Item #9



MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 15, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

A. Malcolm Shaneman Development Review Division (301) 495-4587

SUBJECT:

Informational Maps for Subdivision Items Planning Board's Agenda for March 21, 2002.

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Items #08, #09, #10. These subdivision items are scheduled for Planning Board consideration on March 21, 2002. The items are further identified as follows:

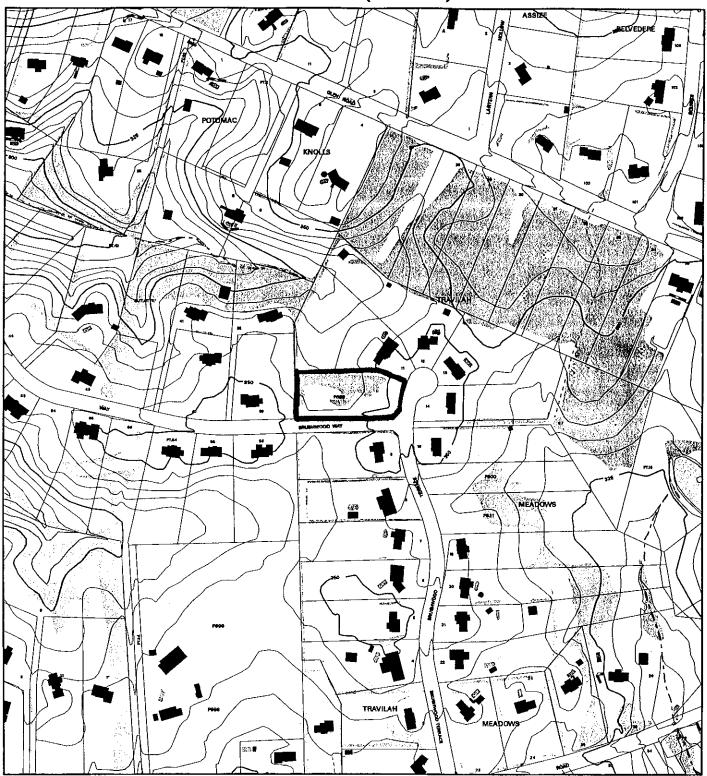
Agenda Item #08 - Subdivision Regulation Waiver SRW-02008 Farmington, Block 1, Lot 7

Agenda Item #09 - Preliminary Plan 1-02076 Travilah Meadows

Agenda Item #10 - Preliminary Plan 1-85245A Decoverly Hall

Attachment

TRAVILAH MEADOWS - LOT 10 (1-02076)



Map compiled on February 25, 2002 at 1:05 PM | Site located on base sheet no - 217NW13

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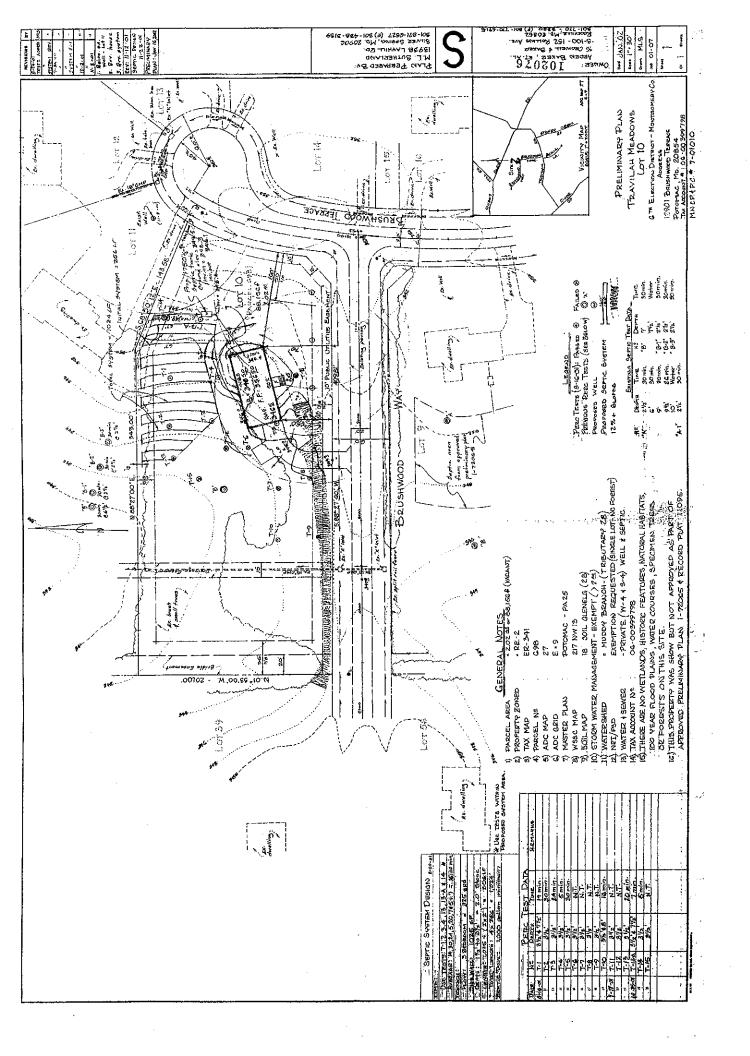
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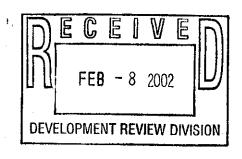






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February 6, 2002

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Reference:

Preliminary Plan #1-02076

Lot 10 Travilah Meadows

Brushwood Terrace & Brushwood Way

Dear Sirs,

On January 31, 2002, I received a "Notice of Application, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners Preliminary Subdivision Plan to be considered by the Montgomery County Planning Board."

I have the following comments on the above referenced preliminary plan:

- 1. I am concerned with the location of the septic system:
 - 1.1. The location of the septic tank and trenches is extremely close to my well. The potential for contamination exists, particularly if the system is not properly maintained or deteriorates with time. A septic tank or trench failure would flow towards my well since the grade is relatively flat at this section of the property.
 - 1.2. The location of the trenches abuts my southern property line. As designed, the trenches will almost touch the property line. I have specimen trees and shrubs planted along this property line and I am concerned that the excavation of the trenches will seriously damage the root systems and potentially kill these trees and shrubs. In addition, any leaching from the fields could damage these trees.
- 2. The septic system is designed for a 3 bedroom house. All the homes in our neighborhood are larger than 3 bedrooms and it therefore appears that this system is undersized for its eventual usage.
- 3. I am concerned with the validity of the percolation tests. The percolation tests were conducted from August 16 to October 25, 2001, a very dry period for the region. Since many of the test sites failed under ideal conditions, what would happen to the test sites that "passed" if conditions were wet or even normal? I thought that testing was suppose to be done during the spring. Years ago, the site previously failed either the water table or percolation tests- a clear indication that this site has drainage

- problems. I am concerned that some test sites got 'lucky" and under normal conditions would not have met minimum requirements.
- 4. My understanding is that the development of Travilah Meadows started 25+ years ago and this 2 acre site has remained vacant the entire time. It is a refuge for wildlife (deer, fox, etc) and a place for the neighborhood children to play, explore and enjoy nature. The development of this property would change the character of the neighborhood. I would encourage Arden, Baker not to develop this property and continue to keep these two acres as undeveloped land.

These are preliminary comments that I wanted you to receive before a public hearing is scheduled. There may be additional issues and concerns that could arise, particularly if I retain an engineer and legal counsel to further evaluate the proposal.

I would appreciate if I would be kept informed of the staff's evaluation of this plan and any issues that have already been raised by the Development Review Committee during or subsequent to the Pre-Preliminary review and the Preliminary review. Please advise me on how I can receive this information.

Yours truly,

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