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Byrd Park Boat Ramp

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February 6, 2006

Ms. Tracey Gordy  
Maryland Dept. of Planning  
201 Baptist Street, Suite 24  
Salisbury, MD 21801-4974

RE: Consistency Report – Byrd Park Boat Ramp Replacement

Dear Ms. Gordy:

Thank you for providing a consistency report for the proposed replacement of the existing bulkhead and boat ramp at the northern end of Byrd Park in the Town of Snow Hill. Commission staff concurs with the finding that the proposed project is consistent with the Town's Critical Area Program. Since the activities are water dependent, they may occur within the Buffer. No new impacts to the Buffer are anticipated. Also, since the park is designated RCA, there is no requirement for the 10% pollutant reduction.

Thank you for notifying us of this project. Please forward copies of any pertinent project documentation as it is received and also, please notify us if the project changes in scope. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (410) 260-3477.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LeeAnne Chandler".

LeeAnne Chandler  
Science Advisor

cc: Karen Houtman, Town of Snow Hill



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January 4, 2006

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Re: Town of Snow Hill – Byrd Park Boat Ramp Replacement  
Map 201, Parcel 159

*LeeAnne*  
Dear Ms. Chandler:

In accordance with Title 27, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, Subtitle 02, Development in the Critical Area Resulting from State and Local Agency Programs, Chapter 02, State and Local Agency Actions Resulting in Development of Local Significance on Private Lands or Lands Owned by Local Jurisdictions, the Town of Snow Hill would like to submit for your review the following information pertaining to proposed improvements for the Byrd Park boat ramp:

- Letter of Request for Critical Area Review (Attachment #1);
- Byrd Park Site Plan and Ramp Location (See Attachment #2);
- Ramp and Bulkhead Plan (See Attachment #3); and,
- Joint Permit Application (Attachment #4).

The Town of Snow Hill is submitting a maintenance / repair project for the boat ramp located at the northernmost corner of Byrd Park (See Attachments #1 and #2). The project will consist of an in-kind replacement of a 15' x 50', currently cracked, concrete boat ramp and replacement of approximately 60 linear feet of deteriorated bulkhead (See Attachment #3). The Town has already met with Joe Kincaid of MDE regarding this project and has submitted a joint permit application for review and approval (See Attachment #4).

Byrd Park is located within a Resource Conservation Area (RCA) of the Town's Critical Area Overlay District. This project will be within the 100' Tidal Buffer, however it is permissible disturbance since the project involves a shore erosion protection device and a water-dependent use. In addition, as previously mentioned, this is an in-kind replacement project, so no new impacts to the 100' Buffer are anticipated.

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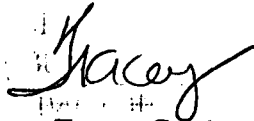
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This project is consistent with the Snow Hill Critical Area Program and Ordinance for projects within Resource Conservation Areas. The Buffer impacts are permissible per the Town's Critical Area Ordinance, no new disturbance to the 100' Buffer is anticipated, no new impervious surface will be created, and no trees or natural vegetation will be removed. This project will further enhance an underutilized waterfront park and will encourage more boater / citizen participation.

I should note that, as a condition of approval for this project, the Town will be required to provide this office with a copy any approval letters it receives from MDE, DNR, and/or COE. I will, in turn, forward those approval letters to you for your project file.

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,

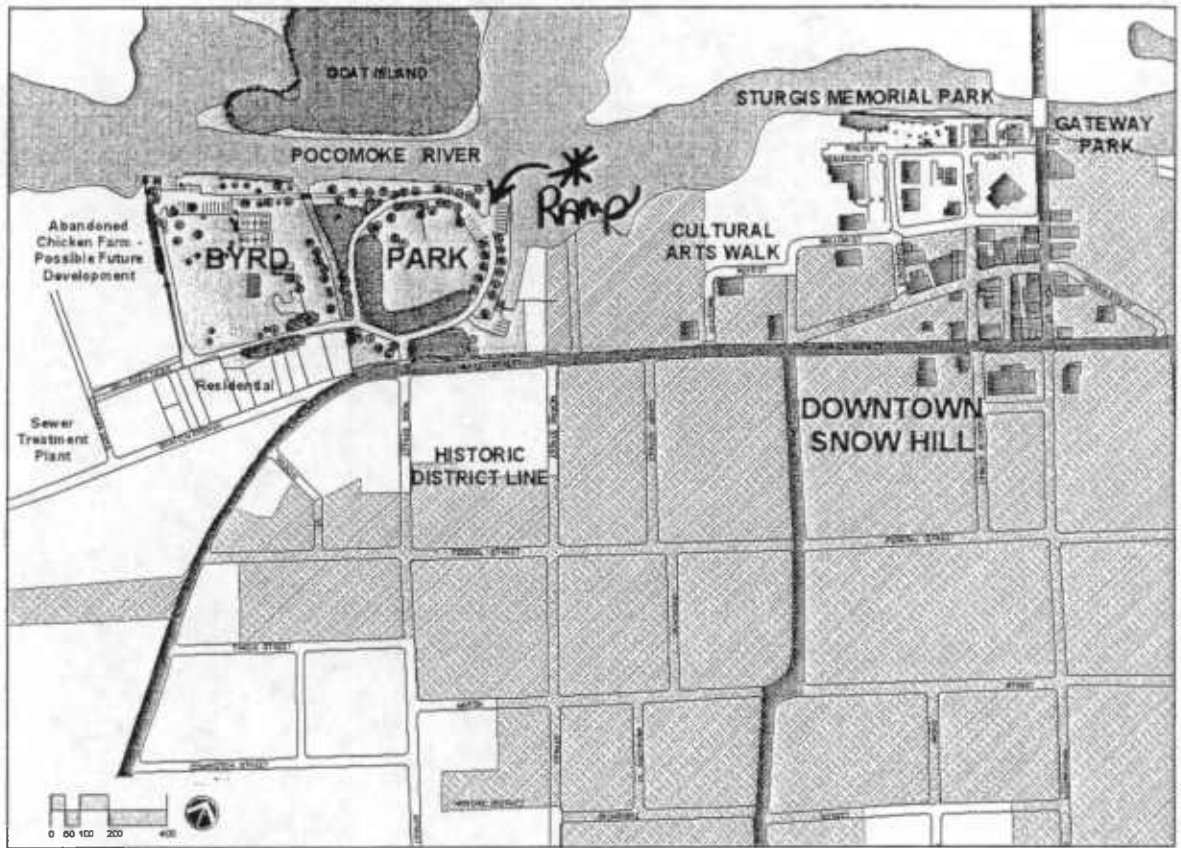


Tracey Gordy

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Attachments

Cc: John Przylepa, Grants Coordinator



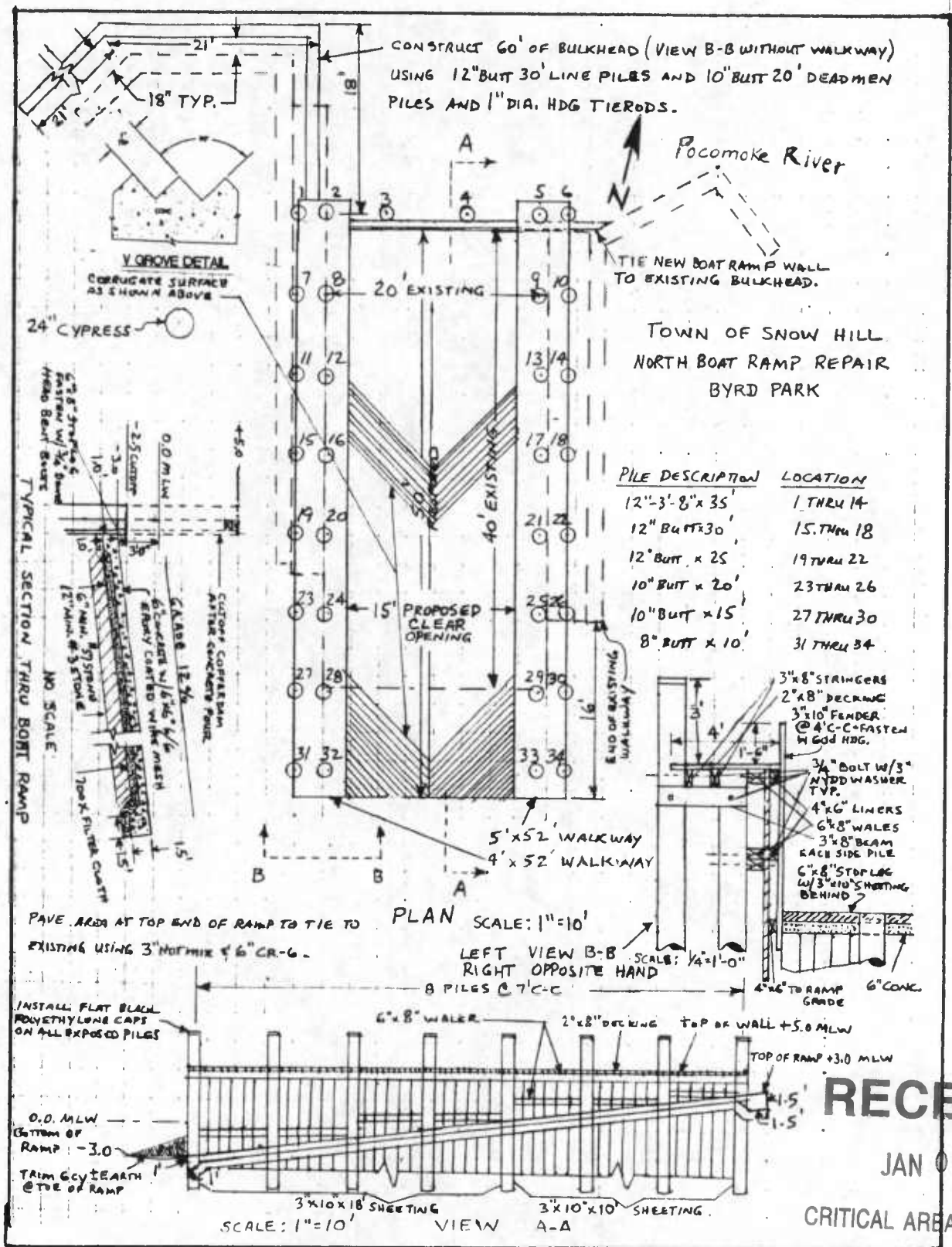
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PROPOSED BOAT RAMP REPAIR  
 IN: POCOMOKE RIVER  
 AT: BYRD PARK - SNOW HILL, MD  
 WORCESTER COUNTY  
 APPL. BY: MD. DEPT. OF NAT. RESOURCES  
 DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2005 Attachment # 2



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April 27, 2005

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Re: Town of Snow Hill – Byrd Park Driveway / After the Fact Review  
Map 201, Parcel 159

*LeeAnne*  
Dear Ms. Chandler:

In accordance with Title 27, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, Subtitle 02, Development in the Critical Area Resulting from State and Local Agency Programs, Chapter 02, State and Local Agency Actions Resulting in Development of Local Significance on Private Lands or Lands Owned by Local Jurisdictions, the Town of Snow Hill would like to submit for your after-the-fact review, the following information pertaining to a gravel driveway that was installed in Byrd Park:

- Byrd Park Enhancement Plan (Attachment #1); and
- Impervious Surface Calculations (Attachment #2).

In September of 2003, the Town of Snow Hill submitted a consistency report for a new playground, bathhouse, and pavilion, which you subsequently found to be consistent with the Town's Critical Area Program. Since that time, the only structure that the Town installed in accordance with the approved consistency report was the playground. The bathhouse was never installed. Instead, a mobile bathroom/bathhouse was purchased to use at various locations throughout the Town and the eventual plan is to construct a permanent bathroom in Byrd Park, which will be submitted for Critical Area review at some future date. In addition, instead of one 7,000 square foot pavilion being constructed, two 3,000 square foot pavilions were built for a total of 6,000 square feet.

The only other project that has been implemented since approval of the 2003 consistency report is the installation of a 5,850 square foot driveway to serve vehicular traffic associated with the pavilions. Unfortunately, this activity occurred without the proper Critical Area review, and for that, on behalf of the Town, I apologize (See Attachment #1).

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Byrd Park is located within a Resource Conservation Area (RCA) of the Town's Critical Area Overlay District. The driveway has been installed outside of the 100' tidal Buffer, so there have been no Buffer impacts. It should be noted that the impervious surface calculations have been revised to reflect all of the changes that have occurred since submission of the last consistency report. Aside from the structure changes previously mentioned in this report and the resulting impact on impervious surface totals, the acreage of the park has also been revised from a previously reported 17.0 acres to a new acreage amount of 16.50 acres. This acreage change transpired as a result of the Town recently hiring Slater and Associates to prepare a Master Plan for Byrd Park and they have determined 16.50 acres to be the accurate acreage.

Existing and proposed impervious surface calculations for Byrd Park have been provided as Attachment #2. If the total area of the park is 16.50 acres, then the 15% impervious limitation would allow 2.48 acres of impervious surface. Existing and proposed impervious coverage will total 2.02 acres, thus complying with the impervious surface requirement. As a reminder, based upon our previous conversation about this site, the interior roads have been included in the impervious calculations, but a portion of Ball Park Road has not been included as it serves several other properties outside the boundary of the park.

With respect to the 15% afforestation requirement, the driveway was located so that no trees would have to be removed as a result of this development activity. As you are aware, there are several very large trees and shrubs already existing on the property, well exceeding the 15% requirement.

This project appears to be consistent with the Snow Hill Critical Area Program and Ordinance for projects within Resource Conservation Areas. It complies with the Buffer setback requirements, the impervious surface limitations, and the reforestation/afforestation criteria.

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) 749-4618.

Sincerely,



Tracey Greene Gordy  
Regional Planner/Circuit Rider

Attachments

cc: Kelly Brewington  
Mark Palmer



BYRD PARK ENHANCEMENTS – TOWN OF SNOW HILL

