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# PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Application: C/Z 1955 American Storage of Delaware, LLC

Applicant: American Storage of Delaware, LLC

113 Dickinson Street Dewey Beach, DE 19971

Owner: American Storage of Delaware, LLC

113 Dickinson Street Dewey Beach, DE 19971

Site Location: Lying on the west side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24),

approximately 0.25 mile south of the intersection of Autumn Road

(S.C.R. 299) and Bay Farm Road (Route 299).

Current Zoning: Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District

Proposed Zoning: Medium Density Residential (MR) District

Comprehensive Land

Use Plan Reference: Coastal Area

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District: Mr. Hudson

School District: Indian River School District

Fire District: Indian River Fire Department

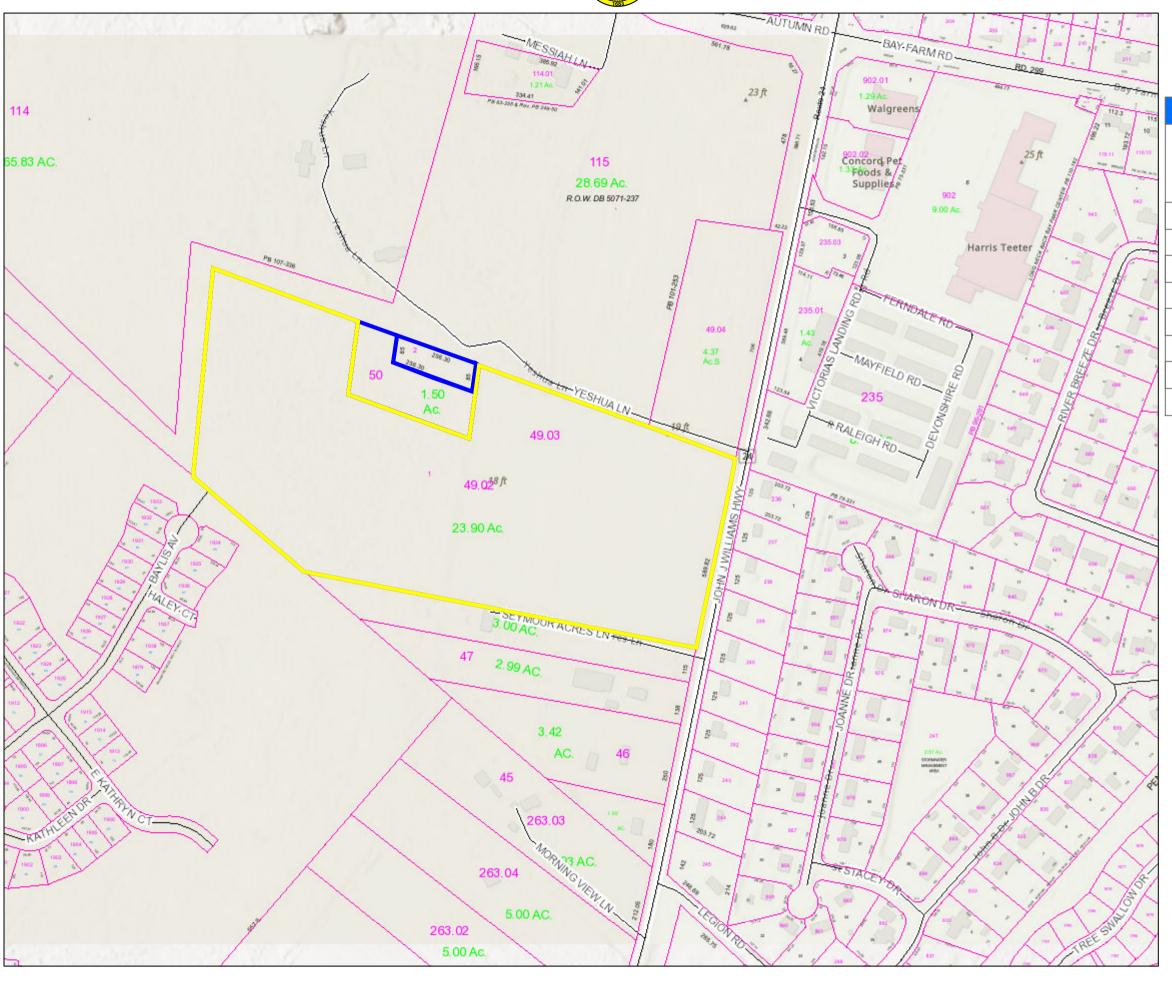
Sewer: Sussex County

Water: Tidewater

Site Area: 17.63 acres +/-

Tax Map ID.: (portion of) 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00





PIN:	234-29.00-49.02
Owner Name	AMERICAN STORAGE
	OF DELAWARE LLC
Book	5328
Mailing Address	113 DICKINSON ST STE 10
City	DEWEY BEACH
State	DE
Description	W/RT 24
Description 2	PARCEL 1
Description 3	
Land Code	

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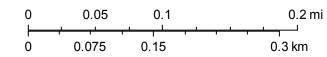
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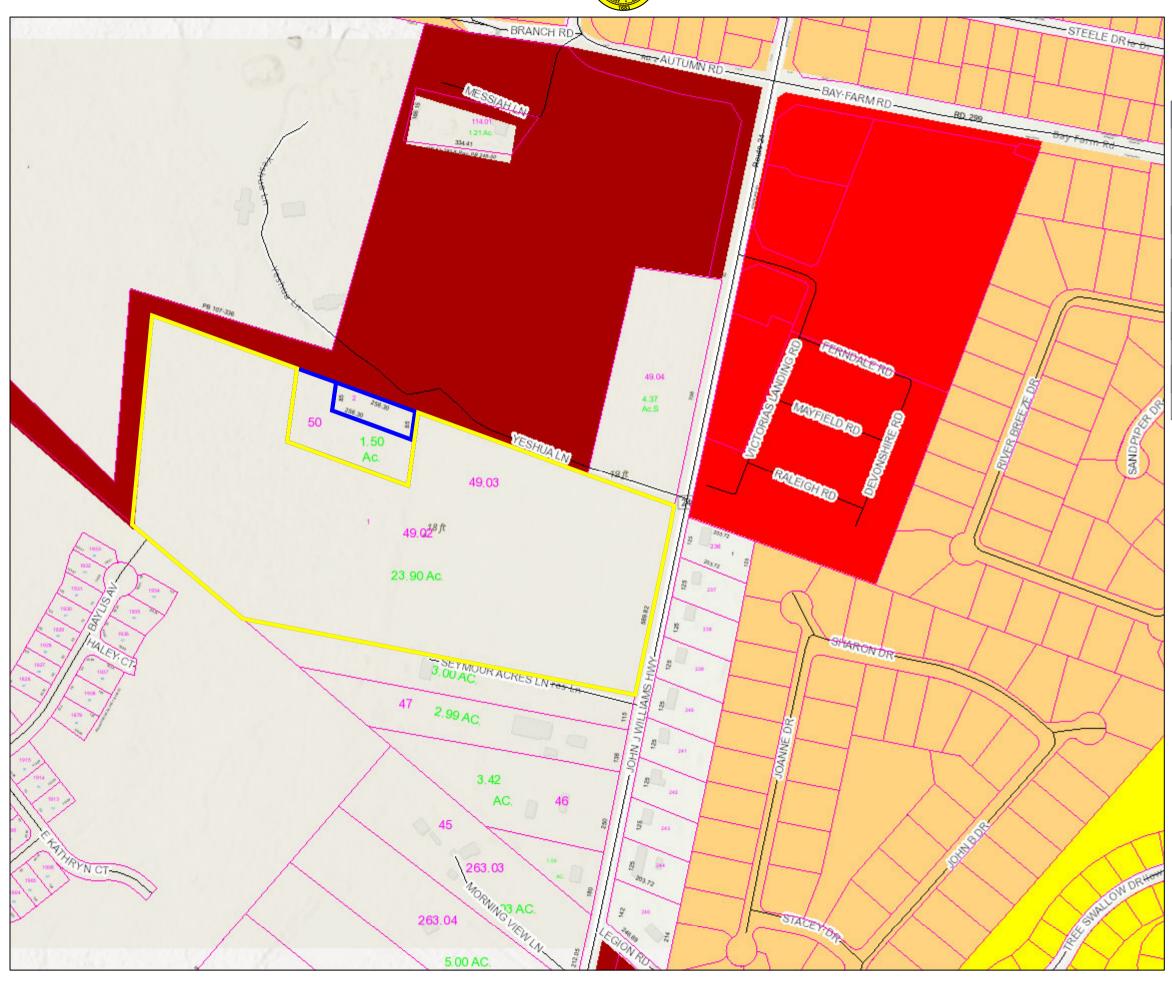
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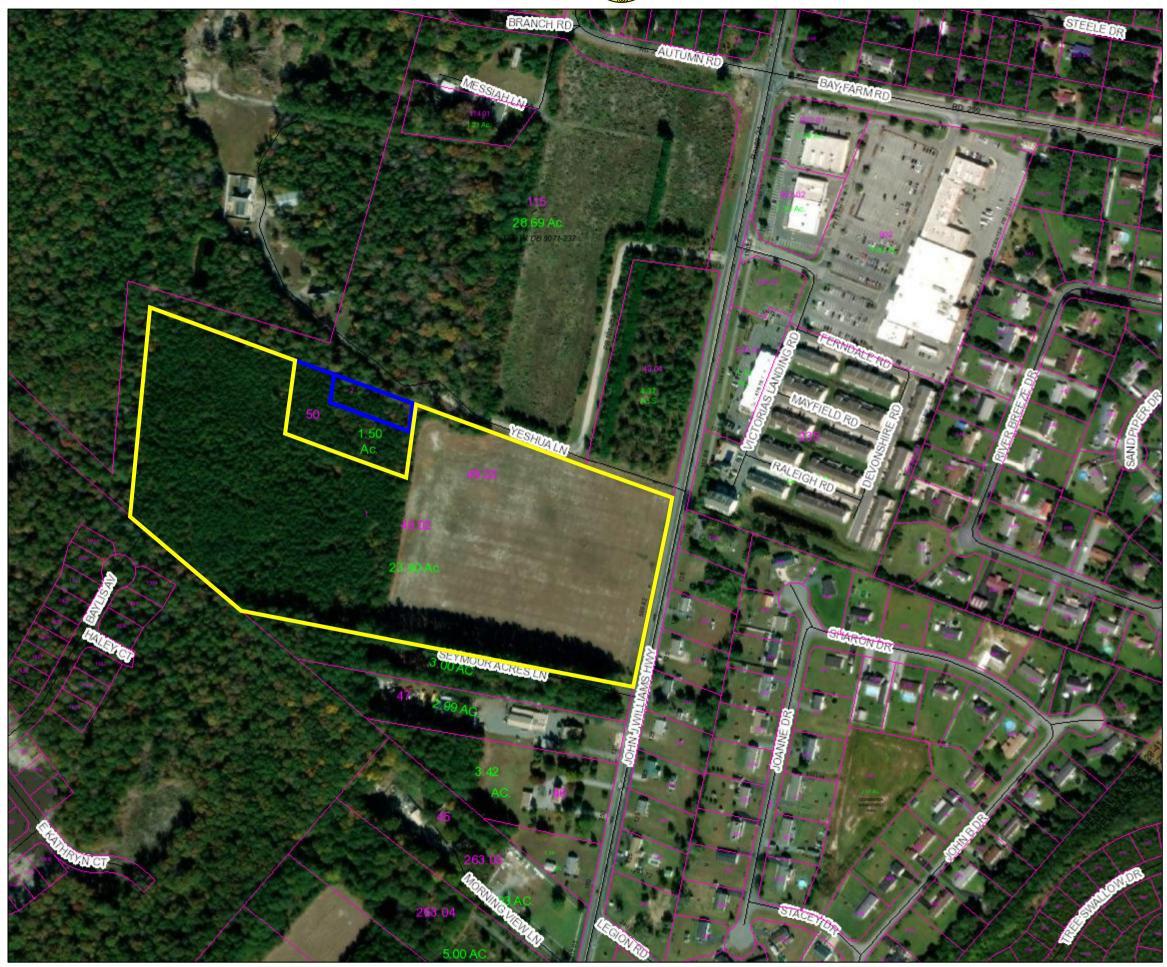
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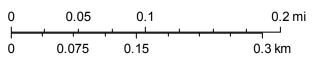
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# Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members

From: Ms. Lauren DeVore, Planner III

CC: Mr. Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and Applicant

Date: February 21, 2022

RE: Staff Analysis for C/Z 1955 American Storage of Delaware, LLC

This memo provides background and an analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of Change of Zone No. 1955 American Storage of Delaware, LLC. This analysis has been completed for the March 24, 2022, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and it should be included in the record. This analysis is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Change of Zoning for a portion of Tax Parcels: 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 and 50.00 to allow for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District to a Medium Density Residential (MR) Zoning District. The properties are located on the east side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) approximately 0.25 mile south of the intersection of Autumn Road (S.C.R. 299) and Bay Farm Road (Route 299). The parcels comprise a total area of 17.63 acres +/-.

## Comprehensive Plan Analysis

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use Map in the plan indicates that the parcels have a designation of "Coastal Area" The parcels to the north, east and west also have a Future Land Use Map designation of "Coastal Area." The adjacent parcels to the north and south of the subject properties also retain the Future Land Use Map designation of "Coastal Area." The properties on the opposite side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) are also designated as "Coastal Areas." The balance of the property to the northwest of the subject site contains the Future Land Use Map designation of "Low Density Area" with four properties on the eastern side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) containing a Future Land Use Map designation of "Commercial Area."

As outlined within the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Areas are areas that can accommodate development provided special environmental concerns are addressed. A range of housing types should be permitted in Coastal Areas, including single-family homes, townhouses, and multi-family units. Retail and office uses are appropriate but larger shopping centers and office parks should be confined to selected locations with access along arterial roads. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed. In doing so, careful mixtures of homes with light commercial, office and institutional uses can be appropriate to provide for convenient services and to allow people to work close to home. Major new industrial uses are not proposed in these areas. (Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-15).



## **Zoning Information**

The subject properties are zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1). All surrounding properties to the south and 90 degrees due east on the opposite side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) are zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1). The remaining parcels on the opposite side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) to the northeast are zoned General Commercial (C-1) and General Residential (GR).

### Applicability to Comprehensive Plan

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan outlines Zoning Districts by their applicability to each Future Land Use category. Under Table 4.5-2 "Zoning Districts Applicable to Future Land Use Categories," the Medium Density Residential (MR) Zoning District is listed as an applicable zoning district in the Coastal Area (Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-25).

## Existing Changes of Zone within the Vicinity of the Subject Site

Since 2011, there have been five (5) Change of Zone applications within a 0.25 mile radius of the application site. The first application is Change of Zone 1788 Upesh Vyas for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District to a Commercial Residential (CR-1) District which was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. This change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2427. The second application is Change of Zone 1791 Carillon Square Apartments, LLC for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District and General Commercial (C-1) District to a High Density Residential (HR-1) District which was approved by the Sussex County Council at their meeting of Tuesday, April 12, 2016. This change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2444. The third application is Change of Zone 1880 Craig Kormanik for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential District (AR-1) to a Medium Commercial (C-2) Zoning District which was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, and adopted through Ordinance No. 2669. The fourth application is Change of Zone 1911 Schiff Land Development Co., LC (Mr. TJ Schiff) (Patriots Glen Phase 2) for a change of zone from a Medium Density Residential (MR) District and a Commercial Residential (CR-1) District to a Medium Density Residential, Residential Planned Community (MR-RPC) which was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, April 20. 2021. This change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2770. The fifth application is Change of Zone 1940 Community Bank Delaware c/o Stephen W. Spence for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District to a Medium Commercial (C-2) District which was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. This change was adopted through Ordinance No. 2829.

Based on the analysis provided, a change from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District to a Medium Density Residential (MR) Zoning District could be considered as consistent with the surrounding land uses and zoning.



Stephen W. Spence <a href="mailto:sws@bmbde.com">sws@bmbde.com</a> (302)645-2262

February 15, 2022

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VIA EMAIL

Department of Planning & Zoning Director Jamie Whitehouse 2 The Circle, P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947 FEB 1 6 2022

SUSSEX COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

RE:

Change of Zone Applications and Conditional Use for American Storage of

Delaware, LLC

Tax Map Parcel Nos.: 234-29.00-48.02, 49.03 & 50.00

CZ 1954: Change of Zone Application for 8.0 Acres from AR-1 to C-3 CZ 1955: Change of Zone Application for 17.63 Acres from AR-1 to MR CU 2315: Conditional Use Application for Multi-Family Use on the MR area

#### Director Whitehouse:

This letter confirms that Baird Mandalas Brockstedt LLC will be handling the above-referenced applications.

We also request a meeting with you or a member of Planning Staff to review the files associated with the applications. We are available for a meeting on February 28, 2022 between 11:00AM and 12:30PM. Please confirm your availability to meet with us then.

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:sws@bmbde.com">sws@bmbde.com</a> and <a href="mailto:mackenzie@bmbde.com">mackenzie@bmbde.com</a> or by phone at 302-645-2262.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Spence, Esquire Mackenzie M. Peet, Esquire

Cc: American Storage of Delaware, LLC



David C. Hutt 302.856.0018 dhutt@morrisjames.com

February 14, 2022

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BY HAND DELIVERY

Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning Office 2 The Circle, P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: Change of Zone Applications and a Conditional Use

America Storage of Delaware, LLC

SCTP Nos. 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00

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Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

Please be advised that Stephen W. Spence with Baird Mandalas Brockstedt, LLC will be handling the above-referenced applications going forward. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

MORRIS JAMES LLP

David C. Hutt, Esquire

Cc: America Storage of Delaware, LLC Stephen W. Spence, Esquire

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File #: <u>CZ 195</u>5 202114013

# Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check	(applicable)		
Conditional Use			
Zoning Map Amendment 👱			
Site Address of Conditional Use/Z	oning Map Amendme	ent	
West Side of Route 24 (Long Neck Area)	The state of the s		
Type of Conditional Use Requeste This change of zone seeks to change the 2 234-29.00-49.02 & 49.03 & 50.00) from	d: zoning classification for a	17,63 acres +/- (a combintial to MR Medium Den	nation of TMP Nos. p/o
Tax Map #: p/o 234-29.00-49.02, 49. C	3,50.00	Size of Parcel(s):	17.63
Current Zoning: AR-1 Prop	osed Zoning: MR	Size of Building:	N/A
Land Use Classification: Coastal Area	1 (2019 FLUM)		
Water Provider: Tidewater	Sewe	er Provider: Sussex C	ounty
Applicant Information			
Applicant Name: American Storage of	Delaware, LLC		
Applicant Address: 113 Dickinson Stre	et		water the later than the
	State: DE	ZipCode:	19971
Phone #: <u>(202)</u> 905-6706	E-mail: farme	erslawyer.com	
Owner Information			
Owner Name: See Applicant Information	on		And the Manager of the Control of th
Owner Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone #:	E-mail:		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Informa	tion		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name:	Baird Mandalas Brocksted	t LLC; Stephen W. Sper	nce, Esquire
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Address:	1413 Savannah Road, Su	ite 1	
City: Lewes	State: <u>DE</u>	Zip Code	: 19947
Phone # (302) 645-2262	F-mail ewell	bmbde com: mackenzie	





# Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications The following shall be submitted with the application

Completed Application	
o Survey shall show to parking area, propo	the Site Plan or Survey of the property the location of existing or proposed building(s), building setbacks osed entrance location, etc. ans (may be e-mailed to a staff member) ription
✓ Provide Fee \$500.00	
architectural elevations, ph shall be submitted a minim  Please be aware that Publi subject site and County sta	mation for the Commission/Council to consider (ex. notos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided submit 8 copies and they um of ten (10) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.  c Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the aff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign and time of the Public Hearings for the application.
DelDOT Service Level Evalu	ation Request Response
PLUS Response Letter (if re	quired)
I also certify that I or an agent on by bel Zoning Commission and the Sussex Cour and that I will answer any questions to t	nalf shall attend all public hearing before the Planning and nty Council and any other hearing necessary for this application the best of my ability to respond to the present and future nience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the inhabitants
	Date:
For office use only: Date Submitted: 9 22 2021 Staff accepting application: Location of property;	Fee: \$500.00 Check #: 10707 8 Application & Case #: C21965
Subdivision: Date of PC Hearing: Date of CC Hearing:	Recommendation of PC Commission:

File #: <u>CZ 1955</u> 202114013

# Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please che Conditional Use	eck applicable)	RECEIVED
Zoning Map Amendment	SEP 22 2021	
Site Address of Conditional Use	/Zoning Map Amendment	SUSSEX COUNTY
West Side of Rt, 24 (Long Neck Area)	PLANNING & ZONING	
Type of Conditional Use Reques This change of zone application see Sussex County Tax Parcel Nos. p/o District) to MR (Mcdium-Density R	ks to change the zoning classification 234-29.00-49.02 & 49.03 & 50.00 fi	for 17.63± acres (combination of rom AR-1 (Agricultural Residential
Tax Map #: p/o 234-29.00-49.02 &	49.03 & 50.00 Size of	of Parcel(s): 17.63 acres
Current Zoning: AR-1 Pro	oposed Zoning: MR Size o	of Building:
Land Use Classification: Coastal A	rca (2019 FLUM)	
Water Provider: Tidewater	Sewer Provide	der: Sussex County
Applicant Information		
Applicant Name: American Storage		
Applicant Address: 113 Dickinson S		
City: <u>Dewey Beach</u> Phone #: <u>(202)</u> 905-6706	State: DE	_ ZipCode: 19971
Phone #: <u>(202) 903-0700</u>	E-mail: Tannerslawyer(c	vaoi.com
Owner Information		
Owner Name: same as applicant		. 61
Owner Address:		
City:		Zip Code:
Phone #:		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Inform	nation	
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name:	David C. Hutt, Esq.   Morris James I	LLP
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Addres	s: 107 W. Market St.	9
City: Georgetown	State: DE	Zip Code: <u>19947</u>
Phone #: (302) 856-0018	F-mail: dhutt@morrisja	mes.com





# **Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications**

The following shall be submitted with the application

$\checkmark$	Completed Application	
✓	<ul> <li>Provide eight (8) copies of the Site Plan or Survey of the property</li> <li>Survey shall show the location of existing or proposed build parking area, proposed entrance location, etc.</li> <li>Provide a PDF of Plans (may be e-mailed to a staff member)</li> <li>Deed or Legal description</li> </ul>	100
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	Optional - Additional information for the Commission/Council to carchitectural elevations, photos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided subshall be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the Planning	mit 8 copies and they
✓	Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearings for the	photos and place a sign
$\checkmark$	DelDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response	
$\checkmark$	PLUS Response Letter (if required)	
	rsigned hereby certifies that the forms, exhibits, and statements conta mitted as a part of this application are true and correct.	ined in any papers or
Zoning Com and that I w needs, the I	tify that I or an agent on by behalf shall attend all public hearing before ommission and the Sussex County Council and any other hearing necess I will answer any questions to the best of my ability to respond to the pe health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general w County, Delaware.	sary for this application resent and future
Signature o	re of Applicant/Agent/Attorney	
	Date: 8/12/20.	21
Signature	Date: 8/12/21	
Subdivision: _ Date of PC He Date of CC He	h: Recommendation of PC Commission Hearing: Decision of CC:	

# Mailing List Application Form

For Applications Requiring a Public Hearing in Sussex County

Please fill out this form and return it with your application. As a part of your application, a Public Hearing is required. The property owners within 200' of the site of the application will be notified. Staff will notify the property owners.

Application	information:				
Site Address: West Side of John J. Williams Highway (Rt. 24)					
	No 911/Mailing Address				
Parcel	#: p/o 234-29.00-49.02 all of 49.03 and 50.00				
Site Address:					
	<u> </u>				
Parcel	#:				
Applicant Nat	mor A				
Applicant Ival	me: American Storage of Delaware, LLC				
Owner Name:	American Storage of Delaware, LLC				
Chang Subdiv	tional Use:   te of Zone:   X				
Date Submit	ted: <u>9/21/21</u>				
SHEELS VERI	e only: c Hearing:				
Date list creat	ed: List created by:				
Date letters m	ailed: Letters sent by:				



#### STATE OF DELAWARE

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

800 BAY ROAD
P.O. BOX 778
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

September 10, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the American Storage of Delaware, LLC proposed land use application, which we received on September 2, 2021. This application is for approximately 25.90- acre assemblage of parcels (Tax Parcels: 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03, 50.00) The subject land is located on the west side of John J. William Highway (State Route 24) about 800 ft north of the intersection with Legion Road (Sussex Road 298). The subject land is currently zoned AR-1 (Agriculture Residential); and the applicant is seeking to change the existing parcel lines to create two new parcels with a proposed zoning of C-3 (Heavy Commercial) for the first parcel to build a mini warehouse. The second parcel is proposed to be zoned as MR (Medium Density Residential) with a conditional use approval to build 140 multifamily housing units.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along John J. William Highway from Long Neck Road (State Route 5) to Mount Joy Road (Sussex Road 297), are 18,682 and 24,022 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review, we estimate that the proposed land use will generate more than 50 vehicle trips per peak hour or 500 vehicle trips per day, and would be considered to have a **Minor** impact to the local area roadways. In this instance, the Department considers a Minor impact to be when a proposed land use would generate more than either 50 vehicle trips per peak hour and / or 500 vehicle trips per day but fewer than 200 vehicle trips per a weekly peak hour and 2,000 vehicle trips per day. Because of this impact, we recommend that the applicant be required to perform a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the subject application. However, our <u>Development Coordination Manual</u> provides that where a TIS is required only because the volume warrants are met, and the projected trip generation will be fewer than 200 vehicle trips per a weekly peak hour and fewer than 2,000 vehicle trips per day, DelDOT may permit the developer to pay an Area-Wide Study Fee of \$10 per daily trip in lieu of doing a TIS. For this application, if the County were agreeable, we would permit the developer to pay an Area-wide Study Fee.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 September 10, 2021

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

County Coordinator

Clarity founder for

**Development Coordination** 

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cc: American Storage of Delaware, LLC, Applicant

David C. Hutt, Esquire, Applicant

Lauren DeVore, Sussex County Planning & Zoning

David Edgell, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination

Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations

Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination

Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations

Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

# SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

TO:	Jamie Whitehouse
REVIEWER:	Chris Calio
DATE:	2/25/2022
APPLICATION:	CZ 1955 American Storage of Delaware, LLC
APPLICANT:	American Storage of Delaware, LLC
FILE NO:	NCPA-5.03
TAX MAP & PARCEL(S):	234-29.00-49.02 (p/o), 49.03 & 50.00
LOCATION:	Lying on the west side of John J. Williams Highway (Rt. 24), approximately 0.25 mile south of Autumn Road (SCR 299).

**GROSS** 

ACREAGE:

NO. OF UNITS:

17.63

SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 2

upzone from AR-1 to MR

#### SEWER:

(1). Is the project in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water district?

Yes 🔲

No 🗵

- a. If yes, see question (2).
- b. If no, see question (7).
- (2). Which County Tier Area is project in? Tier 2
- (3). Is wastewater capacity available for the project? **Yes** If not, what capacity is available? **N/A**.
- (4). Is a Construction Agreement required? **Yes** If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.
- (5). Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? No If yes, how many? N/A. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? Yes If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is Unified \$6,600.00 per EDU. Please contact Nicole Messeck at 302-855-7719 for additional information on charges.

- (6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? **Yes** 
  - Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.
- (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? Yes
- (8). Comments: Click or tap here to enter text.
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? Yes, Contact Utility Planning at 302-855-7370 to apply
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? Yes
- (11). <u>All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design</u> standards.

UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman

Sr. Manager of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.

Lisa Walls

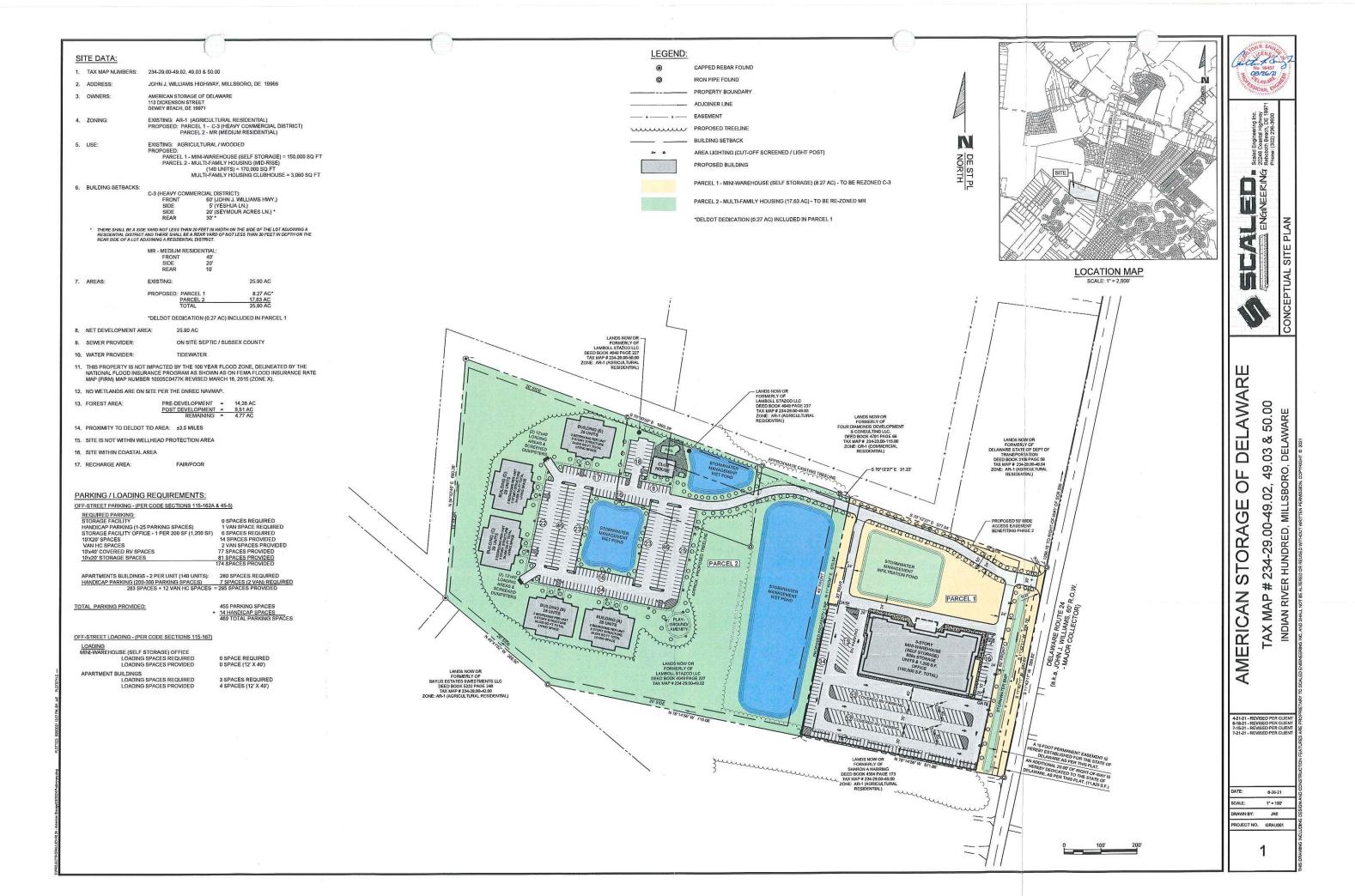
Nicole Messeck

# **Policy for Extending District Boundaries**

- 1. Property owner (developer) and/or his representative shall make a request to the Utility Planning Division for a Sewer System Concept Evaluation.
- 2. Property owner (developer) and/or his representative shall meet with the applicable planning and zoning agency to determine if zoning is appropriate for the development being planned.
- 3. With appropriate zoning, property owner (developer) and/or his representative shall send a letter (with appropriate application fee as listed below) requesting the Sussex County Council to consider extending the water and/or sanitary sewer district boundaries. (Sussex County Code)

Application Fo	ees
Less than 2 acres	\$500.00
2.1 -9.99 acres	\$750.00
10 - 150.00 acres	\$1,500.00
Greater than 150.00 acres	\$2,500.00

- 4. The Sussex County Engineering Department shall present, for Sussex County Council's consideration, posting of notices for the proposed extension of the district boundaries.
- 5. The Sussex County Council approves posting notices for the proposed extension of the boundaries. (If approval to post the notices is not given, the appropriate fee is refunded.)
- 6. Within ninety days of the posting of the notices, the Sussex County Council approves/disapproves extending the boundaries.
- 7. The Sussex County Council approves/disapproves of the extension of the water and/or sanitary sewer pipelines under the appropriate Sussex County Ordinance.





March 14, 2022

#### VIA EMAIL

Planning & Zoning Department Attn: Jamie Whitehouse, Director 2 The Circle PO Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Email: pandz@sussexcountyde.gov

Re: American Storage of Delaware, LLC

CZ 1954 for 8.0 acres from AR-1 to C-3 CZ 1955 for 17.63 acres from AR-1 to MR CU2315 for Multi-Family use on MR portion of Tax Map Parcel Nos. 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03, 50.00

Director Whitehouse,

Please find the enclosed supplemental packet for the above-referced applications.

Should you need any additional information prior to the public hearing or have any questions, please contact <a href="mackenzie@bmbde.com">mackenzie@bmbde.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Spence, Esquire Mackenzie M. Peet, Esquire

SWS/MMP

Enclosures

Cc: Carlton Savage, Jr., PE Alex Pires Nate Graulich

# EXHIBIT A

## PARID: 234-29.00-49.02 AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC

#### **Property Information**

Property Location: Unit: City: Zip: State: Class: AGR-Agriculture Use Code (LUC): AG0-AG A-I 00-None Town Tax District: 234 - INDIAN RIVER School District: 1 - INDIAN RIVER Council District: 4-Hudson Fire District: 80-Indian River Deeded Acres: 23.9000 Frontage: Depth: .000 Irr Lot: Plot Book Page: /PB 100% Land Value: \$3,600 100% Improvement Value 100% Total Value

#### Legal

Legal Description

W/RT 24 PARCEL 1

#### Owners

City Owner Co-owner Address State Zip AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC 113 DICKINSON ST STE 100 DEWEY BEACH DE 19971

#### Sales

Sale Price Parcels Sold Sale Date Book/Page Stamp Value Grantee/Buyer 10/13/2020 5328/310 \$600,000.00 AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC 10/09/2012 4049/227 \$105,000.00 \$1,575.00 0

# **Owner History**

Tax Year:	Owner:	Co-owner	Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	Deed Book/Page:
2099	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
2021	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
2020	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
2019	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
2018	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
2017	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
2013	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29603	4049/227
2009	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19709	3029/338
2005	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	3029/338
2003	ADAMS KEITH CONSTANCE ADAMS		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	2818/91

#### Land

Line Class Land Use Code Act Front Depth Calculated Acres Ag AGR 1 AG0 0 0 23.9000

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Line		1					
100% Land Value		3,600					
Agricultural Land							
Line:	CAMA Line:	Ag Use	Use:	Grade:	Acreage	Rate	Value:
1	1		AG		.0001		3600
Agriculture Totals							
Agricultural Acres		23.900	00				
100% Values							
100% Land Value		100% Improv Value			100% Total Value		
\$3,600							
50% Values	***************************************					1777777777777777777777777777777777777	
50% Land Value		50% Improv Value			50% Total Value		
\$1,800							

PARID: 234-29.00-49.03 AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC

#### **Property Information**

Property Location:

Unit: City:

Zip:

State:

Class:

Use Code (LUC):

Town Tax District: School District:

Council District: Fire District: Deeded Acres: Frontage: Depth:

Irr Lot: Plot Book Page:

100% Land Value: 100% Improvement Value 100% Total Value

**RES-Residential** 

RV-RESIDENTIAL VACANT

00-None

234 - INDIAN RIVER 1 - INDIAN RIVER 4-Hudson 80-Indian River .4995 85

/PB

256.000

\$5,000

Legal

Legal Description

W/RT 24 PARCEL 2

### Owners

Owner AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC Co-owner

Address

113 DICKINSON ST STE 100

City

**DEWEY BEACH** 

State DE

Zip 19971

Sales

Sale Date Book/Page 10/13/2020 01/15/2002 4049/227

5328/310

Sale Price \$202,577.00 Stamp Value

\$3,038.00

Parcels Sold

0

Grantee/Buyer

AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC

**Owner History** 

	Tax Year:	Owner:	Co-owner	Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	Deed Book/Page:
	2099	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
	2021	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
	2020	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/310
	2019	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
	2018	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
	2017	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	sc	29602	4049/227
	2014	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29603	4049/227
	2008	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19709	3029/338
	2005	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	3029/338
	2003	ADAMS KEITH CONSTANCE ADAMS		5179 W WOODMILL DR STE 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	2818/91

#### Land

Line	Class	Land Use Code	Act Front	Depth	Calculated Acres	Ag
1	RES	RV	85	256	.4995	

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Line	1	
100% Land Value	5,000	
100% Values		
PREPRENEUR DE DE CONTRACTOR DE	***************************************	***************************************
100% Land Value	100% Improv Value	100% Total Value
\$5,000		
50% Values	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
50% Land Value	50% Improv Value	50% Total Value

\$2,500

#### **Property Information**

Property Location:

Unit: City:

Zip:

State:

Class:

Use Code (LUC):

Town
Tax District:
School District:

Council District:
Fire District:
Deeded Acres:
Frontage:
Depth:

Irr Lot: Plot Book Page:

100% Land Value: 100% Improvement Value 100% Total Value **RES-Residential** 

RV-RESIDENTIAL VACANT

00-None

234 – INDIAN RIVER
1 - INDIAN RIVER
4-Hudson
80-Indian River
1.5000

.000

/PB

\$3,000

#### Legal

Legal Description

N/OAK ORCHARDLEWES

#### Owners

Owner	Co-owner	Address	City	State	Zip
AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971

#### Sales

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Sale Date	Book/Page	Sale Price	Stamp Value	Parcels Sold	Grantee/Buyer
10/13/2020	5328/125				AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC
09/02/2004	4049/227	\$59,682.00	\$895.00	0	
02/07/2003	1	\$58,000.00	\$870.00	0	
11/14/1996	1	\$2,200.00	\$44.00	0	

### Owner History

Tax Year:	Owner:	Co-owner	Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	Deed Book/Page:
2099	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/125
2021	AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE LLC		113 DICKINSON ST STE 100	DEWEY BEACH	DE	19971	5328/125
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2017	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29602	4049/227
2013	LAMBOLL STAZCO LLC		PO BOX 3418	GREENVILLE	SC	29603	4049/227
2008	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR # 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19709	3029/341
2005	STAZCO LLC		5179 W WOODMILL DR # 5	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	3029/341
2003	AASCD VENTURES LLC		WOOD MILL CORPORATE CT 5 5179 W WOODMILL DR	WILMINGTON	DE	19808	2801/186
1900	DAVIS JOHN J VIRGIE M					0	421/159

#### Land

Line Class

Land Use Code

Act Front

Depth

Calculated Acres

Ag

Land Summary		
Line 100% Land Value	1 3,000	
100% Values		
100% Land Value \$3,000	100% Improv Value	100% Total Value
50% Values		
50% Land Value \$1,500	50% Improv Value	50% Total Value

0

1.5000

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1

RES

RV

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TAX MAP AND PARCEL #'s: 234-29-00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00
PREPARED BY & RETURN TO:
Baird Mandalas Brockstedt LLC
1413 Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958
File No. RE20-1689/HG/SWS

THIS DEED, made this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020,

#### - BETWEEN -

<u>LAMBOLL STAZCO, LLC</u>, a Delaware limited liability company of P.O. Box 3418, Greenville, SC 29602, party of the first part,

#### - AND -

AMERICAN STORAGE OF DELAWARE, LLC., a Delaware Limited Liability Company, of 113 Dickinson Street, Dewey Beach, DE 19971, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$600,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys unto the party of the second part, and its heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Sussex County, State of Delaware:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in the Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred, County of Sussex, , and being more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1 - Tax Parcel #2-34 29.00 49.02

ALL that certain farm, tract, piece or parcel of land, situated in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, lying on the westerly side of Delaware Route 24, a short distance South of County Road 299, and being more particularly bounded, and described in accordance with a recent survey by Robert L. Larimore, RLS, dated December 28, 2001, as follows to-wit;

BEGINNING at an iron pipe found in the West line of Delaware Route 24, at a corner for this parcel and for lands of Charles W. Coursey, said point being located 1,296.16 feet from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the West line of Delaware Route 24(50 feet wide) with (the South line of County Road 299; thence from said beginning point along the West line of Delaware Route 24, South 20 degrees 22 minutes 57 seconds West 589,82 feet to an iron pipe round in the West line of Delaware Route 24 at a corner for lands of Melvin R.. Thompson and Brenda F. Thompson; thence along the line of lands of Melvin R. Thompson and

Brenda F. Thompson, North 69 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West 1,281,94 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Melvin R Thompson and Brenda F. Thompson in line of lands of the Indian Town Farms Subdivision; thence along the line of lands of The Indian Farms Subdivision, North 41 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds West 368.92 feet to a spike set at a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey on the following two (2) courses and distances: One (1) North 13 degrees 23 minutes 31 seconds East 660.38 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 473.07 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Staz; thence along the line of lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Staz on the following three (3) courses and distances; One (1) South 16 degrees 42 .minutes 51 seconds West 225.00 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 395.77 feet to an iron pipe found, three (3) North 16 degrees

42 minutes 51 seconds East 225.00 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey; thence along the line of Charles W. Coursey and with the northerly line of a 16 foot wide outlet, as noted in Deed Book 468-401, on the following two (2) courses and distances: one (1)61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 22655 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 3 I minutes 41 seconds East 608.26 feet to the place of beginning and containing 23.9 acres of land be the same more or less.

Parcel 2 - Tax Parcel #2-34 29.00 49.03

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, lying on the West side of Delaware Route 24, but not adjacent there to, and being more particularly bounded and described in accordance with a recent survey by Robert L. Larimore, RES, dated December 28, 2001, as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe found at a corner for this parcel and for lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Staz and lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson, said point-being located the following three (3) courses and distances from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the West line of Delaware Route 24 (50 feet wide) with the South line of County Road 299: One (I) as measured along the West line of Delaware Route 24 in a southerly direction 1,296.16 feet to an iron pipe found in the West line of Delaware Route 24 at a corner for Parcel I; thence two (2) along the line of Parcel 1 and lands Charles W. Coursey and with the North line of a 16 foot wide outlet, North 61 degrees 31 minutes 41 seconds West 608.26 feet to a point; thence three (3) North 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds West 238.82 feet to said beginning point; thence from said beginning point along the line of lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Staz on the following three (3) courses and distances: One (1) South 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds West 85.00 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) North 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds West 256.30 feet to an iron pipe found, three (3) North 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds East 85.00 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson; thence of less.

Parcel 3 - Tax Parcel Number 2-34 29.00 50.00

ALL that certain tract, piece and parcel of land, lying and being in Indian River Flundred, Sussex County, and the State of Delaware, as shown on a certain December 26, 2001 survey prepared by Coast Survey, Inc. (Plan #801-13), as described as follows,

BEGINNING at an iron pipe set in the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey and the north corner of a 16 foot Outlet (Deed Book 468, Page 401), being South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 226,55 feet to an iron pipe recovered, a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey and other lands of Charles W. Coursey, and South 61 degrees 34 minutes 13 seconds East 608,42 feet to an iron pipe recovered in the northwesterly right of way line of Route 24; thence from the point of beginning running by and with the line of a 16 foot Outlet and with the lint of lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee

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Coursey the following three (3) courses and distances: 1) South 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds West 225.00 feet to an Iron pipe set; 2) North 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds West 395.77 feet to an iron pipe set; and 3) North 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds. East 225.00 feet to an iron pipe set in the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the line of Lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey, South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 127.20 feet to an iron pipe set, marking a corner for these lands and lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the line of lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee Coursey the following three (3) courses and distances: 1) South 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds West 85.00 feet to an Iron pipe set; and 2) South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds 25630 feet to an iron pipe set; and.3) North 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East 85.00 feet to an iron pipe set in the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey, South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 12.27 feet to the point and place of beginning, said to contain 1.5107 acres of land more or less, together with any and all improvements located thereon.

BEING the same property conveyed to Lamboll Stazco, LLC from Stazco, LLC, AKA Stazco, L.L.C., by Deed dated October 3, 2012, and recorded on October 9, 2012, in Book 4049, Page 227.

SUBJECT to any and all restrictions, reservations, conditions, easements and agreements of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware.

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> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Lamboll Stazco, LLC has caused its name to be hereunto set, and its common and corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, duly attested, the day and year first above written.

> > LAMBOLL STAZCO, LLC

BY: SD INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLC, ITS

SOLE MEMBER

LAMBOLL STREET, LLC ITS SOLE

**MEMBER** 

(Seal) TODD KUNCAUTHORIZED DIRECTOR

STATE OF STATE COOKING COUNTY OF Work ston : to-wit

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this \_\_\_\_ day of October, A.D. 2020, personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, Todd Kuhl, Authorized Director, of Lamboll Street, LLC, sole member of SD Investment Properties, LLC, sole member of Lamboll Stazco, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, party to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture to be his act and deed and the act and deed of said company; that the signature of the authorized representative is in his own proper handwriting; and that his act of signing, sealing, acknowledging and delivering said Indenture was first duly authorized by a resolution of Lamboll Stazco, LLC.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of Office the day and year aforesaid.

My Commission Expires: WW 142-029

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BK# 4049 PG# 227

Tax Parcel Nos.: 2-34-29.00-49.02, 2-34-29.00-49.03 & 2-34-29.00-50.00

PREPARED BY AND RETURN TO: Douglas M. Hershman, Esquire BAYARD, P.A. P.O. Box 25130 Wilmington, DE 19899-25130

THIS DEED is made this 3rd day of October, 2012, between

STAZCO, LLC, AKA STAZCO, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, party of the first part,

#### AND

LAMBOLL STAZCO, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys unto the said party of the second part, its successors and/or assigns, in fee,

See legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A", hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SUBJECT to all easements, restrictions, reservations, agreements and covenants of record, if any, affecting the property or the title thereto, together with the benefits of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set its hand and seal, the day and year aforesaid.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

liability company

Bv.

Name: Wickerd C. Woods

Stazco, LL¢, aka Stazco, L.L.C., a Delaware limited

Title: Authorized Person

Witness

STATE OF DELAWARE	) '			*	ž.
	) SS				· ·
NEW CASTLE COUNTY	) .				
BE IT REMEMBERED, me, the Subscriber, a Notarial O, Authorized Pers company, party to this Indentu Indenture to be his act and deed	officer for the son of Stazco, re, known to	State and LLC, aka me perso	Stazco, L.L.C., onally to be suc	id, Vickerd a Delaware lim th, and acknow	C. Wood
GIVEN under my Hand		Office, the  Notary Pu	AU	presaid.	
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			nission Expires:		
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GRANTEE'S ADDRESS c/o Lamboll Street, LLC PO Box 3418 Greenville, SC 29603

## EXHIBIT "A"

Parcel 1 - Tax Parcel #2-34 29.00 49.02

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BEGINNING at an iron pipe found in the West line of Delaware Route 24, at a corner for this parcel and for lands of Charles W. Coursey, said point being located 1,296.16 feet from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the West line of Delaware Route 24(50 feet wide) with (he South line of County Road 299; thence from said beginning point along the West line of Delaware Route 24, South 20 degrees 22 minutes 57 seconds West 589,82 feet to an iron pipe round in the West line of Delaware Route 24 at a corner for lands of Melvin R. Thompson and Brenda F. Thompson; thence along the line of lands of Melvin R. Thompson and Brenda F. Thompson, North 69 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West 1,281,94 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Melvin R Thompson and Brenda F. Thompson inline of lands of the Indian Town Farms Subdivision; thence along the line of lands of The Indian Farms Subdivision, North 41 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds West 368.92 feel to a spike set at a corner for hinds of Charles W. Coursey; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey on the following two (2) courses and distances: One (1) North 13 degrees 23 minutes 31 seconds East 660.38 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 473.07 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Thomas C. Stan and Harriet Staz; thence along the line of lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Star on the following three (3) courses and distances: One (1) South 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds West 225.00 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 395.77 feet to an iron pipe found, three (3) North 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds Fast 225.00 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey; thence along the line of Charles W, Coursey and with the northerly line of a 16 foot wide outlet, as noted in Deed Book 468-401, on the following two (2) courses and distances: one (1)61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 22655 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) South 61 degrees 31 minutes 41 seconds East 608.26 feet to the place of beginning and containing 23.9 acres of land be the same more or less.

#### Parcel 2 - Tax Parcel #2-34 29.00 49.03

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BEGINNING at an iron pipe found at a corner for this parcel and for lands of Thomas C. Staz and Harriet Staz and lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson, said point being located the following three (3) courses and distances from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the West line of Delaware Route 24 (50 feet wide) with the South line of County Road 299: One (I)

as measured along the Vest line of Delaware Route 24 in a southerly direction 1,296.16 feet to an iron pipe found in the West line of Delaware Route 24 at a corner for Parcel I; thence two (2) along the line of Parcel 1 and lands Charles W. Coursey and with the North line of a 16 foot wide outlet, North 61 degrees 31 minutes 41 seconds West 608.26 feet to a point; thence three (3) North 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds West 238.82 feet to said beginning point; thence from said beginning point along the line of lands of Thomas C. Star and Harriet Staz on the following three (3) courses and distances: One (1) South 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds West 85.00 feet to an iron pipe found, two (2) North 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds West 256.30 feet to an iron pipe found, three (3) North 16 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds East 85.00 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson; thence along the line of lands of Charles W. Coursey and Diane R. Hudson, South 61 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East 256.30 feet to the place of beginning and containing 0.4893 acres of land be the same more or less.

# Parcel 3 - Tax Parcel Number 2-34 29.00 50.00

ALL that certain tract, piece and parcel of land, lying and being in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, and the State of Delaware, as shown on a certain December 26, 2001 survey prepared by Coast Survey, Inc. (Plan #801-13), as described as follows,

BEGINNING at an iron pipe set In the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey and the north corner of a 16 foot Outlet (Deed Book 468, Page 401), being South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 226.55 feet to an iron pipe recovered, a corner for lands of Charles W. Coursey and other lands of Charles W. Coursey, and South 61 degrees 34 minutes 13 seconds East 608.42 feet to an iron pipe recovered in the northwesterly right of way line of Route 24; thence from the point of beginning running by and with the line of a 16 foot Outlet and with the lint of lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee Coursey the following three (3) courses and distances: 1) South 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds West 225.00 feet to an Iron pipe set; 2) North 6] degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds West 395.77 feet to an iron pipe set; and 3) North 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East 225.00 feet to an iron pipe set in the line of lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the line of Lands now or formerly of Charles W. Coursey, South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 127.20 feet to an iron pipe set, marking a corner for these lands and lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the line of lands now or formerly of Marshall Lee Coursey the following three (3) courses and distances: I) South 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds West 85.00 feet to an Iron pipe set; and 2) South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds 25630 feet to an iron pipe set; and 3) North 16 degrees 38 minutes 56 seconds East 85.00 feet to an iron pipe set in the line of lands now or formerly of Charles. Coursey; thence turning and running by and with the tine of lands now or formerly of Charles W, Coursey, South 61 degrees 23 minutes 59 seconds East 12.27 feet to the point and place of beginning, said to contain 1.5107 acres of land more or less, together with any and all improvements located thereon.

BEING the same lands and premises which Keith and Constance Adams, husband and wife, by Deed dated August 30, 2004 and recorded September 2, 2004 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware, in Deed Book 3029, Page 338, did grant and convey unto Stazco, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, in fee.

AND BEING the same lands and premises which AASCD Ventures, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by Deed dated August 30, 2004 and recorded September 2, 2004 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware, in Deed Book 3029, Page 341, did grant and convey unto Stazco, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in fee.

Consideration:

105,000.00

County State

1,575.00 1,575.00

Town Total 3,150,00 Received: Kara S Oct 09,2012

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#### PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION PARCEL 1

**TAX MAP PARCEL 234-29.00-49.02 (PART OF)** 

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, parcel or tract of land lying and being situated in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, and State of Delaware, lying on the westerly side of John J. Williams Highway – Delaware Route 24 (60 foot right-of-way), being Parcel 1 on a conceptual site plan titled, "American Storage of Delaware", prepared by Scaled Engineering Inc., dated August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and being bounded on the south by lands now or formerly of Sharon A. Harring; on the west by Parcel 2 of said conceptual site plan; on the north by lands now or formerly of Four Diamonds Development & Consulting LLC and lands now or formerly of State of Delaware, Department of Transportation and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point near an iron pipe found on the westerly right-of-way of aforementioned John J. Williams Highway at a corner for lands herein described and aforementioned lands of State of Delaware; said point being located 1,296.16 feet from the southerly right of way of Autumn Road - Sussex County Road 299 as measured in a southwesterly direction along said right-of-way of John J. Williams Highway; thence continuing with the same South 11 degrees 42 minutes 11 seconds West, 589.82 feet to an iron pipe found at a corner for aforementioned lands of Harring; thence with the same North 78 degrees 14 minutes 56 seconds West, 571.86 feet to a point at a corner for aforementioned Parcel 2; thence with same North 11 degrees 45 minutes 04 seconds East, 670.54 feet to a point on the southerly line of aforementioned lands of Four Diamonds Development & Consulting LLC; thence with same and partially with said lands of State of Delaware South 70 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds East, 577.04 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 8.27 acres of land, being the same more or less.



20246 Coastal Highway Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 Tel: 302 - 236 - 3600

#### PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION PARCEL 2

TAX MAP PARCELS 234-29.00-49.02 (PART OF), 234-29.00-49.03 & 234-29.00-50.00

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, parcel or tract of land lying and being situated in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, and State of Delaware, lying west of John J. Williams Highway – Delaware Route 24 (60 foot right-of-way), being Parcel 2 on a conceptual site plan titled, "American Storage of Delaware", prepared by Scaled Engineering, Inc., dated August 26, 2021, and being bounded on the east by Parcel 1 of said conceptual site plan; on the south by lands now or formerly of Sharon A. Harring; on the southwest by lands now or formerly of Baylis Estates Investments LLC; on the west and north by lands now or formerly of Four Diamonds Development & Consulting LLC and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**BEGINNING** at a point, a corner for lands herein described and the aforementioned Parcel 1; said point being located the following two (2) courses and distances from the point of intersection of the southerly right of way of Autumn Road - Sussex County Road 299 and the westerly right of way of John J. Williams Highway – Delaware Route 24:

- 1. **1,296.16 feet** from said right of way of Autumn Road as measured in southwesterly direction along said right-of-way of John J. Williams Highway to a point near an iron pipe found.
- 2. North 70 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds West, 577.04 feet to said beginning point; thence with said Parcel 1 South 11 degrees 45 minutes 04 seconds West,

670.54 feet to a point on the northerly line of aforementioned lands of Harring; thence with the same North 78 degrees 14 minutes 56 seconds West, 710.08 feet to an iron pipe found on the north easterly line of aforementioned lands of Baylis Estates Investments LLC; thence with same North 49 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West, 368.92 feet to a capped rebar found at a corner for aforementioned lands of Four Diamonds Development & Consulting LLC; thence with same the following three (3) courses and distances:

- 1. North 04 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds East, 660.38 feet to a capped rebar found.
- 2. South 70 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds East, 1,095.39 feet to a point.
- 3. South 70 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds East, 31.22 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 17.63 acres of land, being the same more or less.

## **EXHIBIT B**

#### PLANNING & ZONING Jamie Whitehouse, AICP, MRTPI

Director (302) 855-7878 T

(302) 855-7878 T (302) 854-5079 F



## Sussex County

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#### Service Level Evaluation Request Form

This form **shall** be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Office and a response **shall** be received back from DelDOT prior to the applicant being able to submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Office.

Date: 9/2/21	
Site Information:	
Site Address/Location: John J. Williams Highway	y, Millsboro, DE
Tax Parcel Number: 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00  Current Zoning: AR-1  Proposed Zoning: Parcel 1: C-3; Parcel 2: MR with	Conditional Use for Multifamily
Land Use Classification: Coastal Area (Future Land Use	e Map)
Proposed Use(s): Parcel 1: Mini-Warehouse (Self Stor Parcel 2: Multifamily Housing (Mid Multifamily Housing Clubhouse = 3,0 See Attached Conceptual Site Plan	-Risc) = 140 Units
Square footage of any proposed buildings or numb	per of units: See Proposed Use/140 residential units
Applicant Information:	
Applicant's Name: American Storage of Delaware, L	LC
Applicant's Address: 113 Dickinson Street	MANGARAN AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND A
City: Dewey Beach	State: DE Zip Code: 19971
Applicant's Phone Number: (302) 462-5871 Applicant's e-mail address: nate.gmconstruction@	Please send copy to: David C. Hutt, Esquire Morris James LLP 107 W. Market Street Georgetown, DE 19947 Phone: (302) 856-0018 Email: dbutt@morrisiames.com



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#### STATE OF DELAWARE

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

September 10, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the American Storage of Delaware, LLC proposed land use application, which we received on September 2, 2021. This application is for approximately 25.90- acre assemblage of parcels (Tax Parcels: 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03, 50.00) The subject land is located on the west side of John J. William Highway (State Route 24) about 800 ft north of the intersection with Legion Road (Sussex Road 298). The subject land is currently zoned AR-1 (Agriculture Residential); and the applicant is seeking to change the existing parcel lines to create two new parcels with a proposed zoning of C-3 (Heavy Commercial) for the first parcel to build a mini warehouse. The second parcel is proposed to be zoned as MR (Medium Density Residential) with a conditional use approval to build 140 multifamily housing units.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along John J. William Highway from Long Neck Road (State Route 5) to Mount Joy Road (Sussex Road 297), are 18,682 and 24,022 vehicles per day, respectively.

Based on our review, we estimate that the proposed land use will generate more than 50 vehicle trips per peak hour or 500 vehicle trips per day, and would be considered to have a **Minor** impact to the local area roadways. In this instance, the Department considers a Minor impact to be when a proposed land use would generate more than either 50 vehicle trips per peak hour and / or 500 vehicle trips per day but fewer than 200 vehicle trips per a weekly peak hour and 2,000 vehicle trips per day. Because of this impact, we recommend that the applicant be required to perform a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the subject application. However, our <u>Development Coordination Manual</u> provides that where a TIS is required only because the volume warrants are met, and the projected trip generation will be fewer than 200 vehicle trips per a weekly peak hour and fewer than 2,000 vehicle trips per day, DelDOT may permit the developer to pay an Area-Wide Study Fee of \$10 per daily trip in lieu of doing a TIS. For this application, if the County were agreeable, we would permit the developer to pay an Area-wide Study Fee.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 September 10, 2021

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

**County Coordinator** 

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**Development Coordination** 

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cc:

American Storage of Delaware, LLC, Applicant

David C. Hutt, Esquire, Applicant

Lauren DeVore, Sussex County Planning & Zoning

David Edgell, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination

Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations

Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination

Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination

James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations

Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

## EXHIBIT C

#### **Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)**

**Delaware State Planning Coordination** 

122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., South • Dover, DE 19901 • Phone: 302-739-3090 • Fax: 302-739-5661

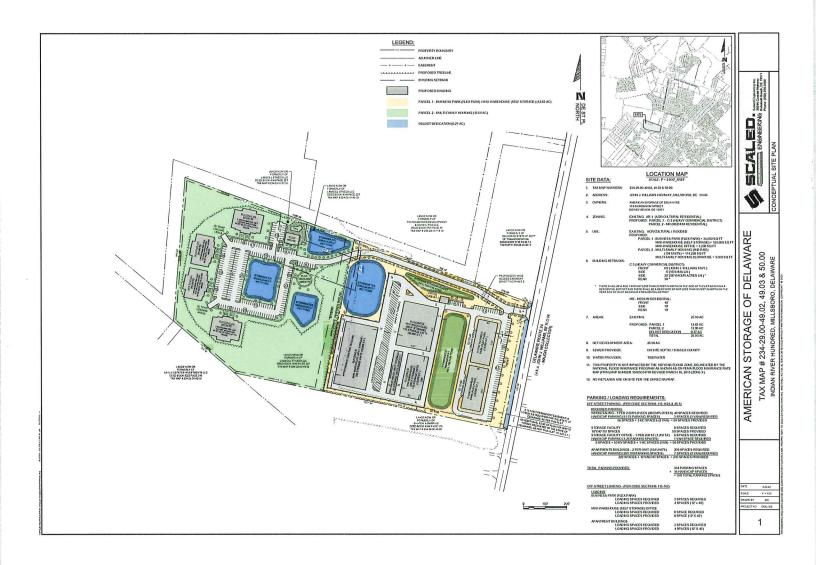
Purpose of PLUS - -The PLUS process is intended to provide consolidated State comments regarding the proposed project. The Applicant is encouraged to submit the application during the concept stages of planning as this process often offers recommendations for changes to the plan. The application should be submitted after the pre-application meeting with the local jurisdiction but before formal application is made.

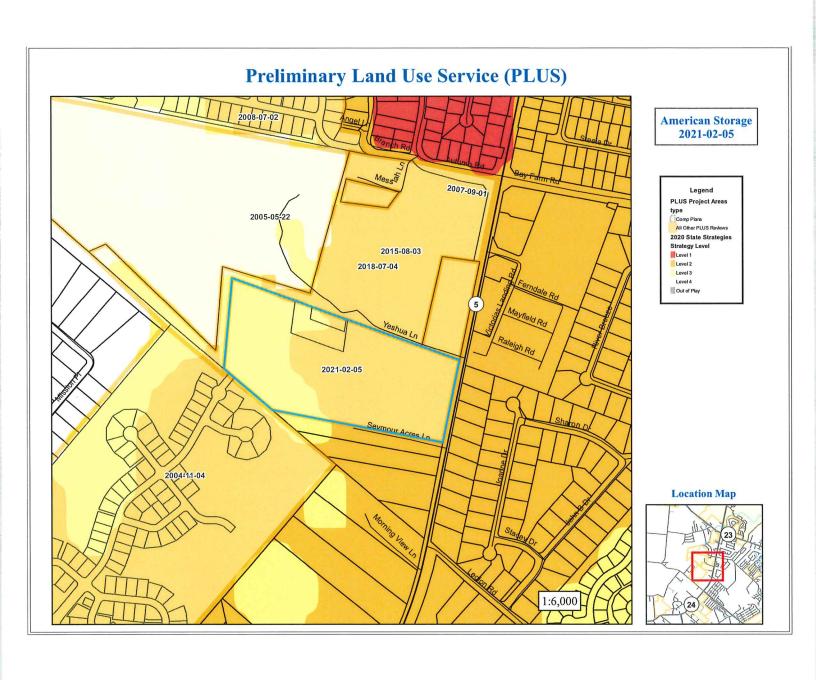
Please complete this PLUS application in its entirety. All questions <u>must</u> be answered. If a question is unknown at this time or not applicable, please explain. Unanswered questions on this form could lead to delays in scheduling your review. This form will enable the state staff to review the project <u>before</u> the scheduled meeting and to have beneficial information available for the applicant and/or developer at the time of review. If you need assistance or clarification, please call the State Planning Office at (302) 739-3090.

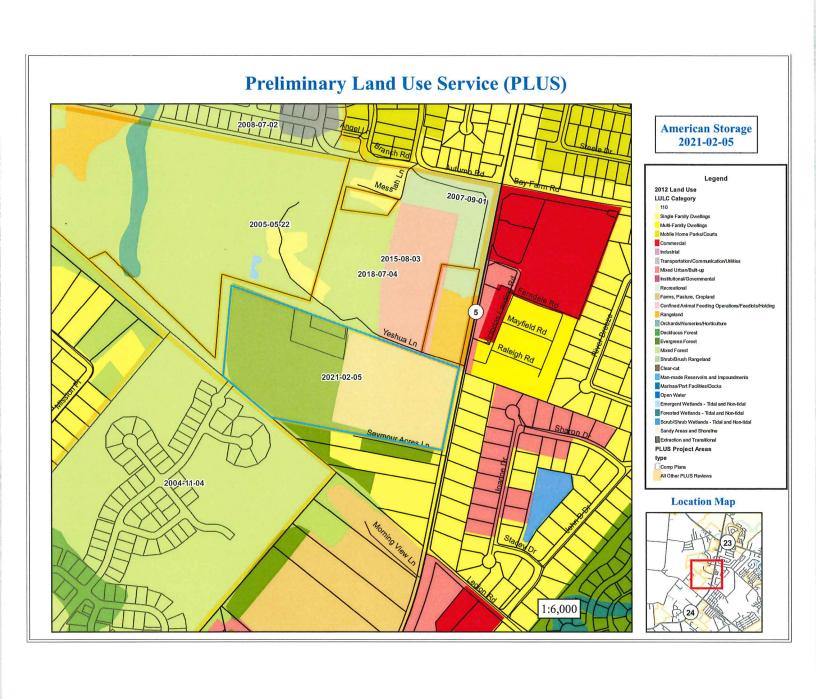
PL	2) 739-3090.  JS Number (to be completed by OSPC):  vestment Level Per Strategies for State Po	2021-02-05  licies and Spending (to be determined by O	OSPC):
1.	Project Title/Name: American Storag	e of Delaware	
2.	Location ( please be specific): Delawa	are Route 24 (John J. Williams Highway	y), Millsboro, Delaware
3.	Parcel Identification #: 234-29.00-49.		
5.	If contiguous to a municipality, are you se	eking annexation: Not applicable.	
6.	Owner's Name: American Storage	of Delaware, LLC (Alex Pires)	
	Address: 113 Dickinson Street		
	City: Dewey Beach	State: Delaware	Zip: 19971
	Phone: (302) 462-5871	Fax:	nate.gmconstruction@gmail.com
	(202) 905-6706		iamnersiawyer@aoi.com
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Information Regarding Site:	
10. Type of Review: Rezoning, if not in compliance with c	ertified comprehensive plan   Site Plan Review
Brief Explanation of Project being reviewed: The Project proposes to Business Park (Flex Space) of 12.63 acres with 36,000 sq. ft. of Flex Park and the rear half of the property to MR (Medium Residential) with a conditional of this property has been the subject of a previous LUPA or PLUS those applications.	o (1) rezone the front half of the property to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) for a 03,600 sq. ft. of mini-storage and an office for the mini-storage; and (2) rezone use for multifamily (midrise) housing (13 acres) consisting of 104 units. S review, please provide the name(s) and date(s) of
12. Area of Project (Acres +/-): 25.90 +/- acres  Number of Residential L	Inits: Commercial square footage: Business Park/Flex Space (36K Sq. Ft); Mini Storage (103,600 Sq. Ft.)
13. Present Zoning: AR-1 (Agricultural Residential)	<ul><li>14. Proposed Zoning:</li><li>C-3 (Heavy Commercial); MR (Medium Density) with Conditional Use</li></ul>
15. Present Use: Agricultural/Wooded	16. Proposed Use: Business Park (Flex Park); Mini Storage and Multi-Family Housing
17. Water: Central (Community system) Individual On-S Service Provider Name:	
Will a new public well be located on the site?  Yes No  18. Wastewater:  Central (Community system) Individua Service Provider Name: Sussex County	I On-Site Public (Utility)
Will a new community wastewater system be located on this site 19. If residential, describe style and market segment you plan to targ The residential units are targeted as market rate apartments intend 20. Environmental impacts:	
How many forested acres are presently on-site? 13.79 How man	y forested acres will be removed? 9.20
To your knowledge, are there any wetlands, as defined by the U.S. A Environmental Control, on the site?   Yes No	rmy Corps of Engineers or the Department of Natural Resources and
Are the wetlands:	
If "Yes", have the wetlands been delineated?	
Has the Army Corps of Engineers signed off on the delineation?	Yes No
Will the wetlands be directly impacted and/or do you anticipate the ne describe the impacts:	ed for wetland permits?
How close do you anticipate ground disturbance to wetlands, streams	s, wells, or waterbodies?+/- 200'
21. Does this activity encroach on or impact any tax ditch, public ditc	h, or private ditch (ditch that directs water off-site)? Yes No
22. List the proposed method(s) of stormwater management for the BMPs to likely include a combination of wet pond(s) and infiltrati	
23. Is open space proposed?  Yes No If "Yes," how much	
What is the intended use of the open space (for example, active recrewildlife habitat, historical or archeological protection)? active and	eation, passive recreation, stormwater management, passive recreation and stormwater management
24. Are you considering dedicating any land for community use (e.g	, police, fire, school)? Tyes No

25. Please estimate How many vehicle trips will this project generate on an average weekday? A trip is a vehicle entering or exiting. If traffic is seasonal, assume peak season: 1,170 ADT
What percentage of those trips will be trucks, excluding vans and pick-up trucks? < 5%
26. Will the project connect to state maintained roads?  Yes No De. Rt. 24 (John J. Williams Highway)
27. Please list any locations where this project physically could be connected to existing or future development on adjacent lands and indicate your willingness to discuss making these connections.  There are no existing developments on adjacent lands.
28. Are there existing sidewalks?  Yes No; blke paths Yes No Are there proposed sidewalks?  No; blke paths Yes No; blke paths Yes
Is there an opportunity to connect to a larger blke, pedestrian, or transit network?   Yes  No
29. To your knowledge, is this site in the vicinity of any known historic/cultural resources or sites?   Yes  No
Has this site been evaluated for historic and/or cultural resources?   Yes  No
Would you be open to a site evaluation by the State Historic Preservation Office?   Yes No
30. To promote an accurate review of your parcel's features, would you permit a State agency site visit? Yes Person to contact to arrange visit: Carlton Savage, Jr. phone number: (302) 236-3600  Alex Pires I (202) 905-6706
31. Are any federal permits, licensing, or funding anticipated?   Yes  No
I hereby dertify that the information on this application is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of Person complyting form    24 2    1/24 202    Date
Signature of property owner Date Date
1/29/2021
Signature of Person completing form Date (If different than property owner)
Signed application must be received before application is scheduled for PLUS review.
This form should be returned to the Office of State Planning electronically at plus@state.de.us along with an
electronic copy of any site plans and development plans for this site. Site Plans, drawings, and location maps
should be submitted as image files (JPEG, GIF, TIF, etc.) or as PDF files. GIS data sets and CAD drawings may
also be submitted. If electronic copy of the plan is not available, contact The Office of State Planning Coordination
at (302) 739-3090 for further Instructions. A signed copy should be forwarded to the Office of State Planning, 122 William Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901. Thank you for this input. Your request will be researched thoroughly.
Please be sure to note the contact person so we may schedule your request in a timely manner.







# **Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)** American Storage 2021-02-05 Legend 2015-08-03 2018-07-04 PLUS Project Areas 2005-05-22 type Comp Plans All Other PLUS Reviews 2021-02-05 **Location Map** 1:2,686



# STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION

March 23, 2021

Nate Graulich Graulich Builders 34697 Jiffy Way, Suite 2 Lewes, DE 19958

RE: PLUS review 2021-02-05; American Storage of Delaware

Dear Mr. Graulich:

Thank you for meeting with State agency planners on February 24, 2021 to discuss the proposed plans for the American Storage of Delaware project. According to the information received you are seeking review of a proposed rezoning of 25.9 acres from AR-1 to C-3 and MR and a site plan for 104 residential units and 139,600 square feet of mini storage and business park in Sussex County.

Please note that changes to the plan, other than those suggested in this letter, could result in additional comments from the State. The developers will also need to comply with any Federal, State, and local regulations regarding this property. We also note that as the County is the governing authority over this land, the developers will need to comply with any and all regulations/restrictions set forth by the County.

#### Strategies for State Policies and Spending

This project is located in Investment Levels 2 and 3 according to the Strategies for State Policies and Spending. Investment Level 2 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and State plans in the near-term future. Investment Level 3 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and state plans in the longer-term future, or areas that may have environmental or other constraints to development. State investments may support future growth in these areas but may have other priorities for the near future.

Our office has no objections to the proposed rezoning and development of this project provided it is in compliance with Sussex County Comprehensive plan and all applicable codes and ordinances.

We do ask that you work to preserve the environmental features on the site if the plan moves forward.

#### Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements

#### Department of Transportation - Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109

- The site access on John J. Williams Highway (Delaware Route 24) must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at <a href="http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes">http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes</a>.
- Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the <u>Manual</u>, a Pre-Submittal Meeting is required before plans are submitted for review. The form needed to request the meeting and guidance on what will be covered there and how to prepare for it is located at <a href="https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?08022017">https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?08022017</a>.
- Section 1.7 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses fees that are assessed for the review of development proposals. DelDOT anticipates collecting the Initial Stage Fee when the record plan is submitted for review and the Construction Stage Fee when construction plans are submitted for review.
- Per Section 2.2.2.1 of the Manual, Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) are warranted for developments generating more than 500 vehicle trip ends per day or 50 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day. From the PLUS application, the total daily trips are estimated at 1,170 vehicle trip ends per day. Using the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual, as shown in the table below, DelDOT calculates 1,171 vehicle trip ends per day for this number and estimates the weekday morning and evening peak hour trip ends at 60 and 79, respectively. Therefore, a TIS would normally be required.

	Land	Floor	Average	AM Peak		PM Peak	
	Use	Area (sf) /	Daily	Hour		Hour	
	Code	Dwellings	Traffic	In	Out	In	Out
Business Park	770	36,000	448	8	6	7	8
Mini-Warehouse	151	104,800	158	6	4	8	10
Multifamily	221	104	565	9	27	28	18
Housing (Mid-Rise)							
Total			1,171	23	37	43	36

• Section 2.2.2.2 of the Development Coordination Manual provides that for developments generating less than 2,000 vehicle trip ends per day and less than 200 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day, DelDOT may accept an Area Wide Study (AWS) Fee in

lieu of the TIS if the local government does not require a TIS. The AWS Fee is calculated as \$10 per daily trip or, in this case, \$11,710. AWS Fees are used to fund traffic studies, not to build improvements.

- DelDOT anticipates requiring the developer to contribute to a DelDOT project presently scheduled for construction this summer, HSIP SR 24 at Mount Joy Road and SR 24 at Bay Farm Road Intersection Improvements, Contract No. T200711201. Information on the project is available at <a href="https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T200711201">https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T200711201</a>.
- As necessary, in accordance with Section 3.2.5 and Figure 3.2.5-a of the Manual, DelDOT will require dedication of right-of-way along the site's frontage on Route 24. By this regulation, this dedication is to provide a minimum of 40 feet of right-of-way from the physical centerline. The following right-of-way dedication note is required, "An X-foot wide right-of-way is hereby dedicated to the State of Delaware, as per this plat."
- In accordance with Section 3.2.5.1.2 of the Manual, DelDOT will require the establishment of a 15-foot wide permanent easement across the property frontage. The location of the easement shall be outside the limits of the ultimate right-of-way. The easement area can be used as part of the open space calculation for the site. The following note is required, "A 15-foot wide permanent easement is hereby established for the State of Delaware, as per this plat."
- Referring to Section 3.4.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, the following items, among other things, are required on the Record Plan:
  - o A Traffic Generation Diagram. See Figure 3.4.2-a for the required format and content.
  - o Depiction of all existing entrances within 600 feet of the entrance on Route 24.
  - o Notes identifying the type of off-site improvements, agreements (signal, letter) contributions and when the off-site improvements are warranted.
- Section 3.5.4.2 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for Shared Use Paths (SUP) and sidewalks. For projects in Level 2 Investment Areas, installation of paths or sidewalks along the frontage on State-maintained roads is mandatory. DelDOT anticipates requiring the developer to build an SUP along their frontage on Route 24.
- Section 3.5.4.3 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for walkways. A walkway is a path connecting the interior of a development to the frontage sidewalk or SUP. DelDOT anticipates requiring at least two walkways to connect the interior of the site to Route 24,

one along the driveway at the north edge of the property and one at the south end of the frontage, connecting to the parking lot of the business park.

- In accordance with Section 3.8 of the <u>Manual</u>, storm water facilities, excluding filter strips and bioswales, shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the ultimate State right-of-way along Route 24.
- Section 5.2.4 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for Entrance Width, for commercial entrances, the minimum undivided width varies from 18 to 32 feet. The proposed 30-foot entrance will be examined during the plan review process. DelDOT may require the developer's engineer to provide turning templates.
- In accordance with Section 5.2.9 of the Manual, the Auxiliary Lane Worksheet should be used to determine whether auxiliary lanes are warranted at the site entrances and how long those lanes should be. The worksheet can be found at <a href="http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml">http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml</a>. DelDOT anticipates requiring a right turn lane with a five-foot bicycle lane, and possibly a left turn lane into the site from Route 24. Coordination of the construction schedules of the DelDOT project and the proposed development should be discussed at the Pre-Submittal Meeting.
- In accordance with Section 5.14 of the <u>Manual</u>, all existing utilities must be shown on the plan and a utility relocation plan will be required for any utilities that need to be relocated.

#### <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480</u> <u>Concerns Identified Within the Development Footprint</u>

#### Stormwater Management

This project/site has met the minimum threshold of 5000 square feet of land disturbing activity under the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program.

- A Sediment and Stormwater Plan must be developed, then approved by the appropriate plan review agency prior to any land disturbing activity taking place on the site. For this project, the plan review agency is the Sussex Conservation District.
- Additionally, construction activities that exceed 1.0 acre of land disturbance require Construction General Permit coverage through submittal of an electronic Notice of Intent for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity. This form must be submitted electronically (<a href="https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/eNOI/default.aspx">https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/eNOI/default.aspx</a>) to the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, along with the \$195 fee.

- Schedule a project application meeting with the appropriate agency prior to moving forward with the stormwater and site design. As part of this process, you must submit a Stormwater Assessment Study.
- Plan review agency contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219. Website: <a href="https://www.sussexconservation.org/">https://www.sussexconservation.org/</a>
- General stormwater contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921. E-mail: <a href="mailto:DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov">DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov</a>
   Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/</a>

#### **Hydrologic Soils Group**

While much of the site consists of Hydrologic Soils Group A soils (well drained), the northwest portion of the site lies within A/D soils (somewhat poorly drained). These soil types are typically not conducive to utilizing infiltration stormwater Best Management Practices such as bioretention and infiltration basins, which must meet minimum infiltration requirements.

- Any stormwater Best Management Practices that propose the use of infiltration or natural recharge shall include a soils investigation.
- Contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921

E-mail: DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/

#### Water Quality (Pollution Control Strategies)

Pollution Control Strategies have been developed for the following watersheds in Delaware: Christina, Appoquinimink, Broadkill, Mispillion and Cedar Creek, Murderkill, Saint Jones, Inland Bays (Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay, and Little Assawoman Bay), Nanticoke, and Upper Chesapeake. Such strategies were created because surface water failed to meet water quality standards for nutrients and sediment.

- The western half of the site (forested portion) lies within the Rehoboth Bay Watershed & the eastern half of the site (unforested portion) lies within the Indian River Bay Watershed, both of which are included under Pollution Control Strategies. Consult with the appropriate plan review agency to determine if stricter stormwater management standards may apply for development projects in this area.
  - Contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219
     Website: https://www.sussexconservation.org/

#### **Nutrient Management Plan**

This project proposes approximately 11 acres of open space, exceeding the threshold of 10 Acres for nutrient management.

- A nutrient management plan is required for all persons or entities who apply nutrients to lands or areas of open space of 10 acres or more.
- Contact: Delaware Department of Agriculture's Nutrient Management Program at (302)
- 698-4558. Website: https://agriculture.delaware.gov/nutrient-management/

#### Wildlife Displacement

Development of this site is anticipated to displace local wildlife. Wildlife displaced by encroaching development may become a nuisance for homeowners.

• Future residents are not permitted to discharge firearms within 100 yards (300 feet) of any occupied dwelling or building to hunt or remove nuisance wildlife.

#### State Historic Preservation Office - Contact Carlton Hall 736-7400

- There are no known National Register listed or eligible properties on the parcel.
- Prehistoric archaeological potential is moderate. Soils are mostly well-drained except for the northwest corner of the area. Guinea Creek appears on Beers map and some historic aerials as extending closer to the parcels, which may mean that it is within favorable distance to freshwater for prehistoric site probability. A survey conducted in part of the parcel showed very little remains under a thick plow zone except for two isolated prehistoric finds; could mean that there are other archaeological resources throughout the area.
- Historic archaeological potential is low. Beers Map doesn't show anything near that parcel. A road appears to have existed through the middle-ish until 1950s, and historic aerials show the western portion to be continuously wooded.
- If any project or development proceeds, the developer should be aware of the Unmarked Human Burials and Human Skeletal Remains Law (Del. C. Title 7, Ch. 54).
- If there is federal involvement, in the form of licenses, permits, or funds, the federal agency, often through its client, is responsible for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) and must consider their project's effects on any known or potential cultural or historic resources. For further information or additional details pertaining to the Section 106 process and the Advisory Council's role; please review the Advisory Council's website at the following: www.achp.gov

#### Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office - Contact Duane Fox 259-7037

At the time of formal submittal, the applicant shall provide; completed application, fee, and three sets of plans depicting the following in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulation (DSFPR):

#### Fire Protection Water Requirements:

- Where a water distribution system is proposed for Storage/Warehouse sites, the infrastructure for fire protection water shall be provided, including the size of water mains for fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.
- Water distribution system capable of delivering at least 1500 gpm for 2-hour duration, at 20-psi residual pressure is required. Fire hydrants with 800 feet spacing on centers.
- Where a water distribution system is proposed for apartment (multi-family living units) sites, the infrastructure for fire protection water shall be provided, including the size of water mains for fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.
- Water distribution system capable of delivering at least 1000 gpm for 1-hour duration, at 20-psi residual pressure is required. Fire hydrants with 800 feet spacing on centers.

#### Fire Protection Features:

- All structures over 10,000 Sq. Ft. aggregate will require automatic sprinkler protection installed.
- Buildings greater than 10,000 sq. ft., 3-stories or more, over 35 feet, or classified as High Hazard, are required to meet fire lane marking requirements.
- Buildings occupied as apartments (multi-family living units comprising of 3 or more units) will require automatic sprinkler protection installed.
- All mini-storage buildings greater than 2500 square feet in area and where any of the individual storage units are separated by less than a 1-hour fire resistance-rated barrier shall require an automatic sprinkler system be installed throughout.

Mini-Storage Building is defined as a storage occupancy partitioned into individual storage units, with a majority of the individual units not greater than 750 square feet in area, and that are rented or leased for the purposes of storing personal or business items where all of the following apply:

- (1) the storage units are separated from each other by less than a 1-hour fire resistance rated barrier,
- (2) the owner of the facility does not have unrestricted access to the storage units, and
- (3) the items being stored are concealed from view from outside the storage unit.

- Show Fire Department Connection location (Must be within 300 feet of fire hydrant), and detail as shown in the DSFPR.
- Show Fire Lanes and Sign Detail as shown in DSFPR

#### Accessibility

- All premises, which the fire department may be called upon to protect in case of fire, and which are not readily accessible from public roads, shall be accessible to fire apparatus.
- Any dead end more than 300 feet in length shall be provided with a turn-around or culde-sac arranged such that fire apparatus will be able to turn around by making not more than one backing maneuver. The minimum paved radius of the cul-de-sac shall be 38 feet. The dimensions of the cul-de-sac or turn-around shall be shown on the final plans.
- The use of speed bumps or other methods of traffic speed reduction must be in accordance with Department of Transportation requirements.
- The local Fire Chief, prior to any submission to our Agency, shall approve in writing the use of gates that limit fire department access into and out of the development or property.

#### Gas Piping and System Information:

• Provide type of fuel proposed and show locations of bulk containers on plan.

#### Required Notes:

- Provide a note on the final plans submitted for review to read "All fire lanes, fire hydrants, and fire department connections shall be marked in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations"
- Proposed Use
- Alpha or Numerical Labels for each building/unit for sites with multiple buildings/units
- Square footage of each structure (Total of all Floors)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Construction Type
- Maximum Height of Buildings (including number of stories)
- Note indicating if building is to be sprinklered
- Name of Water Provider
- Letter from Water Provider approving the system layout
- Provide Lock Box Note (as detailed in DSFPR) if Building is to be sprinklered
- Provide Road Names, even for County Roads

#### Recommendations/Additional Information

This section includes a list of site-specific suggestions that are intended to enhance the project. These suggestions have been generated by the State Agencies based on their expertise and subject area knowledge. These suggestions do not represent State code requirements. They are offered here in order to provide proactive ideas to help the applicant enhance the site design, and it is hoped (but in no way required) that the applicant will open a dialogue with the relevant agencies to discuss how the suggestions can benefit the project.

#### <u>Department of Transportation - Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109</u>

- The subject land adjoins both a recorded but as-yet-unbuilt stub street in the Baylis Estates subdivision, which fronts on Mount Joy Road (Sussex Road 297), and the Peninsula Square mixed-use development, which fronts on Autumn Road (Sussex Road 299). In addition to providing emergency access to the proposed apartments, with appropriate interconnections and easements required of the subject development and Peninsula Square, these three developments could provide a low-stress pedestrian and bicycle connection between Mount Joy Road and Autumn Road.
- The applicant should expect a requirement that any substation and/or wastewater facilities will be required to have access from an internal driveway with no direct access to Route 24
- The applicant should expect a requirement that all PLUS and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comments be addressed prior to submitting plans for review.
- Please be advised that the Standard General Notes have been updated and posted to the DelDOT website. Please begin using the new versions and look for the revision dates of March 21, 2019 and March 25, 2019. The notes can be found at <a href="https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/">https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/</a>.

#### <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480</u> Concerns Identified Within the Development Footprint

#### **Forest Removal**

The preliminary plans and/or project application proposed the elimination of approximately 9.2 out of 13.8 existing acres of forest habitat.

- Removing forested areas for development should be avoided to the greatest extent possible. These areas provide habitat for wildlife, uptake nutrients, infiltrate stormwater, and improve water quality. Forests also provide shading and cooling and reduces carbon that contributes to climate change. A forest assessment should be conducted to determine if mature forest resource exists on the property, and to determine species present.
- To reduce impacts to nesting birds and other wildlife species that utilize forests for breeding, it is recommended that tree clearing not occur from April 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Likewise, avoid mowing open space areas and grass filter strips during the same timeframe, as various species of birds utilize these areas for nesting sites.
- Contact: DNREC Wildlife Species Conservation & Research Program at (302) 735-3600. Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/contact-information/

#### **Stormwater Management**

Where the site and soil conditions allow, integrate runoff reduction techniques including infiltration basins, bioretention (rain gardens), filter strips, and pavers to encourage on-site stormwater infiltration and reduce runoff.

• For improved stormwater management, preserve existing trees, wetlands, and passive open space.

#### **General Drainage Recommendations**

There are numerous reported drainage concerns near the proposed project area. One concern from 2009 referenced flooding of a nearby property. There are numerous concerns ranging from 2010-2020 from landowners on the eastern side of John J. Williams Highway about property flooding. The storage of onsite stormwater and the release stormwater to adjacent properties is a concern if this property is developed.

- All existing ditches on the property should be evaluated for function and cleaned, if needed, prior to the construction of the project.
- Environmental permits or exemption coverage may be required by the County Conservation District (Standard Plan), DNREC Sediment and Stormwater (eNOI/NOT), Army Corp of Engineers, and/or DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section prior to clearing and/or excavating ditch channels.
- All precautions should be taken to ensure the project does not hinder any off-site drainage upstream of the project or create any off-site drainage problems downstream by the release of on-site stormwater.
- Any area designated as a drainage/utility easement should be open space and not owned by the individual landowners.
- Any drainage/utility easement owned by an individual landowner should not possess structures such as decks, buildings, sheds, kennels, or fences within the drainage easement to allow for future drainage maintenance. Trees and shrubs planted within a drainage/utility easement should be spaced to allow for drainage maintenance at maturity.

Contact: DNREC Drainage Program at (302) 855-1930.
 Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/</a>

#### Wildlife Displacement

 Deer, groundhogs, and rabbits will browse on gardens, yards, and ornamental landscaping. Developers can avoid conflicts with future residents and most wildlife by maintaining large blocks of forest, as opposed to small pockets of wooded areas within a 300-foot safety zone.

Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912. Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/wildlife/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/wildlife/</a>

#### Mosquitoes

The project lies within a zone that will be impacted by mosquitoes due to its location near large expanses of wetland types including freshwater forested, freshwater emergent, and estuarine.

- Mosquito control issues are increasing as developments infringe on wetland areas, often
  leading to increased demands by the public for mosquito control services. These control
  services can be provided at no charge to homeowners and other entities by the state's
  Mosquito Control Section, or by a private company licensed in this area of specialty.
- Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9917. Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/

#### **Current or Previous Contamination**

This parcel is contained within a large area that has been investigated for well contamination (DE-1388 Long Neck Mercury Study). In 2001, mercury was detected in a public water supply well; levels were reported above the Maximum Contaminant Level. While DNREC and the U.S. Geological Survey investigated the incident, the source could not be located. The well has been temporarily turned off.

- Delaware Health and Social Services reviews the monitoring reports from the water company. The USGS report that resulted from the study can be found here: https://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2006/5011/pdf/sir-2006-5011.pdf
- Contact the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances Remediation Section at (302) 395-2600.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/

• Additional information may also be found online by searching Delaware's Environmental Navigator at <a href="http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/den3/">http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/den3/</a>

#### **Additional Sustainable Practices**

Recommendations for entire project:

• Use efficient Energy Star rated products and materials in construction and redevelopment to lessen the power source emissions of the project and costs. Every percentage of energy efficiency translates into a percent reduction in pollution.

- Air pollution from new construction is generated through the use of maintenance equipment, paints, and consumer products like roof coatings and primers. Use of structural paint coatings that are low in Volatile Organic Compounds will help protect air quality.
- The applicant should consider the use of recycled materials, such as reclaimed asphalt
  pavement, to reduce landfill waste, heat island effects on paved surfaces, and pavement
  costs.
- Incorporate nonmotorized connectivity in the residential area and install bicycle racks where feasible to help facilitate non-vehicular travel modes.

#### Recommendations for residential section:

- Include an option to install electric vehicle charging stations in garages of homes for your customers and tenants to assist Delaware in achieving its clean transportation goals.
- For the proposed pool and clubhouse, consider using renewable energy infrastructure such as solar or geothermal to reduce energy costs and further reduce pollution created from offsite generation. Grant funds and incentives are available through the DNREC Green Energy Fund, which includes several funding types through the state's major electric utilities. Grants may be available for qualifying renewable energy systems installed in Delaware by applicants whose electricity provider collects funds for the program and offers a grant program for renewable energy projects. Additional information can be found at: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/renewable/assistance/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/renewable/assistance/</a>.

#### Recommendations for commercial section:

• Install electric vehicle charging stations for your customers and tenants to assist Delaware in achieving its clean transportation goals. The DNREC Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy offers rebates of up to 90% of the cost of the charging station for commercial, multi-unit dwelling and other public properties. These programs address climate change goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving overall air quality. Additional information can be found at: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/clean-transportation/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/clean-transportation/</a>.

#### Concerns Identified Outside of the Development Footprint

#### **Delaware Ecological Network**

Lands designated as part of the Delaware Ecological Network lie to the east of this parcel. This network is made up of interconnecting natural areas of significant ecological value. Forest disturbances on the proposed development site could jeopardize habitat beyond the parcel boundary.

- Removing forested areas within (and nearby) the Delaware Ecological Network should be
  avoided to the greatest extent possible. These areas provide wildlife habitat, uptake nutrients,
  infiltrate stormwater, and improve water quality. Forests also provide shading and cooling,
  while reduce carbon that contributes to climate change.
- Contact: DNREC Wildlife Species Conservation and Research Program at (302) 735-3600. Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/contact-information/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/contact-information/</a>

#### Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office - Contact Duane Fox 259-7037

 Preliminary meetings with fire protection specialists are encouraged prior to formal submittal. Please call for appointment. Applications and brochures can be downloaded from our website: <a href="www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov">www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov</a>, technical services link, plan review, applications or brochures.

#### Delaware Emergency Management Agency - Contact Philip Cane 659-2325

• The location is not within any flood plain nor in a coastal inundation zone. 2018 QAP described the region this project is located in as being an "Area of Opportunity" while bordering a region identified as "Stable". The region has a homeownership rate of approximately 81.2% to 83%, a poverty ratio of 10 to 1 with approximately 21% of that census block's population at the age of 65 or older.



#### Sussex County Planning & Zoning - Contact Lauren DeVore 855-7878

- As of January 11, 2021, the applicant has already participated in a pre-application meeting with Planning and Zoning staff.
- Please include a note on the plans which indicates that the proposed project is not located within the Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID).
- Following submission to the County, staff undertake review of the Preliminary Site Plan, where more detailed comments are provided to the applicant. At the PLUS stage of review, staff wish to limit comments to high-level comments only.
- For the Conditional Use, a Service Level Evaluation Request form must be completed and submitted to the Office of Planning and Zoning. Once the Office receives the completed Service Level Evaluation Response from DelDOT, the applicant may submit all documentation and materials pertaining to their Conditional Use application.

- Please note that since the proposed development lies within the Coastal Area and is above the 50 dwelling unit and 75,000 feet of commercial development threshold, copies of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Public Facility Evaluation Report must be submitted which address the criteria located in §115-194.3(2)(a-1).
- Additionally, the proposal will have to comply with the site plan requirements of §115-220 and the multifamily requirements of §115-188 of the Sussex County Code.
- Please include the proposed density for the project for separately for both the residential component as well as the commercial site. The C-3 Zoning District and the MR Zoning District (as a Conditional Use) allow for a density of up to 12 dwelling units per acre.
- Please note on the plans that the parcels are not located within a Wellhead Protection Area in order to comply with Chapter 89 "Source Water Protection" of the Sussex County Code (§ 89-6). Please note on the plans that the parcels are located within an area of "good" groundwater recharge potential in order to comply with Chapter 89 "Source Water Protection" of the Sussex County Code (§89-7).
- Staff note that there is only one-way-in, one-way-out access to the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission desire more than one entrance or an easement for emergency access purposes in the event of an emergency occurring on the parcel.
- The side yard setback for the portion of the property to be zoned C-3 adjacent to the existing Yeshua Lane is shown with a 10-ft side yard setback. The Site Data Column indicates that this setback is 5-ft. The side yard setback in the C-3 Zoning District is 20-ft when adjacent to a residentially zoned parcel (Tax Map: 234-29.00-49.04 appears to be residentially zoned as AR-1) (§115-83.22(B)(2)). Please indicate if the applicant wishes to amend this setback as part of the application.
- Staff note that 11.45 acres of open space is proposed. The proposed open space of 44% is desirable. Please include the amount of open space proposed as a percentage and in acres within the Site Data Column.
- The proposed parking appears to meet Code requirements as well as ADA requirements regarding the provision of handicap spaces per total number of parking spaces (§115-162).
- Please note that these are informal staff comments and do not prejudice any decision that the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission may wish to make as part of the formal application.
- Please reach out to Lauren DeVore with any questions regarding these comments at lauren.devore@sussexcountyde.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Office at (302)855-7878.

#### Sussex County Engineering Department - Contact Chris Calio 855-1299

- The proposed project is located within a Tier 2 and Tier 3 area for sewer service and is contiguous to the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District. Annexation and connection to the sewer system is required.
- A "Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement" is required for new projects. Sussex County Code, Chapter 110, requires that the Engineer and/or Developer request a Sewer System Concept Evaluation (SSCE) from the Utility Planning & Design Review Department for the project by providing the parcel(s) estimated equivalent dwelling units (EDU) for the project, along with payment of a \$1,000.00 fee for the evaluation and must be approved prior to approval of construction plans. The fee is to be payable to Sussex County Council. The Department will review the parcel(s) and EDU, confirm capacity, provide the connection point and define any additional parcels that must be served as part of the project. Should it be determined that a pump station is required for the project, additional information may be requested. This information will be conveyed to the engineer and/or developer. The Department will use this information when reviewing construction drawings to verify that the correct connection point is used.
- The proposed development will require a developer installed collection system in accordance with Sussex County standards and procedures.
- One-time system connection charges will apply. Please contact the Utility Permits Division at 302 854-7719 for additional information on charges.

#### Sussex County Housing - Contact: Brandy Nauman 855-7779

- Sussex County endeavors to promote non-discrimination and affordable housing whenever possible throughout the County. In this regard, the developer and associated financial institutions are encouraged to provide and finance affordable housing opportunities to Sussex County residents in all new developments, and affirmatively market those affordable housing units to diverse populations.
- For questions about opportunities available for affordable housing projects within Sussex County, please consult Sussex County's "Affordable Housing Support Policy". The policy along with other resources are available on the County's Affordable & Fair Housing Resource Center website: www.sussexcountyde.gov/affordable-and-fair-housing-resource-center. The County's Community Development & Housing Department can advise about existing affordable housing opportunities in Sussex County and the appropriate County Department to contact regarding specific development issues concerning future affordable housing projects within Sussex County.
- The Community Development & Housing Department can also explain and assist with any financial support or incentives that may be available to a project from federal, state and

county sources, as well as private funding sources that also promote affordable housing in Sussex County.

- Please understand that all residential projects, including Affordable Housing Projects are subject to the applicable provisions of the Sussex County Subdivision and Zoning Codes, and the approval processes set forth in those Codes.
- On behalf of Sussex County, we look forward to cooperating with you and your project as it moves forward.

Following receipt of this letter and upon filing of an application with the local jurisdiction, the applicant shall provide to the local jurisdiction and the Office of State Planning Coordination a written response to comments received as a result of the pre-application process, noting whether comments were incorporated into the project design or not and the reason therefore.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-3090.

Sincerely,

Constance C. Holland, AICP

Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

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CC: Sussex County Planning Department

#### **Mackenzie Peet**

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Subject: RE: American Storage of Delaware

Hi David,

Thank you for your email. I have reviewed this with Dorothy and David. OSPC will not require a new PLUS review.

We do note that the State Comments letter referred to a bike path in the DelDOT comments. The site plan does not appear to show one. Please make sure to address this feature moving forward with the plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information.

Thanks much, -Steve Bayer

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Subject: American Storage of Delaware

Dorothy,

Earlier this year, the OSPC reviewed an application for American Storage of Delaware (PLUS Review 2021-02-05). For your ready reference, I have attached a copy of the PLUS Review Letter dated March 23, 2021.

The overall concept has stayed the same with a commercial-type use along Route 24 and residential behind that application. The acreage for the commercial has been reduced which, of course, increased the acreage for the residential component.

In short, what before was 139,600 square feet of mini storage and business park (flex space) and 104 residential units is now proposed to be 150,000 square feet of mini-storage and 140 residential units. Attached is a copy of the new concept.

Does your office want to see a new/revised application?

Thanks,

David

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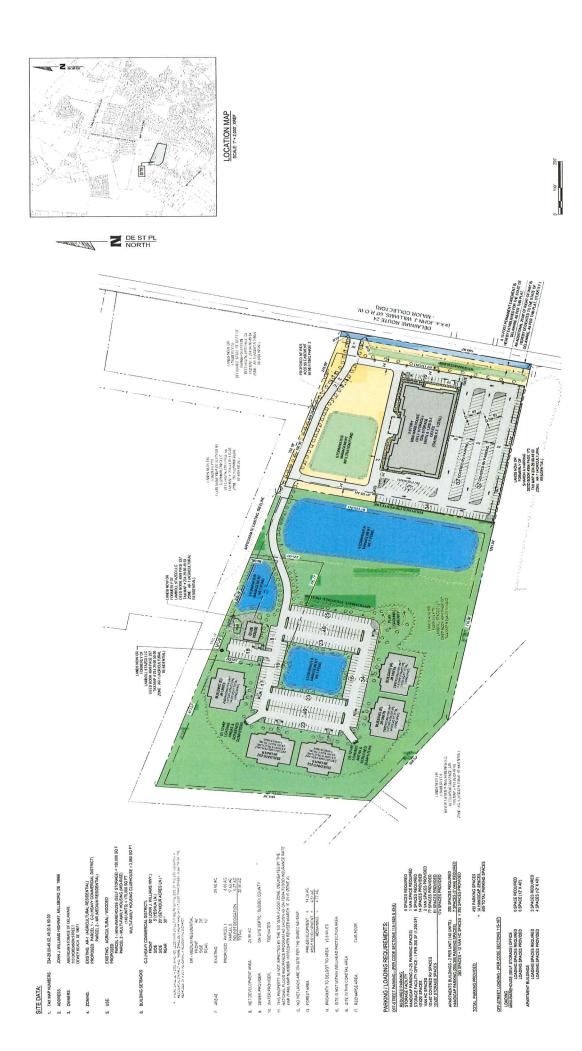
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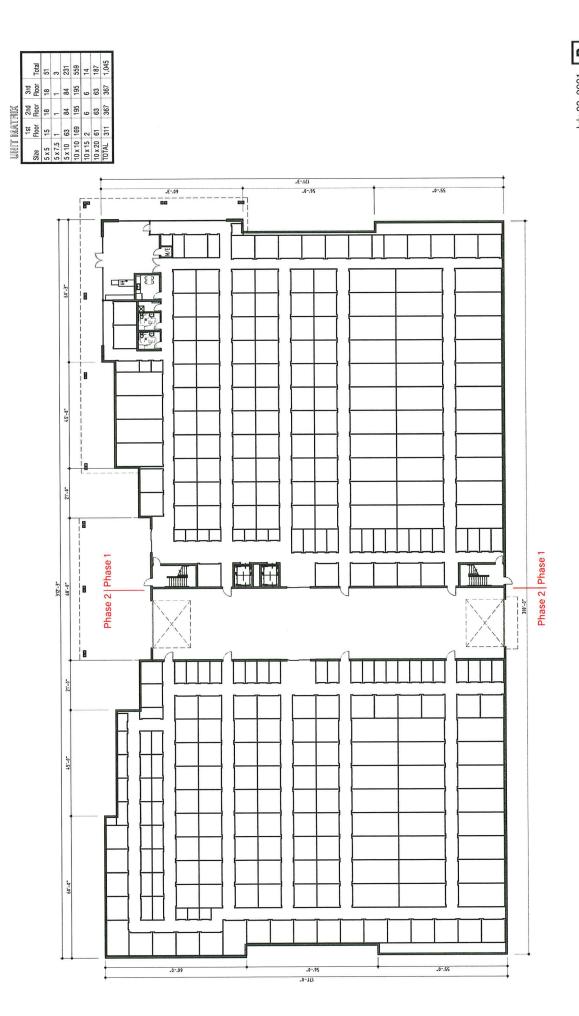




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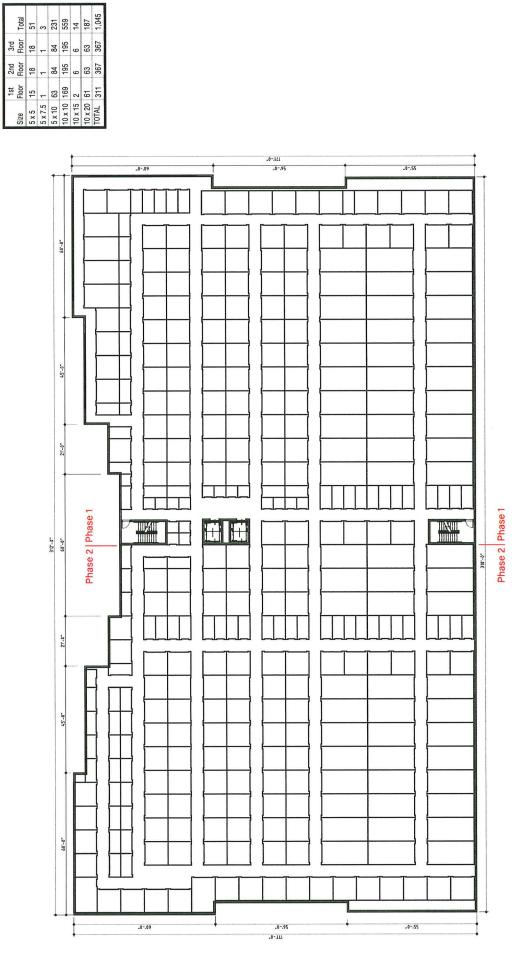


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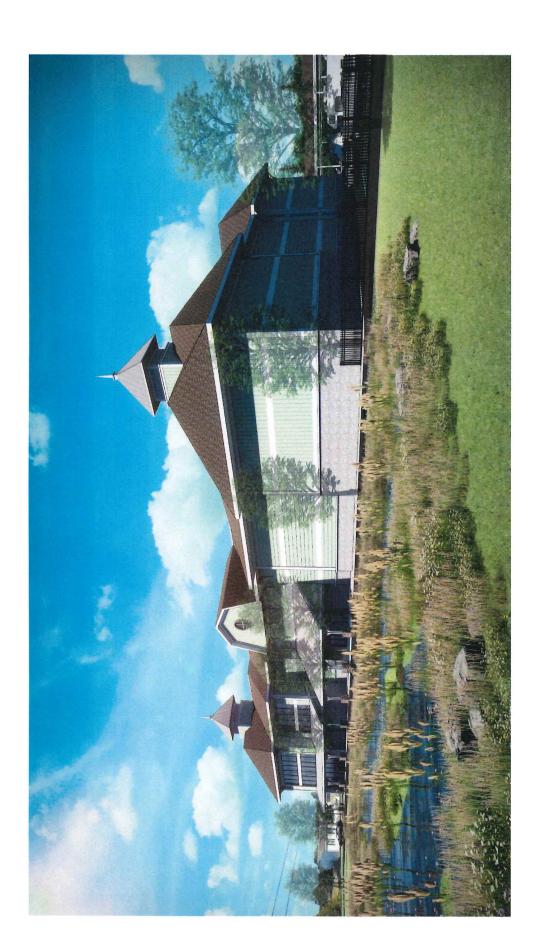
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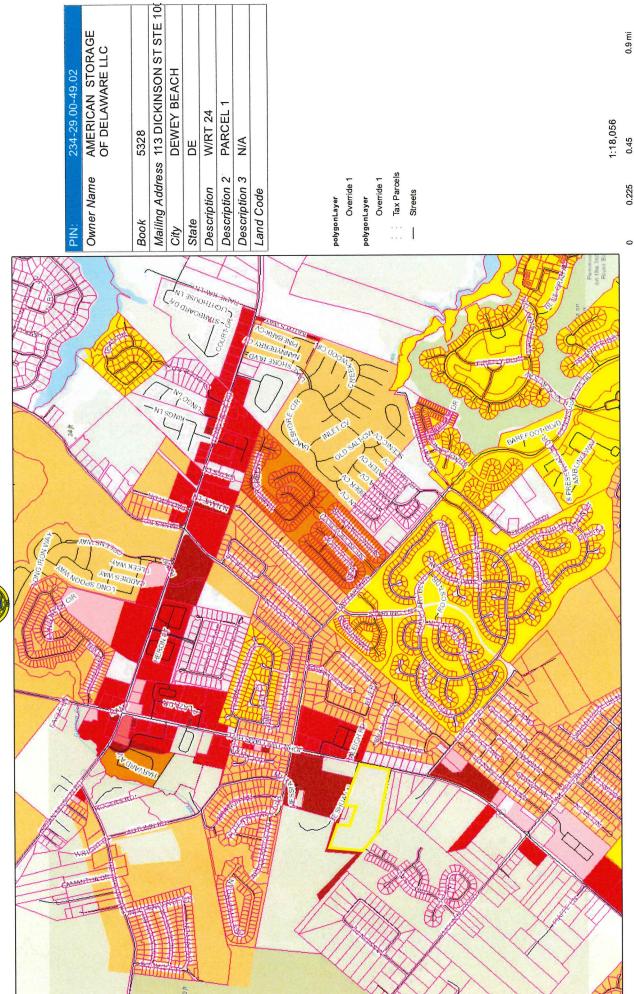


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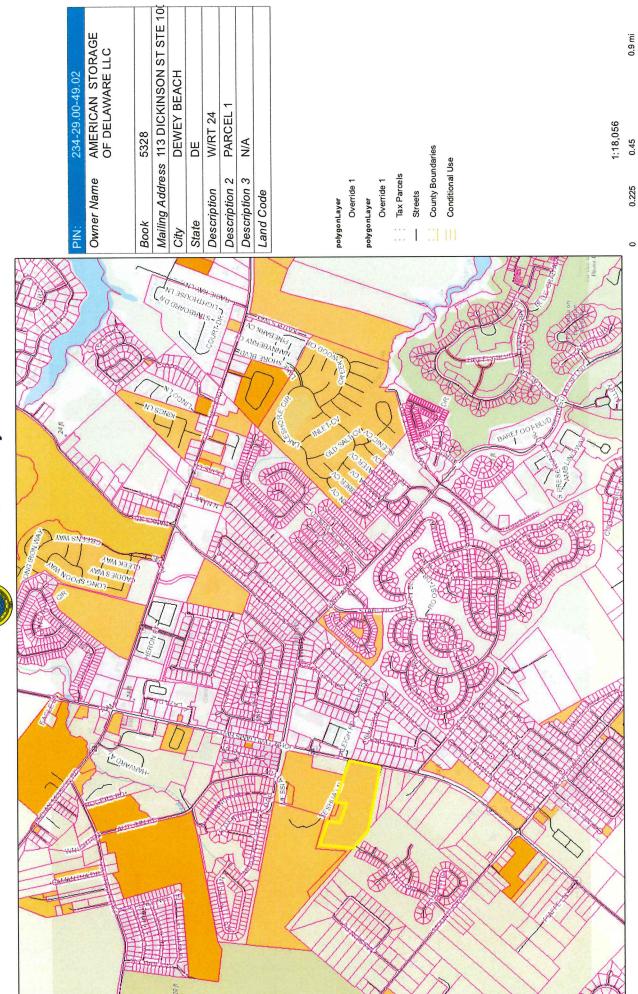






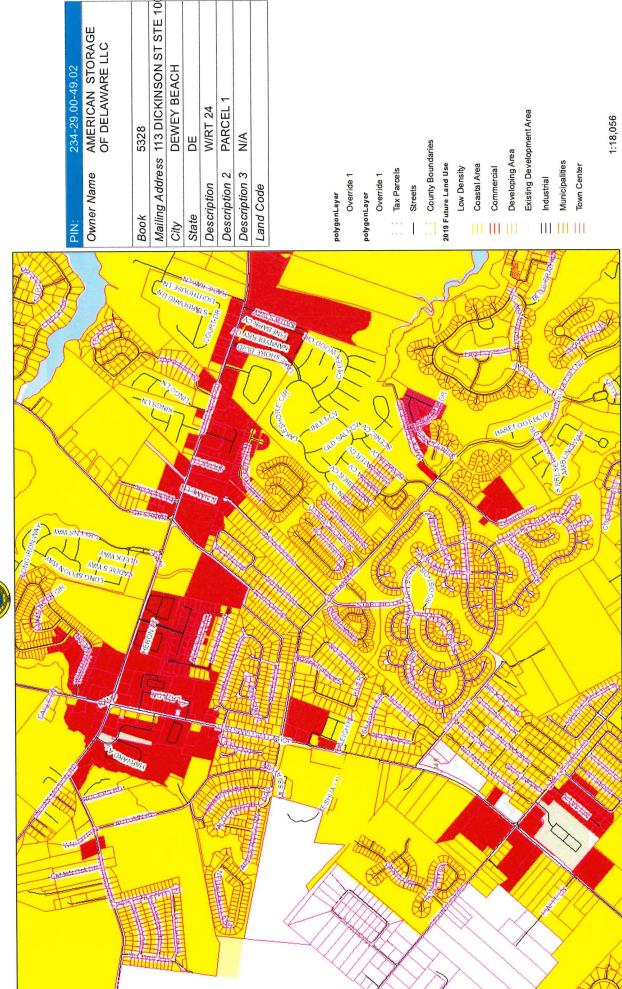




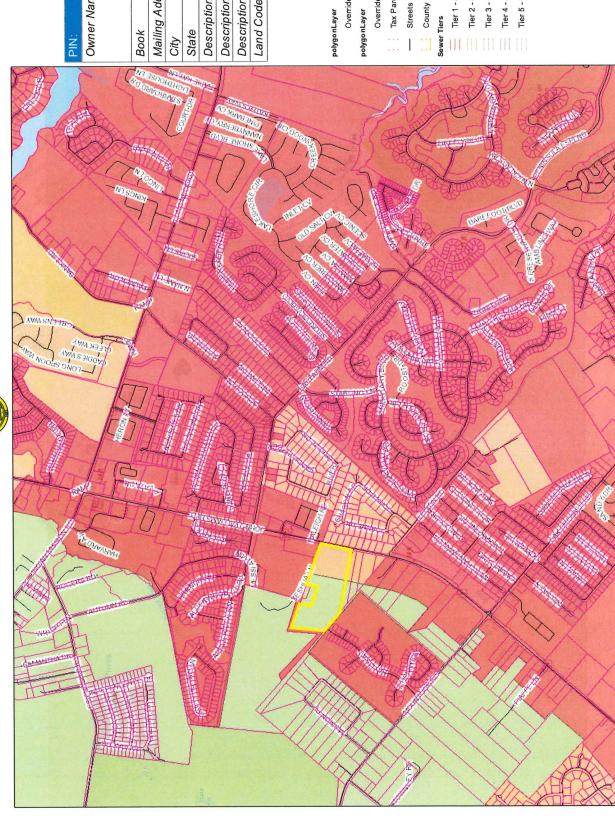


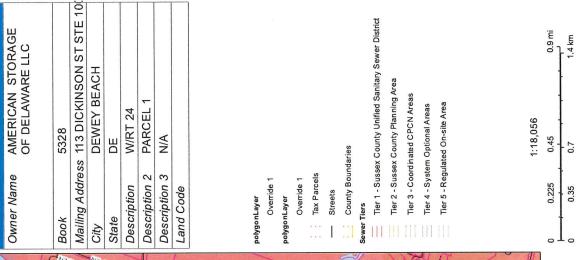
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### COASTAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Scaled Engineering Inc (Scaled) on behalf of American Storage of Delaware LLC (client), has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Public Facility Evaluation Report (report) for the American Storage of Delaware LLC property, located west side of John J. Williams Highway (Route 24), 0.25± miles south of Bay Farm Road, Millsboro, DE 19966. The site is listed under Sussex County tax map numbers 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00. The site is intended to be improved with commercial business park (flex park), mini-warehouse (self-storage) facilities, mini-warehouse office, and residential multi-family housing with clubhouse. A preliminary concept plan is provided in Appendix A.

#### 2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The subject property consists of a vacant, 25.90± acre, partially wooded parcel with approximately 12 acres of tillable land. Topographically, much of the site is nearly level, with gently sloped areas to the north and northwest with approximately 3 feet of relief. Regionally, the eastern part of the site is located within the Indian River Bay – Indian River Inlet watershed, which ultimately drains to the Indian River Bay. The western part of the site is located within the Love Creek watershed, which ultimately drains to the Rehoboth Bay.

#### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITY EVALUATION

3.A PROPOSED DRAINAGE DESIGN AND THE EFFECT ON STORMWATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY LEAVING THE SITE, INCLUDING METHODS FOR REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS AND NITROGEN IN THE STORMWATER RUNOFF AND THE CONTROL OF ANY OTHER POLLUTANTS SUCH AS PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS OR METALS

The proposed drainage design will utilize best management practices to meet or exceed state regulatory requirements. A combination of wet basin(s), planted buffers, and infiltration practices (at a minimum) will be utilized to reduce phosphorus and nitrogen, and control runoff of other pollutants, such as petroleum hydrocarbons and metals. Quantity discharges would also be managed by appropriate measures on-site. A detailed stormwater management plan would be prepared and submitted to the Sussex Conservation District for review and approval prior to any land disturbing activities.

3.B PROPOSED METHOD OF PROVIDING POTABLE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, IRRIGATION WATER AND THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS AND GROUNDWATER, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE OF AVERAGE AND PEAK DEMANDS

Potable water will be serviced by Tidewater Utilities, Inc (Tidewater, TUI). The property is located within TUI's Certificate of Public Necessity (CPCN) area. A service request has been submitted to Tidewater, and the "Willing and Able to Serve Letter" will be provided upon receipt. A water main including potable and fire suppression water is located on the opposite side of Route 24. It is unknown if service stubs are already provided to the site; however, they would be extended to provide adequate water supply to the project. Utilizing the public water utility will ensure there are no negative effects to groundwater. The current plan would generate the need for 140 residential units (140 EDU's) and a single bathroom facility for the mini-storage facility (3 EDU's estimated). Based on Sussex County design standards of 250 gallons per day per Estimated Dwelling Unit (EDU) an average demand of 35,750 gallons per day with a peak demand (assuming a peaking factor of 2.3) to be approximately 82,225 gallons per day. With the property in the Coastal Area, factors such as seasonal occupancy may reduce this demand. Extension of the existing water main would be designed in accordance with Tidewater Standards (by the site engineer) and installed by the developer to accommodate the potable demand, and to provide additional fire hydrant(s) and fire suppression to proposed facilities.



# 3.C PROPOSED MEANS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL WITH AN ANLYSIS OF THE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATERS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Sanitary Sewer (Wastewater) service will be provided by Sussex County. A "Sewer Service Concept Evaluation" (SSCE) was submitted to the Sussex County Engineering Department along with the appropriate fee. The SSCE will analyze the project's capacity needs and provide the appropriate location and method for connection to the County's system. A "Willing and Able to Serve Letter" was also requested. Conversation with the County has determined, based on a preliminary review, the project will most likely utilize an existing stub near the Route 24 / (Bay Farm Rd/Autumn Rd) intersection. An adjacent property (to the North) is under design currently, which may allow for a closer connection. Following Sussex County Sewer Design standards and utilizing the Sussex County facility(s) will ensure there are no effects to the quality of groundwater and surface waters from wastewater treatment and disposal. It is currently assumed that this area will be handled by the Inland Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant off Cannon Road.

#### 3.D ANALYSIS OF THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC AND THE EFFECT ON THE SURROUNDING ROADWAY SYSTEM

The increase in traffic and effect on the surrounding roadways will be analyzed, reviewed, and approved by the Department of Transportation (DelDOT) through a thorough review process. On-site entrance location, size, and any site (or off-site) improvements would be part of this process during design. Based on the PLUS report response by the DelDOT (dated March 3, 2021) (included in application) the proposed improvements would generate less than 2,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) and less than 200 peak hour vehicle trip ends. This allows the developer to provide an Area Wide Study (AWS) fee in lieu of a Traffic Impact Study (TIS). The fee is calculated as \$10 per daily trip and is used to fund traffic studies. The actual traffic generated by proposed improvements will be adjusted based on the actual use at the time of submission, and should traffic increase, requirements may change; however, it is not anticipated the thresholds would be exceeded to require a TIS. The site is fronted along Route 24, which is deemed a "Major Collector" and provides for substantial traffic flows given its functional classification. All necessary improvements would be designed and installed by the developer to ensure safe and appropriate traffic flow into and out of the site.

#### 3.E THE PRESENCE OF ANY ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES LISTED ON FEDERAL OR STATE REGISTERS AND PROPOSED HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

Per the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), "Critical Habitat for Threatened & Endangered Species" mapping, no critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, nor proposed habitat protection areas exist on the site (see Appendix B). An "Assessment of Environmental Conditions and Natural Features" report, prepared by Edward M. Launay of Environmental Resources, Inc., revealed no endangered or threatened species on the site (see Appendix C).

#### 3.F THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION FROM LOSS OF ANY TIDAL OR NONTIDAL WETLANDS ON THE SITE

Per the FWS, National Wetlands Inventory, no wetlands exist on the site (see Appendix B). An "Assessment of Environmental Conditions and Natural Features" report, prepared by Edward M. Launay of Environmental Resources, Inc., revealed no wetlands on the site (see Appendix C).

#### 3.G PROVISIONS FOR OPEN SPACE AS DEFINED IN § 115-4. [ADDED 12-16-2008 BY ORD. NO. 2022<sup>1</sup>]

The proposed project will allow approximately 11 acres of land to remain open space. Approximately 4.77 acres will consist of undisturbed forested area, which will be utilized for recreation and provide wildlife habitat. Other



passive open space will contain stormwater best management practices. Active open space will contain grass areas, recreational features, and decorative landscaping.

#### 3.H A DESCRIPTION OF PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE

Sewer service will be provided by Sussex County. Potable water will be provided by Tidewater. Sewer and water infrastructure necessary to connect to the public utilities will be constructed by the developer. Electric will be serviced by Delmarva Power. Easements will be provided, as necessary, for all infrastructure to be maintained by an agency and/or service provider. Internal access roads and parking will be constructed and privately maintained by the developer and/or homeowners association.

#### 3.1 ECONOMIC, RECREATIONAL OR OTHER BENEFITS

The proposed commercial business park and mini-warehouse facilities will provide business and employment opportunities, which will promote economic growth to the community and surrounding areas. The self-storage facility will provide a viable personal storage option, which will benefit the growing community. The multi-family housing will offer market rate apartments to individuals and families living and working in Long Neck and surrounding areas. The proposed club house and active outdoor open space will provide safe and family oriented recreational area for residents on-site.

#### 3.J THE PRESENCE OF ANY HISTORIC OR CULTURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Per an online review of the National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places database, there are no historic or cultural resources at the site.

# 3.K A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE PROPOSED APPLICATION AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CURRENT SUSSEX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Currently the property is Zoned AR-1 with a Future Land Use Designation of Coastal Area. The Coastal Area is "...among the most desirable locations in Sussex County for new housing, as is reflected in new construction data and real estate prices." With the development of new homes in this Coastal Area, commercial facilities will need to be added to support the needs of the additional residents.

#### Commercial Storage:

Many new residents are moving from remote destinations to Sussex County (and the Coastal Area in particular) for retirement and lower cost living after achieving a specific age. Generally, new homes are smaller than those they are leaving, and located withing planned residential communities which do not provide ample storage for their needs (or the ability to add additional storage facilities such as detached garages/sheds/buildings). This use provides a cost effective means of storage in a centralized location adjacent to adequate transportation and roadways.

Per the 2018 Sussex Comprehensive Plan Update, "Commercial Areas include concentrations of retail and service uses that are mainly located along arterials, and <u>HIGHWAYS</u>."

This site is directly located along Route 24 (John J. Williams <u>HIGHWAY</u>), and adjacent to other commercial uses (retail and service). Based on these facts, the property appears suited to be included within that concentration of use already prescribed in the area.

#### Medium Density Residential:

The rear of the property (as proposed) is for multi-family residential. Per the 2018 Comprehensive Plan "Sussex County's base density of 2 units per acres is appropriate throughout this classification (Coastal Area); however, medium and higher density (4-12 units per acre) can be appropriate in certain areas. Medium and Higher Density

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could be supported in areas: where there is central water and sewer (provided); near sufficient commercial uses (Harris Teeter shopping center across Route 24 and newly proposed commercial to north); where it is in keeping with the character of the area (Victoria's Landing multifamily across Route 24 and other nearby medium density developments to north and south of property); where it is along a main road or at/near a major intersection (along Route 24); where there is adequate Level of Service (Located within Level 2 of the 2020 Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending);...".

# 3.L ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE APPLICANT TO MITIGATE THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED RELEVANT TO SUBSECTION B(2)(A) THROUGH (K) ABOVE AND THE MANNER BY WHICH THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The above subsections B(2)(A) through (K), strive to identify possible impacts from the proposed development. Each item above requires professional engineering/design, oversight, review, and approval by respective authoritative agency(s); therefore, will meet the requirements set forth in all Federal, State, County, and Local codes/regulations to minimize (or eliminate) possible detrimental impacts from development.

"The (2018 Comprehensive) Plan strives to set a foundation for decision-making and provide the County with a roadmap to a future that will maintain and enhance the quality of life all residents enjoy." The proposed project as described compliments the nearby area by providing responsible growth and necessities of the community while maintaining the quality of life residents are moving to the area to enjoy, as is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

#### 4.0 CONCLUSION

The American Storage of Delaware LLC project will utilize best management practices that meet or exceed regulatory requirements. The project will provide opportunity for economic and societal growth within the community, while preserving the environment.

Scaled Engineering Inc. is committed to bringing the best resources to our clients to assist in development of their projects. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Scaled.



#### **REFERENCES**

The following documents, publications, maps, etc., were used as source materials for this report:

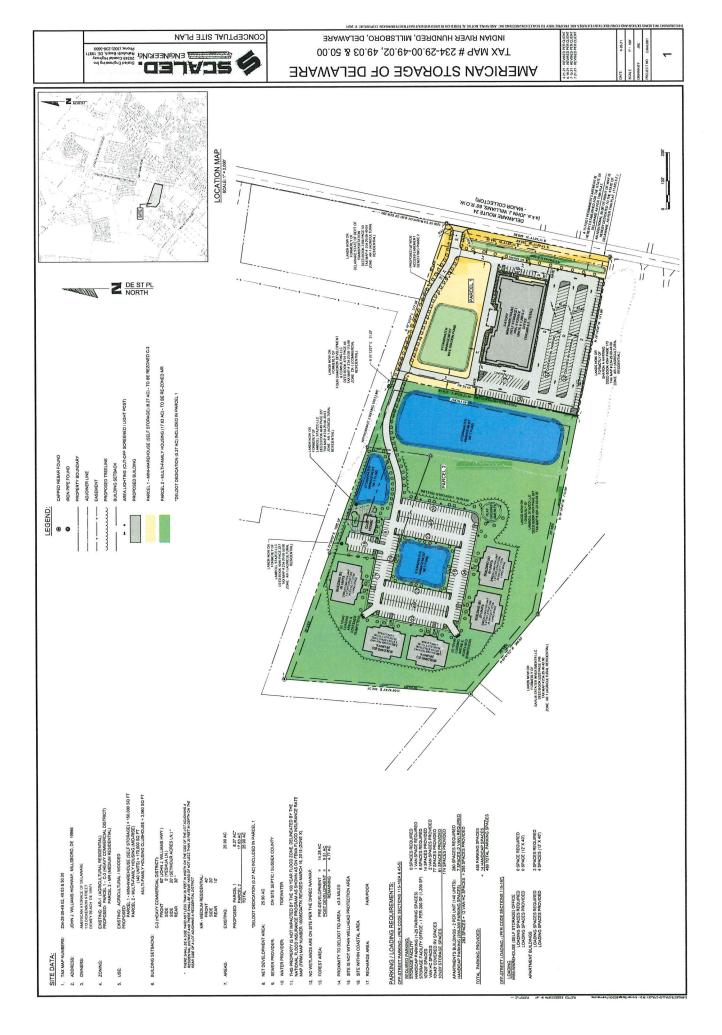
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# APPENDIX A PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN



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# CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES

# Critical Habitat for Threatened & Endangered Species [USFWS]



A specific geographic area(s) that contains features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management and protection.

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#### **WETLAND MAPPING**

# National Wetlands Inventory U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# WETLAND MAPPING

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# Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Other

Lake

Riverine

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

# APPENDIX C ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS & NATURAL FEATURES REPORT

# **Assessment of Environmental Conditions & Natural Features**

Tax Map Parcels 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00 Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware

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#### Introduction

Environmental Resources, Inc. (ERI) has performed a review of 29.90 acres of land located in Sussex County, Delaware on the western side of John J. Williams Highway (State Route 24) just south of Yeshua Lane. The site is located in the Indian River Hundred and it is composed of Tax Map Parcels 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 and 50.00. The Sussex County Tax Map is included as Exhibit 1. A May 2021 Google Earth Photo is Exhibit 2. Exhibit 3 is a copy of a boundary survey reduced in size. This review was conducted on behalf of the property owner, American Storage of Delaware, LLC., who is seeking land use approval from Sussex County for a potential mixed use development involving residential housing and a commercial storage facility component. The proposed current plan is provided as Exhibit 4. A field reconnaissance of the property was performed on March 2, 2022. Prior to that reconnaissance, ERI reviewed a variety of published guidance document involving topics such as wetlands, soils and topography.

ERI found that in the case of the subject site, published guidance map information about environmental resources was relatively accurate. ERI did not encounter any wetlands, unique topographic conditions such as steep slopes, forest of exceptional resource value or any federally listed threatened or endangered species, or any critical habitats present on the property. The site is surrounded by existing residential and commercial development on three sides.

#### Site Location and Topography

The 29.90 acre site is somewhat rectangular in shape. It has 598.92 feet of frontage along the western side of John J. Williams Highway (State Route 24). It is roughly 660 feet deep. Two unimproved driveways lie just to the north and south of the site, Yeshua Lane and Seymore Acres Lane respectively. Both lanes access low density residential housing. The frontage of the property is occupied by an 11.5 acre agricultural field (See Photographs 1, 2 & 3). The remainder of the site, 14.4 acres is immature woodland.

The topography over the site is relatively flat. State Route 24 is somewhat higher than the adjacent agricultural fields. Elevations range throughout the site from 15 to 19 feet. However, most of the property lies between 16 and 19 feet. While being relatively flat, the property is generally concave with somewhat higher lands surrounding it off site. A low point exists just off site at the northeast corner of the property. Within the site itself, topographic information shows areas of ridges and shallow closed depression. Soil conditions are very sandy. Historic aerial photography indicates that some parts of the agricultural field portion of the site has rare occurrences of wetness at the surface in some years after major storm events.

Based on ERI's site reconnaissance there is no evidence of any surface ponding within the wooded portion of the site. Depth to seasonal high groundwaters appears to average about 42 inches below the soil surface as observed on March 2, 2022. Soil textures were found to be composed of permeable loamy sand soils. There are no ditches, streams or surface water conveyances within, abutting or in close proximity to the property boundaries.

#### Soil Characteristics & Groundwater

The USDA Soil Survey for Sussex County is included as Exhibit 5 of this report. The Soil Survey indicates four soil types within the site, all with 0-2 percent slopes. Downer loamy sand (DnA), Fort Mott loamy sand (FmA), Ingleside loamy sand (IeA) soils total 78.9 percent of the site. They are well drained soils found on uplands.

Klej loamy sand (KsA) occupies 21.1 percent of the site. This somewhat poorly drained soil is mapped in the northwest quadrant of the site as shown by Exhibit 5. The occurrence of this soil type within the northwest quadrant of the site is consistent with conditions observed during ERI's site reconnaissance. Land of slightly lower elevation lie within this area and within some shallow topographically depressed areas in the center of the site. A soil boring near the northeast corner of the of the site where klej sandy loam is mapped is described as follows:

Inches	Description		
0-2	10 YR 3/1 very dark grey loamy sand		
2 - 14	10 YR 5/3 brown loamy sand		
14 - 25	10 YR 5/4 yellowish brown loamy sand		
25 – 38+	10 YR 5/2 greyish brown loamy sand		
Gr	Groundwater Depth 36" 3/2/2022		

The extent of Klej loamy sand soils on this site is likely larger than mapped by the USDA Soil Survey.

Fort Mott loamy sand is mapped over much of the southerly half of the site (60.5% of total site). A soil boring was excavated near the center of the site just inside of the woods line (See Photograph 4) within the Fort Mott unit is described as follows:

Inches	Description		
0-2	10 YR 3/2 very dark greyish brown		
	loamy sand		
2 - 13	10 YR 4/3 brown loamy sand		
13 – 30	10 YR 4/4 dark yellowish brown loamy		
	sand		
30 - 52+	10 YR 5/6 yellowish brown loamy sand		
Borir	Boring was dry at 52 inches 3/2/2022		

Within the center of the wooded portion of the site, a third boring was excavated in an area mapped as Fort Mott soils by the Soil Survey. It was very similar to the previously described soil, however, below 40 inches soil chromas had a chroma of 2.5 Y. They were variegated in color between 2.5 Y 6/3 light yellowish brown and 2.5 Y 5/6 light olive brown loamy sand. Depth to groundwater was 42 inches on 3/2/2022. It is likely the inclusions of other well drained soils in the Hammonton and Woodstown and Klej Series occur within the Fort Mott mapping unit shown on the USDA Soil Survey.

No hydric soils or soils indicative of wetlands were identified on this property. Soils on this property are somewhat poorly drained to well drained in character with few development limitations. Soil conditions are permeable loamy sands to sand.

Forested Land – The forest on this property is monotypic in both age and structure. Based upon review of aerial photography, the wooded portion of the site was clear cut in approximately 2004. The current forest is about 17 years old. Dominant species include loblolly pine, sweet gum and red maple. The understory ranges from open in higher parts (See Photograph 4) of the site and denser in more lowlying areas (See Photograph 5). In these low lying areas or within shallow topographic depression red maple is more prevalent along with species such as high bush blueberry, American holly and green briar. The plant community generally appears more wet tolerant than soil conditions would indicate in these areas.

Exhibit 6 of this report is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory Map (NWI Map). The NWI Map classifies this entire site as uplands.

A palustrine forest wetland associated with a drainage way is mapped 0.15 miles northwest of the site. An isolated water filled depression is mapped approximately 0.03 miles north, northwest of the site. No indication of special habitat types was observed on the property.

<u>Federally Listed Threatened or Endangered Species</u> – No evidence of any federally listed threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act was observed on the site during ERI's reconnaissance.

ERI also consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on this topic. The Service has no record of any federally listed species on this site. The Service's determination letter dated March 3, 2022, is included as Exhibit 7 of this report. The Service's letter does identify a candidate species for listing, Monarch Butterfly (*Dahaus plexippus*) where suitable conditions exist.

This species of butterfly has a life cycle dependent upon milkweed species growing in open fields. The open lands of this property are active agricultural lands. Suitable habitat is not present.

#### Conclusion

The 25.90 acre site consists of 11.5 acres of agricultural field and 14.4 acres of a relatively immature stand of trees dominated by loblolly pine, sweet gum and red maple. The wooded portion of the site was clear cut in 2004. No specimen trees or habitats of special concern exist. No federally listed threatened or endangered species exist on the property.

The site is relatively flat but somewhat concave with respect to surrounding topography. There are no wetlands, streams or drainage conveyances on or nearby the site. Soils on the site are primarily loamy sands with few development limitations. The soils are mostly well drained in character. Only an estimated 20 to 35 percent of the site is occupied by soils somewhat poorly drained in character. Soil textures are permeable loamy sand to sand. Seasonal high water conditions observed on March 2, 2022 ranged from 36 inches below the surface to dry at 52 inches or greater.

The subject site is surrounded by existing commercial and residential development on three sides. To the rear or west of the site an area of relatively mature upland forests exists offsite.

**Sussex County Tax Map** 

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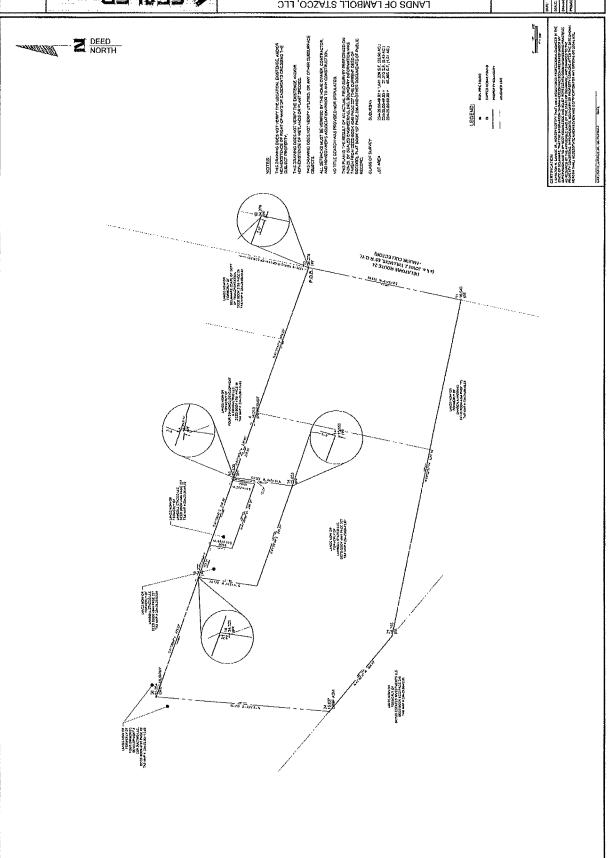
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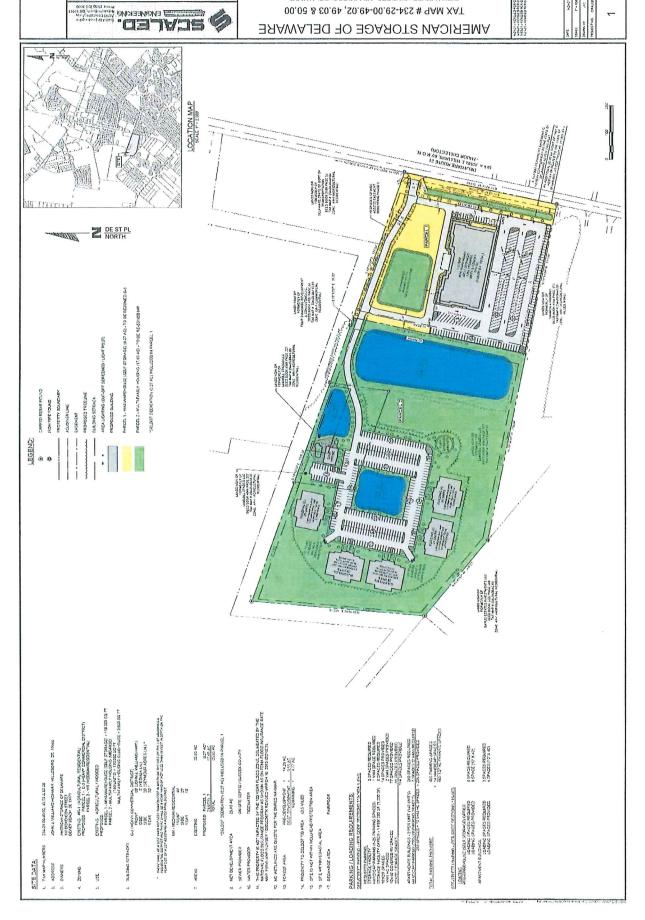
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**Boundary Survey Scaled Engineering (reduced)** 



Concept Plan
Scaled Engineering (reduced)

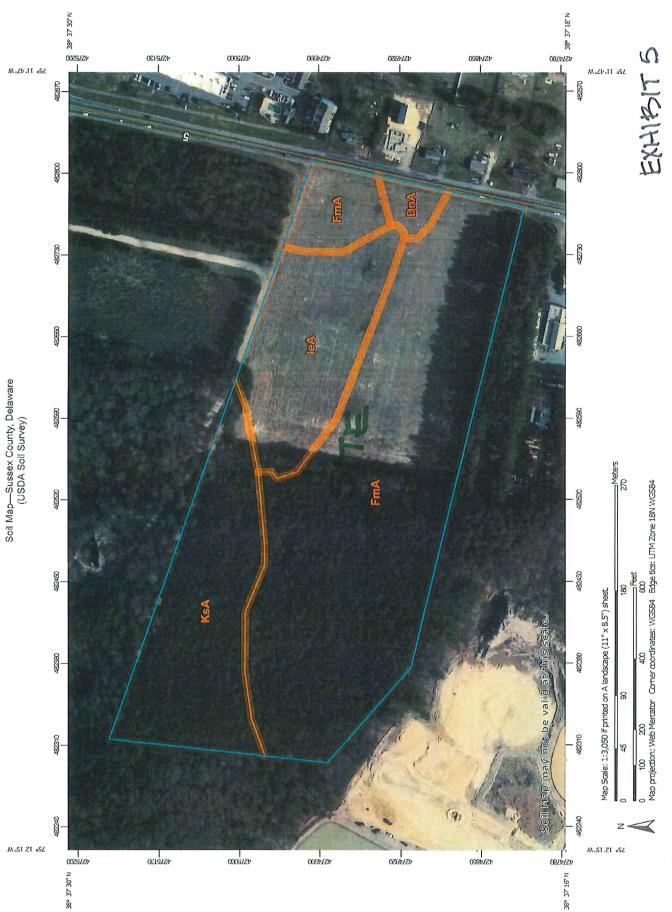


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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

**USDA Soil Survey of Sussex County** 



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MAP LEGEND

#### Special Line Features Streams and Canals Interstate Highways Aerial Photography Very Stony Spot Major Roads Local Roads Stony Spot **US Routes** Spoil Area Wet Spot Other Rails Water Features Transportation Background 2 ‡ Soil Map Unit Polygons Area of Interest (AOI) Miscellaneous Water Soil Map Unit Points Soil Map Unit Lines Closed Depression Marsh or swamp Mine or Quarry Special Point Features **Gravelly Spot Borrow Pit** Lava Flow Gravel Pit Area of Interest (AOI) Clay Spot Blowout Landfill X 0 (K 0 Soils

# MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at

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Survey Area Data: Version 22, Aug 26, 2021 Soil Survey Area: Sussex County, Delaware

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger. Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Apr 1, 2020—Oct 1,

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Severely Eroded Spot

Slide or Slip

Sinkhole

Sodic Spot

Sandy Spot

Saline Spot

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

#### Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
DnA	Downer loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	0.5	1.8%
FmA	Fort Mott loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	15.9	60.5%
leA	Ingleside loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	4.3	16.5%
KsA	Klej loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	5.6	21.1%
Totals for Area of Interest		26.3	100.0%

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory Map

# American Storage of Delaware LLC

# This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site. 0.2 mi 0.3 km 1:6,889 0.1 0.15 0.05 0.075

March 4, 2022

# Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Lake

Other

Riverine

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) This page was produced by the NWI mapper

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Species List March 3, 2022

#### EXHIBIT 7



#### United States Department of the Interior

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#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, MD 21401-7307 Phone: (410) 573-4599 Fax: (410) 266-9127

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/endsppweb/ProjectReview/Index.html

In Reply Refer To:

Project Code: 2022-0015439

Project Name: American Storage of Delaware LLC

March 03, 2022

Project Name. American Storage of Delaware BBC

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

#### To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations.php.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-birds.php.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations/executive-orders/e0-13186.php.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of

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this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

#### Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Wetlands

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#### **Official Species List**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, MD 21401-7307 (410) 573-4599

#### **Project Summary**

Project Code:

2022-0015439

Event Code:

None

Project Name:

American Storage of Delaware LLC

Project Type:

Mixed-Use Construction

Project Description: Proposed development of a mixed use commercial storage facility and

residential Hosing project on uplands.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <a href="https://">https://</a> www.google.com/maps/@38.623283,-75.20047726008434,14z



Counties: Sussex County, Delaware

#### **Endangered Species Act Species**

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an
office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of
Commerce.

#### Insects

NAME

STATUS

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

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Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

 The monarch is a candidate species and not yet listed or proposed for listing. There are generally no section 7 requirements for candidate species (FAQ found here: https:// www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/FAQ-Section7.html).

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

#### Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

# USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

#### Wetlands

Impacts to <a href="NWI wetlands">NWI wetlands</a> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

WETLAND INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS SPECIES LIST WAS GENERATED. PLEASE VISIT <a href="https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html">https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html</a> OR CONTACT THE FIELD OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

#### **IPaC User Contact Information**

Agency: Environmental Resources Inc.

Name: Edward Launay Address: PO Box 169 City: Selbyville

State: DE Zip: 19975

Email elaunay@ericonsultants.com

Phone: 3024369637

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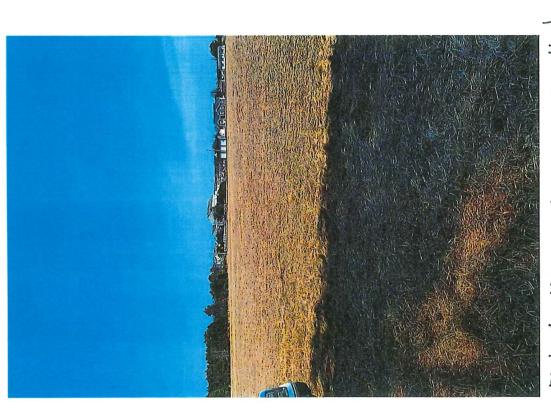
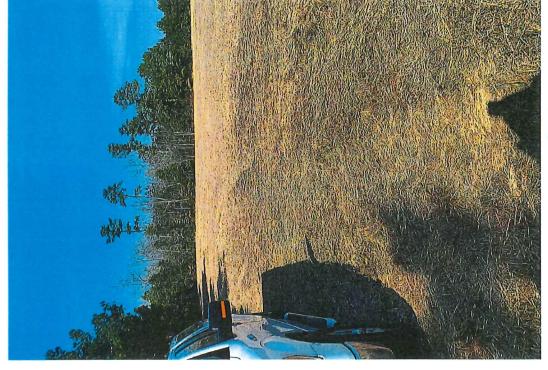
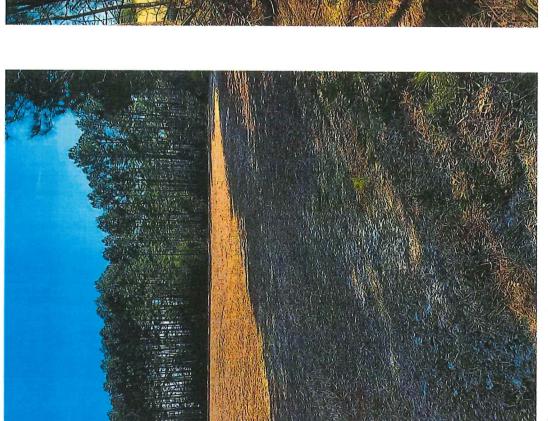


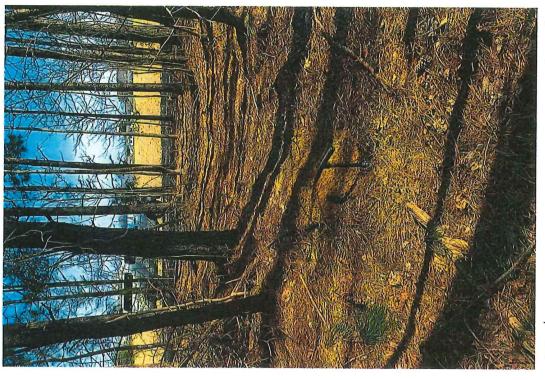
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# EXHIBIT G



A Middlesex Water Company Affiliate

March 10, 2022

Sent via email

M. Josh Stallings Scaled Engineering Inc. 20246 Coastal Highway Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

**RE:** Willing & Able Letter- Tax Parcel No 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03, 50.00

Dear Mr. Stallings:

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. (Tidewater) is willing and able to serve public water, including fire protection, to the following parcel identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 234-29.00-49.02, 234-29.00-49.03, and 234-29.00-50.00. Water service is contingent on the terms and conditions of a Water Service Agreement by and between Tidewater and the Project Owner.

Please feel free to contact me at 302-747-1304 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Tidewater looks forward to meeting the water needs of this project.

Sincerely,

Keery R. Bailey

Kelly R. Bailey Manager of Contract Administration

#### Hutt, David C.

From:

Bayer, Stephen G (OMB) <stephen.bayer@delaware.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:52 AM

To:

Hutt, David C.

Subject:

RE: American Storage of Delaware

Hi David,

Thank you for your email. I have reviewed this with Dorothy and David. OSPC will not require a new PLUS review.

We do note that the State Comments letter referred to a bike path in the DelDOT comments. The site plan does not appear to show one. Please make sure to address this feature moving forward with the plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information.

Thanks much, -Steve Bayer

Steve Bayer
Planner
Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination
Haslet Armory
122 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, South
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 739-3090
(302) 739-5661 fax
http://stateplanning.delaware.gov/

From: Hutt, David C. <DHutt@morrisjames.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:34 AM

To: Bayer, Stephen G (OMB) <stephen.bayer@delaware.gov>; Morris, Dorothy (OMB) <Dorothy.Morris@delaware.gov>

Subject: American Storage of Delaware

Dorothy,

Earlier this year, the OSPC reviewed an application for American Storage of Delaware (PLUS Review 2021-02-05). For your ready reference, I have attached a copy of the PLUS Review Letter dated March 23, 2021.

The overall concept has stayed the same with a commercial-type use along Route 24 and residential behind that application. The acreage for the commercial has been reduced which, of course, increased the acreage for the residential component.

In short, what before was 139,600 square feet of mini storage and business park (flex space) and 104 residential units is now proposed to be 150,000 square feet of mini-storage and 140 residential units. Attached is a copy of the new concept.

Does your office want to see a new/revised application?

Thanks,

David

## Morris Jamesus

David C. Hutt | Partner

107 W. Market Street, P.O. Box 690, Georgetown, DE 19947 19339 Coastal Highway, Suite 300, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

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#### **Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)**

**Delaware State Planning Coordination** 

122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., South • Dover, DE 19901 • Phone: 302-739-3090 • Fax: 302-739-5661

Purpose of PLUS - -The PLUS process is intended to provide consolidated State comments regarding the proposed project. The Applicant is encouraged to submit the application during the concept stages of planning as this process often offers recommendations for changes to the plan. The application should be submitted after the pre-application meeting with the local jurisdiction but before formal application is made.

Please complete this PLUS application in its entirety. **All questions <u>must</u>** be answered. If a question is unknown at this time or not applicable, please explain. Unanswered questions on this form could lead to delays in scheduling your review. This form will enable the state staff to review the project <u>before</u> the scheduled meeting and to have beneficial information available for the applicant and/or developer at the time of review. If you need assistance or clarification, please call the State Planning Office at (302) 739-3090.

	US Number (to be completed by OSPC):vestment Level Per Strategies for State Policies	2021-02-05 and Spending (to be determined by O	OSPC):
1.	Project Title/Name: American Storage of	Delaware	
2.	Location ( please be specific): Delaware R	oute 24 (John J. Williams Highway	y), Millsboro, Delaware
3.	Parcel Identification #: 234-29.00-49.02,		l Jurisdiction Name: where project is ussex County
5.	If contiguous to a municipality, are you seeking		·
6.	Owner's Name: American Storage of D	Pelaware, LLC (Alex Pires)	
	Address: 113 Dickinson Street		
	City: Dewey Beach Sta	e: Delaware	Zip: 19971
	Phone: (302) 462-5871 Fax (202) 905-6706	:	nate.gmconstruction@gmail.com Email: farmerslawyer@aol.com
7.	Equitable Owner/Developer (This Person is r	equired to attend the PLUS meeting	Same as owner
	Address:		
	City: Sta	e:	Zip:
	Phone: Fax		Email:
8.	Project Designer/Engineer: Carlton Savage	e, Jr.   SCALED.Engineering	
	Address: 20246 Coastal Highway		
	City: Rehoboth Beach Star	e: Delaware	Zip: 19971
	Phone: (302) 236-3600 Fax		Email: carlton@scaledengineering.com
9.	Please Designate a Contact Person, includ	ng phone number, for this Project:	Nate Graulich   (302) 462-5871 Alex Pires   (202) 905-6706

Information Regarding Site:	
10. Type of Review: Rezoning, if not in compliance with a	certified comprehensive plan    Site Plan Review
	to (1) rezone the front half of the property to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) for a 103,600 sq. ft. of mini-storage and an office for the mini-storage; and (2) rezone use for multifamily (midrise) housing (13 acres) consisting of 104 units. S review, please provide the name(s) and date(s) of
12. Area of Project (Acres +/-); Number of Residential U 25.90 +/- acres	Units: Commercial square footage: Business Park/Flex Space (36K Sq. Ft); Mini Storage (103,600 Sq. Ft.)
13. Present Zoning: AR-1 (Agricultural Residential)	14. Proposed Zoning: C-3 (Heavy Commercial); MR (Medium Density) with Conditional Use
15. Present Use: Agricultural/Wooded	16. Proposed Use: Business Park (Flex Park); Mini Storage and Multi-Family Housing
17. Water: Central (Community system) Individual On-S Service Provider Name:  Will a new public well be located on the site? Yes	Site Public (Utility) Tidewater
	al On-Site Public (Utility)
19. If residential, describe style and market segment you plan to targ	
20. Environmental impacts:	-
How many forested acres are presently on-site? 13.79 How man	y forested acres will be removed? 9.20
To your knowledge, are there any wetlands, as defined by the U.S. A Environmental Control, on the site?   Yes  No	rmy Corps of Engineers or the Department of Natural Resources and
Are the wetlands:	
If "Yes", have the wetlands been delineated?   Yes  No	
Has the Army Corps of Engineers signed off on the delineation?	Yes No
Will the wetlands be directly impacted and/or do you anticipate the ne describe the impacts:	eed for wetland permits?
How close do you anticipate ground disturbance to wetlands, streams	s, wells, or waterbodies?+/- 200'
21. Does this activity encroach on or impact any tax ditch, public ditc	h, or private ditch (ditch that directs water off-site)? Yes No
22. List the proposed method(s) of stormwater management for the BMPs to likely include a combination of wet pond(s) and infiltrati	
23. Is open space proposed?  Yes No If "Yes," how much	h? Acres: 11.45
What is the intended use of the open space (for example, active recrewildlife habitat, historical or archeological protection)? active and	eation, passive recreation, stormwater management, I passive recreation and stormwater management
24. Are you considering dedicating any land for community use (e.g	., police, fire, school)? Tyes No

What percentage of those trips will be trucks, excluding vans and pick-up trucks? < 5%  26. Will the project connect to state maintained roads? Yes No De. Rt. 24 (John J. Williams Highway)  7. Please list any locations where this project physically could be connected to existing or future development on adjacent lands and indicate your willingness to discuss making these connections.  1. Are there existing developments on adjacent lands.  1. Are there existing sidewalks? Yes No: bike paths Yes No Are there proposed sidewalks? Yes No: bike paths Yes No: bike paths Yes No: bike paths Yes No: No: bike paths Yes No: No: bike paths Yes No: No: No: Dike paths Yes No: No: No: Dike paths Yes No: No: No: Dike paths Yes No: No: Dike paths Yes No: No: Dike paths
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Are there proposed sidewalks? Yes No; blke paths Yes
Is there an opportunity to connect to a larger bike, pedestrian, or transit network?   Yes  No
9. To your knowledge, is this site in the vicinity of any known historic/cultural resources or sites?   Yes  No
Has this site been evaluated for historic and/or cultural resources?   Yes  No
Would you be open to a site evaluation by the State Historic Preservation Office?   Yes No
O. To promote an accurate review of your parcel's features, would you permit a State agency site visit?  Person to contact to arrange visit:  Carlton Savage, Jr. phone number: (302) 238-3600  ex Pires   (202) 905-6706
Are any federal permits, licensing, or funding anticipated?    Yes    No
nereby dertify that the information on this application is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.
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gned application must be received before application is scheduled for PLUS review.
nls form should be returned to the Office of State Planning electronically at <u>plus@state.de.us</u> along with an
ectronic copy of any site plans and development plans for this site. Site Plans, drawings, and location maps
nould be submitted as image files (JPEG, GIF, TIF, etc.) or as PDF files. GIS data sets and CAD drawings may
so be submitted. If electronic copy of the plan is not available, contact The Office of State Planning Coordination (302) 739-3090 for further instructions. A signed copy should be forwarded to the Office of State Planning, 122
illiam Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901. Thank you for this input. Your request will be researched thoroughly.
ease be sure to note the contact person so we may schedule your request in a timely manner.



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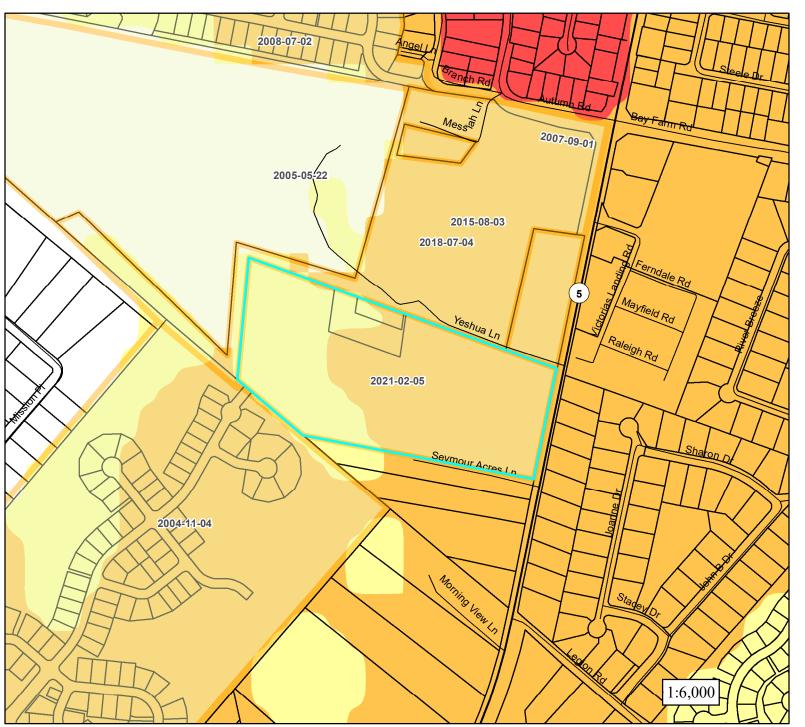
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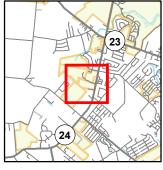
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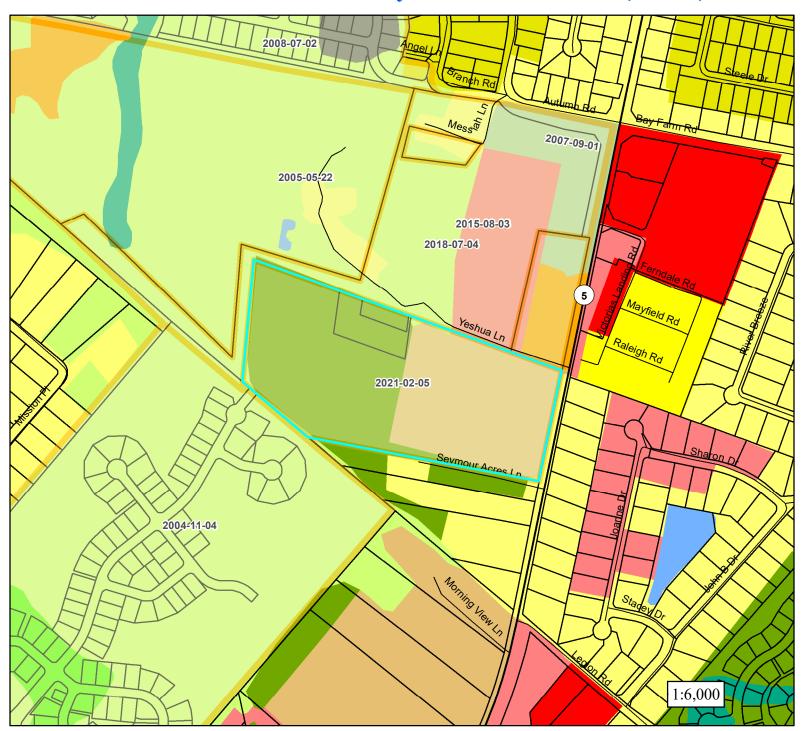
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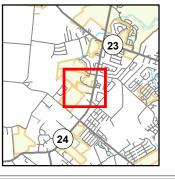
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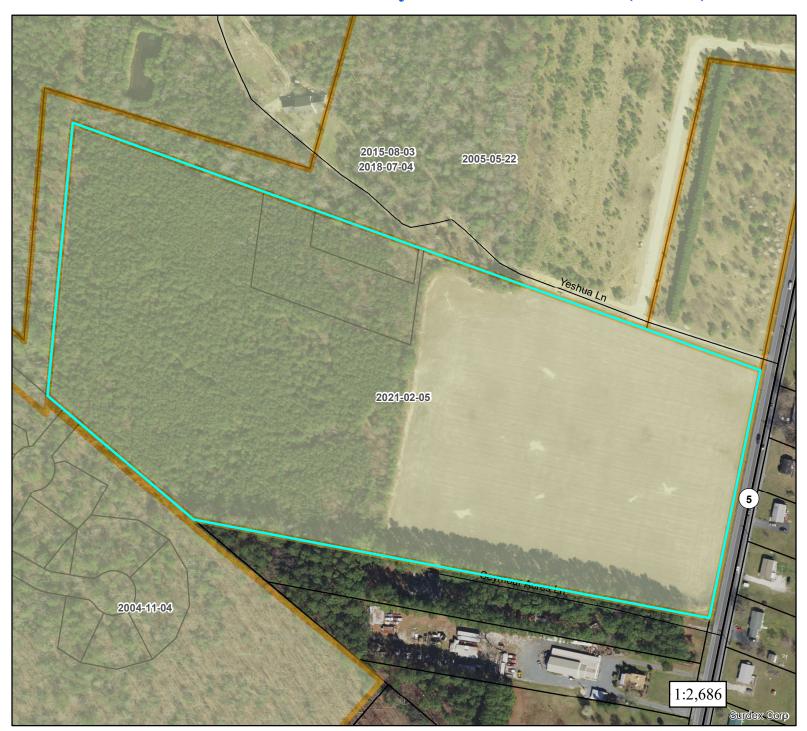
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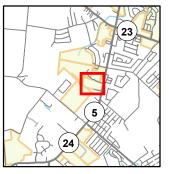
## **Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)**



American Storage 2021-02-05

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#### **Location Map**





# STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION

March 23, 2021

Nate Graulich Graulich Builders 34697 Jiffy Way, Suite 2 Lewes, DE 19958

RE: PLUS review 2021-02-05; American Storage of Delaware

Dear Mr. Graulich:

Thank you for meeting with State agency planners on February 24, 2021 to discuss the proposed plans for the American Storage of Delaware project. According to the information received you are seeking review of a proposed rezoning of 25.9 acres from AR-1 to C-3 and MR and a site plan for 104 residential units and 139,600 square feet of mini storage and business park in Sussex County.

Please note that changes to the plan, other than those suggested in this letter, could result in additional comments from the State. The developers will also need to comply with any Federal, State, and local regulations regarding this property. We also note that as the County is the governing authority over this land, the developers will need to comply with any and all regulations/restrictions set forth by the County.

#### Strategies for State Policies and Spending

This project is located in Investment Levels 2 and 3 according to the Strategies for State Policies and Spending. Investment Level 2 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and State plans in the near-term future. Investment Level 3 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and state plans in the longer-term future, or areas that may have environmental or other constraints to development. State investments may support future growth in these areas but may have other priorities for the near future.

Our office has no objections to the proposed rezoning and development of this project provided it is in compliance with Sussex County Comprehensive plan and all applicable codes and ordinances.

We do ask that you work to preserve the environmental features on the site if the plan moves forward.

#### **Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements**

#### <u>Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109</u>

- The site access on John J. Williams Highway (Delaware Route 24) must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at <a href="http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes">http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes</a>.
- Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the <u>Manual</u>, a Pre-Submittal Meeting is required before plans are submitted for review. The form needed to request the meeting and guidance on what will be covered there and how to prepare for it is located at <a href="https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?080220">https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?080220</a> 17.
- Section 1.7 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses fees that are assessed for the review of development proposals. DelDOT anticipates collecting the Initial Stage Fee when the record plan is submitted for review and the Construction Stage Fee when construction plans are submitted for review.
- Per Section 2.2.2.1 of the Manual, Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) are warranted for developments generating more than 500 vehicle trip ends per day or 50 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day. From the PLUS application, the total daily trips are estimated at 1,170 vehicle trip ends per day. Using the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual, as shown in the table below, DelDOT calculates 1,171 vehicle trip ends per day for this number and estimates the weekday morning and evening peak hour trip ends at 60 and 79, respectively. Therefore, a TIS would normally be required.

	Land	Floor	Average	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak	
	Use	Area (sf) /	Daily			Hour	
	Code	Dwellings	Traffic	In	Out	In	Out
Business Park	770	36,000	448	8	6	7	8
Mini-Warehouse	151	104,800	158	6	4	8	10
Multifamily	221	104	565	9	27	28	18
Housing (Mid-Rise)							
Total			1,171	23	37	43	36

• Section 2.2.2.2 of the Development Coordination Manual provides that for developments generating less than 2,000 vehicle trip ends per day and less than 200 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day, DelDOT may accept an Area Wide Study (AWS) Fee in

lieu of the TIS if the local government does not require a TIS. The AWS Fee is calculated as \$10 per daily trip or, in this case, \$11,710. AWS Fees are used to fund traffic studies, not to build improvements.

- DelDOT anticipates requiring the developer to contribute to a DelDOT project presently scheduled for construction this summer, HSIP SR 24 at Mount Joy Road and SR 24 at Bay Farm Road Intersection Improvements, Contract No. T200711201. Information on the project is available at <a href="https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T200711201">https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T200711201</a>.
- As necessary, in accordance with Section 3.2.5 and Figure 3.2.5-a of the Manual, DelDOT will require dedication of right-of-way along the site's frontage on Route 24. By this regulation, this dedication is to provide a minimum of 40 feet of right-of-way from the physical centerline. The following right-of-way dedication note is required, "An X-foot wide right-of-way is hereby dedicated to the State of Delaware, as per this plat."
- In accordance with Section 3.2.5.1.2 of the Manual, DelDOT will require the establishment of a 15-foot wide permanent easement across the property frontage. The location of the easement shall be outside the limits of the ultimate right-of-way. The easement area can be used as part of the open space calculation for the site. The following note is required, "A 15-foot wide permanent easement is hereby established for the State of Delaware, as per this plat."
- Referring to Section 3.4.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, the following items, among other things, are required on the Record Plan:
  - o A Traffic Generation Diagram. See Figure 3.4.2-a for the required format and content.
  - o Depiction of all existing entrances within 600 feet of the entrance on Route 24.
  - Notes identifying the type of off-site improvements, agreements (signal, letter) contributions and when the off-site improvements are warranted.
- Section 3.5.4.2 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for Shared Use Paths (SUP) and sidewalks. For projects in Level 2 Investment Areas, installation of paths or sidewalks along the frontage on State-maintained roads is mandatory. DelDOT anticipates requiring the developer to build an SUP along their frontage on Route 24.
- Section 3.5.4.3 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for walkways. A walkway is a path connecting the interior of a development to the frontage sidewalk or SUP. DelDOT anticipates requiring at least two walkways to connect the interior of the site to Route 24,

one along the driveway at the north edge of the property and one at the south end of the frontage, connecting to the parking lot of the business park.

- In accordance with Section 3.8 of the <u>Manual</u>, storm water facilities, excluding filter strips and bioswales, shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the ultimate State right-of-way along Route 24.
- Section 5.2.4 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for Entrance Width, for commercial entrances, the minimum undivided width varies from 18 to 32 feet. The proposed 30-foot entrance will be examined during the plan review process. DelDOT may require the developer's engineer to provide turning templates.
- In accordance with Section 5.2.9 of the Manual, the Auxiliary Lane Worksheet should be used to determine whether auxiliary lanes are warranted at the site entrances and how long those lanes should be. The worksheet can be found at <a href="http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml">http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml</a>. DelDOT anticipates requiring a right turn lane with a five-foot bicycle lane, and possibly a left turn lane into the site from Route 24. Coordination of the construction schedules of the DelDOT project and the proposed development should be discussed at the Pre-Submittal Meeting.
- In accordance with Section 5.14 of the <u>Manual</u>, all existing utilities must be shown on the plan and a utility relocation plan will be required for any utilities that need to be relocated.

#### <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480</u> <u>Concerns Identified Within the Development Footprint</u>

#### Stormwater Management

This project/site has met the minimum threshold of 5000 square feet of land disturbing activity under the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program.

- A Sediment and Stormwater Plan must be developed, then approved by the appropriate plan review agency prior to any land disturbing activity taking place on the site. For this project, the plan review agency is the Sussex Conservation District.
- Additionally, construction activities that exceed 1.0 acre of land disturbance require Construction General Permit coverage through submittal of an electronic Notice of Intent for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity. This form must be submitted electronically (<a href="https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/eNOI/default.aspx">https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/eNOI/default.aspx</a>) to the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, along with the \$195 fee.

- Schedule a project application meeting with the appropriate agency prior to moving forward with the stormwater and site design. As part of this process, you must submit a Stormwater Assessment Study.
- Plan review agency contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219. Website: <a href="https://www.sussexconservation.org/">https://www.sussexconservation.org/</a>
- General stormwater contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921. E-mail: <a href="mailto:DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov">DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov</a>
  Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/</a>

#### Hydrologic Soils Group

While much of the site consists of Hydrologic Soils Group A soils (well drained), the northwest portion of the site lies within A/D soils (somewhat poorly drained). These soil types are typically not conducive to utilizing infiltration stormwater Best Management Practices such as bioretention and infiltration basins, which must meet minimum infiltration requirements.

- Any stormwater Best Management Practices that propose the use of infiltration or natural recharge shall include a soils investigation.
- Contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921
   E-mail: <u>DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov</u>
   Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/</a>

#### Water Quality (Pollution Control Strategies)

Pollution Control Strategies have been developed for the following watersheds in Delaware: Christina, Appoquinimink, Broadkill, Mispillion and Cedar Creek, Murderkill, Saint Jones, Inland Bays (Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay, and Little Assawoman Bay), Nanticoke, and Upper Chesapeake. Such strategies were created because surface water failed to meet water quality standards for nutrients and sediment.

- The western half of the site (forested portion) lies within the Rehoboth Bay Watershed & the eastern half of the site (unforested portion) lies within the Indian River Bay Watershed, both of which are included under Pollution Control Strategies. Consult with the appropriate plan review agency to determine if stricter stormwater management standards may apply for development projects in this area.
  - Contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219
     Website: <a href="https://www.sussexconservation.org/">https://www.sussexconservation.org/</a>

#### **Nutrient Management Plan**

This project proposes approximately 11 acres of open space, exceeding the threshold of 10 Acres for nutrient management.

- A nutrient management plan is required for all persons or entities who apply nutrients to lands or areas of open space of 10 acres or more.
- Contact: Delaware Department of Agriculture's Nutrient Management Program at (302)
- 698-4558. Website: https://agriculture.delaware.gov/nutrient-management/

#### Wildlife Displacement

Development of this site is anticipated to displace local wildlife. Wildlife displaced by encroaching development may become a nuisance for homeowners.

• Future residents are not permitted to discharge firearms within 100 yards (300 feet) of any occupied dwelling or building to hunt or remove nuisance wildlife.

#### State Historic Preservation Office - Contact Carlton Hall 736-7400

- There are no known National Register listed or eligible properties on the parcel.
- Prehistoric archaeological potential is moderate. Soils are mostly well-drained except for the northwest corner of the area. Guinea Creek appears on Beers map and some historic aerials as extending closer to the parcels, which may mean that it is within favorable distance to freshwater for prehistoric site probability. A survey conducted in part of the parcel showed very little remains under a thick plow zone except for two isolated prehistoric finds; could mean that there are other archaeological resources throughout the area.
- Historic archaeological potential is low. Beers Map doesn't show anything near that parcel. A road appears to have existed through the middle-ish until 1950s, and historic aerials show the western portion to be continuously wooded.
- If any project or development proceeds, the developer should be aware of the Unmarked Human Burials and Human Skeletal Remains Law (Del. C. Title 7, Ch. 54).
- If there is federal involvement, in the form of licenses, permits, or funds, the federal agency, often through its client, is responsible for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) and must consider their project's effects on any known or potential cultural or historic resources. For further information or additional details pertaining to the Section 106 process and the Advisory Council's role; please review the Advisory Council's website at the following: <a href="https://www.achp.gov">www.achp.gov</a>

#### <u>Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office – Contact Duane Fox 259-7037</u>

At the time of formal submittal, the applicant shall provide; completed application, fee, and three sets of plans depicting the following in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulation (DSFPR):

#### Fire Protection Water Requirements:

- Where a water distribution system is proposed for Storage/Warehouse sites, the infrastructure for fire protection water shall be provided, including the size of water mains for fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.
- Water distribution system capable of delivering at least 1500 gpm for 2-hour duration, at 20-psi residual pressure is required. Fire hydrants with 800 feet spacing on centers.
- Where a water distribution system is proposed for apartment (multi-family living units) sites, the infrastructure for fire protection water shall be provided, including the size of water mains for fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.
- Water distribution system capable of delivering at least 1000 gpm for 1-hour duration, at 20-psi residual pressure is required. Fire hydrants with 800 feet spacing on centers.

#### Fire Protection Features:

- All structures over 10,000 Sq. Ft. aggregate will require automatic sprinkler protection installed.
- Buildings greater than 10,000 sq. ft., 3-stories or more, over 35 feet, or classified as High Hazard, are required to meet fire lane marking requirements.
- Buildings occupied as apartments (multi-family living units comprising of 3 or more units) will require automatic sprinkler protection installed.
- All mini-storage buildings greater than 2500 square feet in area and where any of the individual storage units are separated by less than a 1-hour fire resistance—rated barrier shall require an automatic sprinkler system be installed throughout.

Mini-Storage Building is defined as a storage occupancy partitioned into individual storage units, with a majority of the individual units not greater than 750 square feet in area, and that are rented or leased for the purposes of storing personal or business items where all of the following apply:

- (1) the storage units are separated from each other by less than a 1-hour fire resistance rated barrier,
- (2) the owner of the facility does not have unrestricted access to the storage units, and
- (3) the items being stored are concealed from view from outside the storage unit.

- Show Fire Department Connection location (Must be within 300 feet of fire hydrant), and detail as shown in the DSFPR.
- Show Fire Lanes and Sign Detail as shown in DSFPR

#### Accessibility

- All premises, which the fire department may be called upon to protect in case of fire, and which are not readily accessible from public roads, shall be accessible to fire apparatus.
- Any dead end more than 300 feet in length shall be provided with a turn-around or culde-sac arranged such that fire apparatus will be able to turn around by making not more than one backing maneuver. The minimum paved radius of the cul-de-sac shall be 38 feet. The dimensions of the cul-de-sac or turn-around shall be shown on the final plans.
- The use of speed bumps or other methods of traffic speed reduction must be in accordance with Department of Transportation requirements.
- The local Fire Chief, prior to any submission to our Agency, shall approve in writing the use of gates that limit fire department access into and out of the development or property.

#### Gas Piping and System Information:

• Provide type of fuel proposed and show locations of bulk containers on plan.

#### Required Notes:

- Provide a note on the final plans submitted for review to read "All fire lanes, fire hydrants, and fire department connections shall be marked in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations"
- Proposed Use
- Alpha or Numerical Labels for each building/unit for sites with multiple buildings/units
- Square footage of each structure (Total of all Floors)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Construction Type
- Maximum Height of Buildings (including number of stories)
- Note indicating if building is to be sprinklered
- Name of Water Provider
- Letter from Water Provider approving the system layout
- Provide Lock Box Note (as detailed in DSFPR) if Building is to be sprinklered
- Provide Road Names, even for County Roads

#### Recommendations/Additional Information

This section includes a list of site-specific suggestions that are intended to enhance the project. These suggestions have been generated by the State Agencies based on their expertise and subject area knowledge. These suggestions do not represent State code requirements. They are offered here in order to provide proactive ideas to help the applicant enhance the site design, and it is hoped (but in no way required) that the applicant will open a dialogue with the relevant agencies to discuss how the suggestions can benefit the project.

#### Department of Transportation - Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109

- The subject land adjoins both a recorded but as-yet-unbuilt stub street in the Baylis Estates subdivision, which fronts on Mount Joy Road (Sussex Road 297), and the Peninsula Square mixed-use development, which fronts on Autumn Road (Sussex Road 299). In addition to providing emergency access to the proposed apartments, with appropriate interconnections and easements required of the subject development and Peninsula Square, these three developments could provide a low-stress pedestrian and bicycle connection between Mount Joy Road and Autumn Road.
- The applicant should expect a requirement that any substation and/or wastewater facilities will be required to have access from an internal driveway with no direct access to Route 24.
- The applicant should expect a requirement that all PLUS and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comments be addressed prior to submitting plans for review.
- Please be advised that the Standard General Notes have been updated and posted to the DelDOT website. Please begin using the new versions and look for the revision dates of March 21, 2019 and March 25, 2019. The notes can be found at <a href="https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/">https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/</a>.

#### <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480</u> <u>Concerns Identified Within the Development Footprint</u>

#### **Forest Removal**

The preliminary plans and/or project application proposed the elimination of approximately 9.2 out of 13.8 existing acres of forest habitat.

- Removing forested areas for development should be avoided to the greatest extent possible. These areas provide habitat for wildlife, uptake nutrients, infiltrate stormwater, and improve water quality. Forests also provide shading and cooling and reduces carbon that contributes to climate change. A forest assessment should be conducted to determine if mature forest resource exists on the property, and to determine species present.
- To reduce impacts to nesting birds and other wildlife species that utilize forests for breeding, it is recommended that tree clearing not occur from April 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Likewise, avoid mowing open space areas and grass filter strips during the same timeframe, as various species of birds utilize these areas for nesting sites.
- Contact: DNREC Wildlife Species Conservation & Research Program at (302) 735-3600. Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/contact-information/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/contact-information/</a>

#### **Stormwater Management**

Where the site and soil conditions allow, integrate runoff reduction techniques including infiltration basins, bioretention (rain gardens), filter strips, and pavers to encourage on-site stormwater infiltration and reduce runoff.

• For improved stormwater management, preserve existing trees, wetlands, and passive open space.

#### **General Drainage Recommendations**

There are numerous reported drainage concerns near the proposed project area. One concern from 2009 referenced flooding of a nearby property. There are numerous concerns ranging from 2010-2020 from landowners on the eastern side of John J. Williams Highway about property flooding. The storage of onsite stormwater and the release stormwater to adjacent properties is a concern if this property is developed.

- All existing ditches on the property should be evaluated for function and cleaned, if needed, prior to the construction of the project.
- Environmental permits or exemption coverage may be required by the County Conservation District (Standard Plan), DNREC Sediment and Stormwater (eNOI/NOT), Army Corp of Engineers, and/or DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section prior to clearing and/or excavating ditch channels.
- All precautions should be taken to ensure the project does not hinder any off-site drainage upstream of the project or create any off-site drainage problems downstream by the release of on-site stormwater.
- Any area designated as a drainage/utility easement should be open space and not owned by the individual landowners.
- Any drainage/utility easement owned by an individual landowner should not possess structures such as decks, buildings, sheds, kennels, or fences within the drainage easement to allow for future drainage maintenance. Trees and shrubs planted within a drainage/utility easement should be spaced to allow for drainage maintenance at maturity.
- Contact: DNREC Drainage Program at (302) 855-1930.
   Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/</a>

#### Wildlife Displacement

• Deer, groundhogs, and rabbits will browse on gardens, yards, and ornamental landscaping. Developers can avoid conflicts with future residents and most wildlife by

maintaining large blocks of forest, as opposed to small pockets of wooded areas within a 300-foot safety zone.

Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912. Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/wildlife/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/wildlife/</a>

#### Mosquitoes

The project lies within a zone that will be impacted by mosquitoes due to its location near large expanses of wetland types including freshwater forested, freshwater emergent, and estuarine.

- Mosquito control issues are increasing as developments infringe on wetland areas, often leading to increased demands by the public for mosquito control services. These control services can be provided at no charge to homeowners and other entities by the state's Mosquito Control Section, or by a private company licensed in this area of specialty.
- Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9917. Website: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/</a>

#### **Current or Previous Contamination**

This parcel is contained within a large area that has been investigated for well contamination (DE-1388 Long Neck Mercury Study). In 2001, mercury was detected in a public water supply well; levels were reported above the Maximum Contaminant Level. While DNREC and the U.S. Geological Survey investigated the incident, the source could not be located. The well has been temporarily turned off.

- Delaware Health and Social Services reviews the monitoring reports from the water company. The USGS report that resulted from the study can be found here: <a href="https://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2006/5011/pdf/sir-2006-5011.pdf">https://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2006/5011/pdf/sir-2006-5011.pdf</a>
- Contact the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances Remediation Section at (302) 395-2600.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/

• Additional information may also be found online by searching Delaware's Environmental Navigator at <a href="http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/den3/">http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/den3/</a>

#### **Additional Sustainable Practices**

Recommendations for entire project:

• Use efficient Energy Star rated products and materials in construction and redevelopment to lessen the power source emissions of the project and costs. Every percentage of energy efficiency translates into a percent reduction in pollution.

- Air pollution from new construction is generated through the use of maintenance equipment, paints, and consumer products like roof coatings and primers. Use of structural paint coatings that are low in Volatile Organic Compounds will help protect air quality.
- The applicant should consider the use of recycled materials, such as reclaimed asphalt pavement, to reduce landfill waste, heat island effects on paved surfaces, and pavement costs.
- Incorporate nonmotorized connectivity in the residential area and install bicycle racks where feasible to help facilitate non-vehicular travel modes.

#### Recommendations for residential section:

- Include an option to install electric vehicle charging stations in garages of homes for your customers and tenants to assist Delaware in achieving its clean transportation goals.
- For the proposed pool and clubhouse, consider using renewable energy infrastructure such as solar or geothermal to reduce energy costs and further reduce pollution created from offsite generation. Grant funds and incentives are available through the DNREC Green Energy Fund, which includes several funding types through the state's major electric utilities. Grants may be available for qualifying renewable energy systems installed in Delaware by applicants whose electricity provider collects funds for the program and offers a grant program for renewable energy projects. Additional information can be found at: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/renewable/assistance/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/renewable/assistance/</a>.

#### Recommendations for commercial section:

• Install electric vehicle charging stations for your customers and tenants to assist Delaware in achieving its clean transportation goals. The DNREC Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy offers rebates of up to 90% of the cost of the charging station for commercial, multi-unit dwelling and other public properties. These programs address climate change goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving overall air quality. Additional information can be found at: <a href="https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/clean-transportation/">https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/clean-transportation/</a>.

#### Concerns Identified Outside of the Development Footprint

#### **Delaware Ecological Network**

Lands designated as part of the Delaware Ecological Network lie to the east of this parcel. This network is made up of interconnecting natural areas of significant ecological value. Forest disturbances on the proposed development site could jeopardize habitat beyond the parcel boundary.

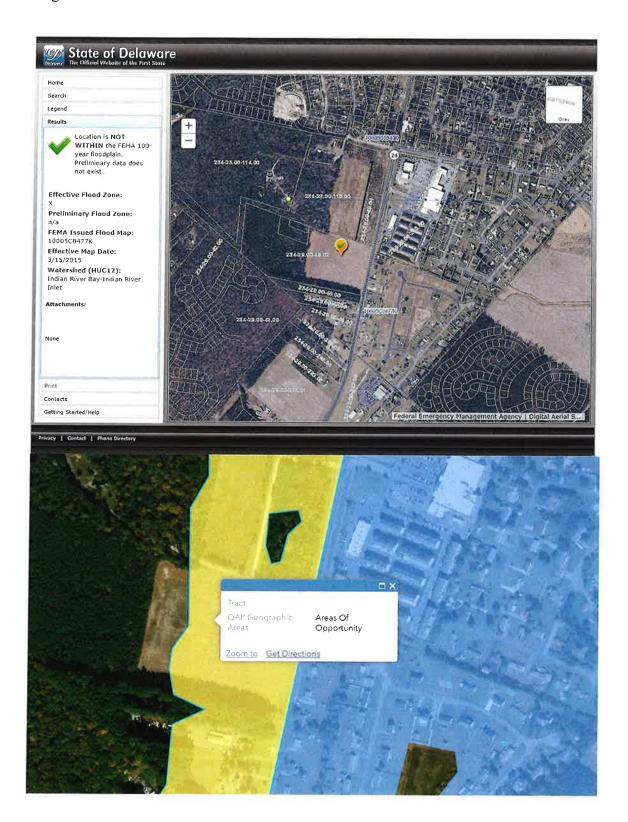
- Removing forested areas within (and nearby) the Delaware Ecological Network should be avoided to the greatest extent possible. These areas provide wildlife habitat, uptake nutrients, infiltrate stormwater, and improve water quality. Forests also provide shading and cooling, while reduce carbon that contributes to climate change.
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#### Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office - Contact Duane Fox 259-7037

• Preliminary meetings with fire protection specialists are encouraged prior to formal submittal. Please call for appointment. Applications and brochures can be downloaded from our website: <a href="www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov">www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov</a>, technical services link, plan review, applications or brochures.

#### Delaware Emergency Management Agency - Contact Philip Cane 659-2325

• The location is not within any flood plain nor in a coastal inundation zone. 2018 QAP described the region this project is located in as being an "Area of Opportunity" while bordering a region identified as "Stable". The region has a homeownership rate of approximately 81.2% to 83%, a poverty ratio of 10 to 1 with approximately 21% of that census block's population at the age of 65 or older.



#### Sussex County Planning & Zoning - Contact Lauren DeVore 855-7878

- As of January 11, 2021, the applicant has already participated in a pre-application meeting with Planning and Zoning staff.
- Please include a note on the plans which indicates that the proposed project is not located within the Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID).
- Following submission to the County, staff undertake review of the Preliminary Site Plan, where more detailed comments are provided to the applicant. At the PLUS stage of review, staff wish to limit comments to high-level comments only.
- For the Conditional Use, a Service Level Evaluation Request form must be completed and submitted to the Office of Planning and Zoning. Once the Office receives the completed Service Level Evaluation Response from DelDOT, the applicant may submit all documentation and materials pertaining to their Conditional Use application.

- Please note that since the proposed development lies within the Coastal Area and is above the 50 dwelling unit and 75,000 feet of commercial development threshold, copies of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Public Facility Evaluation Report must be submitted which address the criteria located in §115-194.3(2)(a-1).
- Additionally, the proposal will have to comply with the site plan requirements of §115-220 and the multifamily requirements of §115-188 of the Sussex County Code.
- Please include the proposed density for the project for separately for both the residential component as well as the commercial site. The C-3 Zoning District and the MR Zoning District (as a Conditional Use) allow for a density of up to 12 dwelling units per acre.
- Please note on the plans that the parcels are not located within a Wellhead Protection Area in order to comply with Chapter 89 "Source Water Protection" of the Sussex County Code (§ 89-6). Please note on the plans that the parcels are located within an area of "good" groundwater recharge potential in order to comply with Chapter 89 "Source Water Protection" of the Sussex County Code (§89-7).
- Staff note that there is only one-way-in, one-way-out access to the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission desire more than one entrance or an easement for emergency access purposes in the event of an emergency occurring on the parcel.
- The side yard setback for the portion of the property to be zoned C-3 adjacent to the existing Yeshua Lane is shown with a 10-ft side yard setback. The Site Data Column indicates that this setback is 5-ft. The side yard setback in the C-3 Zoning District is 20-ft when adjacent to a residentially zoned parcel (Tax Map: 234-29.00-49.04 appears to be residentially zoned as AR-1) (§115-83.22(B)(2)). Please indicate if the applicant wishes to amend this setback as part of the application.
- Staff note that 11.45 acres of open space is proposed. The proposed open space of 44% is desirable. Please include the amount of open space proposed as a percentage and in acres within the Site Data Column.
- The proposed parking appears to meet Code requirements as well as ADA requirements regarding the provision of handicap spaces per total number of parking spaces (§115-162).
- Please note that these are informal staff comments and do not prejudice any decision that the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission may wish to make as part of the formal application.
- Please reach out to Lauren DeVore with any questions regarding these comments at lauren.devore@sussexcountyde.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Office at (302)855-7878.

#### Sussex County Engineering Department - Contact Chris Calio 855-1299

- The proposed project is located within a Tier 2 and Tier 3 area for sewer service and is contiguous to the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District. Annexation and connection to the sewer system is required.
- A "Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement" is required for new projects. Sussex County Code, Chapter 110, requires that the Engineer and/or Developer request a Sewer System Concept Evaluation (SSCE) from the Utility Planning & Design Review Department for the project by providing the parcel(s) estimated equivalent dwelling units (EDU) for the project, along with payment of a \$1,000.00 fee for the evaluation and must be approved prior to approval of construction plans. The fee is to be payable to Sussex County Council. The Department will review the parcel(s) and EDU, confirm capacity, provide the connection point and define any additional parcels that must be served as part of the project. Should it be determined that a pump station is required for the project, additional information may be requested. This information will be conveyed to the engineer and/or developer. The Department will use this information when reviewing construction drawings to verify that the correct connection point is used.
- The proposed development will require a developer installed collection system in accordance with Sussex County standards and procedures.
- One-time system connection charges will apply. Please contact the Utility Permits Division at 302 854-7719 for additional information on charges.

#### Sussex County Housing - Contact: Brandy Nauman 855-7779

- Sussex County endeavors to promote non-discrimination and affordable housing whenever possible throughout the County. In this regard, the developer and associated financial institutions are encouraged to provide and finance affordable housing opportunities to Sussex County residents in all new developments, and affirmatively market those affordable housing units to diverse populations.
- For questions about opportunities available for affordable housing projects within Sussex County, please consult Sussex County's "Affordable Housing Support Policy". The policy along with other resources are available on the County's Affordable & Fair Housing Resource Center website: www.sussexcountyde.gov/affordable-and-fair-housing-resource-center. The County's Community Development & Housing Department can advise about existing affordable housing opportunities in Sussex County and the appropriate County Department to contact regarding specific development issues concerning future affordable housing projects within Sussex County.
- The Community Development & Housing Department can also explain and assist with any financial support or incentives that may be available to a project from federal, state and

county sources, as well as private funding sources that also promote affordable housing in Sussex County.

- Please understand that all residential projects, including Affordable Housing Projects are subject to the applicable provisions of the Sussex County Subdivision and Zoning Codes, and the approval processes set forth in those Codes.
- On behalf of Sussex County, we look forward to cooperating with you and your project as it moves forward.

Following receipt of this letter and upon filing of an application with the local jurisdiction, the applicant shall provide to the local jurisdiction and the Office of State Planning Coordination a written response to comments received as a result of the pre-application process, noting whether comments were incorporated into the project design or not and the reason therefore.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-3090.

Sincerely,

Constance C. Holland, AICP

Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

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CC: Sussex County Planning Department

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# SEWER SERVICE CONCEPT EVALUATION (SSCE) UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW

Applicant: Scaled Engineering, Inc. Carlton R. Savage Jr.	THE CO				
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Agreement #:1204					
Project Name: American Storage of Delaware – Route 24 (Rezoning)					
Tax Map & Parcel(s): 234-29.00-49.02, 49.03 & 50.00					
Sewer Tier: Tier 2 - Sussex County Planning Area					
Proposed EDUs: 146	5				
Pump Station(s) Impacted: PS 197					
Facility treating and disposing of the wastewater: Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility					
List of parcels to be served, created from the base parcel: N/A					
List of additional parcels to be served (Parcels required for continuity minfrastructure):N/A	nust be served with				
Connection Point(s): MH 32					
Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement required? Yes $oxtimes$ or No $oxtimes$					
Annexation Required? Yes $oxtimes$ or No $oxtimes$					
Easements Required? Yes $oxtimes$ or No $oxtimes$					
Fee for annexation (based on acreage):\$1,500 (10.00 - 150.00 Acres)					



Current Zoning: AR-1 Zoning Proposed: C-3 Heavy Commercial

Acreage: 25.90

Additional Information: Project will extend gravity sewer line from MH-32 to the project and provide a 20' wide easement along the entire front of parcel 234-29.00-49.02.

\* No capacity is guaranteed until System Connection Fees are paid

All gravity sewers with three (3) or more minor branches shall be designed at minimum slope and maximum depth.

Sussex County will be assessing bonding and inspection on projects on a unit cost approach per phase.

Recordation of Phasing Plans will now be <u>required</u>, each phase must be recorded prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Any revisions to the phase will require the plan be rerecorded.

Once Construction Drawings are completed with all of the above information satisfied, please submit to:

Sussex County Utility Planning & Design Review 2 The Circle P.O. Box 589 Georgetown DE 19947

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