## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANTS: Kristina & Scott Patterson ASSESSMENT DISTRICT: 3rd

CASE NUMBER: 2024-0170-V COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 3rd

HEARING DATE: November 21, 2024 PREPARED BY: Donnie Dyott Jr.

Planner

## **REQUEST**

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an accessory structure (shed) in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot with less setbacks than required on property located at 2008 Fraley Lane in Pasadena.

## **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SITE**

The subject site consists of approximately 4.37 acres of land and is zoned as RLD - Residential Low Density District. The property is identified as Lot 4R of Parcel 32 in Block 9 on Tax Map 18 in the Bayside Thirty subdivision. This property is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is improved with a single family detached dwelling and associated facilities.

## APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

The applicant seeks to construct a 12' high shed measuring 12' X 24' on the east side of the property, southeast of the existing dwelling.

## **REQUESTED VARIANCES**

§ 18-2-204 (b) of the Anne Arundel County Zoning Code states that an accessory structure may not be located in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot. The shed as proposed is in the front yard, necessitating a variance to this provision.

The applicants' letter of explanation and site plan indicate that the shed will be located 20' from the side lot line which meets the side lot line setback requirement and thus, no setback variance is required.

## **FINDINGS**

The subject property is of adequate size and width for a lot in the RLD District. The State tax records indicate the dwelling was constructed in 1999.

The applicants argue that the buildable area to locate a shed is restricted by the septic area and presence of wetlands and their associated buffer. It is argued that the proposed location does not require the removal of any trees and provides convenient access from the driveway and garage attached to the dwelling. The applicants also contend that the shed will not be visible as there is a line of trees separating the shed from the neighbors driveway and it is not visible from the front lot line due to the heavily forested nature of the lot.

This Office received two letters in opposition to the variance request from property owners at 2009 & 2011 Fraley Lane. The letters cited concerns that the site plan provided did not adequately show all of the existing improvements on the site, including an expanded circular driveway and a pond. The letters also contended that the shed could be placed in the rear yard without the need for a variance.

The **Health Department** commented they have no objection to the request as the proposal does not adversely affect the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply systems.

While the applicants contend that areas to build a shed are limited by factors such as the septic area and wetlands and their associated buffers, there appears to be contradicting information related to the wetlands on the materials provided by the applicants. The site plan shows platted wetlands and a platted wetland buffer that encompasses much less of the lot than a Geocortex map from the Zoning Division with the wetlands buffer shown. If the digital wetlands layer is correct then the property is more heavily encumbered and a unique physical condition likely exists to support variance relief. If the supplied site plan's wetlands lines are accurate then there appears to be adequate room to locate a shed that would not require variance relief. The applicants have not mentioned if the wetlands have been professionally delineated and have not provided justification on which wetland mapping is correct. Adding further questions to the accuracy of the site plan are the opposition letters that state that the improvements are not correctly shown. The County aerial photograph does appear to show the referenced driveway expansion which is not shown on the site plan. As such, this Office does not have enough information to determine if the property provides a suitable location for placement of shed within the confines of the Code and cannot determine if a unique physical condition exists on the site.

§ 18-16-301 (c) states that the burden of proof is on the applicant regarding the production of evidence on all questions of fact. At this time it is the opinion of this Office that the applicants have not met this requirement and as such cannot support the variance request and cannot consider it to be the minimum necessary.

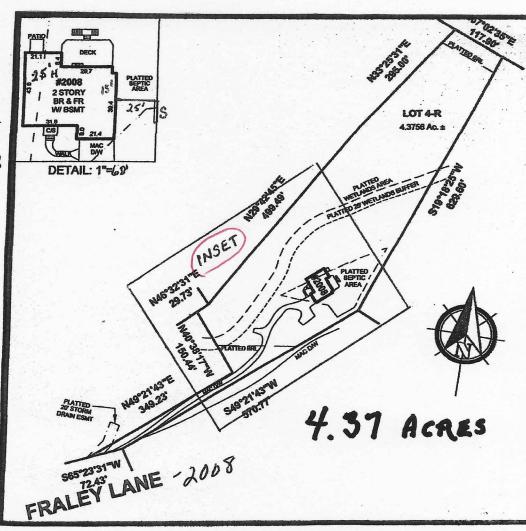
As the need for the variance has not been established, this Office cannot find at this time that the variance would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, impair the use or development of adjacent properties or be detrimental to the public welfare.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the standards set forth in § 18-16-305 under which a variance may be granted, this Office recommends *denial* of the zoning variance to allow the construction of the shed as shown on the site plan.

DISCLAIMER: This recommendation does not constitute a building permit. In order for the applicant(s) to construct the structure(s) as proposed, the applicant(s) shall apply for and obtain the necessary building permits and obtain any other approvals required to perform the work described herein. This includes but is not limited to verifying the legal status of the lot, resolving adequacy of public facilities, and demonstrating compliance with environmental site design criteria.

KRISTINA : SCOTT PATTERSON 2008 FRALEY LANE PASADENA, MD 21123 TAX#03-000-90060818 MAP 0018/ GRID 0009 PARAEL 0032/10T 4R



LOCATION DRAWING OF:

#2008 FRALEY LANE LOT 4-R

3rd ASSESSMENT DISTRICT **BAYSIDE THIRTY** 

PLAT BOOK 160, PLAT 42

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND SCALE: 1"=150" DATE: 1-24-17

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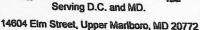
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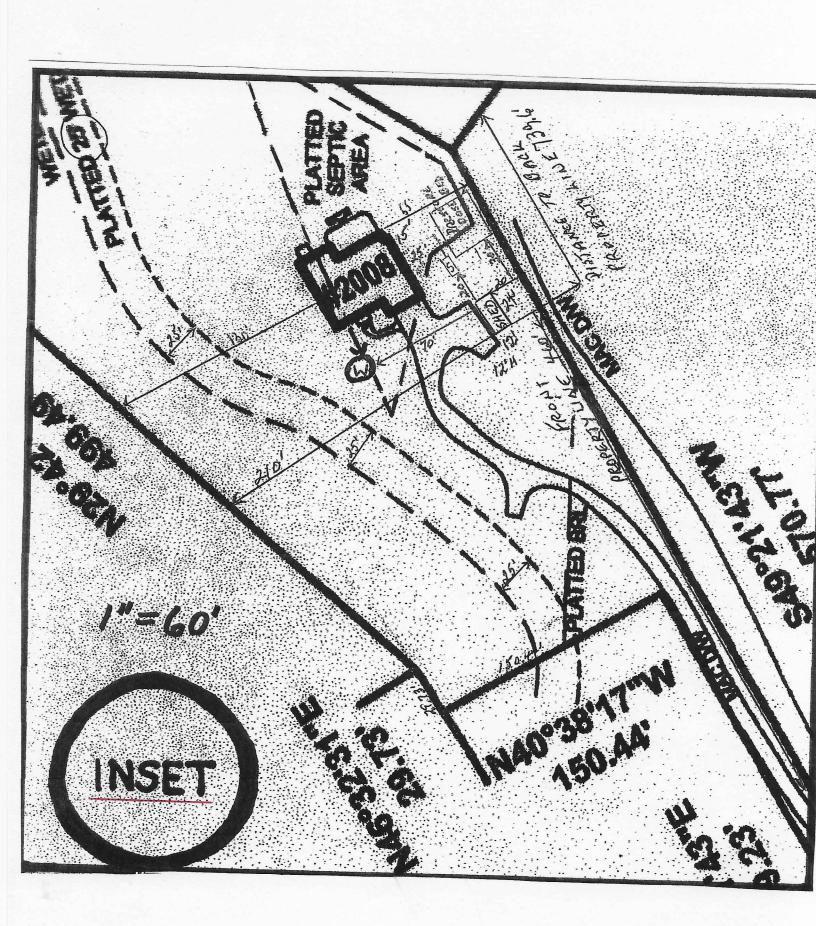
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Letter of Explanation for Variance Request

Subject property:

2008 Fraley Lane Pasadena, MD 21122

Tax Account No.:

03-000-90060818

Owners:

Kristina Patterson Scott D. Patterson

**Agent for Owners: Applicant for Variance** 

MBAS Sheds Linda Bachman 410-360-9717

bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com

The purpose of this Variance is to obtain the approval to install a 12'x24' pre-fab shed in the front yard of our property. Per Article 18-2-204 (b) of the code, "an accessory structure may not be located in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot". Our lot is zoned RLD, wetlands, not waterfront. It is a 4.37 acre lot with a great majority of the lot being wetlands. The house is two-stories, 3,258 sq. ft., 25' high located approximately 504' from the front property line. (The front property is just about one acre.) The back property line is approximately 700' from the house. It is 55' from the east side property line and 130' from the west side. The shed would sit 20' away towards the east from the house and 20' forward of the house towards the front of the property right beside the driveway/parking pad as shown on the site plan. So, the shed will not sit in front of the house, it will sit off to the side. The shed will sit 12' high. It will be 20' from the east side property line, 210' from the west side, 460' from the front and 739.6 from the back. There will be a line of trees separating the shed from the neighbor's driveway on the east side. The neighbor's house on the west isn't even visible from our property, neither is Fraley Lane out front. We are forested heavily throughout the yard because of the wetlands and the buffer areas surrounding them. Our house is not visible from the front of the property and neither will the shed be.

The lot is so restricted from building that you will note on the site plan that the "septic reserve area" is in the same location as the house. It too has a "buffer" area around it. We've enclosed a copy of a mapping that was provided to us by the Zoning Dept. when we were going through the preparation for a shed permit application. It shows how limited the "buildable" property is. The RLD zoning requires a 20' setback on the side property line further shrinking the available space.

The shed location we've selected is an area not requiring the removal of several trees. Its convenient for our young boys to store their outdoor things, our gardening tools and equipment, and the storage of oils, fuels, etc. away from the house. It will be close to the garage and will sit alongside the parking pad giving us a clean access.

Granting this Variance request would be greatly appreciated by our family and is a logical solution in our situation. We understand the need for rules to be enforced in order to maintain cohesiveness in communities. But there are exceptions with unique circumstances such as this one as you know.

LR - Deed (w Taxes) Recording only ST20.00 Name: patterson Ref: LR - Deed (with Taxes) Surcharge LR - Deed State 2,990.00 Transfer Tax SubTotal:

This Deed, made this 24th day of March, 2017, by and between Paul R. Saviano and

Carla O. Saviano, GRANTORS, and Kristina Patterson and Scott D. Patterson, GRANT Total:

03/29/2017

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Witnesseth -

County/CC05.01.08 -That in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Sand Gov 1960 Dollars (\$598,000.00), which includes the amount of any outstanding Mortgage or Deed of Trust, if any, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantors do hereby grant and convey to the said Grantees, as tenants by the entirety unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in the County of Anne Arundel, State of Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

Being known and designated as Lot Number 4R, as shown on the plat entitled "Family Conveyance and Amended Plat of Lot 4, BAYSIDE THIRTY", which plat is recorded among the Plat Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Plat Book 160, page 42. Formerly known as Lot Number Four (4) as shown on a Plat is resubdivision of Lot 3, BAYSIDE BEACH, which said plat is recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Plat Book 112, folio

The improvements thereon being known as 2008 Fraley Lane Road Pasadena MD 21122

Tax ID# 03-000-90060818

Being the same fee simple property which by Deed dated August 23, 2004 and recorded September 10, 2004 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Liber 15330 Folio 168 was granted and conveyed by and between Raymond E. McCoy and Kelley S. McCoy unto Paul R. Saviano and Carla O. Saviano.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Kristina Patterson and Scott D. Patterson, as tenants by the entirety unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

 $\mathfrak{And}$  the Grantors hereby covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that they will warrant Specially the property hereby granted; and that they will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

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Kristina Patterson 2008 Fraley Lane Pasadena, MD 21122

> Anne Arundel County Permit Application Center 2664 Riva Road Annapolis, Md 21401

Ref: Shed Permit B02428933
Tax Account 03-000-90060818

To whom it may concern:

This letter is my authorization designating MBAS Sheds/Linda Bachman as the Applicant for my shed permit. She has my permission to discuss, sign, and submit any updates that may be required.

Thank you,

email: bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com

phone: 410-360-9717

## Brenda Fraley Garver 2011 Fraley Lane Pasadena, Maryland 21122 410-360-2228

permitservicesinc00@gmail.com

November 3, 2024

Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning 2664 Riva Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Variance 2024-0170-V

Patterson

2008 Fraley Lane Pasadena, Md 21122

To: Office of Planning and Zoning

Thank you for the opportunity to present an opinion on 2008 Fraley Lane for a Variance to allow a 12' x 24' accessory structure in the front yard. I am the adjacent neighbor and built my house in 1994 before any other houses were built in the Bayside Thirty Subdivision. The lots were then all heavily wooded. Since I have a business that provides permitting services for residential properties, I had the opportunity to expedite all of the permits for the houses on Fraley Lane and purposely situated the locations of the houses so they would be surrounded by woods. Due to storms the neighborhood has lost several trees, and presently I have a very minimum woodland buffer between by house and 2008 Fraley Lane.

As a matter of record, I want to state that I am not opposed to allowing an accessory structure on their 4.37 acres, however, I am opposed to the size and where it is being proposed according to their variance for the reasons stated below.

For explanation, I have also included a plat of the properties to show that I am on a flag parcel that currently faces the rear of their SFD. I am providing a point-by-point exhibit to support my opinion.

Exhibit 1 – Plat of their property showing room in the rear property for a Modest size shed.

Exhibit 2– Variance sign is located on 2000 Fraley Lane and not visible to the neighbors and are not located on their property.

Exhibit 3 – The Site submitted does not depict the latest improvements, i.e., circular driveway, pond, etc.

Exhibit 4 – The proposed shed will be located within the site line of my front yard.

Exhibit 5 – Photograph of 12 x 24 accessory shed which could be construed as a one car garage.

Exhibit 6 – Photograph from my front porch to their back yard.

Exhibit 7- Plat showing wetlands also location of variance sign was posted on Lot 9.

Exhibit – 8- Subdivision plat of 2009/2011 Fraley Lane showing the location of the shed as it pertains to my driveway and property per my understating from the site plan that was submitted for this variance.

To my understanding of the code a variance may not be granted unless it is found that.

- (1) The variance is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief; In my opinion there is other alternate option areas such as the rear property. I personally have a 12 x 16 shed in the rear side of my home that houses a riding lawnmower, two push mowers, bicycles and all the patio furniture with room to spare.
- (2) The granting of the variance will not:
  - (i)Alter the essential character of the neighborhood This will affect the essential character as there are no other lots with an accessory structure in their front yard on Fraley

Lane or Cook Farm Road. The structure is extremely large and does not fit into a rural setting.

(ii)Substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property.

The proposed structure will be located in the front yard of 2009 and 2011 Fraley Lane. This structure will affect their side front yard, not in front of there home.

(iii) Reduce Forest cover in the limited development and resource conservation areas of the critical area.

However, regarding the proposed structure, it will be in the area where the trees are scarce as some have fallen through the years becoming more visible.

(iv) and (v) Does not apply.

Regards,

Brenda Fraley Garver
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**Attachments** 

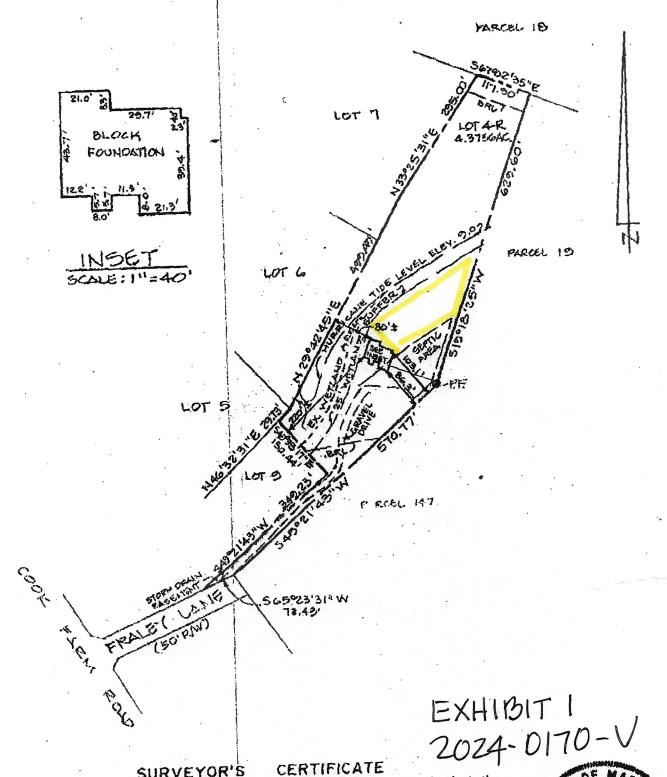
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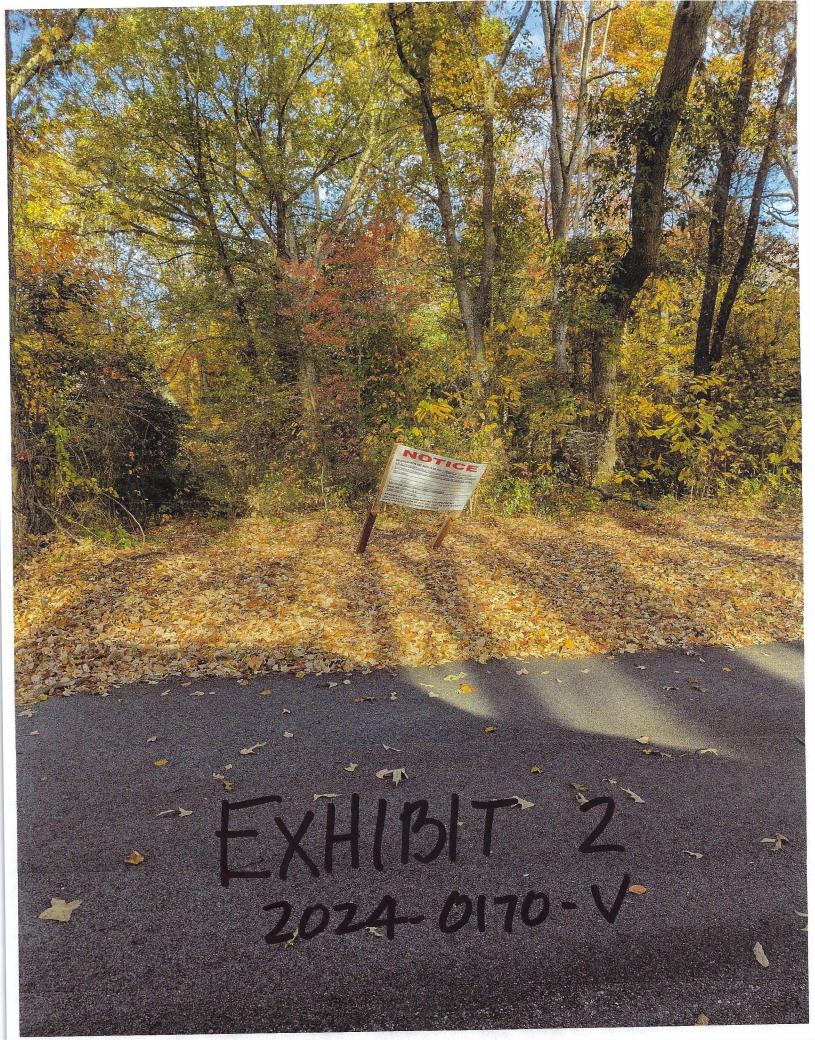
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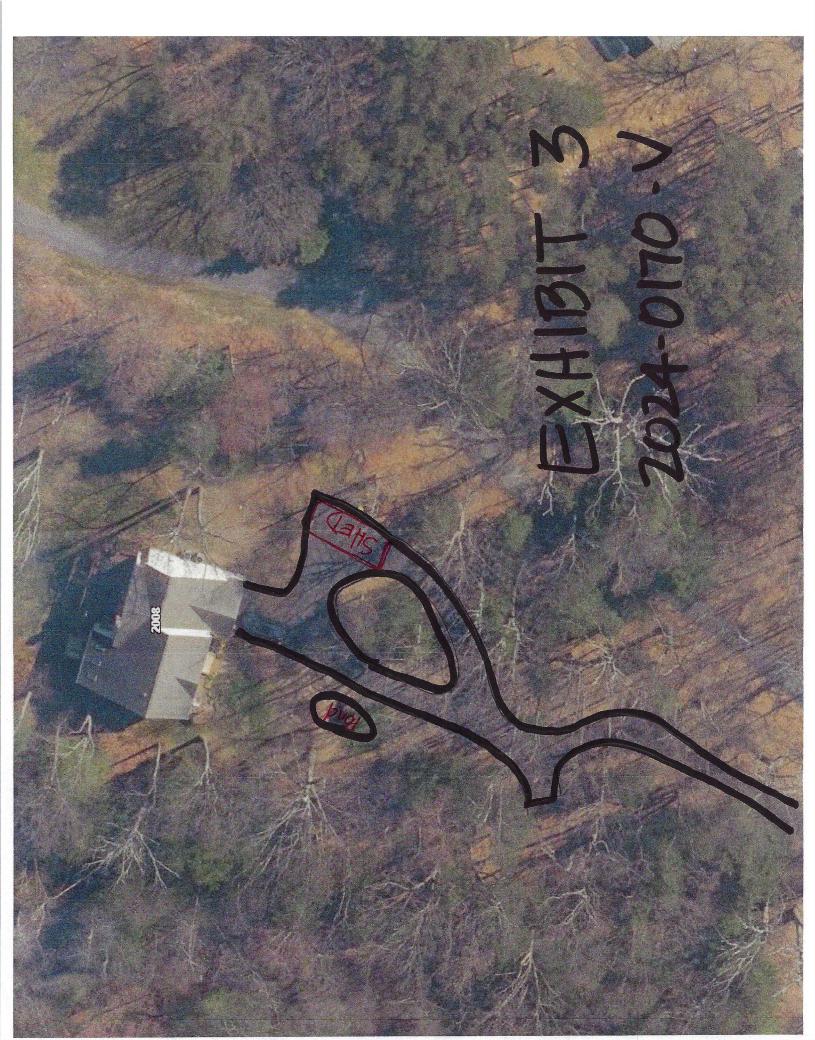
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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the survey shown hereon is correct; that the
property is as delineated on a plat recorded among the Land Records
of Anna Arabal County, Maryland in Plat Book/60,F.42,Plat#8566.





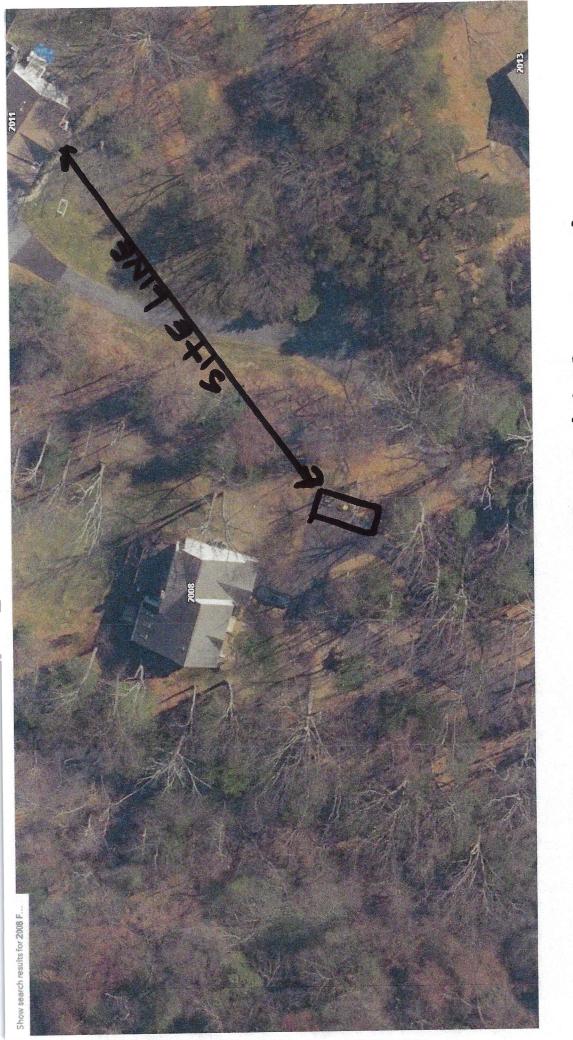
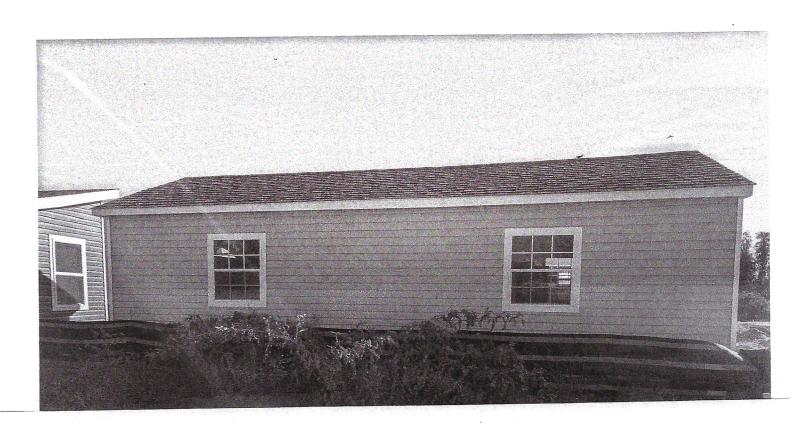
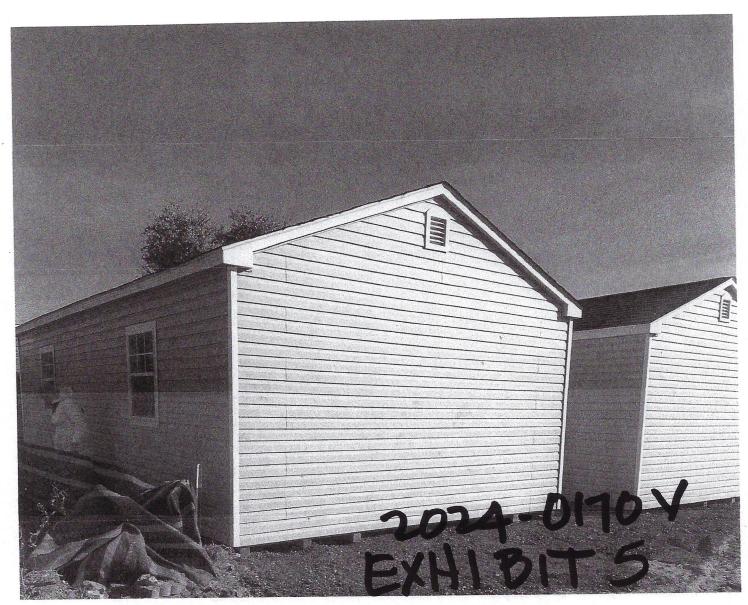
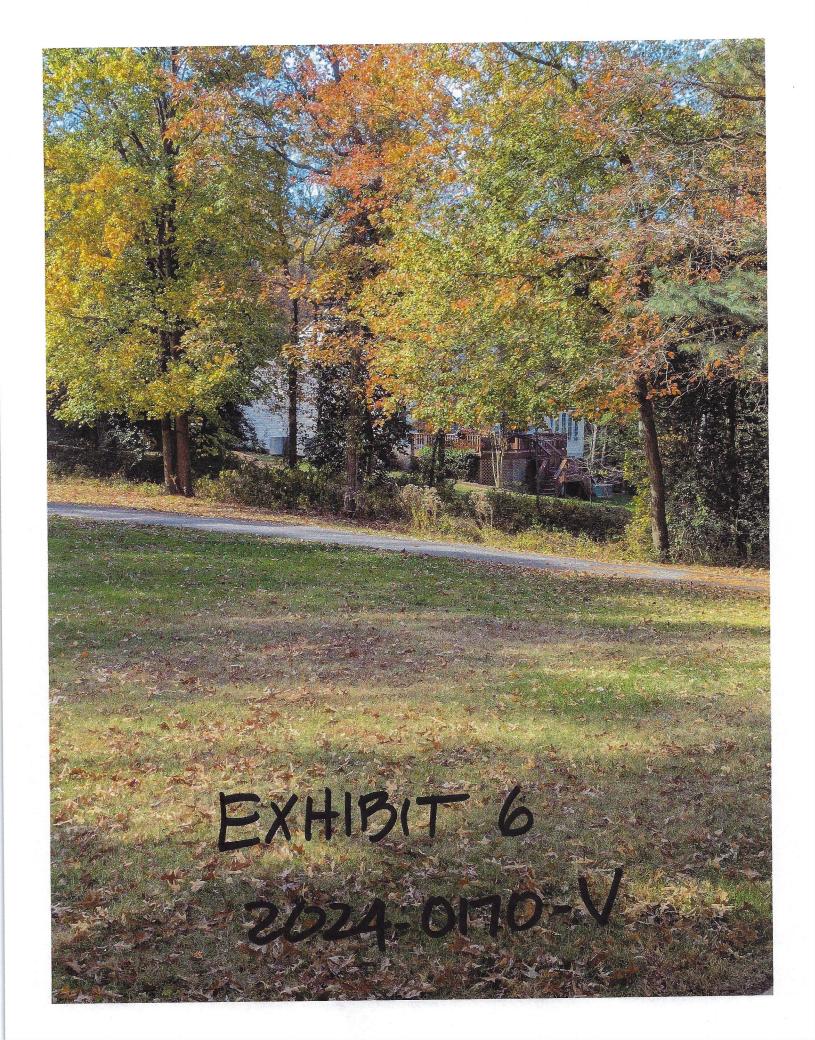
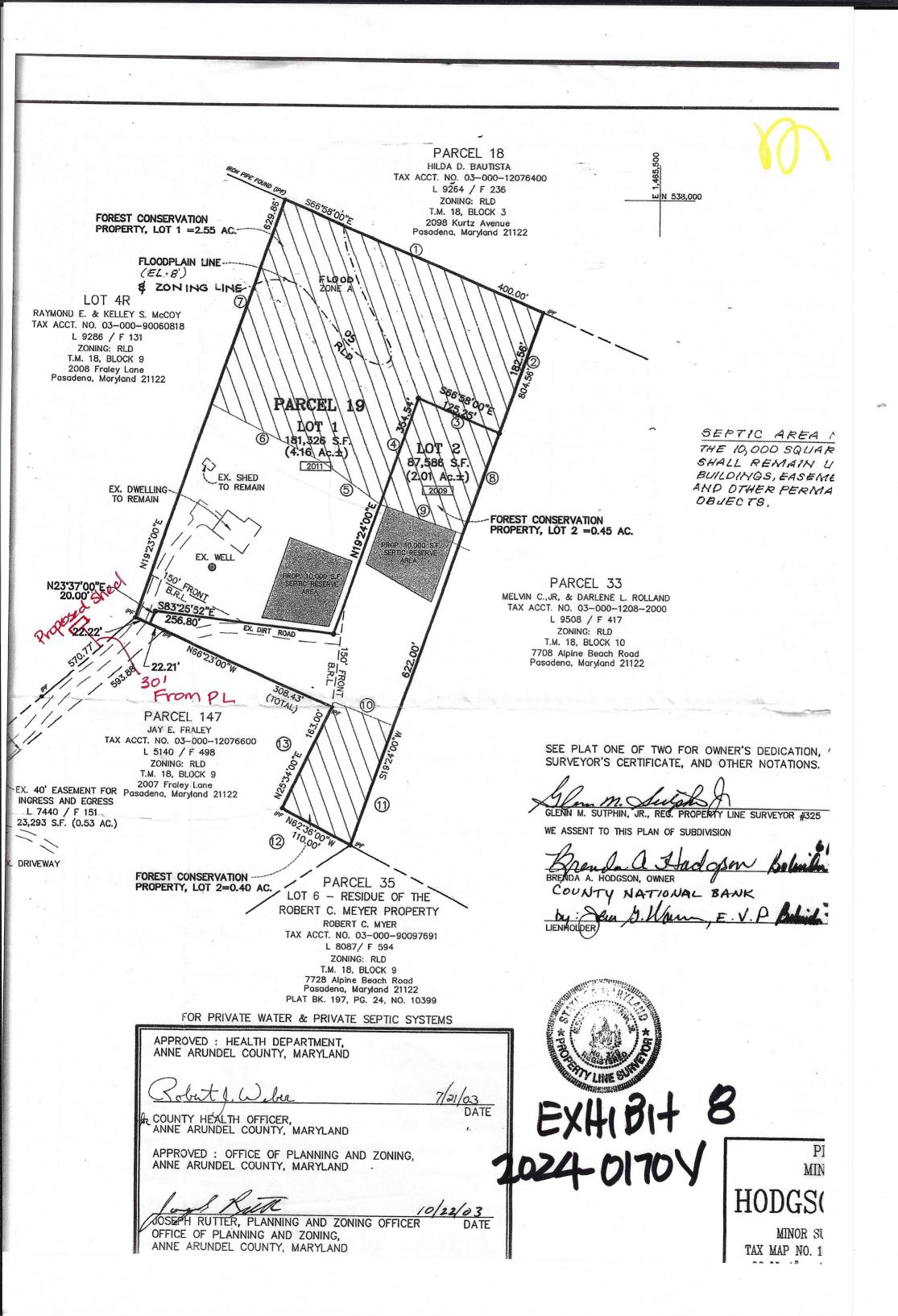


EXHIBIT 4
2024-0170-V









## Thomas & Belinda Huesman

2009 Fraley Lane Pasadena, MD 21122 443.739.2500

November 3, 2024

Office of Planning and Zoning Anne Arundel County 2664 Riva Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Annapolis, MD 21403

RE: Variance 2024-0170-V - 2008 Fraley Lane, Pasadena, MD 21122

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our opinion on the above variance requested. The referenced property is adjacent to the top of a shared easement driveway with 2011 Fraley Lane. *We are not in favor of the variance requested for the reasons cited.* 

- 1) The site plan does not reflect current improvements to include a circular driveway. Since enlarging and installing the circular driveway, it appeared that some trees were removed in the process and shredded as mulch affecting the wooded buffer between properties which was characteristic of each parcel.
- 2) It removes the picturesque character of our property as our shared driveway will not remain a wooded contiguous swath maintaining privacy as it is currently. As a property owner, it was our choice to build here because of the privacy that each RLD lot afforded. Each homeowner enjoys a 2–4-acre wooded lot within our subdivision. The proposed location abuts the top of our driveway and will run adjacent to the shared driveway easement with 2011 Fraley. This location is currently the one area where the buffer of trees is scarce, possibly due to the removal of trees for the circular driveway. In effect, the line of trees and the privacy enjoyed for the past 20 years will be replaced with a structure essentially large enough to be a one car garage with storage. (12'x 24' x 12' height).
- 3) In our opinion, it will decrease our property value which is why zoning laws are in effect and change the character and aesthetics of not only our property but 2011 Fraley Lane as well.

Humbly, we believe there is adequate room for an accessory structure within their 4.37 acres other than the side front yard they propose, that will keep in character for the neighborhood.

Regards,

## Thomas & Belinda Huesman

Belinda.huesman@gmail.com



Linda Bachman <bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com>

### 2008 Fraley

1 message

Joan Jenkins <pzjenk00@aacounty.org>
To: Linda Bachman <bachmanshedbuilders@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2024 at 4:07

### Hi Linda,

The property that you asked about is zoned RLD and is within the non-critical wetland s 25' buffer. I put that layer on the mapping system and also the critical area. The property is not in the critical area. I don't know what you would do for a permit but I would think that you don't need any kind of critical area report for a property outside the critical area. We would not require it for a variance.





The Best Place For All

Joan A. Jenkins

Office of Planning and Zoning

Planner II, Zoning Administration Section

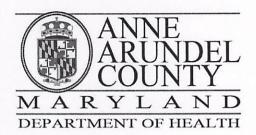
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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sadé Medina, Zoning Applications

Planning and Zoning Department, MS-6301

FROM: Brian Chew, Program Manager

Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE: September 13, 2024

RE: Kristina Patterson

2008 Fraley Lane Pasadena, MD 21122

NUMBER: 2024-0170-V

SUBJECT: Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow an acessory structure (shed) in the front yard of a nonwaterfront lot and with less setbacks than required.

The Health Department has reviewed the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply system for the above referenced property. The Health Department has determined that the proposed request does not adversely affect the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply systems. The Health Department has no objection to the above referenced request.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Brian Chew at 410-222-7413.

cc: Sterling Seay

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