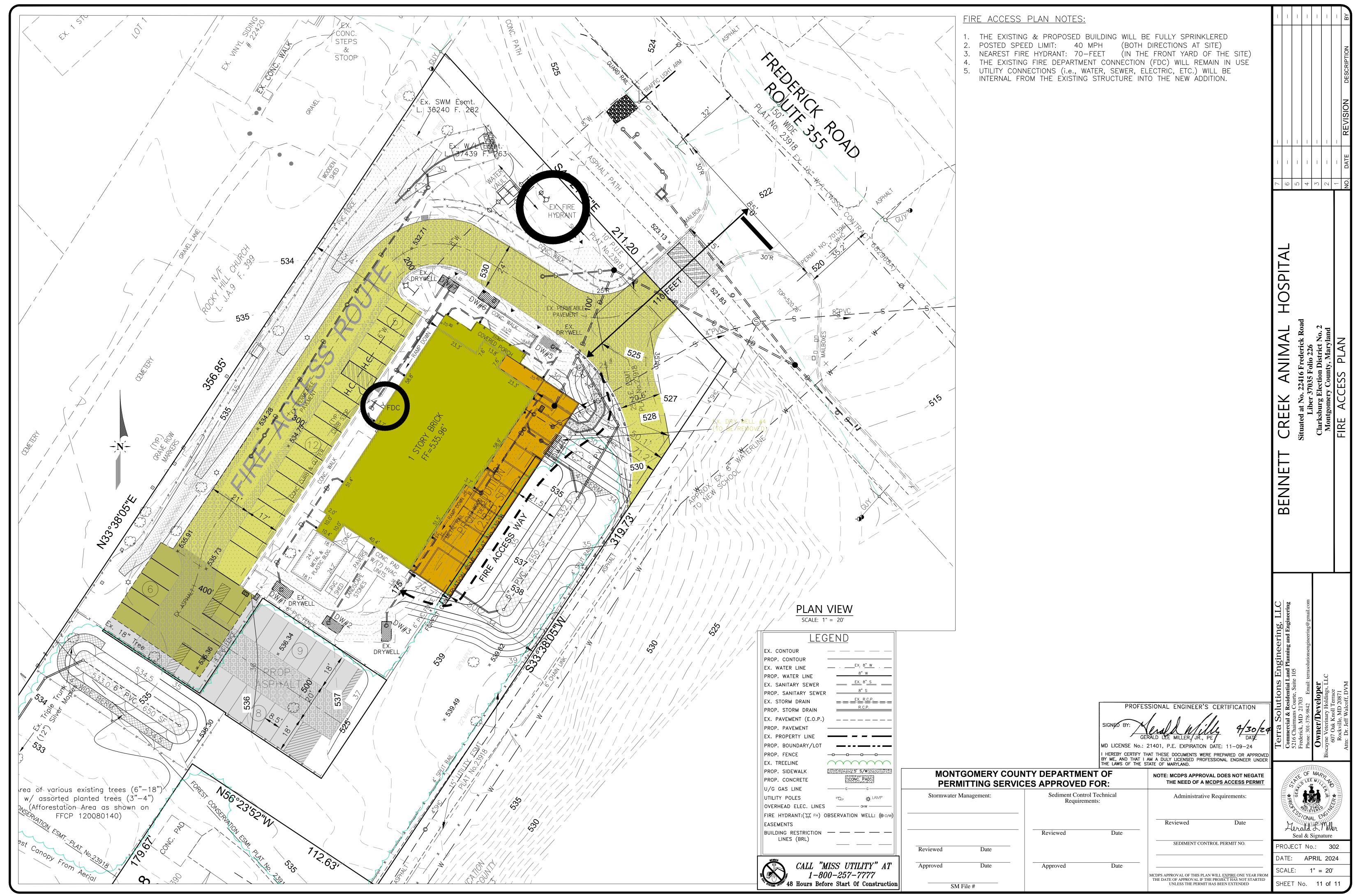
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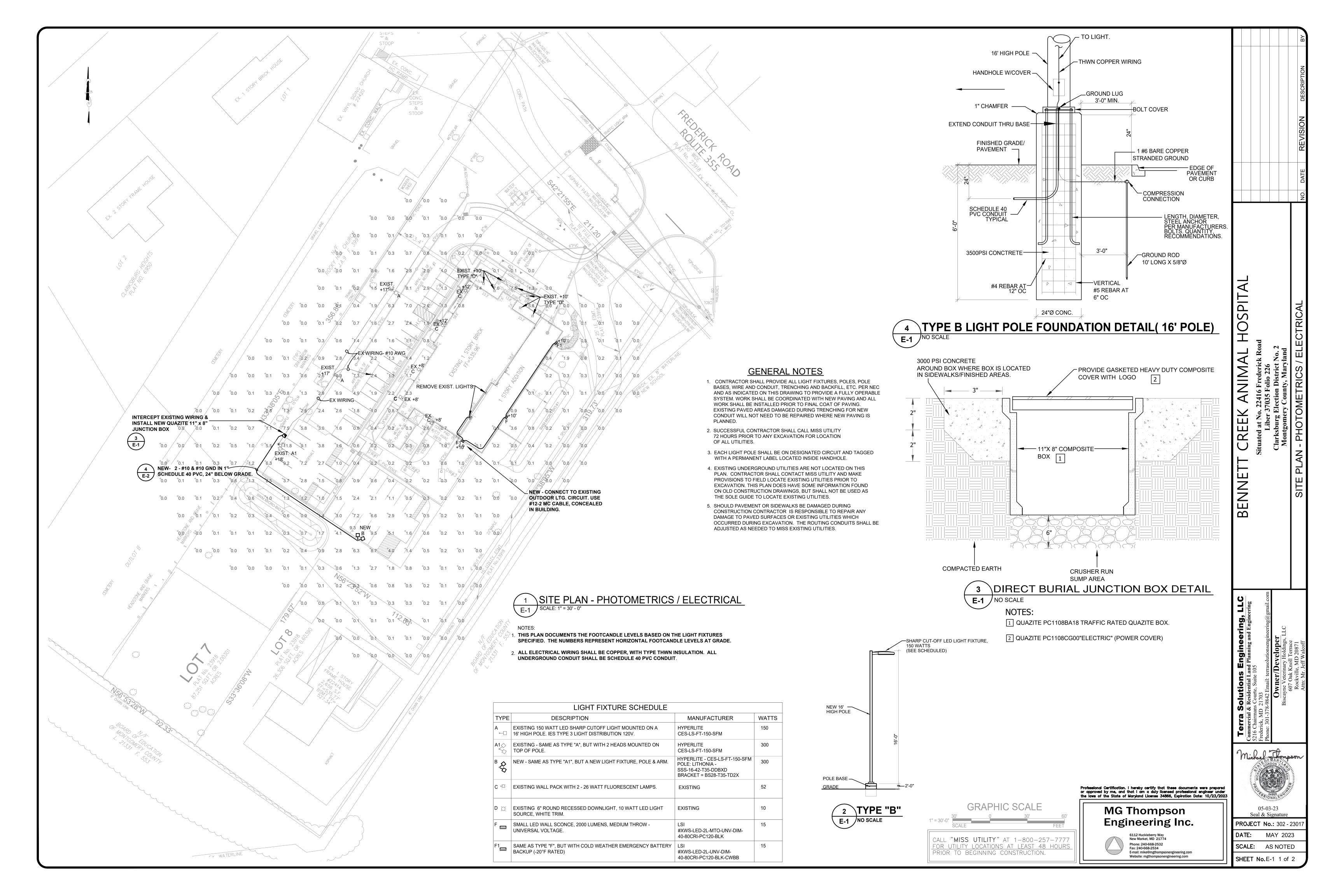












Mirada Small Wall Sconce (XWS) Outdoor LED Wall Light

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OVERV	IEW
Lumen Output Range	2,000 - 6,000
Wattage Range	15 - 52
Efficacy Range (LPW)	119 - 151

Luminaire Weight lbs (kg) 8 (3.6)

Ordering Guide

Construction

 Rugged die-cast aluminum housing. • Fixtures are finished with LSI's DuraGrip® polyester powder coat finishing process. The DuraGrip finish withstands extreme weather changes without cracking or peeling. Other standard LSI finishes available. Consult factory.

FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

• Extended housing available with 1/2" threaded hubs for surface conduit and rated wire.

• Standard luminaire shipping weight: 10 lbs Max luminaire shipping weight (with back housing): 20 lbs in carton.

Optical System • Choice of acrylic lens or high impact resistant polycarbonate lens

• The lens is fully gasketed with a one-piece solid silicone gasket to keep out moisture and dust, providing an IP65 rating for the

 Reflector system with recessed light engine reduces glare and brightness. • Forward Throw Wide and Medium

distributions available. Optional diffused lens for reduced LED pixilation over the lens and maximum visual

comfort. Zero uplight. Available in 5000K, 4000K, 3500K, 3000K

and 2700K color temperatures per ANSI Minimum CRI of 80

ORDERING GUIDE

Luminaire Prefix

(Blank) - None

Wireless Controls⁸

Button Type Photocells

Lens/Housing Accessories

XWS Performance Lens (FTW)

XWS Diffuse Acrylic Lens (MTD)

XWS Spacer Plate/Wiring Box

Battery Backup

Luminaire shown with

XWS Tamper Resistant Hardware

XWS Polycarbonate Vandal Lens (MTP)

XWS Tamper Resistant Hardware Screw Driver

mode. Extended housing required.

XWS Extended Housing/Surface Conduit Wiring Box

Emergency battery system provides 90-minutes of constant power to the LED system, ensuring

code compliance. A test switch/indicator button is installed on the housing for ease of maintenance. The fixture delivers ~1200 lumens during emergence

PCI120 - 120V PCI208-277 - 208 -277V

XWS - Mirada Small Wall Sconce LED

ALSC - Airlink Synapse Control System³

ALSCS1 - AirLink Synapse Control System with 8-12' MH Motion Sensor^{3,4}

ALSCS2 - AirLink Synapse Control System with 12-20' MH Motion Sensor 3,4

IMSBT1 - Integral Bluetooth™ Motion and Photocell Sensor 8-24' MH 3.4.5

ACCESSORY ORDERING INFORMATION⁸

EXT - 0-10v Dimming leads extended to housing exterior

ALBCS1 - AirLink Blue Wireless Motion & Photo Sensor Controller (8-24' mounting height)34

(347-480 VAC).

Electrical

QUICK LINKS

 High-performance driver features over voltage under-voltage, short-circuit and over temperature protection. • 0-10V dimming (10% - 100%) standard. Standard Universal Voltage (120-277 VAC) Input 50/60 Hz or optional High Voltage

Performance Photometrics Dimensions

LSI's AirLink™ wireless control system

Universal wall mounting plate mounts

• Luminaire hinges to the top of the

 LSI luminaires carry a 5-year limited warranty. Refer to https://www.lsicorp.com/

Listed to UL 1598 and UL 8750.

• Meets Buy American Act requirements.

• IDA compliant: with 2700K or 3000K color

• Title 24 Compliant; see local ordinance for

• IP65 rated luminaire per IEC 60598-1

mechanical impact code with clear

• DesignLights Consortium® (DLC) qualified

product. Not all versions of this product

are DLC qualified. Please check the DLC

org/QPL to confirm which versions are

Qualified Products List at www.designlights.

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Color Temp Color Rendering

27 - 2,700K

2DP - Dual Driver, Circuit & Power Feed3,4,6,7

CWBB - Cold Weather Battery Backup(-20°C)3,4,9

• IK10 rated luminiare per IEC 66262

box (octagonal or square).

during installation.

more information.

temperature selection.

qualification information.

Suitable for wet locations.

polycarbonate lens (MTP).

Mirada Small Wall Sconce (XWS)

(Blank) - None

BB - Battery Back-up (0°C)3,4,9

SP1 - 10kV Surge Protection Device

EH - Extended Housing4

TP - Tamper Proof¹⁰

Warranty

options reduce energy and maintenance

costs while optimizing light quality 24/7.

directly to vertical surface or 4" junction

mounting plate and is secured via two

flush mount screws that help to conceal

the hardware and prevent over tightening

resources/terms-conditions-warranty/ for

 L70 Calculated Life: >60k Hours Total harmonic distortion: <20% • Operating temperature: -40°C to +50°C

(-40°F to +122°F). Power factor: >.90

• Input power stays constant over life. Optional 10kV surge protection device meets a minimum Category C Low operation (per ANSI/IEEE C62.41.2). High-efficacy LEDs mounted to metal-core

circuit board to maximize heat dissipation Driver is fully encased in potting material for moisture resistance. Driver complies with FCC standards. Accessible driver and electrical components.

• Optional Dual Drivers/Circuit/Power Feeds. Optional battery backup provides 90-minutes of constant power to the LED system, ensuring code compliance. A test switch/ ndicator button is installed on the housing for ease of maintenance. Standard battery rated for 0° to 50° with cold weather battery rated for -20°C to 50°. 120-277V Only.

Fixtures operate independently and can

2L - 2,000 lms | FTW - Forward Throw Wide Clear Acrylic | UNV - Universal Voltage (120-277V) | DIM - 0-10v Dimming (0-10%) | 50 - 5,000K | 80CRI - 80 CRI

HV - High Voltage (347-480V)²

BLK - Black

BRZ - Dark Bronze

GPT - Graphite

MSV - Metallic Silver

PLP - Platinum Plus

SVG - Satin Verde Green

Tamper-proof screwdriver must be ordered separately (see accessory ordering information)

Custom lumen and wattage packages available, consult factory. Values are within industry standard tolerances but not DLC listed.

Option requires EH extended housing.

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For applications with surface conduit, there is limited hub accessibility when ordering with controls, battery backup or dual driver options. Consult factory.

IMSBT is field configurable via the LSI app that can be downloaded from your smartphone's native app store.

Button Photocell

with PCI ·

securing wires.

Luminaire shown

Spacer Plate/Wiring Box

8.25" x 5.25" x 1.07" wall spacer plate allows the inaire to float off the wall and provides space for

WIRING CAVITY

GMG - Gun Metal Gray

be commissioned via iOS or Android

Not available in 2L lumen package

Not available in 2L and 3L lumen packages

Dual Driver, Circuit & Power Feed

Dual drivers and circuit provide redundant sources to ensure that failure of one component will not

leave total darkness in any space. Dual power feeds allow for wiring to inverters to reduce load during

emergency operation. Extended housing required

 Optional integral passive infrared Bluetooth™ motion and photocell sensor.

configuration app.

TYPICAL ORDER EXAMPLE: XWS LED 6L FTW UNV DIM 40 70CRI ALBCS1 BLK EI

3L - 3,000 lms MT - Medium Throw Clear Acrylic

5L - 5,000 lms MTD - Medium Throw Diffuse Acrylic 6L - 6,000 lms MTP - Medium Throw Clear Polycarbona Custom Lumen MTPD - Medium Throw Diffuse

Packages¹ Polycarbonate

758274CLR

760159CLR

LITHONIA LIGHTING® Catalog Number

FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

INTENDED USE — These specifications are for USA standards only. Square Straight Steel is a general purpose light pole for up to 39-foot mounting heights. This pole provides a robust yet cost effective option for mounting area lights and floodlights.

CONSTRUCTION — Pole Shaft: The pole shaft is of uniform dimension and wall thickness and is made of a weldable-grade, hot-rolled, commercial-quality steel tubing with a minimum yield of 55 KSI (11-gauge, 0.120"), or 50 KSI (7-gauge, 0.179"). Shaft is one-piece with a full-length longitudinal high-frequency electric resistance weld. Uniformly square in cross section with flat sides, small corner radii and excellent torsional qualities. Available shaft widths are 4", 5" and 6".

Pole Top: Options include 4" tenon top, drilled for side mount fixture, tenon with drilling (includes extra handhole) and open top. Side drilled and open top poles include a removable top cap. Handhole: A reinforced handhole with grounding provision is provided at 18" from the base on side A. Positioning the handhole lower may not be possible and requires engineering review; consult Tech Support-Outdoor for further information. Every handhole includes a cover and cover attachment hardware. The handhole has a nominal dimension of 2.5" x 5".

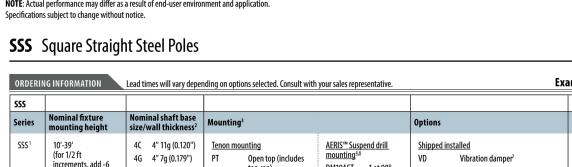
Base Cover: A durable ABS plastic two-piece full base cover, finished to match the pole, is provided with each pole assembly. Additional base cover options are available upon request. Anchor Base/Bolts: Anchor base is fabricated from steel that meets ASTM A36 standards and can be altered to match existing foundations; consult factory for modifications. Anchor bolts are manufactured to ASTM F1554 Standards grade 55, (55 KSI minimum yield strength and tensile strength of 75-95 KSI).

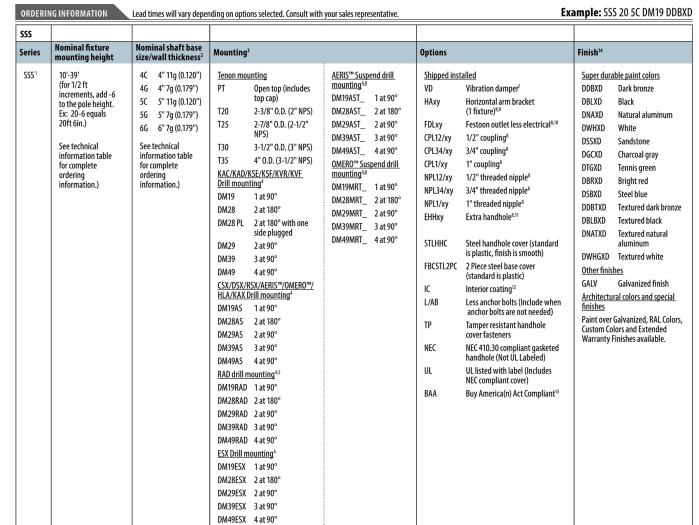
Top threaded portion (nominal 12") is hot-dipped galvanized per ASTM A-153. **HARDWARE** — All structural fasteners are high-strength galvanized carbon steel. All non-structural fasteners are galvanized or zinc-plated carbon steel or stainless steel.

FINISH — Extra durable painted finish is coated with TGIC (Triglycidyl Isocyanurate) Polyester powder that meets 5A and 5B classifications of ASTM D3359. Powder-coat finishes include Dark Bronze, White, Black, and Natural Aluminum colors, Architectural Colors and Special Finishes are available by quote and include, but are not limited to Paint over Hot-dipped Galvanized, RAL Colors, Custom Colors and Extended Warranty Finishes. **BUY AMERICAN ACT** — Product with the BAA option is assembled in the USA and meets the Buy America(n) government procurement requirements under FAR, DFARS and DOT regulations.

Please refer to <u>www.acuitybrands.com/buy-american</u> for additional information. **INSTALLATION** — **Do not** erect poles without having fixtures installed. Factory-supplied templates must be used when setting anchor bolts. Lithonia Lighting will not accept claim for incorrect anchorage placement due to failure to use Lithonia Lighting factory templates. If poles are stored outside, all protective wrapping must be removed immediately upon delivery to prevent finish damage. Lithonia Lighting is not responsible for the

WARRANTY — 1-year limited warranty. This is the only warranty provided and no other statements in this specification sheet create any warranty of any kind. All other express and implied warranties are disclaimed. Complete warranty terms located at: www.acuitybrands.com/support/warranty/terms-and-conditions **NOTE**: Actual performance may differ as a result of end-user environment and application.





1. Handhole covers (HHC), full base covers (FBC) and top caps (TC) shipped separately. No need to call out in nomenclature. 2. Wall thickness will be signified with a "C" (11 Gauge) or a "G" (7-Gauge) in nomenclature. "C" - 0.120" | "G" - 0.179".

3. PT open top poles include top cap. When ordering tenon mounting and drill mounting for the same pole, follow this example: DM28/T20. The combination includes a required extra handhole. 4. Refer to the fixture spec sheet for the correct drilling template pattern

NOTE: * EPA values are based ASCE 7-93 wind map. For 1/2 ft increments, add -6 to the pole height. Ex: 20-6 equals 20ft 6in.

All RAD drilling's require a minimum top 0.D. of 4". 6. Insert "1" or "2" to designate fixture size; e.g. DM19AST2. 7. On 4" and 5" poles, VD cannot be installed if provisions (EHH, FDL, NPL, CPL) are located higher than 2/3 of the pole's

Specify location and orientation when ordering option. Example: 5ft = 5 and 20ft 3in = 20-3For "y": Specify orientation from handhole (A,B,C,D) Refer to the Handhole Orientation diagram below. Example: 1/2" coupling at 5'8", orientation C = CPL12/5-8C

Horizontal arm is 18" x 2-3/8" O.D. tenon standard, with radius curve providing 12" rise and 2-3/8" O.D. If ordering two horizontal arm at the same height, specify with HAxyy. Example: HA20BD. $10. \ FDL\ does\ not\ come\ with\ GFCl\ outlet\ or\ handhole\ cover. These\ must\ be\ supplied\ by\ contractor\ or\ electrician.$ 11. Combination of tenon-top and drill mount includes extra handhole. EHH includes cover. Provides enhanced corrosion resistance.

13. Use when mill certifications are required. 14. Finish must be specified. Additional colors available; see Architectural Colors brochure linked here (Form No. 794.3). Lead times may be extended up to 2 weeks due to paint procurement.

SSS Square Straight Steel Poles

Example: Pole height is 25ft, A provision cannot be placed above 16ft.

TECHNICAL INFORM	MATION — EP	A (ft²) with 1.3	gust										
	Nominal	Pole Shaft Size					EPA (ft²) wi	th 1.3 gust					Approximate
Catalog Number	Shaft Length (ft.)*	(Base in. x Top in. x ft.)	Wall thick (in)	Gauge	80 MPH	Max. weight	90 MPH	Max. weight	100 MPH	Max. weight	Bolt circle (in)	Bolt size (in. x in. x in.)	ship weight (lbs.)
SSS 10 4C	10	4.0 x 10.0	0.120"	11	30.6	765	23.8	595	18.9	473	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	75
SSS 12 4C	12	4.0 x 12.0	0.120"	11	24.4	610	18.8	470	14.8	370	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	90
SSS 14 4C	14	4.0 x 14.0	0.120"	11	19.9	498	15.1	378	11.7	293	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	100
SSS 16 4C	16	4.0 x 16.0	0.120"	11	15.9	398	11.8	295	8.9	223	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	115
SSS 18 4C	18	4.0 x 18.0	0.120"	11	12.6	315	9.2	230	6.7	168	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	125
SSS 20 4C	20	4.0 x 20.0	0.120"	11	9.6	240	6.7	167	4.5	150	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	140
SSS 20 4G	20	4.0 x 20.0	0.179"	7	14	350	11	275	8	200	89	3/4 x 30 x 3	198
SSS 20 5C	20	5.0 x 20.0	0.120"	11	17.7	443	12.7	343	9.4	235	1012	1 x 36 x 4	185
SSS 20 5G	20	5.0 x 20.0	0.179"	7	28.1	703	21.4	535	16.2	405	1012	1 x 36 x 4	265
SSS 25 4C	25	4.0 x 25.0	0.120"	11	4.8	150	2.6	100	1	50	89	3/4 x 18 x 3	170
SSS 25 4G	25	4.0 x 25.0	0.179"	7	10.8	270	7.7	188	5.4	135	89	3/4 x 30 x 3	245
SSS 25 5C	25	5.0 x 25.0	0.120"	11	9.8	245	6.3	157	3.7	150	1012	1 x 36 x 4	225
SSS 25 5G	25	5.0 x 25.0	0.179"	7	18.5	463	13.3	333	9.5	238	1012	1 x 36 x 4	360
SSS 30 4G	30	4.0 x 30.0	0.179"	7	6.7	168	4.4	110	2.6	65	89	3/4 x 30 x 3	295
SSS 30 5C	30	5.0 x 30.0	0.120"	11	4.7	150	2	50			1012	1 x 36 x 4	265
SSS 30 5G	30	5.0 x 30.0	0.179"	7	10.7	267	6.7	167	3.9	100	1012	1 x 36 x 4	380
SSS 30 6G	30	6.0 x 30.0	0.179"	7	19	475	13.2	330	9	225	1113	1 x 36 x 4	520
SSS 35 5G	35	5.0 x 35.0	0.179"	7	5.9	150	2.5	100			1012	1 x 36 x 4	440
SSS 35 6G	35	6.0 x 35.0	0.179"	7	12.4	310	7.6	190	4.2	105	1113	1 x 36 x 4	540
SSS 39 6G	39	6.0 x 39.0	0.179"	7	7.2	180	3	75	-	-	1113	1 x 36 x 4	605





FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

Anchor Base Poles

SSS

BAA

SQUARE STRAIGHT STEEL

With innovative low profile, one-piece housing, the Hyperlite Top series supports superior thermal management and self-cleaning capability from rain, snow, bird droppings etc.The contractor-friendly design includes two buckles and a hinged swing wiring box for extremely easy installation. The environmentally friendly powder coatings are formulated for high durability and long-lasting color. (The light pole is just for reference, not included)

Model	CES-LS-FT-100W	CES-LS-FT-150W	CES-LS-FT-200W	CES-LS-FT-300W
Model				
Lumens	15000 lm	22500 lm	30000 lm	45000 lm
Wattage	100W	150W	200W	300W
Efficacy		1501	m/W	
ССТ		500	оок	
CRI		>7	70	
Beam angle		Тур	pe III	
Lifespan		>50,00	00hours	
Mounting	Adju	stable Pole Mounting, Slip Fi	tter Mounting, Trunnion Mou	nting
Sensor		Phot	ocell	
Vibration test		1.5G per ANSI	361 C1366.31	
Input voltage		AC100)-277V	
Power factor		>0	0.9	
Operating temperature		-22°F-113°F(-	30°C to 45°C)	
Listings		UL,cU	IL, DLC	
IP rating		IP	65	
Warranty		5 Ye	ears	

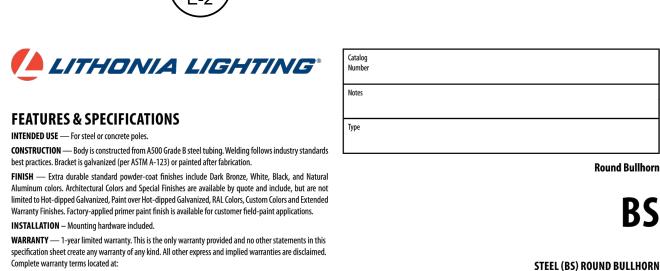
N/A UNDER PAVEMENT —6" WARNING TAPE APPROX. 1'-0" BELOW FINISH GRADE —FINISH GRADE **EXISTING** SUBGRADE -EXCAVATION BACKFILL · STONE DUST OR CRUSHER RUN, 4" ALL DIRECTIONS _SCHEDULE 40 PVC CONDUIT. SEE PLANS FOR QUANTITIES AND SIZES. 4 TYPICAL UNDERGROUND CONDUIT DETAIL

1. BACKFILL TO BE COMPACTED

IN 6 INCH LAYERS TO AVOID

SETTLING.

E-2 SCALE: NONE



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Example: BS28 T20 TD25 DDBXD ON Lead times will vary depending on options selected. Consult with your sales representative TD20 2-3/8" O.D. Super durable colors TD25 2-7/8" O.D. DDBXD Dark bronze DBLXD Black DNAXD Natural aluminum DWHXD White DDBTXD Textured dark bronze DBLBXD Textured black DNATXD Textured natural aluminu DWHGXD Textured white Other finishes

GALV Galvanized steel

Architectural colors and special finishes Paint over galvanized, RAL colors, custom colors and

extended warranty finishes available.

Primer finish DPRM Red primer

(See next pages for dimensions and drawings.)

BS Bullhorn, Steel, Fiberglass or Concrete Poles

T20 2-3/8" O.D.

T25 2-7/8" O.D.

T35 4" O.D.

www.acuitybrands.com/CustomerResources/Terms and conditions.aspx

Specifications subject to change without notice.

BS28 2 in line

BS29 2 at 90°

BS32 3 at 120°

BS38 3 in line

BS38X 3 in line¹

BS39 3 at 90°

BS48 4 in line

BS49 4 at 90°

NOTE: Actual performance may differ as a result of end-user environment and application.

	BS (Bullhorn - Steel) - TECHNICAL INFORMATION													
	Nominal arm	Dimensions (in.)		Dimensions (in.)		Bracket weight	Max Per Fix	Max Per Fixture EPA with AASHTO 2013 Max. per		Mounting				
Catalog number	length (ft)	A	В	С	Bracket EPA (ft2)	(lbs)	100MPH	120MPH	150MPH	fixture weight (lbs)	Height (ft.)			
BS28 T20	1-1/2	18	14	3	1.0	20	8.0	6.0	4.5	85	50			
BS28 T25	1-1/2	18	14	3	1.0	22	8.0	6.0	4.5	85	50			
BS28 T35	1-1/2	18	14	3	1.0	25	8.0	6.0	4.5	85	50			
BS29 T20	2	24	14	3	1.0	20	8.0	6.0	4.5	85	50			
BS29 T25	2	24	14	3	1.0	22	8.0	6.0	4.5	85	50			

TYPE B MOUNTING BRACKET SPECIFICATIONS

or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland License 34866, Expiration Date: 10/23/202 **MG Thompson**

> **Engineering Inc.** New Market, MD 21774 Phone: 240-668-2532 Fax: 240-668-2534 E-mail: mike@mgthompsonengineering.com Website: mgthompsonengineering.com

DATE:

SCALE: AS NOTED SHEET No.E-2 2 of 2

CALL "MISS UTILITY" AT 1-800-257-7777 FOR UTILITY LOCATIONS AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.

Professional Certification. I hereby certify that these documents were prepared 05-03-23

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Seal & Signature PROJECT No.: 302 - 2301 MAY 2023

Michael Thompson

Attachment C



Department of Permitting Services Fire Department Access and Water Supply Comments

DATE: 14-Dec-07

TO: Gerald Miller - lee@terrasolutionseng.comcastbiz.n

Terra Soluntions Engineering, LLC

FROM: Marie LaBaw

RE: Bennett Creek Animal Hospital

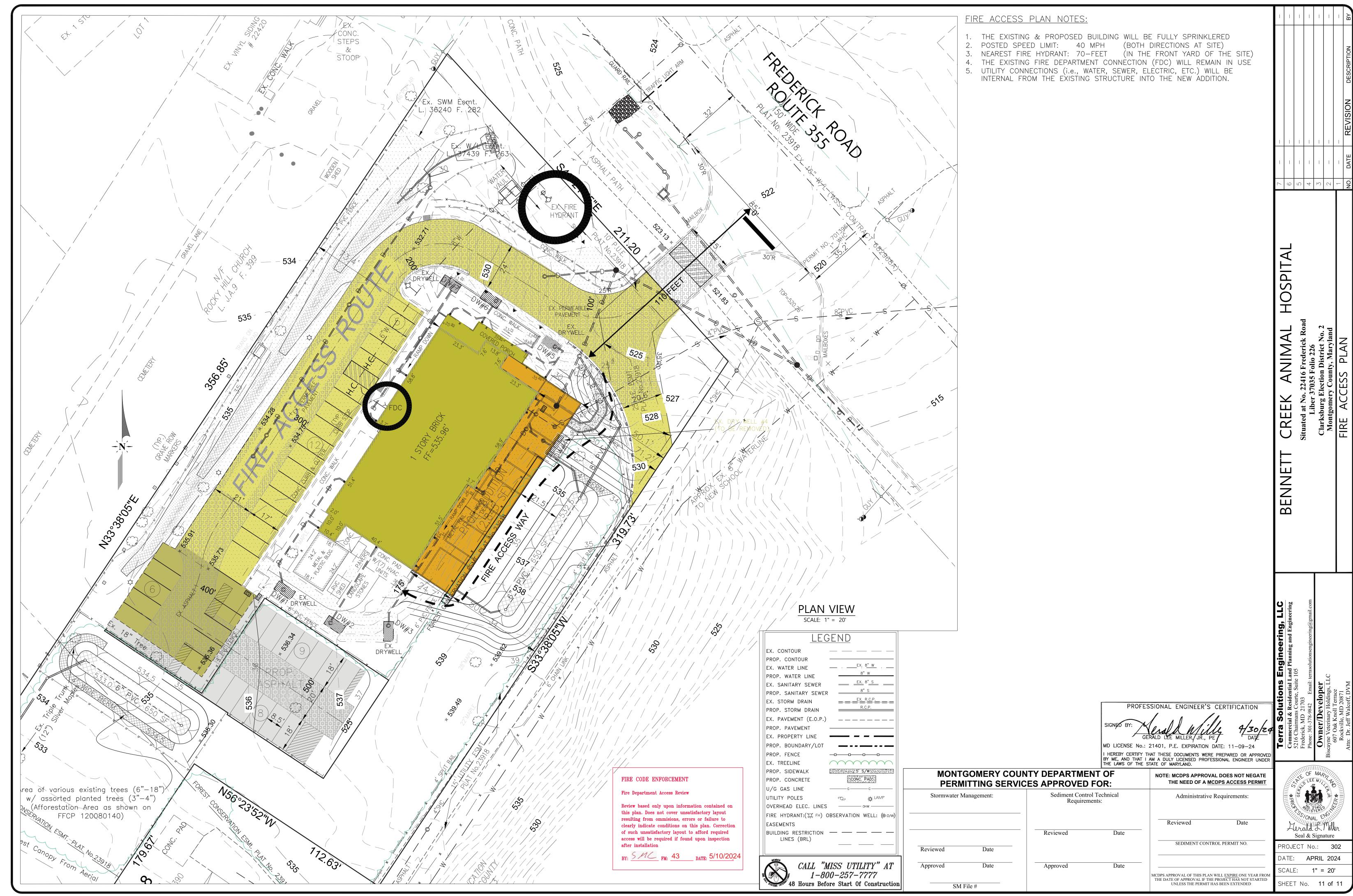
22416 Frederick Road

PLAN APPROVED

1. Review based only upon information contained on the plan submitted 14-Dec-07. Review and approval does not cover unsatisfactory installation resulting from errors, omissions, or failure to clearly indicate conditions on this plan.

2. Correction of unsatisfactory installation will be required upon inspection and service of notice of violation to a party responsible for the property.

*** 05/10/2024 Building addition ***



Attachment D

MILLER, BEAM & PAGANELLI, INC. CONSULTANTS IN ACOUSTICS, VIBRATION & AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEM DESIGN

May 17, 2024

Jeff Walcoff, DVM, Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, 2416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

RE: BENNETT CREEK ANIMAL HOSPITAL EXPANSION

Dear Dr. Walcoff:

An acoustical analysis was conducted of the proposed expansion facility for the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital in Clarksburg, MD. The primary purpose of this analysis was to evaluate potential adverse noise impact on the surrounding community specifically addressing the stringent County noise requirements. As a background, the original facility was evaluated and design recommendations developed to accommodate the above noted noise impact concerns and associated County requirements. This assessment has incorporated the basic design concepts/approaches utilized in the original assessment.

As noted in the original assessment, the potential for indoor levels can vary substantially depending on conditions and locations/uses of the various interior portions of the facility. For kennel locations, where the animals may be together as a group, on occasion, dogs can reach relatively high noise levels. These levels are not continuous, but only occur when the dogs are excited. Upgraded construction was incorporated in the kennel area to address these occasional high peak levels.

As previously noted for the original design, dogs do not normally continuously bark. They will typically bark only when excited such as feeding time with the barking typically limited to a modest period of time. When on a leash, in an individual containment such as an examination or surgery room and of course when sedated, dogs normally do not bark. Potentially, when recovering from surgery, some dogs may occasionally "whine" with resulting levels noticeably lower than barking and also a different (higher) frequency content which can more easily be contained utilizing standard construction. Although very infrequent, the potential occasional "whining" levels would be anticipated in the elevated conversational range of 70 dBA. As noted in the original design assessment, it is possible on rare occasions for a dog to bark briefly in the exam room space with a level of 80 dBA used as a design parameter for these type of spaces.

The special exception documents note that levels must not exceed 60 dBA during daytime hours, and 50 dBA during nighttime hours at the residential property line. The special exception also notes that exterior levels should not exceed 40 dBA from interior sources at 10' from the structure. This is an unusually low requirement and uniquely different from the above noted nighttime code requirement of 50 dBA at the property line.

Normally, the 50 dBA stricter nighttime property line requirement would be the governing element.

The proposed brick wall construction should provide a performance in the 50-55 STC (Sound Transmission Class) range. The proposed window construction performance will be dependent on the glazing selected. Standard 1" insulated glass provides a performance of slightly over 30 STC. The proposed roof construction should also provide a performance in the 45-50 STC range.

It is important to understand in evaluating the above performance that the STC system is based on the decibel scale which is logarithmic. A 3 dB change represents ½ or twice the energy such as increasing a hi-fi amplifier from 5 W to 10 W. Subjectively, however, a 3 dB change is only slightly perceptible. A 10 dB change represents 1/10 or 10 times the energy such as decreasing an amplifier from 50 W to 5W and subjectively will appear ½ or twice as loud. Thus with a 10 STC improvement in building performance, the resulting noise penetration should appear approximately ½ as loud.

Based on the above assessment, the windows will be the dominant noise path. It is also important to understand that the side windows represent only a small portion, or percentage of the total side building shell, and thus total noise penetration is dependent on not only the performance of each component, but also the percentage that each component represents of the total building face. The front, however, incorporates a higher percentage of glazing and thus a further upgrade of window performance may be necessary. Because, as noted above, this performance is logarithmic, calculating the building shell composite is complex.

Thus the side windows should be upgraded to incorporate 1 pane of 1/4" laminated glass in a standard 1" insulating glass assembly. This will improve the side window performance to a nominal 35 STC rating. For the front glazing, both panes should incorporate laminated glass which should improve the glazing system performance to slightly under 40 STC.

Utilizing the potential occasional 70-80 dBA levels, this upgraded construction should comfortably result in levels less than 50 dBA at the property lines, but may marginally exceed the significantly more stringent 40 dBA at 10'. As previously noted, 40 dBA is generally lower than the exterior ambient noise in this area. This approach is comparable to what was utilized in the original facility and thus resulting performance and associated resulting noise levels should also be similar.

Thus in summary, the proposed expansion facility should meet the County requirements under normal operating conditions with moderately upgraded glazing that provides a minimum 35 STC rating for the side glazing and 39 STC for the front glazing. It is important to understand that there is the rare possibility that a dog could bark in any of these exam/operating rooms that may slightly exceed the more stringent 40 dBA requirement at 10'.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Ken Miller

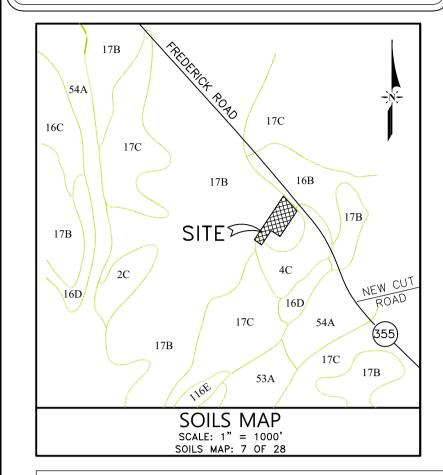
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ALL DISTURBED AREAS MUST BE TOPSOILED PER MONTGOMERY COUNTY "STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOPSOIL". SEE SHEET 3 FOR THIS DETAIL.

SEE SHEET 9 FOR THE SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION!

FOR TREE PROTECTION MEASURES THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REFER TO THE APPROVED FOREST CONSERVATION PLANS



BENNETT CREEK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

CLARKSBURG SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA - COMBINED PRELIMINARY / FINAL WATER QUALITY PLAN

TAX MAP EV-53, PARCELS 542 & 595 SITUATED AT 22416 FREDERICK ROAD CLARKSBURG, MARYLAND 20871 CLARKSBURG ELECTION DISTRICT No. 2 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

also known as "Lot 7 Clarksburg Heights" as recorded in Plat No. 23918. The property address is 22416 Frederick Road and the site area is 3. The site is currently zoned (Residential Detached) R-200 and lies within the Clarksburg Planning Area (PA-13). The site also lies within the "Clarksburg Special Protection Area". 4. Bulk Standards (R-200) Zoning Requirements Min. Lot Area: 100-feet (single family detached dwelling) Min. Lot Width: Min. Setbacks: Front Yard: Side Yard: 12-feet (sum of both sides: 25-feet); 16-foot min. parking setback Rear Yard: Max. Bldg. Ht.: 50-feet Special Exception Zoning Requirements: Min. Setback for Veterinary Hospital: Min. Setback for Animal Boarding: 5. Soils Information: Take from Montgomery County Soils Survey, Map 7 of 28: 4C (Elioak Silt Loam - 8% to 15% slopes), HSG - 'C', K-Value: 0.32. 16B (Brinklow-Blocktown channery silt loam - 3% to 8% slopes), HSG - 'C', K-Value: 0.24. 17B (Occoquan Loam - 3% to 8% slopes), HSG - 'B', K-Value: 037. 6. Site Summary (Existing Condition): Ex. Asphalt (Add'l Parking): 2,670 SF 0.0613 Ac. 3.06 % Ex. Sidewalk & Deck Area: 2,795 SF 0.0642 Ac. 3.20 % Ex. Concrete & Stone Area: 1,590 SF 0.0365 Ac. 1.82 % Total Ex. Impervious Area: 25,640 SF 0.5886 Ac. 29.39 % Remaining Green Space: 61,611 SF 1.4144 Ac. 70.61 % Water & Sewer Classification: W-1 & S-1 (WSSC Base 231NW12) Ex. Building: Ex. Pavement (w/ Pervious): 12,120 SF Ex. Asphalt (Add'l Parking): 2,670 SF Ex. Sidewalk & Deck Area: 2,795 SF Ex. Concrete & Stone Area: 1,590 SF Prop. Building Addition: 2,845 SF Prop. Parking Expansion: 4,330 SF Total Ex. Impervious Area: 32,985 SF 0.7572 Ac. 37.80 %

"ATTENTION"

THIS SITE IS WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE

CLARKSBURG SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA

Mr. Andrew Kohler AT 240-777-0311

AND THE M.C.D.P.S. STAFF MEMBER WILL ASSIST YOU IN DEVELOPING A SOLUTION BEFORE STREAM IMPACTS

MENTION THAT THE SITE IS WITHIN A SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA WHEN YOU CA

"LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP IT CLEAN"

Owner/Developer

1. The property is currently owned by Biscayne Veterinary Holdings, LLC with a deed reference of Liber 37035 at Folio 226. The property is

SWM Concept Table: Each line must be completed. Place this table on the first sheet with initial submission Contact Information for Design Engineer (for technical issues): Terra Solutions Engineering, LLC (Contact: Gerald L. Miller, Jr., P.E.) **General Property Information**

SM# Concept SM# 217106

Type of Concept: Combined Preliminary-Final Water Quality Plan

M-NCP&PC Process / No.: M-NCP&PC #

Property Address: 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland 20871

Property Legal Description: Lot 2 - Bennett Creek, Parcel Property Size (ac./sq. ft.): 2.0030 Ac. / 87,251 sq. ft.

Total Concept Area (ac./sq.ft.): 2.0030 Ac. / 87,251 sq. ft. Property Zoning: R-200

Watershed(s) and Stream Class: Little Seneca Creek (IV-P)

Special Protection Area: Clarksburg

100-Yr. Floodplain: No - Zone

Ex. % Impervious / Redevelopment or New Development: 29.4% Imp. / New Development - Proposed: 37.8% Imp. / New Development

SWM Summary: Study Point #1 - (Micro Bio-Retention Pond #1)

Target Pe / Proposed Pe: 1.80 Inches / 2.60 Inches

Target ESDv / Provided ESDv: 1,138 CF / 1,300 CF

ESD Measures: Allowable ESD: 1.138 CF Structural Storage Required / Provided: Max. 1,138 CF / Provided: 1,300 CF

Structural Measures: Micro Bio-Retention Pond

Waiver Request QL / QN / Both: None!

Provided ESDv + Structural Storage Provided + Requested to be Waived = N/A

SWM Summary: Study Point #2 - (Micro Bio-Retention Pond #2)

Target Pe / Proposed Pe: 1.80 Inches / 2.60 Inches

Target ESDv / Provided ESDv: 1,285 CF / 1,300 CF

ESD Measures: Allowable ESD: 1,285 CF Structural Storage Required / Provided: Max. 1,285 CF / Provided: 1,300 CF

Structural Measures: Micro Bio-Retention Pond

Waiver Request QL / QN / Both: None!

Provided ESDv + Structural Storage Provided + Requested to be Waived = N/A

SWM Summary: Study Point #3 - (Bio-Swale #1)

Target Pe / Proposed Pe: 1.00 Inches / 1.81 Inches

Target ESDv / Provided ESDv: 705 CF / 1,344 CF ESD Measures: Bio-Swale

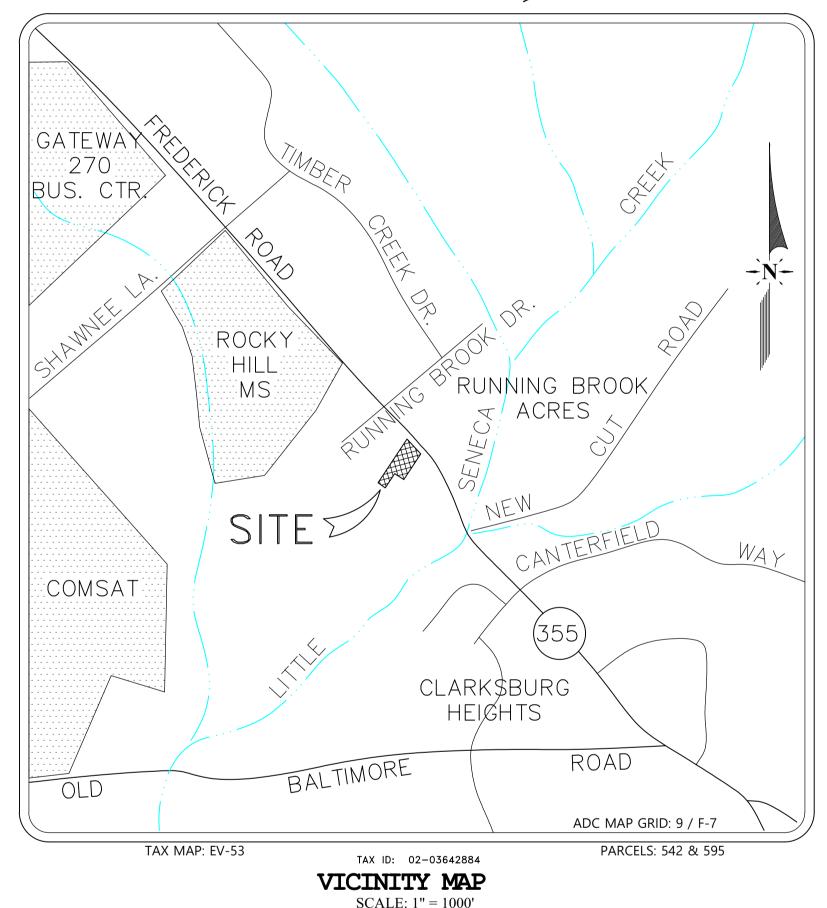
Structural Storage Required / Provided: 705 CF / 1,344 CF

Structural Measures: Bio-Swale

Waiver Request QL / QN / Both: None!

Provided ESDv + Structural Storage Provided + Requested to be Waived = N/A

Other Information: -



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AGENCY FILE REFERENCES: PROPERTY TAX ID#'s: 02-03642884 MC DPS SM File No: 217106 MC DPS SWM Concept App. No.: 232197

ESD TREATMENT METHODS USED	METHOD / DESCRIPTION	VOLUME TREATED
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(5.3) ALTERNATIVE SURFACES:	-	_
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ALT. SURFACE (A-2)	-	_
(5.4.2) NON-STRUCTURAL PRACTICES:	-	_
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NON-ROOFTOP DISCONNECTION (N-2)	-	_
SHEETFLOW CONSERVATION AREA (N-3)	-	_
(5.4.3) MICRO-SCALE PRACTICES:	-	_
RAINWATER HARVESTING (M-1)	-	_
SUBMERGED GRAVEL WETLANDS (M-2)	-	_
LANDSCAPE INFILTRATION (M-3)	-	_
INFILTRATION BERMS (M-4)	-	_
DRY WELLS (M-5)	-	_
MICRO-BIORETENTION POND (M-6)	TWO (2) NEW MICRO-BIORETENTION PONDS:	2,423 CF
RAIN GARDENS (M-7)	-	_
SWALES (M-8)	NEW BIO-SWALE (M-8):	1,344 CF
ENHANCED FILTERS (M-9)	-	_
	ESDv or WQv PROVIDED:	3,767 CF
	EXCESS or (DEFICIT) ESDv:	930 CF Extra!

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Revision to Preliminary/Final Water Quality plan approved for DPS Sherryl Mitchell 12/01/2023

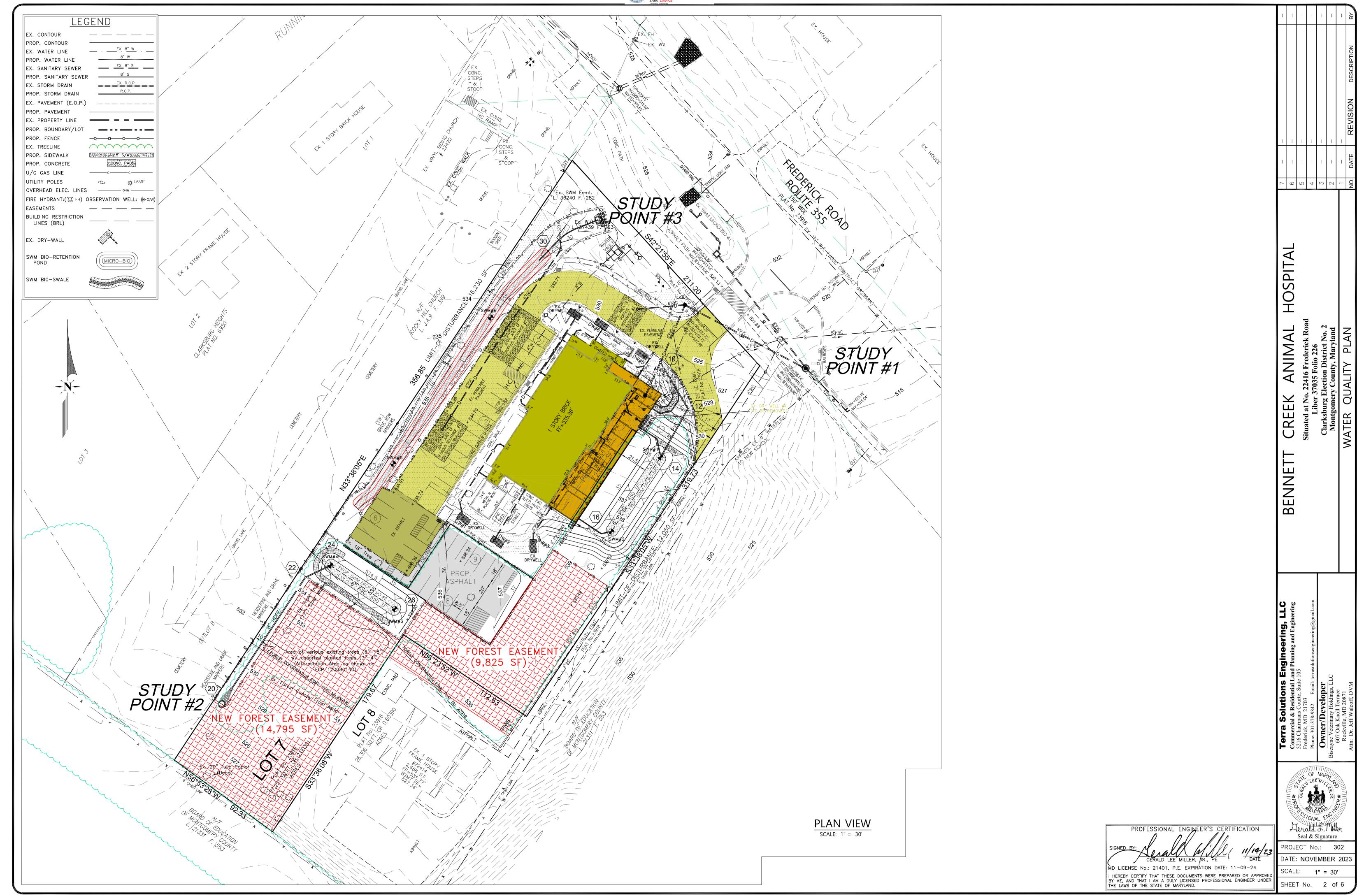
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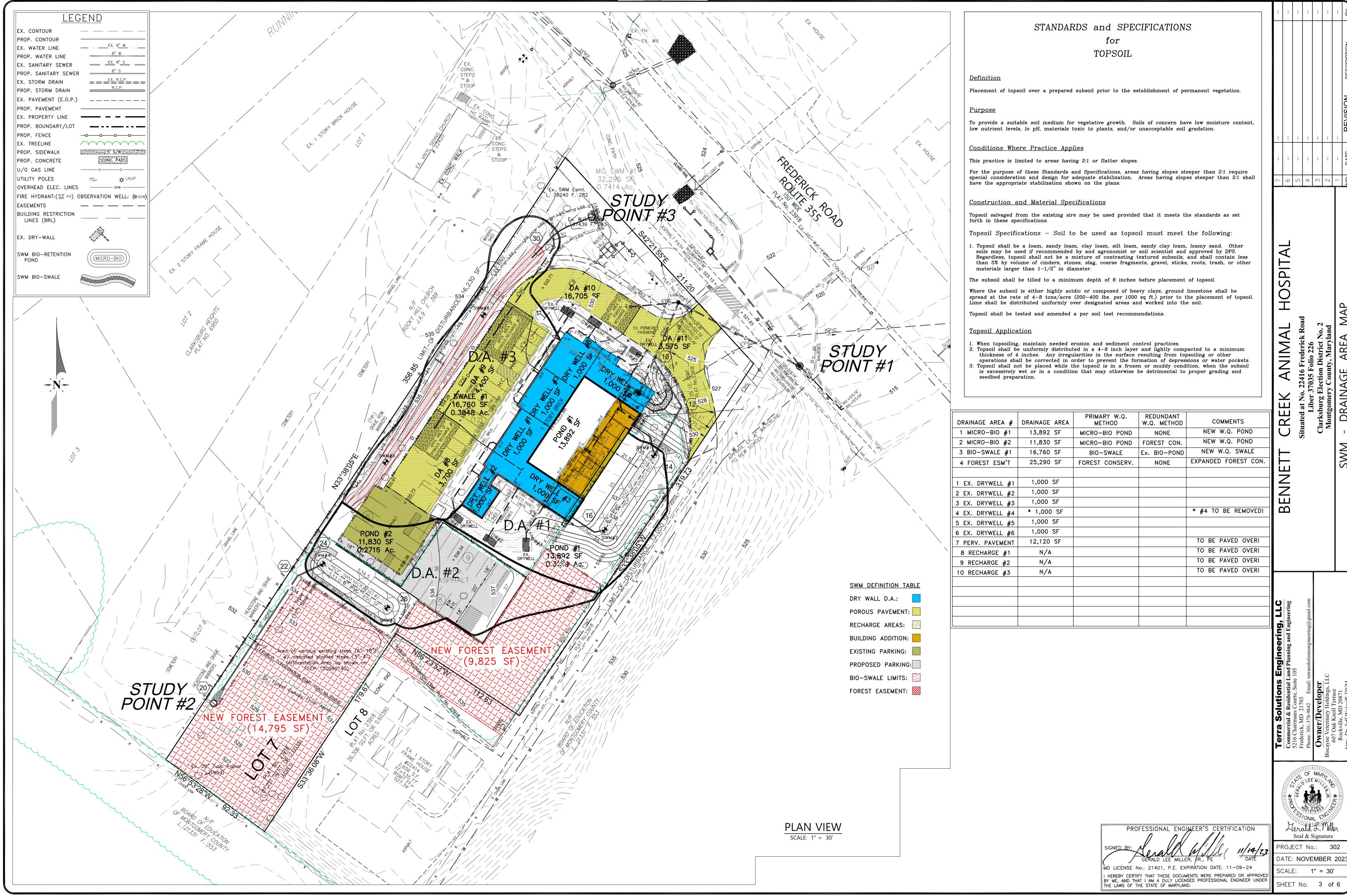
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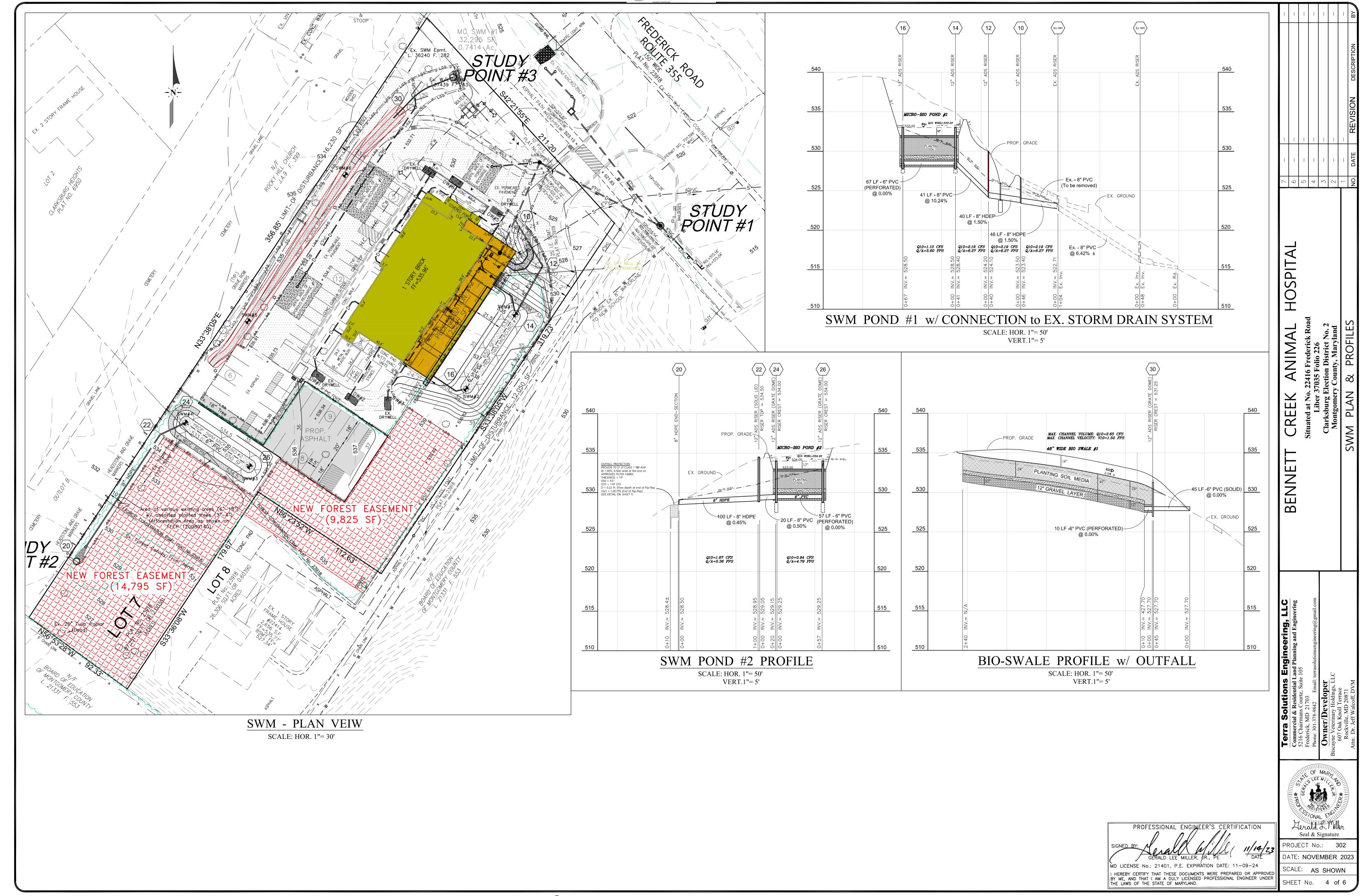
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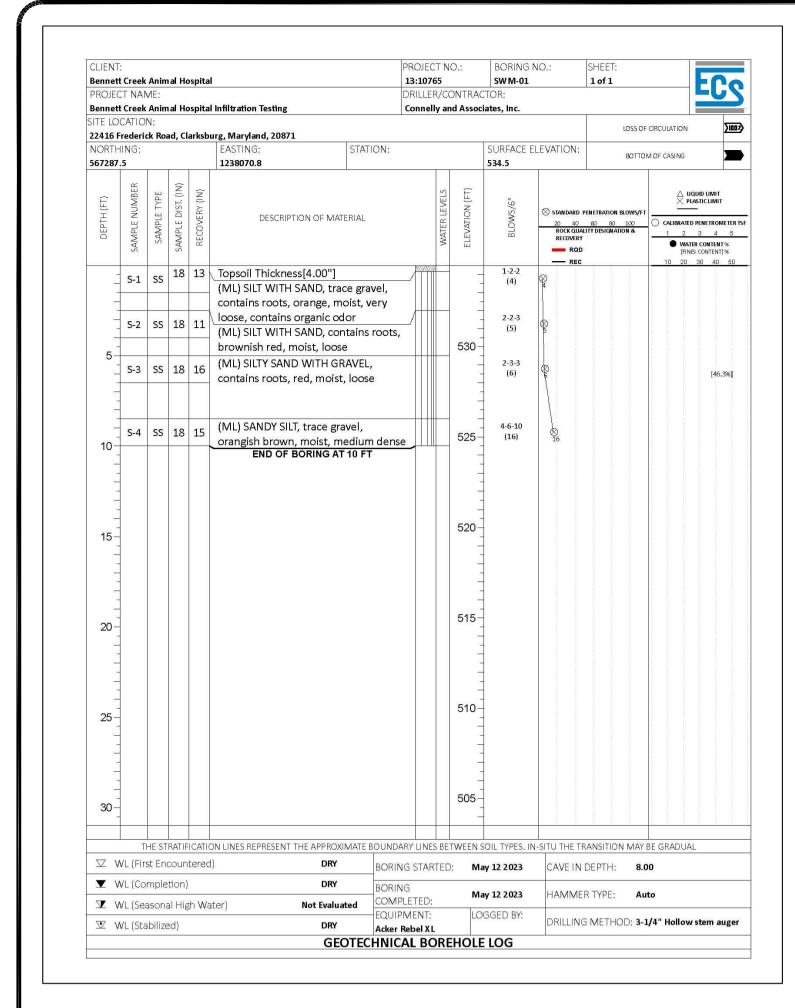










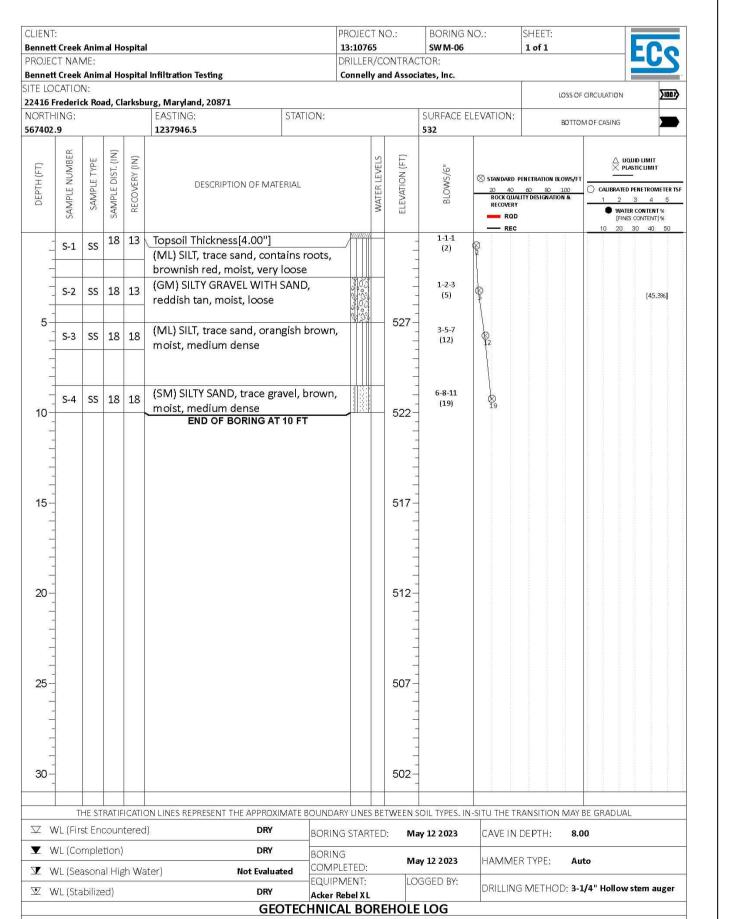


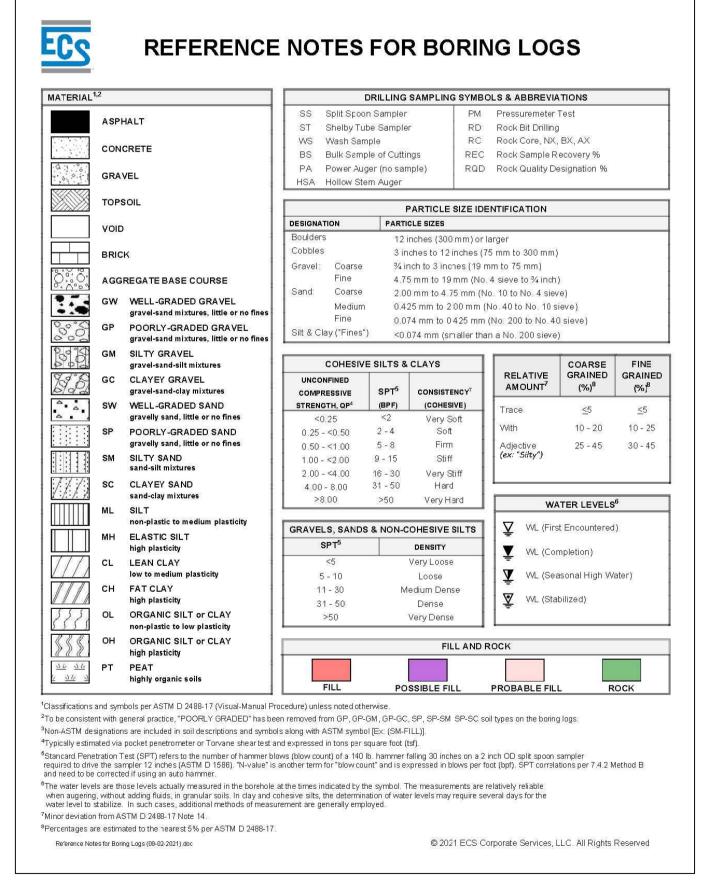
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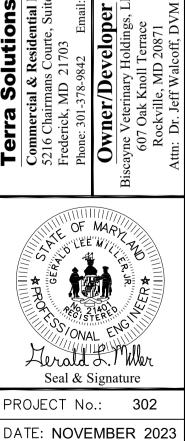
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SWM-02	9.1	528.4	Medium Dense SILT with Sand (ML)	0.27	Silt Loam
SWM-03	5.7	529.3	Loose SILT with Clay (ML)	3.90	Silt Loam
SWM-04	4.9	530.1	Loose Sandy SILT (ML)	0.15	Silt Loam
SWM-05	4.0	531.0	Loose Sandy SILT (ML)	0.48	Silt Loam
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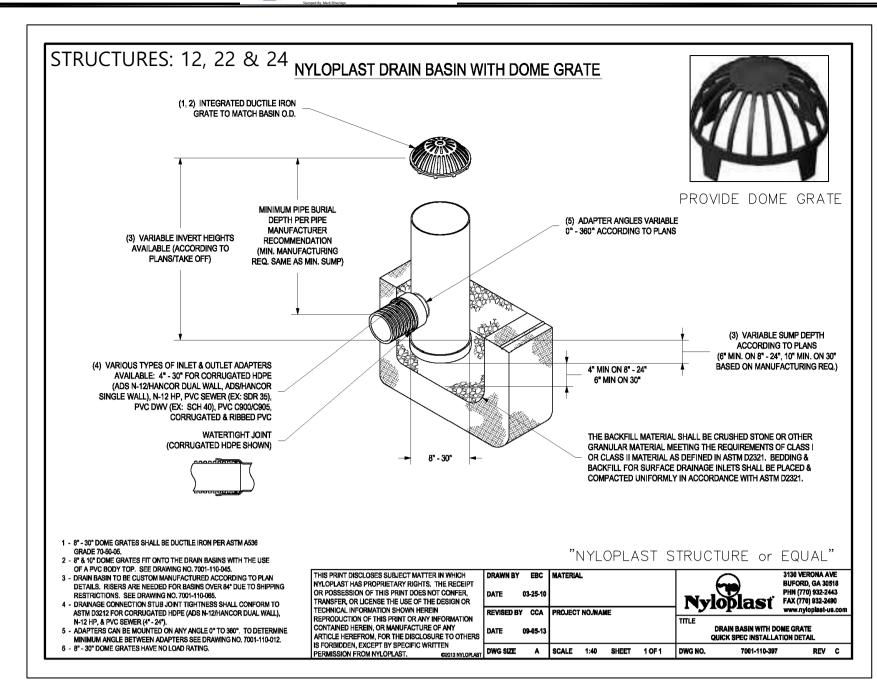
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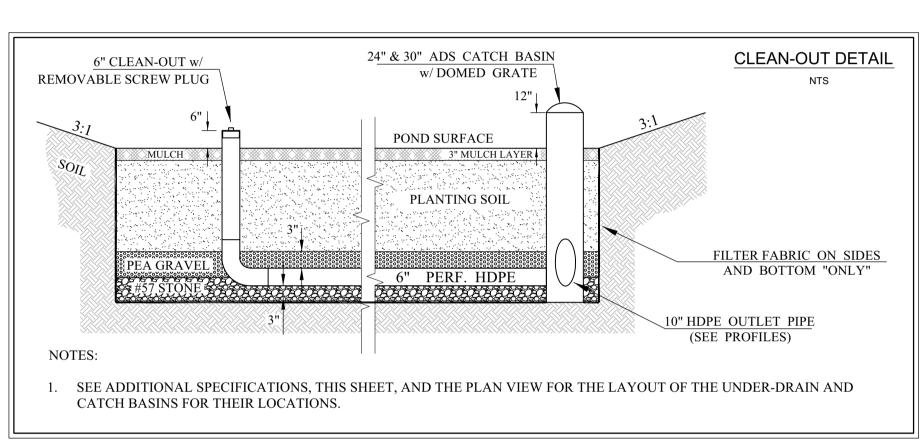


Table B.4.1 Material Specifications for Micro-Bioretention, Infiltration Swales, & Rain Gardens Specification/Test Method Plantings see Appendix A, Table A.4 plantings are site-specific loamy sand (60 - 65%) & compost (35 - 40%) Planting Soil [15" deep] sandy loam (30%), n/a USDA soil types loamy sand or sandy loam; clay content < 5/%coarse sand (30%) & compost (40%) Organic content Min. 10% by dry weight (ASTM D-2974) Mulch aged 6 months, minimum; no pine or wood chips geotextile fabric (if required) ASTM-D-4833 (puncture strength - 125 lb.) 0.08" thick Must maintain 125 gpm per sq. ft. flow rate. Note: a 3" pea gravel layer may be ASTM-D-4632 (tensile strength - 300 lb.) equivalent opening size substituted for geotextiles meant to "separate" sand filter layers. Gravel (under-drains and infiltration | AASHTO-M-43 No. 57 or No. 7 Aggregate (ǯ" to ǯ") 758, Type PS 28 or AASHTO-M-278 underdrain piping Slotted or perforated pipe; 3/8" perf. @ 6" on center, 4 holes per row; minimum of 3" 4" - 6" rigid schedule gravel over & under pipes; stone depth underneath pipes can vary depending groundwater clean AASHTO-M6 or ASTM-C-33 Sand substitutions such as Diabase and Graystone #10 are not acceptable. No calcium 0.02" to 0.04" concrete sand carbonated or dolomitic sand substitutions are acceptable. No "rock dust" can be used for MSHA Standards and Specs., Section 902, Mix concrete (cast-in-place) on-site testing of poured-in-place concrete required: 28 day strength and slump test; all No. 3, f'c=3,500 psi, normal weight, concrete design (cast-in-place or pre-cast) not using previously approved State or local air—entrained; reinforcing to meet standards requires design drawings sealed and approved by a professional structural engineer licensed in the state of Maryland. per pre-cast manufacturer concrete (pre-cast) SEE ABOVE NOTE structural steel to be hot-dipped galvanized ASTM-A-123

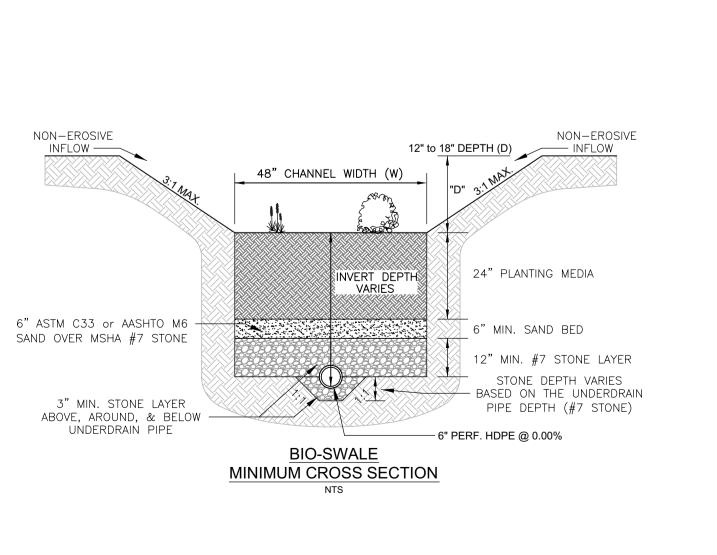
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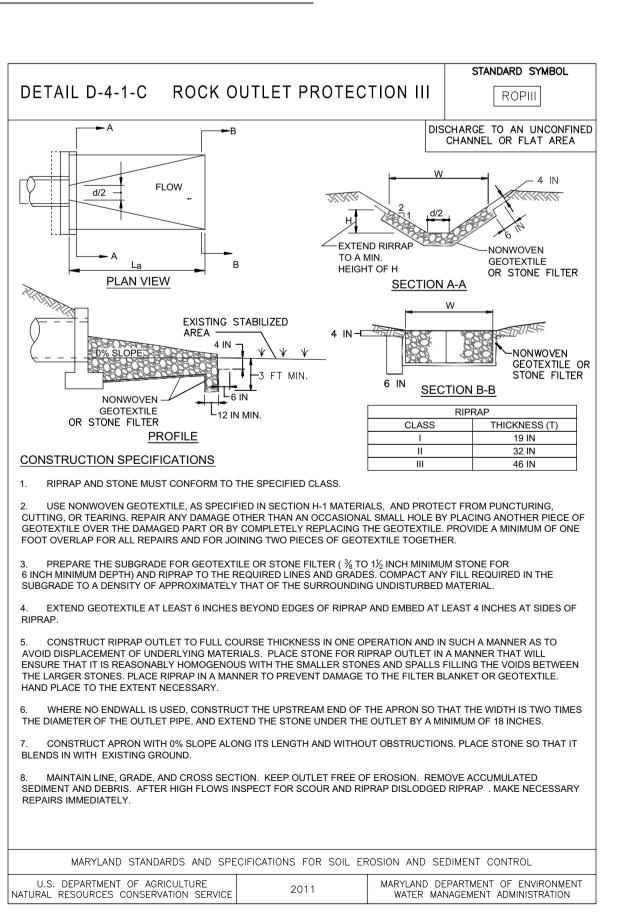
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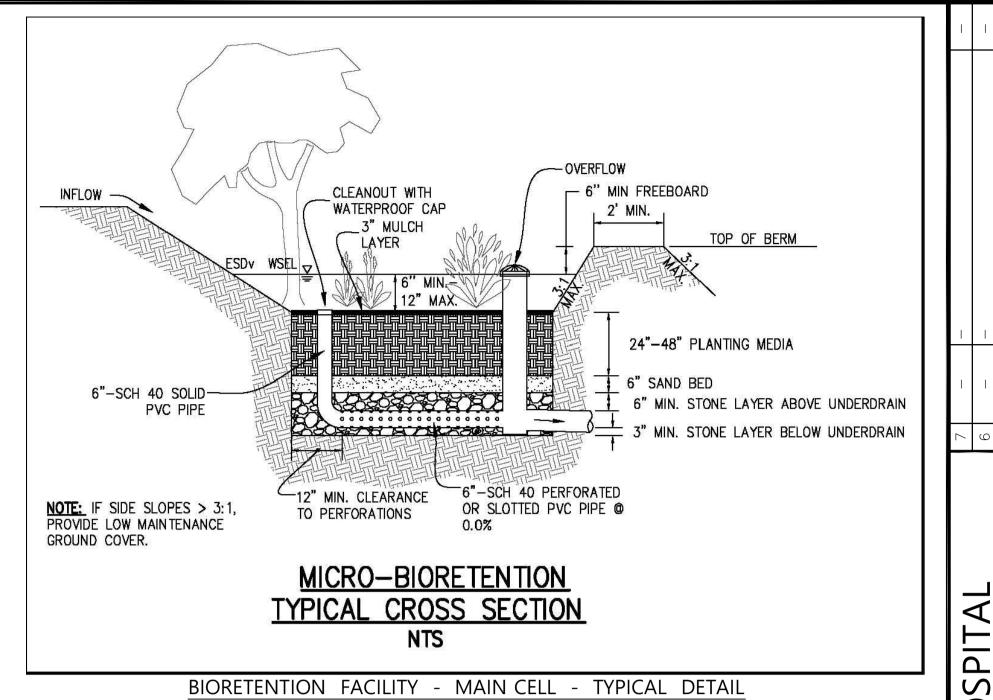




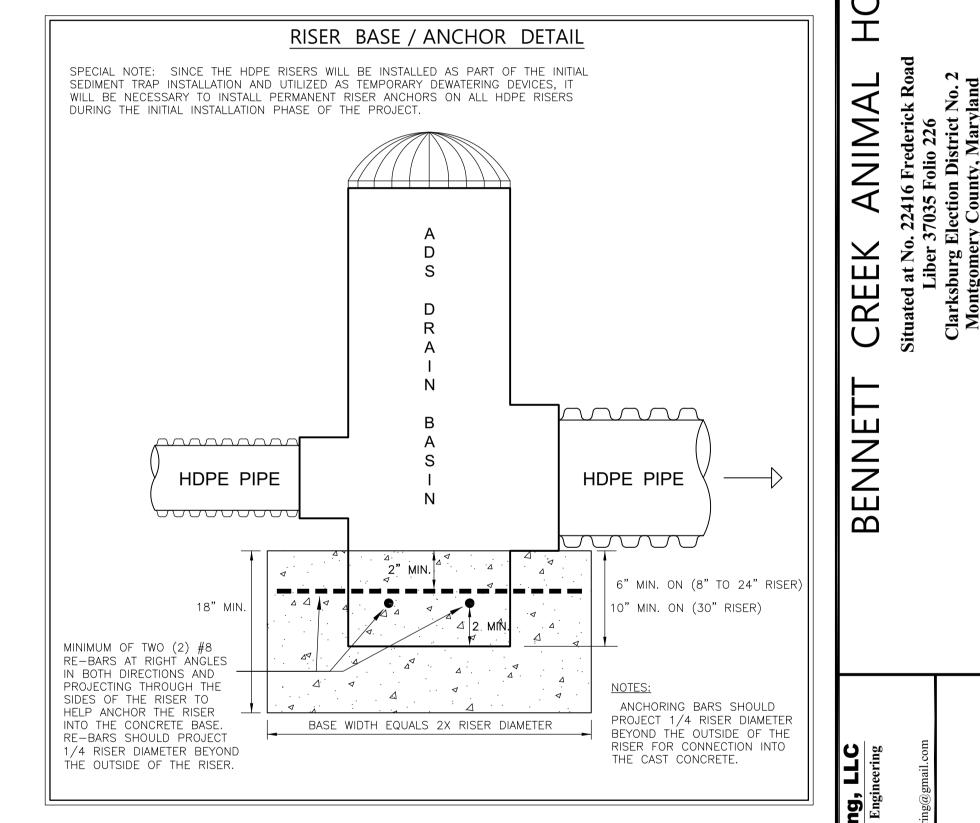
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BEFORE THE MONTGOMERY OF THE MONTGOMERY OF THE MONTGOMERY OF THE APPLICATION	COUNTY	BOARD OF APPEALS
OF JEFFERY B. AND SHEILA)	Case No. S-2659
WALCOFF FOR AMENDMENT OF A)	
SPECIAL EXCEPTION)	
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AMENDED PETITIONER'S STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jeffery B. Walcoff, DVM, and Sheila Walcoff, hereby petition the Board of Appeals to amend Special Exception No. S-2659 originally granted to the Walcoffs by decision of the Board of Appeals on February 1, 2007 (attached), and modified twice since that date, to allow the construction and operation of a veterinary hospital (Case No. S-2659). Also attached is a copy of the Board of Appeals' amendment decision dated July 20, 2017, because that approval added an emergency veterinary care facility to the subject property the success of which has partially stimulated this amendment request.

This subject special exception was combined with a companion special exception petition – S-2660 – for an animal boarding facility both to be located in a single structure situated at 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg. No amendment of Case No. S-2660 is sought or needed in this case because the proposed amendment relates exclusively to the operations of the veterinary hospital and no operations of the animal boarding program are affected by this proposal.

The success of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been incredible. When Dr. Walcoff appeared before the Hearing Examiner on September 25, 2006, he explained that the Clarksburg region of Montgomery County was underrepresented by veterinary medical services and that, with the planned growth of the Clarksburg area, there was then a current and undoubtedly increasing need for veterinary medical services and for animal boarding facilities. Dr. Walcoff reiterated these observations when in 2017 the Board allowed Bennett Creek Animal Hospital to expand its hours of operations to provide emergency animal care since there were no such services between Frederick and Gaithersburg. (Opinion dated July 20, 2017, attached)

The increased demand for veterinary care in both daytime and emergency hours, has put significant pressure on the operations of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital in terms of the numbers of patients; the space available to treat animals, particularly those needing emergency care; the number of veterinarians and staff to provide medical services; and, finally, the amount of parking to serve the increased number of customers and staff. This amended Special Exception Application is intended to allow Bennett Creek Animal Hospital to grow to provide superior veterinary care for animals and pets residing in upper Montgomery County.

This Special Exception Amendment is intended to expand the physical space of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, add staff, and make changes to the site plan (e.g., parking, forest conservation) to accommodate the greater level of service expected to occur on the subject property.

II. SCOPE OF MODIFICATION

A. CHANGE TO BUILDING FOOTPRINT

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital today contains a total of 6,879 square feet of building area on one floor with four examination rooms and a modest surgical suite. This amendment proposal will add to the first-floor level six (6) examination rooms as well as a second, and larger, surgical suite. This addition will provide a valuable second surgical table, which will be particularly helpful in emergency situations but will also accommodate more sophisticated surgical support equipment allowing the veterinarians to provide "state of the art" veterinary care. Also, on the first-floor level will be 3 small administrative offices, a larger veterinarians' office suite and a "break room" for staff. The total area of the first floor addition will be 2767 square feet.

A basement level of the proposed addition contains exclusively storage space that has become very important to providing prompt care and attention to the Hospital's animal patients. The lower level of the addition is 2066 square feet of area encompassing a storage area for food and supplies, and a secure storage area for records, oxygen tanks, valuables and expensive equipment. (This basement area, because it will be used exclusively for storage, is not included in the calculation of trip generation for the expanded facility).

A basement level of the proposed addition includes storage space that has become very important to providing prompt care and attention to the Hospital's animal patients. The lower-level storage space contains 2767 square feet of area encompassing a storage area for food and supplies, and a secure storage area for records, oxygen tanks, valuables, and expensive equipment. In total, the gross floor area of the New Bennett Creek Animal Hospital will be 11,712 square feet, 4833 square feet of which will be contained in the new addition.

The increase in the building footprint has been achieved by expanding the building to the south, towards the open areas of the site adjacent to the large Rocky Hill Middle School campus. The veterinary hospital building has been widened by 21 feet 7 inches in the front and 24 feet 10 inches in the rear to create space for the new facilities described above. The resulting building modification will place the structure 50+ feet north of the common property line with the adjacent public school (to satisfy Section 59-G-2.32(b)(4)) of the Zoning Ordinance but does not materially change the front elevation of the Hospital Building as is shown in the architectural plans ("Front Elevation,") included with this amendment application because the roof line and fenestration pattern have been merely replicated.

B. CHANGE IN STAFFING

When Dr. Walcoff approached the Board in 2017 and secured approval for an emergency veterinary hospital outside of regular hours and on weekends, the Board saw fit to impose a condition on staffing to read as follows:

"8. Petitioner shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) staff (including all veterinarians, support staff and interns) on site at any one time, provided that the number of veterinarians on site at any one time shall not exceed three (3)."

As stated previously, as the community of Clarksburg has grown the volume of families' pets requiring care, maintenance and emergency treatment services has grown immensely. Dr.

Walcoff feels that he needs veterinary hospital and animal boarding staffing at the following levels. Total staff of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, including Veterinarians and all support staff, needs to be in the range of fifty-five persons. However, there will be not more than twenty (20) staff in the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital at any given time with the following breakdown of specialty areas during peak hours of the day:

(20) staff in the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital at of specialty areas during peak hours of the day:
1. Monday-Fridays, 7:00AM to 5:00PM
5 Veterinarians
3 Receptionists
3 Office Staff and Administrators
6 Technicians
2 Kennel Staffers
1 Groomer
20 Total
2. Monday-Fridays, 5:00PM to Midnight
2 Veterinarians
2 Receptionists
6 Technicians
1 Kennel Staffer
11 Total
3. Saturday-Sunday, 7:00AM to Midnight
3 Veterinarians
3 Receptionists
9 Technicians
2 Kennel Staffers
17 Total

4. 7 nights a week, Midnight to 7:00 AM

1 Technician

With this staffing increase, Dr. Walcoff believes that he will have the professionals readily available at all times to provide immediate care and attention to all animals and pets presented to the Hospital.

C. CHANGE TO PARKING

The original site plan approved in 2006 contemplated seventeen (17) parking spaces on site. This Amendment proposal anticipates the use of forty (40) parking spaces on site spaces to be located a) at the rear of the Animal Hospital (17 spaces, primarily for staff), b) seventeen (17) spaces adjacent to the north facade of the building (primarily for customers/patients and deliveries, and c) six (6) spaces located along the northern side of the site (primarily for long term parking situations).

Under Section 59-G-2.32, parking for a veterinary hospital will be determined by the Board based on the number of employees on the maximum shift, the number of veterinarians practicing simultaneously, and the number of appointments and deliveries. Even with the companion animal boarding facility, Dr. Walcoff is confident that he will have adequate parking for customers and staff at any time of the day.

D. CHANGE TO FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN

The original special exception plan for the Bennett Creek facility showed a forest conservation easement located on the southeast side of the facility adjacent to the Middle School property to the south. The forest conservation easement then extended to the southwest and partially wrapped around the detached residence at Lot 8, "CLARKSBURG HEIGHTS" created upon the platting of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital property. The specific location of the Category I forest conservation easement is shown on Plat 23918 included with this amendment application. The Plat notes that the area of the Category I forest conservation easement is 30,174 square feet.

The expansion of the Veterinary Hospital building extended into the existing forest conservation easement area, making the space between the enlarged building and the southern property line not wide enough to qualify for the easement status. Therefore, the Petitioners have shrunk the easement area along the southeast side of the new building and have increased the easement area to include part of the rear of Petitioners' Lot 7, in its southwest corner, which was not originally subject to a category I forest conservation designation. The area of the new redefined Category I easement area is calculated to be 25,116 square feet. Details of the forest conservation issue are shown in the attached Forest Conservation sheets included with this application.

E. CHANGES TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Because the Subject Property is located within the Clarksburg Special Protection Area, a Water Quality Plan must be submitted with a major modification application for an existing special exception. Included within this application are copies of a Preliminary/Final Water Quality Plan submitted, reviewed by and approved by the Water Resources Section of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services ("MCDPS"). MCDPS' approval letter of the Water Quality Plan dated December 3, 2023, is also enclosed.

F. NO CHANGES TO ANIMAL EXERCISE OR RELIEF AREA

The changes described above do not necessitate revised or additional animal exercise or animal relief area(s). Since the opening of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, the Petitioner has provided these areas in an interior enclosed area for dog runs and animal relief so no such activity occurs outdoors.

III. PROPOSAL

A. Property Description

The Subject Property remains a platted lot (i.e., Lot 7, Clarksburg Heights subdivision per plat No. 23198 recorded November 25, 2008) located at 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg. Lot 7 contains 82,251 square feet (2.00301 acres) of land area and is zoned in the R-200 (single family detached residential zone). The property is improved with the herein described Bennett Creek Animal Hospital which has been constructed and operated in accordance with the prior approvals of the Board of Appeals since its opening in 2010.

B. Area Description

The vicinity surrounding the Subject Property is primarily institutional in character with some single-family detached residences confronting the Property (on the east side of Maryland Route 355) and one abutting residence to the west. As shown on the attached excerpt from the Hearing Examiner's December 28, 2006, Report and Recommendation on Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, the subject site is abutted on the south by the Rocky Hill Middle School and is adjoined on the north by the John Wesley United Methodist Church. In addition, further to the north is Clarksburg High School. This exhibit shows the single-family residences located on the northeast side of Frederick Road as well as the existing single-family home located in the "Notch" in the southeast corner of the Subject Property.

The Zoning Vicinity Map included with this Petition indicates that the surrounding properties are almost all located in the R-200 zone except for the adjacent Middle School property which is zoned in R-200/TDR-4.0.

C. Zoning Neighborhood

For the purposes of this special exception amendment application, the Petitioners adopt the "zoning neighborhood" reflected in the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation identifying the "Neighborhood Area" on which the Hearing Examiner would rely in analyzing the zoning aspects of the paired applications. In the opinion of the Petitioners, there has been no change or redevelopment in the surrounding area that would warrant repositioning of the "Neighborhood Area" boundary line.

IV. ZONING ANALYSIS

A. Conformance with Requirements of Section 59-G-1.21 ("General Conditions")

The pre-October 2014 Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance prescribes that a special exception area can be amended upon a demonstration that from the preponderance of the evidence of record that the following standards set forth in italics hereafter have been satisfied:

(1) Is a permissible special exception in the zone

Pursuant to Section 59-C-1.31 ("Land Uses") of the County Zoning Ordinance, a "Hospital, Veterinary" is allowed by special exception in the R-200 zone.

Pursuant to Section 59-C-1.31, an "Animal boarding place" is allowed by special exception in the R-200 zone.

Since Special Exception Case Nos. S-2659 (Hospital, Veterinary) and S-2660 (Animal boarding place) were previously approved by the County Board of Appeals in February 2007, the Petitioners are permitted to file applications to amend the respective special exceptions.

(2) Complies with the standards and requirements set forth for the use in Division 59-G-2.

Section 59-G-2 of the County Zoning Ordinance ("Special Exceptions – Standards and Requirements") draws the reader's attention to Section 59-G-2.32 ("Hospital, Veterinary"). That section contains a number of standards and requirements related to the operation of a veterinary clinic and its potential impact on surrounding properties. In most cases, these restrictions apply to the a) care of animals, b) the treatment of animals and when they can be outside of the hospital building and c) the sound containment measures that will be employed to minimize animal noise that may be bothersome to surrounding properties. Dr. Walcoff will continue to abide by all of the restrictions regarding animals outside of the hospital itself and binds himself to comply with all of the operational controls listed in Section 59-G-2.32(b)(1) through (15).

At the original hearing on cases S-2659 and S-2660 in February 2006, Dr. Walcoff presented testimony from an expert acoustical engineer describing the measures that would be implemented to address the County noise standards and the criteria for this proposed use. In particular, Mr. Kevin Miller recommended upgrades to the original design that would achieve the standard of 40dBA measured at the outside of the structure at a distance of 10 feet from the building. Dr. Walcoff's architect, who was the same architect for the original building, has incorporated the acoustical expert's 2006 recommendations into the design and construction of the expanded facility which should assure compliance with the noise limitations set forth in Section 59-G-2.32(b) of the Zoning Ordinance.

(3) Will be consistent with the general plan for the physical development of the district, including any Master Plan adopted by the Commission.

The Subject Property is located within the area covered by the Clarksburg Master Plan approved and adopted in June 1994. While there have been amendments to the Clarksburg Master Plan since that date (e.g., July 2011 Limited Amendment to the Retail Staging Provisions; Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Amendment), none of these Amendments have changed the zoning and land use recommendation for the Subject Property and its surrounding area.

As a general planning goal, the Clarksburg Master Plan encouraged retention of the residential character of the properties fronting on Frederick Road. However, the Subject Property is sandwiched between institutional uses including a public Middle School to the south and a church to the north with an even larger public high school just further north. Therefore, it is hard to say that this special exception use allowed in the R-200 zone is out of character with the

surrounding area. Indeed, the "Transit Corridor District Land Use Plan", found on page 55 of the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan, depicts the Subject Property as being adjacent to areas planned for institutional and public park areas. And, in accordance with Section 59-C-1.23(g) ("Building compatibility in residential zones"), the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been designed, and previously accepted by the reviewers of Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, as having a residential appearance in form.

(4) Will be in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood, considering population density, design, scale, and bulk of any proposed new structures, intensity and character of activity, traffic and parking conditions, and number of similar uses.

As described in the previous paragraph, the design and appearance of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has previously been deemed to have a residential appearance and is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Furthermore, the use is intended to act as a "local" service to the residents of the Clarksburg area and their pets. While the use itself may be "non-residential" in zoning classification, it is appropriately located in a residential neighborhood with easy accessibility for its customers and their animals needing medical attention and care, often on an emergency basis.

A review of the tests for harmony and compatibility includes the following analyses:

Height

The height of the proposed modified structure (23 feet) will remain which will keep it consistent with the height of surrounding residences and lower than the abutting Middle School and Church.

Width and Depth of Structure

The building is no longer than was originally approved but it has become wider by 22+ feet. This was accomplished by extending the building to the south by an extra "bay." That is, the existing design was replicated using the same fenestration pattern, detailing and materials so that the new addition is unidentifiable. The result is that although the building has been widened the addition is assimilated into the original design so that the building does not look like it has changed.

Visibility

Because the building sits back 132 feet from the drive lanes of Route 355, any changes to the façade of the Hospital will not be detected.

Additionally, although parking will be added to the site, a large amount of the parking (17 spaces) will be behind the Hospital building and will not be visible from Route 355. And because parking spaces along the north side of the building, and adjacent to the northern property line, will be parallel to the flow of traffic on MD 355 and are at a much higher elevation, the car or cars parked closest to the highway will screen the other cars further to the west. (See Application exhibit 5b).

For the reasons set forth above, the proposed use will be in harmony with its surroundings.

(5) Will not be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value or development of surrounding properties or the general neighborhood at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been an active, growing and successful veterinary hospital in its present setting since 2010. In light of the fact that there are no known complaints or enforcement actions by Montgomery County, Bennett Creek has proven itself to be a non-residential use that does not have an adverse impact on other uses surrounding the Hospital regardless of whether those uses are detached residential units or institutional facilities. There is no evidence that the operation of the Veterinary Hospital has been objectionable or bothersome to any surrounding properties or has had any adverse impact on any such properties. There is nothing in this application that introduces any new operations at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital; it merely proposes to do more of what it has been doing compatibly for the past 13 years.

(6) Will cause no objectionable noise, vibrations, fumes, odors, dust, illumination, glare, or physical activity at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

A combined veterinary hospital/animal boarding facility certainly has the potential of causing bothersome noise, fumes, or odors. But the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital addition will install the same noise control measures that are present in the existing structure. Moreover, Dr. Walcoff will continue to manage the animals visiting the Hospital and the waste generated by animal care and boarding so that there will be no odors or site contamination.

(7) Will not, when evaluated n conjunction with existing and approved special exceptions in any neighboring one-family residential area, increase the number, intensity, or scope of exception uses sufficiently to affect the area adversely or alter the predominantly residential nature of the area.

Based on a review of the records of the County Board of Appeals and the Office of Zoning and Administrative ("OZAH"), there have been no new special exceptions or conditional uses approved since Bennett Creek Animal Hospital was approved in 2007 when the zoning analysis reported that there were no other special exceptions or conditional uses in the general area surrounding the Subject Property. Therefore, there is no saturation of special exceptions or conditional uses in the vicinity that would alter the character of the area.

(8) Will not adversely affect the health, safety, security, morals, or general welfare of residents, visitors, or workers in the area at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has conclusively demonstrated that its operations have had no adverse impact on the health, safety, security, well-being or general welfare of visitors, workers or residents in the surrounding area. The addition to the Hospital will not alter the operation of the facility nor will its expansion create any condition that will have an adverse effect on the surrounding properties.

(9) Will be served by adequate public services and facilities, including schools, police and fire protection, water, sanitary sewer, public roads, storm drainage, and other public facilities.

The Subject Property is classified in the respective W-1 and S-1 water and sewer service categories and there have been no transmission or treatment problems with these two public services. The proposed addition can be served by the existing utility lines which are adequate in size to accommodate the increased demand for service.

Police and fire protection remain adequate to serve the proposed addition.

The Petitioners have or will be submitting a traffic impact study to be reviewed in conjunction with this special exception amendment application. The Statement confirms that the increase in building size, client patronage and staff growth will generate an amount of vehicle traffic that can be accommodated by the transportation network surrounding the Subject Property. The Study confirms that the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital will operate in accordance with the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

B. CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF SECTION 59-G-1.23

A special exception amendment application must also conform to the following standards of Section 59-G-1.23 of the pre-October 2014 Zoning Ordinance:

(a) Development Standards. Special exceptions are subject to the development standards of the applicable zone where the special exception is located, except when the standard is specified in Section G-1.23 or in Section G-2.

Development Standard – R-	Required Development	Development Standards
200/Uses	Standards	
Maximum Building Height:	50 feet	23 Feet
Minimum Lot Area:	87,120 sq. ft.	87,138
Minimum Width at Front	100 feet	211 feet
Building Line:		
Minimum Width at Proposed	25 feet	211 feet
Street Line:		
Minimum Front Yard	40 feet	71.9 feet
Setback:		
Minimum Side Yard Setback:	One Side 12 feet Sum of both	Minimum Side Yard is 50
	sides 25 feet	feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback:	30 feet	135 feet and 6 inches
Maximum Building	25%	11.0%
Coverage:		
Minimum Building Setback	75 feet	77 feet and 1 inch
for Boarding Use		
Minimum Building Setback	50 feet	50 feet
for Animal Hospital Use		

(b) Parking requirements. Special exceptions are subject to all relevant requirements of Article 59-E.

The parking requirements set forth in Section 59-G-2.32(b)(9) states that parking for a veterinary hospital will be set by the Board of Appeals but will not be less than five (5) spaces. Even with the companion animal boarding facility parking requirement (not less than three (3) parking spaces), Dr. Walcoff is comfortable that the 40 parking spaces to be provided on the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital property will be more than adequate to handle his staff, patients and deliveries.

(c) Minimum Frontage

Not applicable

(d) Forest conservation

This major Special Exception amendment application includes an amended forest conservation plan.

(e) Water Quality Plan

This major Special Exception amendment application includes a Water Quality Plan reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

(f) Signs

The Petitioner proposes no change to the existed posted sign with permits from Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

(g) Building Compatibility

The Bennett Creek Animal Hospital building was found in 2006 by the technical staff of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Hearing Examiner all concluded that the original building was compatible with the neighborhood in which it is located taking into account its size, siting, scale, bulk, height, materials and textures and had a "residential appearance."

This application merely extends and repeats the building patterns established in the existing building but has not increased the mass of the structure to be inappropriate for its setting.

(h) Lighting

This major Special Exception amendment application contains information about new lighting that will be installed in conjunction with the building additional along with a photometric plan confirming that listing levels along the side and rear lot lines do not exceed 0.1 foot candles.

(i) Landscaping

The Petitioner is proposing installation of no new landscaping and all of the landscaping planted along with the original construction, to create a decorative front to the Hospital and to provide screening along the northwest property, will remain and will continue to be maintained in healthy condition.

C. CONFORMANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF SECTION 59-G-2.32 ("HOSPITAL, VETERINARY")

The expansion of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital conforms with the "Standards and Requirements" for individual special exceptions in the following manner:

Sec. 59-G-2.32. Hospital, veterinary.

- (a) In any commercial, central business district or transit station zone where permitted by special exception, a veterinary hospital must comply with the following conditions and requirements:
- (1) There must be no runs, exercise yards, or other facilities for the keeping of animals in any exterior space.
 - (2) All areas for the keeping of animals must be soundproofed.

Not applicable.

As conditioned in the February 7, 2007 Opinion of the Board of Appeals, the "...proposed facilities must be designed and constructed in a manner that will insure noise levels within County standards, not to exceed 40dBA within 10 feet of the Facility." The Petitioner's architect was mindful of this admonition in his design of the animal hospital building itself, and use of materials in order to comply with that standard. Within its sixteen years of operation, the Petitioner is aware of no incidents when sound from the animal hospital building exceeded the specified limits nor has Dr. Walcoff ever received any complaints about animal noise from his facility.

The Petitioner's architect for the proposed addition is the same architect who worked on the original building in 2007. Mr. Clapp will incorporate the same design techniques, and will use even more efficient noise absorbing materials in the proposed addition to the hospital building.

- (b) In any residential or rural zone where permitted by special exception, a veterinary hospital must comply with the following conditions and requirements:
 - (1) * * *
- (2) Exterior areas used to exercise, walk, or keep animals must be set back from any property line 200 feet and screened from adjacent residential properties. All exterior exercise areas and runs must be fenced for the safe confinement of animals.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital does not have any outdoors exercise area. A generously sized enclosed "dog run" is employed to give the dogs room to move about and socialize with other animals. The proposed addition will not propose, nor will it necessitate the installation of any exterior exercise areas that would need to meet the standards of Section 59-G-2.32(b)(2).

(3) For all buildings in which animals will be present, maximum expected interior sound levels must be reduced to 40dBA (A-weighted decibels) outside, measured at ten feet from the structure.

The project architect will use construction techniques and building materials for the addition that will achieve the noise levels prescribed above.

(4) All buildings and accessory structures must be set back from any property line a minimum of 50 feet.

The addition will extend into the southern side yard but the perimeter wall will be set to be at least 50 feet from the southern boundary line in order to satisfy the requirement quoted above and to qualify the open space between the building and the southern property line as wide enough to qualify for forest conservation purposes.

(5) No animal may be outdoors between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

This requirement is presently adhered to and will be followed notwithstanding the operation of the proposed addition.

(6) On weekdays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 50 dBA between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 50 dBA between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Terms are defined in accordance with the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance (Chapter 31B of the Montgomery County Code). In any event, the predicted maximum receiving property line sound levels must not exceed the characteristic ambient sound levels by more than 3 dBA at any time.

As noted in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the existing Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been constructed, and is operated, to meet the Noise Standards quoted above. The proposed addition will provide space for: a) 6 examination rooms; b) a second surgery room; c) offices (doctors, manager, HR staff) and d) a lounge/"break room" for staff. The new space will contain few animals (in the examination and surgery rooms only) and only when the animals will be under close attention and control, noise control included.

Dr. Walcoff and his architect point out the following features of the activities to be conducted in the new addition that relate to noise issues. Animals, in the surgery area are usually sedated and do not bark. The exam rooms are only occupied for 10 to 15 minutes per animal, on a rotating basis, usually accompanied by their owners, and are therefore less likely to bark. Accordingly, because of the rather benign use of the new space, and the construction of the new space, the Petitioner is confident that the County's Noise Standards stated above can be satisfied.

(7) Dogs must not be walked or exercised in outdoor areas that are off-site.

Noted. The primary adjacent properties are a public school and a church and are never used for outdoor exercise for animals since the Animal Hospital has an adequate interior enclosed exercise area within the existing building.

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As explained above, Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has no outdoor exercise areas.

With regard to an acoustical engineering study, the project's architect has demonstrated that he has the knowledge and experience to design an animal hospital that can be operated in accordance with the County Noise law as evidenced by over fifteen years of operations at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital. Mr. Clapp is committed to design the hospital addition, and to use materials in the construction of the addition, that will achieve compliance with the County Noise law. Furthermore, as explained above, the addition will be "lightly used" in terms of animal occupancy and will be facing a public school property. Indeed, the public school is located almost 400 feet distant from the closest point of the new addition. The closest feature of the public school are six tennis courts within the range of 100 to 350 feet from the Animal Hospital.

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The number of parking spaces on the site is proposed to be increased to forty (40) parking spaces which Dr. Walcoff is confident will be adequate to accommodate the parking needs for customers and staff at all times of the day.

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Noted. Most animals receiving treatment will be released on the day of treatment. There is, however, adequate space for animals that need to remain under care and attention after surgery or special treatment.

(11) The Board may regulate the office hours and the number of appointments. Animals may be seen by appointment only. Emergency patients and visits to pick up prescriptions and pet-related items may also occur, within office hours only and without prior scheduling: abuse of this exemption may lead to revocation of the special exception. A written

log of all appointments and drop-in and emergency client activities must be kept, to be available for inspection by County authorities.

While most animals receiving treatment at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital arrive in accordance with a scheduled appointment, Bennett Creek does have an emergency care treatment capability approved by the Board of Appeals in 2017. Obviously, animals arriving for emergency care are not – prescheduled and such visits occur spontaneously due to events outside of the control of the pet owner.

(12) Any accessory operation, such as grooming or the sale of pet food and supplies, must be set forth in the statement of operations and must be limited as an accessory activity to a percentage of sales not to exceed 20%.

Nothing about the proposed addition will alter the Petitioner's current compliance with this requirement.

(13) All litter and animal waste must be contained and controlled on the site.

Any litter and/or or animal waste generated in the addition area will be incorporated into the Petitioner's current sophisticated method of control for these features already in place.

(14) Animals may be kept overnight at the hospital only for medical purposes. If animals are kept for non-medical purposes, a separate application for an animal boarding place must be approved.

Noted. The Petitioner already holds a separate companion special exception approval (S-2660) for an animal boarding at the Bennett Creek facility approved on February 1, 2007. That use is not affected by this application.

(15) If the proposed use is located in an area that uses well water and septic facilities, the applicant must prove that the use will not have any negative effect.

The proposed addition will be served by public water and public sewer. There is no history of inadequate transmission or treatment related to these public services. The existing utility system has been reviewed and is deemed adequate to handle any volume increases attributable to the proposed addition.

V. CONCLUSION

In summary, this application to modify Special Exception No. S-2659 complies with the general and special development standards for veterinary hospitals in this area of Montgomery County and is worthy of approval to continue the delivery of high-quality pet and animal veterinary care in Upper Montgomery County.

Respectfully submitted,
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BEFORE THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF JEFFERY B. AND SHEILA)	Case No. S-2659
WALCOFF FOR AMENDMENT OF A)	
SPECIAL EXCEPTION)	
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PETITIONER'S STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jeffery B. Walcoff, DVM, and Sheila Walcoff, hereby petition the Board of Appeals to amend Special Exception No. S-2659 originally granted to the Walcoffs by decision of the Board of Appeals on February 1, 2007 (attached), and modified twice since that date, to allow the construction and operation of a veterinary hospital (Case No. S-2659). Also attached is a copy of the Board of Appeals' amendment decision dated July 20, 2017, because that approval added an emergency veterinary care facility to the subject property the success of which has partially stimulated this amendment request.

This subject special exception was combined with a companion special exception petition – S-2660 – for an animal boarding facility both to be located in a single structure situated at 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg. No amendment of Case No. S-2660 is sought or needed in this case because the proposed amendment relates exclusively to the operations of the veterinary hospital and no operations of the animal boarding program are affected by this proposal.

The success of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been incredible. When Dr. Walcoff appeared before the Hearing Examiner on September 25, 2006, he explained that the Clarksburg region of Montgomery County was underrepresented by veterinary medical services and that, with the planned growth of the Clarksburg area, there was then a current and undoubtedly increasing need for veterinary medical services and for animal boarding facilities. Dr. Walcoff reiterated these observations when in 2017 the Board allowed Bennett Creek Animal Hospital to expand its hours of operations to provide emergency animal care since there were no such services between Frederick and Gaithersburg. (Opinion dated July 20, 2017, attached)

The increased demand for veterinary care in both daytime and emergency hours, has put significant pressure on the operations of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital in terms of the numbers of patients; the space available to treat animals, particularly those needing emergency care; the number of veterinarians and staff to provide medical services; and, finally, the amount of parking to serve the increased number of customers and staff. This amended Special Exception Application is intended to allow Bennett Creek Animal Hospital to grow to provide superior veterinary care for animals and pets residing in upper Montgomery County.

This Special Exception Amendment is intended to expand the physical space of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, add staff, and make changes to the site plan (e.g., parking, forest conservation) to accommodate the greater level of service expected to occur on the subject property.

II. SCOPE OF MODIFICATION

A. CHANGE TO BUILDING FOOTPRINT

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital today contains a total of 6,879 square feet of building area on one floor with four examination rooms and a modest surgical suite. This amendment proposal will add to the first-floor level six (6) examination rooms as well as a second, and larger, surgical suite. This addition will provide a valuable second surgical table, which will be particularly helpful in emergency situations but will also accommodate more sophisticated surgical support equipment allowing the veterinarians to provide "state of the art" veterinary care. Also, on the first-floor level will be 3 small administrative offices, a larger veterinarians' office suite and a "break room" for staff.

A basement level of the proposed addition includes storage space that has become very important to providing prompt care and attention to the Hospital's animal patients. The lower-level storage space contains 2767 square feet of area encompassing a storage area for food and supplies, and a secure storage area for records, oxygen tanks, valuables, and expensive equipment. In total, the gross floor area of the New Bennett Creek Animal Hospital will be 11,712 square feet, 4833 square feet of which will be contained in the new addition.

The increase in the building footprint has been achieved by expanding the building to the south, towards the open areas of the site adjacent to the large Rocky Hill Middle School campus. The veterinary hospital building has been widened by 21 feet 7 inches in the front and 24 feet 10 inches in the rear to create space for the new facilities described above. The resulting building modification will place the structure 50+ feet north of the common property line with the adjacent public school (to satisfy Section 59-G-2.32(b)(4)) of the Zoning Ordinance but does not materially change the front elevation of the Hospital Building as is shown in the architectural plans ("Front Elevation,") included with this amendment application because the roof line and fenestration pattern have been merely replicated.

B. CHANGE IN STAFFING

When Dr. Walcoff approached the Board in 2017 and secured approval for an emergency veterinary hospital outside of regular hours and on weekends, the Board saw fit to impose a condition on staffing to read as follows:

"8. Petitioner shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) staff (including all veterinarians, support staff and interns) on site at any one time, provided that the number of veterinarians on site at any one time shall not exceed three (3)."

As stated previously, as the community of Clarksburg has grown the volume of families' pets requiring care, maintenance and emergency treatment services has grown immensely. Dr. Walcoff feels that he needs veterinary hospital and animal boarding staffing at the following levels. Total staff of Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, including Veterinarians and all support staff, needs to be in the range of fifty-five persons. However, there will be not more than twenty (20) staff in the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital at any given time with the following breakdown of specialty areas during peak hours of the day:

- 1. Monday-Fridays, 7:00AM to 5:00PM
 - 5 Veterinarians

- 3 Receptionists
- 3 Office Staff and Administrators
- 6 Technicians
- 2 Kennel Staffers
- 1 Groomer
- 20 Total

2. Monday-Fridays, 5:00PM to Midnight

- 2 Veterinarians
- 2 Receptionists
- 6 Technicians
- 1 Kennel Staffer
- 11 Total

3. Saturday-Sunday, 7:00AM to Midnight

- 3 Veterinarians
- 3 Receptionists
- 9 Technicians
- 2 Kennel Staffers
- 17 Total

4. 7 nights a week, Midnight to 7:00 AM

1 Technician

With this staffing increase, Dr. Walcoff believes that he will have the professionals readily available at all times to provide immediate care and attention to all animals and pets presented to the Hospital.

C. CHANGE TO PARKING

The original site plan approved in 2006 contemplated seventeen (17) parking spaces on site. This Amendment proposal anticipates the use of forty (40) parking spaces on site spaces to be located a) at the rear of the Animal Hospital (17 spaces, primarily for staff), b) seventeen (17)

spaces adjacent to the north facade of the building (primarily for customers/patients and deliveries, and c) six (6) spaces located along the northern side of the site (primarily for long term parking situations).

Under Section 59-G-2.32, parking for a veterinary hospital will be determined by the Board based on the number of employees on the maximum shift, the number of veterinarians practicing simultaneously, and the number of appointments and deliveries. Even with the companion animal boarding facility, Dr. Walcoff is confident that he will have adequate parking for customers and staff at any time of the day.

D. CHANGE TO FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN

The original special exception plan for the Bennett Creek facility showed a forest conservation easement located on the southeast side of the facility adjacent to the Middle School property to the south. The forest conservation easement then extended to the southwest and partially wrapped around the detached residence at Lot 8, "CLARKSBURG HEIGHTS" created upon the platting of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital property. The specific location of the Category I forest conservation easement is shown on Plat 23918 included with this amendment application. The Plat notes that the area of the Category I forest conservation easement is 30,174 square feet.

The expansion of the Veterinary Hospital building extended into the existing forest conservation easement area, making the space between the enlarged building and the southern property line not wide enough to qualify for the easement status. Therefore, the Petitioners have shrunk the easement area along the southeast side of the new building and have increased the easement area to include part of the rear of Petitioners' Lot 7, in its southwest corner, which was not originally subject to a category I forest conservation designation. The area of the new redefined Category I easement area is calculated to be 25,116 square feet. Details of the forest conservation issue are shown in the attached Forest Conservation sheets included with this application.

E. CHANGES TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Because the Subject Property is located within the Clarksburg Special Protection Area, a Water Quality Plan must be submitted with a major modification application for an existing special exception. Included within this application are copies of a Preliminary/Final Water Quality Plan submitted, reviewed by and approved by the Water Resources Section of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services ("MCDPS"). MCDPS' approval letter of the Water Quality Plan dated December 3, 2023, is also enclosed.

III. PROPOSAL

A. Property Description

The Subject Property remains a platted lot (i.e., Lot 7, Clarksburg Heights subdivision per plat No. 23198 recorded November 25, 2008) located at 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg. Lot 7 contains 82,251 square feet (2.00301 acres) of land area and is zoned in the R-200 (single family detached residential zone). The property is improved with the herein described Bennett Creek Animal Hospital which has been constructed and operated in accordance with the prior approvals of the Board of Appeals since its opening in 2010.

B. Area Description

The vicinity surrounding the Subject Property is primarily institutional in character with some single-family detached residences confronting the Property (on the east side of Maryland Route 355) and one abutting residence to the west. As shown on the attached excerpt from the Hearing Examiner's December 28, 2006, Report and Recommendation on Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, the subject site is abutted on the south by the Rocky Hill Middle School and is adjoined on the north by the John Wesley United Methodist Church. In addition, further to the north is Clarksburg High School. This exhibit shows the single-family residences located on the northeast side of Frederick Road as well as the existing single-family home located in the "Notch" in the southeast corner of the Subject Property.

The Zoning Vicinity Map included with this Petition indicates that the surrounding properties are almost all located in the R-200 zone except for the adjacent Middle School property which is zoned in R-200/TDR-4.0.

C. Zoning Neighborhood

For the purposes of this special exception amendment application, the Petitioners adopt the "zoning neighborhood" reflected in the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation identifying the "Neighborhood Area" on which the Hearing Examiner would rely in analyzing the zoning aspects of the paired applications. In the opinion of the Petitioners, there has been no change or redevelopment in the surrounding area that would warrant repositioning of the "Neighborhood Area" boundary line.

IV. ZONING ANALYSIS

A. Conformance with Requirements of Section 59-G-1.21 ("General Conditions")

The pre-October 2014 Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance prescribes that a special exception area can be amended upon a demonstration that from the preponderance of the evidence of record that the following standards set forth in italics hereafter have been satisfied:

(1) Is a permissible special exception in the zone

Pursuant to Section 59-C-1.31 ("Land Uses") of the County Zoning Ordinance, a "Hospital, Veterinary" is allowed by special exception in the R-200 zone.

Pursuant to Section 59-C-1.31, an "Animal boarding place" is allowed by special exception in the R-200 zone.

Since Special Exception Case Nos. S-2659 (Hospital, Veterinary) and S-2660 (Animal boarding place) were previously approved by the County Board of Appeals in February 2007, the Petitioners are permitted to file applications to amend the respective special exceptions.

(2) Complies with the standards and requirements set forth for the use in Division 59-G-2.

Section 59-G-2 of the County Zoning Ordinance ("Special Exceptions – Standards and Requirements") draws the reader's attention to Section 59-G-2.32 ("Hospital, Veterinary"). That section contains a number of standards and requirements related to the operation of a veterinary clinic and its potential impact on surrounding properties. In most cases, these restrictions apply

to the a) care of animals, b) the treatment of animals and when they can be outside of the hospital building and c) the sound containment measures that will be employed to minimize animal noise that may be bothersome to surrounding properties. Dr. Walcoff will continue to abide by all of the restrictions regarding animals outside of the hospital itself and binds himself to comply with all of the operational controls listed in Section 59-G-2.32(b)(1) through (15).

At the original hearing on cases S-2659 and S-2660 in February 2006, Dr. Walcoff presented testimony from an expert acoustical engineer describing the measures that would be implemented to address the County noise standards and the criteria for this proposed use. In particular, Mr. Kevin Miller recommended upgrades to the original design that would achieve the standard of 40dBA measured at the outside of the structure at a distance of 10 feet from the building. Dr. Walcoff's architect, who was the same architect for the original building, has incorporated the acoustical expert's 2006 recommendations into the design and construction of the expanded facility which should assure compliance with the noise limitations set forth in Section 59-G-2.32(b) of the Zoning Ordinance.

(3) Will be consistent with the general plan for the physical development of the district, including any Master Plan adopted by the Commission.

The Subject Property is located within the area covered by the Clarksburg Master Plan approved and adopted in June 1994. While there have been amendments to the Clarksburg Master Plan since that date (e.g., July 2011 Limited Amendment to the Retail Staging Provisions; Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Amendment), none of these Amendments have changed the zoning and land use recommendation for the Subject Property and its surrounding area.

As a general planning goal, the Clarksburg Master Plan encouraged retention of the residential character of the properties fronting on Frederick Road. However, the Subject Property is sandwiched between institutional uses including a public Middle School to the south and a church to the north with an even larger public high school just further north. Therefore, it is hard to say that this special exception use allowed in the R-200 zone is out of character with the surrounding area. Indeed, the "Transit Corridor District Land Use Plan", found on page 55 of the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan, depicts the Subject Property as being adjacent to areas planned for institutional and public park areas. And, in accordance with Section 59-C-1.23(g) ("Building compatibility in residential zones"), the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been designed, and previously accepted by the reviewers of Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, as having a residential appearance in form.

(4) Will be in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood, considering population density, design, scale, and bulk of any proposed new structures, intensity and character of activity, traffic and parking conditions, and number of similar uses.

As described in the previous paragraph, the design and appearance of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has previously been deemed to have a residential appearance and is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Furthermore, the use is intended to act as a "local" service to the residents of the Clarksburg area and their pets. While the use itself may be "non-residential" in zoning classification, it is appropriately located in a residential neighborhood with easy accessibility for its customers and their animals needing medical attention and care, often on an emergency basis.

A review of the tests for harmony and compatibility includes the following analyses: *Height*

The height of the proposed modified structure (23 feet) will remain which will keep it consistent with the height of surrounding residences and lower than the abutting Middle School and Church.

Width and Depth of Structure

The building is no longer than was originally approved but it has become wider by 22+ feet. This was accomplished by extending the building to the south by an extra "bay." That is, the existing design was replicated using the same fenestration pattern, detailing and materials so that the new addition is unidentifiable. The result is that although the building has been widened the addition is assimilated into the original design so that the building does not look like it has changed.

Visibility

Because the building sits back 132 feet from the drive lanes of Route 355, any changes to the façade of the Hospital will not be detected.

Additionally, although parking will be added to the site, a large amount of the parking (17 spaces) will be behind the Hospital building and will not be visible from Route 355. And because parking spaces along the north side of the building, and adjacent to the northern property line, will be parallel to the flow of traffic on MD 355 and are at a much higher elevation, the car or cars parked closest to the highway will screen the other cars further to the west. (See Application exhibit 5b).

For the reasons set forth above, the proposed use will be in harmony with its surroundings.

(5) Will not be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value or development of surrounding properties or the general neighborhood at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been an active, growing and successful veterinary hospital in its present setting since 2010. In light of the fact that there are no known complaints or enforcement actions by Montgomery County, Bennett Creek has proven itself to be a non-residential use that does not have an adverse impact on other uses surrounding the Hospital regardless of whether those uses are detached residential units or institutional facilities. There is no evidence that the operation of the Veterinary Hospital has been objectionable or bothersome to any surrounding properties or has had any adverse impact on any such properties. There is nothing in this application that introduces any new operations at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital; it merely proposes to do more of what it has been doing compatibly for the past 13 years.

(6) Will cause no objectionable noise, vibrations, fumes, odors, dust, illumination, glare, or physical activity at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

A combined veterinary hospital/animal boarding facility certainly has the potential of causing bothersome noise, fumes, or odors. But the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital addition will

install the same noise control measures that are present in the existing structure. Moreover, Dr. Walcoff will continue to manage the animals visiting the Hospital and the waste generated by animal care and boarding so that there will be no odors or site contamination.

(7) Will not, when evaluated n conjunction with existing and approved special exceptions in any neighboring one-family residential area, increase the number, intensity, or scope of exception uses sufficiently to affect the area adversely or alter the predominantly residential nature of the area.

Based on a review of the records of the County Board of Appeals and the Office of Zoning and Administrative ("OZAH"), there have been no new special exceptions or conditional uses approved since Bennett Creek Animal Hospital was approved in 2007 when the zoning analysis reported that there were no other special exceptions or conditional uses in the general area surrounding the Subject Property. Therefore, there is no saturation of special exceptions or conditional uses in the vicinity that would alter the character of the area.

(8) Will not adversely affect the health, safety, security, morals, or general welfare of residents, visitors, or workers in the area at the subject site, irrespective of any adverse effects the use might have if established elsewhere in the zone.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has conclusively demonstrated that its operations have had no adverse impact on the health, safety, security, well-being or general welfare of visitors, workers or residents in the surrounding area. The addition to the Hospital will not alter the operation of the facility nor will its expansion create any condition that will have an adverse effect on the surrounding properties.

(9) Will be served by adequate public services and facilities, including schools, police and fire protection, water, sanitary sewer, public roads, storm drainage, and other public facilities.

The Subject Property is classified in the respective W-1 and S-1 water and sewer service categories and there have been no transmission or treatment problems with these two public services. The proposed addition can be served by the existing utility lines which are adequate in size to accommodate the increased demand for service.

Police and fire protection remain adequate to serve the proposed addition.

The Petitioners have or will be submitting a traffic impact study to be reviewed in conjunction with this special exception amendment application. The Statement confirms that the increase in building size, client patronage and staff growth will generate an amount of vehicle traffic that can be accommodated by the transportation network surrounding the Subject Property. The Study confirms that the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital will operate in accordance with the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

B. CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF SECTION 59-G-1.23

A special exception amendment application must also conform to the following standards of Section 59-G-1.23 of the pre-October 2014 Zoning Ordinance:

(a) Development Standards. Special exceptions are subject to the development standards of the applicable zone where the special exception is located, except when the standard is specified in Section G-1.23 or in Section G-2.

Development Standard – R-	Required Development	Development Standards
200/Uses	Standards	1
Maximum Building Height:	50 feet	23 Feet
Minimum Lot Area:	87,120 sq. ft.	87,138
Minimum Width at Front Building Line:	100 feet	211 feet
Minimum Width at Proposed Street Line:	25 feet	211 feet
Minimum Front Yard Setback:	40 feet	71.9 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback:	One Side 12 feet Sum of both sides 25 feet	Minimum Side Yard is 50 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback:	30 feet	135 feet and 6 inches
Maximum Building Coverage:	25%	11.0%
Minimum Building Setback for Boarding Use	75 feet	77 feet and 1 inch
Minimum Building Setback for Animal Hospital Use	50 feet	50 feet

(b) Parking requirements. Special exceptions are subject to all relevant requirements of Article 59-E.

The parking requirements set forth in Section 59-G-2.32(b)(9) states that parking for a veterinary hospital will be set by the Board of Appeals but will not be less than five (5) spaces. Even with the companion animal boarding facility parking requirement (not less than three (3) parking spaces), Dr. Walcoff is comfortable that the 40 parking spaces to be provided on the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital property will be more than adequate to handle his staff, patients and deliveries.

(c) *Minimum Frontage*Not applicable

(d) Forest conservation

This major Special Exception amendment application includes an amended forest conservation plan.

(e) Water Quality Plan

This major Special Exception amendment application includes a Water Quality Plan reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

(f) Signs

The Petitioner proposes no change to the existed posted sign with permits from Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

(g) Building Compatibility

The Bennett Creek Animal Hospital building was found in 2006 by the technical staff of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Hearing Examiner all concluded that the original building was compatible with the neighborhood in which it is located taking into account its size, siting, scale, bulk, height, materials and textures and had a "residential appearance."

This application merely extends and repeats the building patterns established in the existing building but has not increased the mass of the structure to be inappropriate for its setting.

(h) Lighting

This major Special Exception amendment application contains information about new lighting that will be installed in conjunction with the building additional along with a photometric plan confirming that listing levels along the side and rear lot lines do not exceed 0.1 foot candles.

(i) Landscaping

The Petitioner is proposing installation of no new landscaping and all of the landscaping planted along with the original construction, to create a decorative front to the Hospital and to provide screening along the northwest property, will remain and will continue to be maintained in healthy condition.

C. CONFORMANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF SECTION 59-G-2.32 ("HOSPITAL, VETERINARY")

The expansion of the Bennett Creek Animal Hospital conforms with the "Standards and Requirements" for individual special exceptions in the following manner:

Sec. 59-G-2.32. Hospital, veterinary.

- (a) In any commercial, central business district or transit station zone where permitted by special exception, a veterinary hospital must comply with the following conditions and requirements:
- (1) There must be no runs, exercise yards, or other facilities for the keeping of animals in any exterior space.
 - (2) All areas for the keeping of animals must be soundproofed.

Not applicable.

As conditioned in the February 7, 2007 Opinion of the Board of Appeals, the "...proposed facilities must be designed and constructed in a manner that will insure noise levels within County standards, not to exceed 40dBA within 10 feet of the Facility." The Petitioner's architect was mindful of this admonition in his design of the animal hospital building itself, and use of materials in order to comply with that standard. Within its sixteen years of operation, the Petitioner is aware of no incidents when sound from the animal hospital building exceeded the

specified limits nor has Dr. Walcoff ever received any complaints about animal noise from his facility.

The Petitioner's architect for the proposed addition is the same architect who worked on the original building in 2007. Mr. Clapp will incorporate the same design techniques, and will use even more efficient noise absorbing materials in the proposed addition to the hospital building.

- (b) In any residential or rural zone where permitted by special exception, a veterinary hospital must comply with the following conditions and requirements:
 - (1) ****
- (2) Exterior areas used to exercise, walk, or keep animals must be set back from any property line 200 feet and screened from adjacent residential properties. All exterior exercise areas and runs must be fenced for the safe confinement of animals.

Bennett Creek Animal Hospital does not have any outdoors exercise area. A generously sized enclosed "dog run" is employed to give the dogs room to move about and socialize with other animals. The proposed addition will not propose, nor will it necessitate the installation of any exterior exercise areas that would need to meet the standards of Section 59-G-2.32(b)(2).

(3) For all buildings in which animals will be present, maximum expected interior sound levels must be reduced to 40dBA (A-weighted decibels) outside, measured at ten feet from the structure.

The project architect will use construction techniques and building materials for the addition that will achieve the noise levels prescribed above.

(4) All buildings and accessory structures must be set back from any property line a minimum of 50 feet.

The addition will extend into the southern side yard but the perimeter wall will be set to be at least 50 feet from the southern boundary line in order to satisfy the requirement quoted above and to qualify the open space between the building and the southern property line as wide enough to qualify for forest conservation purposes.

(5) No animal may be outdoors between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

This requirement is presently adhered to and will be followed notwithstanding the operation of the proposed addition.

(6) On weekdays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 50 dBA between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 50 dBA between 6:00

p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Terms are defined in accordance with the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance (Chapter 31B of the Montgomery County Code). In any event, the predicted maximum receiving property line sound levels must not exceed the characteristic ambient sound levels by more than 3 dBA at any time.

As noted in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the existing Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has been constructed, and is operated, to meet the Noise Standards quoted above. The proposed addition will provide space for: a) 6 examination rooms; b) a second surgery room; c) offices (doctors, manager, HR staff) and d) a lounge/"break room" for staff. The new space will contain few animals (in the examination and surgery rooms only) and only when the animals will be under close attention and control, noise control included.

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- (iii) site plans that show the layout of all exterior areas used to exercise, walk, or keep animals.

The Special Exception Amendment application contains detailed floor plans (Sheets A-102 and A-101).

As explained above, Bennett Creek Animal Hospital has no outdoor exercise areas.

With regard to an acoustical engineering study, the project's architect has demonstrated that he has the knowledge and experience to design an animal hospital that can be operated in

accordance with the County Noise law as evidenced by over fifteen years of operations at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital. Mr. Clapp is committed to design the hospital addition, and to use materials in the construction of the addition, that will achieve compliance with the County Noise law. Furthermore, as explained above, the addition will be "lightly used" in terms of animal occupancy and will be facing a public school property. Indeed, the public school is located almost 400 feet distant from the closest point of the new addition. The closest feature of the public school are six tennis courts within the range of 100 to 350 feet from the Animal Hospital.

(9) The Board must specify a minimum number of off-street parking spaces, taking into consideration the number of employees on the maximum shift, the number of doctors practicing simultaneously, and the number of appointments and deliveries. This number must in no case be less than 5.

The number of parking spaces on the site is proposed to be increased to forty (40) parking spaces which Dr. Walcoff is confident will be adequate to accommodate the parking needs for customers and staff at all times of the day.

(10) The Board may regulate the number of animals that may be boarded, exercised, walked, or kept in runs or similar areas, and the manner in which animals are boarded, exercised, walked, or kept.

Noted. Most animals receiving treatment will be released on the day of treatment. There is, however, adequate space for animals that need to remain under care and attention after surgery or special treatment.

(11) The Board may regulate the office hours and the number of appointments. Animals may be seen by appointment only. Emergency patients and visits to pick up prescriptions and pet-related items may also occur, within office hours only and without prior scheduling: abuse of this exemption may lead to revocation of the special exception. A written log of all appointments and drop-in and emergency client activities must be kept, to be available for inspection by County authorities.

While most animals receiving treatment at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital arrive in accordance with a scheduled appointment, Bennett Creek does have an emergency care treatment capability approved by the Board of Appeals in 2017. Obviously, animals arriving for emergency care are not – prescheduled and such visits occur spontaneously due to events outside of the control of the pet owner.

(12) Any accessory operation, such as grooming or the sale of pet food and supplies, must be set forth in the statement of operations and must be limited as an accessory activity to a percentage of sales not to exceed 20%.

Nothing about the proposed addition will alter the Petitioner's current compliance with this requirement.

(13) All litter and animal waste must be contained and controlled on the site.

Any litter and/or or animal waste generated in the addition area will be incorporated into the Petitioner's current sophisticated method of control for these features already in place.

(14) Animals may be kept overnight at the hospital only for medical purposes. If animals are kept for non-medical purposes, a separate application for an animal boarding place must be approved.

Noted. The Petitioner already holds a separate companion special exception approval (S-2660) for an animal boarding at the Bennett Creek facility approved on February 1, 2007. That use is not affected by this application.

(15) If the proposed use is located in an area that uses well water and septic facilities, the applicant must prove that the use will not have any negative effect.

The proposed addition will be served by public water and public sewer. There is no history of inadequate transmission or treatment related to these public services. The existing utility system has been reviewed and is deemed adequate to handle any volume increases attributable to the proposed addition.

V. CONCLUSION

In summary, this application to modify Special Exception No. S-2659 complies with the general and special development standards for veterinary hospitals in this area of Montgomery County and is worthy of approval to continue the delivery of high-quality pet and animal veterinary care in Upper Montgomery County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment F

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Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660

PETITION OF JEFFREY B. WALCOFF, D.V.M. AND SHEILA DEARYBURY WALCOFF

OPINION OF THE BOARD
(Opinion Adopted January 10, 2007 and January 17, 2007)
(Effective Date of Opinion: February 1, 2007)

Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 are applications for special exceptions for a Veterinary Hospital and Animal Boarding Place, pursuant to Sections 59-G-2.32 and 59-G-2.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County held a hearing on the applications on September 25, 2006, closed the record on December 26, 2006, and on December 28, 2006, issued a Report and Recommendation for approval of the special exceptions.

The subject property is located at, 22414 and 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland, 20871, in the R-200 Zone.

Decision of the Board:

Special Exceptions Granted Subject To Conditions Enumerated Below.

The Board of Appeals considered the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation at its Worksession on January 10, 2007. After careful consideration and review of the record in the case, the Board adopts the Report and Recommendation, and grants the special exception. On January 17, 2007, the Board re-opened the record to amend the conditions of approval to include Condition No. 18, which establishes a Community Liaison Council. Therefore, on motions by Wendell M. Holloway, seconded by Caryn L. Hines, with Catherine G. Titus and Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chair in agreement and Donna L. Barron necessarily absent; and by Caryn L. Hines, seconded by Donna L. Barron, with Wendell M. Holloway, Catherine G. Titus and Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chair in agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, Petitions of Jeffrey B. Walcoff and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff are **granted**, subject to the following conditions:

- The Petitioners shall be bound by all of their testimony and exhibits of record, and by the testimony of their witnesses and representations of counsel identified in the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation and in the Opinion of the Board.
- 2. The hours when the facility is open to the public for drop-off and pick up of animals will be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Animals may be seen at the veterinary hospital by appointment only, except in emergency situations. This facility is not an after-hours emergency facility, and after-hour calls (except those relating to an animal already in the care of this facility), shall be referred to an emergency clinic. The facility will be staffed after office hours solely to accommodate emergency situations for animals already in care of the facility and to provide care for the animals who must remain overnight for medical purposes and for those being boarded. Scheduled appointment hours may not begin until 9:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Monday through Friday, appointments may continue until 7:00 p.m., and the facility will close at 8:00 p.m. On Saturdays, appointments may continue till 12:00 noon, and the facility will close at 1:00 p.m. A written or computer log of all appointments, drop-in and emergency client activities must be kept, and be available for inspection by County authorities. Petitioners must also submit a yearly activities report to the Board of Appeals.
- 3. The animal boarding facility is limited to forty-nine (49) animals on site at any one time, and the total of dogs 35 lbs. and over will be limited to twenty-three (23) at any one time. The actual number of kenneled animals is expected to be well below 49, except on holidays.
- 4. No outdoor exercising of animals is permitted on or off site, nor may animals be walked outdoors to relieve themselves. Animals may be walked on a leash within the enclosed area labeled "Dog Walking Area" on the revised site and landscape plan (Exhibit 52(a)), and that should be restricted to daylight hours except in emergencies or when humanitarian considerations require it.
- 5. The proposed facilities must be designed and constructed in a manner that will insure noise levels within County standards, not to exceed 40 dBA within 10 feet of the facility. On weekdays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 50 dBA between the hours of 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays, the sound at the nearest receiving property line must not

exceed 60 dBA between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 50 dBA between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. Terms are defined in accordance with the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance (Chapter 31B of the Montgomery County Code). In any event, the predicted maximum receiving property line sound levels must not exceed the characteristic ambient sound levels by more than 3 dBA at any time.

- 6. All litter and animal waste must be contained and controlled on the site.
- 7. Any accessory operation, such as grooming or the sale of pet food must be limited as an accessory activity to a percentage of sales not to exceed 20%. Goods for sale at this facility will be limited to prescription medicine and prescription pet food.
- 8. Petitioner shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) staff (including all veterinarians, support staff and interns) on site at any one time, provided that the number of veterinarians on site at any one time shall not exceed three (3). Kennel staff are expected to come in three times a day on Sundays to walk the animals, as well as to feed, clean, and give them medicine, if needed. The number of staff for the boarding facility will be determined by the number of kenneled animals, generally one for every 10 animals, but at no time shall kennel staff, combined with all other staff on site, exceed the 10 staff limit.
- 9. Petitioner must provide 17 parking spaces (including one that is van accessible), as shown on the revised site and landscape plan.
- 10. The parking lot screening fence shown on the revised site and landscape plan (Exhibit 52(a)), shall be constructed out of wood, not brick or plastic, in accordance with the wishes of the neighbors living across Maryland Route 355. It should be a board-on-board fence with vegetation in front of it, as shown on Exhibit 52(a).
- 11. Lighting on site must be arranged such that there is no light exceeding 0.1 foot candles at the side and rear property lines, as shown on Exhibit 38(h). The pole-mounted lights in the parking lot must be turned off when the facility is not open, except as required for safety.
- 12. Petitioners may erect a sign in front of their facility, but must first obtain a permit for such sign from the Department of Permitting Services (and if necessary, a sign variance), and copies of that sign permit and any sign variance must be filed with the Board of Appeals.
- 13. Petitioner must comply with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations regarding safe storage and use of any x-ray equipment on the site.

- 14. Petitioner must obtain and satisfy the requirements of all licenses and permits, including but not limited to building permits and use and occupancy permits, necessary to occupy the special exception premises and operate the special exception as granted herein. Petitioner shall at all times ensure that the special exception use and premises comply with all applicable codes (including but not limited to building, life safety and handicapped accessibility requirements), regulations, directives and other governmental requirements.
- 15. Petitioners shall comply with the terms of approved forest conservation, water quality and stormwater management plans, and shall establish and maintain a forest conservation easement in the area shown on the revised site and landscape plan (Exhibit 52(a)).
- 16. The adequacy of public facilities must be determined by the Planning Board at the time of subdivision review in this case. Therefore, subdivision approval is a condition of these special exceptions.
- 17. Petitioners shall coordinate with the adjacent John Wesley United Methodist Church (Rocky Hill Church) to allow the latter access to the Petitioners' property for maintenance of cemetery markers and grounds immediately surrounding the markers. Petitioners shall take no action that would be detrimental to the condition of the cemetery markers or the area immediately surrounding the markers.
- 18. The special exception holder must establish a Community Liaison Council whose membership shall include adjacent and confronting property owners and representatives from local citizens' associations. The People's Counsel shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall meet twice a year and meetings shall be arranged and noticed by the Petitioner.

Allison Ishihara Fultz

Chair, Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 1st day of February, 2007.

Katherine Freeman Executive Director

NOTE:

Any request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date the Opinion is mailed and entered in the Opinion Book (See Section 59-A-4.63 of the County Code). Please see the Board's Rules of Procedure for specific instructions for requesting reconsideration.

Any decision by the County Board of Appeals may, within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered, be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board and a party to the proceeding before it, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

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RESOLUTION TO DISMISS PUBLIC HEARING, REINSTATE MODIFICATION, AND GRANT ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION

(Resolution Adopted November 8, 2017) (Effective Date of Resolution: November 16, 2017)

Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 were granted to Jeffrey B. Walcoff and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff, on February 1, 2007, pursuant to Sections 59-G-2.32 and 59-G-2.02 of the Zoning Ordinance (2004), to permit a veterinary hospital and an animal boarding place. Effective February 27, 2009, the Board granted a modification to these special exceptions to permit certain site, landscaping and architectural changes. Effective July 20, 2017, the Board granted an administrative modification to allow to changes to the hospital's hours of operation, staffing, and level of animal care so that it could operate as an emergency veterinary clinic outside of regular hours and on weekends. After receiving a timely request for a public hearing regarding its July 20, 2017, Resolution from Ms. Cecile Foreman, Trustees Chairperson, Community of Faith United Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith, Pastor-Teacher, Community of Faith United Methodist Church, the Board suspended its July 20, 2017, modification in a Resolution dated September 22, 2017, and scheduled a public hearing for November 8, 2017.

The subject property is located at 22414 and 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland, 20871, in the R-200 Zone.

The Board of Appeals has received subsequent correspondence from Ms. Foreman, dated October 31, 2017, indicating that in a meeting with Dr. Walcoff, he had agreed to accept the Church's request that he install a fence between the Church's property and the parking lot which serves the veterinary hospital, and that in light of this, the Church wishes to withdraw the request for a public hearing. The Board has also received subsequent correspondence dated November 2, 2017, from Jody L. Kline, Esquire, on behalf of the special exception holders, indicating that Dr. Walcoff had met with representatives of the Church subsequent

to receiving notice of their request for a public hearing, that the Church would feel more comfortable with the modification if a fence were installed between the properties, and that Dr. Walcoff has agreed to install a 153-foot run of three-rail, white vinyl fence between the Church's property and the parking lot servicing the veterinary hospital. Mr. Kline's letter further indicates that the Church has agreed that the installation and continued maintenance of this fence would address their concerns. Mr. Kline requests that the installation of the proposed fence, in the location shown on the aerial photograph attached to his November 2, 2017, letter, be included as part of Dr. Walcoff's administrative modification request.

The Board of Appeals considered the correspondence from Ms. Foreman and Mr. Kline at its Worksession on November 8, 2017. The Board finds that the withdrawal of the request for a public hearing ends that proceeding. With respect to the request that the underlying special exception be amended to allow fencing between the Church property and the special exception parking lot, the Board notes that because Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 were approved prior to October 30, 2014, under Section 59-7.7.1.B of the current Zoning Ordinance, this request must be reviewed under the standards and procedures in effect on October 29, 2014 unless the Petitioner elects to proceed under the current Zoning Ordinance. Section 59-G-1.3(c)(1) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (2014) provides, pertaining to modification of special exceptions:

If the proposed modification is such that the terms or conditions could be modified without substantially changing the nature, character or intensity of the use and without substantially changing the effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood, the Board, without convening a public hearing to consider the proposed change, may modify the term or condition.

The Board finds that the installation of the fence requested by the Church and described above, in the location between the Church property and the special exception parking lot that is indicated on the aerial photograph submitted with Mr. Kline's letter, will not substantially change the nature, character or intensity of the use or its effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood. Therefore, on a motion by Stanley B. Boyd, seconded by Edwin S. Rosado, Vice Chair, with John H. Pentecost, Chair, and Katherine Freeman in agreement, and with Bruce Goldensohn necessarily absent:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the record in Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, Petition of Jeffrey B. Walcoff D.V.M. and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff, is re-opened to receive the October 31, 2017, correspondence from Ms. Foreman, and the November 2, 2017, correspondence from Mr. Kline, with attachments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the request to modify the special exceptions to allow the installation of the proposed fence, as described above, is granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the administrative modification of Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, dated July 20, 2017, is reinstated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that all terms and conditions of the original special exception, together with any modifications granted by the Board of Appeals, remain in effect.

John H. Pentecost, Chair

Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 16th day of November, 2017.

Barbara Jay

Executive Director

NOTE:

Any party may, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the Board's Resolution, request a public hearing on the <u>particular action</u> taken by the Board. Such request shall be in writing, and shall specify the reasons for the request and the nature of the objections and/or relief desired. In the event that such request is received, the Board shall suspend its decision and conduct a public hearing to consider the action taken.

Any request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date the Opinion is mailed and entered in the Opinion Book. Please see the Board's Rules of Procedure for specific instructions for requesting reconsideration.

Any decision by the County Board of Appeals may, within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered, be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board and a party to the proceeding before it, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure. It is each party's responsibility to participate in the Circuit Court action to protect their respective interests. In short, as a party you have a right to protect your interests in this matter by participating in the Circuit Court proceedings, and this right is unaffected by any participation by the County.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

The Board of Appeals has received a timely request from Mrs. Cecile Foreman and Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith for a public hearing on the administrative modification granted in the above-captioned case on July 20, 2017. The Board has suspended the modification.

Please take notice that the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland, will hold a public hearing, in the Stella B. Werner Council Office Building Second Floor Davidson Memorial Hearing Room, at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, the 8th day of November, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., to determine whether the administrative modification that the Board granted in Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, effective July 20, 2017, substantially changes the nature, character or intensity of the use or its effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood.

Notices forwarded this 22nd day of September, 2017 to:

Jeffrey B. Walcoff, D.V.M., and Sherry Dearybury Walcoff Jody L. Kline, Esquire
Cecile Foreman
Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith
Charles Frederick, Esquire, Associate County Attorney
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
State Highway Administration
County Board of Education
Contiguous and confronting property owners
Local Citizens Associations

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Executive Director

All parties who make submissions, after an initial filing, in Special Exception, Variance and Administrative Appeals cases, must furnish copies of the submission to all other parties in the case. For the purpose of this requirement, a party includes: (1) Counsel of record who have formally entered their appearance; (2) Any person to whom the Board of Appeals has granted Intervener status; and (3) The Applicant, Petitioner or Appellant in the case.

Submissions must be accompanied by a written statement certifying that copies have been sent to all parties. Effective September 6, 2002, failure to supply such written certification will result in refusal of the submission.

Case files are available for public review at the office of the Board of Appeals, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION AND HOLD HEARING

(Resolution Adopted September 6, 2017) (Effective Date of Resolution: September 22, 2017)

Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 were granted to Jeffrey B. Walcoff and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff, on February 1, 2007, pursuant to Sections 59-G-2.32 and 59-G-2.02 of the Zoning Ordinance (2004), to permit a veterinary hospital and an animal boarding place. Effective February 27, 2009, the Board granted a modification to these special exceptions to permit certain site, landscaping and architectural changes. Effective July 20, 2017, the Board granted an administrative modification to allow to changes to the hospital's hours of operation, staffing, and level of animal care so that it could operate as an emergency veterinary clinic outside of regular hours and on weekends.

The subject property is located at 22414 and 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland, 20871, in the R-200 Zone.

The Board has received a timely request for a public hearing regarding its July 20, 2017, Resolution in Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 from Mrs. Cecile Foreman, Trustees Chairperson, Community of Faith United Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith, Pastor-Teacher, Community of Faith United Methodist Church.

The Board of Appeals considered the correspondence from Mrs. Foreman and Rev. Dr. Holdbrook-Smith at its Worksession on September 6, 2017. Jody L. Kline, Esquire, appeared at the Worksession on behalf of special exception holders Jeffrey B. Walcoff and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff.

Because Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 were approved prior to October 30, 2014, under Section 59-7.7.1.B of the current Zoning Ordinance, this request must be reviewed under the standards and procedures in effect on October 29, 2014 unless the Petitioner elects to proceed under the current Zoning Ordinance. Section 59-G-1.3(c)(1) of the

Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (2004) provides that when the Board of Appeals grants an administrative modification, "any party may request a public hearing on the Board's action," and that "If a request for a hearing is received, the Board must suspend its decision and conduct a public hearing to consider the action taken."

The Board finds that the request for a public hearing on this administrative modification is timely, and a public hearing must be held. Therefore, on a motion by Stanley B. Boyd, seconded by Bruce Goldensohn, with Carolyn J. Shawaker, Chair, John H. Pentecost, Vice Chair, and Edwin S. Rosado in agreement, the Board suspends the administrative modification granted July 20, 2017. The Board will hold a public hearing to determine whether the modification substantially changes the nature, character or intensity of the special exception use, or its effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the opinion stated above is adopted as the Resolution required by law as its decision on the above-entitled petition.

Carolyn J. Shawaker, Chair

Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 22nd day of September, 2017.

NOTE:

Executive Director

Any decision by the County Board of Appeals may, within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered, be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board and a party to the proceeding before it, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure. It is each party's responsibility to participate in the Circuit Court action to protect their respective interests. In short, as a party you have a right to protect your interests in this matter by participating in the Circuit Court proceedings, and this right is unaffected by any participation by the County.

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PETITION OF JEFFREY B. WALCOFF, D.V.M. AND SHEILA DEARYBURY WALCOFF

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

(Resolution Adopted July 12, 2017) (Effective Date of Resolution: July 20, 2017)

The Board of Appeals granted Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660 to Jeffrey B. Walcoff and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff, on February 1, 2007, pursuant to Sections 59-G-2.32 and 59-G-2.02 of the Zoning Ordinance, to permit a veterinary hospital and an animal boarding place. Effective February 27, 2009, the Board granted a modification to these special exceptions to permit certain site, landscaping and architectural changes.

The subject property is located at 22414 and 22416 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, Maryland, 20871, in the R-200 Zone.

The Board of Appeals has received a letter with attachments, dated June 13, 2017, from Jody S. Kline, Esquire, on behalf of Jeffrey B. Walcoff, D.V.M. and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff (the Petitioners), who own and operate Bennett Creek Animal Hospital, located at 22416 Frederick Road. See Exhibit 104. On behalf of the Petitioners, Mr. Kline requests an administrative modification of the special exceptions to amend the Hospital's hours of operation and level of animal care. Specifically, Mr. Kline requests that the Hospital be permitted to operate as an emergency veterinary clinic outside of regular hours and on weekends, as follows:

Dr. Walcoff proposes to implement this program so that emergency care can be provided at Bennett Creek Animal Hospital outside of regular hours and on weekends. That is, "walk in" emergency visits could occur all day long. The day time veterinary practice would continue as originally approved by the Board in 2007 with hours of Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. With the new hours, Dr.

Walcoff will also provide emergency animal care treatment after scheduled hours and on the weekends.

This proposed change in operations does not require any physical change to the existing Hospital building. Dr. Walcoff already had in place all of the space and equipment needed to provide emergency care for small animals.

In this setting, Dr. Walcoff estimates that an emergency veterinary practice would typically see one to ten cases per evening. Accordingly, staffing can be relatively light. Dr. Walcoff anticipates having a staff of up to four (4) persons for an eleven hour shift (8:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.) each day comprised of one (1) veterinarian and up to three (3) technicians, one of whom would also function as a receptionist, to handle emergency calls. In addition, the practice would be open for emergency visits beginning on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and extending until Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Kline's letter goes on to explain that "the volume of emergency visits likely less than one per hour - is well below the activity experienced during the daytime." His letter describes the area surrounding the Hospital as having one single family residence abutting the Hospital property, to the south and rear of the veterinary clinic building, with a forest conservation easement between the His letter further indicates that the subject property "is two properties. surrounded on three sides by institutional uses: to the north, John Wesley Church (not occupied in the evenings); to the south and west, Rocky Hill Middle School (not generally occupied in the evening); and to the east, the tennis courts for the Middle School." Finally, Mr. Kline notes in his letter that "[t]he only place where single family residences are located, where nighttime activity at the veterinary hospital could be observed, are four (4) houses on the east side of Frederick Road (Route 355) some 275 feet away from the front of the Hospital building," that nighttime operations will not entail any lights that are not already used for security purposes, and that the additional nighttime visits to the Hospital "will be indistinguishable from the traffic already existing on Maryland Route 355, a major highway." See Exhibit 104.

The Board of Appeals considered Mr. Kline's correspondence at its Worksession on July 12, 2017. Because Case Nos. S-2659 and 2660 were approved prior to October 30, 2014, under Section 59-7.7.1.B of the current Zoning Ordinance, this modification request must be reviewed under the standards and procedures in effect on October 29, 2014, unless the applicant elects otherwise. Section 59-G-1.3(c)(1) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (2014) provides, pertaining to modification of special exceptions:

If the proposed modification is such that the terms or conditions could be modified without substantially changing the nature, character or intensity of the use and without substantially changing

the effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood, the Board, without convening a public hearing to consider the proposed change, may modify the term or condition.

The Board finds, in light of the projected usage level of one (1) to ten (10) emergency visits per night, that the outward impact of the proposed expansion of hours, with attendant staff, to accommodate emergency veterinary care is minimal and will not substantially change the nature, character or intensity of the use or its effect on traffic or on the immediate neighborhood. Therefore, on a motion by Bruce Goldensohn, seconded by Edwin S. Rosado, with John H. Pentecost, Vice Chair, and Stanley B. Boyd in agreement, and with Carolyn J. Shawaker, Chair, necessarily absent:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the record in Case Nos. S-2659 and S-2660, Petition of Jeffrey B. Walcoff D.V.M. and Sheila Dearybury Walcoff, is re-opened to receive Jody Kline's correspondence, with attachments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the request to modify the special exceptions, as described above and in Exhibit 104, is granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that Condition No. 2 of the Board's February 1, 2007, Opinion granting these special exceptions is amended to read as follows:

- 2. a. The hours when the facility is open to the public for drop-off and pick up of animals will be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Animals may be seen at the veterinary hospital by appointment only, except in emergency situations. Scheduled appointment hours may not begin until 9:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Monday through Friday, appointments may continue until 7:00 p.m., and the facility will close, except for emergencies, at 8:00 p.m. On Saturdays, appointments may continue until 12:00 noon, and the facility will close, except for emergencies, at 1:00 p.m.
- b. This facility may operate at all other times of the day as an emergency veterinary facility (i.e. between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Monday evenings through Saturday mornings, and between the hours of 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoons until 7:00 a.m. Monday mornings).
- c. A written or computer log of all appointments, drop-in, and emergency client activities must be kept, and be available for inspection by County authorities. Petitioners must also submit a yearly activities report to the Board of Appeals.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that Condition No. 8 of the Board's February 1, 2007, Opinion granting this special exception is amended to read as follows:

8. Petitioner shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) staff (including all veterinarians, support staff and interns) on site at any one time, provided that the number of veterinarians on site at any one time shall not exceed three (3). During the hours when this facility is serving as an emergency veterinary facility, it may be staffed by up to four persons (exclusive of kennel staff), at least one of whom shall be a veterinarian. Kennel staff are expected to come in three times a day on Sundays to walk the animals, as well as to feed, clean, and give them medicine, if needed. The number of staff for the boarding facility will be determined by the number of kenneled animals, generally one for every 10 animals, but at no time shall kennel staff, combined with all other staff on site, exceed the 10 staff limit.

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that all terms and conditions of the original special exception, together with any modifications granted by the Board of Appeals, remain in effect.

John H. Pentecost, Vice Chair

Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 20th day of July, 2017.

Barbara Jay

Executive Director

NOTE:

Any party may, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the Board's Resolution, request a public hearing on the <u>particular action</u> taken by the Board. Such

request shall be in writing, and shall specify the reasons for the request and the nature of the objections and/or relief desired. In the event that such request is received, the Board shall suspend its decision and conduct a public hearing to consider the action taken.

Any request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date the Opinion is mailed and entered in the Opinion Book. Please see the Board's Rules of Procedure for specific instructions for requesting reconsideration.

Any decision by the County Board of Appeals may, within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered, be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board and a party to the proceeding before it, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure. It is each party's responsibility to participate in the Circuit Court action to protect their respective interests. In short, as a party you have a right to protect your interests in this matter by participating in the Circuit Court proceedings, and this right is unaffected by any participation by the County.