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September 10, 2012

Ms. Sandra N. Carter
Queen Anne's County
Dept. of Land Use, Growth Management,
& Environment
160 Coursevall Drive
Centreville, MD 21617

Re: File #05-12-08-005-C

Queen Anne's County Emergency Center Minor Subdivision

Dear Ms. Carter,

Thank you for providing revised information regarding the above-referenced subdivision application. The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing Lot 1 into three lots. The property is 14.2 acres in size, with 6.0 acres located within the Critical Area and designated as an Intensely Developed Area (IDA). This property previously received growth allocation from the Critical Area Commission in July 2009 to change the Critical Area designation from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to IDA).

Based on the information, we have the following comments:

- 1. We recommend that the County require the applicant to include a note that restricts any future development on Lot 1C to medical offices only. Other types of commercials use were not included within the growth allocation approval, and thus are not permitted.
- 2. It is unclear if the previously approved Buffer Management Plan is still valid with this new subdivision plat. If it is not, then County must ensure that this previously approved Buffer Management Plan is re-rerecorded with this plat. Otherwise, please have the applicant provide reference to the previously approved Buffer Management Plan within the plat notes.

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Ms. Carter September 11, 2012 Page Two

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this subdivision request. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at (410) 260-3483.

Sincerely,

Nick Kelly

Regional Program Chief

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cc: Roby Hurley, Critical Area Commission

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January 12, 2011

Ms. Holly Tompkins Queen Anne's County Land Use, Growth Mgt & Environment 160 Coursevall Drive Centreville, Maryland 21617

Re: Queen Anne's County Medical Park

Major Buffer Management Plan - Amendment #1

Dear Ms. Tompkins:

Thank you for forwarding the Buffer Management Plan for Queen Anne's County Medical Park for my review and approval. In accordance with the growth allocation approval granted by the Critical Area Commission on July 8, 2009 the Buffer Management Plan has been amended. The amended plan meets the condition imposed by the Critical Area Commission requiring additional planting of the hydric soils adjacent to the 100-foot Buffer. This plan is approved by Commission staff.

Please note that the County is required to collect sufficient financial assurance to cover the survivability of the plantings for two-years from the date of installation. Thank you for your assistance in revising the plan and working with the applicant. If you have any questions please contact me at (410) 260-3475.

Sincerely,

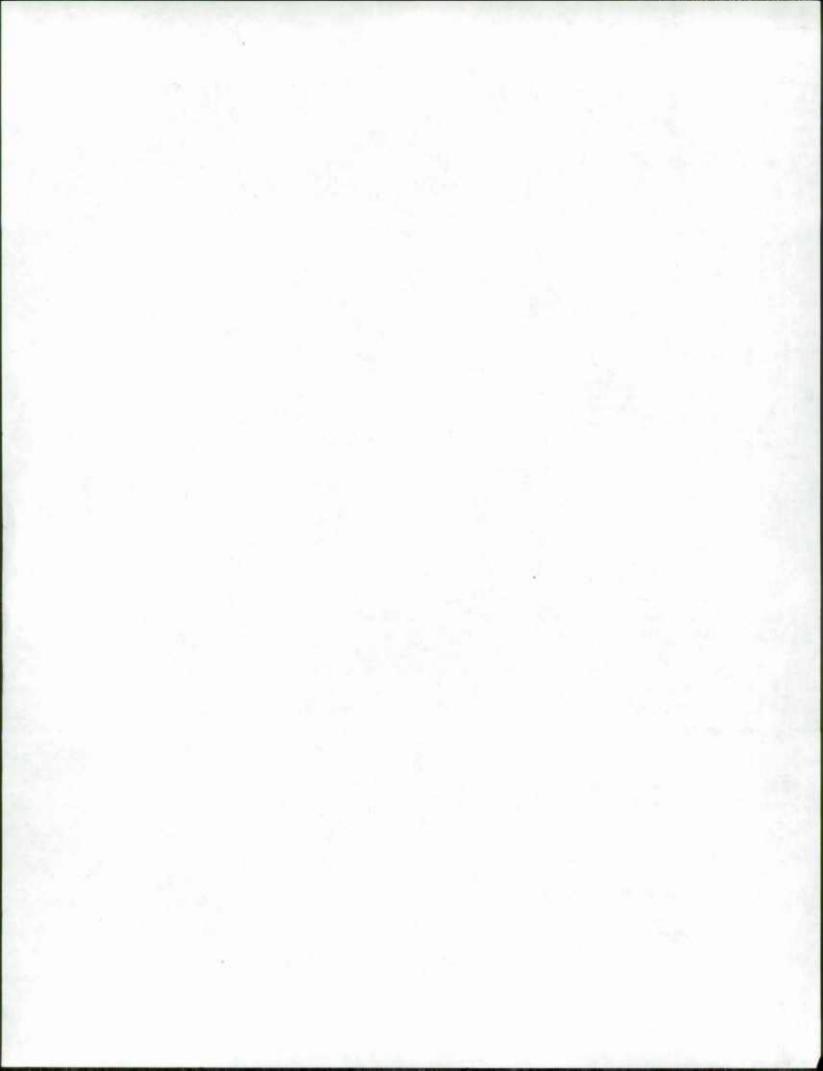
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September 29, 2010

Ms. Holly Tompkins Queen Anne's County Dept of Land Use, Growth Mgt, and Environment 160 Coursevall Drive Centreville, MD 21617

Re: Queen Anne's County Medical Park

Revised Buffer Management Plan

Dear Ms. Tompkins:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the revised Buffer Management Plan for the Queen Anne's County Medical Park. These revisions were required as a component of the growth allocation approval granted by the Critical Area Commission in 2009. At that time the Commission required planting in the area of hydric soils adjacent to the parking lot and stormwater management facility. The revised Buffer Management Plan shows planting located in these areas. However, the plan does not fully comply with the provisions of COMAR 27.01.09.01. Specifically, the following revisions are required before the County can approve the revised Buffer Management Plan:

- 1. The square foot credit shown on the plan (400 square feet for a 2" caliper tree and 3 shrubs) is not correct. The maximum credit allowed is provided in 27.01.09.01-2.H. As currently shown, the plan is only providing 4,900 square feet of planting for the mitigation area (5,700 square feet is required) and 4,200 square feet of planting for the hydric soil area (4,771 square feet is required).
- 2. In order to claim 50 square feet of credit for a landscape shrub it must qualify as a large shrub. A large shrub is one that reaches at least 6' in height at maturity. *Aronia arbutifolia* would qualify as a small shrub and should be replaced in the plant list.
- 3. If the applicant wants to claim credit for a planting cluster, then the arrangement of the plants shown on Sheet 2 must be in a cluster. The tree and shrubs should be located within a 20 foot square space together.

- 4. This plan qualifies as a Major Buffer Management Plan because the total amount of planting required is greater than 5,000 square feet. Therefore, all of the provisions of COMAR 27.01.09.01-3.J must be met. The following should be added to the plan:
 - a. Notes regarding maintenance of the area to keep it free of invasive species and pest control practices.
 - b. A requirement for 100% survival at the end of the planting season for the 2nd year. The note currently only requires replacement before the beginning of the 2nd year.
 - c. An inspection agreement permitting the County to inspect the plantings at the appropriate time.
 - d. A signature by the applicant taking responsibility for the survival of the planting for two years in total.
- 5. Financial assurance for the planting material and survivability requirement is required.

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

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau Regional Program Chief

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Cc: Mr. Tom Davis, DMS & Associates QC641-08

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August 20, 2010

Mr. Steve Cohoon Queen Anne's County Dept of Land Use, Growth Mgt & Environment 160 Coursevall Drive Centrevillw, MD 21617

Re: Queen Anne's County Medical Park

Buffer Management Plan

Dear Mr. Cohoon:

Thank you for submitting a copy of the current approved Buffer Management Plan for the Queen Anne's County Medical Park. As you know, I have asked for revisions to the BMP based on the growth allocation approval granted for the project on July 8, 2009. It appears there is some confusion on the part of the applicant as to which additional area of the plan required planting to be in conformance with this condition:

"Eliminate the area of parking located in the Critical Area over hydric soils and plant it with natural vegetation that will enhance the proposed bioswale. The County will submit a revised Buffer Management plan showing the proposed plantings for review and approval by Commission staff."

The applicant revised the site plan in accordance with the above condition by removing the area of parking over the hydric soil. However, this area does not indicate plantings on the approved BMP. To illustrate please find enclosed a copy of the BMP that was part of the growth allocation package reviewed by the Commission (stamped May 12, 2009) and a copy of the BMP you provided on August 19, 2010. I have highlighted the limit of hydric soil in yellow on both plans (the line is approximated on the 8/19/2010 plan). I have then circled in orange the area to be planted on the 8/19/2010 plan. I would

Mr. Steve Cohoon August 20, 2010 Page 2 of 2

appreciate your assistance in directing the applicant to adjust their plans accordingly. I look forward to receiving a revised plan.

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau Regional Program Chief

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Mr. Tom Davis

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May 17, 2010

Ms. Saundra Carter Queen Anne's County Dept of Land Use, Growth Mgt, and Environment 160 Coursevall Drive Centreville, MD 21617

Re: MASP # 05-10-03-0008-C

Queen Anne's County Medical Park II

Dear Ms. Carter:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced major site plan for review and comment. The Queen Anne's County Medical Center is planning to construct Phase II of the park which includes an office building and associated parking. The site area is 14.67 acres of which 6.49 acres is located in the Critical Area. The site was granted growth allocation for Intensely Developed Area (IDA) on July 8, 2009. Based on that approval and the revised site plan submitted, I have the following comments:

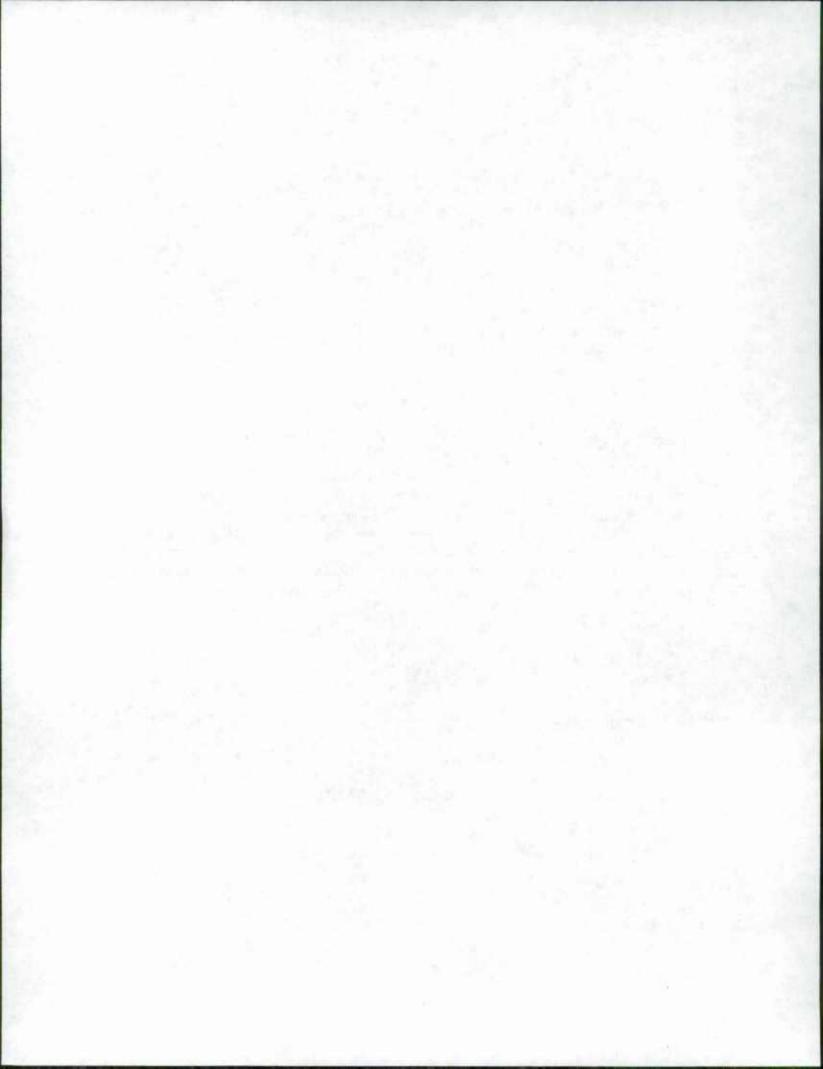
- 1. The approval by the Critical Area Commission included the following condition: "Eliminate the area of parking located in the Critical Area over hydric soils and plant it with natural vegetation that will enhance the proposed bioswale. The County will submit a revised Buffer Management plan showing the proposed plantings for review and approval by Commission staff."
 - Please amend the Buffer Management Plan accordingly.
- 2. A copy of the revised Critical Area map showing the property as IDA should have been forwarded to this office within 120 days of the growth allocation approval. I do not have a record of this submission, please forward a copy at this time.

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau

Regional Program Chief

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April 12, 2010

Ms. Sandra Carter Queen Anne's County Dept of Land Use, Growth Mgt, and Environment 160 Coursevall Drive Centreville, MD 21617

Re: MASP #05-10-03-0008-C

Queen Anne's County Medical Park II

Dear Ms. Carter:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced major site plan for review and comment. The Queen Anne's County Medical Center is planning to construct Phase II of the park which includes an office building and associate parking. The site area is 14.67 acres of which 6.49 acres is located in the Critical Area. The site was granted growth allocation for Intensely Developed Area (IDA) on July 8, 2009. Based on that approval and the site plan submitted, I have the following comments:

- 1. The Critical Area Commission eliminated the area of parking over hydric (Othello) soils on the northeastern portion of the project. This is currently shown as future parking area, however it should be eliminated as the growth allocation approval eliminated this proposed impact to the hydric soil. Please revise.
- 2. The growth allocation approval also required a revised Buffer Management Plan that shows additional plantings in the area of the hydric soils. The planting details and schedule should meet the updated provisions of COMAR 27.01.09.01. Please submit a revised Buffer Management Plan at this time.
- 3. Please provide updated 10% calculations based on the proposed drainage areas within the Critical Area.

4. Lastly, a copy of the revised Critical Area map showing the property as IDA should have been forwarded to this office within 120 days of the growth allocation approval. I do not have a record of this submission, please forward a copy at this time.

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

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau

Regional Program Chief

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Cc: Ms. Holly Tompkins

Mr. Rick Davis

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Mr. Steve Cohoon
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Re: File #05-07-11-0003-C; Final Site Plan Queen Anne's County Medical Park

Dear Mr. Cohoon:

Thank you for providing updated information regarding the above referenced project. We last provided technical site plan comments on January 6, 2009 and preliminary staff comments regarding the proposed growth allocation on April 6, 2009. On April 10, 2009 I received a final site plan for Phase I of the Medical Park which includes the emergency room and associated parking only and a conceptual stormwater management plan addressing the 10% pollutant reduction requirement in the Critical Area. This letter provides updated comments for each item.

Final Site Plan

1. Sheet C-2 indicates that the majority of development in the Critical Area will occur during Phase 3 but that the stormwater management pond will provide quantity control for the entire site. As was discussed on our site visit of April 8, 2009 the 100-foot Buffer to the tributary stream must be drawn from the outermost stream channel. It appeared the Buffer was drawn from an inner channel in the braided system we observed. Before final site plan approval is granted, the location of the 100-foot Buffer should be reconfirmed as it could impact the location of the stormwater management pond and the location of other development.

Conceptual Stormwater Management

2. The final site plan included detailed stormwater management plans for Phase I, but not for Phase II or Phase III. In order to provide a complete review of the 10% pollutant reduction calculations, the detailed plans are necessary for Phase II and Phase III. A significant portion of the pollutant removal requirement is being met using a porous

Mr. Steve Cohoon MASP #05-07-01-0001-C April 20, 2009 Page 2 of 2

pavement/infiltration trench. We would like to review this system more completely, particularly given the nature of the hydric soils where one of these system is proposed.

- 3. The 10% pollutant reduction calculations should be revised as follows:
 - a. The site area within the Critical Area at Step A:1) should be based on the entire IDA, or 6.488 acres.
 - b. The % drainage area served by each BMP is based on the percentage of drainage area within the Critical Area and should not include drainage outside the Critical Area.
 - c. Please breakout the impervious surface area by type at Step A:2). Please note, that the area of porous concrete should be included in the total area of imperviousness and not discounted since this is used as a BMP.
- 4. Disturbance to the 100-foot Buffer for the stormwater outfall should be mitigated at a ratio of 2:1 which is consistent with the Critical Area Commission's guidance. Therefore, for Buffer forest clearing of 0.130 acres, the applicant must provide mitigation for 0.26 acres. This mitigation should be included on a Buffer Management Plan that must be included with the growth allocation submittal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (410) 260-3475.

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau

Regional Program Chief

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Cc: Ms. Martha Herman

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April 6, 2009

Ms. Holly Tompkins
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Re: Queen Anne's County Medical Park Growth Allocation Request Preliminary Staff Comments

Dear Ms. Tompkins:

Thank you for submitting a copy of the petition to the County Commissioners for growth allocation map amendment for the above referenced project for review and comment. The request for growth allocation approval will be heard by the Planning Commission on April 9, 2009. Critical Area Commission staff has previously provided review and comment on this proposal on December 1, 2008 and January 6, 2009. Based on the material submitted I have the following additional comments:

- 1. As of April 6, 2009 regarding growth allocation submittal requirements as described in COMAR 27.01.02.05-1 & 2 are in effect. The County submission of this growth allocation request to the Critical Area Commission must meet these regulations.
- 2. The material submitted to date does not address Section 14:1-52 regarding the required expansion of the 100-foot Buffer for adjacent hydric soils.
- 3. To date, this office has not received a preliminary plan demonstrating compliance with the 10% pollutant removal requirements.
- 4. A Buffer Management Plan addressing the impacts proposed to the Buffer for the stormwater management outfall is required per the new growth allocation submittal requirements.

Ms. Holly Tompkins Queen Anne's County Medical Park April 6, 2009 Page 2 of 2

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5. As previously noted, the growth allocation submission must also the address Natural Resources Article, §8-1808.1(c)1 & (c)3.

These comments are based on preliminary review of the materials provided. Staff may have additional comments or requests for information once formal submission to this office has been made. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau

Regional Program Chief

Cc: Steve Cohoon, Chief

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January 6, 2009

Ms. Martha Herman Queen Anne's County Dept. of Land Use, Growth Mgt. & Env. 160 Coursewall Drive Centreville, Maryland 21617

Re: File #05-07-11-0003-C; Revision #1

Queen Anne's County Medical Park

Dear Ms. Herman:

Thank you for providing updated information regarding the above referenced project. Marshall Johnson previously provided comments on December 1, 2008. Our remaining comments are outlined below:

- 1. The soil survey indicates hydric soils are located adjacent to the 100-foot buffer and non-tidal wetland buffer which would require expansion under Section 14:1-52. Please provide this office a copy of the determination made by the Planning Commission regarding this requirement. The findings must evaluate whether the development will or may adversely affect the adjacent stream and wetlands.
- 2. As previously stated by Mr. Johnson, conceptual stormwater management plans and 10% stormwater pollution reduction calculations must be included in a growth allocation submittal to the Critical Area Commission.
- 3. The applicant will need to resurvey for the presence of Delmarva Fox Squirrel. The Critical Area Commission will not accept a survey more than 2 years old.

Ms. Martha Herman Queen Anne's Medical Park January 6, 2008 Page 2 of 2

Please note the comments regarding the growth allocation process contained in the previous letter still apply. Please contact me at (410) 260-3475 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide further comment.

Sincerely,

Kate Charbonneau

Regional Program Chief

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December 1, 2008

Holly Tompkins
Queen Anne's County
Department of Land Use, Growth Management
and Environment
160 Coursevall Drive
Centreville, Maryland 21617

RE: 05-08-11-0003-C, Medical Park

Dear Ms. Tompkins:

Thank you for providing information on the above referenced proposal to construct a new medical facility. The site is an undeveloped agricultural property located partially within the Resource Conservation Area (RCA) of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and there is a Critical Area Buffer on the site from an adjacent tributary stream. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 27.01.02.05 and County Code § 14:1-39 do not allow the proposed use in the RCA; therefore, as you know, growth allocation will be required for this project. Please contact me to discuss the procedure and materials required for the County to make a growth allocation request for this project. I have provided preliminary comments below on the site plan that was submitted and addressed the proposal assuming that growth allocation will be requested to change the Critical Area designation from RCA to Intensely Developed Area (IDA).

- 1. A wetland delineation is required to accurately locate the 100-foot Buffer. The 100-foot Buffer must be expanded to include any contiguous non-tidal wetlands. Additionally, under § 14:1-52 the County Planning Commission must make a determination for Buffer expansion at this site.
- 2. The 10% stormwater pollution reduction calculations submitted state that additional BMPs in a series will be needed to meet the 10% requirements. In order to submit the growth allocation request, the applicant must submit conceptual stormwater management plans and a revised Worksheet A to address the entire 10% removal requirement. Typically treatment ponds or other best management practices (BMPs) are not allowed in the Critical Area 100-foot

Buffer. The plans submitted show a BMP in an area with hydric soil contiguous to the Buffer, for which the Buffer may require expansion (see comment above).

- 3. The submission for growth allocation must also include a letter from the DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service regarding the project. Any additional requirements of DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service for habitat protection areas must be addressed.
- 4. Based on our review of aerial imagery, it appears the site may qualify as potential FIDS (Forest Interior Dwelling Species) habitat. If DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service indicates the site contains FIDS habitat, the growth allocation request should contain information regarding this resources and any proposed impacts. A field survey may be appropriate to confirm the presence of FIDS. Please review the 2000 guidance manual "A Guide to the Conservation of Forest Interior Dwelling Birds in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area" for further details.

In addition to the comments above, I have the following information regarding the growth allocation process.

The Critical Area law and Criteria contain standards pertaining to the location of new LDA and IDA within the Critical Area. The County must address the following standards for the proposed growth allocation project.

- a) Locate a new Intensely Developed Area in a Limited Development Area or adjacent to an existing Intensely Developed Area in the County.
- b) Locate a new Limited Development Area adjacent to an existing Limited Development Area or an Intensely Developed Area.
- c) Locate a new Intensely Developed Area in a Limited Development Area in a manner that minimizes impacts to a habitat protection area as defined in COMAR 27.01.09, and in an area and manner that optimizes benefits to water quality.
- d) Locate new Intensely Developed Area or Limited Developed Area in a Resource Conservation Area at least 300 feet beyond the landward edge of tidal wetlands.
- e) New Intensely Developed or Limited Development Areas to be located in the Resource Conservation Area shall conform to all criteria of the Commission for Intensely Developed or Limited Development Areas and shall be designated on the comprehensive zoning map submitted by the local jurisdiction as part of its application to the Commission for program approval or at a later date in compliance with Section 8-1809(g).
- f) Except in Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester, no more than one-half of the expansion allocated in the criteria of the Commission may be located in Resource Conservation Areas.
- g) The area of expansion of Intensely Developed or Limited Development Areas, or both, may not exceed an area equal to 5 percent of the county's portion of the Resource Conservation Area lands that are not tidal wetland or federally owned.
- h) When planning future expansions of Intensely Developed and Limited

Development Areas, counties, in coordination with affected municipalities, shall establish a process to accommodate the growth needs of the municipalities.

i) New Intensely Developed Areas should be located where they minimize impacts to the defined land uses of the Resource Conservation Area.

If the above standard a) can not be met by the project, there is an option for the County to propose a text amendment to the County Critical Area ordinance for approval by the Commission with locational standards that can be used as an alternative to the adjacency requirements in reviewing these proposals.

As of July 1, 2008, the growth allocation guidelines found in Natural Resources Article 8-1808.1(c) are standards. In addition, the Commission shall consider the following additional factors for a map amendment or refinement involving a new IDA:

- a) Consistency with the jurisdiction's adopted comprehensive plan and whether the growth allocation would implement the goals and objectives of the adopted plan;
- b) Whether the development is to be served by a public wastewater system;
- c) Whether the development is to have an allowed average density of at least 3.5 units per acre, as calculated under §5-7B-03(H) of the State Finance and Procurement Article;
- d) To have a demonstrable economic benefit to the area
- e) Consistency with the State and Regional environmental protection policies concerning the protection of threatened and endangered species and species in need of conservation that may be located on or off-site;
- f) Impacts on a Priority Preservation Area, as defined under §2-518 of the Agriculture Article;
- g) Environmental impacts associated with wastewater and stormwater management practices and wastewater and stormwater discharges to tidal waters, tidal wetlands, and tributary streams; and
- h) Environmental impacts associated with location in a coastal hazard area or an increased risk of severe flooding attributable to the proposed development.

As part of the formal growth allocation submittal package to the Commission, the County (applicant) must address each of the above factors.

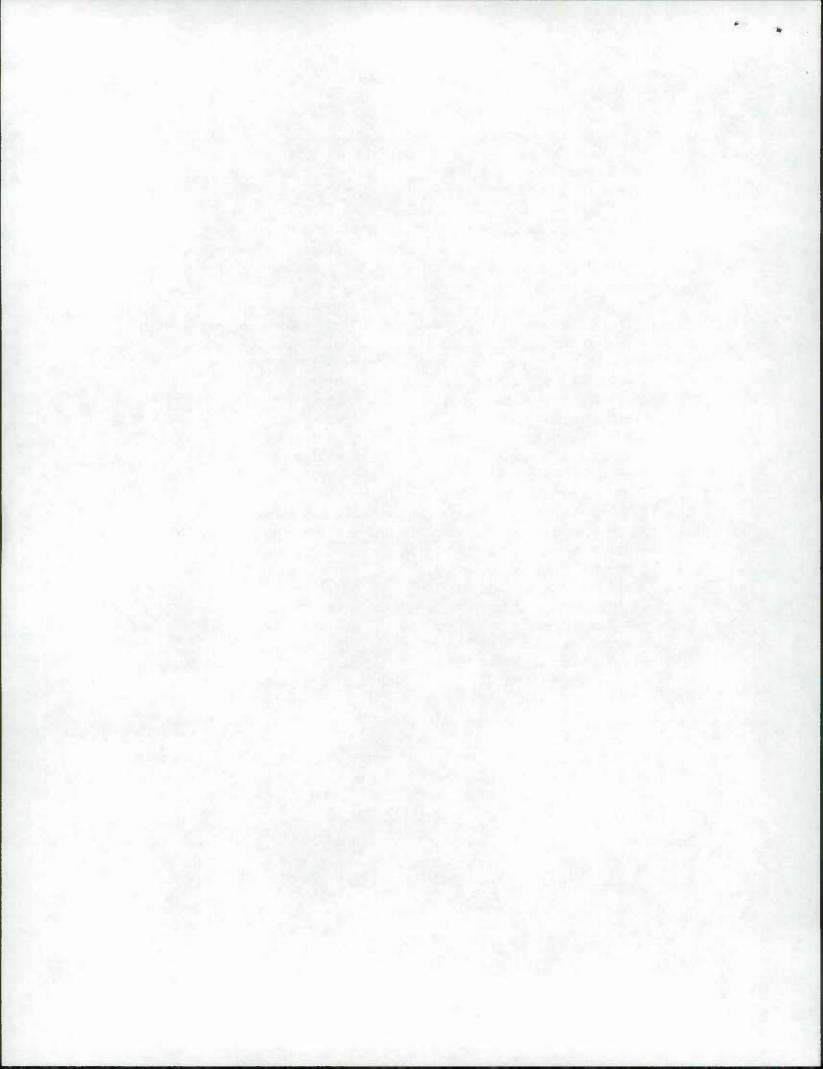
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposal. If you have any additional questions please contact me at 410-260-3479.

Sincerely,

Marshall Johnson

Marshall Johnson
Natural Resources Planner

cc: QC 641-08





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February 23, 2009

Wm. Thomas Davis, Jr. DMS & Associates, LLC P.O. Box 80 Centreville, MD 21617

RE: Proposed QA County Medical Park

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have reviewed the concept plan (dated 12/12/08) for the Queen Anne's County Medical Park off Nesbit Road near Grasonville, as requested, for impacts to the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel. A survey for Delmarva fox squirrels (DFS) was conducted in 2004 on the property by Three-Square Wildlife Services, LLC. No DFS were live trapped or observed during that survey, which was conducted in accordance with protocols established by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and conducted under a permit from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The Critical Area Commission has requested that the area of the proposed Queen Anne's Medical Park be resurveyed since the results of the 2004 survey are more than two years old. I discussed your proposed project with Kate Charbonneau of the Critical Area Commission. I told her that the medical center is proposed in the open field portion of the property (which is not DFS habitat) and no suitable DFS habitat is proposed to be cleared. Most of the potential Delmarva fox squirrel habitat previously surveyed is on the west side of Nesbit Road and the proposed medical center is on the east side of Nesbit Road.

As proposed, the construction of the Queen Anne's County Medical Park will not adversely impact DFS or its habitat.

Sincerely,

Glenn D. Therres, Associate Director

Wildlife and Heritage Service

cc:

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