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

APPLICANT: Sheila & Louis Johnson, Jr. ASSESSMENT DISTRICT: 2

CASE NUMBER: 2024-0185-V COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 6

HEARING DATE: December 19, 2024 PREPARED BY: Sara Anzelmo

Planner

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a dwelling addition (replacement deck) with less setbacks and buffer than required and with disturbance to slopes of 15% or greater on property located at 2830 Broadview Terrace in Annapolis.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The subject property consists of 35,255 square feet +/- of land and is located on the south side of Broadview Terrace. It is identified as Lot 7 of Parcel 55 in Grid 17 on Tax Map 50 in the subdivision of Broadview Estates South.

The property is zoned R2 – Residential District. The lot is not waterfront, but it is located entirely within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area overlay and is designated as LDA - Limited Development Area. The shoreline to the south is not mapped as buffer modified and is subject to the standard buffer regulations. Due to the presence of steep slopes to the south, the buffer expands to include the southern portion of the lot.

PROPOSAL

The applicant intends to demolish an existing irregularly-shaped two-level deck and screened porch (986 square feet combined) and to replace them with a smaller open deck (776 square feet).

REQUESTED VARIANCES

§ 18-13-104(a) of the Anne Arundel County Zoning Ordinance requires that there shall be a minimum 100-foot buffer landward from the mean high-water line of tidal waters, tributary streams, and tidal wetlands. § 18-13-104(b) provides for an expanded buffer where there are, among other things, steep slopes. Section 17-8-301 of the Subdivision and Development Code states that development on properties containing buffers shall meet the requirements of Title 27 of the State Code of Maryland (COMAR). Section 27.01.01(B)(8)(ii) of COMAR states a buffer exists "to protect a stream, tidal wetland, tidal waters, or terrestrial environment from human disturbance." Section 27.01.09 E.(1)(a)(ii) of COMAR authorizes disturbance to the buffer for a new development activity or redevelopment activity by variance. The entire deck is located within the expanded buffer, necessitating a variance to disturb an unspecified area of the expanded buffer. If approved, the actual amount of expanded buffer disturbance would be determined at the time of permitting.

§ 17-8-201(a) provides that development in the Limited Development Area (LDA) may not occur within slopes of 15% or greater unless development will facilitate stabilization of the slope; is to allow connection to a public utility; or is to provide direct access to the shoreline. The proposal would necessitate a variance to disturb an unspecified area of slopes of 15% or greater. If approved, the actual amount of slope disturbance would be determined at the time of permitting.

A review of the bulk regulations for development within an R2 District reveals that a zoning setback variance is not required.

FINDINGS

The subject property is triangular in shape, meets the minimum 80-foot width at the platted front building restriction line, and exceeds the minimum 20,000 square foot area required for a lot not served by public sewer in an R2 District. The existing critical area lot coverage is 8,439 square feet (23.9 %) which exceeds the maximum 5,445 square feet allowed under § 17-8-402(b) of the Code. However, an attached deck is not considered critical area lot coverage; therefore, the deck reconfiguration does not require any coverage reduction.

The County 2024 aerial photograph shows that waterfront/waterview decks and patios are common amenities of nearby properties. The applicants' letter explains that the existing deck is 30 years old and is partially collapsing. The proposal would eliminate the existing screened porch and would reduce the overall outdoor amenity area within the expanded buffer by 210 square feet.

The **Department of Health** has reviewed the on-site sewage disposal system for the subject property and has determined that the request would not adversely affect this system. Therefore, the Department has no objection to the proposed variance.

The **Critical Area Commission** took no position on the variance request, but commented that appropriate mitigation is required.

The **Development Division (Critical Area Team)** has no objection to the proposed replacement/reduction of the existing deck.

The **Soil Conservation District** reviewed the proposal and provided no comment.

For the granting of a Critical Area variance, a determination must be made as to whether, because of certain unique physical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the particular property, strict implementation of the County's Critical Area Program would result in an unwarranted hardship. The subject property is a developed residential lot, and the existing deck and screened porch are already located within slopes and the expanded buffer. It is impossible to replace the failing deck without the requested variances. As such, a literal interpretation of the County's Critical Area Program would deprive the applicants of rights that are commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas by preventing much-needed repairs/replacement of their outdoor amenity area.

The granting of a critical area variance would not confer on the applicants a special privilege that would be denied by COMAR, Title 27. The variance request is not based on conditions or circumstances that are the result of actions by the applicants and does not arise from any condition relating to land or building use on any neighboring property. With proper mitigation, the variance would not adversely affect water quality or impact fish, wildlife, or plant habitat and

would be in harmony with the general spirit and intent of the County's Critical Area Program. The applicants have overcome the presumption that the specific development does not conform to the general purpose and intent of the Critical Area law and have evaluated site planning alternatives by eliminating the covered screened porch and reducing the total deck area.

With regard to the requirements for all variances, approval would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or substantially impair the appropriate use or development of the adjacent properties. The variances would not reduce forest cover in the limited development area, be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices, or be detrimental to the public welfare. There is no way to replace the deteriorating deck without slope and buffer disturbance, and the applicants have minimized the impacts of the variance by reducing the existing deck area. As such, the proposal is considered to be the minimum necessary to afford relief.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the standards set forth in § 18-16-305 of the Code under which a variance may be granted, this Office recommends *approval* of the proposed Critical Area variance.

DISCLAIMER: This recommendation does not constitute a building permit. In order for the applicant to construct the structure(s) as proposed, the applicant 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.

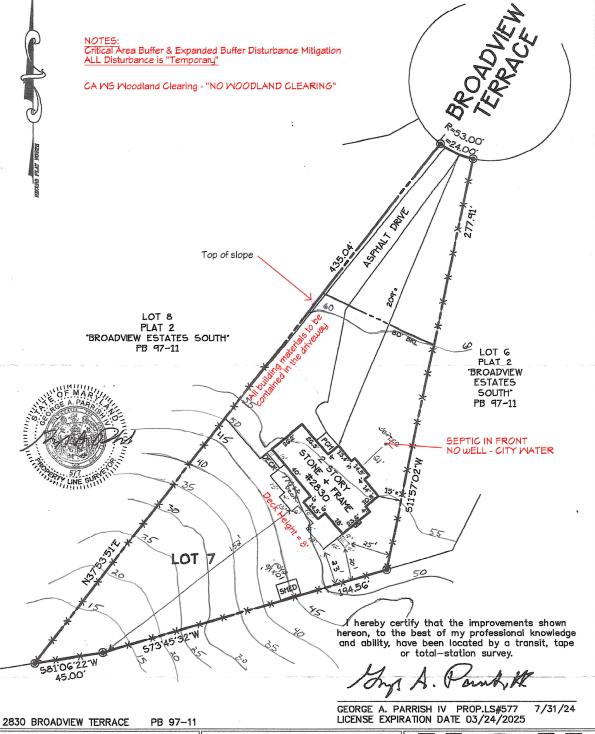
Critical Area Calc's driveways & walkways 5712sf house & screened porch 2567 sf shed Total

Total land area 35,255 sf
Total lot coverage = 24.6%
No New Imperviouse added

SHEET 1 OF 2

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LOCATION DRAWING LOT 7 PLAT 2

BROADVIEW ESTATES SOUTH

SECOND DISTRICT ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND SCALE: 1" = 50' AUGUST 2024

PROJECT #68257 F/N: BROADVIEWESTATESSOUTH-P2-L7





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September 30, 2024.

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

Variance Letter of Explanation

Property Owners:

Louis A Johnson Jr. & Sheila Johnson 2830 Broadview Terrace, Annapolis, Md. 21401 Subdivision #128 Broadview Estates South Lot size: .08 ac, Zoning: R2, Parcel:0055, Lot: 7

To whom it may concern.

Please find submitted herewith the variance application and associated required submittal materials requesting a variance to permit the replacement of a deck "In Like Kind" but slightly smaller, and to permit disturbance to 15% slopes or greater in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area; and to also permit disturbance to the Expanded Buffer in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

Property Description

The site is identified as 2830 Broadview Terrace, Annapolis Md. 21401, Tax acct # 128-90045396, also known as Parcel 0055, Lot 7. This site is a 0.8-acre or (32,255 sf), and is zoned R2. This home is in Broadview Estates South community and is duly recorded among the plat records in Anne Arundel County at Book 97, pages 10 & 11. The site is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (LDA). This property is on a cul-de-sac and is not waterfront. This property does not fall within the 100' buffer but it is in the "expanded Buffer" due to the site having steep slopes, especially behind the existing house.

The site is served by an existing public water line, and a private onsite sewer disposal system at the front of the property. The existing deck and replacement deck does not encroach on the private septic system, or the public water service.

This site is currently developed with an existing two-level single-family home, driveway, walkways. On the rear of the house there is currently a partially collapsing 30-year-old, two-level wood deck which consists of 806 sf open deck and 180 sf screened porch for a total of 986 sf. It is accessible from each side with steps to the ground.

Existing Deck Description

The existing Open deck is 806 sq and the existing screened porch is 180 sf together occupying 986 sf. Its roughly 8' in height. It is supported by 6x6 wood support posts that are rotting at ground level and below. The existing screened porch is currently collapsing, the original support structure has already failed, and the porch is now being supported in the front left corner with a temporary steel post. The existing screened porch and deck is now unsafe to use. The homeowners have been instructed to refrain from using their deck.

Proposed Deck Description

The proposed new deck is to be built "In Like Kind" with the same exact footprint as the existing deck, but without a 210 sf of deck extension, therefore reducing the overall deck coverage to 776 sf. The screened porch will be deleted and replaced with an open deck of the same size. This portion of the deck will have a drainage system installed which will leave the area under the deck dry and rain free. This will offset the 180 sf of impervious lot coverage from the original screened porch, therefore leaving the impervious coverage of the lot unchanged.

Variance request

The homeowners are asking for this variance to replace the existing deck with a new deck without expanding the footprint or changing the amount of impervious coverage of the lot. There will be <u>no woodland clearing</u> needed for the construction the new deck, and all disturbance will only be temporary. There will be minimum disturbance to the ground as we will only be disturbing roughly 10 sf per footing, for a total of only 150 sf for the entire project. There will be no heavy equipment used for the construction of this new deck. All new footing will be dug by hand and all dirt removed for these footings will be bagged until it is used as backfill. (this is a normal practice for Diamond Decks) All extra dirt remaining after backfilling will be removed from the job site. Any minor disturbance to the steep slope will be temporary.

Anne Arundel County Code (Article 17-8-201)

17-8-201 (a) states that development in the LDA may not occur within slopes of 15% or greater unless development will facilitate stabilization of the slope; is to allow connection to a public utility; or is to provide direct access to the shoreline; and, all disturbance shall be limited to the minimum necessary.

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 disturbance to slopes over 15% or greater will only be a temporary disturbance. The expanded buffer is being disturbed for the removal of the existing 986 sf deck, screened porch and stairs, which are being replaced with a new, slightly smaller, 776 sf deck and new steps (In Like Kind), with no changes to the basic footprint of the deck.

We feel this relief is minimal, and all disturbance will be temporary. There will be minimum disturbance to the ground as we will only be disturbing roughly 10 sf per footing, for a total of only 150 sf for the entire project. There will be no heavy equipment used for the removal and the construction of this new deck, and all new footings will be dug by hand. All dirt removed for these footings will be bagged until it is used as backfill. (this is a normal practice for Diamond Decks) All extra dirt remaining after backfilling will be removed from the job site. Any minor disturbance to the steep slope will be temporary.

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 their home. The owner is not requesting these variances based on conditions or circumstances that are the result of actions by the applicant.

Anne Arundel County Code (18-13-104b)

18-13-104 (b) states that the expanded buffer shall be expanded beyond 100' to include (contiguous sensitive areas, such as) steep slopes of 15% or greater, Non Tidal Wetlands, Non tidal Wetlands of Special State Concern, and hydric soils or highly erodible soils

The buffer shall be expanded by the greater of four feet for every 1% of slope or to the top of the slope and shall include all land within 50' of the top of the slopes

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 since this property is more than 120' from the 100' buffer. However, due to the steep slopes, the entire site is within the expanded buffer.

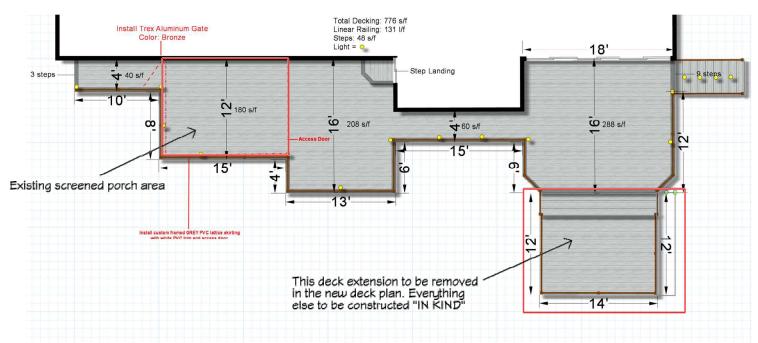
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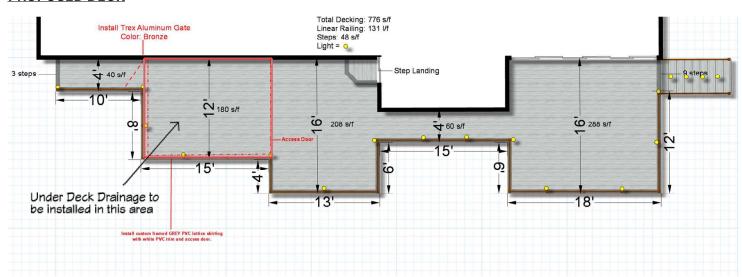
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Sincerely,
William Zinnert
President / Diamond Decks
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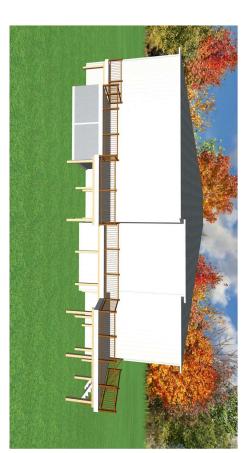
EXISTING DECK



PROPOSED DECK









Critical Area Narrative

Property Owners:

Louis A Johnson Jr. & Sheila Johnson 2830 Broadview Terrace, Annapolis, Md. 21401

Proposed use:

The proposed use of the property is Single Family Residential. The proposed "In Kind" deck replacement is for the continued reasonable enjoyment of the use of their home.

Trees & Shrubs:

The property is mostly cleared in front of the house but it does have approximately 8,600 sf of woodlands scattered throughout the property mostly towards the rear of the house. It is made up of Typical Oak, Pine, and Maple, and Crepe Myrtle trees, along with typical popular shrubs near the house including Holly, Azalea, Myrtle, Boxwood, and grasses. (pictures have been submitted with the variance docs)

Disturbance & Mitigation:

The total disturbance to the property will be during the digging of new footings for the replacement deck. There will be 13 to 15 footings at roughly 10 sf per hole for a total of 150 sf of total disturbance. There will be minimum disturbance to the ground as we will only be disturbing roughly 10 sf per footing, for a total of only 150 sf for the entire project. There will be no heavy equipment used for the construction of this new deck. All new footing will be dug by hand and all dirt removed for these footings will be bagged until it is used as backfill. (this is a normal practice for Diamond Decks) All extra dirt remaining after backfilling will be removed from the job site.

Water Quality Impact:

There will be no impact on water quality as there will be no runoff and the property is not waterfront.

Lot Coverage:

The square footage of the property is 35,255 sf. The existing impervious coverage is 8,439 sf which is 24.6% of the total lot coverage. There will be no proposed change to the impervious lot coverage. There will be No woodland clearing, and all disturbance will be temporary.

General site details:

There are no protected habitat areas on this property. The property is not in the 100' buffer zone, but is considered to be in the "expanded Buffer" zone due to its steep slopes of 15% or greater. The entire property falls into the expanded buffer zone.

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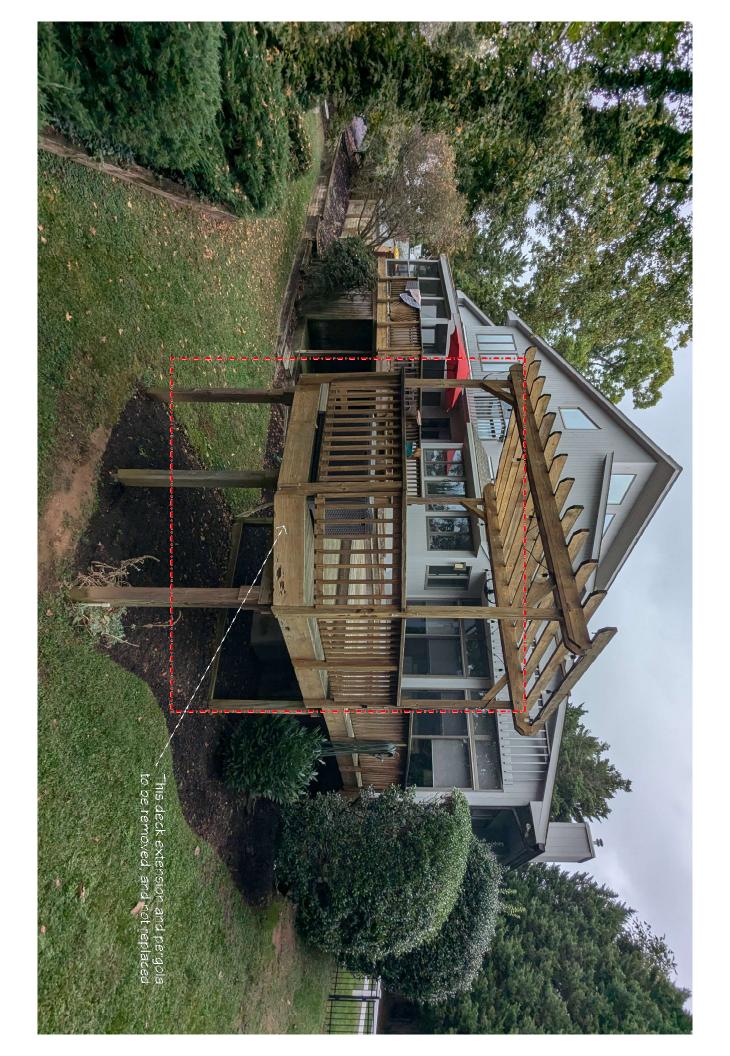
PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

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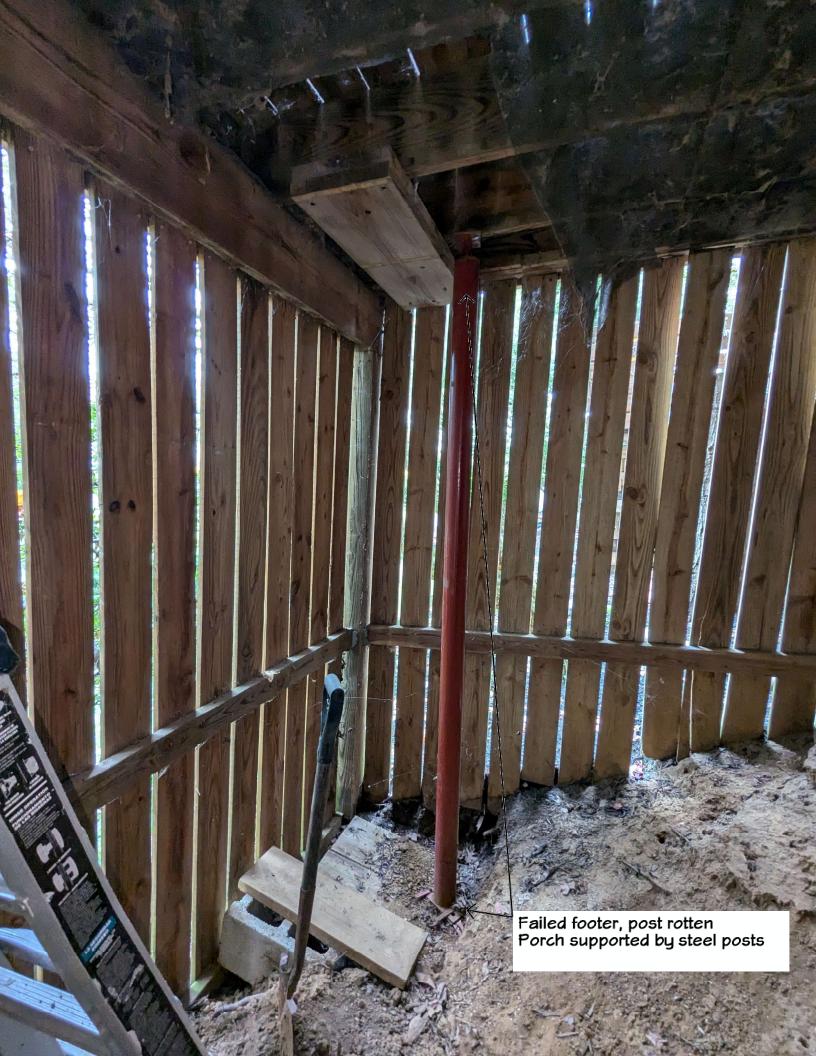














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Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP Health Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sadé Medina, Zoning Applications

Planning and Zoning Department, MS-6301

FROM:

Brian Chew, Program Manager

Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE:

October 2, 2024

RE:

Shelia Johnson

2830 Broadview Terrace Annapolis, MD 21401

NUMBER:

2024-0185-V

SUBJECT:

Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow a deck with less setbacks and buffer than required and with disturbance to slopes of 15% or greater.

The Health Department has reviewed the on-site sewage disposal system for the above referenced property. The Health Department has determined that the proposed request does not adversely affect the on-site sewage disposal system. 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



CAC Comments: 2024-0168-V Evergreen Ventures, 2024-0171-V Moynihan, 2024-0173-V Tynan, 2024-0174-V Fasano, 2024-0176-V McKittrick, 2024-0185-V Johnson

1 message

Jennifer Esposito < jennifer.esposito@maryland.gov>

Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 10:20 AM

To: Sadé Medina <pzmedi22@aacounty.org>

Cc: Sterling Seay <pzseay16@aacounty.org>, Charlotte Shearin -DNR- <charlotte.shearin@maryland.gov>

Good morning,

The Critical Area Commission has reviewed the following variances and we provide the following comments:

- 2024-0168-V; Evergreen Ventures (AA 223-24): The County must ensure that appropriate mitigation is required, including ensuring that the full reestablishment of areas associated with the unpermitted clearing occurs, and that any remaining mitigation is fulfilled by planting unvegetated portions of the Buffer. Based on the submitted Mitigation Plan, it does not appear that the unpermitted cleared areas (both inside and outside of the Buffer) are being fully replanted. Nor does it appear that the proposed mitigation on this site fulfills the mitigation requirements. The applicant may not be granted a variance to the mitigation standards per COMAR 27.01.09.01-2.P. The applicant should revise the Mitigation Plan to provide a Landscape Stock Table to include the size, quantity, and species that will satisfy the mitigation requirements.
- 2024-0171-V; Moynihan (AA 229-24): In order for the Administrative Hearing Officer to grant this after-the-fact variance, the applicant must meet each and every one of the variance standards including unwarranted hardship and that the project will not adversely affect water quality or habitats within the Critical Area.
- 2024-0173-V; Tynan (AA 231-24): The property is currently improved with driveway, front porch, dwelling with patio and rear deck, and riparian access. It does not appear that a proposal for an additional outdoor amenity (a 288-square-foot deck) meets the Critical Area Variance standards, including unwarranted hardship as the applicant currently enjoys reasonable and significant use of the property.
- 2024-0174-V; Fasano (AA 230-24): The property is currently improved with a driveway, walkways, and dwelling with an existing deck. The dwelling is located on top of a 40% slope. The applicant should consider constructing the screen porch on top of the existing deck to minimize impacts to steep slopes. Given the existing improvements, this request does not meet all of

the Critical Area variance standards, including unwarranted hardship. If this request were to be denied the applicant will still have reasonable and significant use of the entire parcel. Additionally, impacts to the steep slopes to construct the screened porch can adversely impact water quality and habitats.

- 2024-0176-V McKittrick (AA232-24): Provided that the proposed improvements to the rear of the dwelling are limited to the existing footprint, and provided that the Administrative Hearing Officer finds that each and every one of the variance standards have been met, appropriate mitigation is required.
- 2024-0185-V; Johnson (AA 249-24): Appropriate mitigation is required. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

The above comments have been uploaded to the County's online portal.



Jennifer Esposito

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Assigned to Department
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