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June 29, 2005

Mr. Michael Kulis Baltimore County DEPRM 401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 416 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Langrill Property – Revised Plan

Dear Mr. Kulis:

I have received a revised plan for the above-referenced subdivision and variance request. It appears the comments of my last letter dated May 26, 2005 were not addressed with the resubmittal. Please have the applicant respond to those issues. In regard to the variance to continue an existing use in the 100-foot Buffer, this office offers no objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please telephone me if you have any questions concerning the above comments at (410) 260-3478.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hoerger

Natural Resources Planner

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cc: BC 347-05

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May 26, 2005

Mr. Michael Kulis Baltimore County DEPRM 401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 416 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Langrill Property

Dear Mr. Kulis:

I have received the above-referenced subdivision request. The applicant proposes to create two lots in the Limited Development Area. I have outlined my comments below.

- 1. The impervious surface calculations do not appear to include the driveways serving each lot. Does the County consider these gravel drives impervious or pervious? If impervious, please have the applicant recalculate existing impervious figures.
- 2. A note appears on the plan that addresses clearing however; the plan does not mention whether any clearing will be necessary with the construction of the dwelling on proposed lot 2. Please have the applicant clarify this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please telephone me if you have any questions concerning the above comments at (410) 260-3478.

Sincerely,

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# Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 416 Towson, Maryland 21204



## BC 347-05 Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive David A.C. Carroll, Director

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July 18, 2005

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Mr. George Langrill 2708 Sams Creek Road New Windsor, MD 21776 CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

Re:

736 Sue Grove Road

Critical Area Administrative Variance

Dear Mr. Langrill:

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) has received your variance request to allow an existing dwelling to remain in the 100 foot buffer to tidal waters as part of a two lot subdivision of the subject property. The Director of DEPRM may grant a variance to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations in accordance with regulations adopted by the Critical Area Commission concerning variances as set forth in COMAR 27.01.11. There are five (5) criteria listed in COMAR 27.01.11 that shall be used to evaluate the variance request. All five of the criteria must be met in order to approve the variance.

The first criterion requires that special conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure, and that literal enforcement of the regulations would result in unwarranted hardship. The house and ancillary impervious surface area was constructed in the buffer well prior to inception of the CBCA Regulations. Consequently, a literal interpretation of the regulations would result in an unwarranted hardship, as you have and intend to continue actively using this dwelling in the buffer. Therefore, this criterion is met.

The second criterion requires that a literal enforcement of the regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas within the Critical Area. Other properties in similar areas of the Critical Area have been allowed to maintain structures and impervious surfaces in the buffer if they predated the regulations and were not being intensified. Therefore, a literal enforcement of the regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas within the Critical Area, and this criterion is met.

The third criterion requires that granting of a variance will not confer upon an applicant any special privilege that would be denied to other lands or



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structures within the Critical Area. As stated above, other properties in similar areas of the Critical Area have been allowed to maintain structures and impervious surfaces in the buffer if they predated the regulations and were not being intensified. Therefore, granting the requested variance will not confer upon you, the applicant, any special privilege that would be denied to other lands or structures within the Critical Area and this criterion is also met.

The fourth criterion requires that a variance is not based upon conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions by the applicant, nor does the request arise from any condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on any neighboring property. There was no way of knowing that the current CBCA regulations would be promulgated and enforced at the time the impervious surfaces and structures were constructed. Therefore, there are no conditions or circumstances, which are the result of actions by you, nor does the request arise from any condition relating to land or building use on any neighboring property. Consequently, this criterion is met.

The fifth criterion requires that granting of the variance will not adversely affect water quality or adversely impact fish, wildlife, or plant habitat within the Critical Area, and that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general spirit and intent of the Critical Area regulations. Your amended variance request includes removal of approximately 450 square feet of existing impervious surface from the buffer, thus resulting in a reduction of existing impervious surface in the buffer.

Based upon our review, this Department finds that the first four of the above criteria have been met, and that the fifth criterion can be met by removing existing impervious surfaces from the buffer and establishing a protective easement as described below. Therefore, the requested variance is hereby approved in accordance with Section 33-2-205 of the Baltimore County Code with the following conditions:

- 1. The attached "Notice of Granting of Variance" must be published in The Eagle, The Avenue, or the East County Times. Final variance approval cannot be granted until fifteen (15) calendar days after the notice has been published. A copy of the Certificate of Publication for the advertisement issued by the newspaper, or a copy of the advertisement from the paper must be submitted to this office prior to receiving final variance approval.
- 2. The dwelling's concrete patio, porches, and sidewalk in the 100-foot shoreline buffer shall be removed prior to minor subdivision approval and those areas converted to pervious. To that end, the porches may be replaced with pervious wooden decking and stairs.

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3. The 100-foot shoreline buffer shall be recorded as a Critical Area Easement prior to minor subdivision approval. This easement must be recorded via either a right of way plat or record plat, with a Declaration of Protective Covenants resulting use of this easement also recorded at that time.

It is the intent of this Department to approve this variance subject to the above conditions. Changes in site layout may require submittal of revised plans and an amended variance request.

Please sign the statement on the next page and then return a copy of the Certificate of Publication, the revised plot plan, and the letter to this Department c/o Mr. Glenn Shaffer of Environmental Impact Review. Failure to return a signed copy of this letter and the other two items may result in delays in processing of permits or other development plans for the subject property, and/or may render this variance null and void.

If you have questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Shaffer at 410-887-3980.

David A. C. Carroll
Director

**DACC**:ges

c: Ms. Lisa Hoerger, CBCA Commission

I/We have read and agree to implement the above requirements to bring the subject property into compliance with Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations.

Owners' Signatures Date Owners' Printed Names

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF GRANTING OF VARIANCE

ADDRESS:

736-A Sue Grove Road

LEGAL OWNER:

George & Deborah Langrill

The Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, pursuant to Section 33-2-205 of the Baltimore County Code, hereby gives notice that a variance from Section 33-2-402 of the Code, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Requirements, will be granted for the purpose of allowing an existing dwelling to remain in the 100 foot buffer to tidal waters on the referenced property as part of a minor subdivision. Any person or persons, jointly or severally, or any taxpayer aggrieved or feeling aggrieved by this decision, may appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within forty-five (45) days from the date of this notice. Appeals must be made in writing, stating the reason for appeal, and must be mailed to Environmental Impact Review, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, 401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 416, Towson, Maryland 21204. All appeals must be accompanied by a check for \$100.00 payable to Baltimore County Government.

