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August 10, 2023 Revised October 2, 2023

Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning 2664 Riva Road Annapolis, MD. 21401

RE: Variance Application – Explanatory Letter 366 Friar Trail, Annapolis MD, 21401 Map of Epping Forest, Block 36, Section A, Lots 4-6 Tax Map 45 Block 3, Parcel 41

To whom it may concern.

Please find submitted herewith the variance application and associated required submittal materials requesting a variance to permit an addition to a primary structure, a deck and screen porch with less setbacks than required for a dwelling on a non-conforming R1 lot; and to permit disturbance to 15% slopes or greater in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area; and to permit disturbance to the Expanded Buffer in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

The site is identified as 366 Friar Trail, Annapolis, Maryland, also known as Lots 4-6, Block 36 on the recorded plat of "Map of Epping Forest, Section A". This site is a 0.20-acre lot, zoned R1. This lot is non-conforming as it does not meet the minimum lot size of 40,000 SF or a width of 125' of an R1 lot. The site is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (LDA). The property fronts a Private 25' foot improved right-of-way, known as Friar Trail and (2) existing 25' Private unimproved right of ways known as Overlook Trail and Hickory Trail.

This site is currently developed with an existing two-level single-family home, driveway, walkways, staircases, retaining walls, and two-level deck. The site contains steep slopes and their 25' buffers, the expanded buffer and is mostly wooded lot in the Chesapeake Bay Critical area (LDA).

The site is served by an existing private waterline and private onsite sewer disposal system. This site utilizes an existing B.A.T. septic tank as required for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Please note, the septic site plan for this development has been **approved** by the Health Department.

Slopes over 15% or greater in the Critical Area

The applicant is seeking a variance to permit disturbance to 15% or greater slopes in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, LDA, (Article 17-8-201 (a)). The proposed site plan indicates 1,074 square feet of disturbance to slopes over 15% or greater. About 64% of the site is encumbered by 15% slopes or greater, there is a small portion of the site not encumbered by

slopes 15% or greater but this is where the existing septic and driveway are located. The disturbance to the steep slopes is for the removal of the upper-level deck and existing stairs, which are being replaced with a new upper level addition (partially over the lower deck and partially over a portion of the existing home on the lower level), a new screen porch, a new smaller deck, and a new set of stairs leading from the new upper deck to the existing lower-level deck. All of the new upper-level additions to the home are located entirely within the footprint of the existing upper deck or lower level of the existing home, even the existing footings are being utilized from the deck for the addition as to not create any actual disturbance to the ground. A majority of the new deck, new screen porch and new steps are within the same location as the existing deck and stairs that are being removed. The new steps to the lower level will require new footing as well as one side of the new screen porch due to how they shifted. But some of the existing footings are being utilized for theses also, to lessen the disturbance to the actual ground/grade.

We feel this relief is minimal, as the contractor has designed the addition to utilize as many of the existing footers as possible and is necessary to construct the proposed addition, screen porch and deck on this existing lot and while utilizing the spaces that are already technically disturbed by existing features onsite. Epping Forest is a subdivision where a majority of the lots fight the same battle with the steep slopes, steep slope buffers, and Variances are often required due to this issue.

Expanded Buffer in the Critical Area

The applicant is also seeking a variance to permit disturbance to the Expanded Buffer per Article 18-13-104(b). The 100' buffer is not shown on this site plan but has been expanded to include the many natural features of this site, including the Slopes of 15% or greater, and the 25' Buffer to 15% Slopes or greater. Therefore, the entire site is within the expanded buffer. The proposed site plan indicates 1,659 square feet of disturbance to Expanded Buffer which is only 19.4% of the total Expanded Buffer on this site. Please note, 100% of the site is encumbered by the expanded buffer and the site could not be redeveloped or improved in any way without some relief to disturbance to the expanded buffer. The expanded buffer is being disturbed for the removal of the upper-level deck and stairs, which are being replaced with a 2nd level addition (partially over the lower deck and partially over a portion of the existing home on the lower level), a new screen porch, a new smaller deck, and a new set of stairs leading from the new upper deck to the existing lower-level deck. All of the new upper-level additions to the home are located entirely within the footprint of the prior deck or lower level of the home, even the existing footings are being utilized from the deck for the addition as to not create any actual disturbance to the ground. A majority of the new deck, new screen porch and new steps are within the same location as the existing deck and stairs that are being removed. The new steps to the lower level will require new footing as well as one side of the new screen porch due to how they shifted. But some of the existing footings are being utilized for theses also, to lessen the disturbance to the actual ground/grade. The existing home is entirely in the expanded buffer at this time, the upper-level deck and screen porch only expands past the existing upper-level deck of the house for very small portion. We feel this relief is minimal, as the contractor has designed the addition to utilize as many of the existing footers as possible and is necessary to construct the proposed addition, screen porch and deck on this existing lot and while utilizing the spaces that

are already technically disturbed by existing features onsite. Epping Forest is a subdivision where a majority of the lots fight the same battle with being within the expanded buffer, and Variances are often required due to this issue.

Setbacks (Dwellings on Nonconforming Lots)

The applicant is also seeking a variance to permit a structure to have less front yard setback than required. The required setback for this particular lot comes from Article 18.2.301(d) Dwellings on non-conforming lots, from a front (Overlook Trail, Side Street, Unimproved) is 25 feet. We are requesting a variance of 24.1' feet to the front yard setback, allowing the new screen porch to be constructed as close as 1.1' to the Northwest to the property line, and the new upperlevel deck and steps to be constructed as close as 0.9' to the Northwest to the property line. This property line abuts a 25' unimproved private right of way, which contains improvements (ie. walkway and retaining walls) that were assumed to be associated with this home when the owners purchased it until such time that the survey was prepared and revealed those improvements were actually in the unimproved right of way, and then on the opposite site of this right of way the portion of the adjacent property abutting this right of way is entirely preserved under a Forest Conservation Easement. Therefore, even with the proposed additions being close to the front property line (Overlook Trail, side street), this variance would have no bearing on the neighboring property in this location as there is a 25' right of way between them and the property adjacent is under Forest Conservation. We feel this relief is minimal, as the contractor has designed the addition to utilize as many of the existing footers as possible and is necessary to construct the proposed addition, screen porch and deck on this existing lot and while utilizing the spaces that are already technically disturbed by existing features onsite. This lot is very unique due to the slopes and the existing home already being very close to the property line.

We feel that the variances requested above will not alter the essential character of the existing neighborhood, but in fact will mimic the existing character of the neighborhood and provide for a home that is suited for the neighborhood. We feel that granting these variances will not confer on the applicant any special privileges, as the Epping Forest consist of Lots of the same uniqueness throughout the community. We also feel that denial of the variances will deprive the applicant of the rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the neighborhood and cause unwarranted hardship that would deny the applicant reasonable and significant use of the lot. The owner is not requesting these variances based on conditions or circumstances that are the result of actions by the applicant. Lastly, the granting of these variances will not adversely affect water quality or adversely impact fish, wildlife or plant habitat in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, as all new lot coverage is providing stormwater management by way of plantings.

Below are a few Variances granted for similar issues in the nearby area for reference and to show that this is a common occurrence in this neighborhood:

- 2012-0197-V, 371 Friar Trail, Setback and Slope Variances for additions and porches.
- 2016-0200-V, 1656 Chinford Trail, Setbacks, expanded buffer and slopes for dwelling, garage and shed.
- 2007-0316-V, Friar Trail, Setback for deck and porches.
- 2015-0099-V, 357 Sherwood Trail, Setback for addition.

- 2015-0190-V, Overlook Trail, Setbacks and slopes for a deck and screen porch.
- 2008-0287-V, 365 Friar Trail, Setback for Deck.
- 2008-0280-V, 360 Sherwood Trail, Setbacks and Slope Disturbance for deck addition.

Calculations for lot coverage, existing woods / clearing and disturbances to the buffers onsite are provided on the site plan. The site is served by private water and a private onsite sewage disposal system.

The existing and proposed lot coverage will total 2,559 square feet, which equates to 29.9% of the site, which is well under the permitted lot coverage of 31.25% of the site or 2,670 square feet.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

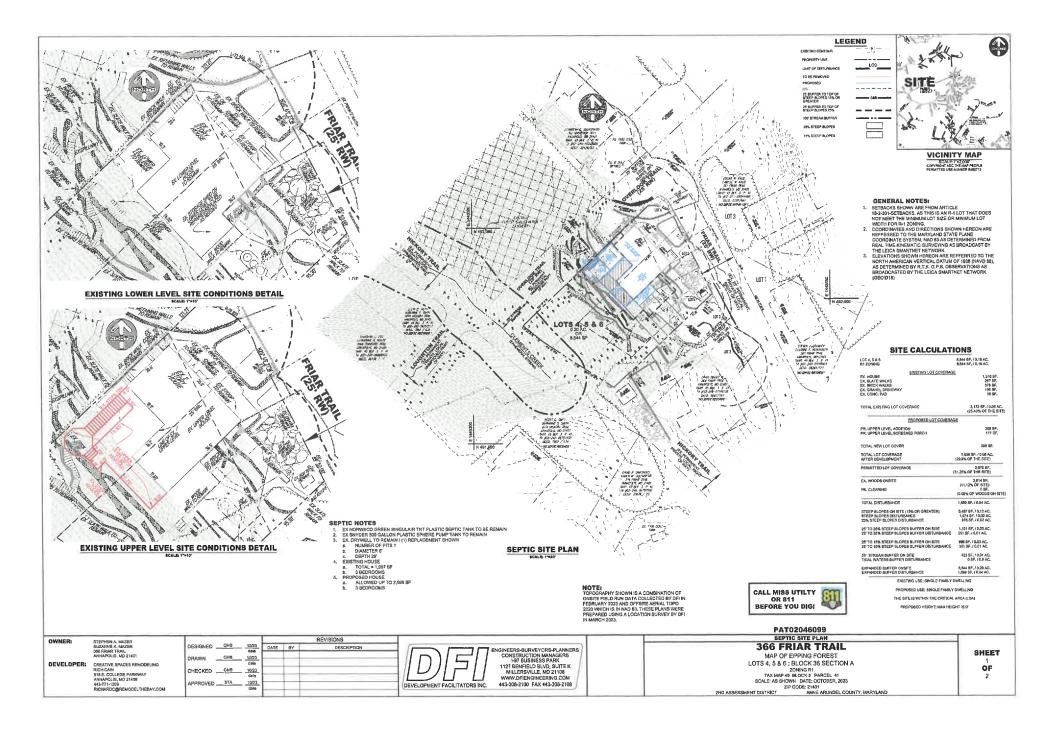
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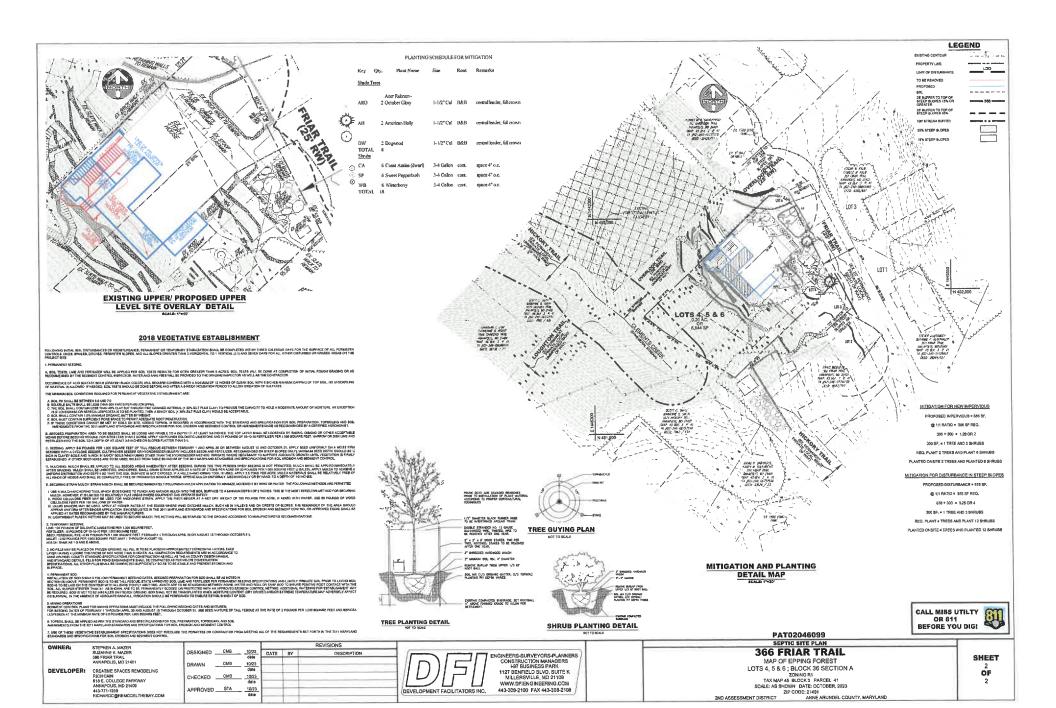
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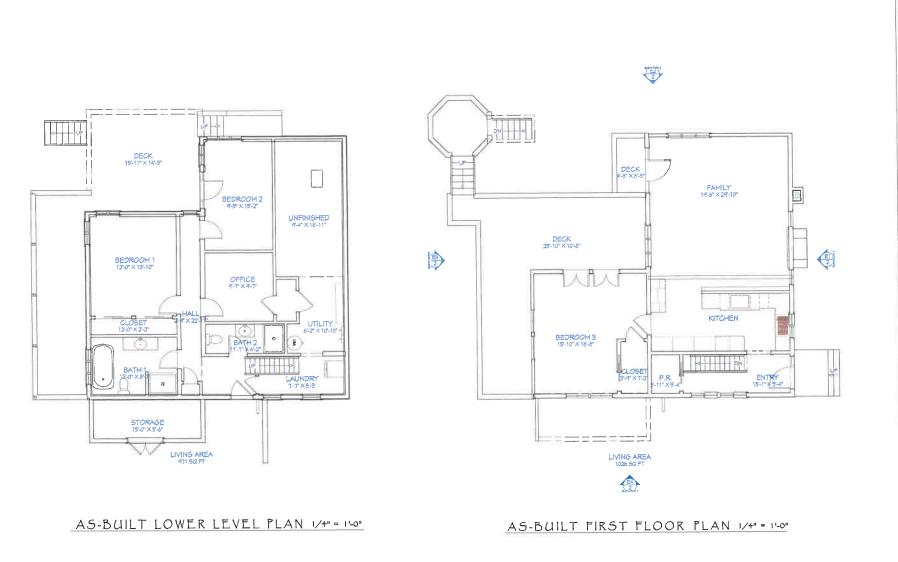
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Cc: Steve Andraka, P.E., DFI

Stephen and Suzanne Mazer, Owner







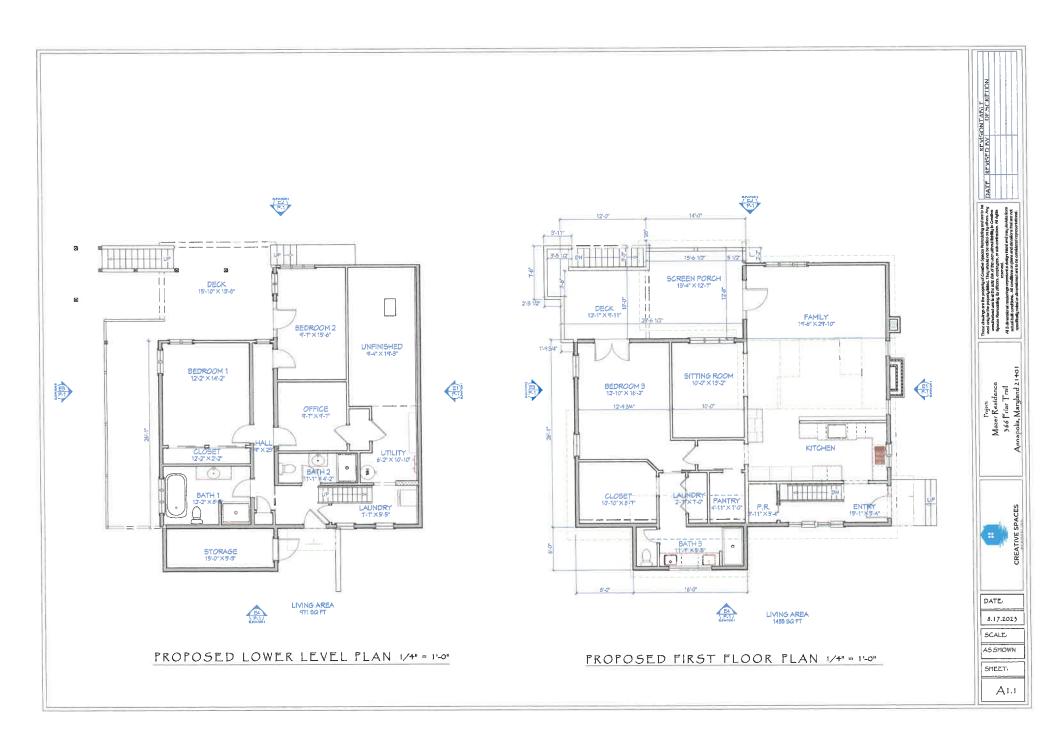
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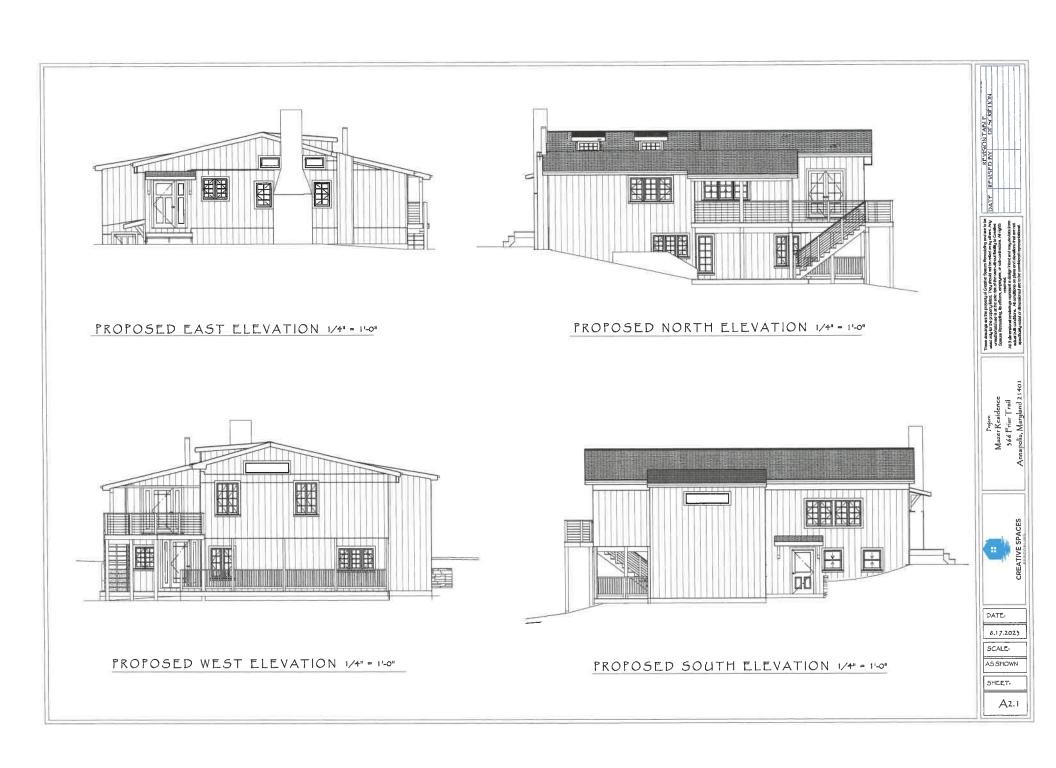
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CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA REPORT

for

366 Friar Trail Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Map of Epping Forest, Block 36, Section A, Lots 4-6 Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Prepared for:

Creative Spaces Remodeling 818 E. College Parkway Annapolis Md 21409

Prepared:

August, 2023

Prepared by: DFI

INTRODUCTION

The applicant proposes to remove the Upper level deck and stairs, which are being replaced with an Upper level addition, new screen porch, a new smaller deck, and new stairs leading from, the new upper level deck to the lower level deck on Lots 4-6 of Map of Epping Forest, Block 36, Sect A, the site is served by private waterline and private onsite septic and is located at 366 Friar Trail, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The property is identified as Map of Epping Forest, Block 36, Section A, Lots 4-6, and is also known as Tax Map 45, Block 3, Parcel 41. The site is zoned R-1, but is a nonconforming lot and is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical area, designated LDA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

The subject property consists of 8,544 square feet (0.20 acres) of land located entirely within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (LDA). Currently, the property is developed with an existing single-family dwelling, driveway, walkways, steps and upper and lower decks and consists of woods and grass in good condition.

There is 3,514 square feet of existing woods based on the arial tree line, and shrubbery. The new proposed lot coverage onsite is 386 Square foot and is being mitigated with the building permit (B02385057), by way of replanting onsite with 2 trees and 6 Shrubs. Additional mitigation for the steep slope disturbance is also proposed, with the building permit (B02385057), by way of replanting onsite with an additional 4 trees and 12 Shrubs.

There are no impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, 25-foot non-tidal wetland buffer, streams, or 100-year floodplain for this project. Therefore, authorization from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not required.

Lot Coverage allowed in the Critical Area (LDA) is not to exceed 2,670 square feet, per the critical area code. The project, as proposed, will bring the total lot coverage on the site to 2,559 square feet or 29.9% of the site area for Lots 4-6.

This site has applied for a building permit for the new addition, deck and screen porch to the exisitng single-family home and is providing Stormwater Management for the new lot coverage by way of plantings.

Through the use of reinforced silt fence, the applicant will minimize any impacts on water quality and habitat during construction.

HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

Nontidal Wetlands

The project area was not investigated for non-tidal wetlands by Development Facilitators, Inc. as all development is on steep slopes in areas not associated with non-tidal wetlands.

Tidal Wetlands

The project area was not investigated for tidal wetlands by Development Facilitators, Inc. as all development is uphill of the tidal waters.

100-foot Buffer and Expanded Buffer

The property does not front tidal waters, but there is an expanded buffer onsite. The project proposes 1,659 SF disturbance to the expanded buffer.

Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species

A formal request for an environmental review for rare, threatened, or endangered species on the property was submitted to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on August 10, 2023. A written response is currently pending. No rare, threatened, or endangered species were observed while performing the critical area study field work.

Steep Slopes

Steep slopes are defined as areas with greater than 15% slopes. The steep slopes and their buffer are shown on the enclosed site plan along with their disturbances.



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MD Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife and Heritage Service
Attn: Lori Byrne
580 Taylor Avenue
Tawes State Office Building E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: 366 Friar Trail, Annapolis, MD, 21401

Map of Epping Forest, Block 36, Section A, Lots 4-6

Dear Ms. Byrne,

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an environmental review for property located at 366 Friar Trail, Annapolis MD, 21401 (see attached site plan). The site is found on Tax Map 45, Block 3, Parcel 41 (ADC Map 5294, E8 is highlighted and enclosed for your reference). A field inspection was done, and no rare, threatened or endangered species appeared to be on site. We are preparing a Critical Area Report for this property and would appreciate a verification of our findings by your office as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for consideration of the subject request and if you should have any questions or should require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Development Facilitators, Inc.

Candice Bateman

Project Manager

APPENDIX A

Project Notification Application

SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

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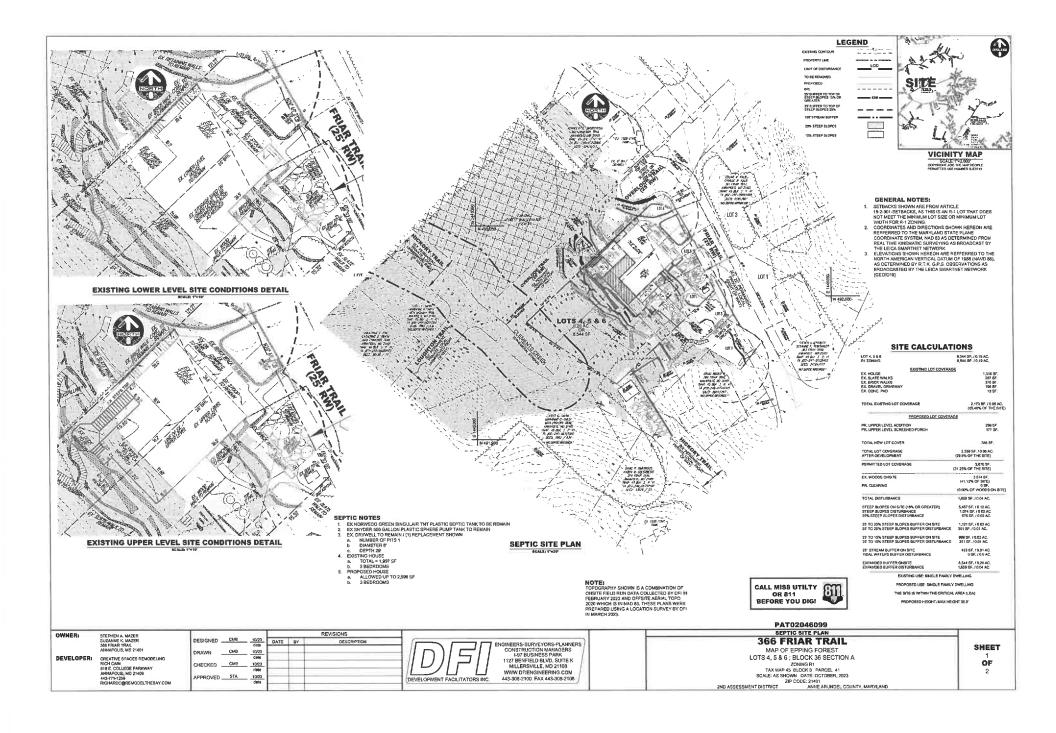
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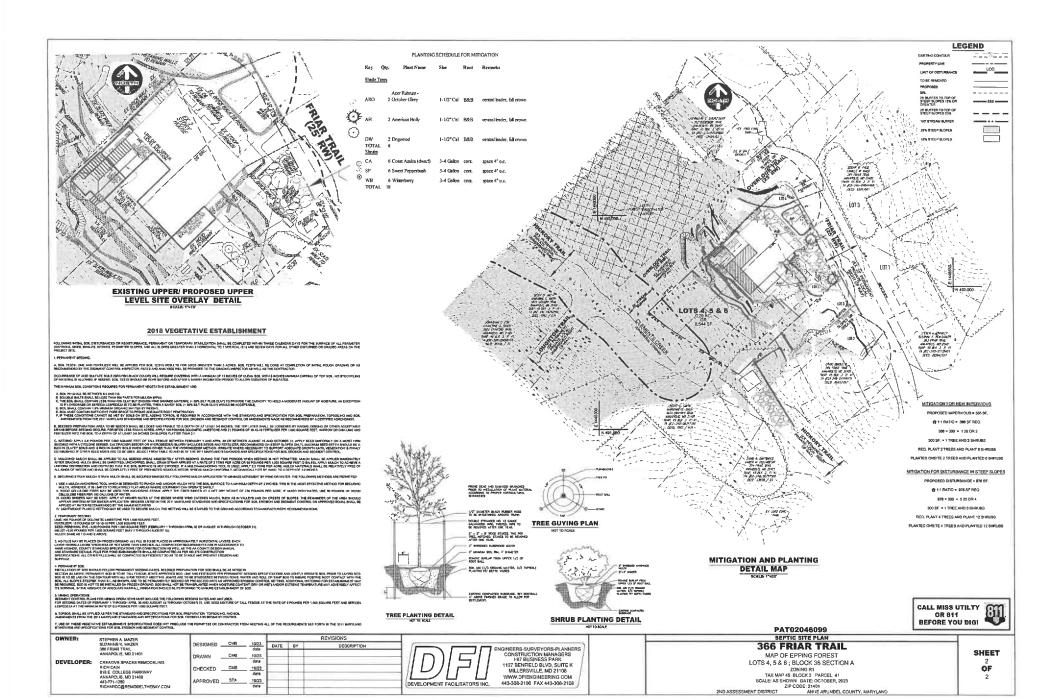
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APPENDIX B

Existing and Proposed Site Plans







OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

CONFIRMATION OF PRE-FILE MEETING

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	P&Z STAFF_Rob Konowal, Kelly Krinetz					
APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE <u>Stephen Mazer</u> EMAIL <u>st</u>	ephen.a.mazer@gmail.com					
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Variances required to allow disturbance to 1,074 sf of slopes greater than 15%, to allow 1,659 sf of disturbance to expanded buffer to allow less setbacks than required under 18-2-301 variance of one foot to front lot line, seven feet to side lot line <u>COMMENTS</u>

Zoning Division - Please provide architectural elevations of work to aid understanding of proposal

Critical Area Team - The proposed modifications fall within, or reduce the footprint of the existing dwelling. I have no objection to the proposal.

INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT

Section 18-16-201 (b) Pre-filing meeting required. Before filing an application for a variance, special exception, or to change a zoning district, to change or remove a critical area classification, or for a variance in the critical area or bog protection area, an applicant shall meet with the Office of Planning and Zoning to review a pre-file concept plan or an administrative site plan. For single lot properties, the owner shall prepare a simple site plan as a basis for determining what can be done under the provisions of this Code to avoid the need for a variance.

*** A preliminary plan checklist is required for development impacting environmentally sensitive areas and for all new single-family dwellings. A stormwater management plan that satisfies the requirements of the County Procedures Manual is required for development impacting environmentally sensitive areas OR disturbing 5,000 square feet or more. State mandates require a developer of land provide SWM to control new development runoff from the start of the development process.

Section 18-16-301 (c) Burden of Proof. The applicant has the burden of proof, including the burden of going forward with the production of evidence and the burden of persuasion, on all questions of fact. The burden of persuasion is by a preponderance of the evidence.

A variance to the requirements of the County's Critical Area Program may only be granted if the Administrative Hearing Officer makes affirmative findings that the applicant has addressed all the requirements outlined in Article 18-16-305. Comments made on this form are intended to provide guidance and are not intended to represent support or approval of the variance request.