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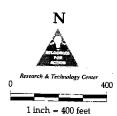


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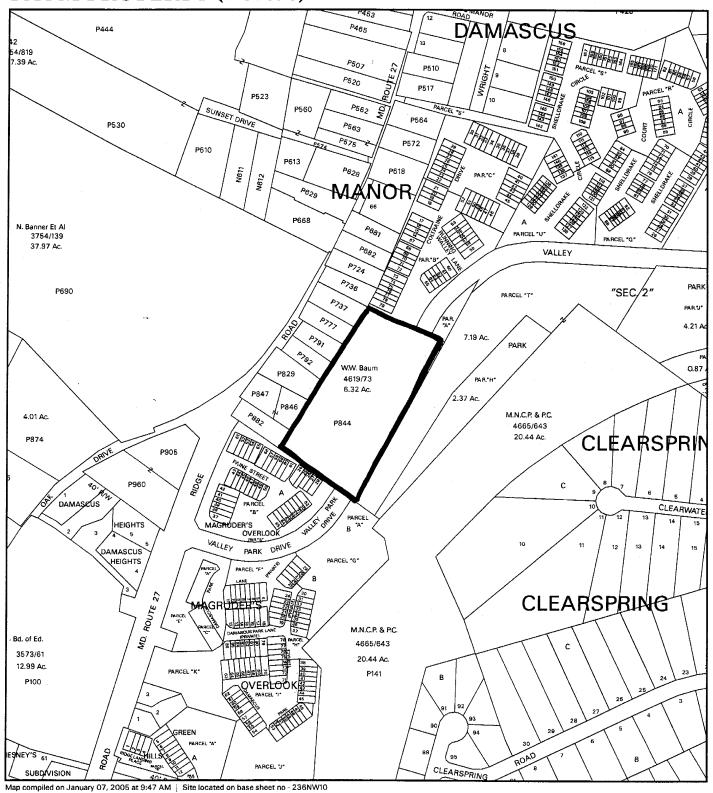






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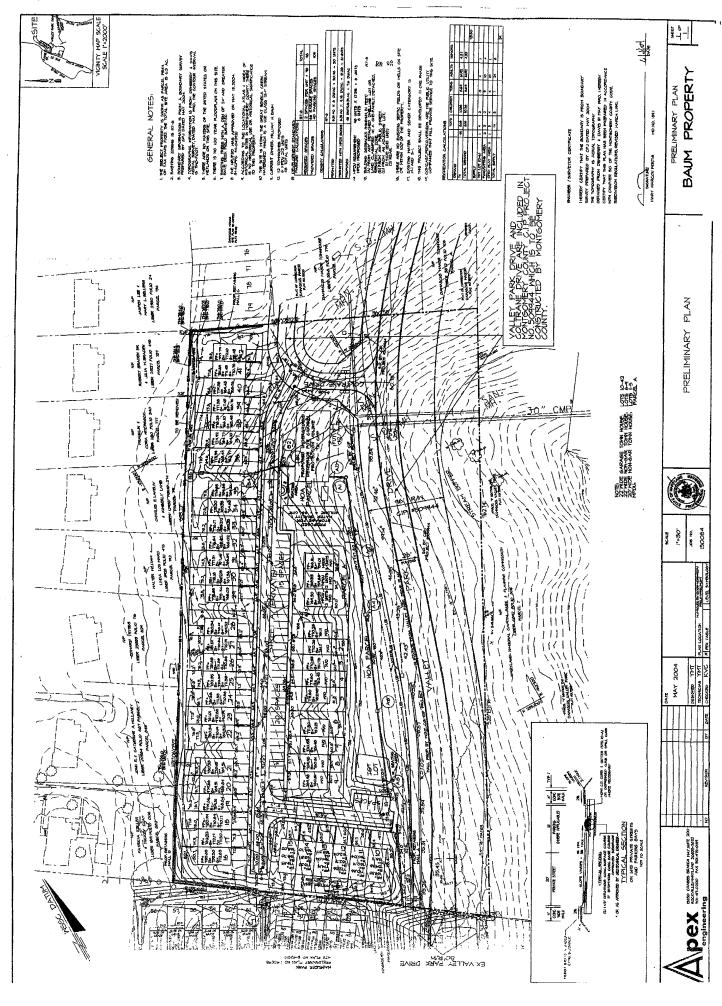
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RE: Baum Property (#1-04098)

Dear Sirs:

The Damascus Manor Homeowners Association has been asked to comment upon the proposed development of the Baum Property (file number 1-04098), abutting our property. There are two major items of concern to us.

- 1) The housing density proposed is higher than usually approved now in the Damascus area, although not atypical for older developments. The HOC property currently being developed at the Rte 27-Valley Park Drive intersection had its unit density grandfathered in based on the original HOC approvals but would not have been approved today. This project was never mentioned as a proposed development during the 2002-2003 Damascus Master plan discussions although a number of other properties had their development potential presented to the community. It is not clear how this proposal meets the objectives of the new Master Plan.
- 2) The exit to the new development assumes connection to the egress route for our community being constructed by Montgomery County as part of its Valley Park Drive construction project. The connection, as shown, does not reflect updated location plans by the highway engineers presented to our community in 2003 to accommodate the very steep hill between Coltrane Drive and Valley Park Drive. The plan does not seem to accommodate the fact that the section of Valley Park Drive across this property will be substantially raised above the current topographic level.

Respectfully,

Nicholas B. Woodward, President Damascus Manor Homeowners Association

