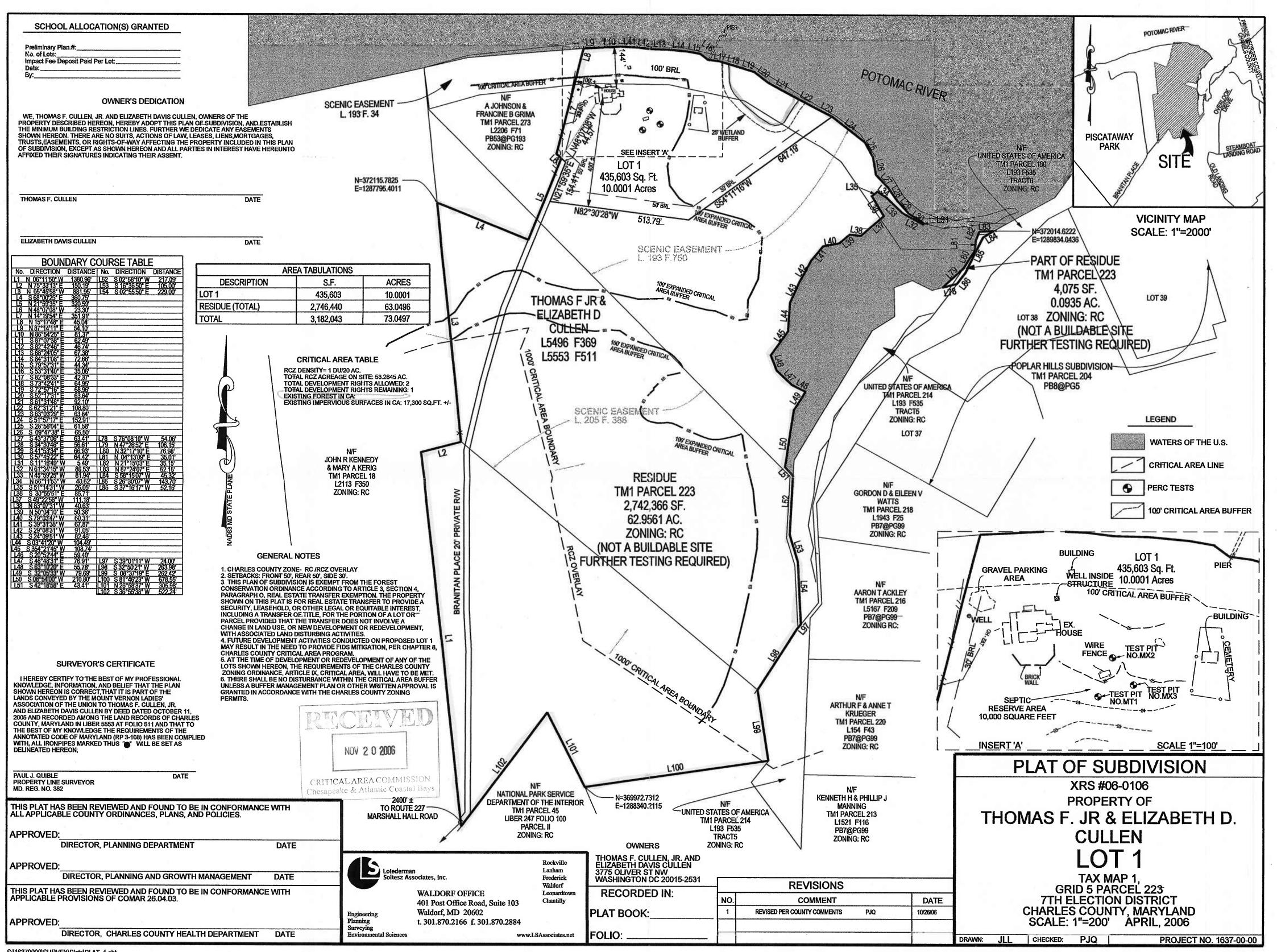
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September 11, 2006

Ms. Aimee Dailey Charles County Department of Planning And Growth Management P O Box 2150 La Plata, Maryland 20646

RE: XRS

XRS60106 - Cullen

TM1, Parcel 223

Dear Ms. Dailey:

Thank you for providing information regarding the above referenced subdivision. The applicant is proposing to create one 10-acre lot. The parcel is currently 69.55 acres in size and partially lies within a designated Resource Conservation Area (RCA). The proposed lot is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, cemetery and gravel parking area.

Based on the information provided I have the following comments:

- 1. The RCA designation limits the applicant to a development density of one dwelling unit per twenty acres. In order to properly calculate the development density, the applicant needs to provide the total number of acres of land within the Critical Area. If any of the tidal wetlands are classified as State tidal wetlands, they must be excluded from that calculation.
- 2. The 100-foot Buffer should be field determined based on the extent of tidal waters or tidal wetlands. The Buffer should be expanded for steep slopes or erodible soils.
- 3. Any recommendations from DNR Wildlife and Heritage Division will need to be addressed by the applicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely,

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November 27, 2006

Ms. Aimee Dailey Charles County Department of Planning And Growth Management P O Box 2150 La Plata, Maryland 20646

RE:

XRS60106 - Cullen

TM1, Parcel 223

Dear Ms. Dailey:

Thank you for providing revised information regarding the above referenced subdivision. The applicant is proposing to create one 10-acre lot. The parcel is currently 69.55 acres in size of which 53.2645 acres lies within a designated Resource Conservation Area (RCA). The proposed lot is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, cemetery and gravel parking area.

Based on the information provided I have the following comments:

- 1. I recommend the applicant show the 100-foot Buffer expanded for hydric soils separately from the 25-foot buffer for nontidal wetlands. It appears the applicant has not included the 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer in all areas.
- 2. Given that DNR Wildlife and Heritage has identified the property as potential FIDS habitat, a note should be added to the plat stating that any future development will need to comply with Charles County zoning provisions for FIDS habitat in the Critical Area.
- 3. In addition to the above comment, the plat should show the boundary of all forested areas and provide the amount of forested acreage within the Critical Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

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### CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 1804 WEST STREET, SUITE 100 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

#### PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

# GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	Charle	s Coun	ty		Date:	Jus 29 2006
Tax Map #	Parcel #	Block #	Lot#	Section		FOR RESUBMITTAL ONLY  Corrections  Redesign  No Change  Non-Critical Area
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Local Jurisdi	ction Contact	Information:				CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bay
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Fax # 3	01645063	81	Hearing da	te		

## SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

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			Shed			

#### SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION Describe Proposed use of project site: Subdivision of 10 acre let from Yes Yes Growth Allocation Intra-Family Transfer Buffer Exemption Area Grandfathered Lot Project Type (check all that apply) Recreational Commercial Redevelopment Consistency Report Residential Industrial Shore Erosion Control Institutional Water-Dependent Facility Mixed Use Other SITE INVENTORY (Enter acres or square feet) Sq Ft Acres Total Disturbed Area IDA Area # of Lots Created LDA Area 53.2045 RCA Area Total Disturbed Area Sq Ft Acres Sq Ft Acres 17300 SF Existing Forest/Woodland/Trees **Existing Impervious Surface** New Impervious Surface Created Forest/Woodland/Trees Removed Impervious Surface Removed Forest/Woodland/Trees 17300 Total Impervious Surface VARIANCE INFORMATION (Check all that apply) Sq Ft Acres Acres Sq Ft **Buffer Forest Clearing** Buffer Disturbance Mitigation Non-Buffer Disturbance · CZIIII. Structure Variance Type Acc. Structure Addition Buffer Barn Forest Clearing Deck **HPA** Impact Dwelling Impervious Surface **Dwelling Addition** Expanded Buffer Garage Nontidal Wetlands Gazebo Other Other Setback Patio Steep Slopes Pool Shed

### CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 1804 WEST STREET, SUITE 100 ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

## PROJECT NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

# GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Jurisdiction: Charles Wunty  Tax Map # Parcel # Block # Lot # Section  1 223	FOR RESUBMITTAL ONLY  Corrections Redesign No Change Non-Critical Area  *Complete Only Page 1 General Project Information				
Project Name (site name, subdivision name, or other) Thomas  Project location/Address Branton Place  City Zip	FIR ( Filitabeth D Culler)				
Local case number XLS 100106  Applicant: Last name TYCMAS  Company	First name   Cullen				
Application Type (check all that apply):  Building Permit	NUV 2 0 2006  CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION Chesapeate & Atlantic Coastal Bays				
Local Jurisdiction Contact Information:  Last name Danie First name Umu					
Phone # 301045073   Response from Commission	Required By				



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor C. Ronald Franks, Secretary

October 9, 2006

Ms. Aimee S. Dailey Charles County Government Planning and Growth Management P.O. Box 2150 La Plata, MD 20646

RE: Environmental Review for Thomas Cullen, XRS#60106, Minor Subdivision Lot 1, Tax Map 1 Parcel 223, along Branitan Place and Potomac River, Charles County, Maryland.

Dear Ms. Dailey:

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 requirements pertaining to protection measures at this time. Please note however that the utilization of state funds, the need to obtain a state-authorized permit, or changes to the plan might warrant additional evaluations that could lead to protection or survey recommendations by the Wildlife and Heritage Service. Please contact us again for further coordination if this project falls into one of those categories.

We would also like to point out that our initial evaluation of this project should not be interpreted as meaning that it is not possible for rare, threatened or endangered species to be present. Certain species could be present without documentation because adequate surveys may not have been conducted in the past. Although we are not requiring any surveys, we would like to bring to your attention that Wildlife and Heritage Service's Natural Heritage database records do indicate that there are occurrences of the following species of interest known to occur within the vicinity of the project site. If the appropriate habitat is present for these species they could potentially occur on the project site itself. Since populations of these native plants have declined historically we would encourage efforts to help conserve them across the state. Feel free to contact us if you would like technical assistance regarding the conservation of these important species. They are:

Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status
Lampsilis radiata	Eastern Lampmussel	Uncertain
Lupinus perennis	Wild Lupine	Threatened
Ranunculus hispidula var. nitidus	Hispid Buttercup	Endangered Extirpated
Galium trifidum	Small Bedstraw	Uncertain
Sagittaria engelmanniana	Engelmann's Arrowhead	Threatened
Najas gracillima	Thread-like Naiad	Endangered Extirpated
Myosotis macrosperma	Large-seeded Forget-me-not	Rare

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Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status
Scutellaria nervosa	Veined Skullcap	Endangered
Juncus brachycarpus	Short-fruited Rush	Uncertain
Diplazium pycnocarpon	Glade Fern	Threatened
Panicum boreale	Northern Panicgrass	Endangered Extirpated
Carex brevior	Fescue Sedge	Rare
Melothria pendula	Creeping Cucumber	Endangered
Agalinis auriculata	Auricled Gerardia	Endangered
Kyllingia pumila	Thin-leaved Flatsedge	Endangered
Diplazium pycnocarpon Panicum boreale Carex brevior Melothria pendula Agalinis auriculata	Glade Fern Northern Panicgrass Fescue Sedge Creeping Cucumber Auricled Gerardia	Threatened Endangered Extirpated Rare Endangered Endangered

Our analysis of the information provided also suggests that the forested area on the project site contains Forest Interior Dwelling Bird habitat. Populations of many Forest Interior Dwelling Bird species (FIDS) are declining in Maryland and throughout the eastern United States. The conservation of this habitat is mandated within the Critical Area and must be addressed by the project plan. Specifically, if FIDS habitat is present, the following guidelines should be incorporated into the project plan:

- 1. Restrict development to nonforested areas.
- 2. If forest loss or disturbance is unavoidable, concentrate or restrict development to the following areas:
  - a. the perimeter of the forest (i.e., within 300 feet of existing forest edge)
  - b. thin strips of upland forest less than 300 feet wide
  - c. small, isolated forests less than 50 acres in size
  - d. portions of the forest with low quality FIDS habitat, (i.e., areas that are already heavily fragmented, relatively young, exhibit low structural diversity, etc.)
- 3. Maximize the amount if forest "interior" (forest area >300 feet from the forest edge) within each forest tract (i.e., minimize the forest edge: area ratio). Circular forest tracts are ideal and square tracts are better than rectangular or long, linear forests.
- 4. Minimize forest isolation. Generally, forests that are adjacent, close to, or connected to other forests provide higher quality FIDS habitat than more isolated forests.
- 5. Limit forest removal to the "footprint" of houses and to that which is necessary for the placement of roads and driveways.
- 6. Minimize the number and length of driveways and roads.
- 7. Roads and driveways should be as narrow and as short as possible; preferably less than 25 and 15 feet, respectively
- 8. Maintain forest canopy closure over roads and driveways.
- 9. Maintain forest habitat up to the edges of roads and driveways; do not create or maintain mowed grassy berms.
- 10. Maintain or create wildlife corridors.
- 11. Do not remove or disturb forest habitat during April-August, the breeding season for most FIDS. This seasonal restriction may be expanded to February-August if certain early nesting FIDS (e.g., Barred Owl) are present.

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- 12. Landscape homes with native trees, shrubs and other plants and/or encourage homeowners to do so.
- 13. Encourage homeowners to keep pet cats indoors or, if taken outside, kept on a leash or inside a fenced area.
- 14. In forested areas reserved from development, promote the development of a diverse forest understory by removing livestock from forested areas and controlling white-tailed deer populations. Do not mow the forest understory or remove woody debris and snags.
- 15. Afforestation efforts should target a) riparian or streamside areas that lack woody vegetative buffers, b) forested riparian areas less than 300 feet wide, and c) gaps or peninsulas of nonforested habitat within or adjacent to existing FIDS habitat.

The Critical Area Commission's document "A Guide to the Conservation of Forest Interior Dwelling Birds in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area" provides details on development standards and information about mitigation for projects where impacts to FIDS habitat cannot be totally avoided. Mitigation plantings for impacts to FIDS habitat may be required under the local government's Critical Area Program. The amount of mitigation required is generally based in whether or not the guidelines listed above are followed.

In addition, the open waters that are part of or adjacent to the project site are known historical waterfowl concentration areas. If construction of water-dependent facilities is planned, you should contact Larry Hindman of the WHS at (410) 221-8838 for further technical assistance regarding waterfowl.

Thank you for allowing 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, Low a. By

Lori A. Byrne,

Environmental Review Coordinator Wildlife and Heritage Service MD Dept. of Natural Resources

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cc: L. Hoerger, CAC

K. McCarthy, WHS

L. Hindman, WHS

