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August 30, 2005

Ms. Betsy Krempasky
Caroline County Planning and Codes Administration
Health and Public Service Building
403 South 7th Street, Suite 210
Denton, Maryland 21629

RE: Collins Point Subdivision Adams Landing Road

Dear Ms. Krempasky:

I have received the revised plans for the Collins Point subdivision. The applicant has provided additional information as requested in my June 23, 2005 letter, and I have the following comments.

- 1. It is my understanding that the County has accepted fees in lieu to address the afforestation requirement.
- 2. The impervious surface figures for the individual lots and overall subdivision are correct.
- 3. The County should verify that there will be no impacts to the State-listed endangered Rough Rushgrass referenced in Lori Byrne's March 4, 2004 Department of Natural Resources letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Dawnn McCleary

Planner

cc:

Mr. Sean Callahan

CR 400-05

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June 23, 2005

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RE: Collins Point Subdivision Adams Landing Road

Dear Ms. Krempasky:

This office has received the Collins Point Subdivision proposal. The entire site is 57.54 acres with 56.067 acres in the Limited Development Area. I have the following comments:

- 1. Please specify on the site plan how much forest clearing will occur. Currently, 0.388 acres of mitigation is shown, but it appears clearing will be greater.
- 2. Please provide the impervious surface limits for each lot. We recommend this be provided in a chart on the plat.
- 3. The subdivision plan indicates areas of wetlands on the site; however, it is not clear if the wetlands are tidal or nontidal. It is also not clear how the wetlands were identified and delineated. For Critical Area purposes, field verification should be used to identify tidal and nontidal wetlands. A field delineation may also be required to determine the exact boundaries of wetlands and to distinguish between State and private tidal wetlands. Documentation of the field delineation should be submitted with the plan and should describe the methodology used to determine the wetland boundary and to determine if the wetlands are State or private. State tidal wetlands cannot be included within the boundaries of any privately owned lot or parcel and cannot be used for density calculations or to meet the performance standards for development within the Critical Area.

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The Critical Area Commission is currently working with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Board of Public Works' Wetlands Administrator to analyze this issue and cooperatively identify a strategy that will best provide for the protection and conservation of the State's wetland resources. In the interim, the Commission will be requesting that if applicants are including areas of private tidal wetlands within lot boundaries, they provide a description and field data information outlining how the wetland delineation and State and private wetland acreage determination were performed. We hope this interim measure will ensure that State wetlands are not illegally used to generate density and may provide insight as to the most efficient and appropriate methodology for delineating and identifying State and private tidal wetlands.

- 4. A letter from Department of Natural Resources, Heritage Division must be obtained before any approvals are granted, verifying that there are no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species. Please provide us with a copy of the letter.
- 5. Please identify the structures shown on Lot 26 note on the plat if they are to remain.
- 6. Please provide information on soils.

We will have additional comments once we receive the above information. We will have additional comments once we receive the above information. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at (410) 260-3483.

Natural Resources Planner

cc: Sean Callahan Regina Esslinger CR 400-05

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August 4, 2005

Critical Areas Commission C/O Dawn McCleary 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, Md. 21401

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RE: Collins Point Subdivision - Adams Landing Road

PRITICAL AREA COMMISSIC

Dear Dawn,

Please find this point buy point response to your letter dated June 23, 2005:

- 1. Per the Final Plat clearing is defined as 3.7 acres for lot clearing and .40 for road clearing. This equates to 20,000 square feet per wooded lot (as confirmed to be a reasonable number with Bay Watershed Forester for Caroline County). This estimate for tree clearing is higher than will actually be cleared as the trees are larger trees spaced generally far apart which allows driveways etc to meander around large trees as opposed to wholesale clearing of driveway and house pads. Caroline County is reluctant to allow on site afforestation as policing afforestation areas on individual lots has presented enforcement problems. A fee in lieu of on site afforestation to replace those trees removed for roads and house pads has been paid to the County to be used by Caroline County for afforestation in the Critical Area. Tree clearing proposed is 13% of the site. This is significantly less than 20% permitted by Caroline County Critical Area Program. The site retains 48% forest cover in the Critical Area.
- 2. Please find and impervious coverage table for the site. Each lot has been allocated a certain amount of impervious coverage. A total of 8.41 acres of impervious surfaces are permitted based on the acreage of the site in the Critical Area. Impervious surfaces for the new county road are 1.32 acres. This leaves 7.09 acres available for on lot impervious surface allocation. The table provided here will be attached to the deed covenants or plat as the allocable impervious surfaces on each lot.
- 3. The Army Corps of Engineers has been on site to confirm the limits of wetlands on the property. The original acreage of the tract was 58.10 acres. The acreage of the site after the boundary survey is 57.54 acres. The acreage lost was that area of state tidal wetlands (mostly lily pad mud flat that was not included in the acreage of the property). The edge of the red maple and ash wais held as the property line.



This site is Limited Development Area and therefore the acreage of the site does not affect density or performance standards for the project.

- 4. A heritage letter is attached.
- 5. The structures on lot 26 are to remain.
- 6. The following soils exist at the site:
 - GaA Galestown very sandy nonhydric, 0-2% slopes
 - WoB2 silty sand nohydric, 2-5% slopes
 - GsA Galestown very sandy nonhydric, 0-2%slopes
 - GsE Galestown very sandy nonhydric, 15-30%slopes
 - GsF Galestown very sandy nonhydric, 30-60% slopes
 - Tm Tidal marsh

Please note that setback have been adjusted to allow for increased setbacks due to steep slopes.

I would be very happy to meet with you and go over any other questions you have. Time is of the essence.

Thank you for all of your help with this project.

Sincerely,

Lane Engineering, Inc.

Sean Callahan Project Manager

cc: Caroline County Planning and Zoning Preston Walls

COLLINS POINT SUBDIVISION

TOTAL ALLOWABLE IMPERVIOUS AREA IN THE CRITICAL AREA = ROAD IMPERVIOUS AREA = REMAINING ALLOWABLE IMPERVIOUS AREA =

8.410 ACRES 1.318 ACRES 7.092 ACRES 308,930 SF 12.958 %

% ALLOWED PER LOT OR PARCEL =

	TOTAL AREA	ALLOWABLE IMPERVIOUS
	ACRES	AREA SF
PARCEL		
2	8.258	29,950
LOT		,
1	1.003	7,000
2	+0.929	7,000
3	1.313	7,411
4	1.262	7,123
5	1.030	7,000
6	0.839	7,000
7	0.837	7,000
8	2.510	14,167
9	1.673	9,443
10	3.983	22,481
11	1.550	8,749
12	2.329	13,146
13	1.324	7,473
14	1.155	7,000
15	1.203	7,000
16	1.152	7,000
17	1.035	7,000
18	1.035	7,000
19	1.035	7,000
20	1.135	7,000
21	0.990	7,000
22	1.336	7,541
23	1.046	7,000
24	1.227	7,000
25	1.316	7,428
26	3.054	17,238
27	3.884	21,922
28	5.290	29,858
TOTAL	54.733	308,930



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Deputy Secretary

March 4, 2004

Ms. Elizabeth Fink Lane Engineering, Inc. P.O. Box 1767 Easton, MD 21601

RE: Environmental Review for Land of Jo Ann Collins, Adams Landing Road, Denton, Caroline County, Maryland.

Dear Ms. Fink:

The Wildlife and Heritage Service has determined that there are no State or Federal records for rare, threatened or endangered species within the boundaries of the project site as delineated. As a result, we have no specific comments or requirements pertaining to protection measures at this time. This statement should not be interpreted however as meaning that rare, threatened or endangered species are not in fact present. If appropriate habitat is available, certain species could be present without documentation because adequate surveys have not been conducted. It is also important to note that the utilization of state funds, or the need to obtain a state authorized permit may warrant additional evaluations that could lead to protection or survey recommendations by the Wildlife and Heritage Service. If this project falls into one of these categories, please contact us for further coordination.

We would also like to bring to your attention that Wildlife and Heritage Service's Natural Heritage database does indicate that there is a recent record for state-listed endangered Rough Rushgrass (Sporobolus clandestinus) known to occur within the vicinity of the project site. This species could potentially occur on the project site itself, especially in areas of appropriate habitat. Habitat for Rough Rushgrass is described as: Dry sand (Tatnall 1946); open woodlands and roadsides (Radford et al 1968); dry sandy meadows, glades and woods edges, rocky prairies (MDNHP).

The population of native plants mentioned here has declined historically and we encourage efforts that help to conserve it across the state. If you would like technical assistance regarding the conservation of this important species, please contact us.

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Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review this project. If you should have any further questions regarding this information, please contact me at (410) 260-8573.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Byrne,

Environmental Review Coordinator Wildlife and Heritage Service

MD Dept. of Natural Resources

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Cc: S.A. Smith, DNR R. Esslinger, CAC

