Attachment 1.

Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

Compliance with Specific and General Special Exception Provisions

Section 111-35 General Provisions

- A. A special exception may be granted when the Board, or the Director, as the case may be, finds from a preponderance of the evidence produced at the hearing that:
 - The proposed use does not affect adversely the General Plan for the Physical development of the District, as embodied in this Ordinance and in any Master Plan or portion thereof adopted by the Commission; and

The use has been previously found to meet this provision. The proposed rearrangement of site plan features on the lot as well as the clarification of equipment and lighting does not represent a substantial change in the nature, character, or intensity of the use.

2. The proposed use will not affect adversely the health and safety of the residents or workers in the area and will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or the general neighborhood; and

No increase in intensity or change in access is proposed. Therefore, no new impact on traffic is anticipated. The proposed movement of the parking lot will increase the distance of employee parking from residences. Approval of the new lighting plan will permit installation of less intrusive lighting than what currently exists.

3. The standards set forth for each particular use for which a special exception may be granted have been met.

The two-acre minimum lot size is met. A variance of the 50-foot setback was granted for the house. Technical staff has identified the covered bins as buildings, which should be uncovered or moved out of the setback.

B. The applicant for a special exception shall have the burden of proof, which shall include the burden of going forward with evidence and the burden of persuasion on all questions of fact, which are determined, by the Board or the Director.

The petitioners representative has presented a statement of operations outlining the case.

p-1 Horticultural Nurseries And Commercial Greenhouses.

In any residential or C-O zone a horticultural nursery or commercial greenhouse, together with buildings incidental thereto, upon a finding by the board that such use will not constitute a nuisance because of traffic, noise or other factors. The sale of plants, trees, shrubs, seeds, fertilizers, plant foods, hand tools, hand spraying and watering equipment, and pesticides directly related to residential gardening shall be permitted, provided that such tools and equipment are not displayed outdoors. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit the sale or storage of general hardware or power equipment. No such horticultural nursery or commercial greenhouse shall be located on a tract of land containing less than two acres and no part of any buildings thereon shall be less than fifty feet from the nearest property line. (Ord. 6-65)

As noted above, the two-acre minimum lot size is met. A variance of the 50-foot setback was granted for the house. Technical staff has identified the covered bins as buildings, which should be uncovered or moved out of the setback.

GARDEN GATE LANDSCAPING



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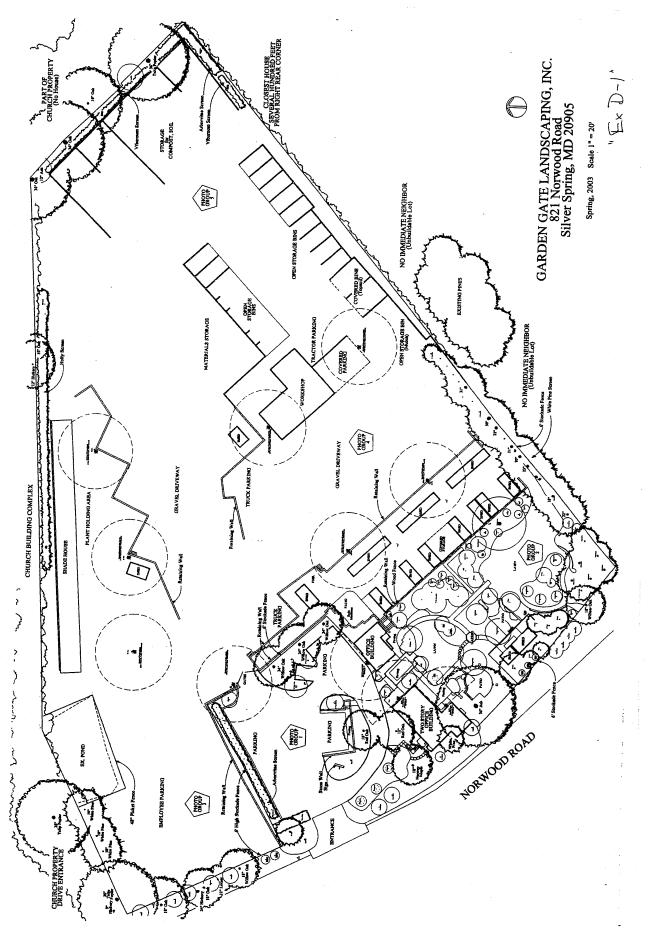
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