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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB Item # 3 05/25/06

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 12, 2006

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

Catherine Conlon, Supervisor

Development Review Division

(301) 495-4542

SUBJECT:

Informational Maps and Summary of Record Plats for the Planning Board

Agenda for May 25, 2006

The following record plats are recommended for APPROVAL, subject to the appropriate conditions of approval of the preliminary plans and site plans, if applicable, and conditioned on conformance with all requirements of Chapter 50 of the Montgomery County Code. Attached are specific recommendations and copies of plat drawings for the record plats. One of the plats depicts creation of a lot through the minor subdivision process. The other two plats are associated with Preliminary Plan approvals and the approved plans are attached.

PLAT No. 220061600

Sun Kissed Farm (Pre-preliminary Plan Sanctuary Farm)
Located on Bethesda Church Road, approximately 3000 feet east of Clarksburg Road
RDT Zone, 2Lots
Private Well, Private Septic
Master Plan Area: Damascus
George & Gayle Conard, Applicant

Staff recommends approval of this minor subdivision plat pursuant to section 50-35A (a)(8) of the Subdivision Regulations, which states:

Plats for Certain Residential Lots located in the Rural Density Transfer Zone. Up to five lots are permitted under the minor subdivision procedure in the RDT zone provided that a pre-preliminary plan is submitted and approved by either the Planning Board or Planning Board staff, in accordance with the procedures for submission and approval of a pre-preliminary plan of subdivision. In addition:

- a. Written approval for a proposed septic area must be received from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, Well and Septic Section prior to recordation of the plat;
- b. Any required street dedications along the frontage of the proposed lots must be shown on the record plat;
- c. An easement must be recorded for the balance of the property noting that density and TDRs have been utilized for the new lots. Reference to this easement must be reflected on the record plat for the lots; and
- d. Lots created in the RDT Zone through the minor subdivision procedure must not exceed an average lot size of five (5) acres in size unless approved by the Planning Board in the review of a pre-preliminary plan of subdivision.
- e. Forest conservation requirements must be satisfied prior to recording the plat

This record plat has been reviewed by MNCPPC staff and other applicable agencies as documented on the attached Plat Review Checklist. Staff has determined that the plat complies with Pre-preliminary Plan No. 720050150, formerly 7-05015, as approved by the Board per (8)d above; and that any minor modifications reflected on the plat do not alter the intent of the Board's previous approval of the plan.

PB date: 05/25/06

RECORD PLAT REVIEW SHEET - MINOR SUBDIVISION SEC-50-35A Sun Kissed Farm Plat Name: Plat Number: Plat Submission Date: Plan Name: Sanctuary Farm DRD Plat Reviewer: Select which Category of Minor Subdivision and fill information as required Requirements under Sec 50-35A (A) (1) Minor Lot Adjustment Total area does not exceed 5% of combined area affected: a) No additional lots created: Adjusted line is approximately parallel/does not significantly change shape of the lots: Date sketch plan submitted: d) Sketch plan revised or denied within 10 business days: e) Final record plat submitted within ninety days: f) Sketch shows following information: g) : proposed lot adjustment: i. physical improvements within 15 feet of adjusted line: ii. alteration to building setback: iii. amount of lot area affected: (2) Conversion of Outlot into a Lot Outlot not required for open space or otherwise constrained: Adequate sewerage and water service/public or private: b) Adequate public facilities and AGP satisfied: c) Any conditions/agreements of original subdivision: d) Special Protection Area, Water Quality Plan required: (3) Consolidation Of Two of More Lots a) Any prior subdivision conditions: b) Part of lot created by deed prior to June 1 1958: (4) Further Subdivision of Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Family Lot Any subdivision/conditions; APF agreement satisfied: (5) Plat of Correction All owners and trustees signed: a) Original Plat identified: b) (6) Plats for Residentially Zoned Parcels Created by Deed prior to June 1958 Deed(s) submitted: a) Developable with only one single family detached unit: (7) Plat for Existing Places of Worship, Private Schools, Country Club, Private Institution, and Similar Uses located on Unplatted Parcels

a) Adequate Public Facilities satisfied:

b) Street dedication required:

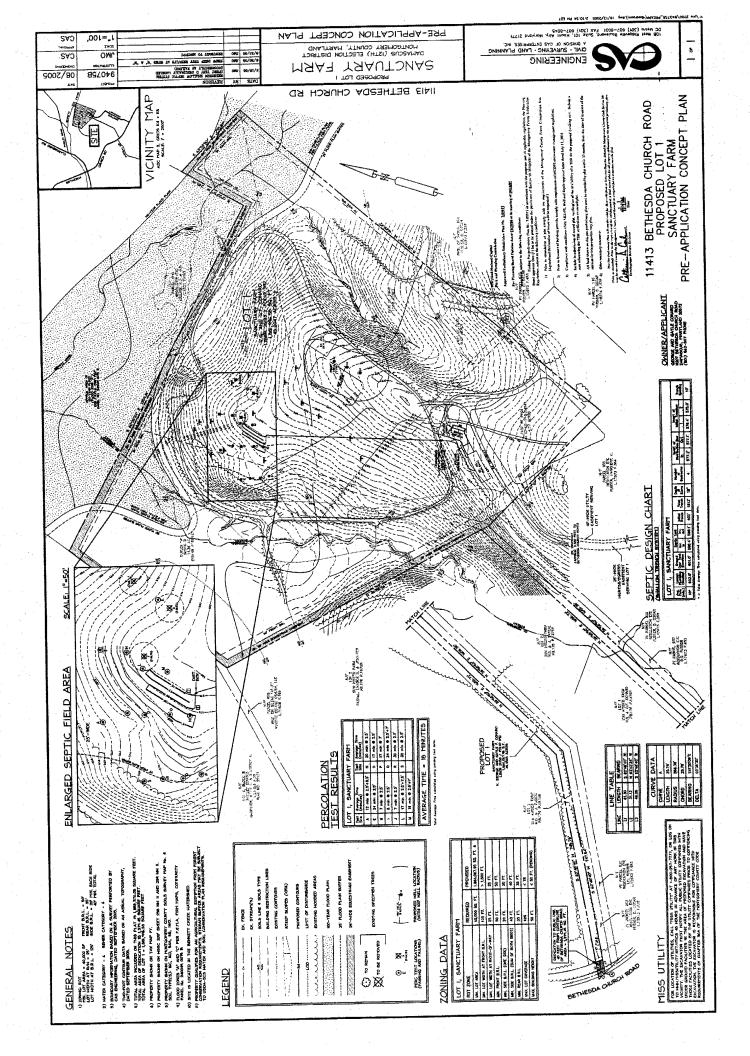
c) Forest conservation:

d) Storm water management:

e) Special Protection Area/Water Quality Plan:

f) Landscaping and lighting plan including parking lot layout:

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	c) Required street dedication: d) Easement for balance of property noting density and TDRS: e) Average lot size of 5 acres:												
	f) Forest Conservation requirements met:												
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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Board Approval Date: Oct. 10, 2005

Date Mailed: MAR 2 9 2006

Action: Approved Staff Recommendation

Motion of Commissioner Robinson, seconded by

Commissioner Perdue, with a vote of 4-0;

Chairman Berlage and Commissioners Perdue,

Robinson and Wellington voting in favor.

Commissioner Bryant absent.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

OPINION

Pre-preliminary Plan No. 720050150 (formerly No. 7-05015) NAME OF PLAN: Sanctuary Farm

The date of this written opinion is MAR 29 2006 (which is the date that this opinion is mailed to all parties of record). Any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal within thirty days of the date of this written opinion, consistent with the procedural rules for the judicial review of administrative agency decisions in Circuit Court (Rule 7-203, Maryland Rules of Court - State).

I. Introduction

On 1/10/05, George and Gayle Conard ("Applicant") submitted an application for the approval of a pre-preliminary plan of subdivision of property in the RDT zone. The application proposed to create 1 lot on 43.18 acres of land located on the northeast side of Bethesda Church Road, approximately 3,000 feet east of Clarksburg Road, in the Damascus master plan area. The application was designated Preliminary Plan 720050150 (formerly7-05015). On 10/10/05, Pre-preliminary Plan No. 720050150 (formerly No. 7-05015) was brought before the Montgomery County Planning Board for a public hearing. At the public hearing, the Montgomery County Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted in the record on the application.

The Pre-Preliminary Plan was brought before the Planning Board as a request to allow the lot to be platted under the minor subdivision process. Pursuant to Section 50-35A(a)(8) of the Subdivision Regulations, up to five (5) lots may be platted in the RDT zone through the minor subdivision process after Planning Staff or Planning Board approval of a pre-preliminary plan. Pursuant to Section 50-35A(a)(8)(d), these lots must not exceed an average lot size of five (5) acres in size unless approved by the Planning Board.

The record for this application ("Record") closed at the conclusion of the public hearing, upon the taking of an action by the Planning Board. The Record includes: the information on the Preliminary Plan Application Form; the Planning Board staff-generated minutes of the Subdivision Review Committee meeting(s) on the application; all correspondence and any other written or graphic information concerning the application received by the Planning Board or its staff following submission of the application and prior to the Board's action at the conclusion of the public hearing, from the applicant, public agencies, and private individuals or entities; all correspondence and any other written or graphic information issued by Planning Board staff concerning the application, prior to the Board's action following the public hearing; all evidence, including written and oral testimony and any graphic exhibits, presented to the Planning Board at the public hearing.

II. SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject property is located on the northeast side of Bethesda Church Road, approximately 3000 feet east of Clarksburg Road. The Subject Property contains 43 acres and is zoned Rural Density Transfer (RDT). The property is currently used for agricultural purposes. A number of tributary streams to the Little Bennett Creek traverse the site. An existing driveway currently provides access to the site from Bethesda Church Road.

This is a pre-preliminary plan application that seeks permission to proceed under the Minor Subdivision process. Under Chapter 50, Section 50-9(a)(2) this 43-acre parcel could be exempted from platting as an operating farm that is to be used concurrently for a related use (in this case residential) that requires the issuance of a building permit. However, while Montgomery County can exempt the property from platting, the Maryland COMAR Regulations requires parcels created after 1972 to be platted in order to receive septic approval, regardless of the County's exemption. This application is a request to plat by minor subdivision in order to meet the State requirement.

The authority for this property to be platted by minor subdivision is found in Section 50-35A(a)(8) of the Subdivision Regulations. Property owners located in the RDT Zone are permitted to create up to five (5) lots that average five (5) acres in size through use of the minor subdivision process; lots that exceed five acres in size require Planning Board approval. The instant application is a request to record the Subject Property under

the Minor Subdivision provisions as single 43-acre lot. The application is bound by the following requirements:

- Written approval for a proposed septic area must be received from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, Well and Septic Section prior to recordation of the plat;
- Any required street dedication along the frontage of the proposed lots, must be shown on the record plat;
- An easement must be recorded for the balance of the property noting that density and TDRs have been utilized for the new lots. Reference to this easement must be reflected on the record plat for the lots;
- d. Lots created in the RDT Zone through the minor subdivision procedure must not exceed an average lot size of five (5) acres in size unless approved by the Planning Board in the review of a prepreliminary plan of subdivision; and
- e. Forest conservation requirements must be satisfied prior to recording the plat.

Pursuant to "d" above, the Applicant has submitted this pre-preliminary plan requesting Planning Board approval to create a lot that exceeds five acres in size. The remainder of the requirements will be met as part of a plat application.

III. RELATIONSHIP TO THE MASTER PLAN

The Agricultural and Rural Open Space (AROS) Master Plan establishes agriculture as the preferred use for land in the RDT zone. The proposed plan creates one large lot. The proposed plan meets the goal of the master plan for agricultural preservation and the requirements for the RDT Zone. Location of one dwelling unit on the proposed lot will not significantly impact its use for agricultural purposes.

IV. PLANNING BOARD HEARING

At the public hearing, staff testified that Pre-preliminary Plan No. 720050150 ((formerly No. 7-05015), Sanctuary Farm, conforms to the Master Plan for Agriculture and Rural Open Space and complies with requirements of Section 50-35A(a)(8) of Subdivision Regulations for the reasons detailed in the staff report and summarized at the public hearing. Staff recommended approval of the proposed lot to be platted under the minor subdivision regulations, subject to the conditions noted below.

The Applicant appeared, represented by its engineer, and testified in support of staff's recommendation of approval and proposed conditions. There was no testimony in opposition to the plan.

V. FINDINGS

Having given full consideration to the recommendations of its Staff; the recommendations of the applicable public agencies¹; the applicant's position; and other evidence contained in the Record, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety into this Opinion, the Montgomery County Planning Board finds that, with the conditions of approval:

- a) Prior to record plat, there will be written approval for a proposed septic area from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, Well and Septic Section.
- b) There are no required street dedications along the frontage of the proposed lot.
- c) The proposed lot encompasses the entire property and may not be further subdivided.²
- d) The width, shape, and orientation of the proposed lot are appropriate for the location of the subdivision. The Planning Board expressly finds that the size of the proposed lot, which is greater than 5 acres, is appropriate for the location of the subdivision and that the lot may be platted through the minor subdivision process set forth in § 50-35A of Chapter 50 of the Montgomery County Code ("Subdivision Regulations").
- The application satisfies all the applicable requirements of the Forest Conservation Law, Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A.
- f) The Pre-Preliminary Plan No. 7-05009 substantially conforms to the Agricultural and Rural Open Space Plan Master Plan.
- g) The proposed lot has adequate frontage along a public road.

¹ The application was referred to outside agencies for comment and review, including the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Department of Public Works and Transportation, the Department of Permitting Services and the various public utilities. All of these agencies recommended approval of the application.

² An easement pursuant to § 50-35A(a)(8)(c) is not required to be filed because there is no undeveloped remainder of the Subject Property.

VI. CONCLUSION

Finding Pre-preliminary Plan No. 7-05015 in accordance with the purposes and all applicable regulations, the Planning Board approves One (1) lot to be platted under the provisions of Section 50-35A(a)(8) of the Montgomery County Subdivision Regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Prior to recordation of plat comply with the requirements of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation law. (Agricultural Declaration of Intent will be requested.)
- 2) Prior to issuance of building permits, comply with requirements of MCDPS stormwater management regulations.
- 3) Compliance with conditions of the MCDPS, Well and Septic approval letter dated July 13, 2005.
- 4) Include in submission of record plat, verification of the availability of a TDR for the proposed dwelling unit. Include a note referencing the TDR verification on record plat.
- 5) All land shown on this pre-preliminary plan must be recorded by plat within 37 months from the date of issuance of the opinion for this pre-preliminary plan.
- 6) Other necessary easements.

[CERTIFICATION OF BOARD VOTE ADOPTING OPINION ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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CERTIFICATION OF BOARD ADOPTION OF OPINION

At its regular meeting, held on Thursday, March 23, 2006, in Silver Spring, Maryland, the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, by unanimous consent ADOPTED the above Opinion which constitutes the final decision of the Planning Board and memorializes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law for Pre-preliminary Plan No. 720050150, Sanctuary Farm. Commissioner Bryant abstained.

Certification As To Vote of Adoption

E. Ann Daly, Technical Writer

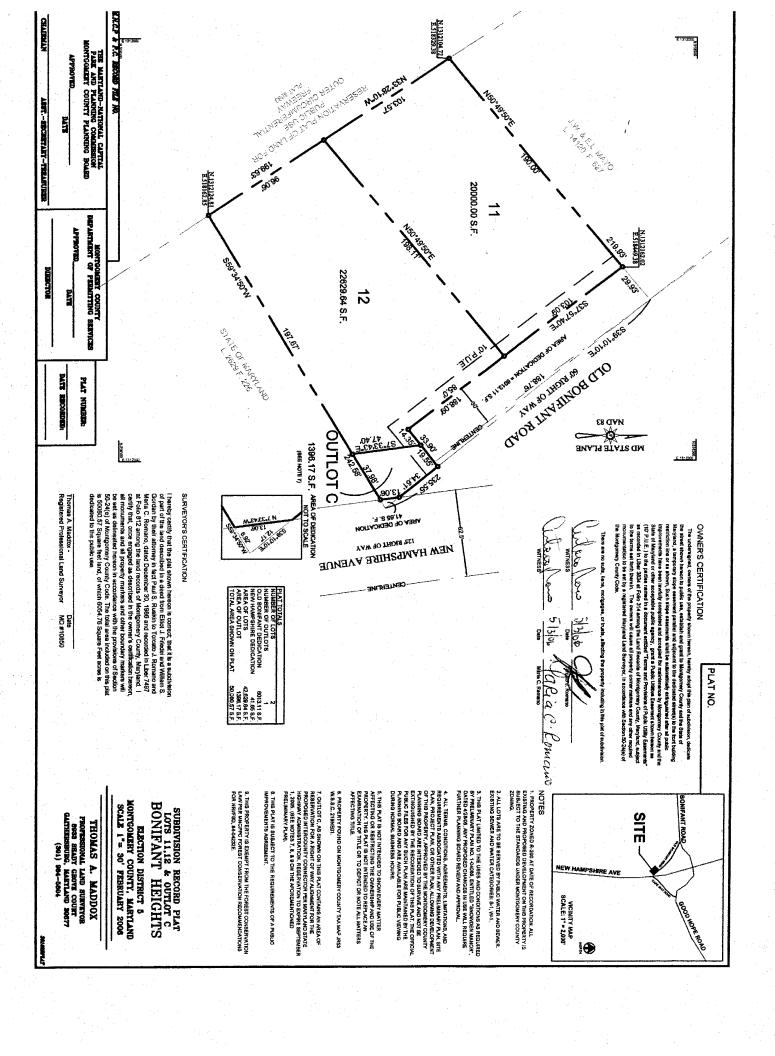
PLAT NO. 220061640

Bonifant Heights (Preliminary Plan Snowden Manor)
Located on southwest quadrant of the intersection of Old Bonifant Road and New
Hampshire Avenue
R-200 Zone, 2 Lots and 1 Outlot
Community Water, Community Sewer
Master Plan Area: Cloverly
Torcato Romano, Applicant

The record plat has been reviewed by MNCPPC staff and other applicable agencies as documented on the attached Plat Review Checklist. Staff has determined that the plat complies with Preliminary Plan No. 120040860, formerly 1-04086, as approved by the Board; and that any minor modifications reflected on the plat do not alter the intent of the Board's previous approval of the preliminary plan.

PB date: 05/25/06

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date: May 4, 2004

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