

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND  
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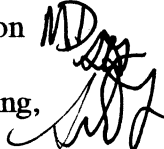
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**November 29, 2007**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 14, 2007

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** Mary Dolan, Acting Chief, Countywide Planning Division   
Stephen D. Federline, Supervisor, Environmental Planning,  
Countywide Planning Division

**FROM:** Doug Johnsen, RLA; Planner Coordinator, Environmental Planning,   
Countywide Planning Division

**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendations for Board Approval of Final Forest Conservation Plan for  
Mandatory Referral MR20075030, Men's Emergency Shelter.

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**Foreword** - This recommendation for compliance with the Forest Conservation law – Chapter 22A of the County Code- shall be considered as part of the hearing for review of the mandatory referral for the Men's Emergency Shelter. Board action on these recommendations shall be taken as a separate and distinct regulatory action in advance of its advisory recommendations on the mandatory referral.

**Recommendation**

The Environmental Planning staff has reviewed the plan referenced above. Staff recommends approval of the forest conservation plan associated with the mandatory referral with the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the conditions of approval of the final forest conservation plan:
  - a. Consistency with tree save recommendations shown on plan entitled "Forest Conservation Plan FC1-01", as certified by applicant's Landscape Architect on 10/23/07.
  - b. All required inspections per Section 110 of the Forest Conservation regulations.

- c. Approved maintenance and management agreement for 100% survival or replacement of all planted trees for a two year period from time of planting prior to grant of use and occupancy permit by County DPS.

## **BACKGROUND**

The 2.75-acre site is located at the intersection of East Gude Drive and Incinerator Lane. Currently, the site is a men's shelter with scattered trees and open space. The old Gude landfill is located directly to the northeast adjacent to this site. There are 3 existing buildings on the site. This site does not contain any recognized forest, but does have a high concentration of trees at the southern edge along Gude Drive.

### **Environmental Buffers**

A Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation was submitted for the subject site. Environmental Planning staff approved the NRI/FSD on August 31, 2007. There are no environmental buffers associated with this property.

### **Forest Conservation**

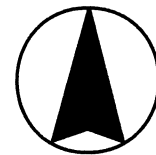
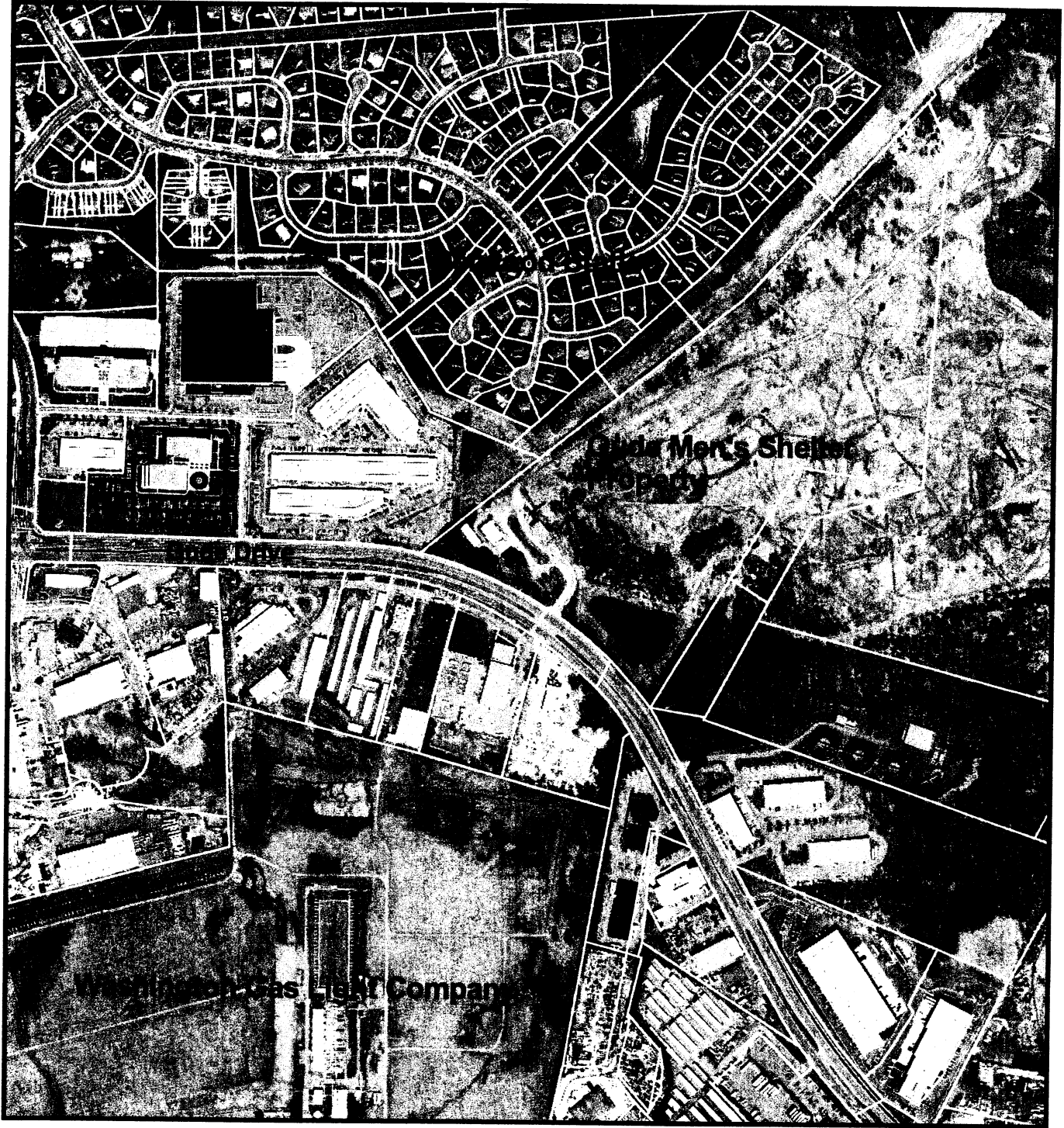
This site does not contain any recognized forest, but does have a high concentration of trees along the southern property line bordering Gude Drive. There are approximately 64 trees ranging in size from 8" diameter breast height (DBH) to 18" DBH with lawn grass underneath the tree canopy. This stand is made up of a diverse species mix with most trees in average to poor condition. A majority of these trees lie within the limits of disturbance (LOD) and will be removed as part of the construction of the addition to the Men's Emergency Shelter.

The 2.75-acre site generates an afforestation requirement of 0.41-acres. The project will meet its requirements through the utilization of canopy trees. All 0.41-acres of afforestation will be met on-site.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Environmental Planning recommends approval of the Forest Conservation Plan associated with the Mandatory Referral with the conditions stated above.

# Gude Men's Shelter Vicinity



600 0 600 Feet

