



March 6, 2024

Maricela Cordova
MCDOT
100 Edison Park Drive
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Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Re: Forest Conservation Exemption: 42024087E
Property Name: Good Hope Road Shared Use Path Extension

Dear Ms. Cordova,

Based on the review by staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department, the exemption request submitted on January 15, 2024, for Good Hope Road Shared Use Path Extension, #42024087E, is confirmed. The project is exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A (Forest Conservation Law), under Section 22A-5(e) a State, County, or municipal highway construction activity that is subject to Section 5-103 of the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code, or Section [22A-9](#). All requirements of an exemption for a County or municipal highway construction activity are detailed in Section [22A-6\(d\)](#) and Section [22A-9](#).

A pre-construction meeting is required after the limits of disturbance have been staked prior to clearing and grading to verify the limits of disturbance and tree protection measures are in place. The M-NCPPC forest conservation inspection staff may require additional tree protection measures. Please contact Stephen Peck at 240-638-6681 & Stephen.peck@montgomeryplanning.org at least 7 days in advance to schedule your pre-construction meeting. The site supervisor, construction superintendent, forest conservation inspector, a private Maryland licensed tree expert, and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services sediment control inspector shall attend this pre-construction meeting.

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

Sincerely,



Joshua Penn
Planner III

cc: Stacey Gill, JMT