NOTICE OF HEARING

December 4, 2009

[BY CERTIFIED MAIL] Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith 21627 Ripplemead Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Re: Notice of Hearing for Violation of Forest Conservation Plan #119960710 rescheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Dear Mr. Smith:

This Notice of Hearing is being issued to you in accordance with Montgomery County Code §22A-20-(d)(1) for alleged violations of the Forest Conservation Law. Specifically, the following violations are noted:

- 1. Grass cutting in a Category I Forest Conservation Easement and supplemental planting area.
- 2. Shed built in a Category I Forest Conservation Easement and supplemental planting area

The Planning Board has granted the Montgomery County Planning Department's Request for Continuance. The hearing in the above-referenced matter has been rescheduled from December 7, 2009, to Monday January 11, 2010 at 7:00PM to consider appropriate administrative enforcement action. In the event the Planning Board finds that you are in violation of the terms of your Conservation Easement, the Planning Board may:

- Impose an administrative civil penalty in accordance with Montgomery County Code §22A-16(d);
- Order appropriate corrective actions in accordance with Montgomery County Code §22A-17;
- 3. Suspend or revoke your forest conservation plan, if applicable;
- 4. Impose other remedies as provided in the Forest Conservation Law; or
- 5. Require any combination of these actions.



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Please be prepared to appear at the hearing in front of the Planning Board to respond to the alleged violations. This is an adjudicatory proceeding governed by State Government §10-201 et. seq. (the Administrative Procedures Act). Accordingly, you will have the opportunity to present evidence and have witnesses testify on your behalf, as well as cross-examine the Planning Board's witnesses. You are responsible for securing the attendance of your witnesses, and you must bring with you any evidence you wish the Board to consider.

You are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Commission staff in advance of the hearing to discuss whether a compliance program would be appropriate in this case by contacting Mark Pfefferle, Acting Chief, Environmental Planning at 301-495-4730.

Sincerely,

Rollin Stanley, Director of Planning

cc: Mark Pfefferle, Environmental Planning Carol S. Rubin, Office of General Counsel Josh Kaye, Development Review