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Black Hills Site Plan Amendment for Forest Conservation Purposes 82013025B

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Description

Site Plan Amendment No. 82013025B: Black Hill

*A. Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan 82013025B

Dorsey Mill Road, Germantown, Right-of-Way and CR-0.75 zone, Germantown Transit Mixed Use Overlay, Germantown Sector Plan Master Plan.

Extension of Dorsey Mill Road from its current terminus just east of I-270, bridging over I-270 and connecting with Century Boulevard on the west.

Staff Recommendation: Approval with no new conditions

Applicant: Montgomery County Department of

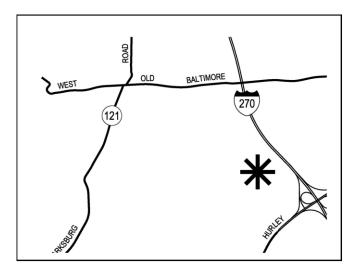
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Submittal Date: 10/08/15

Review Basis: Chapter 22A, Forest Conservation Law

Summary

- This limited amendment to site plan 82013025B, Black Hill (formerly Crystal Rock Public Roads Infrastructure) is for forest conservation purposes only. The amendment is needed to allow for the construction or Dorsey Mill Road onto the west side of I-270, Mandatory Referral, plan number MR2016007.
- Construction of the roadway on the eastside of I-270 was granted an exemption from submitting a forest conservation plan on September 16, 2015, plan number 42016026E.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL of the Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan 82013025B with no new conditions.

DISCUSSION

This project is subject to a mandatory referral, plan number MR2016007, and is for the extension of Dorsey Mill Road from the Milestone development at Observation Drive on the east side of I-270, bridging over I-270 and terminating with the intersection of Century Boulevard/Crystal Rock Drive in the Crystal Hill development on the west side of I-270. This Staff Report only addresses the forest conservation requirements for that portion of the project on the west side of I-270 where the mandatory referral project will intersect with the approved Final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP) for the Black Hill subdivision. The Black Rock FFCP must be amended to reflect the grading and construction of Dorsey Mill Road within the confines of that FFCP boundary. The remainder of the roadway project is covered by a Forest Conservation Exemption Plan (42016026E).

Forest Conservation

The Dorsey Mill Road Extension project is subject to the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law (Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code) under section 22A-4(d) "a government entity subject to mandatory referral on a tract of land 40,000 square feet or larger..." The project site on the west side of I-270 and within the Black Hill (formerly Crystal Rock Public Roads Infrastructure) development is 6.41 acres in size and contains no forest within the proposed limits of disturbance (LOD) (Figure 1).



Figure 1: 2015 Aerial Image of project site west of I-270

When the Planning Board approved the FFCP for the Crystal Rock Public Roads Infrastructure (820130250) dated August 1, 2013 (Figure 2) the roadway design and grading had not been worked out. It was understood at the time that once the design for the roadway was complete the FFCP would be amended to show those changes.

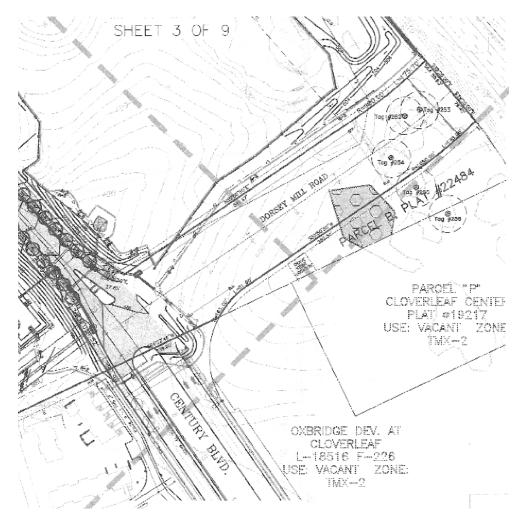


Figure 2: Approved (existing) Final Forest Conservation Plan dated August 1, 2013

The Applicant has submitted an amendment to the Black Hill FFCP designated No. 82013025B (Figure 3) to update the plan with final grading and roadway design as required under 22A.00.01.09.B of the Forest Conservation Regulations. This amendment does not affect any existing forest nor does it change the planting/retention requirements for the overall Black Hill FFCP. The only changes to the approved Black Hill FFCP are to add the grading, pavement and LOD depicted in Figure 3 below.

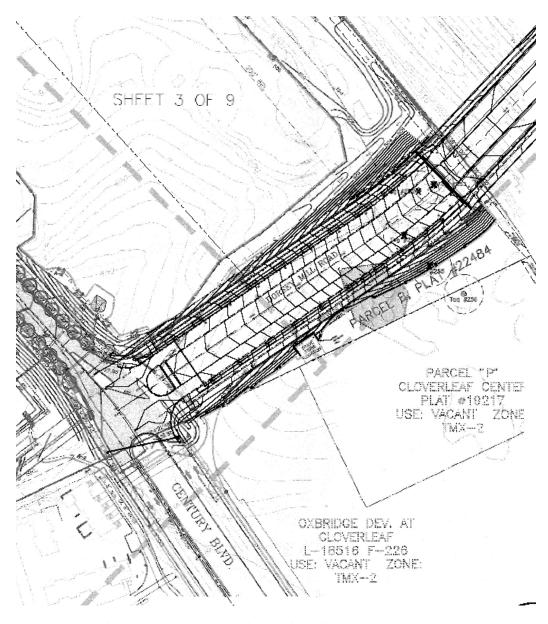


Figure 3: Proposed Final Forest Conservation Plan dated October 30, 2015

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Each application, MR2016007 and 82013025B, were submitted and noticed in accordance with all Planning Board adopted procedures. As of the date of this report, Staff has not received any correspondence regarding either application. Any correspondence received after posting of the Staff Report will be forwarded to the Planning Board for discussion at the hearing.

CONCLUSION

The Black Hill FFCP amendment (82013025B), meets all applicable requirements of Chapter 22A of the County Code (Forest Conservation Law). Staff recommends the Planning Board approve the Black Hills FFCP amendment (82013025B) with no additional conditions required.

Attachments

Attachment A – Approved Original Final Forest Conservation Plan (820130250) Attachment B – Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan (82013025B)

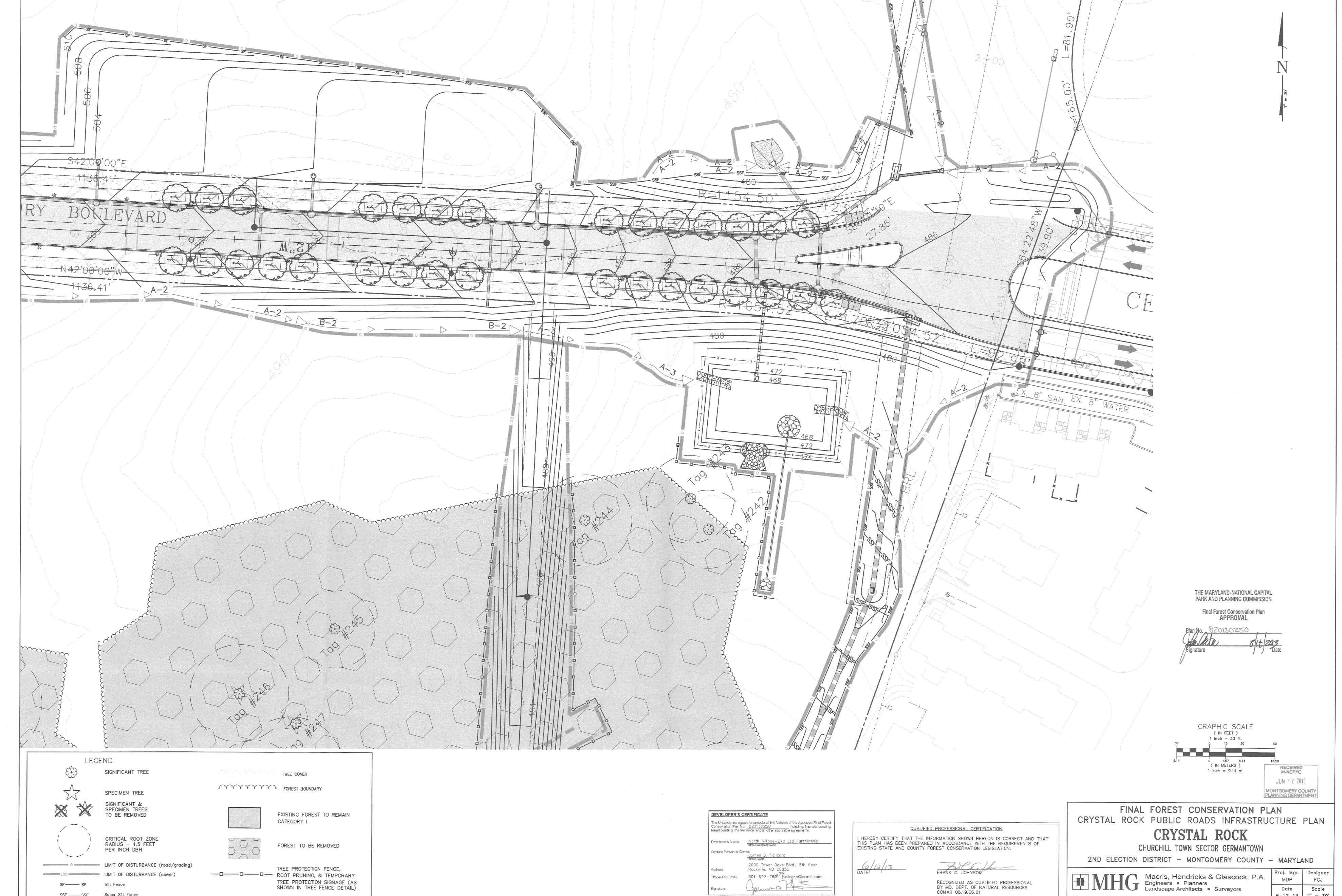
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