Summary

- Staff recommends **Approval with conditions**.
- The Property is located in the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan.
- Proposes a new religious assembly building of 40,000 square feet with a 12,750 square feet assembly area, not to exceed 50 feet in height.
- Utilizes existing parking facilities on the Property
- Forest Conservation Plan amendment removes and re-records areas of existing Category 1 Conservation Easement to allow for instillation of utilities, a lead-in sidewalk and to accommodate a 10 foot wide PUE
SECTION 1 – RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

PRELIMINARY PLAN NO. 12010090: Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plan subject to the following conditions:

1) This approval is limited to one lot and one outlot for a religious assembly building with an assembly area of no greater than 12,750 square feet and with no weekday daycare or private educational institution

2) The Applicant must comply with the conditions of the approved Amended Final Forest Conservation Plan (“FFCP”) No. 120160090, which supersedes the previously approved FCP #120060920 subject to the following:

   a. The Applicant must extinguish the existing Category I Conservation Easements and record new Category I Conservation Easements in the locations shown on the approved amended FFCP (Forest Conservation Areas 3 and 4) along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Roads prior to any demolition, clearing or grading on the Property.
   b. Applicant must provide financial surety to the M-NCPPC Planning Department for the acreage of new forest planting prior to the start of any demolition, clearing or grading on the Property.
   c. The Applicant must submit a two-year Maintenance and Management Agreement approved by the M-NCPPC Office of General Counsel prior to the start of any demolition, clearing or grading on the Property. The maintenance and management agreement is required for all forest planting areas credited toward meeting the requirements of the Forest Conservation Plan, including the reforestation of environmental buffers.
   d. Afforestation plantings that are located outside the limits of disturbance must occur within the first planting season following release of the first Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services sediment control permit. Plantings within areas of future disturbance must occur in the first planting season following the stabilization of the applicable disturbed area.
   e. The Applicant must install permanent Category I Conservation Easement signage along the perimeter of all conservation easements on the Property prior to the initial afforestation planting acceptance inspection.
   f. The limits of disturbance (“LOD”) shown on the Final Sediment Control Plan must be consistent with the final LOD shown on the approved FFCP.
   g. The Applicant must comply with all required M-NCPPC site inspections as specified in section 22A.00.01.10 of the Forest Conservation Regulations (“FCR”).
   h. The Applicant must comply with all tree protection and tree save measures shown on the approved Final Forest Conservation Plan. Tree save measures not specified on the Final Forest Conservation Plan may be required by the M-NCPPC forest conservation inspector at the pre-construction meeting.

3) The Planning Board accepts the recommendations of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (“MCDOT”) in its letter dated September 1, 2016, and hereby incorporates them as conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval. The Applicant must comply with each of
the recommendations as set forth in the letter, which may be amended by MCDOT provided that the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.

4) The Planning Board accepts the recommendations of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Service (“MCDPS”) – Water Resources Section in its stormwater management concept letter dated May 18, 2011, and reconfirmed on January 12, 2017 and hereby incorporates them as conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval. The Applicant must comply with each of the recommendations as set forth in the letter, which may be amended by MCDPS – Water Resources Section provided that the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.

5) The Applicant must dedicate and show on the record plat sixty (60) feet of dedication from the centerline of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 along the Subject Property’s entire frontage.

6) The Applicant must dedicate and show on the record plat forty (40) feet of dedication from the centerline of Ednor Road along the Subject Property’s entire frontage.

7) The Applicant must construct a 10-foot wide shared use path along the Property’s frontage of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 except for approximately 16 feet at the northern edge of the Subject Property. The shared use path may be narrowed to 8-feet in width at specific points shown on the Certified Preliminary Plan to avoid utilities.

8) The certified Preliminary Plan must contain the following note:
   “Unless specifically noted on this plan drawing or in the Planning Board conditions of approval, the building footprints, building heights, on-site parking, site circulation, and sidewalks shown on the Preliminary Plan are illustrative. The final locations of buildings, structures and hardscape will be determined at the time of site plan approval. Please refer to the zoning data table for development standards such as setbacks, building restriction lines, building height, and lot coverage for each lot. Other limitations for site development may also be included in the conditions of the Planning Board’s approval.”

9) Record plat must show necessary easements.

10) Prior to issuance of any building permit, a landscape and lighting plan must be submitted for review and approval by M-NCPPC technical staff which addresses the area the building area to ensure screening from adjacent residential use as well as the lead-in sidewalk connection to New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. The lighting plan must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
SECTION 3 – SITE LOCATION & DESCRIPTION

Site Location
The subject property is located at the northwest corner of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road and consists of Parcel P491 on tax map JT561 (“Property” or “Subject Property”) (Figure 1). The Subject Property is 15.33 acres in size in the RE-2 zone and is located in the New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 Area of the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan.

Figure 1 - Vicinity
Site Vicinity
Properties to the north and west of the Subject Property are primarily residential in the RE-2 zone. To the south across Ednor Road are properties in the RE-2C zone. There are two properties at the southwest corner of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road which are zoned RE-2. Properties across New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 to the east of the Subject Property in the RC zone are primarily residential with the exception the Resurrection Baptist Church. Additional property to the southwest in RC zone are made up of a few residential properties and numerous religious institutions along the east side of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650.

Site Analysis
The Subject Property is improved with a 255-space parking lot with surrounding landscaping and provides extra parking for the Applicant’s adjacent parcel containing the Shri Mangal Mandir Temple. The remainder of the Property is undeveloped with existing forest cover and a small stream running from the Property to the west. The Property is generally flat but slope gradually from east to west.

Figure 2 - Vicinity
SECTION 4 – APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSAL

Previous Regulatory Approvals

Preliminary Plan No. 120060920 (Ford Property)

Preliminary Plan No. 120060920 was approved for the Property by Resolution No. 07-86 on July 3, 2007 to create four lots for four single family detached home by another applicant. The Subject Property was then sold to the current Applicant. The previously approved preliminary plan for the Ford Property was never platted and will be superseded upon approval of this Application.

Sewer Category Change, Resolution 17-504

Approved with the following conditions on July 24, 2012:

1.) A maximum impervious level of 24 percent.
2.) A low-pressure sewer main extension that follows New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 south from the site to connect with the existing gravity sewer in front of Immanuel’s Church (DEP will verify that this alignment satisfies the requirement of the PIF policy)
3.) A wooded buffer, approximately 50 feet deep, screening on-site development from the street view along the property frontage of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road, with an allowance for the needed sewer extension access to the site.

Current Application

Preliminary Plan 120160090

The Preliminary Plan, No. 120160090, proposes to subdivide Parcel P491 for one lot and an outlot for a religious assembly use (“Preliminary Plan” or “Application”).

Proposal

The Application proposes one 40,000 gross square foot structure with a 12,750 square foot assembly area inside the building. The building will not exceed 50 feet in height. The Application will utilize the existing 255 parking spaces and stormwater facilities located on the Subject Property. A strip of mature trees and vegetation approximately 50 feet wide along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road will remain and will be protected in the Category I Conservation easement to address the goals of the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan and meet the requirements of the category change that permits access to sewer for the Property.

Vehicle access to the Property will be provided through the Applicant’s adjacent property along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. The Application will enter into a covenant with the Montgomery Department of Transportation (MCDOT) for a 5-foot sidewalk along Ednor Road to be paid for by the Applicant if and when a capital improvement project occurs along Ednor Road in the future. The Applicant will construct a 10-foot wide shared use path along almost all of the New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 frontage except at specific point the path will be 8-feet wide to avoid utilities, and the path will not cover the northernmost 16 feet of Property frontage. The shared use path will not be constructed across the northernmost 16 feet of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 frontage due to an existing culvert under New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 that significantly impedes completion of the path. A new lead-in sidewalk will connect the proposed structure to the shared use path to be constructed in conjunction with this Application along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650.
Figure 3 - Preliminary Plan
SECTION 5 – ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS - Preliminary Plan No. 20160030

1. The Preliminary Plan substantially conforms to the Master Plan

The Property proposed for development is at the southern edge of the Sandy Spring-Ashton Master Plan Area. The 1998 Sandy Spring-Ashton Master Plan includes the Subject Property in the New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 area, but makes no specific land use recommendations for it. The Master Plan has as its objective for this area the maintenance of the existing rural character along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. The Master Plan provides a series of design guidelines for new development. In general, these guidelines are aimed at new residential development, but two are germane to the proposed house of worship.

The Master Plan’s Land Use and Transportation chapters recommend the maintenance of vegetated edges close to the road pavement and the placement of new trees in ways that echo traditional placement along rural roads. Previous approvals on this Property included the granting of Category I Conservation easements along the Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 to maintain its wooded nature, which met the master plan recommendations. Adjustments to the Category I Conservation easement proposed as part of this proposal do not diminish its conformance with Master Plan recommendations. The proposal also includes the recommended shared use path, substantially complying with the Master Plan recommendations.

The Land Use Plan also recommends a hiker/biker path along the west side of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. As previously mentioned, the shared use path is proposed to not be constructed across the entire New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 frontage and instead will end approximately 16-feet short of the northern property boundary (Figure 4).
Figure 4 – Termination of the Shared Use Path

This is due to an existing drainage structure obstructing the alignment of the shared use path extension which will require major reconstruction of the drainage structure with retaining walls, which the Maryland State Highway Administration won’t allow in their right-of-way. As a result, the engineering required to reconstruct and extend the drainage structure for this 16-foot portion of shared use path would require additional drainage easements and structures on the Subject Property as well as adjacent property, which while owned by the Applicant is not part of this Application. Completing this remaining 16-foot section of the shared use path along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 will likely need to occur via a capital improvement project in the future in order to systematically address this obstruction as well as other
obstructions further to the north of the Shri Mangal Mandir Temple. Given the scope of this Application, Staff is of the opinion that completing the shared use path for this final 16 feet is an unreasonable request given the complexity and expense to the Applicant.

The Preliminary Plan substantially conforms with the recommendations of the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan (“Master Plan”).

2. **Public facilities will be adequate to support and service the area of the approved subdivision.**

**Master-Planned Roadways and Bikeways**

In accordance with the 1998 *Sandy Spring Master Plan* and the 2005 *Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan*, the master-planned roadways and bikeway are as follows:

- New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 is designated as a two-lane major highway, M-12, with a recommended 120-foot wide right-of-way and an unbuilt Class I, PB-23, bikeway. The *Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan* recommends a shared-use path, SP-15, on the property/west side. The Application will grant 60 feet of right-of-way from the centerline of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650.

- Ednor Road is designated as a two-lane arterial, A-50, with an 80-foot wide right-of-way and an existing Class I, PB-40, bikeway. The *Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan* recommends a shared-use path, SP-31, on the opposite/south side. The Application will grant 40 feet of right-of-way from the centerline of Ednor Road.

**Available Public Transit Service**

Only the Metrobus route Z2 operates between the Olney (i.e., MD 108 & Georgia Avenue intersection) and Silver spring Metrorail Station with half hour headways on weekdays only. The closest bus stops are at the intersections of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 with Ednor Road and Cliftonbrook Lane.

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**

Given the existing Metrobus service along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 frontage, a lead-in sidewalk from New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 for people to walk from the nearby bus stops will be constructed to the proposed Assembly Hall.

**Local Area Transportation and Policy Area Review**

As a religious assembly building associated with the existing house of worship on the adjacent property, (with no weekday daycare or private educational institution) the Application is exempt from the transportation components of the Adequate Public Facilities test.

**Other Public Facilities and Services**

The Subject Property received a sewer category change approval with conditions on July 24, 2012 by request No. 11A-CLO-01 (Attachment 13) and the Preliminary Plan proposes that the religious assembly structure will be served by public water and sewer. The Preliminary Plan has also been reviewed by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services who have determined that the Application provides adequate access for fire and emergency vehicles (Attachment 10).
3. The size, width, shape, and orientation of the approved lots are appropriate for the location of the subdivision, taking into account the recommendations included in the applicable master plan, and for the type of development or use contemplated.

The Preliminary Plan meets all applicable sections of the Subdivision Regulations. The proposed lot size, width, shape and orientation for the building for religious assembly are appropriate for the location of the subdivision taking into account the design recommendations for forest conservation along Property frontages included in the Master Plan, and for the structure contemplated for the Property. The outlot proposed will be fully encompassed by a Category I Forest Conservation Easement.

The lots were reviewed for compliance with the dimensional requirements for the RE-2 zone as specified in the Zoning Ordinance. The lots as proposed will meet all the dimensional requirements for area, frontage and can accommodate a building which can reasonably meet the width and setbacks requirements in that zone. Staff has required in the conditions section of this Staff Report that the Applicant submit a revised landscape and lighting plan prior to building permit addressing the area around the building footprint to increase screening and compatibility between existing residential uses to the extent possible. A summary of this review is included in attached Table 1. The Preliminary Plan has been reviewed by other applicable county agencies, all of whom have recommended approval.

Table 1 – Development Review Table

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4. The Application satisfies all the applicable requirements of the Forest Conservation Law, Montgomery County Code Chapter 22A.

Forest Conservation Plan
A Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan (“FFCP”) was submitted as part of the Application for the Ford Property, Preliminary Plan number 12006092, and was approved by the Planning Board on July 3, 2007. A FFCP, plan number SC2011021, was submitted on June 9, 2011 and approved at the staff level on July 11, 2011 for the installation of a parking lot and a storm water management pond on the Property. The FFCP
also shows an Open/Play Area and a future Phase 2 building adjacent to the intersection of Ednor Road and New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650.

This Application requests an amendment to the approved FFCP. This current amendment shows the addition of the proposed building within the previous Open/Play Area and the necessary sewer/water connections out to MD 650. The FFCP amendment shows the total net tract area to be 20.15 acres and is zoned RE-2, but the actual use is for a religious institution which is assigned a Land Use Category of Institutional Development Area (IDA) in the Land Use Table of the Environmental Guidelines. This gives the Property an afforestation requirement of 3.02 acres, 15% of the net tract; and a conservation threshold of 4.03 acres, 20% of the net tract.

The Application meets the requirements of Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law. The Property contains 16.01 acres of existing forest. As part of the FFCP, the Applicant proposes to remove 5.51 acres of forest and retain 10.50 acres. This results in a total afforestation/reforestation requirement of 0.00 acres since the amount of retained forest is greater than the forest retention threshold of 6.43 acres for this Application. The retained forest, the stream, the wetland and their associated buffers will be protected through both a standard Category I Conservation Easement and a Modified Category I Conservation Easement.

This Application requests an amendment to the approved FFCP. This current amendment shows the addition of the proposed building within the previous Open/Play Area and the necessary sewer/water connections out to New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. The necessary Forest Conservation Easements (“FCE”) were recorded in the County Land Records as part of the original FFCP. These FCEs met the reforestation requirements specified under section 22A-12 of the Forest Conservation Law and the FFCP worksheet. As part of that original approval, the basic FFCP requirements were met with the protection of the existing forest by FCEs. In addition to meeting the basic requirements, the Applicant also protected additional existing forest with Modified FCEs. These Modified FCEs allowed for the removal of these segments of forest without penalty, as long as the removal was documented by amending the FFCP and the forest removal numbers were adjusted in the FFCP worksheet.

The Applicant is showing the proposed removal of a small segment of Modified FCE between the proposed building and New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650. The removal of 1,742.41 square feet (0.04 acres) of forest and Modified FCE is for the installation of the necessary sewer/water connection for the proposed building. This removal has been accounted for in the amended FFCP worksheet and data tables. The necessary FFCP reforestation requirements are still being met with the preservation of the existing forest with the standard FCEs.

This amendment also requests modifications to the existing standard FCE along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road. This modification is necessary due to the development requirements to provide a public utility easement (PUE) along both roads immediately adjacent to the rights-of-way. The approved FFCP did not account for this addition of a PUE. The Applicant proposes to remove 10-feet of standard FCE along the outside edges of these easements and add 10-feet to the inside edge of the easements. The FCE will stay the same width, but will be shifted into the Subject Property by 10-feet. The Applicant has also proposed to plant 20 1½” to 2” caliper Maryland native overstory trees within the new 10-foot wide segment of FCE.
Forest Conservation Variance

Section 22A-12(b) (3) of Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law provides criteria that identify certain individual trees as high priority for retention and protection. Any impact to these trees, including removal of the subject tree or disturbance within the tree’s critical root zone (“CRZ”) requires a Planning Board approved variance from this section of the law. An applicant for a variance must provide certain written information in support of the required findings in accordance with Section 22A-21 of the County Forest Conservation Law. The law requires no impact to trees that: measure 30 inches or greater DBH; are part of an historic site or designated with an historic structure; are designated as a national, State, or County champion trees; are at least 75 percent of the diameter of the current State champion tree of that species; or trees, shrubs, or plants that are designated as Federal or State rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Variance Request

The Applicant submitted a variance request in a letter dated November 14, 2016 (Attachment 6). The Applicant proposes to impact thirteen (13) trees that are 30 inches or greater DBH, that are considered high priority for retention under Section 22A-12(b)(3) of the County Forest Conservation Law. No specimen trees are scheduled to be removed.

Unwarranted Hardship Basis

Per Section 22A-21, a variance may only be granted if the Planning Board finds that leaving the variance trees in an undisturbed state would result in unwarranted hardship, denying the Applicant reasonable and significant use of the property. In this case, the unwarranted hardship is caused by the necessary installation of the sewer connection and the required sidewalk installation. The proposed construction has been designed to minimize the impacts to priority areas. However, despite this minimization, impacts to thirteen (13) specimen trees cannot be avoided while still providing the necessary sewer connection and the installation of the required sidewalk. The location of the closest existing sewer line is approximately 1,600 feet south of the Subject Property in New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 right-of-way. The sewer connection must be installed in the right-of-way of New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and will impact multiple specimen trees along this right-of-way. The location of the sewer connection has been positioned to create the smallest impact on the specimen trees and wherever possible the impacts have been minimized by tightening proposed contours and shifting the sewer line.

Based on the above requirements placed on the Applicant for the necessary sewer connection and the installation of a sidewalk along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650, Staff concurs that the Applicant has a sufficient unwarranted hardship to justify a variance request.

Section 22A-21 of the County Forest Conservation Law sets forth the findings that must be made by the Planning Board or Planning Director, as appropriate, in order for a variance to be granted. Staff has made the following determinations in the review of the variance request and the proposed forest conservation plan:

Variance Findings - Staff has made the following determination based on the required findings that granting of the requested variance:

1. **Will not confer on the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants.**

Granting the variance will not confer a special privilege on the Applicant as the impacts to the 13 trees is a result of necessary requirements to provide sewer and pedestrian access to the Subject
Property. Therefore, Staff believes that the granting of this variance is not a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants.

2. *Is not based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of the actions by the applicant.*

The requested variance is not based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions by the Applicant. The requested variance is based upon the existing site conditions and necessary design requirements of this Application.

3. *Is not based on a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on a neighboring property.*

The requested variance is a result of the existing conditions and not as a result of land or building use on a neighboring property.

4. *Will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.*

The variance will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality. The specimen trees being impacted are not located within a stream buffer. Therefore, Staff concurs that the Application will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.

**Mitigation for Trees Subject to the Variance Provision** – Mitigation is only required in the event that specimen trees are removed. In this case, no specimen trees are being removed, so mitigation will not be required.

**County Arborist’s Recommendation on the Variance** - In accordance with Montgomery County Code Section 22A-21(c), the Planning Department is required to refer a copy of the variance request to the County Arborist in the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection for a recommendation prior to acting on the request. The request was forwarded to the County Arborist on November 15, 2016. The County Arborist responded by letter on December 6, 2016 with a recommendation to approve the variance request.

**Variance Recommendation** - Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

The Amended FFCP meets all applicable requirements of Chapter 22A of the County Code. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Planning Board approve the tree variance request and the FFCP with the conditions cited in this Staff Report.

5. **All stormwater management requirements shall be met as provided in Montgomery County Code Chapter 19, Article II, titled “Storm Water Management,” Sections 19-20 through 19-35.**

The Preliminary Plan received an approved stormwater concept plan from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS), Water Resources Section on May 18, 2011 (Attachment 11). The stormwater concept was reconfirmed by DPS, Water Resources Section on January 12, 2017 (Attachment 12). The Application will meet stormwater management goals through the installation of a submerged gravel wetland.
SECTION 7: CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES

The Applicant has met all proper signage, noticing and pre-submission meeting requirements for the submitted Applications. A pre-submission meeting for the Preliminary Plan was held on September 15, 2015 at Ashton United Methodist Church. According to the meeting sign-in sheets and provided minutes, there were 18 people in attendance. The Applicant provided a re-cap of issues raised in this meeting which included whether a school would be located in the new building, building square footage, amount of impervious surfaces, parking and lighting, frequency of use, playgrounds, access, screening from adjacent residential uses, building height, any use of Ford Lane and when construction will begin, building occupancy, architecture, concerns over rural character, and the 50-foot wooded buffer along New Hampshire Avenue/MD 650 and Ednor Road. The minutes show the Applicant attempted to address all questions as they were raised at the meeting. As of this writing, Staff received one letter of an adjacent property owner concerned about the allowances of the zoning and compatibility between their home and the proposed building. Staff has tried to address these issues to the extent possible within the code by requiring an amended landscape and lighting plan for staff review prior to issuance of a building permit.
SECTION 8: CONCLUSION

The Application meets all requirements established in the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance. Access and public facilities will be adequate to serve the proposed lots, and the Applications have been reviewed by other applicable county agencies, all of whom have recommended approval of the plan. Staff finds the Applicant has adequately addressed the recommendations of the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan. Staff recommends approval of this Application, with the conditions as enumerated in the Staff Report.

ATTACHMENTS
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Statement of Justification
Snowdens Manor Enlarged, Parcel P491
Application for Preliminary Plan
May 2016

Shri Mangal Mandir Religious Education and Charitable Trust (the “Applicant”) requests approval of a Preliminary Plan for the property known as parcel P491, Snowdens Manor Enlarged Subdivision (the “Property”). The property is located in the northwest quadrant of the New Hampshire Ave. (MD Route 650) and Ednor Road intersection. The Preliminary Plan would allow for the subdivision of the parcel into 1 lot which would include the existing parking lot and proposed religious assembly hall (the “Project”), in conformance with the recommendations of the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan (the “Master Plan”). The Property is not located within the Sandy Spring Rural Village planning area.

This Application is submitted for the standard method of development in the Residential Estate – 2 Zone (RE-2).

I. Property Description

The property is located in the northwest quadrant of the New Hampshire Ave. (MD Route 650) and Ednor Road intersection. A surface parking lot is located on the Property. The parking lot is currently utilized by the Applicant for excess parking associated with the Shri Mangal Mandir Temple located at 17100 New Hampshire Avenue.

Access to the existing parking area is provided via the driveway entrance to 17100 New Hampshire Avenue. The total area of the Property is approximately 667,970 square feet (15.3345 acres). The mapped zoning of the Property is RE-2.

Adjoining the Property are properties also located within the RE-2 zone. These include the Shri Mangal Temple to the immediate north as well as single family residential located to the north and west. Confronting the Property on the south side of Ednor Road are two properties zoned RE-2 as well as portions of the Hampshire Greens Golf Course, zoned RE-2C. Confronting the property on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue is the Resurrection Baptist Church located within the RC zone.

Under existing and proposed conditions runoff from the site is tributary to Northwest Branch. The Northwest Branch Watershed is designated as Class IV water use by the State. An unnamed tributary of Northwest Branch is located within the Property and flows toward the western Property boundary.

A Preliminary Plan for the property was previously approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 14, 2007 (Preliminary Plan No. 120060920). The plan proposed four single family detached dwelling units. However, this Preliminary Plan was never implemented.

The Shri Mangal Mandir Temple located at 17100 New Hampshire Avenue was built in 1988. The Applicant acquired the adjacent parcel P491 in 2009 and constructed additional surface parking in 2013. Both the approved Forest Conservation Plan and the approved Soil Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plan prepared for the surface parking construction indicate that an additional building would be constructed on parcel P491 in a future phase.
The existing water and sewer service area categories for the Property are W-1 and S-6. On July 24, 2012, the Montgomery County Council adopted a Resolution (Resolution 17-504) which conditionally approved a change in the sewer service area category from S-6 to S-3. This approval is conditioned on the Montgomery County Planning Board’s approval of a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision that substantially conforms to the plans presented to the Council by the applicant, especially in terms of:

a. A maximum impervious level of 24 percent.

b. A low-pressure sewer main extension that follows New Hampshire Avenue south from the site to connect with the existing gravity sewer in front of Immanuel’s Church (the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection will verify that this alignment satisfies the requirements of the private institutional facilities policy).

c. A wooded buffer, approximately 50 feet deep, screening on-site development from the street view along the property frontage of New Hampshire Avenue and Ednor Road, with an allowance for the needed sewer extension access to the site.

II. Proposed Development

Attendance at the Shri Mangal Mandir Temple has increased since its construction in 1988. The Applicant acquired the adjacent parcel P491 in 2009 with the long term goal of providing additional parking and religious assembly space for members. A surface parking area was constructed in 2013. Currently, the Applicant does not have adequate space within the existing Temple for religious assembly activities. To provide this needed space, the Applicant proposed the following: (i) to subdivide the Property into one (1) lot and one (1) outlot; and (ii) to construct a religious assembly hall under the standard method of development for the RE-2 zone. The proposed hall will be designed to provide space for approximately 1,000 people. Square footage of the proposed hall is 26,742 square feet. Based on a gross tract area of 604,701 square feet, maximum building coverage is 4.42% which is less than the 25% maximum permitted. In connection with the Preliminary Plan, the Applicant will dedicate approximately 23,071 square feet within the New Hampshire Avenue public right-of-way and 549 square feet within the Ednor Road public right-of-way.

The existing parking area located on the Property will be utilized to provide parking for the proposed religious assembly hall. The existing parking area contains 259 parking spaces. Minor modifications to the existing parking area are proposed such as the reconfiguration of a number of parking islands and restriping to provide ADA compliant spaces. With these modifications, the total number of proposed parking spaces is 255. Existing vehicular access to the parking area is currently provided via the drive entrance to the Temple located on Parcel A to the north. Proposed vehicular access to the Property will remain unchanged with the proposed development.

The proposed development does not generate 30 or more vehicle trips during the morning or evening peak hours. The application is not, therefore, subject to Local Area Transportation Review. A Traffic Impact Statement is enclosed with this application. The Traffic Impact Statement indicates that the proposed development will generate 29 morning peak hour trips and 27 evening peak hour trips. In
addition, the Property is located within the Rural East Transportation Policy Area which is exempt from Transportation Policy Area Review.

III. Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan Conformance

The Master Plan makes no specific recommendations with regard to the Property. However, it does make the general recommendation that the RE-2 zone continue to be applied to the Property. The Master Plan also makes specific recommendations for Ednor Road and New Hampshire Avenue within the area of the Property.

Within the area of the Property, The Master Plan of Highways and Transitways classifies New Hampshire Avenue as a Major Highway. The Master Plan recommends that design within the New Hampshire Avenue right-of-way and on adjoining property be in keeping with the roadways rural character in this area. It recommends a 120’ right-of-way and vegetated edges as close to the road pavement as possible. The Master Plan recommends New Hampshire Avenue not be widened beyond two through lanes except for essential acceleration/deceleration or turn lanes. The Master Plan recommends a Class I off-road hiker/biker path on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue.

Within the area of the Property, The Master Plan of Highways and Transitways classifies Ednor Road as an Arterial Roadway. The Master Plan recommends that the rural character of the roadway be maintained. It also states that if safety improvements are need to Ednor Road west of New Hampshire Avenue, every effort should be made to retain existing trees north of Ednor Road. The Master Plan recommends the minimum right-of-way width for Ednor Road to be 80’.

The proposed Project conforms to Master Plan recommendations. Project conformance with the development standards of the RE-2 zone is discussed in Section IV. Dedication is proposed along New Hampshire Avenue. The resulting right-of-way width is 120’ along the Property frontage. Additionally, a hiker/biker path is proposed within the dedication area along the west side of New Hampshire Ave.

Additional dedication is proposed along Ednor Road such that 40’ of right-of-way width is provided from the centerline of the Roadway to the Project property boundary. In addition, a Forest Conservation Easement (L. 45218, F. 072) exists along the Property frontage with Ednor Road so that existing trees north of Ednor Road may be retained. A sidewalk is also proposed along Ednor Road property frontage.

IV. Zoning Ordinance Conformance

Section 59.4.4.4 of the Zoning Ordinance states that the intent of the RE-2 zone is to provide designated areas of the County for large-lot residential uses. The predominant use is residential in a detached house. However, additional uses are allowed within the RE-2 zone including Religious Assembly as per the Use Table in Section 59.3.1.6.

The proposed Project conforms to the development standards of the RE-2 zone as follows:
## Development Standards - RE-2 Zone
### Proposed Use: Religious Assembly

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1. Based upon 12,750 SF Assembly Area
2. Through Lot, no rear yard
V. **Montgomery County Council Resolution 17-504 Conformance**

The proposed Project conforms to the conditions of Resolution 17-504 as follows:

a. A maximum impervious level of 24 percent.

Proposed gross tract area of proposed Lot 1 is 604,701 square feet or 13.88 acres. Total imperviousness area is 114,280 square feet or 18.9% percent which is less than 24 percent.

b. A low-pressure sewer main extension that follows New Hampshire Avenue south from the site to connect with the existing gravity sewer in front of Immanuel’s Church (the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection will verify that this alignment satisfies the requirements of the private institutional facilities policy).

A pressure sewer main extension is proposed to provide sewer service for the Project. A Hydraulic Planning Analysis for the sewer extension was completed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the project was conditionally approved on February 5, 2015. The Montgomery County Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan defines private institutional facilities (PIFs) as buildings constructed for an organization which qualifies for a federal tax exemption under the provisions of Section 501 of the United States Code (Chapter 1.II.E.4). This plan states that PIFs located within the acknowledged water and/or sewer envelopes, service area category changes may be approved by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through the administrative delegation process. The Project qualifies for a federal tax exemption under Section 501 and is therefore considered a PIF. As shown in the Master Plan, the Property is within the proposed water and sewer service envelope and would therefore the sewer category change is eligible for approval by DEP.

c. A wooded buffer, approximately 50 feet deep, screening on-site development from the street view along the property frontage of New Hampshire Avenue and Ednor Road, with an allowance for the needed sewer extension access to the site.

Associated with the approval of the Final Forest Conservation Plan, a Forest Conservation Easement on the Property was recorded on November 5, 2012 (L. 45218, F.072). This easement has a minimum width of 50’ and provides for a wooded buffer along the property frontage of New Hampshire Avenue and Ednor Road. A 50’ window exists in the easement area along New Hampshire Avenue. Proposed water and sewer connections are located within this window.

VI. **Subdivision Regulation Compliance**

The Preliminary Plan indicates that the size, width, shape and orientation of the proposed lot are appropriate for the location of the proposed subdivision.

VII. **Forest Conservation**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission approved a Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation (NRI/FSD) for the Property on May 24, 2011 (NRI/FSD no. 420111100). The Final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP) for the Property as well as adjacent Parcel “A” to
the north was approved by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on July 12, 2012 (Plan No. SC2011021). The approved FFCP accounted for construction of the parking area (installed in 2013) and the proposed religious assembly hall. Copies of each plan are enclosed with this submission.

VIII. Stormwater Management

The Stormwater Management Concept for the Property was approved by MCDPS on May 18, 2011. The Soil Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management (SESC/SWM) Plan was approved for the Property by MCDPS on July 26, 2012. As designed, stormwater management is provided for proposed site improvements through the use of environmental site design practices. As shown on the approved SESC/SWM plan, these improvements included the parking area (installed in 2013) as well as the religious assembly hall (identified as Future Phase 2 on the SESC/SWM Plan). Copies of the SWM Concept approval letter and approved SESC/SWM Plan are enclosed with this submission.

IX. Adequate Public Facilities

Public facilities are more than adequate to support and service the proposed Project. With respect to roads, the proposed development does not generate 30 or more vehicle trips during the morning or evening peak hours as described in Section II.

Because the proposed development is a non-residential use, adequacy of schools is not applicable to the Project.

The existing water and sewer service area categories for the Property are W-1 and S-6. As described in Section I, Montgomery County Council Resolution 17-504 conditionally approved a change in the sewer service area category from S-6 to S-3. Electric, gas, and telecommunications services will be available for use by the Project.

Police stations, firehouses, and health care facilities serving the Property will continue to be sufficient following construction of the Project. The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department (Station 4) is located approximately 2 miles from the Property at 17921 Brooke Road. The Olney Police Substation is located approximately 5 miles from the Property at 17821 Georgia Avenue.

X. Community Outreach

The Applicant conducted a public pre-submission meeting on September 15, 2015 at the Ashton United Methodist Church located at 17315 New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton. Additional information regarding this meeting, including meeting minutes, are enclosed with this submission as required by the Zoning Ordinance and by the Planning Department’s Manual of Development Review Procedures.
XI. Conclusion

The proposed subdivision of parcel P491 and the development of the proposed religious assembly hall conforms to the recommendations and goals of the 1998 Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan. In addition, the Project complies with all applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the RE-2 zone. Therefore, we request that the Planning Board approve the Preliminary Plan as proposed.
NOTE: Root Prune in sewer line trench to minimize tree root impacts.
May 27, 2016

Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Snowdens Manor Enlarged FFCP
MNCPPC No. SC2011021A
MHG Project No. 14.255.11

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Shri Mangal Mandir, the applicant of the above referenced Forest Conservation Plan Amendment, we hereby request a variance for the impact of thirteen specimen trees as required by the Maryland Natural Resources Article, Title 5, Subtitle 16, Forest Conservation, Section 5-1611, and in accordance with Chapter 22A-21(b) of the Montgomery County Code. In accordance with Chapter 22A-21(b) of the Montgomery County Code, the proposed impact of thirteen trees over thirty inches in diameter would satisfy the variance requirements.

1. Describe the special conditions peculiar to the property which would cause the unwarranted hardship;

   The total property area subject to the associated forest conservation plan includes 20.15 acres with a total of 10.19 acres of forest in a forest conservation easement including 4.22 acres within a stream valley buffer as well as a significant number of specimen trees protected. The original forest conservation plan was approved with the anticipation of a phase two future building which is now being proposed. As part of that future building a sewer line extension is needed and a sidewalk is being required by the county which requires extensive grading.

   The proposed construction has been designed to minimize impacts to priority areas. Unfortunately, despite the many specimen trees being saved, these thirteen specimen trees cannot be avoided while still providing the necessary sewer connection to serve the property and meet the county sidewalk requirements. The location of the existing sewer line is down New Hampshire Avenue. The sewer connection must go down the right of way and impacts multiple specimen trees along the right of way. The location of the sewer connection has been position to create the smallest impact on the subject trees. Wherever possible we have minimized impacts by tightening proposed contours and shifting the sewer line. The majority of the impacts will be minor and only require root pruning. Two of the trees, #114 and #115 will require additional stress reduction measures which may require a shift in the alignment of the sewer line.
For all thirteen trees, necessary stress reduction measures will be provided by an arborist to promote their survivability. For all of the above reasons, not allowing the proposed removals and impacts would be a hardship that is not warranted.

2. *Describe how enforcement of these rules will deprive the landowner of rights commonly enjoyed by others in similar areas;*

All of the affected trees are located within the buildable area on the property or along the right of way for utilities. The improvements are located outside environmentally sensitive areas, and the majority of the impacts are due to impacts within the right of way which is a common occurrence for landowners who need to construct utilities for their property. The inability to impact the subject trees would limit the development of the property. This creates a significant disadvantage for the applicant and deprives the applicant of the rights enjoyed by the neighboring and/or similar properties not subject to this approval process.

3. *Verify that State water quality standards will not be violated or that a measurable degradation in water quality will not occur as a result of the granting of the variance;*

A Stormwater Management Concept was submitted and approved for the proposed improvements. Approval of this plan confirms that the goals and objectives of the current state water quality standards are being met.

4. *Provide any other information appropriate to support the request.*

Pursuant to Section 22A 21(d) Minimum Criteria for Approval.
(1) The Applicant will receive no special privileges or benefits by the granting of the requested variance that would not be available by any other applicants. All of the affected trees are located along the right of way in proximity to the required sidewalk and along the proposed sewer line. Installing a sewer line within the right of way would not be a special privilege that would not be available by any other applicants.
(2) The variance request is not based on conditions or circumstances which result from the actions of the applicant. The requested variance is not based upon site conditions and development constraints which are the result of specific actions by the Applicant outside the norm of a development application allowed under the applicable zoning and associated regulations. The variance is based on the proposed site layout that is utilizing the existing right of way for utilities and the requirement for a sidewalk.
(3) The variance is not based on a condition relating to the land or building use, either permitted or nonconforming on a neighboring property. The requested variance is a result of the proposed site design and layout on the subject property and location of the existing sewer and not a result of land or building on a neighboring property.
(4) Will not violate State water standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality. Full ESD stormwater management will be provided as part of the proposed development. The variance will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality. The specimen trees being impacted are not within a stream valley buffer, wetland, or special protection area. The Montgomery County Department
of Permitting Services has approved the storm water management concept for the proposed project.

As required under the law, stress reduction measures will be provided for all of the impacted trees. A copy of the Forest Conservation Plan and a variance tree spreadsheet has been provided as part of this variance request. Please let us know if any other information is necessary to support this request.

Please contact me via email, at fjjohnson@mhgpa.com, or by phone, at (301) 670-0840 should you have any additional comments or concerns.

Thank you,

Frank Johnson

Frank Johnson
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December 6, 2016

Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: Snowden’s Manor Enlarged, ePlan 120160090, application for amendment to FFCP accepted on 11/12/2015

Dear Mr. Anderson:

All applications for a variance from the requirements of Chapter 22A of the County Code submitted after October 1, 2009 are subject to Section 22A-12(b)(3). Accordingly, given that the application for the above referenced request was submitted after that date and must comply with Chapter 22A, and the Montgomery County Planning Department (“Planning Department”) has completed all review required under applicable law, I am providing the following recommendation pertaining to this request for a variance.

Section 22A-21(d) of the Forest Conservation Law states that a variance must not be granted if granting the request:

1. Will confer on the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants;
2. Is based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of the actions by the applicant;
3. Arises from a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or nonconforming, on a neighboring property; or
4. Will violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.

Applying the above conditions to the plan submitted by the applicant, I make the following findings as the result of my review:

1. The granting of a variance in this case would not confer a special privilege on this applicant that would be denied other applicants as long as the same criteria are applied in each case. Therefore, the variance can be granted under this criterion.

2. Based on a discussion on March 19, 2010 between representatives of the County, the Planning Department, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, the disturbance of trees, or other vegetation, as a result of development activity is not, in and of itself, interpreted as a condition or circumstance that is the result of the actions by the applicant. Therefore, the variance can be granted under this criterion, as long as appropriate mitigation is provided for the resources disturbed.
3. The disturbance of trees, or other vegetation, by the applicant does not arise from a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or nonconforming, on a neighboring property. Therefore, the variance can be granted under this criterion.

4. The disturbance of trees, or other vegetation, by the applicant will not result in a violation of State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality. Therefore, the variance can be granted under this criterion.

Therefore, I recommend a finding by the Planning Board that this applicant qualifies for a variance conditioned upon meeting ‘conditions of approval’ pertaining to variance trees recommended by Planning staff, as well as the applicant mitigating for the loss of resources due to removal or disturbance to trees, and other vegetation, subject to the law based on the limits of disturbance (LOD) recommended during the review by the Planning Department. In the case of removal, the entire area of the critical root zone (CRZ) should be included in mitigation calculations regardless of the location of the CRZ (i.e., even that portion of the CRZ located on an adjacent property). When trees are disturbed, any area within the CRZ where the roots are severed, compacted, etc., such that the roots are not functioning as they were before the disturbance must be mitigated. Exceptions should not be allowed for trees in poor or hazardous condition because the loss of CRZ eliminates the future potential of the area to support a tree or provide stormwater management. Tree protection techniques implemented according to industry standards, such as trimming branches or installing temporary mulch mats to limit soil compaction during construction without permanently reducing the critical root zone, are acceptable mitigation to limit disturbance. Techniques such as root pruning should be used to improve survival rates of impacted trees but they should not be considered mitigation for the permanent loss of critical root zone. I recommend requiring mitigation based on the number of square feet of the critical root zone lost or disturbed. The mitigation can be met using any currently acceptable method under Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code.

In the event that minor revisions to the impacts to trees subject to variance provisions are approved by the Planning Department, the mitigation requirements outlined above should apply to the removal or disturbance to the CRZ of all trees subject to the law as a result of the revised LOD.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Laura Miller
County Arborist

cc: Doug Johnsen, Senior Planner
I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the Laws of the State of Maryland
License No. 16905, Expiration Date: 04/21/2018

Professional Certification
September 1, 2016

Mr. Ryan Sigworth, Senior Planner
Area 3 Planning Division
The Maryland-National Capital
Park & Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

RE: Preliminary Plan No. 120160090
Snowden Manor Enlarged

Dear Mr. Sigworth:

We have completed our review of the preliminary plan submitted on August 18, 2016 and reviewed by the Development Review Committee at its December 7, 2015 meeting. We appreciate the cooperation and additional information provided by the applicant and their consultant. We recommend approval of the plan subject to the following comments:

All Planning Board Opinions relating to this plan or any subsequent revision, project plans or site plans should be submitted to the Department of Permitting Services in the package for record plats, storm drain, grading or paving plans, or application for access permit. Include this letter and all other correspondence from this department.

1. Necessary dedication for New Hampshire Avenue (MD-650) and Ednor Road is required in accordance with the Master Plan.

2. Grant necessary slope and drainage easements. Slope easements are to be determined by study or set at the building restriction line.

3. Access and improvements along New Hampshire Avenue (MD-650) as required by the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA).

4. The owner will be required to furnish this office with a recorded covenant whereby said owner agrees to pay a prorata share for the future construction or reconstruction of improvements along the Ednor Road site frontage, whether built as a Montgomery

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County project or by private developer under permit, prior to DPS approval of the record plat. The deed reference for this document is to be provided on the record plat.

5. Prior to approval of the Certified Preliminary Plan, we recommend plans be amended to remove Ednor Road typical section and sidewalk improvement along Ednor Road.

6. We have accepted the consultant's storm drain capacity and impact analysis (dated August, 2015). We agree that no capacity improvements to the downstream county maintained storm drain system are necessary for this project.

7. Relocation of utilities along existing roads to accommodate the required roadway improvements shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this preliminary plan. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Avinash Dewani, our Development Review Engineer for this project, at avinash.dewani@montgomerycountymd.gov or (240) 777-2132.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory M. Leck, Manager
Development Review Team

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Kenneth Jones Macris Hendricks & Glascock, P.A.
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Preliminary Plan letters notebook

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Avinash Dewani MCDOT OTP
DATE: 27-Jul-16
TO: Stephen Crum - scrum@mhgpa.com
     Macris, Hendricks & Glascock
FROM: Marie LaBaw
RE: Snowden Manor Enlarged (Parcel P491)
     120160090

PLAN APPROVED

1. Review based only upon information contained on the plan submitted 27-Jul-16. Review and approval does not cover unsatisfactory installation resulting from errors, omissions, or failure to clearly indicate conditions on this plan.

2. Correction of unsatisfactory installation will be required upon inspection and service of notice of violation to a party responsible for the property.
May 18, 2011

Ms. Natalya Basumallick
Gutschick, Little & Weber, P.A.
Burtonsville Office Park
3909 National Drive, Suite 250
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Re: Stormwater Management CONCEPT Request for Ford Property - Shri Mangal Mandir
Preliminary Plan #: NA
SM File #: 239888
Tract Size/Zone: 15.33 acres / RE-2
Total Concept Area: 5.5 acres
Lots/Block: NA
Parcel(s): P491 & Parcel A / Snowdens Manor

Enlarged

Watershed: Northwest Branch

Dear Ms. Basumallick:

Based on a review by the Department of Permitting Services Review Staff, the stormwater management concept for the above mentioned site is acceptable. The stormwater management concept proposes to meet required stormwater management goals for the proposed parking lot via installation of a Submerged Gravel Wetland.

The following items will need to be addressed during the detailed sediment control/stormwater management plan stage:

1. Prior to permanent vegetative stabilization, all disturbed areas must be topsoiled per the latest Montgomery County Standards and Specifications for Topsoiling.

2. A detailed review of the stormwater management computations will occur at the time of detailed plan review.

3. An engineered sediment control plan must be submitted for this project.

4. This stormwater concept approval is for the parking lot only. Any other proposed use will require submission of a new stormwater management concept.

5. The property at 17110 New Hampshire Avenue includes a stormwater pond that was intended to serve that property. However the swale that would direct flows from the existing parking lot to the pond was either not constructed or has been compromised. The swale must be constructed on that property per the original stormwater management plans; and, the swale must be placed within a stormwater management easement. This work can be performed before (with appropriate sediment control permit) or concurrent with the parking lot construction. However, construction permits will not be issued until the easement is recorded. The parking lot construction will not be approved unless the swale construction precedes it or is sequenced to be done at the same time.
6. The Submerged Gravel Wetland must be designed to provide twelve hour release of the ESD volume. If the required control orifice to achieve this is less than 2-inches in diameter, a 2-inch diameter orifice must be used. Adequate access to the control orifice for inspection and maintenance must be provided.

7. The Submerged Gravel Wetland and the swales and storm drain that direct flow to it must be included within a recorded stormwater management easement.

This list may not be all-inclusive and may change based on available information at the time.

Payment of a stormwater management contribution in accordance with Section 2 of the Stormwater Management Regulation 4-90 is not required.

This letter must appear on the sediment control/stormwater management plan at its initial submittal. The concept approval is based on all stormwater management structures being located outside of the Public Utility Easement, the Public Improvement Easement, and the Public Right of Way unless specifically approved on the concept plan. Any divergence from the information provided to this office; or additional information received during the development process; or a change in an applicable Executive Regulation may constitute grounds to rescind or amend any approval actions taken, and to reevaluate the site for additional or amended stormwater management requirements. If there are subsequent additions or modifications to the development, a separate concept request shall be required.

If you have any questions regarding these actions, please feel free to contact Mark Etheridge at 240-777-6338. Please note that this approval is only acknowledges that the stormwater management concept plan meets State and County regulatory standards. Other regulatory codes and standards concerning zoning, land use, and forest conservation will need to be addressed prior to submitting a sediment control permit application for the project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard R. Brush, Manager
Water Resources Section
Division of Land Development Services

RRB: tla mce

cc: SM File # 239888

ESD Acres: 5.5
STRUCTURAL Acres: 0
WAIVED Acres: 0
January 12, 2017

Mr. Mark Etheridge, Manager
Montgomery County
Department Permitting Services
Water Resources Section
255 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Snowdens Manor Enlarged
Parcel P491
Preliminary Plan No. 1201600090
SM File No. 239888
MHG Project No. 2014.255

Dear Mr. Etheridge:

On behalf of our client, the Shri Mangal Mandir Religious, Educational & Charitable Trust, we hereby request that you confirm the validity of the May 18, 2011 Stormwater Management Concept approval letter with respect to the subject Preliminary Plan application. Condition #4 of the approval letter states that “this stormwater concept approval is for the parking lot only. Any other proposed use will require submission of a new stormwater management concept.” Despite this statement, a review of the stormwater management design computations indicates that stormwater management facilities installed based upon the 2011 SWM Concept approval were sized to provide management of future additional improvements.

A submerged gravel wetland was constructed in accordance with the 2011 concept approval. A summary of the design sizing computations for this facility and the proposed drainage area based on the Preliminary Plan application is below:

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<th>Site SWM Requirements</th>
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<td>Total Site Area</td>
<td>15.33 acres</td>
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<td>Total Impervious Area</td>
<td>3.48 acres</td>
<td>2.65 acres</td>
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<td>Total ESD Required</td>
<td>16,406 cf</td>
<td>16,110 cf</td>
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The ESDv provided by the submerged gravel wetland exceeds site requirements based upon the proposed Preliminary Plan. Please note, the disturbed area and associated impervious area used to compute the ESD required includes all disturbed area currently shown on the Preliminary Plan as well as previous disturbed area associated with the parking lot construction. This then also includes disturbed area associated with the proposed sewer extension within the New Hampshire Avenue ROW. While this area is not directly tributary to the submerged gravel wetland, no new impervious is proposed with the sewer extension. Additionally, the submerged gravel wetland has sufficient capacity to compensate for the disturbance and existing impervious area associated with the sewer extension.

If you concur that that the May 18, 2011 SWM concept approval letter is valid based upon the proposed Preliminary Plan, please indicate so by signing below.

Signed: [Signature]  
Date: 12 January 2017

Title: Manager, Water Resources

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Jones, P.E.

[Handwritten note]

The stormwater management concept approval for file no. 239983, dated May 18, 2011, is hereby confirmed to be acceptable for preliminary plans no. 1201600090, including removal of condition no. 4 from that original concept approval letter. The existing stormwater facility on the recanted property was constructed to acceptably accommodate the proposed building.
COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

Background

1. Section 9-501 et seq. of the Environmental Article of the Maryland Code requires the governing body of each County to adopt and submit to the State Department of the Environment a comprehensive County Plan, and from time to time amend or revise that Plan for the provision of adequate water supply systems and sewerage systems throughout the County.

2. Section 9-507 of the Environmental Article of the Maryland Code provides that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has 90 days to review a county governing body's action to amend the County's Water and Sewer Plan. Upon notice to the County, MDE may extend that review period for another 90 days, if necessary. At the conclusion of this review, MDE must either approve or reject the Council's action on each of these amendments, or the action is confirmed by default. Any action approved or taken by this resolution is not final until that action is approved by the MDE or the period for final MDE action has expired.

3. In accordance with the State law on December 30, 1969, by Resolution No. 6-2563, the County Council adopted a Comprehensive Ten-Year Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan which was approved by the State Department of the Environment.

4. The County Council has from time to time amended the Plan.

5. On April 27, 2012, the County Council received recommendations from the County Executive regarding 4 Water and Sewer Plan amendments.

6. Recommendations on these amendments were solicited from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Staff, and affected municipalities.
7. A public hearing was held on June 21, 2012.

8. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee discussed these amendments on July 12, 2012 and made recommendations to the Council.


Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following actions on amendments to the Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan as shown in the attachments to this resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

[Signature]
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
Montgomery County Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan  
April 2012 Amendment Transmittal: Water/Sewer Category Map Amendments

Montgomery County uses water and sewer service area categories, in part, to identify those properties that should use public water and/or sewer service versus those that should use on-site systems, usually wells and/or septic systems. Category 1 identifies properties approved for public service and that have access to public system mains. Category 3 identifies properties approved for public service but need new main extensions in order to receive public service. Categories 4 and 5 identify properties that currently should use on-site systems, but are proposed for public service in the future. Category 6 identifies properties that should use on-site systems, where public service is not planned for at least the next ten years.

Property owners file category change map amendment requests seeking to change the service areas for their property from one category to another, often based on anticipated development plans. The following charts present the County Council’s actions on water/sewer category map amendment requests filed with DEP and transmitted by the County Executive to the Council for consideration in April 2012.

WSCCR 11A-CLO-01: Shri Mangal Mandir Religious Educational and Charitable Trust

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<td>Parcel P491, Snowdens Manor Enl; district 08, acct. no. 00706865</td>
<td>W-1 W-1 (no change)</td>
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<td>Map tile: WSSC – 223NE01; MD – JT61</td>
<td>S-6 S-3</td>
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<td>Northwest quadrant, intersection of New Hampshire Ave. and Ednor Rd.</td>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
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<td>RE-2 Zone; 16.53 ac.</td>
<td>Maintain S-6, with advancement to S-3, under the private institutional facilities (PIF) policy, conditioned on the Planning Board’s approval of a preliminary plan that substantially conforms to the plans presented to the Council by the applicant, especially in terms of:</td>
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<td>Sandy Spring Ashton Master Plan (1998)</td>
<td>• A maximum impervious level of 24 percent.</td>
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<td>Northwest Br. Watershed (MDE Use IV)</td>
<td>• A low-pressure sewer main extension that follows New Hampshire Avenue south from the site to connect with the existing gravity sewer in front of Immanuel’s Church (DEP will verify that this alignment satisfies the requirements of the PIF policy).</td>
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<td><strong>Existing use:</strong> unimproved</td>
<td>• A wooded buffer, approximately 50 feet deep, screening on-site development from the street view along the property frontage of New Hampshire Avenue and Ednor Road, with an allowance for the needed sewer extension access to the site.</td>
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<td><strong>Proposed use:</strong> congregation center for an existing, adjacent place of worship</td>
<td>Sewer service will be limited to the use presented by the applicant, a congregation meeting building; no other use may connect to public sewer service without subsequent consideration and approval by the County Council.</td>
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WSCCR 11A-PAX-01: Samson Getachew & Solomon Wubet

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<td>Outlot A, Block B, Glencoe</td>
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<td>District 05, acct. no. 01680377</td>
<td>W-1 W-1 (no change)</td>
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<td>East side of New Hampshire Ave. (MD 650) south of Ednor Rd.</td>
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<td>RC Zone; 2.00 acres</td>
<td>Deny the request for sewer category S-1; maintain category S-6.</td>
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<td>Patuxent Watershed Conservation Planning Area Cloverly Master Plan (1997)</td>
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<td>Lower Patuxent River Watershed (MDE Use I)</td>
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<td><strong>Existing use:</strong> unimproved outlot</td>
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<td><strong>Proposed use:</strong> one single-family house</td>
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WSCCR 11A-TRV-06: Mitchell Rates for the Glenstone Foundation

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<td>• South side of Glen Rd. opposite Greenbriar Rd.</td>
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<td>• RE-2 Zone; 127.7 acres</td>
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<td>• Travilah Planning Area Potomac Subregion Master Plan (2002)</td>
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<td>• Watts Branch Watershed (MDE Use I)</td>
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<td>• Existing use: museum, private residence, agricultural Proposed use: expansion of existing museum use (residential and agricultural uses to remain without sewer service)</td>
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- Under this action, only those five properties identified in the following table as part of WSCCR 11A-TRV-06 will change from category S-6 to S-3 and will be eligible to receive public sewer service. All other properties in the applicant's holdings adjacent to or near the subject site will retain category S-6 and be excluded from public sewer service. (Other properties owned by the applicant may be considered for future sewer service by the County Council through the appropriate category change processes.)

- As a non-residential use, WSSC will require the applicant to pay all sewer extension costs and acquire any necessary sewer easements from other property owners.

- In conformance with the service extension requirements of the PIF policy, the off-site low-pressure extension is expected to run along Lake Potomac Dr. to the existing gravity sewer at Great Elm Dr. WSSC will allow access to the new main extension to only the museum; no other properties can connect to the pump/pressure sewer system. Extension costs can include:
  - Any odor mitigation measures required by WSSC, including those at and below the pressure sewer outfall point on Great Elm Drive, and
  - Any extraordinary sewer construction measures needed to mitigate the effects of sewer construction across Greenbriar Branch.

- The applicant will submit a stormwater management concept plan to the Department of Permitting Services that specifies no more than 15 percent impervious area for the site included in the category change request.

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<td>• Parcel P666, Wickham &amp; Pottinger Piney Level</td>
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<td>• District 04, acct. no. 00053133</td>
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<td>• North side of Boswell La. at Glen Mill Rd.</td>
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<td>• RE-2 Zone; 2.00 acres</td>
<td>Deny the request for sewer category S-3; maintain category S-6.</td>
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<td>• Watts Branch Watershed (MDE Use I) – Piney Branch subwatershed (Mont. Co. SPA)</td>
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<td>• Existing use: one single-family house (built 2006)</td>
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<td>Proposed use: same, sewer service for the existing house</td>
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Water and Sewer Plan Map
April 2012 Transmittal: Map Amendment Locator

Legend
- Map Amendment Request Sites
- Localities
- Major Roads & Highways
  - County Roads
  - State Roads & Highways
  - US Highways & Interstates
  - Proposed Roads
  - Municipalities

Montgomery County, Maryland
2003 Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

DEP
Water and Wastewater Policy Group

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**Sewer Service Area Categories Map**

**WSCCR 11A-CLO-01 (Shri Mangal Mandir Religious Educational & Charitable Trust)**

**WSCCR 11A-CLO-01**

17100 Block New Hampshire Ave., Cloverly
Parcel P491, Snowdens Manor Enl
Acct no. 00706865
Action: Change S-6 to S-6 with S-3 conditional.
See Attachment A for specific approval conditions and service restrictions.

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**Legend**

- **Proposed Sewer Extension**
- **Sewer Manholes**
- **Low-Pressure Sewer**
- **Gravity Sewers**
- **WSSC Tile Grid**
- **Proposed Building**
- **Future Parking & Open Area**
- **Excluded from Request**
- **Existing Parkland**

**Sewer Categories**

- S-1
- S-3
- S-6

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**SCALE (Feet)**

Montgomery County, Maryland
Draft 2012 Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

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WSSC 11A-TRV-06
12002, 12204, & 12702 Glen Rd., Potomac Parcels P527 & P600, Belmont; Lot 4 (N538), Pt. Lot 3 (N541), & Pt. Lot 3 (N766), Oak Grove Action: Change S-6 to S-3 with restrictions. (See Attachment A for specific restrictions and service conditions.)

Legend

- Proposed Sewer Extension
- Sewer Manholes
- Low-Pressure Sewers
- Gravity Sewers
- WSSC Tile Grid

Subject Properties
Existing Parkland

Sewer Categories
S-1
S-3
S-6

Scale (Feet)
Montgomery County, Maryland
Draft 2011 Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

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Mr. Sigworth,

Recently I received a message from Derek Jackson regarding his communication with you related to the proposed construction of a new religious assembly hall by Shri Mangal Mandir Temple. You informed him that everything is pretty much at stalemate now because of unresolved issues concerning frontage of the religious hall. My name is Arlene Heckman. I am the property owner immediately adjacent to their planned building site. I live at 704 Ednor Road, Silver Spring. It seems to me that Park and Planning should be considering more aspects of this construction than mere frontage issues. Firstly, the land they are planning to develop is zoned 2-5 acre rural residential. Unless zoning is changed, and there has been no indication that this has occurred, there is no way that a religious hall qualifies as rural residential. Secondly, their plans call for a structure that will sit no more than 27 feet away from my property line. It will create a 10,00 sq. ft. footprint and will be 50 feet high. The land that it will sit on appears to be no more than 1 1/2 acres in size. This is a monstrous structure that they are planning, more in keeping with a commercial structure than a residential property. I am greatly concerned about the construction of this building, as I have a right to be. No other property owner in the area will be as directly impacted by this structure as I will be. My home is no more than 25 to 30 feet high. Picture a 50-foot high structure sitting no more than 27 feet away from my home. In use, people in the assembly hall will be able to look directly into my bedroom windows.

I am also greatly concerned about the removal of even more trees adjacent to my property. They have already removed trees almost to the edges of New Hampshire Ave. and Ednor Road. The removal of these trees has taken away a noise buffer for me created by traffic noise on New Hampshire Ave. and on Ednor Road. The temple is planning to hook onto the sewer which will necessitate the removal of yet more trees. I am also concerned about the noise this new structure will generate when they hold their weekly meetings which seem to occur three to five days a week, and when they hold their annual festivals and gather outside their temple to celebrate with bonfires and fireworks. They also serve food at most of these celebrations and will be depositing their trash in a dumpster right next to my property. This will undoubtedly create another rat infestation for me which occurred when they constructed their new parking lot. In the process, they destroyed rat burrows and the rats moved onto my property. It cost me $1500 to get rid of them.

If this structure is to be built, I would expect--demand--that an 8-foot or taller solid fence be erected between me and the religious hall to provide me with privacy and to keep them, especially their children, away from my property. As it is now, whenever their devotees attend any kind of meeting, there is no provision for their children, and most often the children play outside.

I have lived in my home for 49 years in peace and privacy, and then the Hindus come along and build a temple above me in 1983-1984. Fortunately, they were not a problem for me except for the tremendous volume of traffic created when they held their festivals, or when they created a tremendous amount of noise when they chose to move their celebrations outside. They did, however, create problems for the community by parking on side streets, in people’s front yards, and along New Hampshire Ave. But now things are greatly different for me. They took down hundreds of trees beside me and behind me to build their 250-space parking lot. They erected commercial-type parking lot lights which are a constant annoyance when they hold their festivals. And now they are
planning to build a monstrously big structure right beside me. Not fair! Not right! When is this county going to appreciate that residential property owners have rights, too? After all, we are the ones paying real estate taxes, and not these huge worship facilities that seem to be popping up all over Montgomery County.

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