MCPB Item No.

Date: 12/19/13

#### Halpine View, Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11964054A

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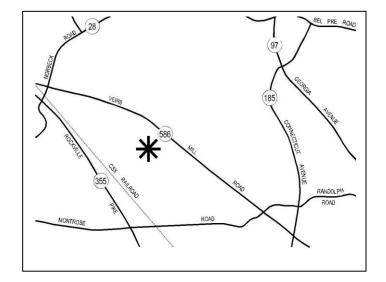


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#### **Description**

- Request for an abandonment of the undeveloped Aspen Hill Road Extended right-ofway (1.9 acres), and incorporation of the area by plat back into a lot on the Subject Property;
- Location: Northeast quadrant of the intersection of Twinbrook Parkway and Halpine Road;
- R-30 Zone, approximately 41 acres of land in the 1992 Approved and Adopted North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan;
- Current Use: 564 garden apartments;
- Applicant: Halpine Park LLC;Filing date: August 1, 2013



#### Summary

Staff recommends approval of Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment 1196405A with conditions which would allow abandonment of the unbuilt Aspen Hill Road Extended right-of-way pursuant to Section 49-68 of the County Code.

Section 49-68 of the County Code specifies that if any right-of-way has not been in public use, the abutting property owner may petition the Planning Board to abandon the right-of-way in the form of a Preliminary Plan for the subdivision of land. In this case, the Applicant seeks a Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment to accomplish the abandonment and consolidate the area into an existing lot. The Abandonment Area would then potentially be used for future development. The Applicant owns all the surrounding property (Subject Property) along the subject right-of-way. Since the area proposed for abandonment has not been in public use and no permanent structures or improvements are located in the area, the Planning Board may approve an abandonment of right-of-way as part of a Limited Preliminary Plan review.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Approval of Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment 11964054A with the following conditions:

- 1. The amendment is limited to the land uses currently existing on the Subject Property. A new Preliminary Plan or amendment and the associated Adequate Public Facilities (APF) test is required for any change to the existing land uses.
- 2. To effectuate the road abandonment, the Applicant must record a new record plat that consolidates the Abandonment Area (as currently described by deed recorded at Liber 3221 Folio 441 in the Land Records) with the existing adjacent Part of Parcel B, Prevention Subdivision in a new lot.
- 3. Prior to recordation of the plat, the Applicant must provide a recorded deed of transfer that demonstrates conveyance of the right-of-way area back from Montgomery County.
- 4. The Applicant must provide any necessary public access easement for the master plan required shared use path, B-2, through the adjacent Rock Creek Park if the final B-2 trail alignment crosses any of the Abandonment Area.
- 5. The Record Plat must reflect an easement for any existing overhead and underground utility facilities (including Pepco) currently in the Aspen Hill Road Extended Right-of-Way that serve Parcel A-1 and A-2 from Parcel B (or pay the utility or utilities to install new facilities to serve Parcel A-1 and A-2, and any existing facilities in right-of-way will serve Parcel B only).

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

The Subject Property (outlined in red below), currently zoned R-30, multi-family low-density residential, is located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Twinbrook Parkway and Halpine Road in the *North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan* area. The Subject Property is approximately 41 acres in size and is developed with 564 garden apartments with vehicular access from Twinbrook Parkway. It consists of two recorded lots, a part of a lot, and a county-owned right-of-way for a portion of the previously planned Aspen Hill Road Extended between Veirs Mill Road and Twinbrook Parkway. The right-of-way consists of 1.9 acres extending from Twinbrook Parkway eastward, approximately 1,200 feet long and approximately 78 feet wide (outlined in yellow), that bisects the Property. The right-of-way was placed in reservation as part of the original Preliminary Plan approval for the Subject Property but a decision was made by the Applicant to convey the area by deed for \$10.00 in fee simple to the County on May 28, 1964, as recorded in the land records. The Abandonment Area is shown on the plat for Parcel B of the "Prevention" Subdivision, recorded Plat No. 7381 (or 188-34) on May 6, 1964, as "Reserved for Proposed Road" (see Attachment 1). A portion of this right-of-way contains a basketball court and is crossed by a perpendicular internal driveway, a gas line, and a sewer line, all of which serve the existing Halpine View Apartments on the Subject Property.

The City of Rockville includes the area to the west of Twinbrook Parkway, across from the Subject Property and contains primarily low-density single-family detached dwelling units. The uses to the south are primarily commercial, including the adjacent Parklawn North Property. The Subject Property is located just outside of the Twinbrook Sector Plan boundary. Rock Creek Park abuts the Subject Property on the east.



Site Aerial View

#### **PROPOSAL**

The Applicant requests a Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment to abandon the approximately 1.9-acre Aspen Hill Road Extended right-of-way (Abandonment Area) pursuant to Section 49-68 of the County Code (Road Code) in order to incorporate it back into the originally created lot (Parcel B, Prevention) through a new record plat. The re-acquisition of this public right-of-way would enable the Applicant to re-create a recorded lot and possibly use this Abandonment Area for development in the future (see Attachment 2).

#### Section 49-68 states:

a) If any right-of-way, except a right-of-way located entirely in a municipality which has independent zoning and subdivision authority, has not been in public use, one or more abutting property owners may petition the Planning Board to abandon the right-of-way. The petition must take the form of a preliminary plan for the subdivision of land, and must state the reason for the proposed abandonment and show any proposed relocation or realignment of the right-of-way, where applicable.

- *b)* The petitioner must notify:
  - (1) each person with a recorded financial interest in land abutting the right-of-way;
  - (2) the Department of Transportation;
  - (3) the County Fire and Rescue Service;
  - (4) the Police Department;
  - (5) the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, when applicable;
  - (6) each public utility operating in the area;
  - (7) the governing body of each incorporated municipality or special taxing district which adjoins the right-of-way sought to be abandoned; and
  - (8) Any grantee of a franchise under Article 2, if the franchise authorizes the grantee to install or use any facility in, over, or under the affected right-of-way.
- c) The Planning Board must solicit the comments of each notice recipient, and then promptly determine whether:
  - (1) the right-of-way previously was improved or used for the purposes for which it was intended or dedicated; and
  - (2) the right-of-way is necessary for anticipated public use.
- d) If a recipient of notice under subsection (b) does not respond within 60 days after the notice is sent, the Planning Board must presume that the recipient does not oppose the proposal.
- e) If the Planning Board finds that the right-of-way is not necessary for anticipated future public use or that an alternative alignment or location will not adversely affect the public interest, the Board may authorize the right-of-way to be abandoned by incorporating the abandoned land into an amended plat of subdivision. The amended subdivision plat must require the dedication of any land needed for rights-of-way, easements, and other public uses.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Abandonment Area is a largely undeveloped wooded area that has never been in public use as a roadway. Staff finds that this area can be safely abandoned without adverse impact to the abutting properties or the public mobility in the area. Staff finds that the right-of-way is not necessary for anticipated public use and that the abandoned land must be incorporated into the Subject Property through an amended plat of subdivision.

The 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan recommended the deletion of several roadways, including Aspen Hill Road Extended. The Master Plan notes that proposed roadways, such as this part of Aspen Hill Road, "are locations that do not have any future significant value as portions of the network, or where the future cost and/or environmental effects of the connection are too high to justify its construction for the potential benefit" (p.161). Staff finds that the basis for the proposed abandonment is consistent with the goals and objectives of the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) does not object to the proposed abandonment and believes that this right-of-way can safely be abandoned without adverse impact to the abutting properties or the public mobility in this area (see Attachment 3).

Currently, Pepco has both overhead and underground facilities in the Aspen Hill Extended right-of-way, and has agreed to the abandonment request provided that the record plat reflects a Pepco easement for the right-of-way area to allow existing Pepco facilities to remain in their current locations (see Attachment 4).

To satisfy the Policy Area Mobility Review (PAMR) test for the Parklawn North Property, the Applicant for the unrelated Preliminary Plan No. 120110300 and Site Plan No. 820110090 is required to provide the hiker-biker shared use path, B-2, between Wilkins Avenue Extended and Veirs Mill Road, which may cross the Subject Property in the vicinity of the eastern portion of the Abandonment Area. That Applicant is working with the Planning Department and the Department of Parks staff to implement this shared use path (see Attachment 5). Staff recommend that the Applicant for the proposed abandonment allow necessary public access easement for B-2 to cross the Abandonment Area, if needed.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The proposed amendment is exempt from the requirements of submitting a Forest Conservation Plan per the approved Forest Conservation Exemption, #42014085E, dated November 18, 2013 (see Attachment 6) per Chapter 22A, Section 22A-5(m) of the Forest Conservation Law. This exemption covers a real estate transfer to provide a security, leasehold, or other legal or equitable interest in a portion of a lot or parcel if;

- (1) The transfer does not involve a change in land use, or new development or redevelopment with associated land disturbing activities; and
- (2) Both the grantor and grantee file a declaration of intent.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Applicant has complied with all submittal and noticing requirements, and staff has not received correspondence from any community groups as of the date of this report.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Staff finds that the basis for the abandonment of Aspen Hill Road Extended right-of-way is consistent with the goals and objectives of the *North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan*, and that the Aspen Hill Extended right-of-way is not necessary for anticipated future public use and the proposed abandonment will not adversely affect the public interest. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Planning Board authorize the right-of-way to be abandoned by incorporating the abandoned land into an amended plat of subdivision.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - Plat No. 7381 and 7500

Attachment 2 – The New Plat

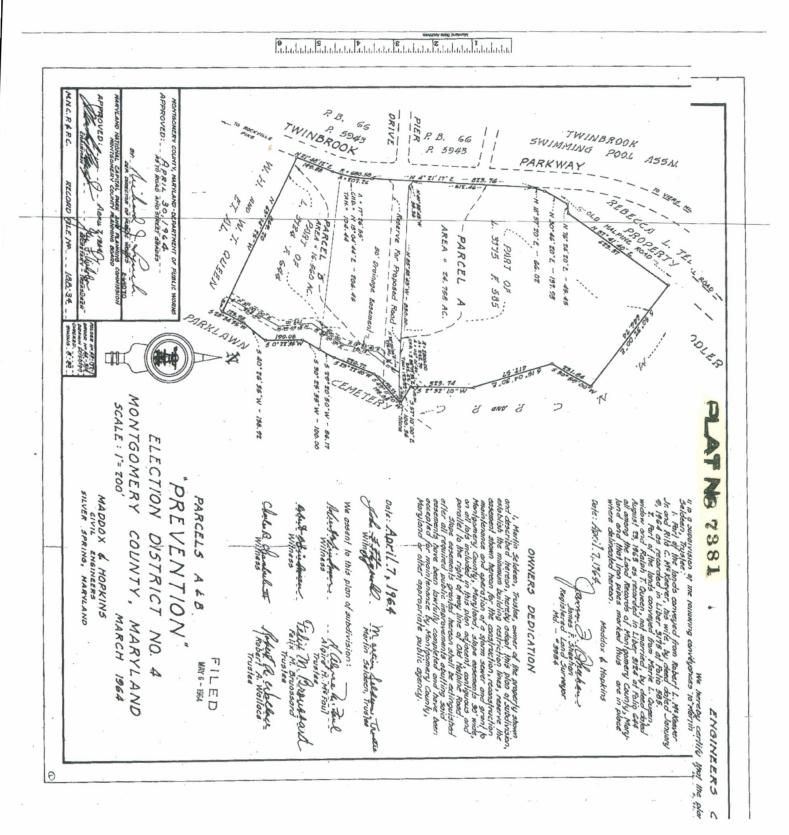
Attachment 3 – MCDOT Approval Letter

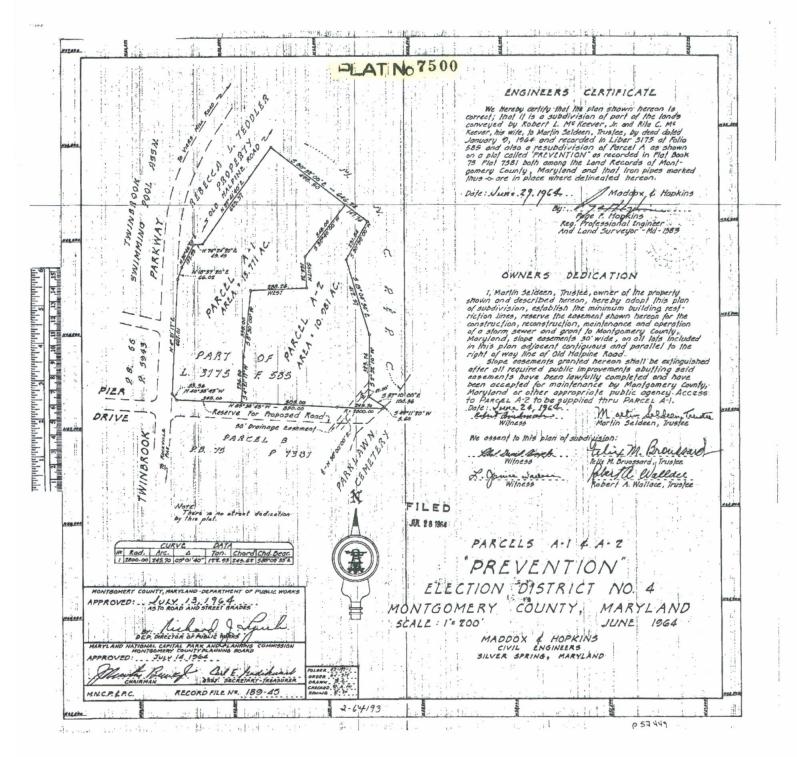
Attachment 4 - PEPCO Comments

Attachment 5 – Hiker/Biker Trail Alignment

Attachment 6 – FC Exemption Letter

Attachment 7 - Letter from Applicant





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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

October 18, 2013

Arthur Holmes, Jr. *Director* 

Mr. Patrick Butler, Senior Planner Area 2 Planning Division The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910-3730

Re:

Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 119964054A

Halpine View (a.k.a. "Prevention")

Aspen Hill Road Extended right-of-way abandonment

Dear Mr. Butler:

We have reviewed the proposed abandonment of this right-of-way for the former Aspen Hill Road Extended alignment. The August 1, 2013 application letter from Ms. Anne M. Mead indicates the area proposed for abandonment has not been in public use; therefore, the abandonment decision may be made by the Planning Board as part of a preliminary plan review.

We have reviewed the applicant's request and do not object to the proposed abandonment. We believe this portion of former right-of-way for Aspen Hill Road can safely be abandoned without adverse impact to the abutting properties or the public mobility in this area.

Thank your for the opportunity to review this preliminary plan. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Adams, our Development Review Engineer for this project at (240) 777-2197 or david.adams@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Leck, Manager Development Review Team.

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Cc: Anne M. Mead; Linowes and Blocher, LLP

Ed Axler; M-NCPPC Area 2 Mike Cassedy; MCDOT PAS David Adams; MCDOT DTEO

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Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:34 PM

To: catherine.conlon@montgomeryplanning.org; Mead, Anne M. - AMM

Subject: Halpine View - Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11964054A; Aspen Hill Road Extended

Right-of-Way Abandonment

Dear Ms. Conlon and Ms. Mead:

After reviewing the information for the subject matter, Pepco has the following comments:

Pepco has both overhead and underground facilities in this Aspen Hill Road Extended Right-of-Way, serving Parcel A-1, Parcel A-2 and Parcel B. If Pepco agrees to this abandonment request, then these facilities will be in Parcel B, serving Parcel A-1 and Parcel A-2, which could be considered "Trespassing" on Parcel B.

In order for Pepco to consider this request, there are two options:

- 1. Provide a Pepco easement for this right-of-way area, so the existing Pepco facilities can stay in their current locations.
- 2. Pay Pepco to install additional facilities so Parcel A-1 and Parcel A-2 will be independent from the facilities in the right-of-way area, and the facilities in the current right-of-way area (future Parcel B after abandonment) will serve Parcel B only.

Should you have any questions and comments, please let us know.

#### Thank you,





November 18, 2013

Halpine Park LLC c/o Grady Management Attn: Judy Glassie 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 625 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Glassie:

This letter is to inform you that your request for an exemption from submitting a forest conservation plan 42014085E, Halpine View (a.k.a. Prevention), is confirmed. This plan confirmed on November 18, 2013 is in compliance with Chapter 22A-5(m) of the Forest Conservation Law.

This exemption covers a real estate transfer to provide a security, leasehold, or other legal or equitable interest in a portion of a lot or parcel if;

- (1) the transfer does not involve a change in land use, or new development or redevelopment, with associated land disturbing activities; and
- (2) both the grantor and grantee file a declaration of intent.

Any unauthorized changes from the approved exemption request may constitute grounds to rescind or amend any approval actions taken and to take appropriate enforcement actions. If you have any questions regarding these actions, please contact me by email at catherine.conlon@montgomeryplanning.org or at (301) 495-4542.

Sincerely,

Cathy Conlon, Supervisor

Development Application and Regulatory Coordination Division

Cc:

NRI/FSD 42014085E

Lynn Knaggs, Area Team 2

Anne Mead, Esquire, Linowes and Blocher LLP



August 1, 2013

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#### Via Email

Mr. Patrick Butler Senior Planner, Area 2 Division Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Halpine View (a.k.a "Prevention") - Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment No.

11964054A / Aspen Hill Road Extended Right-of-Way Abandonment

Dear Mr. Butler:

On behalf of Halpine Park LLC (the "Applicant"), the owner of approximately 37.32 acres of land located at 13001 Twinbrook Parkway, 5508 Dowgate Court, and 12813 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville and identified as Parcel A-2 and Part of Parcel A-1 of the "Prevention" Subdivision recorded at Plat No. 7500 on July 28, 1964 in the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland (the "Land Records") and Part of Parcel B of the Prevention Subdivision recorded at Plat No. 7381 on May 6, 1964 in the Land Records (the "Property"), we submit the enclosed Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment application materials (the "Application"). In accordance with Section 49-68 of the Montgomery County Code (the "Code"), the Application is intended to Petition the Planning Board to abandon the public right-of-way that currently bisects the Property as a "paper street" (the "Abandonment Area"). As explained in detail below, since the Abandonment Area has not been in public use since it was created in 1964 and the unbuilt section of roadway is recommended to be deleted in the 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan and not anticipated for future public use, the Applicant seeks the abandonment and restoration of the Abandonment Area back with the Property as part of Parcel B as part of a new record plat.

The Abandonment Area consists of 1.994 acres that was included as part of Parcel B of the Property on the aforementioned Plat No. 7381 recorded in the Land Records on May 6, 1964 for the Property with the specific notation of "reserve for proposed road." A copy of Plat No. 7381 is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit "A"</a>. The Abandonment Area is similarly referenced as "reserve for proposed road" on the subsequent Plat No. 7500 for the Property recorded in the Land Records on July 28, 1964. A copy of Plat No 7500 is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit "B"</a>. More significantly, the Abandonment Area was specifically described as the right-of-way for "the proposed road designated (A-7) Aspen Hill Road (extended) as shown on the Master Plan for the vicinity of Rockville" in the deed of conveyance (no consideration) from the previous owner of the Property



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to Montgomery County, which was recorded at Liber 3221 and Folio 441 in the Land Records on May 28, 1964 (the "Deed"). A copy of the Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

As anticipated in the Deed, the Property was subsequently developed and today includes an apartment community known as the "Halpine View Apartments." While the Applicant has used portions of the Abandonment Area for a private perpendicular internal driveway, some utility connections and private recreation facility (basketball court) shared with its neighbor as contemplated in the Deed for "the orderly" development of the apartments on the Property, the Abandonment Area is largely undeveloped turf or wooded area and has not been in public use. As noted in the seminal Maryland case on the issue of abandonment in Welker v. Strosnider<sup>1</sup>, the existence of sewer lines and use of an unimproved right-of-way area "merely by the abutting landowners . . . for ingress and egress, parking, recreation, or any combination of these and similar uses does not constitute public use." Therefore, under Section 49-68 of the Code, a petition to abandon the Abandonment Area properly goes before the Planning Board through this Application as a Limited Preliminary Plan Amendment. If the Planning Board determines that the road is not necessary for anticipated public use, the Board may authorize the right-of-way to be abandoned and incorporate it into an amended plat of subdivision, which must reflect any dedication for land needed for easements and other public use.

The Abandonment Area is not necessary for the public use as a roadway as anticipated in 1964. The 1992 North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan (the "Master Plan") confirms that this right-of-way for Aspen Hill Road extended should be deleted, noting it is one of the locations "that do not have any future significant value as portions of the network, or where the future cost and/or environmental effects of the connection are too high to justify its construction for the potential benefit." The relevant excerpts of the Master Plan are attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

As shown on the original Plat No. 7381 recorded in the Land Records on May 6, 1964, the Aspen Hill Road Right-of-Way was included as part of the area of the 16.56 acre Parcel B of the Property. Since the Master Plan recommends deletion of the Abandonment Area as a right-of-way, this Application requests the Planning Board approve the abandonment, and after any necessary coordination with Montgomery County with respect to a deed, restore the 1.994 acre

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 22 Md. App. 401 (1974).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Further, we note that the Planning Board, Planning Staff and reviewing agencies did not oppose the abandonment of the Abandonment Area in the Pre-Preliminary Plan review of the Property No. 720110090 on October 27, 2011 for a potential redevelopment application. While any redevelopment application for the Property is suspended indefinitely, the basis for the abandonment and Master Plan recommendation remains unchanged. Further, the Planning Staff noted at that time that if there were no permanent structures or improvements in the Abandonment Area, the Planning Board could approve the abandonment application.



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Abandonment Area to the current 14.566 acre Parcel B on a new subdivision plat (the "New Plat"). A sketch of the New Plat is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit">Exhibit "E</a>." The New Plat would properly reflect all existing easements and new proposed easements within the Abandonment Area.

Thank you for your assistance and coordination with the filing of this Application and distribution to the necessary agencies. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional materials.

Very truly yours,

LINOWES AND BLOCHER LLP

Anne M. Mead

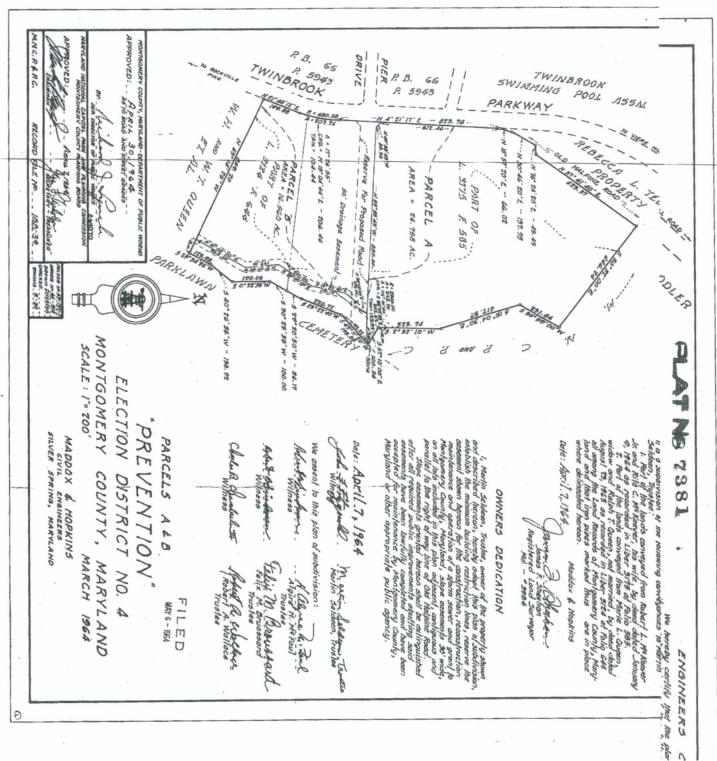
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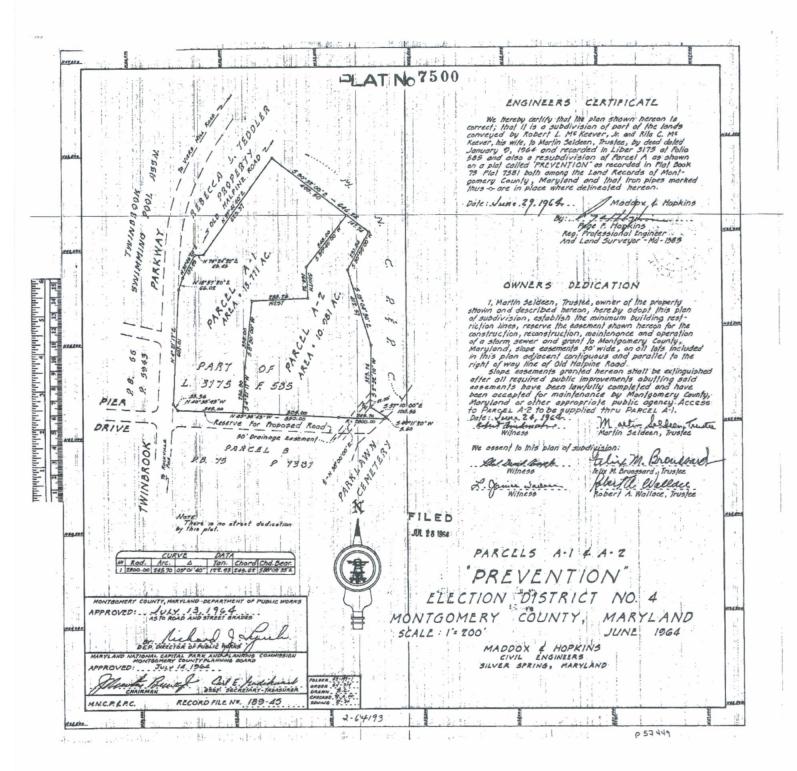
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Ms. Cathy Conlon

Mr. Michael Cassedy

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DEED

THIS DEED made this day of , 1964, by and between MARTIN SELDEEN, Trustee, GRANTOR, and Montgomery County, Maryland, GRANTEE, hereinafter called the "COUNTY",

#### WITNESSETH

THAT IN consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said GRANTOR does hereby grant, convey in fee simple, and release unto the COUNTY, a body corporate, its successors and assigns, all that piece or parcel of ground situate and lying in Montgomery County, Maryland, and more particularly described as follows:

"Being part of a conveyance from Robert L. McKeever, Jr., et ux to Martin Seldeen, Trustee by deed dated January 9, 1964, and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County in Liber 3175 at Folio 585; and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a point on the 15th line of the aforesaid conveyance, said point being S 49°11'20" W 5.60 feet from a stone at the beginning of said 15th line; thence running with part of said line

- 1. S 49 D11'20" W 121.77 feet, thence leaving said line and running so as to cross the aforesaid conveyance the following three courses and distances
- 2. 159.62 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 2880.00 feet, chord N  $87^{\circ}$ 13'59" 159.60 feet; thence
  - 3. N 85 38'43" W 850.00 feet, thence
- 4. S 49°21'17" West 35.36 feet to a point on the proposed relocation of Halpine Road, said point being on the 5th line of the aforesaid conveyance; N 4°21'17" E 86.75 feet from the beginning of said 5th line; thence running with part of said 5th line and said Road
- $5.~{\rm N}~4^{\rm O}21'17"$  E 130.00 feet, thence leaving said road and running so as to cross the aforesaid conveyance the following three courses and distances

6. S 40°38'43" E 35.36 feet, thence

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8. 245.70 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 2800.00 feet, chord \$ 88 09'33" E 245.62 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.994 acres of land, and being a part of Parcel B as per plat recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Plat Book 75 Plat 7381 , and being the area within the right of way for the proposed road designated (A-7) Aspen Hill Road (extended) as shown on the Master Plan for the vicinity of Rockville.

Subject to the following covenant and condition:

- 1. If the proposed road designated (A-7) Aspen Hill Road (extended) is constructed by Montgomery County as a Front Poot Benefit project, the grantor, his heirs and assigns covenant and agree to pay the Front Poot Benefit assessment, levied by Montgomery County in accordance with the provisions of the Montgomery County Code.
- 2. The grantor, his heirs and assigns reserve the right to construct driveways, walkways, public utilities, and necessary appurtenances, over and across the area described herein, in order to connect and provide for an orderly development of Parcel A with Parcel B as per plat recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County in Plat Book Plat , provided that all such facilities shall be removed or relocated at grantor's expense, at such time as A-7 road is constructed, if such facilities interfere with the construction work.

TOGETHER with the buildings, improvements, easements, rights and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining; together with a right of entry by the COUNTY upon so much of the contiguous land remaining in said GRANTORS as is necessary for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining or reconstructing necessary slopes for draining and/or stabilizing the abutting property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted property unto the said COUNTY, its successors or assigns, forever in fee simple.

AND THE SAID Martin Soldeen, Trustee, GRANTOR, does hereby covenant that he will warrant specially the said property hereby conveyed, and that he will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal this / day of //pri /, 1964. WITNESS:

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to wit:

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10 day of april , 1964, before the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid State and County, personally appeared Martin Seldeen, personally well-known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and did acknowledge the aforegoing deed to be his act.

(County Recoords) (MCA CE 63-3179) CKW-3221, p. 0443. Printed 05/31/201

Darlene C. Hiltz M Notary Public

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# NORTH BETHESDA GARRETT PARK



INCORPORATING STAGING
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CONFERENCE CENTER AMENDMENTS

Exhibit "D"



better local bus service and/or a high capacity transit connection between Montgomery Mall and the Grosvenor Metrorail station should also be part of these highway improvements.

- A grade separation of Nicholson Lane with Rockville Pike appears needed in
  the future if growth occurs as predicted. This location will experience large
  volumes of both north-south and east-west traffic. Continued at-grade
  expansion sufficient to accommodate predicted future growth will not be
  possible. Rockville Pike should be kept as a high capacity major roadway and
  not allowed to experience severe congestion, since this will result in traffic
  diverting to less desirable routes such as Old Georgetown Road.
- The intersection of Marinelli Road with Rockville Pike will need additional intersection capacity, with the design dependent upon the actual configuration of the new development in the currently under-developed adjacent areas. Both vehicular movements and pedestrian crossings will be essential considerations.
- The intersections of Old Georgetown Road with Democracy Boulevard and with Tuckerman Lane are projected to experience demand above the capacity of the current configuration. A configuration that will address the future demands would include additional turn lanes. The ability to accommodate expected traffic here depends in part on other improvements to the system keeping future volumes on Old Georgetown Road from increasing beyond those forecast. The ultimate designs should provide for safe pedestrian crossings.

#### **Unbuilt or Disconnected Streets**

There are several streets on the current Master Plan that have not been fully connected or built. This Plan recommends the following actions at specific locations:

- Edson Lane between Old Georgetown Road and Rockville Pike should be connected and serve as a Primary Street. This street has been on the North Bethesda Plan since 1962, before virtually any of the adjacent development was constructed. It would serve as a connector between these two major highways and also provide access for adjacent residential areas. There is insufficient eastwest movement capacity in this area and this street would provide an additional link in the street grid. Recommended restrictions on traffic include no trucks on Edson Lane, no through movement to or from White Flint Mall and turn restrictions at Woodglen Drive at some times of the day.
- One other unbuilt roadway section that should remain on the Master Plan of Highways and be constructed at an appropriate time is the Greyswood Road to Greentree Road connection. This section is potentially needed should the WMAL transmitter site redevelop.
- This Plan recommends deleting currently unbuilt sections of roadways at five locations, as shown on Figure 57. These are locations that do not have any future

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significant value as portions of the network, or where the future cost and/or environmental effects of the connection are too high to justify its construction for the potential benefit. Portions to be deleted include: Aspen Hill Road from Veirs Mill Road to Twinbrook Parkway, Old Club Road to Tuckerman Lane, Stonewood Lane to Ibsen Drive, Old Stage Road to Goya Drive, Weymouth Street to Knowles Avenue.

## Roadway Rights-of-Way

Table 11 identifies the recommended Master Plan of Highway and Street Classification with rights-of-way. This is used in the regulatory process as a guide to dedication and other actions. It incorporates the individual recommendations noted in other sections of this chapter.

## **Future Transitway Alignments**

The Transportation Network Studies have identified a need to establish and preserve rights-of-way in several locations throughout the mid-County area for possible future transitways or HOV priority roads. These are links in a regional network and are not envisioned to be built within the time frame of this Master Plan. However, the preservation of the right-of-way through the designation of the alignment for future transportation allows for future decision making and implementation should demands warrant. One such link parallels the alignment of the Montrose Parkway, from I-270 to Veirs Mill Road, and is included as future transit use in this Master Plan (shown on Figure 58). The capacity of this transitway was not included in the transportation analysis for this Plan.

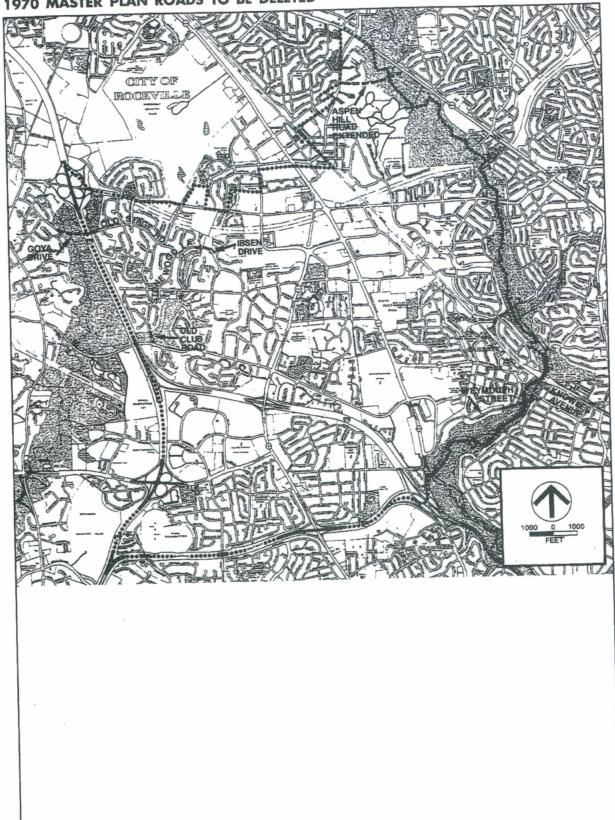
## **Development Review Regulatory Standards**

Revise the standards used for this planning area in the regulatory process at an appropriate time. The transit improvements and demand management actions noted above would justify the inclusion of North Bethesda in the AGP Group V, rather than the current Group IV. More bus services and better rail frequencies are key-elements, as are the supporting policies such as parking management and Transportation Management Districts. However, these changes should be funded, implemented, and even monitored for success before the category is revised. Also, the treatment of intersections in the Transportation Management Districts should be redefined, probably emphasizing an area-wide analytic approach and definition of needed actions that would be coordinated by Montgomery County, with developer participation.

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian System Improvements**

This Plan recommends a series of improvements to the bicycle and sidewalk network in North Bethesda, as part of an overall effort to encourage use of these modes for commuting. The overall Plan is shown on Figure 59, with key recommendations summarized below.

 Implement the current Master Plan of Bikeways, with appropriate additions recommended in this Master Plan, including the following:



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