

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

January 19, 2005

Agenda Date: January 27, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

Michael F. Riley, Chief, Park Development Division

FROM:

William E. Gries, Land Acquisition Specialist

SUBJECT:

Montrose Parkway West - Authorization to Convey to Montgomery

County, Maryland 0.84 acres, more or less, unimproved, as Right-of-Way

for the Montrose Parkway West Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation has requested that the Commission convey to it 37,001 square feet (0.84 acres), more or less, unimproved, as right-of-way for the Montrose Parkway West Improvement Project. See attached letter dated September 8, 2004. The Commission property required for this project is identified as Outlot "B", Block 3 on a plat of subdivision entitled "Tilden Woods" recorded in Plat Book 69 at Plat No. 6486 of the Land Records for Montgomery County. This property is needed by the County for the Montrose Road Improvement Project to provide an alternate access to the Faith United Methodist Church property located south of Montrose Road, west of its intersection with Tilden Wood Drive, and as a site for a stormwater management facility.

The land requested was acquired by the Commission, at no cost, from the developer of "Tilden Woods" by deed dated December 18, 1962. This property is shown on Map "A", attached. At the time of its conveyance to the Commission, the property was in the master planned right-of-way for the Outer Beltway which later became known as the Rockville Facility and now is known as Montrose Parkway West. During the more than 40 years that this property was held by the Commission, it was not considered to be parkland, but land held for future road use.

The Montrose Parkway West road project was reviewed and approved, with comments, by the Montgomery County Planning Board as a mandatory referral item on

July 26, 2001. The impacts of this project on Outlot "B", Block 3 "Tilden Woods" were indicated on the plans presented to the Board as part of the mandatory referral.

COMPENSATION

In that this property was acquired by the Commission for road purposes, at no cost, the County is expecting that the Commission will convey this property to it for road purposes, also at no cost. This expectation is based on an existing agreement between DPW & T and the Planning Board which provides that M-NCPPC will convey rights-of-way and grant necessary slope easements and drainage easements for road projects located adjacent to or across Park property whenever required by a Master Plan or as a condition of subdivision approval. Further, this agreement provides that in those instances where the Commission received the land at no cost, they will convert the affected property to right-of-way and easements at no cost. Conversely, though it does not apply here, the agreement provides that in those instances where M-NCPPC paid for the land, the County will reimburse M-NCPPC for the cost of the right-of-way and easements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Board convey the herein described property to Montgomery County, Maryland for the Montrose Parkway West Improvement Project. It is further recommended that this conveyance be made at no cost to the County consistent with the existing agreement between DPW & T and the Planning Board for land conversions of this nature. Assuming the Board approves the staff recommendation, this matter will be scheduled for final approval action of the full M-NCPPC as the property to be conveyed is titled in the name of the Commission.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

Michael C. Hoyt Acting Director

September 8, 2004

Bill Gries Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Comm. 9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B-113 Silver Spring, MD 20901

Re:

Outlot "B", Tilden Woods Montrose Parkway West CIP Project # 500311

Dear Bill:

The Department of Public Works and Transportation has finalized its plans for Montrose Parkway West and this office is in the process of acquiring the needed right of way in connection with the project. In that regard, this is to request that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission convey to the County the above-referenced Outlot "B" at this time.

As you know, the subject property was acquired for road purposes through the subdivision process for Tilden Woods (Plat No. 6486) in 1961. A copy of the plat is attached.

Please let me know if there is any problem with the Commission granting this request. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

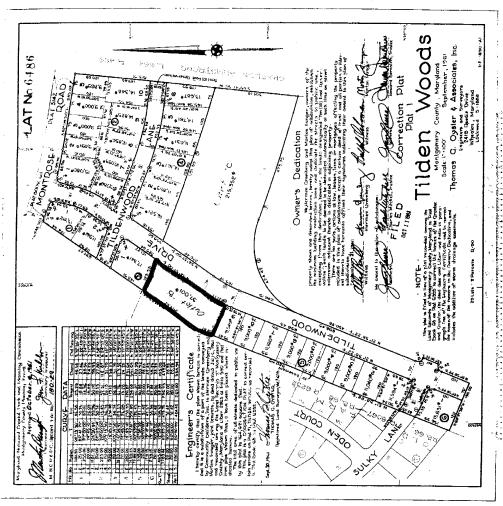
Sincerely,

Dennis Robinson Real Estate Analyst

enclosure (plat)







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