NOTICE OF HEARING

January 14, 2010

BY HAND DELIVERY AT:

Maryland Dept. of the Environment 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21230

Mr. Anthony Mereos 17900 Trundle Road Dickerson, MD 20842

Re: [Notice of Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm for Violation of Forest Conservation Law, 179000 Trundle Road, Dickerson, MD]

Dear Mr. Mereos:

This Notice of Hearing is being issued to you in accordance with Montgomery County Code §22A-20-(d)(1) and the Order dated November 13, 2008 from the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, MD in Civil Action No. 275849-V. The Circuit Court upheld the Planning Board's finding that you are responsible for the clearing of approximately 83,000 square feet (1.9 acres) of forest without an approved forest conservation plan or exemption from submitting a forest conservation plan in violation of Montgomery County's Forest Conservation Law.

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the Circuit Court's Order remanding the matter to the Planning Board for the limited purpose of determining the proper penalty by applying each of the criteria required under Section 22A-16 of the Montgomery County Code.

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.

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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 Doug Johnsen, Environmental Planning