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#### STATE OF MARYLAND CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS

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August 31, 2010

Ms. Roxana Whitt Calvert County Board of Appeals 150 Main Street Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Re: Planzer 10-3647

Dear Ms. Whitt:

Thank you for forwarding the above-referenced request for variance. The applicant proposes to remove an existing shed, construct a new same size shed and construct a wind turbine in the 100-foot Buffer. The parcel size is 28,355 sq. ft and is located in the Limited Development Area (LDA). Based on the extent of shoreline and tidal wetland Buffers on the property, it appears that nearly the whole site is encompassed by the Buffer. The property is currently being redeveloped with a single-family dwelling under construction.

Since the lot is properly grandfathered, this office does not generally oppose this variance request. However, the wind turbine applications that the Commission has reviewed to date have not included such a large base or require a shed. Most applications are for a base of approximately 35 square feet. Also, the application lacks details on other disturbance normally associated with wind turbines such as the length of trenching necessary for the electrical component of the turbine.

As you are aware, in order to grant a variance, the applicants need to demonstrate and the Board of Appeals needs to find that every one of the County's variance standards has been met, including the standards of unwarranted hardship and that the variance request is the minimum necessary to provide relief.

Should the Board find that all of the variance standards have been met, please note that new State Buffer regulations are in effect and applicable to this project. COMAR 27.01.09.01-2 requires the following: (1) For a variance, mitigation for development in the Buffer must be calculated at 3:1 based on the limits of disturbance, where "disturbance" means any alteration or change to the land and includes any amount of clearing, grading, or development activity; (2) the planting standards and credits of COMAR 27.01.09.01-2 must be adhered to in fulfilling the mitigation

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planting requirements. Finally, a Buffer Management Plan must be submitted to the County for review and approval and we understand this review will occur prior to issuance of a building permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Please include this letter in your file and submit it as part of the record for this variance. Also, please notify the Commission in writing of the decision made in this case. Please feel free to contact me at (410) 260-3468 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roby Hurley

Natural Resources Planner

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Re: 08-3534 Planzer Variance

Dear Ms. Whitt:

June 10, 2009

Thank you for providing information on the above-referenced variance application. This letter follows a Critical Area Commission Planner letter dated June 19, 2008. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow redevelopment of an existing single family dwelling in the Limited Development Area (LDA), within the 100-foot Buffer. The parcel size is 28,355 sq. ft. Based on the extent of shoreline and tidal wetland Buffers on the property, it appears that nearly the whole site is encompassed by the Buffer. The property is currently developed with a single-family dwelling. The applicant has proposed to remove the existing house, and proposes to locate the new house approximately on the same footprint as the existing house.

Based on the information provided, we do not generally oppose a variance on this site. However, prior to award of a variance, we recommend that the Board consider the following factors relative to the County's Critical Area Program.

The applicant has proposed to build a house similar in footprint size to the existing house, by utilizing upward expansion versus sprawling or increased Buffer impact expansion. The garage has been incorporated into a lower story of the house, again reducing impacts to the Buffer. The applicants have reduced lot coverage by removing a part of a gravel drive that currently extends almost to the Patuxent River. Our concern remains that the deck size is excessive and actually encroaches closer to the River than the existing porch. The Board should require further minimization of this feature and should not permit waterward encroachment by virtue of the new deck. It appears possible to construct a deck which does not encroach waterward of the existing structure. Also, it is unclear if the deck is counted as lot coverage. We note that the presence of gravel under the deck results in a need to calculate the deck as lot coverage regardless of whether spaces exist between the boards. Please clarify whether the deck was included in lot coverage calculations.

Should the Board find that all the variance standards are met, mitigation for disturbance within the Buffer should be provided at a 3:1 ratio and should be calculated based on the

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limit of disturbance within the Buffer. The provided Buffer Management Plan calculates only Buffer clearing and not all Buffer impacts. It is our understanding that if a variance is granted, Planning and Zoning will require a Buffer Plan with itemized impacts and demonstrated plantings at building permit application.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Please include this letter in your file and submit it as part of the record for this variance. Also, please notify the Commission in writing of the decision made in this case. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 260-3468.

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June 19, 2008

Ms. Roxana Whitt Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning 150 Main Street Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Re: Variance 08-3534 Planzer

Dear Ms. Whitt:

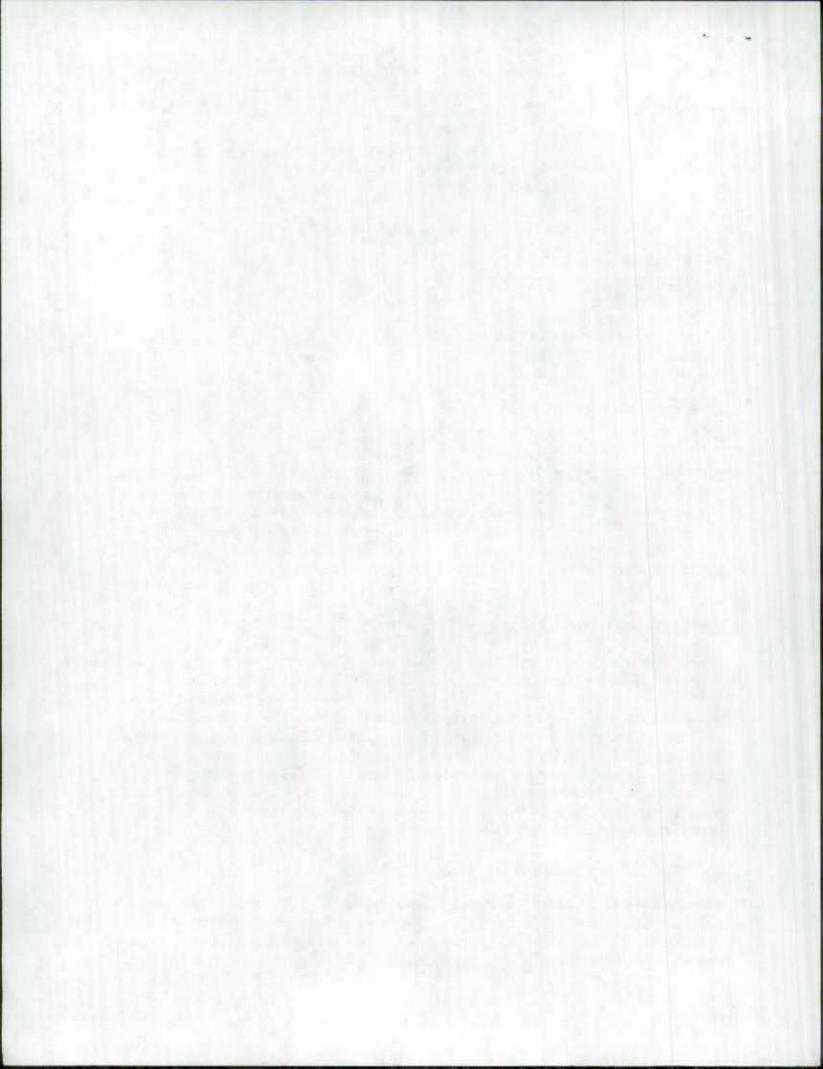
Thank you for providing plans and information regarding the above mentioned variance request. The applicant proposes to remove an existing dwelling and to construct a new dwelling with a garage and a porch. The applicant seeks a variance to exceed the 5,445 square foot impervious surface limit for lots of this size. Also, it appears that the proposed redevelopment is within the 100-foot Buffer and therefore a variance for the proposed Buffer disturbance is required as well. The 28,355 square foot property is within the Critical Area, it is designated as an LDA, and it is currently developed with a dwelling, an extensive driveway, and two sheds.

#### **Insufficient and Incorrect Information**

The applicant has provided insufficient and incorrect information in the variance application and it does not appear that the variance request can adequately be reviewed in the absence of additional information. The plans show a 50-foot Buffer on the property. However, it does not appear from the County records that the property is within a County mapped Special Buffer Management Area and therefore the plans must show a 100-foot Buffer along the shoreline of the property. The 100-foot Buffer must also be provided to the tidal wetlands that appear to be located on the eastern edge of the property based on existing wetland maps. The Buffer must be shown from the edge of these tidal wetlands as measured by a certified wetland delineator in the field. Once the applicant has provided this required information, the extent of the requested Buffer variance can more accurately be determined.

#### Minimization of the Requested 100-foot Buffer Variance

It appears that once the Buffer is accurately mapped, the proposed dwelling will be located within the 100-foot Buffer. While this office recognizes that the property will likely require a variance for disturbance within the 100-foot Buffer in order to be redeveloped, Calvert County's variance standards require that the requested variance be the minimum necessary to afford relief



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from the regulations. It appears that the applicant can make changes to the proposed plans in order to minimize the extent of the proposed disturbance within the Buffer. For instance, the new dwelling could be located farther back from the shoreline and the tidal wetlands, thereby minimizing the length of the driveway necessary to reach the house. The proposed garage could be eliminated or minimized in size since it is this office's position that a garage is not necessary on properties with this degree of environmental constraints. In particular, a garage is not necessary to reasonably redevelop a property with two existing sheds and a 280-foot long driveway, most of which appears to be located in the Buffer. Further, if a portion of the existing driveway or the existing sheds were to be removed, this would minimize the footprint of disturbance within the Buffer, and it appears this would eliminate the need for the requested impervious surface variance, as described below.

#### **Impervious Surface Area Variance**

This office can not support the requested impervious surface variance because it appears there is sufficient room to redevelop the property within the 5,445 square foot impervious surface limit. The applicant's submitted materials indicate that the existing house footprint is 1,100 square feet and the proposed house footprint will be 1,176 square feet. This leaves 4,269 square feet of allowable impervious surface on the property to retain much of the existing driveway and other structures without creating the need for a variance to the 5,445 square foot impervious surface limit. The applicant's total impervious surface footprint on the property as is currently proposed will be 8,190 square feet. Upon subtracting the footprint of the proposed house, the applicant is requesting a variance to the law to retain 7,014 square feet of developed impervious surfaces including a 280 foot long driveway with two turnaround areas and two sheds. It appears this large amount of existing impervious area on the property can be reduced while accommodating the proposed dwelling such that the property can be redeveloped in conformance with the law with reference to impervious surface limits. Therefore, the requested variance to exceed the impervious surface limit is not necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.

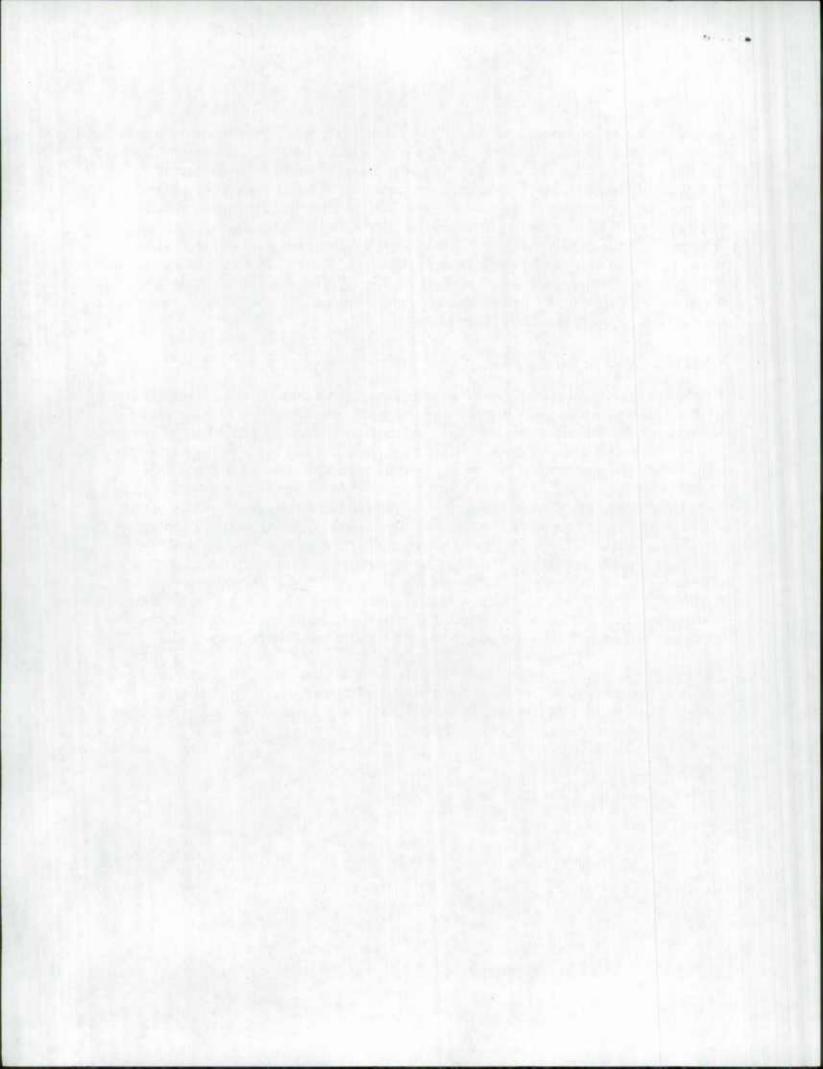
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this variance request. Please include this letter within the file and submit it as a part of the record for this variance. In addition, please notify the Commission in writing of the decision made in this case. If you have any questions, please call me at 410-260-3481.

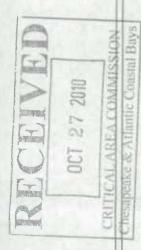
Sincerely,

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Natural Resource Planner

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# CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS ORDER

Case No. 10-3647
Public Hearing: October 7, 2010

Judith Planzer has applied for a variance in the 100' waterfront buffer requirement to replace a shed with a windmill and shed. The property is located at 8626 Patuxent Avenue, Broomes Island (Tax Map 38B, Parcel 11) and is zoned RD/LDA Residential District/Limited Development Area.

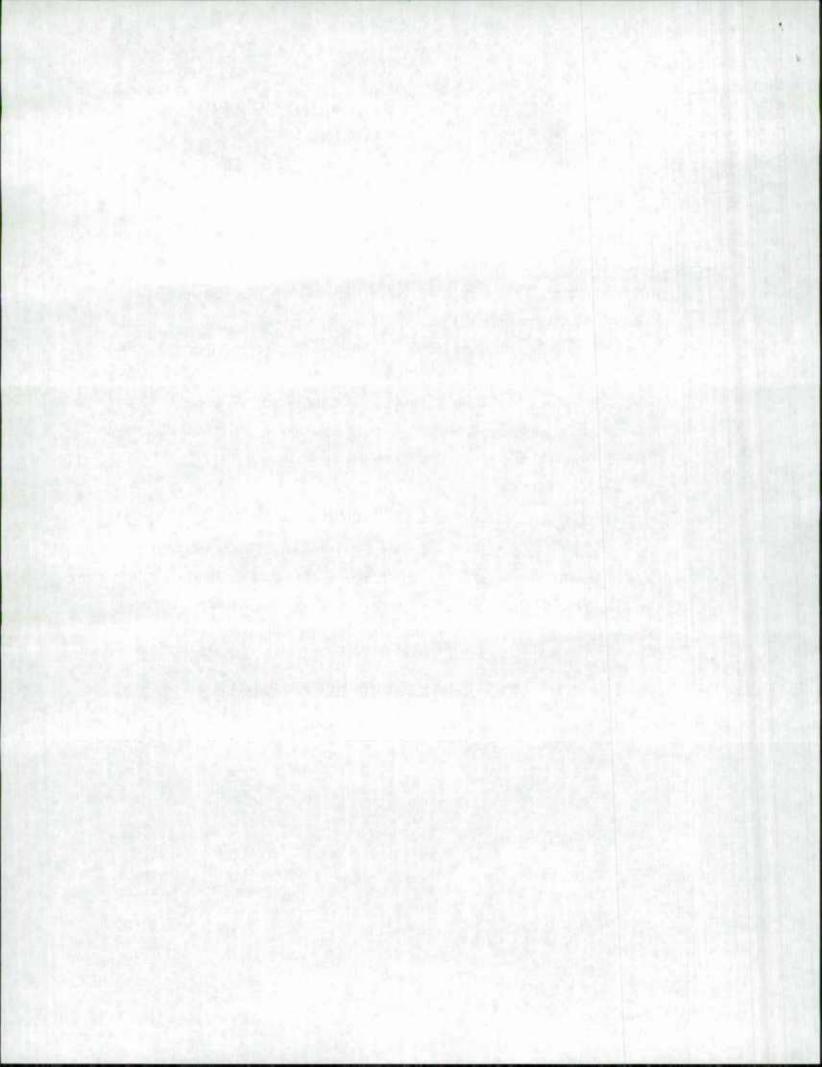
The case was presented October 7, 2010 before Board of Appeals members Mrs. Susan Hanee-Wells, Chair; Mr. Daniel Baker, Jr., Vice Chair; and Mr. John Ward, Member; (the Board). Mr. Carlton Green, Esquire, served as the Board's counsel. Ms Judith Planzer, property owner, was present, testified at the hearing and was represented by Mr. Jeffrey Tewell from Collinson, Oliff and Associates, Inc.

#### **AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

The jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals is based on Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. Article 11 Section 1.01.B of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance provides that the Board of Appeals shall have the authority to grant variances from the Critical Area requirements of Section 8-1 of the Ordinance.

#### TESTIMONY & EVIDENCE PRESENTED

- 1. The following Applicant's Exhibits were entered into the record at the October hearing:
  - Exhibit No. 1 Application
  - Exhibit No. 2 Board of Appeals Plat for the Property of Judith H. Planzer dated August 2010
  - Exhibit No. 3 Affidavit of Sign Posting
- 2. A Staff Report prepared by Roxana Whitt, Board of Appeals Administrator, was entered into the record at the October hearing and marked Staff Exhibit No. 1.
- 3. The following correspondence was entered into the record at the October hearing:



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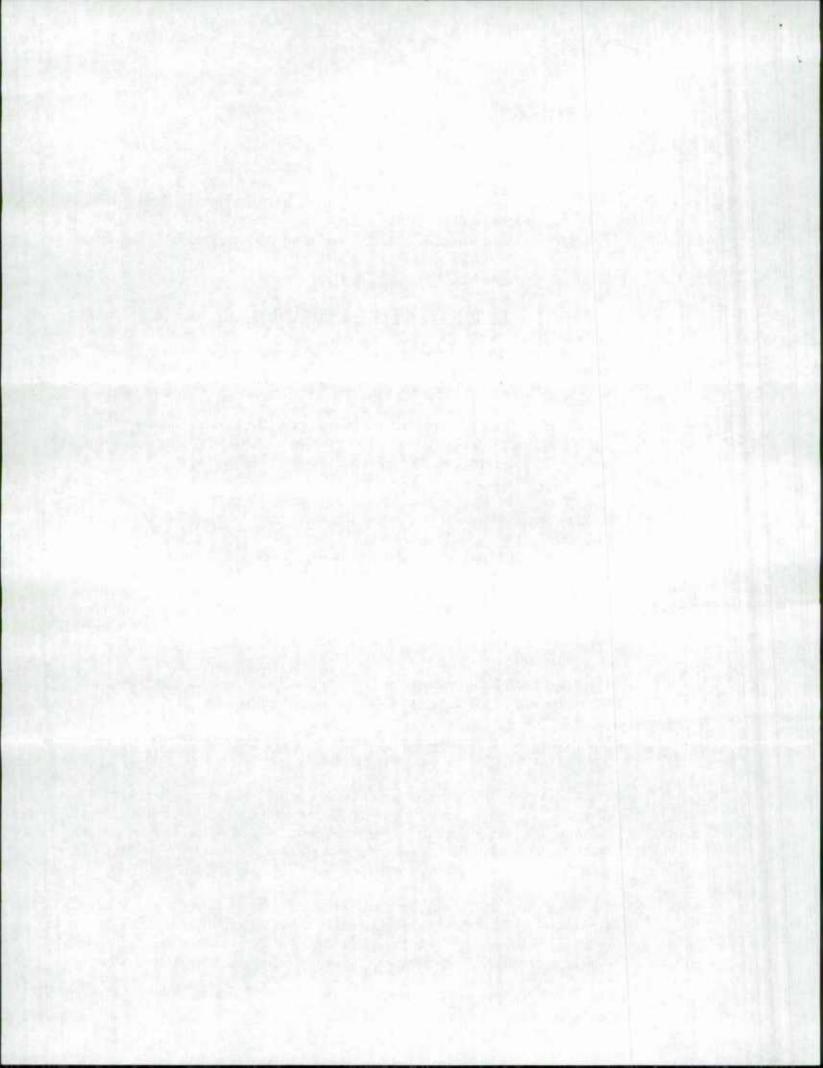
• Letter dated August 31, 2010 from Roby Hurley, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission

- Board of Appeals Review Comments from John Knopp, Project Engineer, Calvert County Department of Public Works, Engineering Bureau, Review Date September 23, 2010
- Memo dated September 16, 2010 from John Swartz, Planner II, Department of Planning and Zoning

#### FINDINGS OF FACT & CONCLUSIONS

Based on the application and testimony and evidence presented at the hearing the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions pursuant to Article 11-1.01.B of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance:

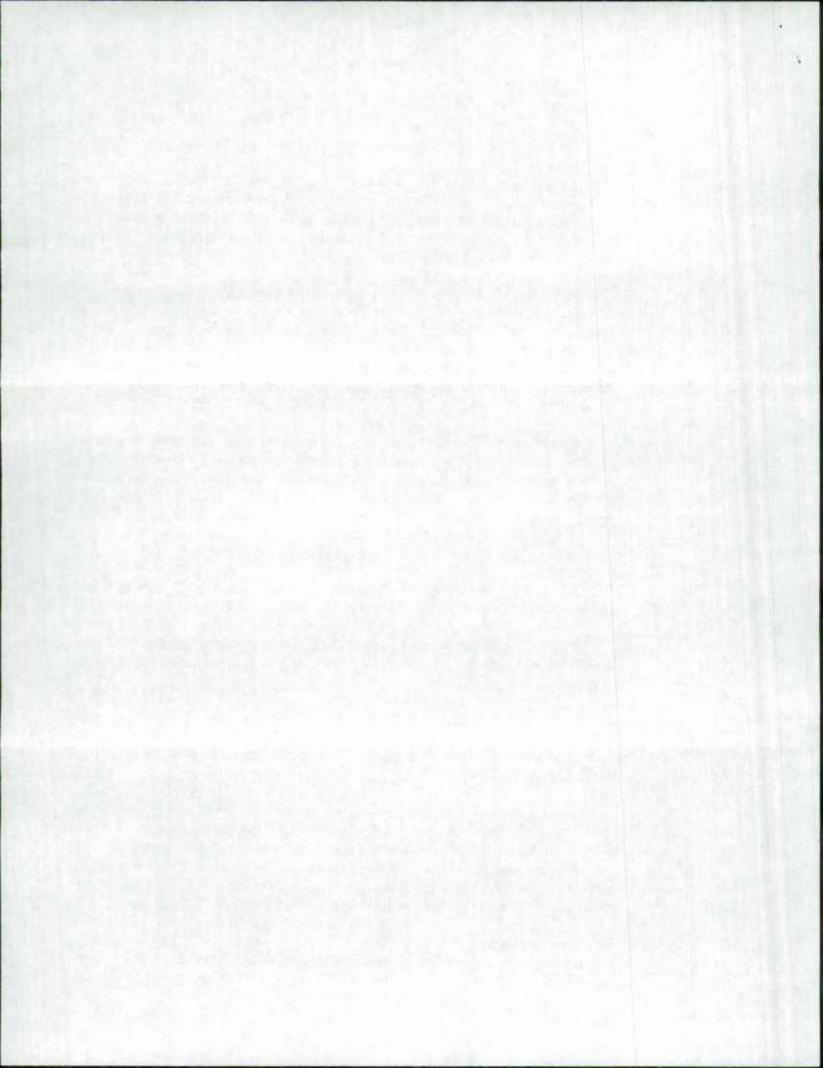
- 1. The Board finds that the application was filed pursuant to Article 11-1.01.B of the Zoning Ordinance, which provides that the Board may grant variances from the strict application of the Critical Area requirements of the Ordinance.
- 2. The Board finds the ease was properly advertised, the property was posted, and affected property owners were notified in aeeordance with the Board's Rules of Procedure.
- 3. The Board finds the proposed structures for which the variance is requested include a windmill and a shed to replace an existing shed located within the 100' waterfront. The combined area of the replacement items will not exceed the area of the current shed and the location chosen will provide an open wind current to turn the wind turbine.
- 4. The Board finds the lot was developed before the Critical Area law was enacted and that it is properly grandfathered for variance consideration.
- 5. The Board finds a variance was granted for this property in 2009 permitting the replacement of a 1930's house with a new house.
- 6. The Board finds that the shed replaces an existing shed, which is permitted in current zoning regulations and that there is no evidence or testimony that the wind turbine will result in injury to the public interest. Based on these findings of fact the Board eoncludes the requested variance will not result in injury to the public interest.
- 7. The Board finds the Zoning Ordinanee ensues from the Comprehensive Plan and permits the replacement of existing structures on grandfathered lots, which this lot is. The Comprehensive Plan eneourages the development of alternative energy sources, which the wind turbine generator will provide. Based on these findings of



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fact the Board concludes the requested variance will not adversely affect the Comprehensive Plan.

- 8. The Board finds that the proposed replacement structure of shed and wind turbine will occupy no more than the same footprint as the existing shed. Based on these findings of fact the Board concludes that the requested variance is the minimum adjustment necessary to afford relief from the regulations.
- 9. The Board finds that the lot lies within the 100' buffer from the Patuxent River and is thereby restricted by Critical Area law, which proposes special restrictions on development within the 100' buffer. Based on this finding of fact the Board concludes there are special circumstances peculiar to the property that inhibit its development in accordance with the Critical Area regulations and a literal enforcement of the Critical Area program would result in unwarranted hardship to the applicant.
- 10. The Board finds that the Calvert County Critical Area program imposes restrictions on development within the Critical Area; however, these areas are permitted to be utilized as permitted by variance. The Board finds that other properties similarly situated in the Critical Area are developed consistent with Critical Area stipulations. Based on these findings of fact the Board concludes the request is a right that has been permitted to others in accordance with the provisions of the Critical Area program.
- 11. The Board finds that while development in the Critical Area is restricted it is permitted if done so according to the County Critical Area program. The Board finds granting the requested variance is consistent with a variance for a wind turbine in the Critical Area at Mears Cove. Based on these finding of fact the Board concludes that granting of the variance as requested does not confer a special privilege on the applicant.
- 12. The Board finds the requested variance is based on proximity of a property to the Patuxent River and the restrictions imposed by the Critical Area law. Based on this finding of fact the Board concludes that the requested variance does not result from actions by the applicant.
- 13. The Board finds that the variance is to replace an existing structure with one of similar size and similar usage. The Board finds that sediment control practices will be applied during construction and that a mitigation plan will require plantings that enhance the water quality of runoff from the disturbed area. Based on these findings of fact the Board concludes that granting the requested variance will not adversely affect water quality or adversely impact fish, wildlife or plant habitat.
- 14. Based on the findings of fact set forth above the Board eoncludes that the applicant has overcome the presumption of non-conformance with the general spirit and intent of the Critical Area law.



#### ORDER

It is hereby ordered, by a unanimous decision, that the variance in the 100' waterfront buffer requirement to replace a shed with a windmill and shed as requested by the property owner, Judith Planzer, be GRANTED.

#### APPEALS

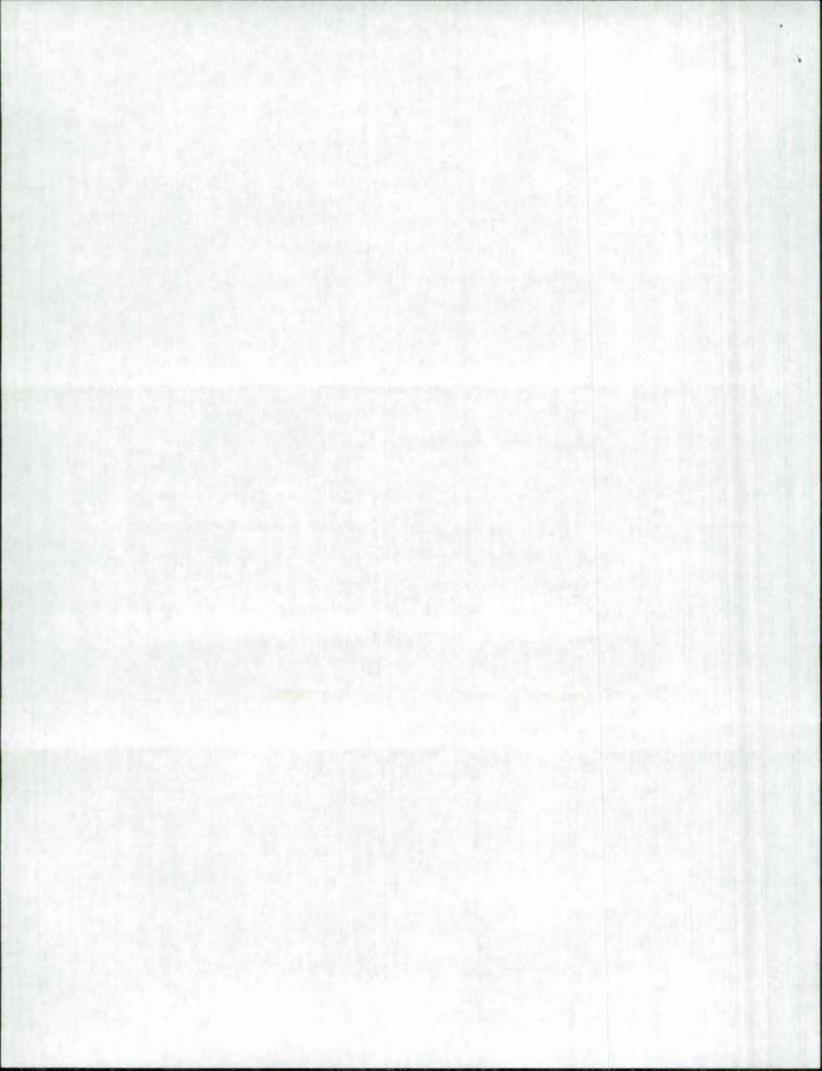
In aeeordanee with Section 6 of the Calvert County Board of Appeals Rules of Procedure, "any party to a ease may apply for a reconsideration of the Board's decision no later than 15 days from the date of the Board's Order."

In accordance with Section 11-1.07 of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance, Board of Appeals decisions may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Calvert County by (1) any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Appeals or (2) any taxpayer, or (3) any officer, department, board or bureau of Calvert County. Such appeal shall be taken aecording to the Maryland Rules as set forth in Maryland Rules, Title 7, Chapter 200, as amended from time to time, within 30 days of the Board of Appeals Order.

Entered: October

Pamela P. Helie, Clerk

Susan Hance-Wells, Chair



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# CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS ORDER

Case No. 08-3534 Public Hearing: July 2, 2009

Judith Planzer has applied for a variance in the 100' waterfront buffer requirement<sup>1</sup> to eonstruct a replacement dwelling. The property is located at 8626 Patuxent Avenue, Broomes Island (Tax Map 38B, Parcel 11) and is zoned RD-Residential District.

The ease was presented July 3, 2008 before Board of Appeals members Mr. Miehael Reber, Chairman; Dr. Walter Boynton, Viee Chairman; and Mrs. Lisa Sanders, Member (eollectively, the Board). Mr. Carlton Green, Esquire, served as the Board's Counsel. Mr. Joseph Gonzalez was present at the hearing and represented Ms. Judith Planzer, the Property Owner.

The ease was again presented July 2, 2009 before Board of Appeals members Mr. Miehael Reber, Chairman; Dr. Walter Boynton, Viee Chairman; and Mr. Patriek Nutter, Member; (the Board). Mr. Carlton Green, Esquire, served as the Board's Counsel. Ms. Judith Planzer was present at the hearing and was represented by Mr. Jeffrey Tewell from Collinson, Oliff & Associates, Inc.

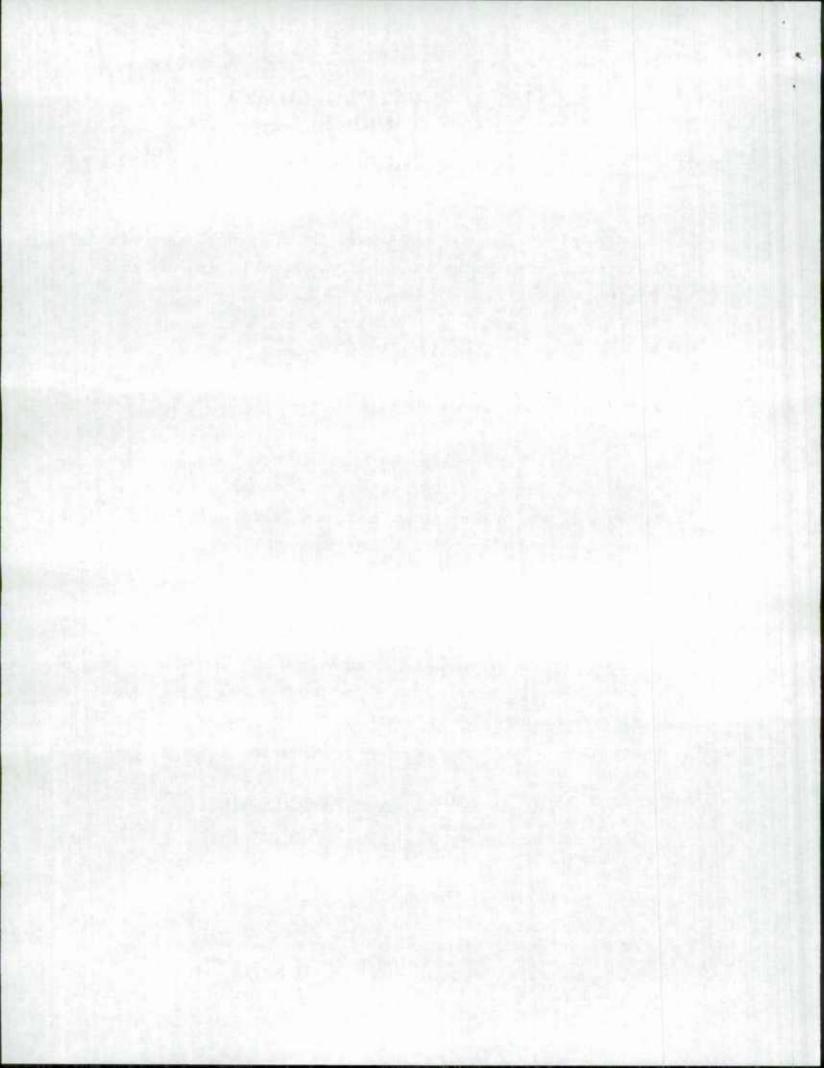
#### AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals is based on Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. Article 11 Section 1.01.B of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance provides that the Board of Appeals shall have the authority to grant variances from the Critical Area requirements of Section 8-1 of the Ordinance.

#### TESTIMONY & EVIDENCE PRESENTED

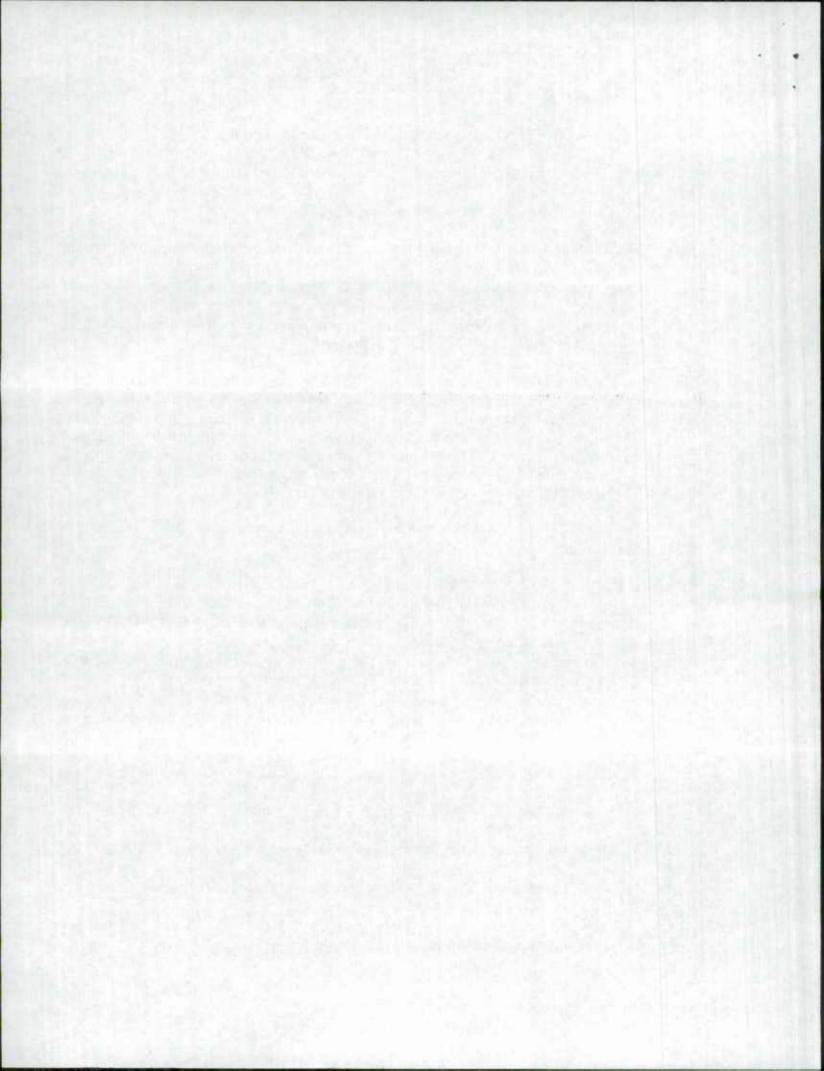
- 1. The following Applicant's Exhibits were entered into the record at the July3, 2008 hearing:
  - Exhibit No. 1 Application

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The applicant originally applied for a variance in the 100'waterfront buffer requirement and a variance in the impervious surface requirement. Revisions to the plat, requested by the Board at the July 3,2008 hearing, eliminated the need for an impervious surface variance.



- Exhibit No. 2 Plat w/Health Department Approval
- 2. The following Staff Exhibit was entered into the record at the July 3, 2008 hearing:
  - Exhibit No. 1 Staff Report dated June 25, 2008
- 3. The following eorrespondence was entered into the record at the July 3, 2008 hearing:
  - Letter dated June 19, 2008 to Roxana Whitt from Amber Widmayer, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission
  - Memo dated May 28, 2009 to Roxana Whitt from Serena Chapla, Department of Public Works, Engineering Bureau
- 4. The Board deferred action at the July 3, 2008 hearing pending receipt of a revised plat:

  (1) showing the existing and proposed driveway, including calculations for the existing and proposed impervious surface on site; (2) delineating the marsh buffers; (3) delineating the riverfront buffers; (4) showing proposed stormwater management for the site; and (5) showing the increase in house size with the proposed redevelopment. The requested information was received and the case was scheduled to be continued at the July 2, 2009 Board hearing.
- 5. The following Applicant's Exhibits were entered into the record at the July 2, 2009 hearing:
  - Exhibit No. 3 Memo dated 5/21/09 to the Calvert County Zoning Board of Appeals from Jeff Tewell, L.S., Colllinson, Oliff & Associates, Inc., RE Revised Site Plan and Information Requested for BOA Case No. 08-3534, 8626 Patuxent Avenue
  - Exhibit No. 4 Revised Building Permit Plat for the Property of Judith H. Planzer, dated 5-21-09, with Health Department Approval
  - Exhibit No. 5 Approved Buffer Management Plan
  - Exhibit No. 6 Wetland Evaluation Report for 8626 Patuxent Avenue, Calvert County, MD, dated March 2009
- 6. The following Staff Exhibit was entered into the record at the July 2, 2009 hearing:
  - Exhibit No. 2 Staff Report dated June 25, 2009
- 7. The following correspondence was entered into the record at the July 2, 2009 hearing:
  - Letter dated June 10, 2009 to Roxana Whitt from Roby Hurley, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission.
  - Memo dated May 29, 2009 from Geoff Westbrook, Calvert County Soil Conservation District

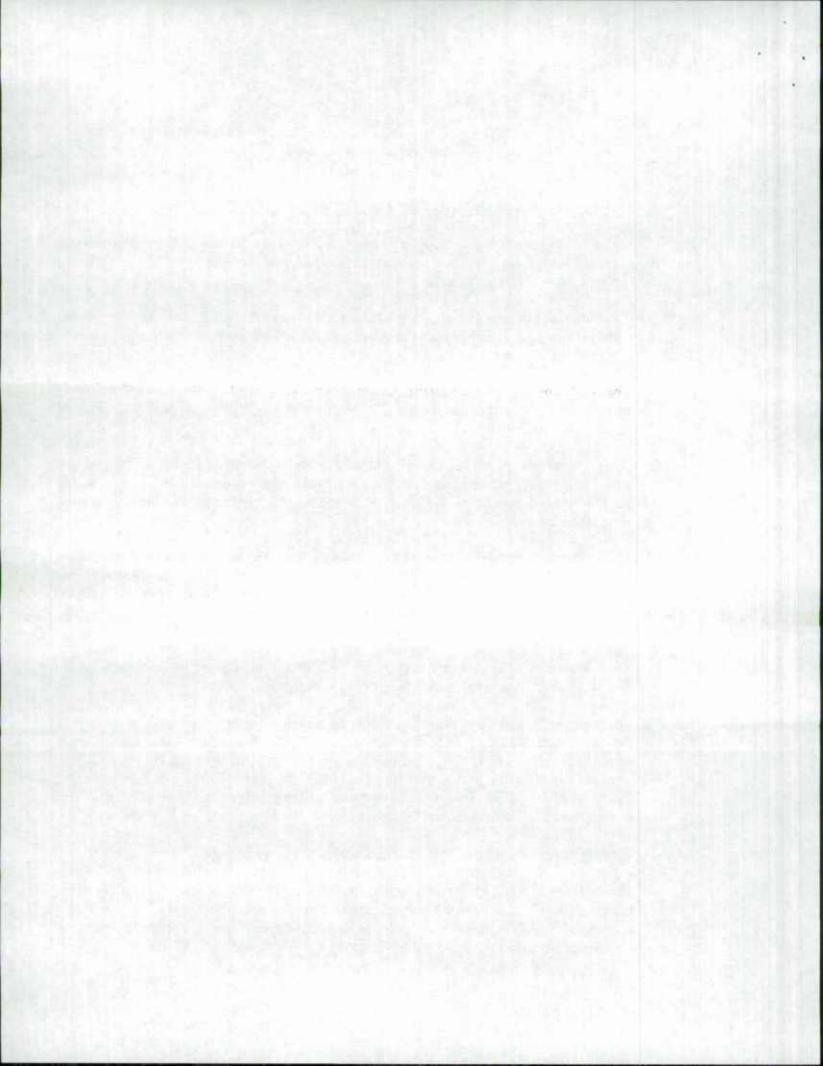


 Board of Appeals Review Comments from John Knopp, Project Engineer, Department of Public Works, Engineering Bureau

#### FINDINGS OF FACT & CONCLUSIONS

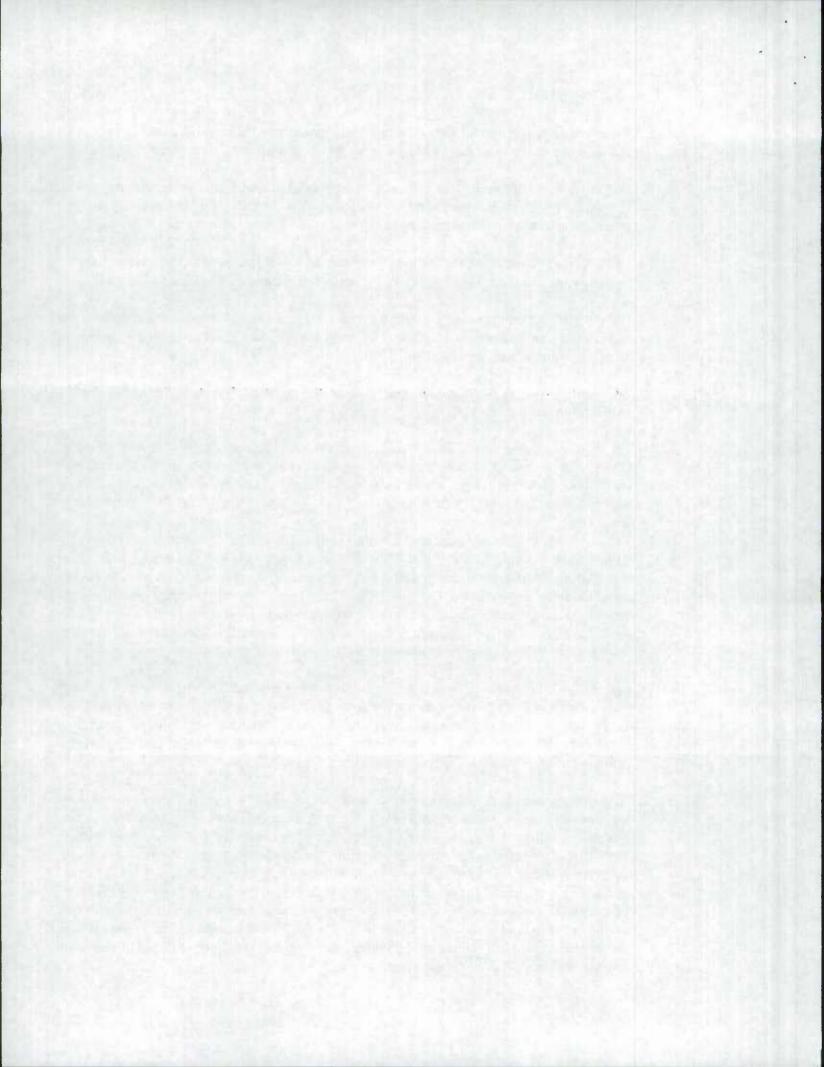
Based on the application and testimony and evidence presented at the hearings the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions pursuant to Article 11-1.01.B of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance:

- 1. The case was properly advertised, the property was posted, and affected property owners were notified in accordance with the Board's Rules of Procedure.
- 2. The property consists of ~.6 acre and is situated at the end of Patuxent Avenue on Broomes Island, with waterfront on the Patuxent River. Immediately south of the subject property is a very large tidal marsh. The terrain is nearly level, with minimum grade of 1.6 feet and maximum grade of 3.3 feet.
- 3. The property is currently developed with a 22' x 46' two-story house constructed ~1930. The house is situated ~60 feet from the waterfront. The existing house site elevation is approximately 2 feet above sea level. Two sheds are also present, one located near the shoreline.
- 4. The driveway that serves the property extends from the end of Patuxent Avenue to essentially the waterfront. A large portion of it lies within the 100-foot buffer as measured from the marsh and from the river. The driveway is graveled with CR-6, rendering it impervious and contributing considerably to the existing excess lot coverage.
- 5. The 100-foot buffers as measured from the Patuxent River and the tidal marsh on the southeast side of the property encompass 99% of the buildable area of the property. Nearly 3000 s.f. is encompassed by the tidal marsh, itself.
- 6. The applicant proposes to raze the existing house and replace it with a 28' x 34' house (952 s.f.) with a 12-foot wide wrap-around deck. The lower level consists only of a garage and entry, which is typical of floodplain houses. The proposed construction site impacts the 100-foot buffer from the tidal marsh and the 100-foot buffer from the Patuxent River. The actual house footprint is farther from the waterfront than the existing house. The deck extends slightly closer to the waterfront.
- 7. The applicants propose to remove 1076 s.f. of impervious surface from the buffer by removing the portion of the driveway that extends beyond the house. The Broome's Island community is old and its development is widely variable. The proposed development on the subject property is consistent with that found on other properties in the community. The proposed house is smaller than that generally found on waterfront properties throughout the County.



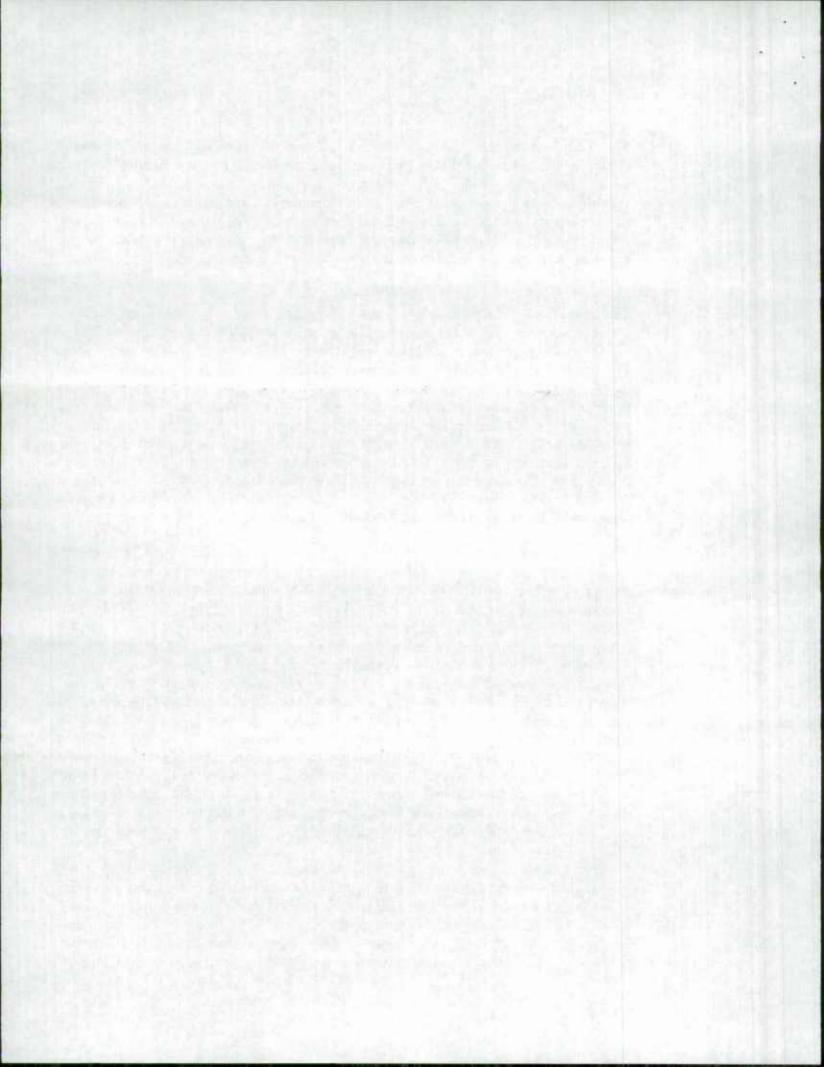
8. Trees are seattered around the perimeter of the property. The proposed development plat shows that forest eover totals 8841 s.f., with 843 proposed to be removed.

- 9. Proposed reforestation includes 3 large eanopy trees, 2 understory trees, and 68 shrubs, the majority of which are planted along the tidal marsh area because the on-site stormwater flow is in that direction.
- 10. Lot eoverage requirements are eurrently exceeded. With the removal of a portion of the driveway, lot eoverage (4885 s.f.) will be below the maximum allowed (5445 s.f.).
- 11. Because the elevation is so low and the water table so near the ground surface, on-site stormwater management is difficult. The applicant proposes rain barrels and plantings to attenuate stormwater.
- 12. The applicant proposes silt fence to control sediment on the open ground. This is sufficient given the level topography of the site.
- 13. The existing septie system is antiquated and presumably operates in the shallow water table. The proposed system includes a pre-treatment, nitrogen/phosphorous reduction unit. The septie recovery area includes one initial and one replacement field, both of which are at-grade mound systems.
- 14. The applicant previously appeared before the Board in July 2008 with a request for a larger house footprint and a plat that did not properly show the limits of the tidal wetlands and buffers from the wetland and the river. The applicant hired a consultant to correctly show the wetlands and buffers, and then had a revised plat prepared showing a house that is designed with consideration for the environmental features of the site. With the current proposal, lot coverage and impervious surface will be decreased, stormwater management will be added, and the septic system will be upgraded.
- 15. Options for relocation of the house are limited given the locations of the septic system mounds; the well; the required distances between the well, septic system and house; and the buffers as measured from the river and the tidal marsh. The additional amenities provide the opportunity for improvement of groundwater and diminishment of pollutants in the stormwater runoff.
- 16. The Board finds there are special eireumstances related to the property that prohibit its development in accordance with the Critical Area regulations. The Board finds the waterfront buffer as measured from the Patuxent River and tidal marsh on the southeast side of the property cover virtually the entire buildable portion of the property. The property could not be redeveloped without variance approval. The Board further finds denial of a variance in the waterfront buffer requirement for the purpose of construction of a replacement dwelling would deny the property owner reasonable and significant use of the entire parcel. Based on these findings the Board concludes the applicant has demonstrated that a literal enforcement of the Critical Area program would result in unwarranted hardship to the applicant.



17. The Board finds that the difficulties noted on the property arise from special circumstances related to the property including the location of the wetlands and the requirement for a 100-foot buffer from these features. The Board finds the applicant sought permits prior to commencing any construction and that virtually any construction of the property would require a variance from the buffer requirement. Based on these findings the Board concludes that the applicant is not responsible for the circumstances that underlie this variance request, and that the variance does not result from actions by the applicants.

- 18. The Board finds it has previously granted variances for numerous replacement dwellings where it has been shown that no alternative exists, in accordance with the provisions of the Critical Area program, both before and after the 2002 amendments to the legislation. The Board further finds that the development proposed in this case is on a grandfathered lot and is similar to development on other waterfront properties in Calvert County. The Board of Appeals does not routinely deny requests for Critical Area variances for the purpose of constructing replacement residences on grandfathered residential building lots where it has been demonstrated that all of the variance criteria are met. Based on these findings the Board concludes that the proposed development is a right that has been permitted to others in accordance with the provisions of the Critical Area Program and that granting the variance for the proposed development does not confer a special privilege on the applicants that is routinely denied to others.
- 19. The Board finds the proposed development includes a stormwater management plan consisting of rain barrels and native plantings, which is considered the best option for this property because of the shallow water table. The proposal has been determined to be adequate by the Department of Public Works. The Board further finds the Soil Conservation District has determined that the sediment and erosion control plan is adequate provided there is either a Stabilized Construction Entrance or that all construction vehicles are washed before leaving the site. The Board finds a Buffer Management Plan for the property was approved by Calvert County's Critical Area Planner. This plan shows that a total of 3 canopy trees and 68 shrubs will be planted on site within the buffer area. The Board further finds the applicant proposes addition of a denitrification unit to the septic system and that there has been no testimony or evidence presented that suggests that the mitigation and protective measures proposed are insufficient to address potential impacts to habitat and water quality. The Board concludes the measures noted above will minimize any impact on the surrounding waters and important habitats and further concludes that granting the requested variance will not adversely affect water quality or adversely impact fish, wildlife or plant habitat.
- 20. The Board finds that the modifications to the original plan proposed by the applicant provide for a structure that allows for reasonable and significant use of the property. The Board finds the house is small relative to most new residential development in Calvert County. The Board further finds the proposed deck is ~50-80 feet from open water and ~30 feet from the marsh. This deck encroaches 3' closer to the Patuxent River than the existing porch; however, it will be uncovered with shrubbery under it which will improve



buffer functioning relative to the current porch which is covered. The Board concludes that based on these findings the requested variance is the minimum adjustment necessary to afford relief from the regulations.

- 21. The Board finds the Zoning Ordinance was adopted to implement the Comprehensive Plan and that the Zoning Ordinance allows and anticipates residences on properties that are zoned for residential use, as is the case with this grandfathered property. The Board further finds the applicant's proposal includes environmental protections that are a goal of the Comprehensive Plan and that there has been no evidence presented demonstrating that the use and development proposed are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Based on these findings the Board concludes the requested variance will not adversely affect the Comprehensive Plan.
- 22. The Board finds the proposed residential use of the property will not conflict with the residential uses in the neighborhood or on adjoining properties. Based on these findings the Board concludes the proposed environmental controls minimize any adverse impacts to surrounding properties and waters and the requested variance will not result in injury to the public interest.

#### **ORDER**

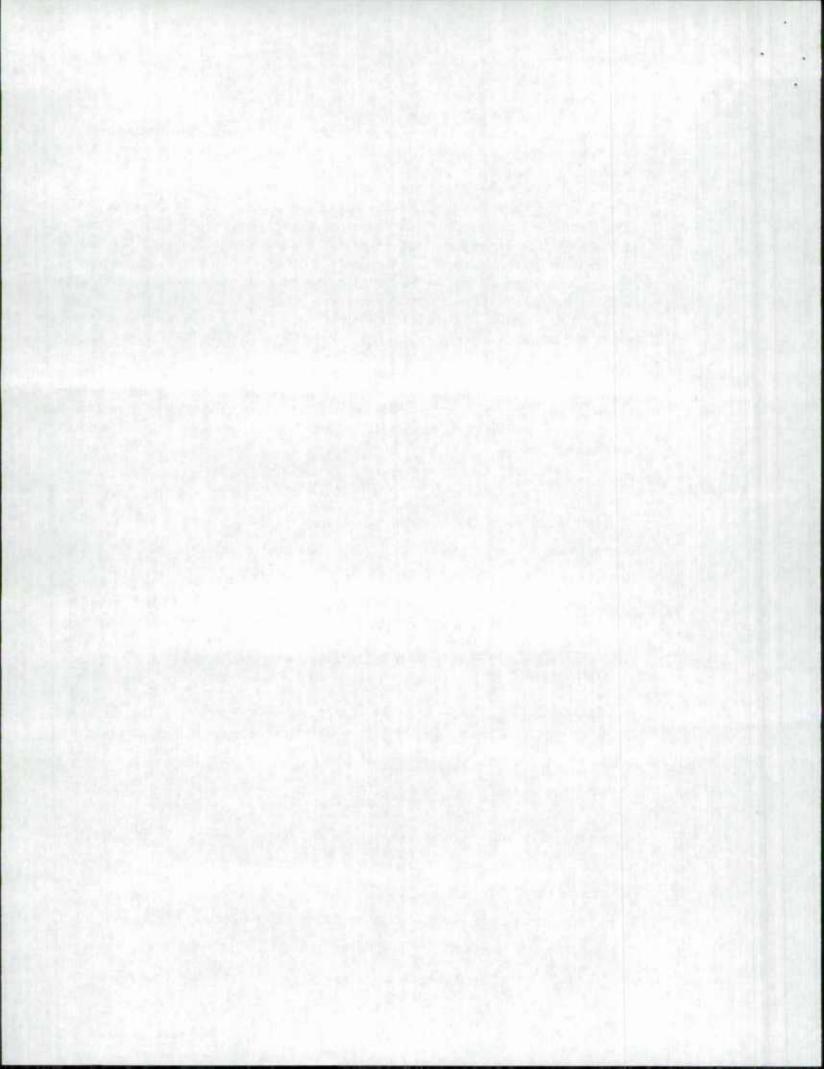
It is hereby ordered, by a unanimous decision, that the variance in 100' waterfront buffer requirement for construction of a replacement dwelling as requested by Judith Planzer be GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. All permits and approvals required by the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance and the Department of Planning and Zoning and those required by any other departments, agencies, commissions, boards or entities, in accordance with County, State and Federal law, must be obtained before commencing the development activity approved by this Order.
- 2. In accordance with Section 11-1.02.C.3 of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance any violation of conditions imposed by the Board of Appeals shall be considered a violation of the Zoning Ordinance and subject to the enforcement provisions of Section 1-7.

#### **APPEALS**

In accordance with Section 6 of the Calvert County Board of Appeals Rules of Procedurc, "any party to a case may apply for a reconsideration of the Board's decision no later than 15 days from the date of the Board's Order."

In accordance with Section 11-1.07 of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance, Board of Appeals decisions may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Calvert County by (1) any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Appeals or (2) any taxpayor, or (3) any officer,



department, board or bureau of Calvert County. Such appeal shall be taken according to the Maryland Rules as set forth in Maryland Rules, Title 7, Chapter 200, as amended from time to time, within 30 days of the Board of Appeals Order.

Entered: July 15 2009 Pamela P. Helie, Clerk

Michael J. Reber, Chairman



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#### CALVERT COUNTY **BOARD OF APPEALS**

311-08

150 Main Street Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678 Phone: (410) 535-2348 • (301) 855-1243 Fax: (410) 414-3092

Joseph Gonzalez P. O. Box 129

Solomons, MD 20688

Subject: Board of Appeals Cases No. 08-3534 – Property Located at 8626 Patuxent Avenue,

Broomes Island, Maryland

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This is to confirm the action taken by the Board of Appeals at its Thursday, July 3, 2008 hearing regarding your request for a variance in the 100' waterfront buffer requirement and a variance in the impervious surface requirement to construct a replacement dwelling. As you know, the Board deferred action to allow you time to provide a revised plat: (1) showing the existing and proposed driveway including calculations for the existing and proposed impervious surface on site; (2) delineating the marsh buffers; (3) delineating the riverfront buffers; (4) showing proposed stormwater management for the site; and (5) showing the increase in house size with the proposed redevelopment.

Once the information requested is received, it will be forwarded to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission for review and comments. Your case would then be scheduled for the next available Board hearing.

In accordance with Rule 5-101.A of the Board's Rules of Procedure, any request by the Board for additional information shall stay the 45-day time normally required for the Board to make its decision. Cases that have been deferred for a period of 6 months or longer, with no action during that time period, are considered closed. Such cases may be scheduled to be heard by the Board only upon receipt of a new application and application fee.

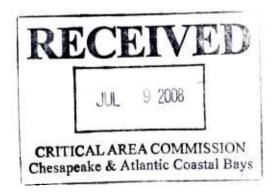
If you have any questions I can be reached at 410/535-1600, extension 2559.

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Sincerely,

Pamela P. Helie Clerk to the Board

Cc: Judith Planzer





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# BOARD OF APPEALS PROJECT REFERRAL FORM

The purpose of the preliminary project review is to determine the Board of Appeals action necessary for completion of the project you propose. You must have this form completed by the appropriate Planning and Zoning staff member before filing your application for review by the Board of Appeals.

Property Location: Tax Map 388 Parcel 112 Lot Section Plat

Property Owner Judith Manzer

Project Description SFY

Property Address 8626 Patexent Ave

Zoning Ordinance Section
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Please contact Roxana Whitt or Pam Helie at 410-535-2348 for Board of Appeals information.

Date

This project was reviewed by the undersigned staff member:

Jam Sugat

Name

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#### CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

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### APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

NOTE: IN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU GRANT THE BOARD OF APPEALS PLANNER THE RIGHT OF UNSCHEDULED ENTRY ONTO THE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR A STAFF REPORT.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
Tax Map No. 38 B Parcel // Block Section Lot
Tax ID No. 0501019872 Property Zoning Classification R-1
Property Address 8026 Paturent Ave. Brooms Island NID 20615-30
Has subject property ever been before the Board of Appeals? (yes) (no)
If yes, give Case No. and date:
PROPERTY OWNER(S):  PRINTED NAME(S): Judith Planzer  MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 129 Solomons MD 20688
TELEPHONE: HOME: 410-326-1262 WORK 416-326-1262 CELL 443-624-1920 EMAIL ADDRESS peggy joobsien @ comcast. net
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Owner's Signature and Date  Co-Owner's Signature and Date
APPLICANT (if different from owner):
PRINTED NAME: JOSEPH GONZalez
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 129 Solomons mD 20688
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 4/10-326-6262
EMAIL ADDRESS peggy joobrien @ comcast net
Applicant's Signature and Date Co-Applicant's Signature and Date

### PURPOSE OF APPEAL

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()	Special Exception
()	To Extend Time Limit on a Special Exception
()	Revision/Modification of a Special Exception
()	Expansion or Revision of a Non-Conforming Use
()	Reconsideration of Previous Decision by Board
()	Re-Schedule a Case Previously Postponed
()	Decision on an Alleged Error made by
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Name: George Burroughs Address: 8630 Paturent Ave. Brooms Island Mi) 20615
Name: Gronge Burroughs
Address: 8630 Paturent Ave. 1310cms 451aver 1111 2001
Name: <u>Rita Davis</u> Address: 8590 Sunshine Lane Brooms Island MD 2015
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IF YOUR PROPERTY ADJOINS A PRIVATELY OWNED ROAD, YOU MUST LIST
THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER BELOW:
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CRITICAL AREA SITE PLAN

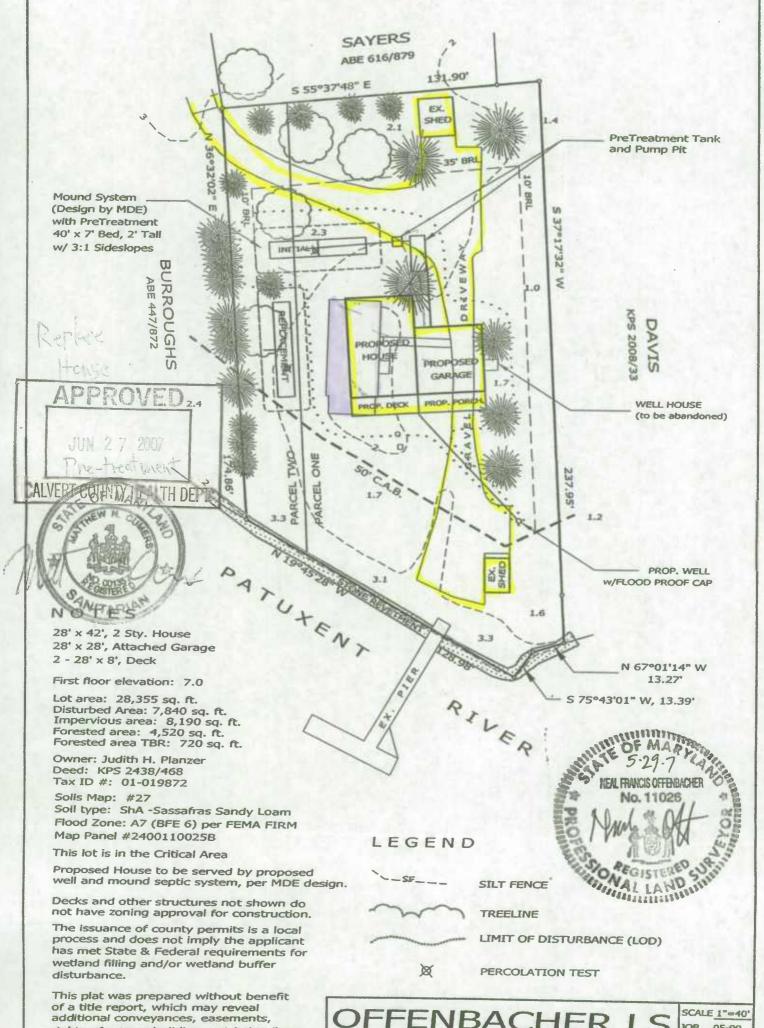
## PLANZER PROPERT

#8626 PATUXENT AVE., TAX MAP 38B, PARCEL 11 FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

rights-of-way or building restriction lines

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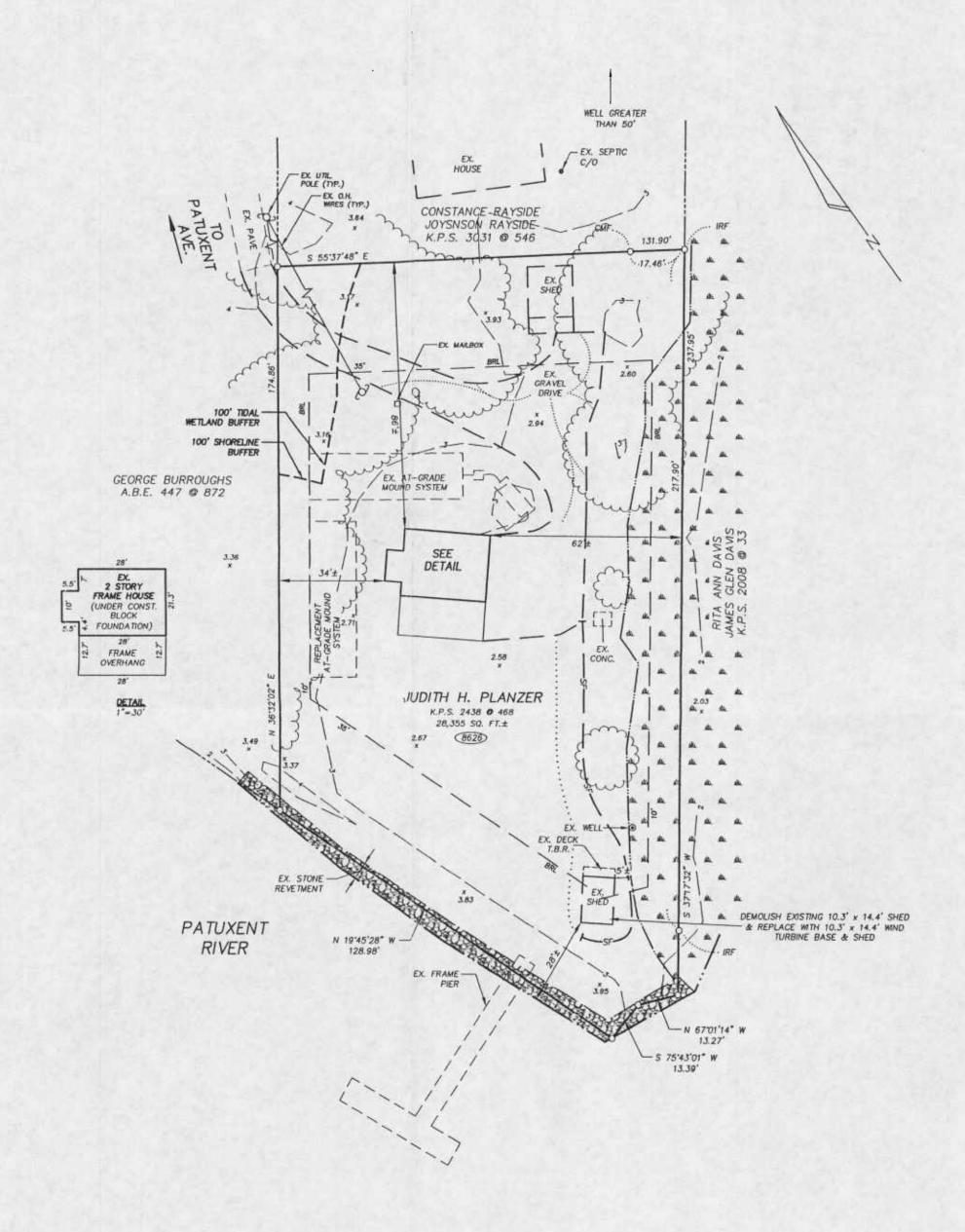


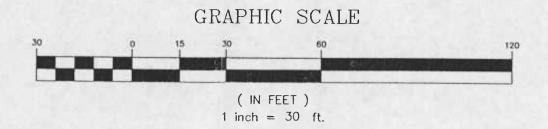
# FENBACHER

45850 BEECHWOOD PLACE LEXINGTON PARK, MARYLAND 20653 (301) 737-4500 fax (301) 737-2983 offenbacher@gmail.com

SCALE 1"=40" JOB <u>05-90</u> DATE 8-07-06 DRAFT SS KPS 2438/468







#### INFORMATION STATEMENT

DEMOLISH: 10.3' X 14.4' EXISTING SHED

CONSTRUCT: 10.3' X 14.4' WIND TURBINE BASE & SHED

LOT AREA: 28,355 SQ. FT. ±
LOT AREA OUTSIDE TIDAL WETLANDS:
25,412 SQ. FT. ±
DISTURBED AREA: 1,182 SQ. FT. ±
EX. LOT COVERAGE: 4,885 SQ. FT.±
POST DEVELOPMENT LOT COVERAGE:
4,885 SQ. FT.±
EX. FORESTED AREA: 7,998 SQ. FT. ±
FORESTED AREA TBR: 0 SQ. FT.±

OWNER: JUDITH H. PLANZER DEED: K.P.S. 2438 @ 468 TAX I.D.#: 01−019872

THIS LOT IS LOCATED IN THE CRITICAL AREA.

PROPOSED DISTURBANCE IS LESS THAN 5,000 SQ. FT. AND IS THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.

CONTACT "MISS UTILITY" AT 1-800-257-7777 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK.

DECKS AND OTHER STRUCTURES NOT SHOWN DO NOT HAVE ZONING APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION.

THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY PERMITS IS A LOCAL PROCESS AND DOES NOT IMPLY THE APPLICANT HAS MET STATE & FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WETLANDS UNDER COMAR; THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; OR THE RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT.

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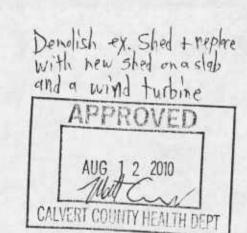
SEE APPROVED BUFFER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE REFERENCED TO NGVD '29.

THE ENTIRE LOT IS WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN.

SEE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE NO. 08-3534.

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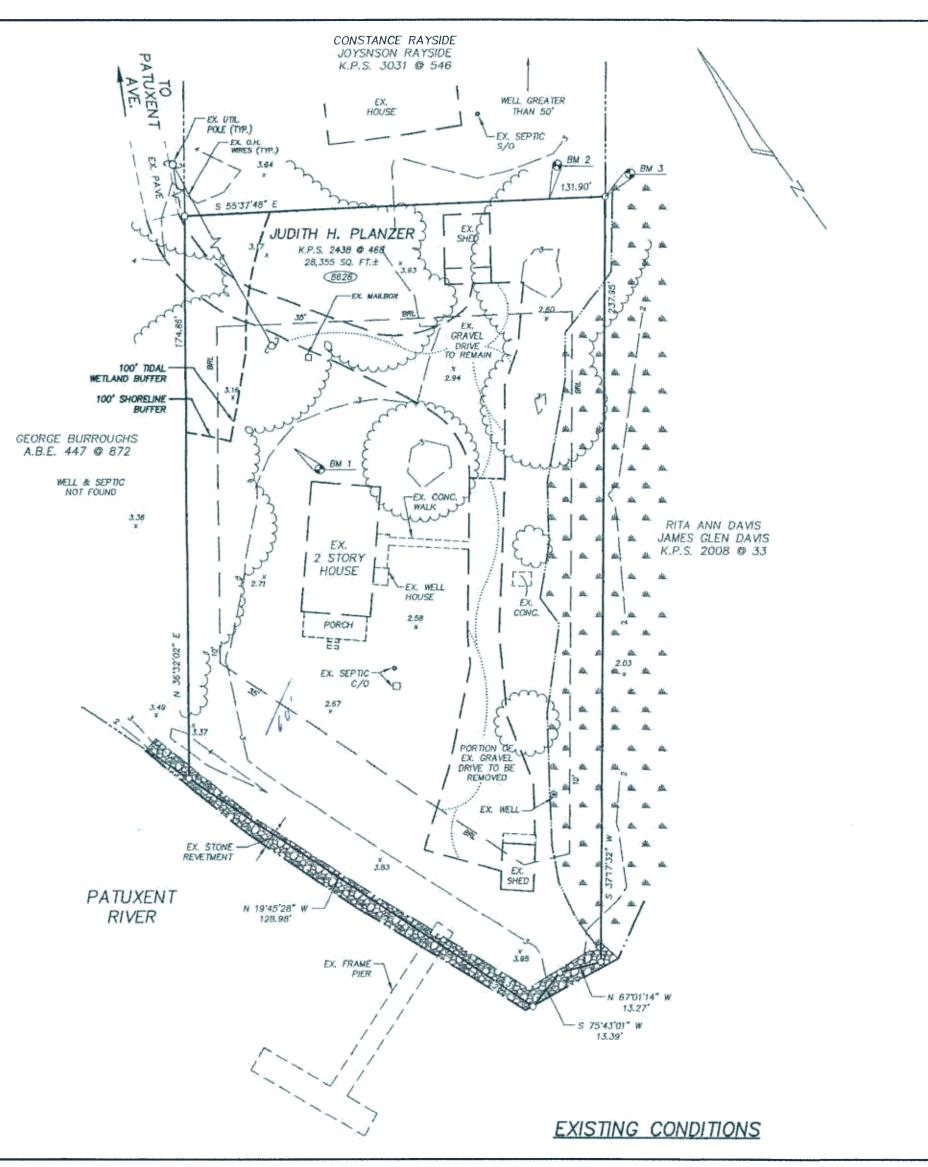
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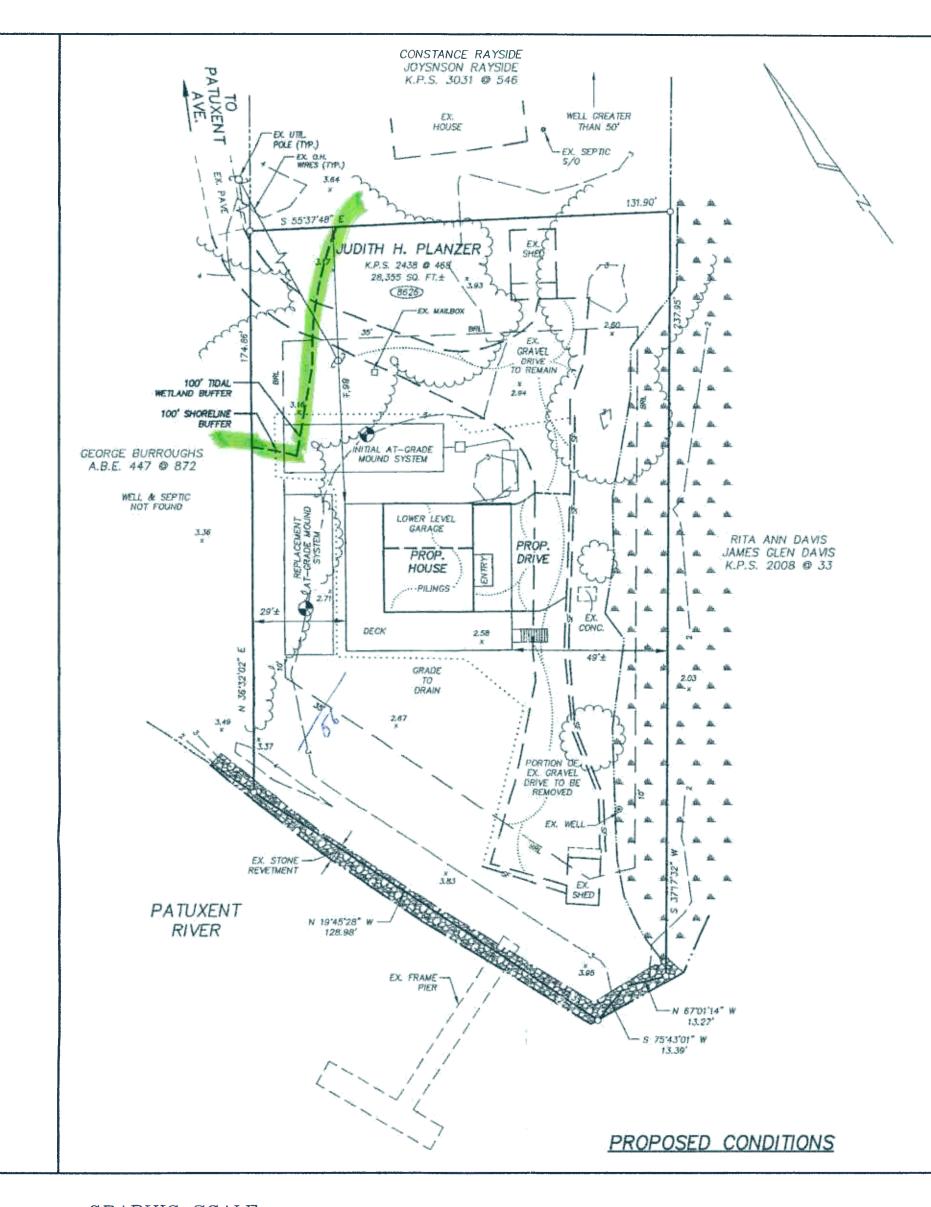
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ASSIGNED HOUSE NUMBER





#### INFORMATION STATEMENT

DEMOLISH EXISTING 22 X 41' DWELLING 900

CONSTRUCT: 28' X 34' TWO STORY HOUSE G52 ON SLAB/PILINGS LOWER LEVEL 14' X 28' GARAGE 6' X 10' ENTRY 12' WRAP-AROUND DECK

GARAGE ELEVATION: 3.5 FIRST FLOOR ELEVATION: 11.5

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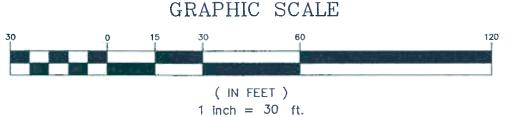
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LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE



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BENCHMARK INFORMATION		
BM #	DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION
1	NAIL SET	3.04
2	CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND	3.66
3	IRON PIPE W/CAP FOUND	2.86

SHEET NO. 1 OF 1

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