

July 18, 2024

Rebecca Park, P.E.
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
100 Edison Park Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re: Forest Conservation Exemption Request
Property Name: Norwood Road Shared Use Path
Plan Number: 42024139E
Status: **Confirmed**

Dear Ms. Park:

Based on the review by staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department, the Forest Conservation Exemption request submitted on January 12, 2024 for Norwood Road Shared Use Path, Plan No. 42024139E, is confirmed. The project is exempt from Article II of the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A ("Forest Conservation Law").

The Forest Conservation Exemption requested under Section 22A-5(e) is applicable because the proposed activity is 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.

A pre-construction meeting is required after the limits of disturbance have been staked prior to clearing and grading to verify the limits of disturbance and tree protection measures are in place per the confirmed Forest Conservation Exemption Plan. The M-NCPPC forest conservation inspection staff may require additional tree protection measures. The project manager should contact inspector Kara Farthing at kara.farthing@montgomeryplanning.org or at 301-495-1323 before at least 7 days prior to construction activity to schedule this pre-construction meeting. The site supervisor, construction superintendent, forest conservation inspector, a private Maryland licensed tree expert, and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services sediment control inspector must 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 confirmed plan, a new application must be submitted to M-NCPPC for review and confirmation prior to those activities occurring.

If you have any questions regarding these actions please feel free to contact me at 301-495-4559 or douglas.johnsen@montgomeryplanning.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Johnsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Doug Johnsen, PLA
Planner III
Upcounty Planning Division

Cc: Michael Mercado, P.E. (Mercado Consultants, Inc.)
File 42024139E