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November 17, 2006

Mr. Keith Lackie Maryland Department of Planning Lower Eastern Shore Regional Office Salisbury Multi-Service Center 201 Baptist Street Salisbury, Maryland 21801

Re: Town of Princess Anne Police Station

Driveway and Parking Lot Expansion

Dear Mr. Lackie:

The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you of the Critical Area Commission's action on the above referenced project. On November 1, 2006, the Critical Area Commission unanimously approved the Town of Princess Anne's proposal and site plan to construct a circular driveway behind the police department from Beckford Avenue, in the town of Princess Anne.

Please note that should any changes to the site plan be proposed in the future, additional review and approval by the full Commission will be required. In addition, please notify the Commission once the mitigation plantings have been implemented. A mitigation planting plan agreement is enclosed for your submittal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-260-3475.

Sincerely.

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

cc: Mr. Frank White, President, Town Commissioners

Mr. Jay Parker, Town Manager

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Critical Area Commission

STAFF REPORT November 1, 2006

APPLICANT:

Princess Anne

PROPOSAL:

Police Department Driveway and Parking Lot

COMMISSION ACTION:

Vote

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Conditional Approval with Conditions

STAFF:

Keith Lackie/Kate Schmidt

APPLICABLE LAW/

REGULATIONS:

COMAR 27.02.06 Conditional Approval of State or Local

Agency Programs in the Critical Area

DISCUSSION:

The Town of Princess Anne Police Department is located at the corner of Beckford Avenue and Manokin Street adjacent to the town park on the Manokin River. The Town proposes to construct a circular driveway behind the police department from Beckford Avenue and connecting into the existing parking area. The site is 19,841 square feet and classified as Limited Development Area (LDA) and Buffer Exemption Area (BEA).

Currently, the site is developed with a building, driveway, and parking area consisting of 10,239 square feet totaling 54.2% impervious surface coverage. The proposed project will create an additional 1,420 square feet of driveway. The applicant is proposing to convert 520 square feet of existing parking area into grass. Therefore, impervious surface is proposed to increase to 58.8% of the site. Grandfathered LDA's of this size are limited to 31.25% impervious surface.

Additionally, 486 square feet of the impervious surface is within the 100-foot Buffer. However, the proposed driveway will not extend further shoreward than the closest edge of the existing driveway.

Review by the Natural Heritage Division of the Department of Natural Resources indicates that there is a population of plant species, the Sensitive Joint-Vetch, associated with a wetland environment in the vicinity of the site. However, as the proposed driveway does not extend further shoreward than the closest edge of the existing driveway, and does not disturb adjacent wetlands, no additional protection measures are necessary.

The proposed improvements will disturb less than 5,000 square feet of land area, and therefore, a sediment and erosion control plan and stormwater management plan shall not be required. The Town will need to secure a sediment and erosion control plan waiver from the Soil Conservation District prior to land disturbance.

Conditional Approval Process

In order to qualify for consideration by the Commission for conditional approval, it shall be shown by the proposing or sponsoring agency that the project or program has the following characteristics:

The following are the responses of the applicant:

B.(1) That there exist special features of the site or there are other special circumstances such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent a project or program from being implemented;

Special features exist on the site such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent the driveway for the Police Department from being built and would inhibit the operations of the police department in moving police vehicles on and off the property in a safe method. The special features include (a) this is an existing building with existing driveway and parking area, (b) the building is currently being utilized for the public's benefit as a Police Department, (c) the slope of the property and current gravel parking area and driveway cause unsafe conditions for vehicles entering and exiting the property, (d) there is currently no vehicle access to the back of the police department, (e) the greatest area of impervious surface on this site consists of the gravel parking lot, (f) there is no other location available on the site put this driveway, and (g) less than 486 square feet of new impervious surface is being proposed within the 100-foot Buffer.

B.(2) That the project or program otherwise provides substantial public benefits to the Critical Area Program;

The Town of Princess Anne plans to maintain the public park behind the police department in its current condition and maintain restricted development for the site to retain the perviousness, which will provide a benefit to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The Town also plans to plant trees and shrubs where previously there were none in an effort to reduce runoff which could impact the Bay.

B.(3) That the project or program is otherwise in conformance with this subtitle;

With the exception of the provisions of this subtitle which are the subject of this conditional approval request, this project is in conformance with Critical Area requirements. Review by the Natural Heritage Division of the Department of Natural Resources indicates that there is a population of plant species, the Sensitive Joint-Vetch, associated with a wetland environment in the vicinity of the site. However, as the

proposed driveway does not extend further shoreward than the closest edge of the existing driveway, and does not disturb adjacent wetlands, no additional protection measures are necessary.

The conditional approval request shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

C.(1) A showing that the literal enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle would prevent the conduct of an authorized State of local agency program or project;

The proposed driveway would protect the safety of the police officers and their vehicles, as the current gravel driveway and the accompanying slope of the property causes the police cars to spin on the loose gravel. Protecting the safety of the police and their vehicles would benefit the protection and safety of the people of Princess Anne.

The proposed driveway will connect the current driveway with the existing parking area for full access behind the police station with quicker and safer movement of vehicles, personnel, and prisoners on and off the property.

C.(2) A proposed process by which the program or project could be so conducted as to conform, insofar as possible, with the approved local Critical Area program or if the development is to occur on State-owned lands, with the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05;

Trees will be planted on an area where they were previously absent. Best management practices will be implemented to control soil loss and reduce water quality degradation by planting shrubs, trees, and using landscaping materials. A buffer of plantings will run the full length of the driveway on the shoreward side to reduce runoff from the driveway.

C.(3) Measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the project or program or an approved local Critical Area program or, if on State-owned lands, on the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.

More than 40 new shrubs and a dozen new trees will be planted around the new driveway, totaling 3,200 square feet of mitigation. Landscaping mulch will run the length of the driveway around the new plantings. The Town of Princess Anne plans to maintain the public park behind the police department in its current condition and maintain restricted development for the site to provide a benefit to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

The Commission shall approve, deny, or request modifications to the request for conditional approval based on the following factors:

- E.(1) The extent to which the project or program is in compliance with the requirements of the relevant chapters of this subtitle;
- E.(2) The adequacy of any mitigation measures proposed to address the requirements of this subtitle that cannot be met by the project or program; and

E.(3) The extent to which the project or program, including any mitigation measures, provides substantial public benefits to the overall Critical Area Program.

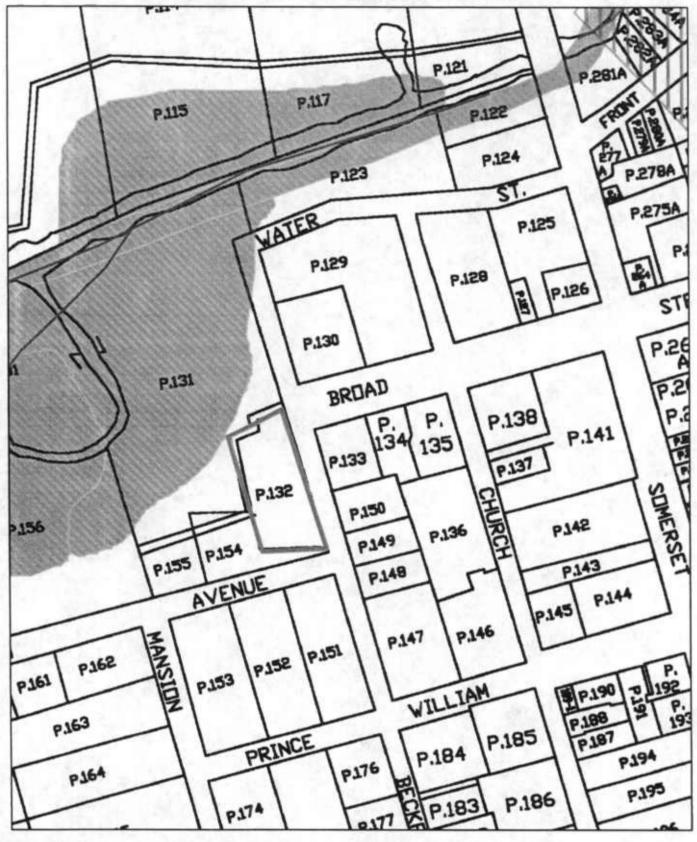
In Spring of 2006, the Town of Princess Anne cleared 450 square feet of the Buffer along the Manokin River in the Town Park. Staff notified Town officials that the Buffer clearing must be restored and mitigation provided at a ratio of 3:1. We have not received a Buffer Planting/Management Plan and the violation is still unaddressed. Therefore, in order to resolve the outstanding violation, staff recommends the following:

Staff Recommendation

Commission staff recommend that this project be approved with the following condition:

1. Construction by the Town of Princess Anne may not begin until the Town submits a planting plan, for staff approval, for outstanding mitigation required for Buffer clearing in the Town Park.

Princess Anne Police Station Beckford Avenue and Manokin Avenue



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October 3, 2006

Kate Schmidt, Planner Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street, Suite 100 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re:

Town of Princess Anne – Conditional Approval Request – Police Station

Map 202, Parcel 132

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

In accordance with COMAR 27.02.05, enclosed please find a Conditional Approval Request by the Town of Princess Anne for improvements to the Princess Anne Police Station. As you are aware, the Town has for some time been contemplating improving the property by creating a circular driveway by means of connecting an existing driveway to an existing parking lot. The total new impervious surface within the 100-foot Buffer is approximately 486 square feet. Included within the Town's request is a proposed 3:1 mitigation plan.

On behalf of the Town, this office respectfully requests that this item be scheduled for the November 1st, 2006 Critical Area Commission meeting. I hope that the information provided is helpful to you in your review, however should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (410) 713-3460.

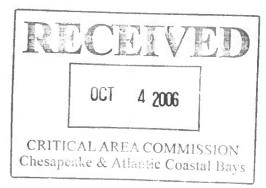
Sincerely,

Keith Lackie

Regional Planner/Circuit Rider

Attachments

Cc: Jay Parker, Town Manager



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September 22, 2006

Mr. Keith Lackie Maryland Dept. of Planning 201 Baptist Street Suite 24 Salisbury, Maryland 21801

RE: Request for Conditional Approval in Critical Area, Princess Anne, MD.

Dear Keith:

Please accept this letter as a formal request for conditional approval of construction within a Limited Development Area and Buffer Exemption Area of the Town of Princess Anne's Critical Area Overlay District. The Town of Princess Anne requests permission to exceed the impervious surface limit as well as extend impervious surfaces shoreward in the Buffer Exemption Area. The Town proposes to build a circular driveway behind the Princess Anne Police Department on Beckford Avenue. The driveway will be placed shoreward of the existing police station. Two cooling units have been added to the site plan for the jail.

Attached please find a site plan with:

- (1) the surveyed boundary lines of the property and accurate acreage,
- (2) the location and dimensions of all existing structures and impervious surfaces on the site,
- (3) the location and dimensions of all proposed structures and/or impervious surfaces,
- (4) a field delineation of the 100' Buffer, who performed the delineation, and the date it was performed, and
- (5) a list of all existing and proposed impervious surface (sq. ft.) on the site.

- A. The project has the following characteristics:
 - (1) Special features exist on this site such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent the driveway for the Police Department from being built and would inhibit the operations of the police department in moving police vehicles on and off the property in a safe method.

The special features of this site are:

- (a) This is an existing building with existing driveway and parking area.
- (b) The building is currently being utilized for the public's benefit as a Police Department.
- (c) The slope of the property and current gravel parking area and driveway cause unsafe conditions for vehicles entering and exiting the property.
- (d) There is currently no vehicle access to the back of the police department.
- (e) The greatest area of impervious surface on this site consists of the current parking lot which is covered with gravel. Normally gravel is considered a pervious surface covering, however, for Critical Area standards, it is considered impervious. If this gravel parking lot were considered pervious, the total impervious surface area of the property would be 4,159 sq. ft., or 20.96% of the property. With the proposed changes, the total impervious surface area would be 5,579 sq. ft. or 28.12% of the surface area, both figures are completely within the 31.25% maximum impervious area for a property of this size.
- (f) There is no other location available on site to put this driveway.
- (g) Less than 486 sq. ft. of new impervious surface is being proposed within the 100' Buffer / BEA.
- (2) The Project provides a substantial public benefit to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program.
 - (a) The Town of Princess Anne plans to maintain the public park behind the police department in its current condition and maintain restricted development for the site to retain the impervious area which will provide a benefit to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.
 - (b) The Town plans to plant trees and shrubs where previously there were none in an effort to reduce runoff which could impact the Bay.
- (3) The project is otherwise in conformance with this subtitle.

- B. The conditional approval request contains:
 - (1) A showing that the literal enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle would prevent the conduct of an authorized State or local agency program or project:
 - (a) The proposed driveway would protect the safety of the police officers and their vehicles, as the current gravel driveway and the accompanying slope of the property causes the police cars to spin on the loose gravel. Protecting the safety of the police and their vehicles would benefit the protection and safety of the people of Princess Anne.
 - (b) The proposed driveway will connect the current driveway with the existing parking area for full access behind the police station with quicker and safer movement of vehicles, personnel, and prisoners on and off the property.
 - (2) Here is the proposed process by which the program or project could be so conducted as to conform, insofar as possible, with the approved local Critical Area Program or, if the development is to occur on State-owned lands, with the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.
 - (a) Trees will be planted on an area where they were previously absent.
 - (b) Best management practices will be implemented to control soil loss and reduce water quality degradation by planting shrubs, trees, and using landscaping materials.
 - (c) A buffer of plantings will run the full length of the driveway on the shoreward side to reduce runoff from the driveway.
 - (3) The following measures are proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the project or program on an approved local Critical Area Program, or, if on State-owned lands, on the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.
 - (a) More than 40 new shrubs and a dozen new trees will be planted around the new driveway.
 - (b) Landscaping mulch will run the length of the driveway around the new plantings.
 - (c) The Town of Princess Anne plans to maintain the public park behind the police department in its current condition and maintain restricted development for the site to provide a benefit to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

Please contact our office if you need further information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Edgar A. Baker, Jr.

cc: Tracey Gordy (MDP)

Jay Parker (Princess Anne Town Mgr.) Chief Pecoraro (Princess Anne Police) Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

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March 28, 2006

Edgar A. Baker, Jr. Seidel, Baker & Tilghman, P.A. 110 North Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801

RE: Request for Conditional Approval in Critical Area, Princess Anne, MD

Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter is in response to the Town of Princess Anne's request for conditional approval for the police station located within a Limited Development Area and Buffer Exemption Area. Based upon the information provided, we are unable to complete this request at this time. The comments below outline the information we need to take this proposal to the Critical Area Commission for approval.

- 1. Critical Area Worksheet Mitigation:
 - a. The Critical Area Commission will need an actual mitigation plan indicating the numbers of plantings proposed, the planting location, the species, etc, therefore item (3) must be much more specific. The Town must provide 2:1 mitigation for the new area of impervious surface created within the Buffer Exemption Area and 1:1 mitigation for new impervious surface outside the BEA. Plantings should consist of native species and be established waterward of the proposed development.
 - b. Item (4) under mitigation is too vague. The Critical Area Commission will want to know what specific measures are proposed in order to provide any credit.
- 2. Critical Area Worksheet Impervious Surface Calculations: The two new air conditioning units indicated on the site plan are not included in the impervious surface calculations. As indicated in communications from Tracey Gordy dated January 6th, 2006, these two units must be included in the calculations given the site already exceeds the impervious surface limits.
- 3. Site Plan
 Per survey, the site plan must accurately identify the amount of new impervious coverage proposed for the Buffer Exemption Area.

Mr. Edgar A. Baker, Jr. March 24, 2006 Page 2

4. Conditional Approval Process

The Town of Princess Anne must provide responses to each of the following items found in COMAR 27.02.06.01 B and C. These responses will be provided in their entirety for the Commission's consideration of the request.

In order to qualify for consideration by the Commission for conditional approval, it shall be shown by the proposing or sponsoring agency that the project or program has the following characteristics:

- B.(1) That there exist special features of the site or there are other special circumstances such that the literal enforcement of these regulations would prevent a project or program from being implemented;
- B.(2) That the project or program otherwise provides substantial public benefits to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program;
- B.(3) That the project or program is otherwise in conformance with this subtitle;

The conditional approval request shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

- C.(1) A showing that the literal enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle would prevent the conduct of an authorized State of local agency program or project; C.(2) A proposed process by which the program or project could be so conducted as to conform, insofar as possible, with the approved local Critical Area program or if the development is to occur on State-owned lands, with the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05;
- C.(3) Measures proposed to mitigate adverse effects of the project or program or an approved local Critical Area program or, if on State-owned lands, on the criteria set forth in COMAR 27.02.05.

Please feel free to contact me or Tracey Gordy should you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kate Schmidt

Natural Resource Planner

Kate Schmidt

cc:

Tracey Gordy (MDP)

Jay Parker (Princess Anne Town Mgr.)

Robert Wink (Princess Anne Code Enforcement Officer)



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Ms. Karen F. Silverstrim, Esq. Seidel, Baker & Tilghman, P.A. 110 North Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801

Re: Princess Anne Conditional Approval

Dear Ms. Silverstrim:

I have reviewed the information you emailed me on December 15th regarding Princess Anne's request for conditional approval for a project at the police station, and offer the following comments:

1. <u>Cover/ Request Letter</u> -

- a. Please address the cover letter to Ms. Kerrie Gallo, Planner;
- b. Revise the first sentence to read: Please accept this letter as a formal request for conditional approval of construction within a Limited Development Area and Buffer Exemption Area of the Town of Princess Anne's Critical Area Overlay District;
- c. Delete item (5) from the site plan list on the first page;
- d. Item (5) on the second page, the sixth word "area" needs to be deleted;
- e. Item (5) on the second page, existing impervious surface should be 4,159 sq. ft. or 20.96% of the site, not 4,679 or 23.58%. The existing drive (1,314 sf) plus the existing building and ramp (2,845 sf) = 4,159 square feet. You can't count the existing parking area to be removed because it has been included in the original parking square footage and, per your point, would otherwise be considered pervious.
- f. The second square footage number in item (5) is correct (5,579 sf), but the percentage of the site should be 28.12%, not 28.19%.
- g. Item (7) states that the amount of new impervious coverage within the Buffer is 710 square feet, but the accompanying worksheet states that approximately 18'x 27' of the new driveway is within the Buffer, which is 486 square feet. This needs to be resolved.

2. <u>Critical Area Worksheet</u> –

a. Under mitigation, (2) needs to be further explained. What will be the pervious cover – grass/lawn cover?

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- b. The Critical Area Commission will want an actual mitigation plan indicating the numbers of plantings proposed, the planting location, the species, etc, therefore item (3) must be much more specific. I have enclosed the Critical Area Commission's guidance paper on forest mitigation (Attachment #1). The Town will be required to provide 2:1 mitigation for the new area of impervious surface created within the Buffer Exemption Area and 1:1 mitigation for new impervious surface outside the BEA. In order to determine the number of required plantings, you can review the credits included in Table 3 of the guidance paper.
- c. I do not believe that the Critical Area Commission will accept what is proposed in items (4) and (6). If a parking lot is gravel and used by vehicles on a regular basis, then it is considered impervious. Periodically turning the gravel is not going to provide any mitigation credit for this project. In addition, the concept of using pervious pavers is something that must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Critical Area Commission staff in order to determine the amount of allowable pervious credit. The Commission will also want to know who is going to install the pavers to make certain that they do, in fact, provide the proper drainage. Given the Town's lack of experience with the use of pavers, I would recommend eliminating this item.
- d. Item (5) under mitigation is too vague. The Critical Area Commission will want to know what specific measures are proposed in order to provide any credit.

3. Addition to Jail Project -

a. In November of 2005, Robert Wink sent me a letter explaining that, as part of the jail renovation project, the Town is going to have to place two heating and cooling units outside the jail building. These two units only create an additional 20 square feet of impervious surface, but since the site already exceeds the allowable limit, this square footage needs to be included in the conditional approval request. I have included his letter for your reference (Attachment #2).

4. Revised Site Plan -

- a. In September of 2005, I sent Robbie a letter stating that one piece of information was missing from the site plan (Attachment #3). I still need an accurate number for the amount of new impervious surface being created within the Buffer Exemption Area. That information needs to come from the surveyor either on a revised site plan or through written correspondence.
- b. In addition, the location of the heating and cooling units should be added to the site plan as well as the additional impervious surface numbers.

5. Conditional Approval Format –

a. I don't know if the Town forwarded the conditional approval sheet, but I have provided it as Attachment #4 just in case. It is the Town's decision as to how it would like to submit this request, but it seems like it would be clearer if the format of the conditional approval sheet were followed. That is normally how the Commission reviews a request. They look at each criterion and then at the response that follows.

I hope the information I have provided proves helpful, however please feel free to contact me should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tracey Gordy

Regional Planner/Circuit Rider

Attachments

Cc: Jay Parker

Robert Wink Kerrie Gallo Ed Baker

T Gordy

From: karen-sbtlaw@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2005 2:58 PM

To: T Gordy

Subject: Princess Anne Critical Area

Tracey,

Attached are copies of the Princess Anne Request for Conditional Approval in the Critical Area. It was passed to us when Robbie couldn't figure out what else to do. Please let me know what else we should add or delete. Thank you.

Karen

P.S. - There are two copies of the conditional approval, one in Word and a second in WordPerfect, not knowing which format you use.

Karen F. Silverstrim, Esq. Seidel, Baker & Tilghman, P.A. 110 North Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 742-8176

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December 15, 2005

Critical Area Commission 1804 West Street Suite 100 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Request for Conditional Approval in Critical Area, Princess Anne, MD.

Dear Commission:

Please accept this letter as a formal request for conditional approval of construction within a critical area for the Town of Princess Anne. The Town of Princess Anne requests permission to exceed the impervious surface limit as well as extend impervious surfaces shoreward in the Buffer Exemption Area. The Town proposes to build a circular driveway behind the Princess Anne Police Department on Beckford Avenue. The driveway will be placed shoreward of the existing police station.

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- (1) the surveyed boundary lines of the property and accurate acreage,
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- (3) the location and dimensions of all proposed structures and/or impervious surfaces,

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- (4) a field delineation of the 100' Buffer, who performed the delineation, and the date it was performed,
- notes on the site plan indicating any tidal wetlands, non-tidal wetlands, and buffers, and slopes 15% or greater on or immediately adjacent to the site, and;
- (6) a list of all existing and proposed impervious surface (sq. ft.) on the site.

The special features or special circumstances that exist on this site are:

- (1) This is an existing building with existing driveway and parking area.
- (2) The building is currently being utilized for the public's benefit as a Police Department.
- (3) The slope of the property and current gravel parking area and driveway cause unsafe conditions for vehicles entering and exiting the property.
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Sincerely,

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Edgar A. Baker, Jr.

cc: Tracey Gordy (MDP)

Jay Parker (Princess Anne Town Mgr.) g

Chief Pecoraro (Princess Anne Police)

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL IN CRITICAL AREA - PRINCESS ANNE, MD

Critical Area Worksheet to Accompany the Site Plan

Contact / Owner:	Site Information:
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Code Enforcement Officer	Town Police Department
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facility, currently being utilized as the Princess Anne. The Town of Princes	, Maryland wishes to construct a circular driveway behind the old jail at Town's Police Department, on Beckford Avenue in the town of ss Anne requests permission to exceed the impervious surface limit as thoreward in the Buffer Exemption Area.
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(5) Provide off-site offse	ets to benefit water quality elsewhere in Princess Anne within the

same watershed.

(6) Resurface currently parking lot (6,600 sq. ft.) with pervious materials.

Total Site Area: 19,841.1 square feet (1 acre = 43,560 square feet)

Existing Impervious Surfaces

Building & ramp = 2,845 sq. ft. Driveway = 1,314 sq. ft.

Gravel Parking Lot = 6,600 sq. ft

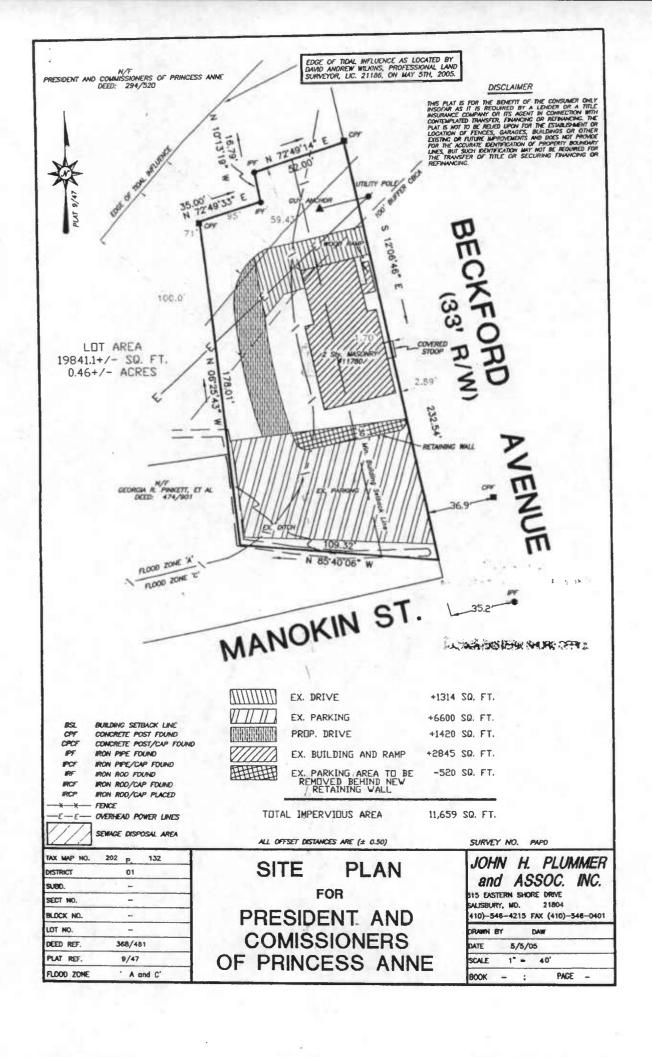
Proposed Impervious Surfaces

Circular Driveway = 1,420 sq. ft.

Removed Impervious Surfaces

Existing parking area behind retaining wall = -520 sq. ft.

TOTAL IMPERVIOUS AREA = 11,659 sq. ft.



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November 2, 2005

Tracey Gordy Maryland Dept. of Planning 201 Baptist St.,Suite 24 Salisbury, MD 21801

Dear Tracey,

As you are aware we are currently renovating the old jail, a.k.a. "Grey Eagle". Part of this renovation is to completely replace the heating and air system. The original plans called for all of the heating and air units to be placed within the confines of the granite building and vented and drained to the outside. We have exhausted all reasonable possibilities to keep the units within the building and due to the size requirements of the units it has become necessary to place two cooling units outside.

These two units will be located on the rear side of the building well away from the 100' buffer line as delineated on the survey by Plummer and Assoc. They will be placed on preformed plastic bases which measure approx. 38" x 38" and will landscaped around when the final yard grading occurs.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or if you need any more information.

Sincerely

Robert Wink
Code Enforcement Officer

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CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Wink Code Enforcement Officer Town of Princess Anne 11780 Beckford Avenue Princess Anne, Maryland 21853

Re: Installation of Circular Drive at Old Jail / Current Police Department Critical Area Compliance

Dear Mr Wink:

I have reviewed the site plan the Town submitted for the above-referenced project and offer the following comments:

- 1. The site plan appears to be complete with the exception of one additional piece of information. The Critical Area Commission staff will want to know how much new impervious surface is being proposed within the 100' Buffer / BEA. Plummer and Associates can either send me a written letter with that information or prepare a revised site plan with that note added.
- 2. The impervious surface calculations on the plan indicate that the site will exceed the allowable impervious surface limitation. As I mentioned in my previous letter to you dated February 5, 2005 (See Attachment #1), the Town's cover letter / request for conditional approval will now also need to include a request to exceed the impervious surface limit as well as extend impervious surfaces shoreward in the Buffer (Buffer Exemption Area).

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3. I still have not received the Town's response to the criteria that need to be addressed in order for the Critical Area Commission to consider a project for conditional approval. These criteria were provided as Attachment #1 in my February 5th letter and have been included once again for your convenience.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410.713.3460.

Sincerely,

Stacey

Tracey Gordy

Regional Planner/Circuit Rider

Attachments

Cc: Jay Parker

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February 5, 2005

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Critical Area Compliance

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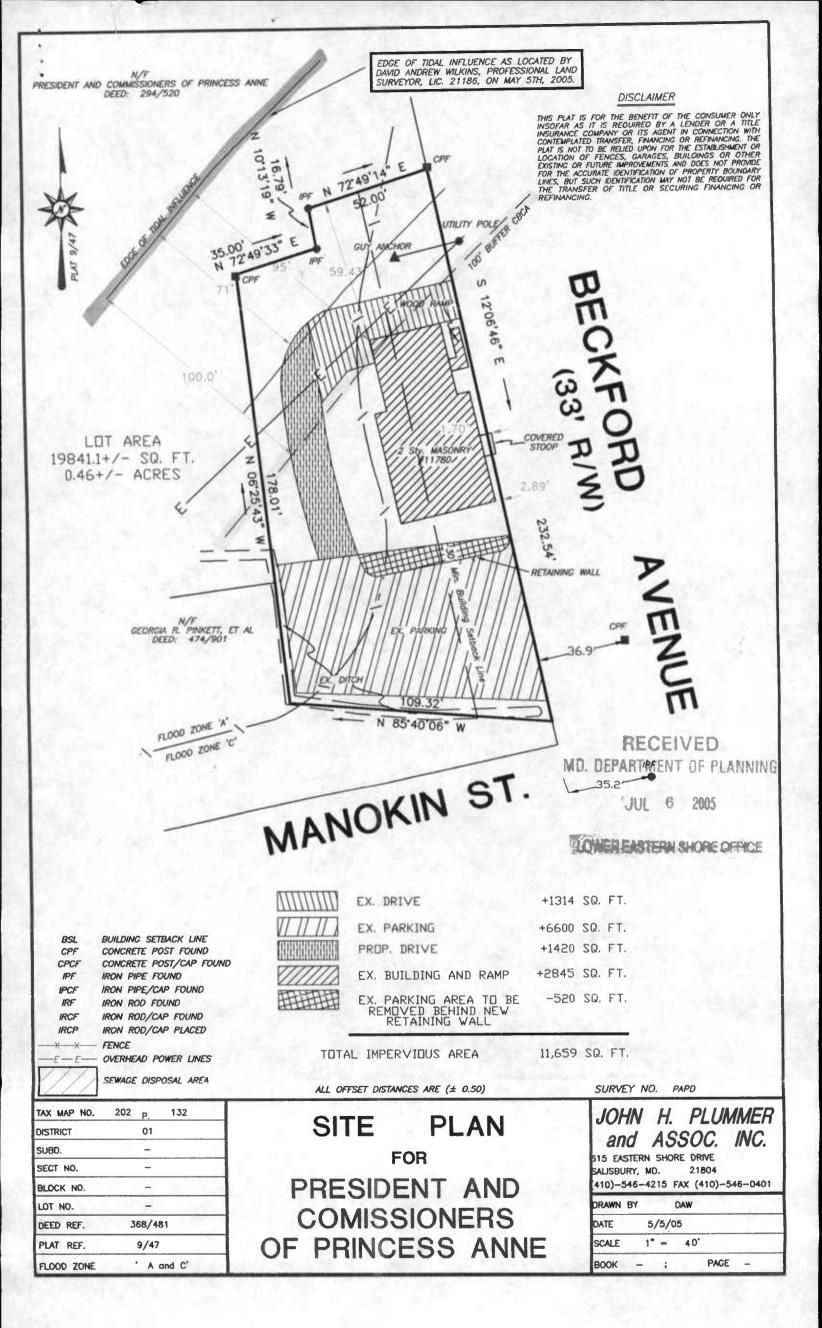
CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION Conditional Approval Process

In order to qualify for consideration by the Commission for conditional approval, the proposing agency must show that the project or program has the following characteristics:

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April 25, 2005

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CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

Jail Renovation Project

Dear Mr

As you know, members of the Critical Area Commission staff recently visited Princess Anne to look at two projects at the Somerset County Office Complex. During that visit, they noticed that the Town had not complied with one of the Critical Area conditions for the jail renovation project. That condition involved the placement of sediment fencing around the entire perimeter of the property, to include the ditch along the parking area. This fencing should have already been installed and must continue to remain in place until all construction has been completed and the ground has been re-seeded and covered with straw (See Attachment #1).

I would appreciate it if you would see that this condition is addressed as soon as possible. I would prefer that it be accomplished within the next couple of days, so I can confirm this with the Critical Area staff in Annapolis prior to my maternity leave effective May 2, 2005.

Please either call me or send me something in writing to let me know that the fencing is in place. Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to conatct me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracey Gordy

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Attachment

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November 19, 2004

Chief Russell Pecoraro
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
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11780 Beckford Avenue
Princess Anne, Maryland 21853

Re: Critical Area Approval of Jail Renovation Project

Dear Chief Pecoraro:

Attached please find a letter from Kerrie Gallo of the Critical Area Commission staff, which states that she concurs with my determination that the jail renovation is consistent with the Town's Critical Area Program and Ordinance.

Please pay particular attention to paragraph two where she addresses that this is an after-the-fact approval and cites sections of the Critical Area Law regarding the proper procedure for submittal of local government agency actions. In the future, you should be prepared to submit such projects to me at least thirty days prior to the scheduled commencement date.

Since Ms. Gallo agrees with my determination, you may proceed with the renovations and construction of the retaining wall, subject to the following conditions:



1. Sediment fencing must be installed around the entire rear perimeter of the jail property in order to help control potential erosion into the Manokin River. The fencing should start at the rear of the parking lot and extend to the other side of the driveway on the north side of the building. This fencing should remain in place until all exterior

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Attachment #1

renovations have been completed and the non-vegetated ground has been covered with straw and seeded; and,

2. This approval is only for the improvements mentioned in the consistency report. Any additional renovations must be re-submitted for Critical Area review and compliance.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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