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STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting of December 9, 2024

Project Name: Galioto Property

RESADD24-1571

Owner: Frank M. Galioto, Jr & Lisa C. Galioto

Agent: Little Silence Rest, Inc.

Property Info: Tax Map 46, Parcel 291

7th Election District

38048 Ed Brown Road, Coltons Point, MD

20626

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This Project consists of 1.17 acres located in the Rural Preservation District Zone (RPD). Due to its proximity to the St. Patrick Creek, the Subject Property is located within the Limited Development Area Critical Area Overlay Zone.

BACKGROUND:

On July 17, 2024, a building permit was submitted for review and distributed to the approving agencies, which consists of the following: Dept. of Environmental Health, Soil Conservation District, and Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Approval of a building permit site plan using the impervious surface trading provisions provided in the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance Section 41.5.3.i(3) for a 467 square foot sunroom.

The Applicant is proposing a 14-foot by 28-foot sunroom with steps for a total of 467 square feet of new impervious surfaces. Additionally, the Applicant is proposing the removal of 503 square feet of old impervious surfaces (old porch, steps, and walkway) all located within the 100-foot Critical Area Buffer.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

In reviewing an application and Building Permit Site Plan, LUGM staff confirm that the materials conform to the following standards of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance:

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- 1. Section 41.5.3. entitled "Site Development Standards.";
- 2. Section 41.5.3.i(3) entitled "Impervious Surface Trading.";
- 3. COMAR 27.01.02.07 entitled "Grandfathering."; and
- 4. Chapter 71 entitled "Resource Protection Standards".

ANALYSIS:

In reviewing the application and Building Permit Site Plan, LUGM Staff noted the following:

- 1. Section 41.5.3. entitled "Site Development Standards." Impervious surfaces shall be limited to 15 percent of the lot area.
 - 1) The lot area for this parcel is 51,152 square feet/1.17 acres, of which 15% is allowable by the Critical Area standards to be covered by impervious surfaces which is 7,672 square feet of allowable lot coverage for this parcel. Lot 500-1 of Millers Subdivision currently has 7,683 square feet of impervious surfaces, of which 2,467 square feet currently impacts the 100-foot Critical Area Buffer.
- 2. COMAR 27.01.02.07 entitled "Grandfathering."
 - 1) A local jurisdiction shall permit a single lot or parcel of land that was legally of record on the date of program approval to be developed with a single family dwelling,
 - The property was subdivided as Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Millers Subdivision, Part of Lower Endfield as recorded in the St. Mary's County Land Records at Plat Book JMM 5 page 35 on March 18, 1927.
 - 2) Land that was subdivided into recorded, legally buildable lots, where the subdivision received the local jurisdiction's final approval after December 1, 1985, provided that either development of any such land conforms to the criteria in this subtitle, or the area of the land is counted by the local jurisdiction against the growth increment permitted under Regulation .06.
 - According to the Plat Book 59 page 103 with a recording date of September 30, 2005, the property was reconfigured pursuant to the Critical Area requirements at that time. Critical Area Note 2 for Lot 500-1 states "The one-hundred foot (100') Critical Area Buffer must remain in natural vegetation and may not be disturbed except as provided under Chapter 41 of the St. Mary's County Critical Area Ordinance (Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program)."

As set forth in CZO § 41.5.3.i(3), in order to approve a Building Permit Site Plan, the Planning Commission must make certain findings to approve impervious surface trading within the Critical Area Buffer. To assist the Planning Commission with this determination, the following information is provided:

a. A lot that has impervious surface in the Buffer and no feasible site for the proposed construction exists outside the Buffer:

The Applicant is requesting to remove an existing 8-foot by 28-foot porch with steps and replace it with a 14-foot by 28-foot sunroom with steps. Additionally, the Applicant is proposing to remove 307 square feet of an existing walkway to the pier.

b. Existing impervious surfaces may be relocated or replaced when the replacement surfaces do not encroach closer to tidal waters:

The site plan depicts the removal of the existing walkway to the pier, porch and steps, then adding a sunroom addition with steps onto the house.

c. The replacement surfaces are located entirely outside sensitive areas (except the Buffer):

The replacement surfaces do not impact other sensitive areas, as defined in Chapter 71 of the CZO. The proposed sunroom with steps does not impact steep slopes over 15 percent, highly erodible or hydric soils.

d. All areas where surfaces are removed are planted in natural forest vegetation:

According to the Site Plan, the Applicant has provided Buffer mitigation in the amount of 950 square feet under *Plantings Provided* table on the site plan, but the mitigation is not reflected in the drawing as indicated by the symbols. It will be required to prior to the approval of the permit.

e. All required clearing and an area equivalent to the footprint of new disturbance are mitigated at a rate of two to one:

The new impervious surfaces of the sunroom with steps are 467 square feet, so 934 square feet of mitigation is required for this proposal. The Site Plan is proposing 950 square feet of mitigation to meet this requirement.

f. The total area of replacement impervious surface in the Buffer does not exceed the lesser of the area removed or 1,000 square feet:

The area of replacement surfaces is 467 square feet, while this proposal is removing 503 square feet of existing porch, steps, and walkway, which is all less than 1,000 square feet.

g. The applicant shall provide evidence in the form of a sealed survey or photograph that the impervious surfaces to be replaced existed as of March 27, 1990:

The applicant has provided a 1973 aerial map derived from the St. Mary's County GIS mapping system.

CONCLUSION:

Based upon a thorough review of the application and Building Permit Site Plan, the proposed development appears to-meet the requirements set forth, aside from depicting the placement of the proposed mitigation plantings, in the applicable sections of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Below is a draft of the Motion for consideration by the Planning Commission:

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In the matter of BUILDING PERMIT SITE PLAN # 24-1571 the Galioto Property, having accepted the staff report and having made a finding that the criteria of Section 41.5.3.i(3)(b) for impervious surface trading, I move that allowance for impervious surface trading be DENIED / APPROVED.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – Location Map

Attachment 2 – Land Use Map Attachment 3 – Zoning Map

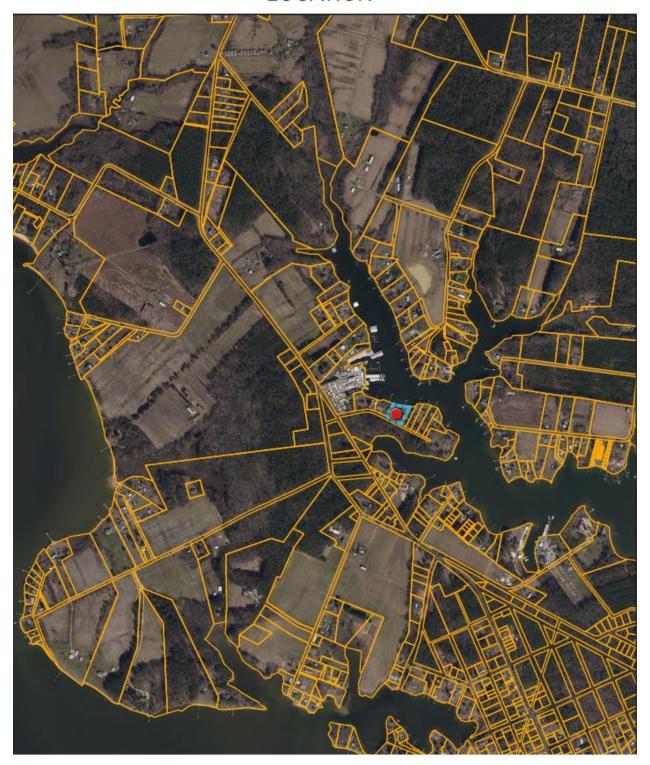
Attachment 4 – Sensitive Areas Map

Attachment 5 – Site Plan

Attachment 6 – Plat Book JMM 5 page 35 Attachment 7 – Plat Book 59 page 103 Attachment 8 – Applicant's 1973 aerial map

Attachment 9 – Applicant's response to IS Trading

LOCATION



LAND USE Rural Preservation



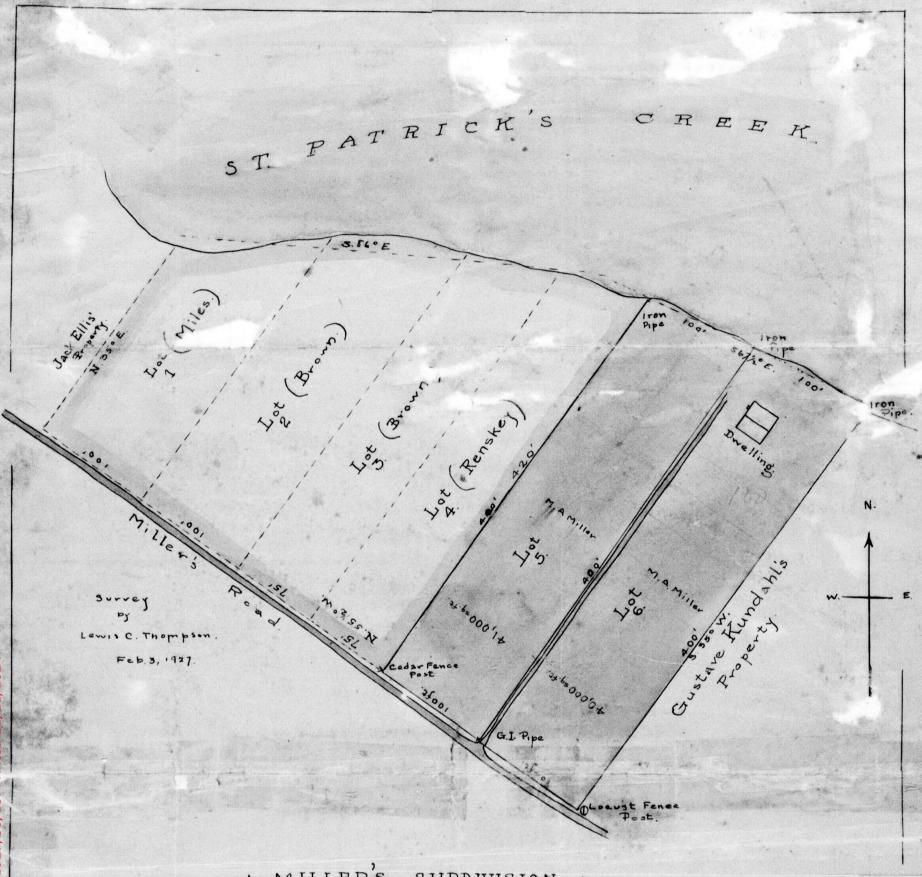
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SENSITIVE AREAS







÷ MILLER'S SUBDIVISION ÷ PART · LOWER ENDFIELD ·

Beginning for the whole tract at a locust post at the south west corner of GUSTAVE KUNDAHL'S land and running along the north side of Miller Road N.552°W. 550 ft. to a locust post, a boundary of the property of ANDREW J. ELLIS then along the wire fence, N. 35°E. on said land to the shore of ST. PATRICK'S CREEK to an iron pipe boundary; thence along the shore of the creek S.86°E. 350 feet and S. 672°E. 200 feet to an iron pipe 400 feat to the place of beginning.

Beginning for Lot No. 5 Being a part of " LOWER ENDFIELD" lying in MILLERS SUBDIVISION at the southeast corner of JOSEPH RENSKEY'S Lot, and running with said Lot, N. 35° E. 420 feet to the shore of ST. PATRICK'S CREEK to an iron pipe, then along the shore of said creek, J. 672 E. 100 feet to an iron pipe, at the northwest corner of Lot No. 6; thence along the north side of the road leading to the dwelling on lot No. 6 S. 35° W. 400 feet to a galvanized iron pipe driven on the north side of the road; then N. 553 W. to the point of beginning. Containing 41,000 sq. feet.

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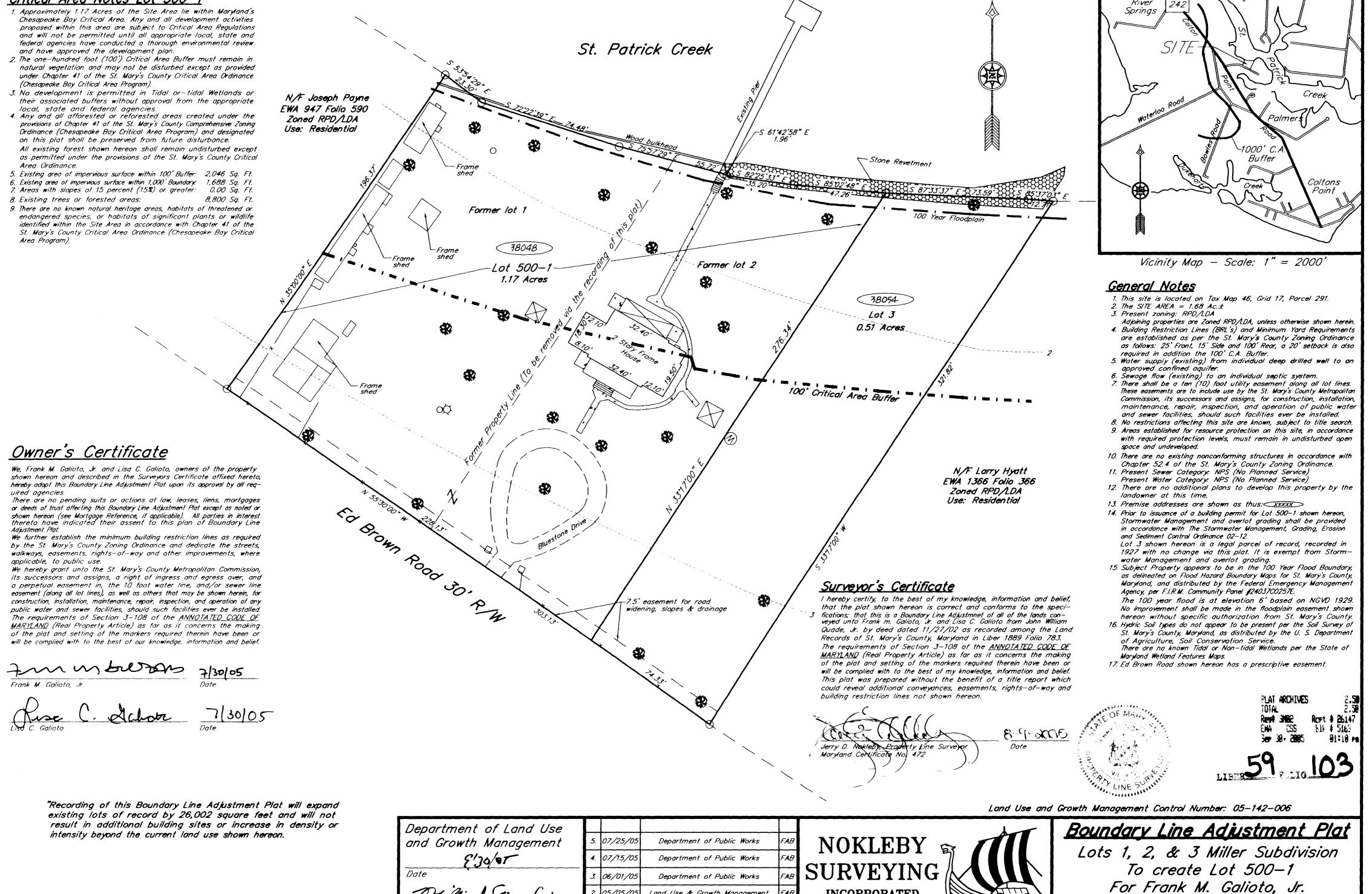
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Land Use & Growth Management

Per Health Department

Description

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Map 334 1252 - 8376

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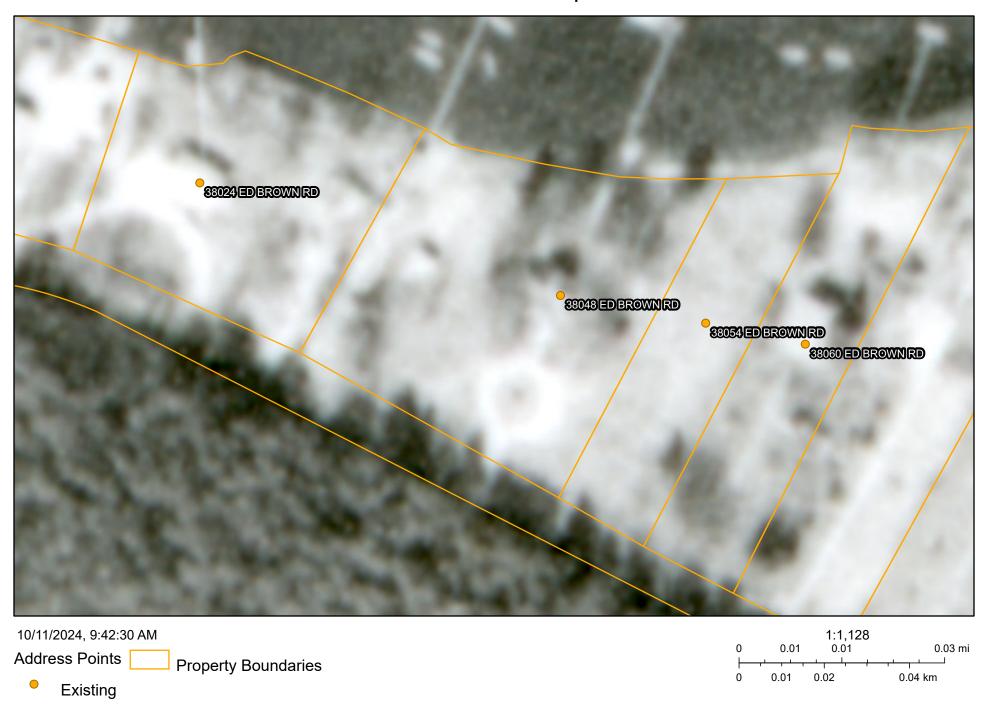
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Seventh Election District

St. Mary's County, Maryland

ArcGIS Web Map



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October 11, 2024

TO: Director of Land Use and Growth Management 23150 Leonard Hall Drive P.O. Box 653
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

RE: Lot 500-1, Miller Subdivision Permit Number # 24-1571 Impervious Surface Trading Request

Dear Director;

On behalf of the owners of the above referenced property; we are requesting a planning commission hearing to trade impervious surfaces on the subject property.

For your consideration of our request, I would like to offer the following information to address the general standards for impervious surface trading.

- (1) This is a grandfathered parcel or lot that exceeds impervious surface limits.
- (2) The replacement surfaces do not encroach closer to tidal waters, wetlands, or tributary streams than the surfaces they replace and are located outside of sensitive areas.
- (3) All areas where surfaces are removed will be planted in natural forest vegetation.
- (4) All required clearing and the footprint of new disturbance is mitigated at a rate of 2:1 (2 square feet for each square foot of surface added or vegetation removed).

Attached is an aerial photograph from 1973 which shows the proposed removed impervious surface.

I trust that the information provided will assist you in making a determination on our request. Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Vaughan

Professional Land Surveyor Little Silences Rest, Inc.

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