

MCPB  
Item No. 2  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Daniel K. Hardy, Supervisor *DKH*  
Transportation Planning

FROM: Ki H. Kim, Planner *KHK*  
Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: DPWT Docket No. AB-663  
Abandonment of Portion of Unimproved Ronald Drive  
Potomac

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff recommends approval of the subject abandonment with the following condition:**

**The application retains a 20-foot wide right-of-way for a future pedestrian and bikeway connection between Falls Road and Gary Drive.**

**DISCUSSION**

This abandonment is for a portion of the dedicated right-of-way of unimproved Ronald Drive located north of the Village of Potomac between Falls Road and Gary Drive as shown on the general location map (Attachment A) and the detailed drawing (Attachment B). The portion of Ronald Drive being abandoned is entirely forested and connected to Gary Road by 20-foot wide right-of-way for a future pedestrian and bikeway path.

Staff recommends approval of the requested abandonment with a condition to retain a 20-foot wide right-of-way for a future pedestrian and bikeway connection between Falls Road and Gary Drive. The forested part of this site is almost entirely within the 100-foot stream buffer of the headwater mainstream of Rock Run. Thus, staff agrees that the roadway connection from Falls Road to Gary Drive is not needed, and is not desirable due to its location within the forested stream valley of the sensitive headwaters of Rock Run. The 2002 Approved and Adopted Potomac Master Plan does not recommend improvement of Ronald Drive and the proposed abandonment will not adversely affect the surrounding area. The County Council has authorized the abandonment of a portion of the right-of-way for Ronald Drive west of the subject site except retaining a 20-foot wide right-of-way for a pedestrian/bikeway path (AB 395, County Council Resolution No. 8-2101, shown on Attachment B). The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) will require a 20-foot wide area of the subject Right-of-way to remain for a continuation of the pedestrian/bike path. DPWT will determine the location of this strip, north of and away from the stream.

Staff concludes that the right-of-way being abandoned except for a 20-foot wide future pedestrian/bikeway path connection is not necessary for present public use or anticipated for public use in the foreseeable future.

KHK:gw  
Attachments

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ATTACHMENT "A"

STATES

POTOMAC

Potomac Church  
549 Ac.  
P603

ROUTE 189

P555

P580

F. & K. M. Spour  
2858/588  
4.84 Ac.  
P661

ROAD

P648

SEC 1 2

WYNN L.A.

P756

SEC 1 2

OUTLOT "A"

SEC 1

HILLS

KETCHUMS

WOODFORD

SUB.

P801

HOLLY HILL

PT. ABNE

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P912

P875 Z N.

P876

POTOMAC

COUNSELMAN

FALLS

HILLS

P051

COURT

PAR. "C"

PAR. "D"

POTOMAC

P057

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P111

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PARCEL "D"  
POTOMAC

PARCEL "C"  
HILLS

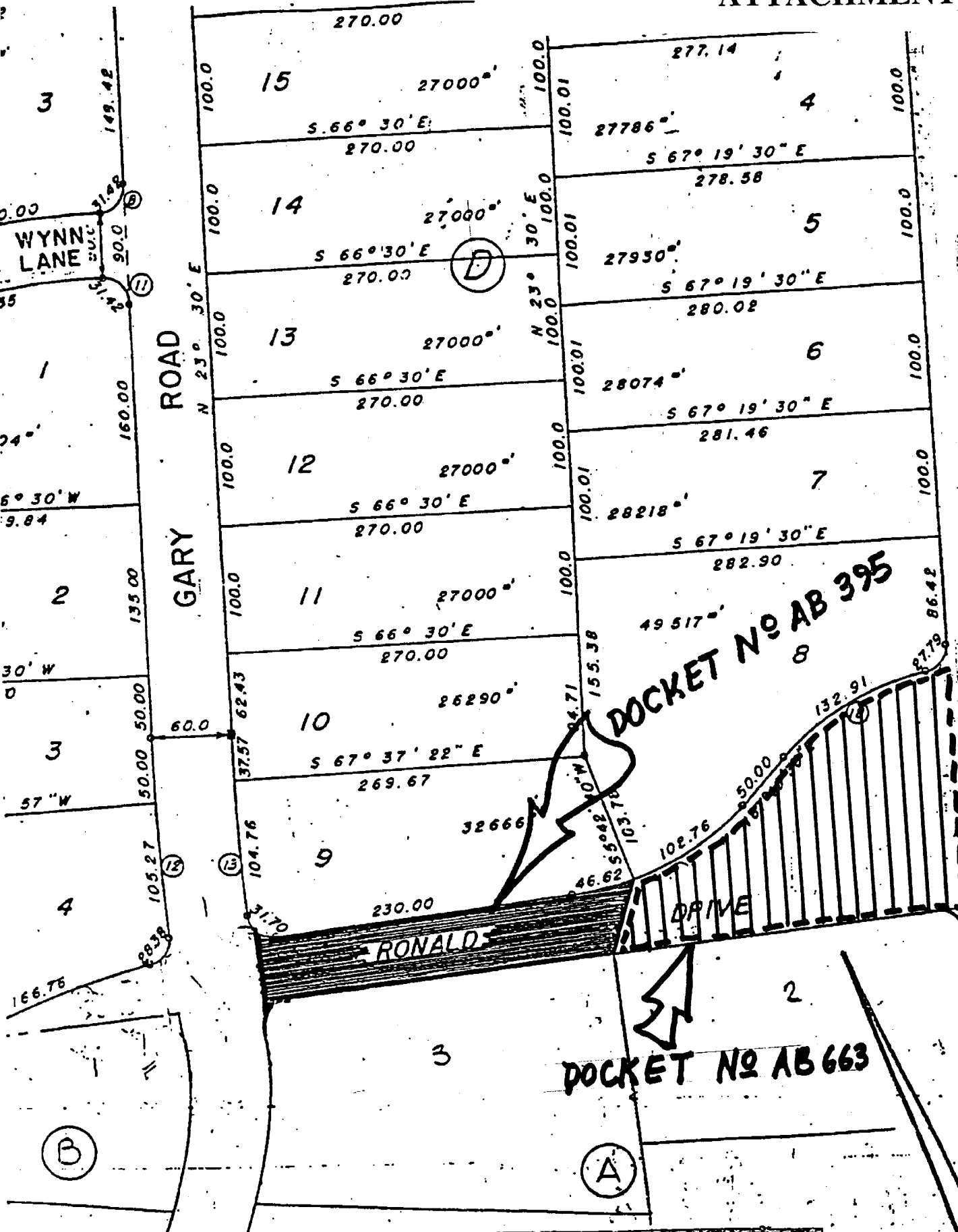
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FALLS ROAD  
 MD. RT. 189

DETAIL MAP  
 RONALD DRIVE