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May 10, 2024

Planner Department of Planning & Zoning 2664 Riva Road Annapolis MD 21401

RE: South River Park, E. Part of Lot 19, 212 Riverside Road, Edgewater MD 21037

Dear Planner:

Please accept this submittal of a variance for the above referenced project. We are proposing to remove the existing house to the first-floor decking, construction of a new single-family 2-story dwelling with a garage and porch on the above referenced property. The proposed dwelling is a 2-story dwelling with a height of 31'. The structure has an overall footprint of 43'1"x 68'5" and is setback 82.29' from the front property line, 92.73' from the southern property line, 2.91' from the western side property line and 11' from the eastern side lot line. This proposal will require a 4.09' zoning variance to allow development within the side lot line setback.

Please note this is a R5 zoned property and required setbacks are as noted in 18-4-701.

#### Pre-File comments:

#### Critical Area Team:

The Critical Area Team offers no objection, and states that a coverage variance is not required for the IDA.

#### Our response:

No response required.

#### Engineering:

The Engineering Division has reviewed the proposal for Engineering and Utility issues and noted that the proposal to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a dwelling on the same foundation does not meet the code's definition of a "new" single-family home. In addition, the LOD is less than 5000 SF. Due to this, the proposal would be exempt from the SWM regulations. SWM plantings would need to be provided for additional impervious areas within the IDA.

#### Our response:

We note that this is considered new construction and will submit a grading and sediment control plan as well as a building permit application. We acknowledge that swm is not required for this application.

#### Zoning:

The Zoning Administration Section offers no objection to the requested setback relief in order to rebuild using the existing foundation. A variance is not required for the proposed lot coverage in the IDA as its maximum is determined by the underlying zoning district.

#### Our response:

No response required.

The required zoning variance is stated below.

WE REQUEST A 4.09' VARIANCE TO ARTICLE 18-4-701 THAT REQUIRES A SIDE LOT LINE SETBACK OF 7' SETBACK TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DWELLING UTILIZING THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT. THIS PROPOSED DWELLING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AS CLOSE AS 2.91' TO THE SIDE LOT LINE SETBACK.

We feel this zoning variance request meets the requirements of Article 18-16-305 (a) & (c) and therefore the variances should be granted. Below is the justification for granting the above noted variances.

18-16-305(a)(1) Because of certain unique physical conditions, such as irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot size and shape or exceptional topographical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the particular lot, there is no reasonable possibility of developing the lot in strict conformance with this article; or:

This site is an existing legal lot. The existing foundation is located as close as 2.91' from the western side lot line. The house was build in 1943. These are the unique characteristics of the lot.

18-16-305(a)(2) Because of exceptional circumstances other than financial considerations, the grant of a variance is necessary to avoid practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship and to enable the applicant to develop the lot:

With the unique characteristics of this site, we are not able to build the new 2 story dwelling without the need of a variance. If a variance is not granted, it would cause an unnecessary hardship for the property owner. They would be required to excavate the entire foundation and move the location of the house.

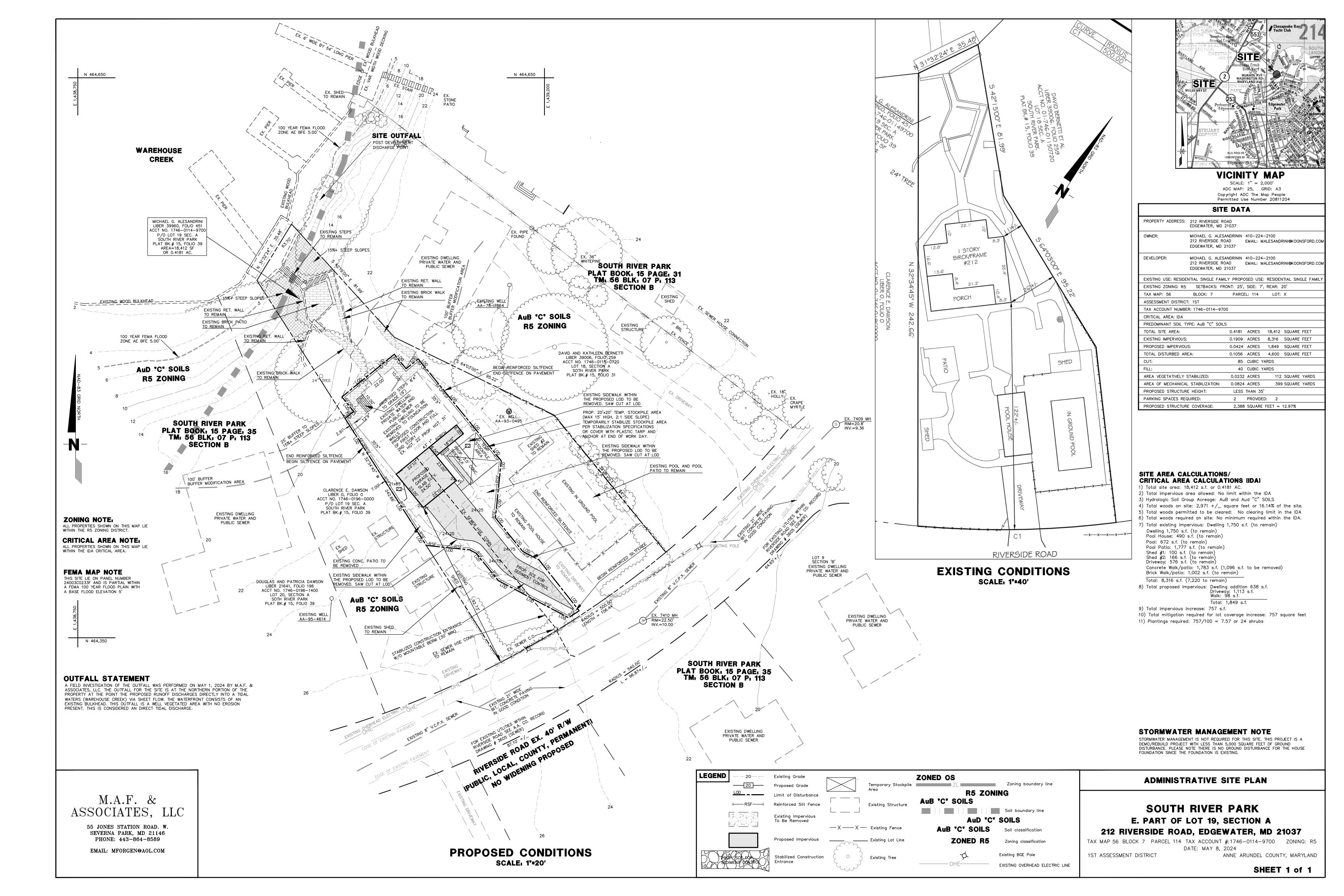
18-16-305(c)(1): the variance is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief:
This variance is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief in that the only 73 square feet of the new dwelling within the side yard setback. This is a very minimal request. We are holding the same side setback as the existing house. We feel this is a minimal impact to this setbacks.

#### 18-16-305(c)(2) the granting of the variance will not:

- (i) alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the lot is located: The approval of these variances will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The proposed dwelling is similar in size to other homes in the community.
- (ii) substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property: This proposed development would not impair the appropriate use or development of these properties.
- (iii) reduce forest cover in the limited development and resource conservation areas of the critical area: The property is located within the IDA portion of the critical area will not reduce forest cover.
- (iv) be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the critical area or a bog protection area: The property is located within the IDA portion of the critical area but not within a bog protection area and is not contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the critical area or a bog protection area.
- (v) be detrimental to the public welfare: This development is not detrimental to the health and welfare of the community. This proposal will not have an increased impact on the public sewer system. The proposed disturbance is under 5,000 square feet and therefore exempt from storm water management.

If you should have any questions regarding this submittal, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Sincerely Matthew A. Forgen



### CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 1804 WEST STREET, SUITE 100 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

#### PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

#### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Jurisdiction: Anne Arundel County Date: 5-10-707						5-10-2024	
Tax Map # 56 Tax ID:	Parcel #	Block #	Lot #	Section		FOR RESUBMITTAL ONLY Corrections Redesign No Change Non-Critical Area  *Complete Only Page 1	
Project Name (site name, subdivision name, or other)  South River See 19							
Project location/Address 717 Riversine Ro.							
City Exercises							
Application  Building Perr Buffer Manage Conditional U Consistency I Disturbance > Grading Perr	gement Plan Use Report > 5,000 sq ft	Il that apply):		Variance Rezoning Site Plan Special Exce Subdivision Other	eption	<b>-</b>	
Local Jurisd	iction Contact	Information	:			6	
Last name	AACo Zoning		n Section	First name			
Phone #	410-222-7437		Respon	se from Con	nmission Req	uired By TBD	
Fax #				Hearing dat	e TBD		

## SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe Proposed use of project site:							
REBUILD IST FLOOR, CONSTRUCT 2ND FLOOR, GARLES							
Growth Allocation Yes Buffer Exemption Area							
Recreational Redevelopment Residential Shore Erosion Control Water-Dependent Facility							
Sq Ft Total Disturbed Area Acres Sq Ft							
-,							
# of Lots Created							
8,412							
Sq Ft Acres Sq Ft							
7917 Existing Lot Coverage 8316							
O New Lot Coverage 1849							
Removed Lot Coverage 1096							
Total Lot Coverage 9069							
Total Dot Outrage 400							
VARIANCE INFORMATION (Check all that apply)  Acres Sq Ft Acres Sq Ft							
382 Buffer Forest Clearing							
4.318 Mitigation							
Structure Acc. Structure Addition Barn Deck Dwelling Dwelling Addition Garage							

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# **South River Park**

212 Riverside Road, Edgewater MD 21037

## **CRITICAL AREA REPORT**

PREPARED BY:
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443-864-8589

May 10, 2024

#### INTRODUCTION

The property is located at 212 Riverside Road, Edgewater MD 21037. This is a legal lot as defined by Article 17-1-101 (63). The property owner is proposing rebuild the first floor, construct a second floor and an addition (garage and porch) to the existing single-family dwelling that falls within the 100' buffer to tidal waters. The lot is in R5 zoning district. This lot lies entirely within the IDA portion of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

#### VICINITY MAP

Included in this report and shown on the attached plan is a vicinity map designating the location of the subject site. Also included in the report is a portion of the Critical Area Map with the site located.

#### **NARRATIVE**

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The lot is currently an improved single-family dwelling located partially within the 100' buffer to tidal waters. The lot is in R5 zoning district. The property slopes from the road to the water's edge. The slopes are approximately 5% in the location of the proposed addition.

The was little wildlife seen around the property at the time of inspection. Some birds and waterfowl were witnessed at the time of the inspection. It is expected that there is very little wildlife use on the property since it is currently developed with a single family dwelling.

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The property owner is proposing to rebuild the first floor, construct a second floor and an addition (garage and porch) to the existing single-family dwelling that lies within the side yard setback. We are required to obtain a 4.09' variance to the side yard setback

#### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

During construction, sediment and erosion control measures will be employed. Storm water management is not required for this proposal.

#### **IMPACT MINIMIZATION**

Due to the location of the existing dwelling, we feel that this development plan demonstrates a minimal impact on the environment.

#### HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

The habitat protection area on this property is the 100' buffer to tidal waters.

#### AFTER CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS AND SITE CALCULATIONS

The proposed conditions of the site include the construction of a new house and driveway. The site calculations are as follows:

Total site area	18,412 sf
Existing woodland	2,971 sf
Proposed clearing	0 sf
Proposed planting	to be determined.
Existing impervious coverage prior	
to the proposed lot coverage	8,316 sf
Allowed lot coverage	No limitation within the IDA
	portion of the Critical Area
Proposed lot coverage	1,849 sf
Proposed lot coverage reduction	1,096 sf
Existing and proposed lot coverage	9,069 sf

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The lot in question is a legal lot located in an established community. It's not possible to construct the proposed dwelling addition without the need for the requested variance based on the location of the existing dwelling.

As proposed, the development of the lot does not have an adverse impact on the plant or wildlife habitat of the Critical Area. The proposed dwelling addition and site improvements will not adversely impact adjacent properties.

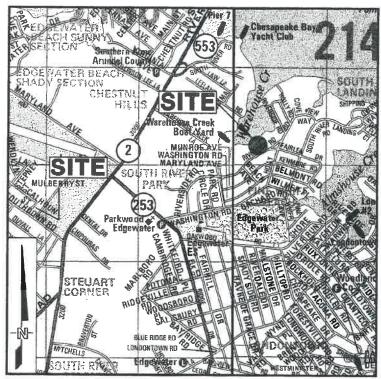
#### **PLANS**

A plan showing the site and its improvements is attached to this report.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Notification of Project Application for the Critical Area Commission is included in this package.

The fieldwork was conducted on May 1, 2024



## VICINITY MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2,000'
ADC MAP: 25, GRID: A3
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# CRITICAL AREA MAP





## Legend

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Critical Areas

IDA - Intensely Developed Area

IDA - Intensely

Developed Area LDA - Limited

Development Area

RCA - Resource

Conservation Area

Labels

State Road Label

Interstate US Road Label

Local Road Label

Fire Police Label

Streams Label

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Notes



THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION





#### OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PRE-FILE MEETING**

	DATE OF MEETING 8/2/2023 PRE-FILE # 2023-0016-P
	P&Z STAFF_Jennifer Lechner / Kelly Krinetz / Hala Flores
APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE <u>Michael Alesandrini (new owner)</u>	/ MRA City StudioEMAIL_ebond@mragta.com
SITE LOCATION_212 RIVERSIDE RD, EDGEWATER 21037	LOT SIZE 18,350 sqft ZONING R5
CA DESIGNATION <u>IDA</u> BMA <u>YES</u> or BUFFER <u>n/</u>	APPLICATION TYPE_Variance

The applicants are requesting variance relief for the western side setback and to exceed lot coverage in IDA in order to construct a two story addition over the existing foundation and within the existing footprint, and to construct a new 1 story attached garage outside of the existing footprint.

#### **COMMENTS**

The Critical Area Team offers no objection, and states that a coverage variance is not required for the IDA.

The **Engineering Division** has reviewed the proposal for Engineering and Utility issues and noted that the proposal to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a dwelling on the same foundation does not meet the code's definition of a "new" single-family home. In addition, the LOD is less than 5000 SF. Due to this, the proposal would be exempt from the SWM regulations. SWM plantings would need to be provided for additional impervious areas within the IDA.

The **Zoning Administration Section** offers no objection to the requested setback relief in order to rebuild using the existing foundation. A variance is not required for the proposed lot coverage in the IDA as its maximum is determined by the underlying zoning district.

The applicants are reminded that, in order for the Administrative Hearing Officer to grant approval of the variances, the proposal must meet ALL of the Critical Area variance standards provided under Section 18-16-305, which includes the requirement that the variance must be the minimum necessary to afford relief.

#### 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.