



MEMORANDUM

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE:

May 16, 2003

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 May 22, 2003.

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Item #1, #03, #04, and #05. This subdivision item is scheduled for Planning Board consideration on May 22, 2003. The items are further identified as follows:

Agenda Item #01 - Preliminary Plan 1-03056 Wheaton Place

Agenda Item #03 - Preliminary Plan 1-02023

Westchester

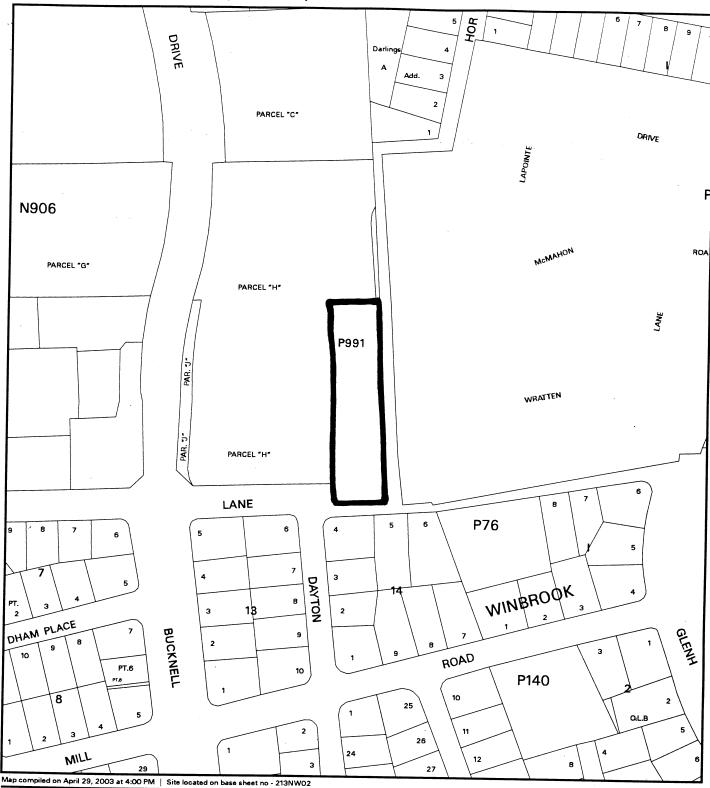
Agenda Item #04 - Preliminary Plan 1-03068

Mountain View Estates

Agenda Item #05 - Preliminary Plan 1-03060

Silver Spring Park

WHEATON PLACE (1-03056)



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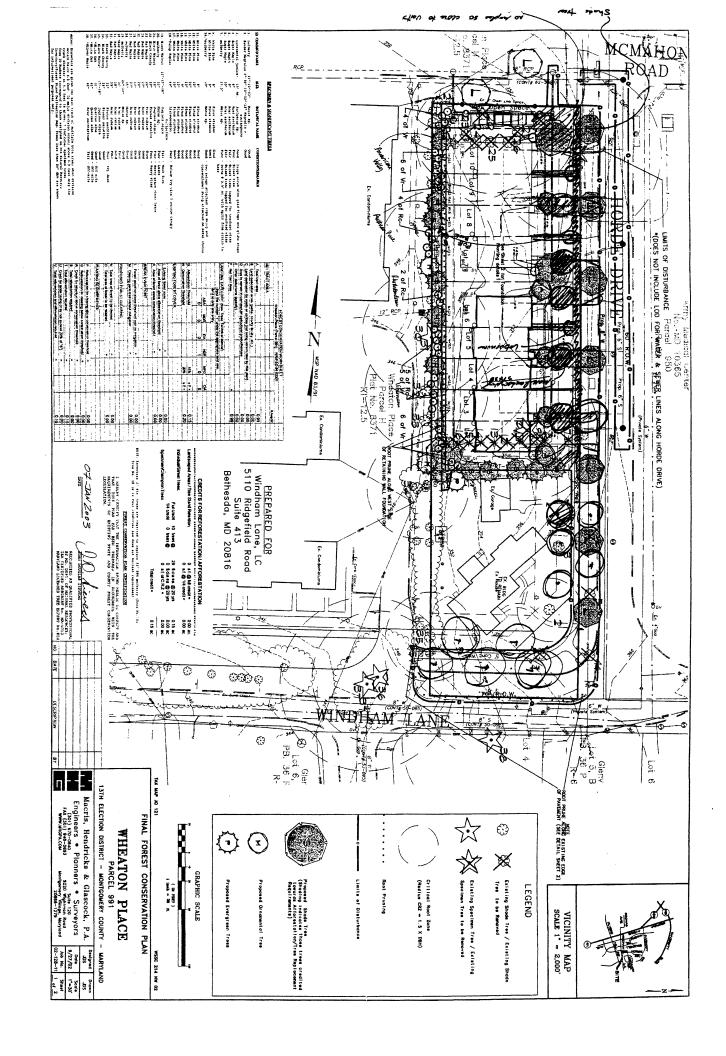






MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 2001 0-3760



Item#1

January 13, 2003

Development Review Committee M-NCPPC Development Review Division 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

Subject: Application for Subdivision Approval: Preliminary Plan <u>1-03056</u>. Wheaton Place

Dear Committee Members:

The undersigned resident-property owners adjacent to, or nearby, the subject property have several concerns regarding the compatibility of future development based on this requested subdivision of the subject site zoned RT 12.5.

We are concerned that approval of the subdivision as proposed will result in the construction of townhouses with a rear-to-front orientation to adjacent units: that the height of three story buildings will greatly diminish the natural lighting source to the existing two story units; that any new development increasing the amount of stormwater runoff and subsurface water pressure will cause water penetration in the basements of the existing units; and that the privacy of owners of adjacent units will be compromised.

Therefore, we request that the Committee defer its consideration of this application, given the incomplete information provided by the developer pertaining to the design of units and the issues and concerns presented in this letter by impacted property owners and residents.

Description of Area Surrounding Site

The Wheaton Square East Condominium (WSE) community borders the subject site on the north and west. Constructed around 1968, the 63-unit townhouse condominium community consists of single-family townhouse attached units with four to seven units in each row. Each unit is a two-story structure/with a <u>sub-surface</u> basement. Three private driveways run through the condominium property and connect to either Bucknell Drive or Windham Lane. East of Horde Street there is a multifamily complex. South of the site are single family detached homes.

One of the rows, consisting of six units, faces the subject property on the west property line of the subject site and runs from the north property line of the subject site south approximately 140 feet. The distance from the unit façade of this building to the property line is approximately 25 feet.

Issues and Concerns of Property Owners

• How will buildings on the site be oriented? Based on the subdivision plan, the rear of the proposed units will face the front of the existing units on the west property line. The distance from the façade of fronting units to the property line is approximately 25 feet. For the residents-owners of these units, the rear-to-front orientation of structures at this close proximately exposes them to undesirable odors from garbage, noise from backyard activities, and other unforeseen conditions during the life of the existing property. Given the information provided about the proposed development it will diminish the relative value our units and their desirability to future residents and owners.

A more compatible orientation would be to build the units facing the existing units. Units to the west and east of the subject property would have front-to-front or rear-to-rear orientation, respectively.

- Will the design and arrangement of units to be built block natural lighting (day and night) from adjacent buildings? Existing units are two levels above grade, approximately 25 feet high. According to the sub-division plan, buildings constructed on the site will be three levels above grade, approximately 35 feet high. A difference of ten feet in building height will exist between the proposed and existing buildings. The three story buildings will block the natural light source to the existing units from the east.
- Will stormwater runoff to adjacent property increase? The subject property slopes
 downward towards the west property line. Some residents along the west property
 line are currently experiencing drainage problems after rains. Has the developer made
 adequate provisions to avoid an increase in stormwater runoff to the adjacent
 property?
- Will sub-surface groundwater and pressure towards the existing units on the west property line increase? Existing units adjacent to the subject site have basements below grade. We are concerned with the possibility that the proposed development will increase underground water and pressure around basements and cause them to leak. Basements in some units in the WSE have already been damaged by water penetration. Will the construction of additional units in its vicinity contribute to this problem?
- How will the units be aligned with existing units to maintain maximum privacy? Will adjacent WSE residents along the west property line and their movements -- have adequate privacy from Wheaton Place property owners? The owner/developer has not made elevation and unit plans available to residents so that they can determine the impact of the unit design and height of units on their privacy.

The undersigned residents and owners are willing to continue meeting with the owner/developer to resolve these issues. However, given the information provided about the proposed development at this time, we request that the committee defer approval of the application.

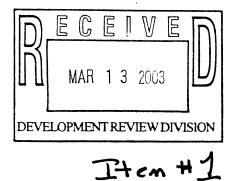
Respectfully,

The undersigned residents of the Wheaton Square East Condominium Community

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March 6, 2003

Development Review Committee M-NCPPC Development Review Division 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760



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Subject: Application for Subdivision Approval – Preliminary Plan 1-03056 Wheaton Place

Dear Committee Members:

We, the undersigned, have gathered the names on the attached petition to ask that Windham Lane not be changed if the proposed townhouses on Horde Street are approved.

We, along with our neighbors in the Wheaton Square East community, would like to express our concerns about the development plans for Wheaton Place. We think that too many townhouses are in the plans. The developers want to build 9 townhouses with double garages. However, their plans to solve the drainage problems are inadequate, proposing to use rain barrels to collect rain water. The developers want to put up a 72" board fence after removing the entire vegetation screen between the two properties.

We are also submitting a copy of a letter, in which the concerns of the owners on Bucknell Drive are expressed.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Martinez

Marie Sacks

Enclosures: 2

cc: Mary Beth O'Quinn, M-NCPPC Malcom Shaneman, M-NCPPC Ron Welke, M-NCPPC

PETITION AGAINST THE WIDENING OF WINDHAM LANE, SILVER SPRING, MD

We, the homeowners of Windham Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland, are concerned about the possibility of the widening of Windham Lane. We see no need for this because the road ends in a deadend lane.

We call on the County to maintain the current roadway width and condition between Bucknell Drive and Horde Street, and to preserve the trees along Windham Lane.

Over the last thirty years, there has been no traffic congestion or other problem, but widening the roadway would allow people to drive at a higher speed, which would make our street much more dangerous.

We hope that you will consider our wishes to preserve our environment.

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