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Arthur and Tina Williams 7618 Royal Dominion Dr. Bethesda, MD 20817

March 11, 2005

Tariq A. El-Baba Associate General Counsel The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Suite 205 Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Sincerely, Mthu W. Williams

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May 6, 2005

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Sincerely,

ARMUR WILLIAMS

Arthur W. Williams, III

To: Montgomery County Planning Board

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

From: The Residents of the Orchard Way and Notley Road Communities

Date: January 31, 2005

RE: The Proposed Pedestrian Walkway Between Orchard and Notley via Berkely

"Colesville Farms Estates" Subdivision

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We have serious concerns about this proposed pedestrian walkway and the impact it will have on the security, tranquility and continuity of our communities. For over 50 years the Orchard and Notley communities have been stable neighborhoods best typified by their unique enclave character with the tranquility and security that this limited access brings. The issue of movement from one neighborhood to the other has never been raised as a problem – in fact, just the opposite has been discussed. This is considered to be a positive characteristic of our communities. The natural walking patterns are within ones immediate blocks where the daily interactions and lifelong relationships have been well established. Although the positive intentions of those proposing this are understood and appreciated, its retro-fit into established communities such as ours is ill conceived and risky at this point in our community development.

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Thomas and Sharon Greene 904 Orchard Way Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 301 236-9707

April 14, 2005

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Development Review Division 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Ref: Plan of Subdivision 1-05004; Name of Plan: Colesville Farm Estates; Location: 911 and 1001 Orchard Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

### **Dear Commission Members:**

We are writing in reference to the above plan. We reside directly across the street (904 Orchard Way, Lot 12) from the proposed development.

Initially, we were under the impression that the plans were already approved. Upon further discovery, we found this not to be the case and we would like to offer the following opinions:

While we do not want to block Mr. Arthur Williams's, application for a new home, we do regret the loss of the now vacant lot, i.e. the right of way for Somerset Lane. This area provides a scenic and natural area enhancing the beauty of our street. It also is a recreational area for children to play games such as baseball and football. We would also like to see exactly what kind of home is being proposed. Also is more than one home being proposed? We would be definitely against that kind of development.

We believe that a proposed pedestrian/bike path, as shown in the above proposal, linking Orchard Way and Notley Road, would be beneficial to two neighborhoods, Paint Branch Farms and Colesville Farm Estates. As it stands now, to traverse from one neighborhood to the other, one must cut through owners' yards or travel up to New Hampshire Avenue, a busy six-lane highway, about a mile away.

The neighborhoods should be connected; this will provide access to facilities such as the Twin Farms Community Pool and the Colesville Shopping Centers, and open more neighborhoods for walking, running, and bicycle riding. Thus making both neighborhoods more desirable places to live and restricting the amount of car use. As an example, for our family to access the Twin Farms Pool, we must drive

to New Hampshire Ave., then Randolph Road, and finally Fairland Road. If the walkway was built, this would be a ten minute bike ride as opposed to a 10 minute or longer car ride. Needless to say, anything to reduce traffic congestion should be appreciated by all. For us walkers/runners, we are limited to two streets in our neighborhood, Hobbs Drive and Orchard Way. It would be nice if we could use all of the streets in Paint Branch Farms, as well as our own, without having to use the pedestrian-unfriendly New Hampshire Avenue.

As opposed to Mr. Williams' letter, we do not wish to remain separate from the other neighborhoods. We look forward to joining them and we believe they will too. We regret signing Mr. Williams's letter; it was done in haste and an incomplete understanding of the proposal. We apologize for the misunderstanding. We now wish to be recorded as in favor of a paved walkway on the Somerset Lane right-of-way. Neighborhoods that are connected by biking or walking, will improve the livability for everyone. We think this is what was desired in the Master Plan for the Colesville area. Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely:

Thomas and Sharon Greene

C.C. Mr. Mike Cassidy, Office of Real Estate, Montgomery County Dept. of Public Works and Transportation



| Resolution _ | 8-2038        |  |  |  |
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| Introduced _ | June 20, 1978 |  |  |  |
| Adopted      | June 20, 1978 |  |  |  |

#### COUNTY COUNCIL

### FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SUBJECT: Notley Road . . . DOT Docket No. AB-401

WHEREAS the County has been petitioned by W. M. Emshwiller to abandon a portion of Notley Road in Colesville Farm Estates; and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing to consider the abandonment proposal was conducted on January 31, 1978 by Designee of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS there was no opposition expressed to the abandonment; and

WHEREAS the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Washington Gas Light Company and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission indicated no objection; and

WHEREAS the Potomac Electric Power Company expressed no objection provided it is granted an easement for its overhead power line crossing; and

WHEREAS the Montgomery County Planning Board consented to the abandonment with the requirement that petitioner dedicate sufficient area to provide standard right-of-way width for the remaining portion of Notley Road; and

WHEREAS the Montgomery County Department of Transportation consented to the abandonment providing there is no conflict with the future development of Parcel P420 which abuts Notley Road; and

WHEREAS the Hearing Officer recommended conditional approval of the abandonment, as indicated in his Report and Recommendation; and

WHEREAS the County Executive concurred with recommendation of the Hearing Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, that

- The County Council finds that the northeasterly spur of Notley Road is no longer necessary for present or anticipated future public use.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code, as amended, the County Council hereby abandons an approximate 15,000 square feet area of Notley Road right-of-way which borders Lots 9, 10 and Outlot "A" in Block F, which was dedicated to public use in Plat Book 31 at Plat No. 1917 entitled "Plat 3— Colesville Farm Estates"; effective upon meeting the following conditions:
  - (a) grant of 10 feet wide easement for overhead power line utility crossing,
  - (b) dedication, by the petitioner, of sufficient area which would provide for a minimum 60 feet wide Notley Road right-of-way at its intersection with Grasmere Road, and
  - (c) filing of a further Plat to assemble land accruing from the abandonment with the abutting properties, at no cost to the County.
- The County Attorney shall cause authenticated copy of this Resolution to be filed in the County Land Records in conformity with the Montgomery County Code.

A True Copy

ATTEST

(Mrs.) Anna P. Spates Secretary

of the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland



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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

(301) 589-1480

January 27, 1978

Mr. Edward Borysiewicz Staff Services Coordinator Mont. Co. Dept. of Transportation Room 505 - 6110 Executive Blvd. Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Notley Rd.

DoT Docket No. AB-401

Dear Mr. Borysiewicz

I am writing to advise you that the Montgomery County Board considered the petition for the abandonmet of a segment of Notley Rd. abutting lots 9 & 10, Bk F in the "Colesville Farm Estates" subdivision at its meeting of January 26, 1978.

At that time the Board voted to recommend the street be abandoned, with the condition that the abutting lots be resubdivided, including out lot "A".

The petitioner will be required, at the time of re-subdivision, to dedicate the area needed to bring the existing Right-of-Way to Montgomery County Secondary street standards.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact me.

Very truly yours,

John J. Broda, Coordinator

Subdivision Office

Development Review Division

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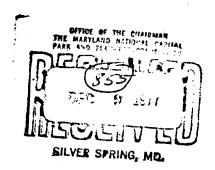


# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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December 8, 1977

Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20907



Re: Notley Road

DOT Docket No. AB-401

Dear Dr. Hanson:

Enclosed for review by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is Executive Order AB-23-77 describing subject petition for abandonment, with attached copy of location map.

It is hereby requested that the Planning Board submit its recommendation to the Department of Transportation prior to date of Public Hearing.

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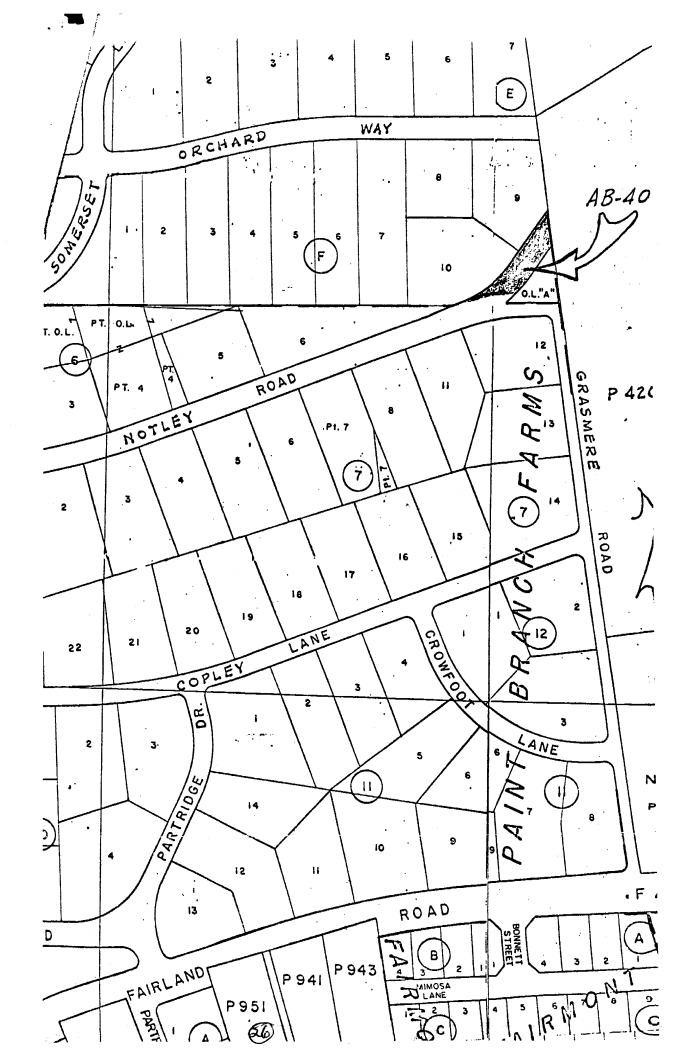
Sincerely,

Edward Borysiewicz

Staff Services Coordinator

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# Office Of The County Executive Montgomery County, Maryland

Executive Order

Number AB-23-77

Subject

Notley Road DOT Docket No. AB-401 Effective Date November 11, 1977

Originating Department

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

 Pursuant to Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code (1972 Edition as amended), the County Executive or his Designee shall conduct a Public Hearing -

at 8:00 P. M. on Tuesday, January 31, 1978 in the Auditorium (on First Floor) of the County Office Building at Rockville,

to consider a Petition heretofore submitted by W. M. Emshwiller seeking the abandonment of -  $\,$ 

a segment of Notley Road right-of-way abutting Lots 9 and 10, Block F, located within "Colesville Farm Estates" Subdivision, in the 5th Election District;

as more fully described on Exhibits which are available for examination at the Rockville offices of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation at 6110 Executive Boulevard.

 After the aforesaid Hearing, the Hearing Officer shall report his findings and recommendations to the County Executive for further consideration as prescribed by the County Code.

Approved

Chief Administrative Officer

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Copy to: County Executive File Secretary of Council

# FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## By County Council

SUBJECT: DOT DOCKET NO. AB 593 - ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF MONOCACY DRIVE

## **BACKGROUND**

- 1. Donald A. and Marilyn S. Boerum, Nancy B. Falcigno, and Brian P. Daitch petitioned the County for abandonment of a portion of Monocacy Drive described as a 60 foot wide dedicated, unimproved, non-maintained right of way extending 258 feet and consisting of 15,480 square feet. Monocacy Drive is located in Colesville Farm Estates, Silver Spring, and recorded as Plat 1915 in Plat Book 31.
- A public hearing to consider the abandonment proposal was conducted on January 8, 1992 by Philip J. Tierney, Designee of the County Executive.
- 3. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission granted a conditional approval.
- 4. The Washington Gas Company and Potomac Electric Power Company granted approval to the proposed abandonment.
- 5. The Department of Fire and Rescue and Department of Police have no objections to the proposed abandonment.
- The Montgomery County Planning Board, recommended approval of the abandonment.
- The Department of Transportation recommended a conditional approval of the abandonment.
- The County Executive recommended conditional approval of the abandonment.

## Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings Stella B. Werner Council Office Building Rockville, Maryland 20850 217-6660

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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THE PETITION OF DONALD A. AND MARILYN S. BOERUM, NANCY B. FALCIGNO AND BRIAN P. DAITCH FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF MONOCACY DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, IN THE 5TH ELECTION DISTRICT.

Department of Transportation Docket No. AB-593 (DOT Referral No. 91-4)

Before: Philip J. Tierney, Hearing Examiner

### HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

### I. PROCEDURAL STATUS

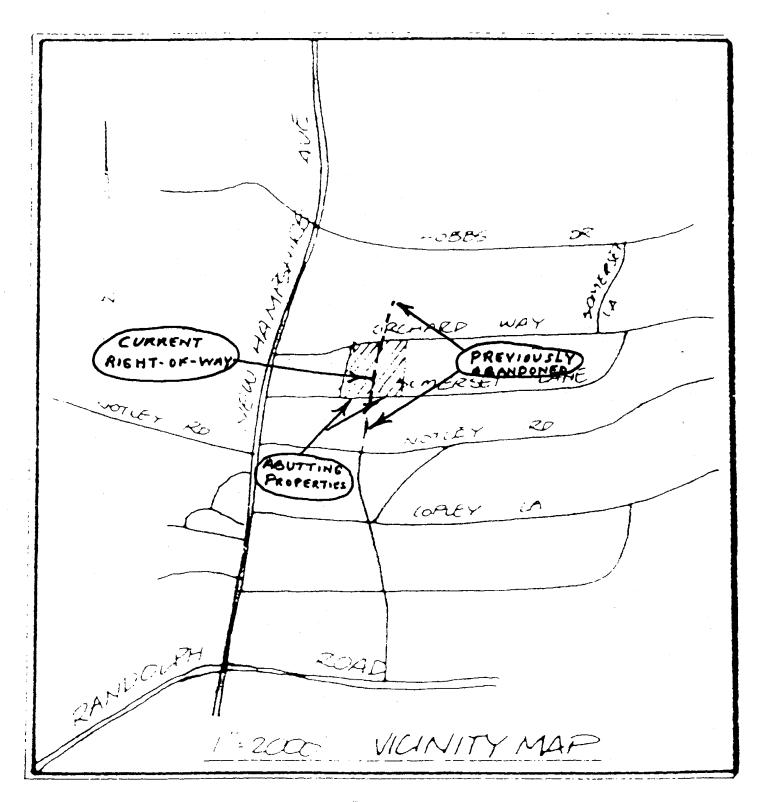
On May 13, 1991, Donald A. and Marilyn S. Boerum, Nancy B. Falcigno and Brian P. Daitch, residents of Orchard Way and abutting property owners to an unbuilt right-of-way for Monocacy Drive, Silver Spring, filed a petition with the County Executive for its abandonment.

Executive Order No. 330-91, dated October 28, 1991, authorized a hearing on the petition and designated a hearing examiner to preside. Public notice was provided by way of newspaper publication, a sign posted on the right-of-way property, and certified mail to abutting property owners. The hearing was convened as scheduled on January 8, 1992, and testimony received in support of the petition. No one appeared in opposition at the hearing although several letters from residents of Orchard Way were filed during the period the record remained open. At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open until January 31, 1992, in order to permit the filing of additional comments.

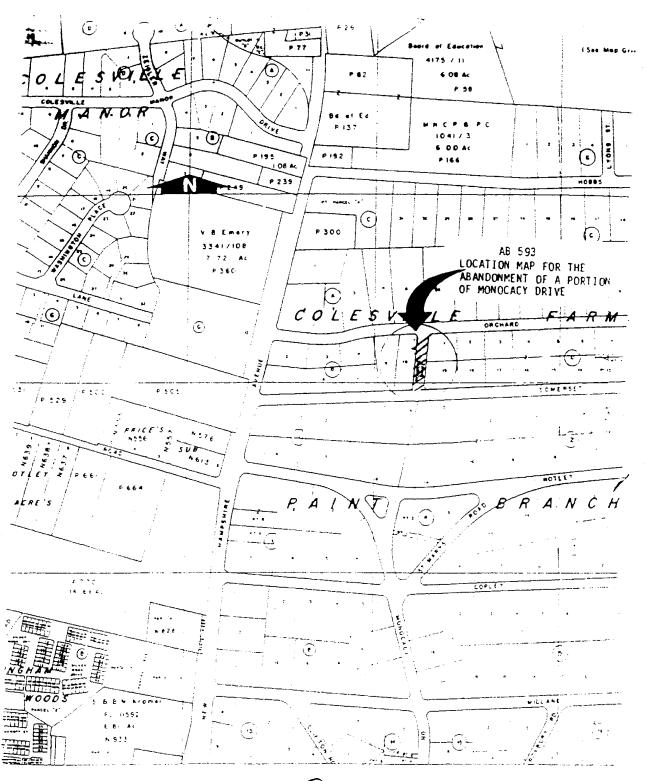
## II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The petition includes all the property owners that abut the Monocacy Drive right-of-way as proposed for abandonment. This right-of-way is located about 1,600 feet east of New Hampshire Avenue and is the last segment of an unbuilt right-of-way that once extended from Notley Road on the south to just south of Hobbs Drive on the north. Segments of the right-of-way north and south of the

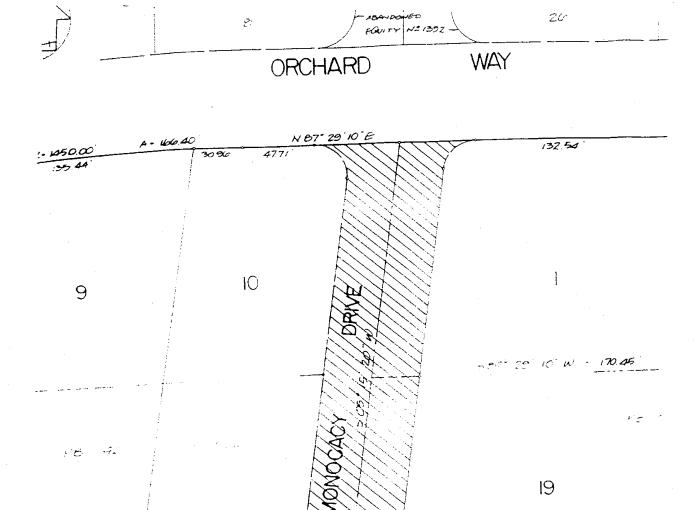
current right-of-way were previously abandoned. The location of the right-of-way, abutting properties and the previously abandoned portions of the right-of-way are depicted below.



The current right-of-way for Monocacy Drive extends between Orchard Way and Somerset Lane, an unbuilt county street. The right-of-way is 60 feet wide, extends 258 feet in length, and consists of 15,480 square feet. It abuts three lots, one on the west and two on the east. The configuration of the right-of-way is depicted below.



The three lots that abut the right-of-way all have direct access to Orchard Way and are not dependent on the Monocacy Drive right-of-way for any access purposes. Ms. Falcigno owns lot 10. Mr. and Mrs. Boerum own lot 1 and sold lot 19 to Mr. Daitch granting him a driveway easement through lot 1 to Orchard Way. These lots and their relationship to the right-of-way are depicted below.



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### III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE

Under the provisions of Section 49-62, Montgomery County Code (1984, Supp. No. 10), several public agencies and utilities are required to review the petition. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) reviewed the petition and, by letter dated September 9, 1991, indicated that an 8 inch water main and 8 inch sanitary sewer line are located within the right-of-way and any abandonment must be conditioned upon granting WSSC necessary easements that will protect the integrity of the utility lines. The Potomac Electric Power Company also reviewed the petition and, by letter dated November 13, 1991, indicated that it does not have any existing facilities within the right-of-way and has no objection to the proposed abandonment. The Washington Gas Company responded by letter, dated November 20, 1991, and likewise indicated that it does not have any existing facilities within the right-of-way and no objection to the abandonment.

The Montgomery County Department of Police, by letter dated November 25, 1991, concluded that the abandonment will not hamper the Department's ability to provide public safety services in the immediate area and indicated that it has no objection to the abandonment. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services reviewed the petition and also indicated no objection to the proposed abandonment.

The petition was also reviewed by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT) which, by memorandum dated January 8, 1992, recommended approval with conditions. The Montgomery County Planning Board considered the petition on January 16, 1992 and recommended approval of the abandonment.

Frances A. Marcus is a Property Acquisition Specialist for the Montgomery County DOT. She described the area proposed for abandonment as well as the surrounding vicinity and submitted evidence that public agencies and affected utilities have no objection to the proposed abandonment. She presented DOT's recommendation of conditional approval and explained that the conditions are included to ensure that no existing lots are denied access, and that the WSSC will

retain appropriate easements to protect the integrity of water and sewer facilities within the right-of-way.

Donald A. Boerum is one of the Petitioners and resides at 601 Orchard Way. He testified that two segments of the Monocacy Drive right-of-way north and south of the proposed abandonment have already been abandoned. He concluded that the right-of-way is no longer necessary for present or future public use and the abandonment will protect the health, safety and welfare of residents of the neighborhood. He indicated that off-road vehicles currently use the right-of-way and create safety hazards for pedestrians and children playing there. Closing the right-of-way to all but pedestrian traffic would promote safety for area residents. He indicated that the Petitioners would be agreeable to maintaining pedestrian use of the right-of-way. He testified that lot 19, located immediately south of his property, has direct access to Orchard Way by way of an easement through his property.

Several residents of Orchard Way were unable to attend the hearing and filed written opposition. Jeffrey A. Bloom, a resident of 900 Orchard Way, opposes the abandonment of the right-of-way because it has been used by walkers, joggers and neighborhood children for many years as a pedestrian path which provides an alternative to New Hampshire Avenue. He also contends that the right-of-way provides open space for the community. John C. and Mary R. Price, residents of 707 Orchard Way, oppose the abandonment because the right-of-way adds value and enjoyment to the neighborhood and should remain as a public right-of-way to serve the general interests of the community. They contend that Monocacy Drive could provide future access to Somerset Lane and relieve the internal traffic circulation for the neighborhood.

### IV. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The abandonment of road rights-of-way is governed by the provisions of Chapter 49, Montgomery County Code, Sections 62 and 63 (1984, Supp. No. 10). These

two sections establish both procedural and substantive requirements. Section 49-62 establishes the procedural requisites which permit applications to be filed by any person, provide for mandatory public agency and utility company review, and require a public hearing with notice. These procedural requirements have been satisfied.

The substantive requirements are contained in Section 49-63 and provide as follows:

- (b) No road or right-of-way may be abandoned or closed unless the council shall find that the record indicates by a preponderance of the evidence that:
  - (1) The road or right-of-way is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future, or
  - (2) The abandonment or closing is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the neighborhood of the road or right-of-way to be abandoned or closed in view of any or all of the following considerations:
    - a. The  $\underline{\text{master}}$  plan  $\underline{\text{applicable}}$  to the neighborhood.
    - b. Safe and efficient pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns and flows, together with alternatives, in the immediate neighborhood, both as to local and through traffic.
    - c. Changes in fact and circumstances since the original dedication of the road or right-of-way to be abandoned or closed.
- (c) No road or right-of-way which is the sole means of ingress and egress to any property may be abandoned or closed. [Emphasis supplied]

Hence there are alternative grounds for an abandonment, that is, lack of need or a public interest basis. The evidence presented addresses both alternatives. The preponderance of evidence demonstrates that the right-of-way is no longer necessary for present or future public use. While two Orchard Way residents contend that the right-of-way may be necessary for a future connection to Somerset Lane, there is no public agency support for this contention. Indeed, all

public agencies indicate that the right-of-way is not necessary for any present or future public use. This particular right-of-way does not serve any regional traffic function and two connecting segments of it have already been abandoned. New Hampshire Avenue is currently scheduled for road widening to address regional traffic. The petition therefore satisfies the requirements of Section 49-63(b)(1).

Evidence about the public interest benefits of the abandonment is mixed. Several residents of Orchard Way contend that the right-of-way functions as a pedestrian thoroughfare and should be retained for this purpose. The Petitioners agree that the pedestrian path should continue and contend the abandonment is necessary to stop off-road vehicles that threaten pedestrian safety. I conclude that the abandonment is necessary for pedestrian safety and is therefore necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents of the neighborhood provided the abandonment does not cut off the existing pedestrian thoroughfare.

Lastly, the provisions of Section 49-63(c) prohibit an abandonment when the right-of-way is the sole means of ingress and egress to any property. Lot 19 is owned by one of the Petitioners, Brian P. Daitch, who has an easement through lot 1 directly to Orchard Way. The right-of-way does not provide sole means of ingress and egress for any of the abutting lots and the provisions of Section 49-63(c), therefore, do not apply.

### V. RECOMMENDATION

Based on a thorough review of all the testimony and evidence of record, it is my recommendation that the petition to abandon Monocacy Drive as it abuts lot 10 on the west and lots 1 and 19 on the east, and as depicted on page 4 of this report, be granted with the following conditions: (1) that a public pedestrian right-of-way be retained within the abandoned right-of-way with Petitioners having individual and collective responsibility for above-ground care and maintenance of the pedestrian right-of-way; (2) that no existing lots are denied access; (3) that

the Petitioners grant WSSC an easement for water and sewer facilities within the right-of-way with prior review of all necessary easement documents by the WSSC Survey Review Section; (4) that WSSC assessments on abutting properties be continued for the life of the WSSC bond; and (5) that the Petitioners bear the costs for necessary easement documents.

Dated: February 7, 1992

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip J. Tierney Hearing Examiner

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The Hearing Examiner's Recommendation has been reviewed and is approved:

Date:

3/9/92

Date: 3/6/91

Neal Potter

County Executive

William H. Hussmann

Chief Administrative Officer

February 4, 1992

Mr. George W. Mosburger Chief, Office of Property Acquisition Montgomery County Department of Transportation Executive Office Building 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850

> RE: DOT Docket No. AB 593

> > Abandonment of a Portion of

Monocacy Drive

Richmond In. Kenny

Dear Mr. Mosburger:

The Montgomery County Planning Board considered the referenced abandonment at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 16, 1992 and voted to recommend approval of the abandonment.

Sincerely,

Richmond M. Keeney

Acting Chairman

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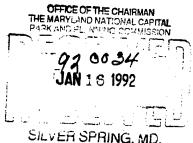
# ROUTING SLIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

THE MARY CARD NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND FLANNING COMMISSION

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REMARKS FROM DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:





January 10, 1992

GUS BAUMAN, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: DOT DOCKET NO. 593
Abandonment of a Portion

of Monocacy Drive

Dear Mr. Bauman:

The public hearing for the abandonment of Monocacy Drive as per Executive Order No. 330-91 was held on January 8, 1992. In order for the hearing officer to make a recommendation and, according to the County Code, your response is necessary for the final decision.

Please send me your response no later than January 31, 1992. If you have any questions, give me a call at (301) 217-2156. Thank you.

Sincerely,

FRANCES A. MARCUS

Property Acquisition Specialist

From Marcus

FAM:mm 3595/13 Enclosures



# Executive Order

Office of the County Executive Montgomery County, Maryland



| Subject    |                |  | OF A PORTION OF<br>- FIFTH DISTRICT |              | Subject Suffix<br>AB |
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| Originatir | ng Department  |  |                                     | Dept. Number | Effective Date       |
| !          | TRANSPORTATION |  |                                     | 5-91         | 10-28-91             |

Pursuant to Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code 1984, the County Executive or his Designee shall conduct a Public Hearing

at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 1992 in the Executive Office Lobby Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland

to consider a petition submitted by Donald A. Boerum, Marilyn S. Boerum, Nancy B. Falcigno, and Brian P. Daitch, petitioners for the abandonment of Monocacy Drive from Orchard Way to Somerset Lane, in the subdivision of Colesville Farm Estates, Silver Spring, Maryland. Located in the Fifth District of Montgomery County.

as more fully described on Exhibits which are available for examination at the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Office of Property Acquisition located at 101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor, Rockville, Maryland.

2. After the aforesaid Hearing, the Hearing Officer shall report his findings and recommendations to the County Executive for further consideration as prescribed by the County Code.

Approved as to Form and Legality Office of the County Attorney

**APPROVED** 

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Chief Administrative Officer

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County Executive's File Kathleen A. Freedman, Secretary County Council Department of Transportation Philip J. Tierney

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# MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

January 13, 1992

### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

Patricia B. Willard, Highway Coordinator

Transportation Planning Division

SUBJECT:

DOT Docket No. AB-593

Abandonment of a Portion of Monocacy Drive

## <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> - Approval

This abandonment request is for the portion of Monocacy Drive between Somerset Lane and Orchard Way. Monocacy Drive is a dedicated but unbuilt street that originally extended, parallel to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650), from East Randolph Road northward to the church property on the south side of Hobbs Drive. Two sections of this paper street have previously been abandoned - the section north of Orchard Way and the section between Notley Road and Somerset Lane (see location map).

The abandonment request was first pursued through a prepreliminary plan (No. 7-91035) but, because of an existing sewer line, could not be pursued through the preliminary plan process and is proceeding through the standard County process. Greater Colesville Citizens Association submitted a letter for the record as part of the pre-preliminary plan review. letter is attached for your information. The letter and drawing included with the letter point out that, within this community, a number of the dedicated streets have never been built. The letter expresses a desire to keep the right-of-way as public space although no desire to have the roads constructed is ex-These unbuilt streets include Somerset Lane between New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and Orchard Way as well as Monocacy Drive and a portion of Berkley Road. The community has access only to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) except for Clifton Road which is one block long between Midland Road and East Randolph The community consists of two segments, with Orchard Way, Somerset Lane, and Hobbs Drive forming one interconnected network and the area to the south of Somerset forming the other one. Staff believes that better internal circulation within the community is desirable but is not certain that any of these streets

will ever be constructed. Given that the portions of Monocacy Lane on either side of this requested abandonment have already been abandoned, we have no objection to the abandonment of this portion.

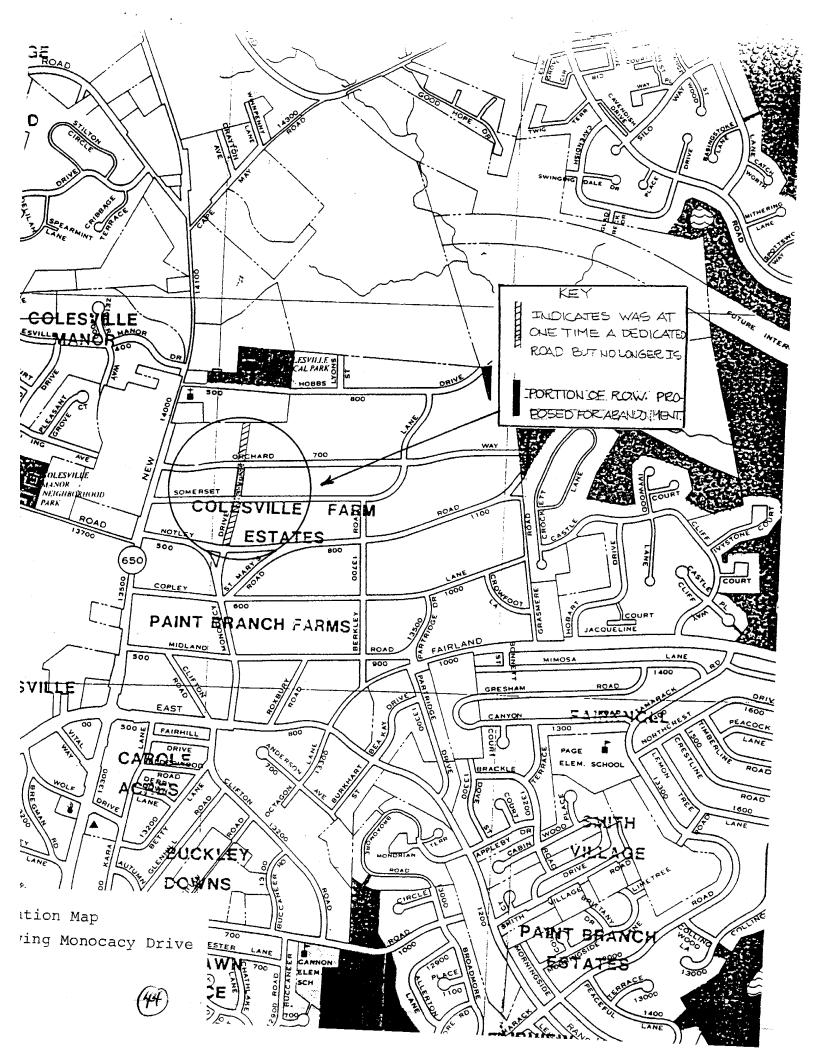
The findings that are necessary in order for the County Council to approve an abandonment, "The road or right-of-way is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future" can be made in this case. The lots that front on Somerset Lane are being developed with drive-ways to either Notley Road or Orchard Way on easements across the lots that front on those streets. This pattern makes the construction of Somerset Lane improbable.

The residential area in the immediate vicinity of Monocacy Drive is zoned RE-1. The area was previously zoned R-200. The 1981 Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Eastern Montgomery County recommended RE-1 zoning for this residential area. The subsequent Sectional Map Amendment (G-337) rezoned the area to RE-1. Any re-subdivisions in the area rezoned RE-1 would have to conform to the standards of the RE-1 zone.

In summary, staff has reviewed the abandonment request and recommends approval.

PBW:kcw/ab593.pw

cc: Piera Weiss



# Greater Colesville Citizens Association P. O. Box 4087 Colesville, Maryland 20914

September 22, 1991

Mr. Joe Davis MNCPPC Subdivision Office Development Review Division 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

Dear Mr. Davis,



The Greater Colesville Citizens Association (GCCA) has reviewed Pre-preliminary plan 7-91035 to abandon the Monacacy Drive right-of-way between the Somerset Lane right-of-way and Orchard Way. The following information should be considered by staff before making a decision to abandon the right-of-way.

A review of the Colesville Farm Estates and Paint Branch Farms subdivisions reveals that the following platted streets were never built:

- Somerset Lane between New Hampshire Ave. and Orchard Way
- 2. Monocacy Drive between Orchard Way and Randolph Road
- 3. Fifty percent of Roxbury Road between Midland Road and Randolph Road
- 4 Ninety percent of Berkley Road between Fairland Road and Notley Road
- Fifty percent of Crowfoot Lane between Midland Road and Grasmere Road
- 6. Grasmere Road between Midland Road and Randolph Road.
- 7. The Partridge Drive/Midland Road connection to Randolph Road.

The enclosed map illustrates the status of the streets in the two subdivisions. Cross-hatched streets have not been built.

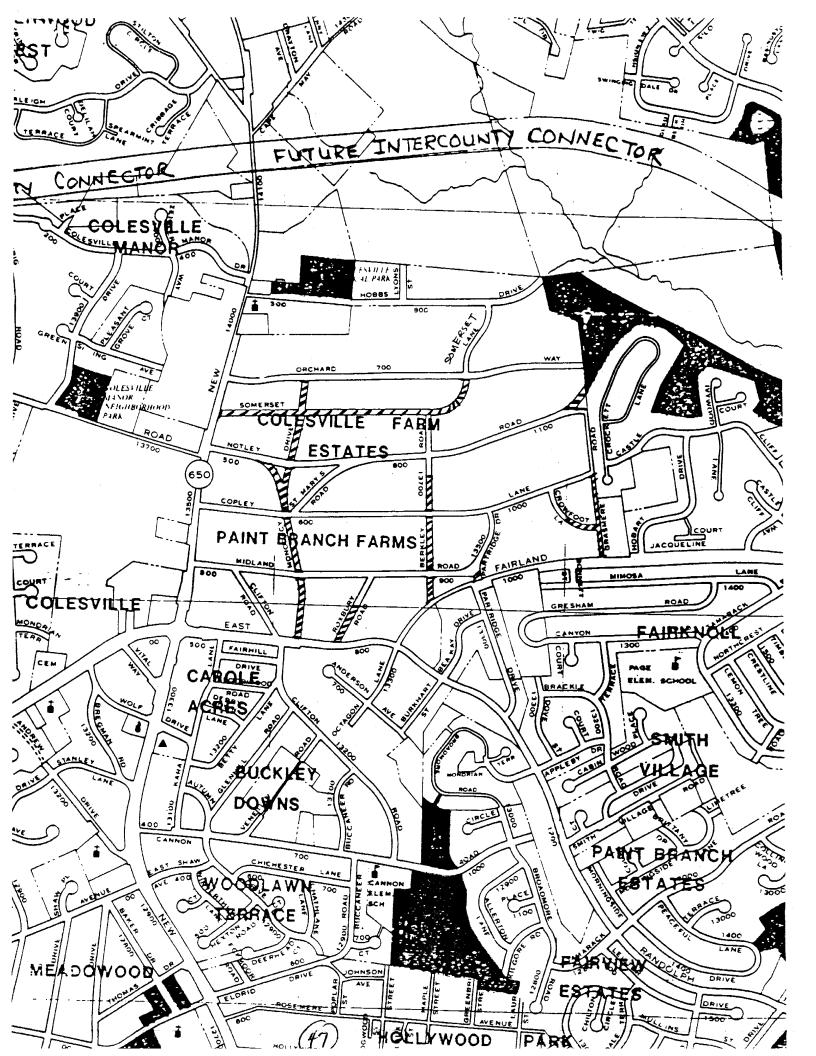
This large number of street right-of-ways provide a park environment for community enjoyment and locations for sewer and water service. If they are abandoned, they will be used for driveways and other uses and the natural areas will disappear. When the area Master Plan was updated in 1981, the Colesville Farm Estates and Paint Branch Farms subdivisions requested that the zoning be downzoned from R200 to RE-1, i.e. from two to one unit per acre. A more rural environment was thus desired.



The arrangement of most of the lots in both subdivisions adheres to the RE-1 zoning. There is however a problem that exists between Orchard Way and Notley Road where the abandonment of Monocacy Drive is proposed. There are a large number (18) of R200 and RE-1 lots without street access because Somerset Lane was never built. Several of these back lots already have residences built with driveway easements provided through the front lot to Notley Road or Orchard Way. Development of the back lots in this manner promotes a subdivision design contrary to the one that was originally approved, i.e. that all residences have street frontage. Development of the R200 back lots is also contrary to the desired RE-1 zoning.

The GCCA would like to thank the MNCPPC for the opportunity to comment on this pre-preliminary plan.

Sincerely yours, Edward C. Webblar Edward C. Wetzlar GCCA President



November 1, 1991

GUS BAUMAN, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



RE: DOT DOCKET NO. AB-593

Abandonment of a Portion of

Monocacy Drive

Dear Mr. Bauman:

Enclosed for review by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is Executive Order MCEO 330-91 describing the above-captioned abandonment proposal, location map and copy of petitioners letter requesting the abandonment.

It is requested that the Planning Board submit its recommendation to the Department of Transportation before the hearing scheduled for January 8, 1992. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated

Sincerely yours

GEORGE W. MOSBURGER, Chief

Office of property Acquisition

GWM:mm 3595/11 Enclosures

Donald A. Boerum 601 Orchard Way Silver Spring, Md. 20904 (301)384-7213

October 3, 1991

Mr. George V. Mosburger, Chief Office of Property Acquisition, DOT Executive Office Building 101 Monroe Street Rockville, Md 20850

Dear Mr. Mosburger

I am resubmitting our petition of May 8, 1991 to Montgomery County for the abandonment of the only unabandonded portion of Monocacy Drive located in the subdivision of Colesville Farm Estates, recorded in Plat Book 31 Plat 1915. We have, at your suggestion, attempted to secure abandonment through the subdivision process. Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, we, are ready to proceed with with this effort through the Public Hearing Process.

Enclosed is the fee as originally submitted. Please advise what additional is required of us.

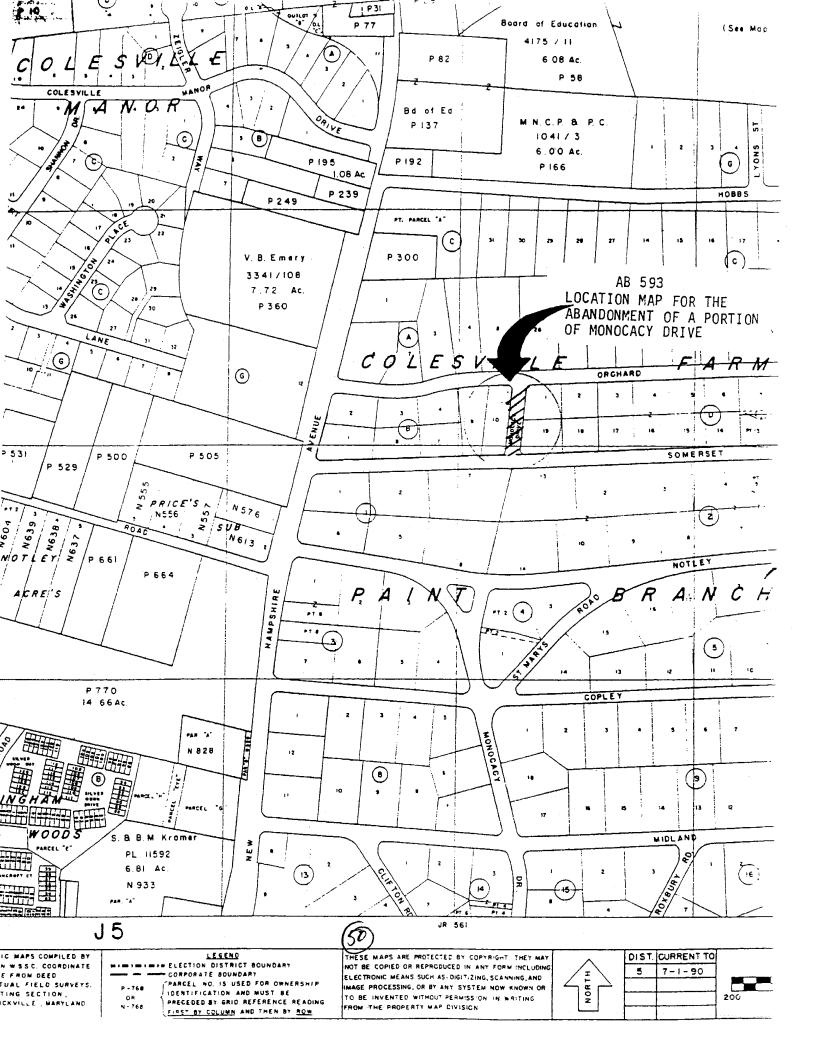
Sincerely,

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Development Review Division

Mr. Joseph R. Davis, Coordinator Development Review Division Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

SEP. 2 4 1991

RE: Pre-Preliminary Plan No. 7-91035

Colesville Farm Estates

Dear Mr. Davis:

The above referenced pre-preliminary plan has been reviewed by this office. It is recommended that a preliminary plan, prepared in accordance with Section 50-34 of the Subdivision Regulations, be submitted for review.

The following conditions for platting are tentatively set forth subject to the prior approval of the preliminary plan:

- Show all existing topo, i.e., paving, storm drainage, driveway, utilities, etc. If there are existing utilities in this right of way, contact MCDOT Office of Property Acquisition for abandonments procedure.
- 2. Necessary slope and drainage easements.
- 3. Permanent monuments and property line markers certified in place on the record plat in accordance with the master plan.
- 4. Show previous Monocacy Drive abandonments on the plan. Provide copies of previous Council resolutions.
- 5. Provide ingress/egress easement on the plat for Lot 19.
- 6. Front foot benefit convenant for the future construction or reconstruction of Somerset Lane.

Sincerely,

for Robert C. Merryman, Chief Division of Transportation Engineering

RCM:GML:abc:2168Q(7) Enclosure(s)

cc: Frey, Sheehan, Stoker & Associates, Inc.
Donald A. Boerum

Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Engineering Subdivision Development Section

# ROUTING SLIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

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CORRESPONDENCE TYPE:

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DATE OF LETTER: 01/29/87

AGENDA DATE:

TO:

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FROM:

Arthur W. Spengler

SUBJECT:

Letter advised that Council voted to authorize the PB to make the ecision regarding the abandonment of unbuilt Monocacy Dr. in Colesville arm Estates (Prel.Plan 1-86208).

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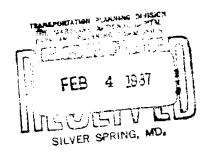
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# MODITIONERY COUNTY COUNCIL



January 29, 1987

Mr. Norman L. Christeller, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

Dear Mr. Christeller:

On January 27, 1987, the Council voted to authorize the Planning Board to make the decision regarding the following abandonment, in accordance with section 49-67A of the Montgomery County Code:

Unbuilt Monocacy Drive in the Colesville Farm Estates (Preliminary Plan #1-86 208).

Sincerely,

Arthur W. Spengler Council Staff Director

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Resolution 9-1392

Introduced July 7, 1981

Adopted

July 7, 1981

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

### FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SUBJECT: MONOCACY DRIVE . . . . DOT Docket No. AB-466

WHEREAS, the County has been petitioned by Raymond S. and Peggy L. Trout, Patrick Raggio, and Gloria J. Sessums to abandon a portion of Monocacy Drive located in the Colesville area; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to consider the abandonment proposal was conducted on October 15, 1980 by Designee of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, no opposition was expressed to the abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission indicated no objection subject to conditional requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, the Washington Gas Light Company, and the Potomac Electric Power Company expressed no objection; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board consented to the abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation did not object to the abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer recommended conditional approval of the abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Hearing Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council for Montgomery County that -

- The County Council finds that unimproved Monocacy Drive is no longer necessary for present or anticipated future public use, and that abandonment of said right of way appears necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents in the neighborhood.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code (1977 Replacement Volume) the County Council hereby abandons the dedicated 60-foot wide Monocacy Drive right of way extending north of Orchard Way for an approximate distance of 400 feet and bordering Lot 1, Block C and Lot 5, Block A which are indicated in Plat Book 31 at Plat No. 1915 entitled "Plat No. 1, Colesville Farm Estates"; effective upon meeting the following conditions:
  - a) provide a 20-foot wide right of way required by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for its existing sanitary sewer facility, and
  - b) preparation and filing of a Plat to assemble land accruing from the abandonment with the appropriate abutting properties, at no cost to the County.
- The County Attorney shall cause authenticated copy of this Resolution to be filed in the County Land Records in conformity with the Montgomery County Code.

A True Copy

ATTEST:

(Mrs.) Anna P. Spates, Secretary of the County Council for

Montgomery County, Maryland

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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

PARK AND PLANHING COMMISSION AUG 21 1990

DIR OF PLANTA MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Re: Monocacy Drive ...

DOT Docket No. AB-466

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Enclosed for review by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is Executive Order AB-16-80 describing subject petition for abandonment, with attached copy of location map.

It is hereby requested that the Planning Board submit its recommendation to the Department of Transportation prior to date of Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

Edward Borysiewicz

Staff Services Coordinator

EB/law Enclosure THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

September 19, 1980

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

George Vaughn, Transportation Planning Division

FROM:

Myron Goldberg, Chief, Park Planning & Acquisition

SUBJECT: Monocacy Drive Proposed Abandonment

The Park Planning & Acquisition Division has reviewed the proposed abandonment of Monocacy Drive between Orchard Way and Parcel A. Although the unbuilt road right-of-way does not provide direct linkage to the Colesville Local Park, it does, however, provide access to Parcel A, which is the Church property with a developed recreation facility on it.

We would, therefore, recommend that in lieu of the full existing right-of-way abandonment, that it be abandoned except for a 10-foot strip in the middle of the subject right-of-way. The 10-foot strip could then be retained for pedestrian public access to the Church property and ultimately, perhaps, to the Colesville Local Park site north of the Church property.

MBG:ps

September 26, 1980

Mr. Edward Borysiewicz
Staff Services Coordinator
Montgomery County Department
of Transportation
6110 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Abandonment of a Portion

of Right-of-Way
MONOCACY DRIVE
DOT Docket No. AB-466
M-NCPPC File No. 3-80009

Dear Mr. Borysiewicz:

I am writing to advise you that the Montgomery County Planning Board considered the petition for the abandonment of a portion of Monocacy Drive right-of-way located north of Orchard Way in Colesville Farm Estates subdivision at its regular meeting of September 25, 1980.

At that time the Planning Board voted to consent to the abandonment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

John J. Broda, Coordinator Development Review Division

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

September 17, 1980

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

John Broda, Coordinator

SILVER SPRING, MD.

FROM:

George Vaughn, Principal Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Monocacy Drive, DOT Docket No. AB-466

A petition has been submitted to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation seeking the abandonment of the portion of Monocacy Drive right-of-way located north of Orchard Way, and abutting Lot 5, Block A and Lot 1, Block C in Colesville Farm Estates subdivision, within the 5th Election District.

It is our finding that the subject right-of-way is not needed for vehicular circulation and, therefore, have no objection to approval of the petition.

GV:bap

# Office Of The County Executive Montgomery County, Maryland

| Execut                | ive Order                               |                   | Number            | АВ-16-80 |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Subject               | Monocacy Drive<br>DOT Docket No. AB-466 | Effective         | Date<br>August 5, | 1980     |
| Originati:<br>Departm | ng ent ne da diemente                   | OF TRANSPORTATION |                   |          |

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1. Pursuant to Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code (1972 Edition as amended), the County Executive or his Designee shall conduct a Public Hearing -

> at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1980 in the Auditorium (First Floor) of the County Office Building at Rockville,

to consider a Petition heretofore submitted by Raymond S. and Peggy L. Trout, Patrick Raggio and Gloria J. Sessums, seeking the abandonment of -

the portion of Monocacy Drive right of way located north of Orchard Way, and abutting Lot 5, Block A and Lot 1, Block C in Colesville Farm Estates subdivision, within the 5th Election District

as more fully described on Exhibits which are available for examination at the Rockville offices of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation at 6110 Executive Boulevard.

2. After the aforesaid Hearing, the Hearing Officer shall report his findings and recommendations to the County Executive for further consideration as prescribed by the County Code.

Approved

Chief Administrative

EB/law

Copy to: County Executive File Secretary of Council

