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July 30, 2008

Mr. John Swartz
Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning
150 Main Street
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Re: BP# 65187 Crane

Dear Mr. Swartz:

I have received additional information on the above referenced building and grading permit application. The applicant is requesting a permit to construct two single family dwellings with garages, driveways and septic systems on two existing parcels with a total of 53.06 acres. The 3.65 acre parcel is completely in the Critical Area and is designated as a Resource Conservation Area (RCA). A 16.23 acre portion of the 49.42 acre parcel is within the Critical Area and is designated as RCA. The proposed development on the 49.42 acre parcel is entirely within the Critical Area. Both properties are currently undeveloped. I have provided my comments below:

- 1) As we discussed at our meeting last month, the applicant has met the guidelines for development within Forest Interior Dwelling Bird (FIDs) habitat provided in A Guide to The Conservation of Forest Interior Dwelling Birds in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Therefore, the resulting mitigation requirement is replacement of the forest area to be cleared at a 1:1 ratio. The applicant can address this mitigation requirement by providing the required area of plantings in an offsite location adjacent to a permanently protected area of FIDs habitat that is 50 acres or larger. The planting area that is provided must be placed in an easement that will prohibit future cutting and clearing and will restrict locating structures or impervious surfaces in this area. Alternatively, the applicant can address the FIDs mitigation requirement through payment into the County's FIDs habitat fee-in-lieu program.
- 2) The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife and Heritage Service (WHS) confirmed in a July 27, 2008 email to Commission staff that there is no suitable habitat for the state threatened plant *Rhynchosia tomentosa* that has been identified in the vicinity of the property. WHS has no further comments on the project.
- 3) Please include on future plans the area of existing forest on the two properties that is within the Critical Area.

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4) We note that there is not enough RCA acreage available for additional development or subdivision of either the 3.65 acre parcel or the 16.23 acre portion of the 49.42 acre parcel that is within the Critical Area. Please have the applicant include a notation on the plat to that effect.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this building and grading permit. Please call if you have any questions at 410-260-3481.

Sincerely,

Amber Widmayer

Natural Resource Planner

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Buffer Slope	Facility/Pier/Marina	Forrest/Buffer/Woodland
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Special Exception Conditional Use	Mixed Use Redevelopment	Institutional Open Space/Rec
Rezoning	Shore Erosion Protect.	Surface Mining
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August 24, 2006

Mr. John Swartz Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning 150 Main Street Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Re: AP# 65187 Crane

Dear Mr. Swartz:

Thank you for providing information on the above referenced building and grading permit. The applicant is requesting a permit to construct a primary dwelling and a septic system with greater than 15,000 square feet of clearing. The property is a designated a Resource Conservation Area (RCA) and is currently undeveloped.

The property appears to lie within a sensitive species review area for a State-listed rare, threatened, or endangered species as indicated by the light blue overlay on the accompanying map. Where development activities and the clearing and cutting of trees is proposed which impact any known habitat protection areas, the applicant must determine the nature of the species and may then be required to provide a habitat protection plan. This plan must demonstrate that impacts to the species have been avoided or at the very least, minimized to the extent possible. We recommend that the applicant contact the Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife and Heritage division in order to initiate this process. In addition, the State's electronic mapping resources indicate that the property contains Forest Interior Dwelling (FID) habitat. Based on this information, the applicant may either conduct a survey to verify the presence or absence of FIDs habitat, or may assume that FIDs habitat exists and submit a habitat protection and mitigation plan which addresses how impacts to FIDs habitat have been minimized. We recommend that the applicant utilize the Commission's guidance document, A Guide to The Conservation of FIDs in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, and submit the conservation worksheet found within.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this building and grading permit. Please call if you have any questions at 410-260-3482.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resource Planner

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