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# **LETTER OF EXPLANATION**

115 BAY DR ANNAPOLIS MD 21403 Owners – Jason and Julie Nogueira Applicant – McHale Landscape Design – Matthew Rhoderick

The following letter of explanation is for the Pre-File application for a Variance Request for 115 Bay Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403 by McHale Landscape Design (Applicant) on the behalf of Jason and Julie Nogueira (Owner). This project was submitted previously via permit application AACO Record# B02432233. On 12/16/24 we received a comment made by Deepa Sapkota referencing § 18-2-204 (4) informing us that a variance was required. This application in response to that comment copied below:

- It's a water view site. Per code Accessory structures § 18-2-204 (4) an accessory structure may not be located in the front yard of a non-waterfront lot. So Barry Ave is considered as front side lot line. You cannot have a pool in front yard of a non-waterfront lot without approved variance. Please contact the Office of Planning and Zoning, Zoning Division at (410) 222-7437 for additional information concerning the variance process and or any questions you may have concerning the setback requirements or you may contact Sterling Seay at 410 222-6761 for variance process.

## **Property Description:**

The property at 115 Bay Drive is a 22,622-square-foot rectangular lot with dual front yard classifications along Barry Ave and Bay Drive. These dual frontages create two designated front yards for the property. Access to the site is provided by a two-track driveway from Barry Ave.

The Barry Ave frontage is screened by dense vegetation, giving it the functional and visual characteristics of a traditional rear yard despite its legal classification as a front yard. The property contains an existing two-story residence with a total above-grade living area of 4,838 square feet and an attached garage located near the center of the lot.

#### Setbacks for the Existing Residence

- 10' from the north side property line.
- 11' from the south side property line.
- 130' from the Barry Ave front property line.
- 70' from the Bay Drive front property line.
- 295' from the Mean High-Water Line.

The lot features a relatively flat area along the Barry Ave frontage, transitioning into a gentle slope toward the Bay Drive frontage, which opens to scenic water views of the Chesapeake Bay. The surrounding Bay Ridge neighborhood is characterized by similarly configured lots with dual front yard classifications, including properties on Bay Drive with pools (e.g., 123 Bay Drive, 42 River Drive, and 85 Bay Drive).

The proposed pool would be situated in the Barry Ave frontage, positioned to minimize its impact on the property's natural features and character. The proposed setbacks for the pool are as follows:

#### Setbacks to Proposed Pool

- 9'3" from the north side property line.
- 50'10" from the south side property line.
- 77'6" from the Barry Ave front property line.
- 165'1" from the Bay Drive front property line.
- 295' from the Mean High-Water Line.



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#### **Project Description:**

The proposed project seeks a variance to § 18-2-204(4) to permit the construction of a 16' x 36' swimming pool within the front yard of the property. The proposed pool location will comply with all other applicable zoning requirements, including standard yard setbacks and lot coverage limitations (Net 10% Reduction).

#### **Requirements For All Variances:**

§ Article 18-16-305(c)

- 1) the variance is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief; and
  - i. The requested variance is the minimum necessary to afford relief because the property's unique layout and constraints, primarily the presence of two front yards (Barry Ave and Bay Drive), make it impractical to locate the pool in a different area while maintaining compliance with zoning regulations. After careful consideration, the Barry Ave front yard was selected as the most suitable location for the proposed 16' x 32' pool. This decision was made to minimize impacts on the property's overall appearance and functionality while respecting neighborhood compatibility. Additionally, the proposed 16' x 32' pool is a modestly sized pool compared to the standard 20' x 40' pools commonly installed in similar residential neighborhoods. This demonstrates that the request is reasonable and proportionate, ensuring that the pool is appropriately scaled to the property and surrounding context. This solution minimizes the extent of the variance by limiting it solely to the location of the pool, without requiring additional deviations from other zoning standards.

## 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 granting of the variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the lot is located. There are several examples of pools located on comparable dual front yard lots, such as 123 Bay Drive, 42 River Drive, and 85 Bay Drive, demonstrating that the presence of a pool in this location is consistent with the neighborhood's existing character. Additionally, the neighborhood features numerous pools, further supporting that this aligns with the established pattern of development in the area. Moreover, the selected front yard along Barry Ave is sufficiently and naturally screened, ensuring that the pool will not create any visual disruption or negatively impact the character or aesthetics of the neighborhood.
- ii. substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property
  - The proposed pool will not substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent properties. (10 Barry Ave, 113 Bay Drive, 117 Bay Drive, and 1 Decatur Ave) The pool will adhere to all standard yard setback requirements for pools within the R2 zoning district, with the sole exception of the requested variance to build in the front yard due to the property's dual front yard configuration. Furthermore, the Barry Ave front yard, where the pool is proposed to be located, is naturally screened, ensuring that the pool will not intrude upon or negatively impact the use, enjoyment, or development potential of neighboring properties.
- iii. reduce forest cover in the limited development and resource conservation areas of the critical area;
  - 115 Bay Drive is located within the Limited Development Area of the Critical Area. No forest cover will be removed or disturbed as part of this project. Additionally, the scope of work is entirely located outside the 100-foot Critical Area Buffer, ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental protection standards.
- iv. <u>be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the critical area or a bog protection area; nor</u>
  - The proposed work will not, in any manner, be contrary to acceptable clearing and replanting practices required for development in the Critical Area. The only clearing proposed involves turfgrass and existing lot coverage. (Artificial putting green, gravel, etc.) No forested or environmentally sensitive areas will be impacted by the project.



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v. be detrimental to the public welfare.

- The proposed scope of work will not be detrimental to public welfare. As noted in responses to 2.i. and 2.ii., there are at least three examples of pools located in front yards within the neighborhood, as well as numerous other pools throughout the area. This demonstrates that the project is consistent with existing neighborhood characteristics and does not pose any harm to the public welfare.

## Requirements for critical or bog protection area variances:

§ Article 18-16-305(b)

- i. Because of certain unique physical conditions, such as exceptional topographical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the particular lot or irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size and shape, strict implementation of the County's critical area program or bog protection program would result in an unwarranted hardship, as that term is defined in the Natural Resources Article, § 8-1808, of the State Code, to the applicant;
  - The requested variance to § 18-2-204(4) does not conflict with the Natural Resources Article, § 8-1808, of the State Code, nor does this application seek a variance under that section. The variance request pertains solely to the local zoning regulations and is not related to the provisions of the Natural Resources Article, which govern critical areas and bog protection. As such, there is no unwarranted hardship created by strict adherence to the County's critical area program or bog protection program in relation to this request.
- ii. A literal interpretation of COMAR, Title 27, Criteria for Local Critical Area Program Development or the County's critical area program and related ordinances will deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas as permitted in accordance with the provisions of the critical area program within the critical area of the County; or
  - The requested variance to § 18-2-204(4) is within the critical area; however, it does not seek a variance from COMAR, Title 27, Criteria for Local Critical Area Program Development, or the County's critical area program. The variance request pertains solely to local zoning regulations and does not seek to alter or waive any provisions of the critical area program that would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas under the established program.
- iii. The granting of a variance will not confer on an applicant any special privilege that would be denied by COMAR, Title 27, the County's critical area program to other lands or structures within the County critical area, or the County's bog protection program to other lands or structures within a bog protection area;
  - The requested variance to § 18-2-204(4) is within the critical area; however, it does not seek a variance from COMAR, Title 27, Criteria for Local Critical Area Program Development, or the County's critical area program. The variance request pertains solely to local zoning regulations and does not seek to alter or waive any provisions of the critical area program that would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas under the established program.
- iv. The variance request is not based on conditions or circumstances that are the result of actions by the applicant, including the commencement of development before an application for a variance was filed, and does not arise from any condition relating to land or building use on any neighboring property;
  - No development related to this variance request has commenced prior to the submission of this application.
     Additionally, the request does not arise from any condition related to the land or building use of any neighboring property, nor has it been caused by any actions taken by the applicant.



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- v. The granting of a variance will not adversely affect water quality or adversely impact fish, wildlife, or plant habitat within the County's critical area or a bog protection area and will be in harmony with the general spirit and intent of the County's critical area program or bog protection program;
  - The granting of this variance will not adversely affect water quality or negatively impact fish, wildlife, or plant habitat within the County's Critical Area or a bog protection area. No development will occur on steep slopes, within the 100-foot buffer, or in environmentally sensitive areas. Additionally, the property's lot coverage exceedance will be reduced by a net 10% reduction. Best management practices (BMPs) will be fully implemented to ensure minimal environmental impact, maintaining compliance with all relevant regulations and promoting the protection of water quality and habitat.
- vi. The applicant for a variance to allow development in the 100-foot upland buffer has maximized the distance between the bog and each structure, taking into account natural features and the replacement of utilities, and has met the requirements of § 17-9-208 of this Code;
  - No development will occur within the 100-foot upland buffer. The proposed project is fully compliant with the requirements of § 17-9-208 of this Code, and no structures or activities will impact this protected area.
- vii. The applicant, by competent and substantial evidence, has overcome the presumption contained in the Natural Resources

  Article, § 8-1808, of the State Code; and
- viii. The applicant has evaluated and implemented site planning alternatives in accordance with § 18-16-201(c).
  - The requested variance to § 18-2-204(4) does not impact or conflict with the provisions of the Natural Resources Article, § 8-1808, of the State Code, nor does it impede compliance with § 18-16-201(c) regarding site planning alternatives. The variance request is in alignment with all applicable regulations and has been carefully considered to ensure compliance with relevant environmental and zoning standards.

We would like to express our gratitude to all parties involved in the review of this variance application. We look forward to your continued review and to working alongside you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

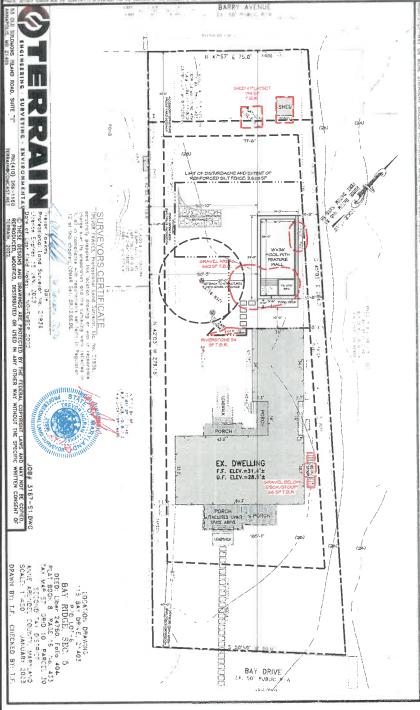
Applicant Information:

- McHale Landscape Design MHIC #29697
  - 911 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
  - 0 (410)-990-0894

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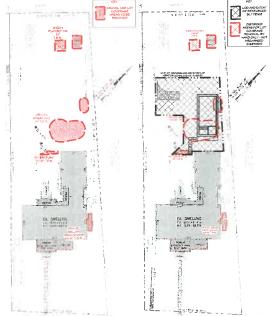
- Matthew Rhoderick Registered Landscape Architect, #3731
  - o (301)-512-8234
  - Mattr@mchalelandscape.com

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VICINITY MAP: SCALE: 1" - 1,000'0"



LOT COVERAGE REMOVAL DIAGRAM: SCALE 1" = 30'0"

LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE AND SILT FENCE DIAGRAM: SCALE 1" = 30'0"

3,749 SF

1,557 SF 189 SF 194 SF 662 SF

121 SF

6.472 SF

103 SF 6,369 SF

3.683 SF

1,523 SF

189 SF 0 SF

0 SF 121 SF

741 SF 112 SF

6,369 SF

6,369 SF

0 SF

EX. LOT COVERAGE TABULATIONS

DWELLING AND ATTACHED APPURTENANCES

	DWELLING AND ATTACHED APPORTENANCES
	DRIVEWAY/TIRE-STRIPS
	BRICKED LEADWALKS
	SHED & ADJ, PLAYSET
	GRAVEL AREA (TRAMPOLINE & PUTTING GREEN)
	FLAGSTONE WALK
	TOTAL EXISTING LOT COVERAGE:
	TOTAL EXCEEDED LOT COVERAGE:
	REQUIRED 10% NET LOT COVERAGE REDUCTION:
	TOTAL ALLOWABLE PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE:
	PRO. LOT COVERAGE TABULATIONS
	DWELLING AND ATTACHED APPURTENANCES (GRAVEL BELOW DECK/STOOP REMOVED -66 SF)
	DRIVEWAY/TIRE-STRIPS (RIVERSTONE REMOVED -34 SF)
	BRICKED LEADWALKS
	SHED & ADJ. PLAYSET
	GRAVEL AREA (TRAMPOLINE & PUTTING GREEN)
	FLAGSTONE WALK
	PROPOSED 16'x36' POOL (18" COPING)
	PROPOSED STEPPERS AND PATIO
	TOTAL PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE:
EW MOORE	TOTAL ALLOWABLE PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE:
	TOTAL REMAINING LOT COVERAGE WITH 10% NEW REDUCTION
	AMMOUNT OF DISTURBANCE:
	TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION:

NFORMATION		OWNER INFORMATION				
	23,191 SF	TAX ACCT#: 02-047-11517820				
	R2	SITE ADDRESS: 115 BAY DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403				
TURE FRONT SETBACK:	40 FT	SUBDIVISION: BAY RIDGE				
TURE SIDE & REAR	7 FT	MAP: 0057				
	11.	BLOCK: N/A				
	LDA	PARCEL: 0030				
	5,445 SF	LOT: 6				
	1	OWNER: JASON AND JULLIE NOGUEIRA				
DESCRIPTION:		MAILING ADDRESS: 115 BAY DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403				
with self contained 7'6"x7'6" S	ipa and	EMAIL: JASON.NOGUEIRA@TROWEPRICE.COM				
		TELEPHONE: 410-382-6818				
	\$115,000	APPLICANT (CONTRACTOR) INFORMATION				
		APPLICANT (CONTRACTOR): McHALE LANDSCAPE DESIGN - ANDREW MOORE				
		ADDRESS: 6212 LEAPLEY ROAD, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772				
60		EMAIL: ANDREWM@MCHALELANDSCAPE.COM				
		TELEPHONE: 240-565-4069				
		LIC. TYPE & #: MHIC 29697				

SITE INFORMATION	OWNER INFORMATION			
TOTAL LOT AREA:	23,191 SF	TAX ACCT#: 02-047-11517820		
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ZONING:	R2	SITE ADDRESS: 115 BAY DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403		
ANNE ARUNDEL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE FRONT SETBACK:	40 FT	SUBDIVISION: BAY RIDGE		
ANNE ARUNDEL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SIDE & REAR	7 FT	MAP: 0057		
SETBACK:	1	BLOCK: N/A		
CRITICAL AREA DESIGNATION:	LDA	PARCEL: 0030		
ALLOWABLE LOT COVERAGE	5,445 SF	LOT: 6		
21,781 - 26,300 SF):	1 ,,	OWNER: JASON AND JULLIE NOGUEIRA		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	MAILING ADDRESS: 115 BAY DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403			
Furnish and Install 16'x36' in ground pool with self contained 7'6"x7'6" Sp	EMAIL: JASON.NOGUEIRA@TROWEPRICE.COM			
Flagstone patio.		TELEPHONE: 410-382-6818		
COST OF WORK BY APPLICANT	APPLICANT (CONTRACTOR) INFORMATION			
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NOGUEIRA RESIDENCE 115 BAY DRIVE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403

ADMINISTRATIVE SITE **PLAN** 

SHEET NO.: 1 OF 1

DATE: 01.16.24

# 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: 01.16.25			
					FOR RESUBMITTAL ONLY			
Tax Map #	Parcel #	Block #	Lot #	Section	Corrections			
0057	0030		6	5	Redesign			
					No Change			
					Non-Critical Area			
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Tax ID: 0	Tax ID: 02-047-11517820 General Project Information							
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Project locat	ion/Address	115 BAY DF	RIVE					
Co. ANIN	IA BOLLIO				Zip 21403			
City   ANN	IAPOLIS				Zip   21403			
Local case n	umber							
Applicant:	Applicant: Last name MOORE First name ANDREW							
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[Company]	Company McHALE LANDSCAPE DESIGN							
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•	> 5,000  sq ft	同		Subdivision				
Grading Perr				Other				
Local Jurisdiction Contact Information:								
Last name	AACo Zoning	Administration	on Section	First name				
Phone #	410-222-7437	7	Respo	nse from Con	nmission Required ByTBD			
Fax #				_ Hearing dat	e TBD			

# SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe Proposed use of project site:							
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - FURNISH AND INSTALL POOL							
	Yes					Yes	
Intra Family Transfer					Growth Allocation	_	
Intra-Family Transfer	H				Buffer Exemption		
Grandfathered Lot					Build Daempuon		
Project Type (check al	l that app	ly)					
Commercial					Recreational		
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Total Area 0.519			22,622				
		Acr	es	Sq Ft		Acres	Sq Ft
Existing Forest/Woodland	l/Trees	0 0			Existing Lot Coverage	0.149	6,472
Created Forest/Woodland	/Trees	0 0			New Lot Coverage	0	0
Removed Forest/Woodlan		0	0 0		Removed Lot Coverage	0.002	103
					Total Lot Coverage	0.146	6,369
VARIANCE INFORM	IATION (	(Check	all th	at apply)			
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Variance Type					<u>Structure</u>	,	
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Other [X] variance to § 18-2-204(4) Pool [X] Shed							
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#### **CRITICAL AREA NARRATIVE**

115 BAY DR ANNAPOLIS MD 21403
Owners – Jason and Julie Nogueira
Applicant – McHale Landscape Design – Matthew Rhoderick

The subject property located at 115 Bay Drive, Annapolis, MD, is designated for **residential use**. The proposed project involves the request of a variance to install a pool in the front yard of the property, as the subject property has 2 designated front yards. The intent of the project is to enhance the livability and functionality of the property while adhering to environmental regulations and minimizing impacts on the critical area. Efforts will be made to ensure compliance with local ordinances, including the incorporation of appropriate mitigation measures to protect the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

The predominant trees and shrubs on the subject property include, but are not limited to, the following species: Crape Myrtle, Hydrangea, Boxwood, Japanese Maple, Sweetbay Magnolia, Arborvitae, Viburnum, Spruce, and Silver Maple. The property currently features approximately **3,100 square feet of tree canopy and shrub vegetation**. The proposed Limit of Disturbance (L.O.D.) for this project is **3,683 square feet**, which will primarily affect areas covered by turfgrass. No significant vegetation, including trees or shrubs, will be disturbed during the construction process. To mitigate potential impacts from the disturbance, the following Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented:

- 1. **Reinforced Silt Fence** A reinforced silt fence will be installed around the entire L.O.D. to prevent sediment runoff and protect adjacent areas.
- 2. **Construction Entrance** A stabilized construction entrance will be established to minimize the transport of sediment onto adjacent roadways.

These methods are designed to minimize impacts on water quality and nearby habitats, ensuring compliance with local environmental regulations and critical area standards.

The total existing lot coverage (impervious surface) on the site is 6,472 square feet. The proposed scope of work includes the removal of an artificial turf putting green, a shed, a playset, and gravel areas to offset the additional lot coverage associated with the construction of a pool and a modest pool deck. These removals will result in a net reduction of impervious surface by 103 square feet, bringing the total lot coverage to 6,369 square feet. This represents an approximate 10% decrease in exceeded lot coverage.

No habitat protection areas on the subject property will be affected by the proposed project. The project area does not contain expanded buffers, steep slopes, rare or endangered species, anadromous fish waters, colonial bird nesting sites, waterfowl areas, riparian forests, natural heritage areas, or significant plant and wildlife habitats.

Sincerely,

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