#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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July 21, 2025

<u>6:00 PM</u>

Call to Order

**Pledge of Allegiance** 

**Approval of Agenda** 

Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2025

Approval of Finding of Facts June 2, 2025

Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2025

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Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2025

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**Public Hearings** 

Case No. 13077 – Ernest Messick

seeks a variance from the side yard setback require-ment for an existing structure and a special use exception and variance for an accessory dwelling unit with a floor area greater than 1,000 sq ft or 50% of the floor area of the single-family dwelling located on the same lot (Section 115-20A(15)(c) 115-23, 115-25, and 115-183 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the north side of Hearns Pond Road. 911 Address: 8415 Hearns Pond Road, Seaford. Zoning Dis-trict: AR-1. Tax Map: 331-3.00-104.00

Case No. 13079 - Arnold & Eleanor Smith

seeks a special use exception and variance for an accessory dwelling unit with a floor area greater than 1,000 sq ft or 50% of the floor area of the single-family dwelling located on the same lot. (Section 115-20A (15)(c) and 115-23 of the Sussex County Zoning Code. The property is located on the northwest side of Asbury Road, Georgetown. 911 Address: 24708 Asbury Road, Georgetown. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Map: 231-15.00-22.06 and 231-15.00-22.00 Board of Adjustment July 21, 2025 Page **2** of **3** 

### Case No. 13095 - Brice and Barbara Milligan

seeks a variance from the side yard set-back requirement for a proposed structure (Section 115-25 and 115-183 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the east side of Hensley Road. 911 Address: 21823 Hensley Road, Seaford. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 531-6.00-112.03

### Case No. 13096 - Colleen Shields and Helene White

seeks variances from the front yard setback and maximum fence height within the front yard setback requirements for proposed structures (Section 115-42 and 115-182 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the east side of Holly Terrace Road. 911 Address: 32418 Holly Terrace Road, Ocean View. Zoning District: GR. Tax Parcel: 134-9.00-190.00

### Case No. 13097 – David and Linda Vandever

seek variances from the rear yard setback requirements for proposed structures (Section 115-25 and 115-183 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the west side of Van Buren Avenue within the Edgewater Subdivision. 911 Address: 39126 Van Buren Avenue, Selbyville. Zoning Dis-trict: AR-1. Tax Parcel: 533-20.19-8.01

### Case No. 13093 – St. Jude the Apostle Church d/b/a Code Purple

seeks variances from the 400-foot minimum setback from any existing dwelling on property of other ownership for a proposed park or campground (Section 115-79 and 115-172 (H)(3) of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on the south side of Coastal Highway. 911 Address: 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes. Zoning District: C-1. Tax Par-cel: 334-6.00-526.01

**Additional Business** 

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### -MEETING DETAILS-

In accordance with 29 <u>Del. C.</u> §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on July 14, 2025. at 4:30 p.m. and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda was prepared by the Director of Planning and Zoning and is subject to change to include the additional or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.

Agenda items may be considered out of sequence.

The meeting will be streamed live at <a href="https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast">https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast</a>

The Board of Adjustment meeting materials, including the "packet" are electronically accessible on the County's website at: <u>https://sussexcountyde.gov/</u>.

If any member of the public would like to submit comments electronically, these may be sent to pandz@sussexcountyde.gov. All comments are encouraged to be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on July 17, 2025.

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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)		
Variance X Special Use Exception X Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference	
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Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets all of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

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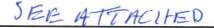
1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

SEE ATTACHED

### 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.



3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

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4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

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That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

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**Criteria for a Special Use Exception:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property.

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2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal) THE ADY 15 LIMITED TO 1,000 SQUARE FEET, THE ADY IS PART OF THE CURRENT HOME, THE VARIANCE IS WEEDED BECAUSE THE ADY EXCLEDS THE 1,000 SQUARE FEET BY 152 SQUARE FEET

# **Check List for Applications**

The following shall be submitted with the application

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•	<ul> <li>Provide a survey of the property (Variance)</li> <li>Survey shall show the location of building(s), building setbacks, stairs, deck, etc.</li> <li>Survey shall show distances from property lines to buildings, stairs, deck, etc.</li> <li>Survey shall be signed and sealed by a Licensed Surveyor.</li> </ul>
× •	Provide a Site Plan or survey of the property (Special Use Exception)
χ.	Provide relevant Application Fee (please refer to fees effective July 1, 2022)
•	Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception (may be on a separate document if not enough room on the form)
•	Copy of Receipt (staff)
•	<b>Optional - Additional information for the Board to consider</b> (ex. photos, letters from neighbors, etc.)
•	Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearing for the application.
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The undersigned acknowledges that that he or she has read the application completely and that if the appellant / applicant is unable to convince the Board that the standards for granting relief have been met, the appeal / application will be denied.

Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney

For office use only:

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Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff accepting application: \_ Location of property: \_\_\_\_ Fee: Check #: \_ \_ Application & Case #:\_

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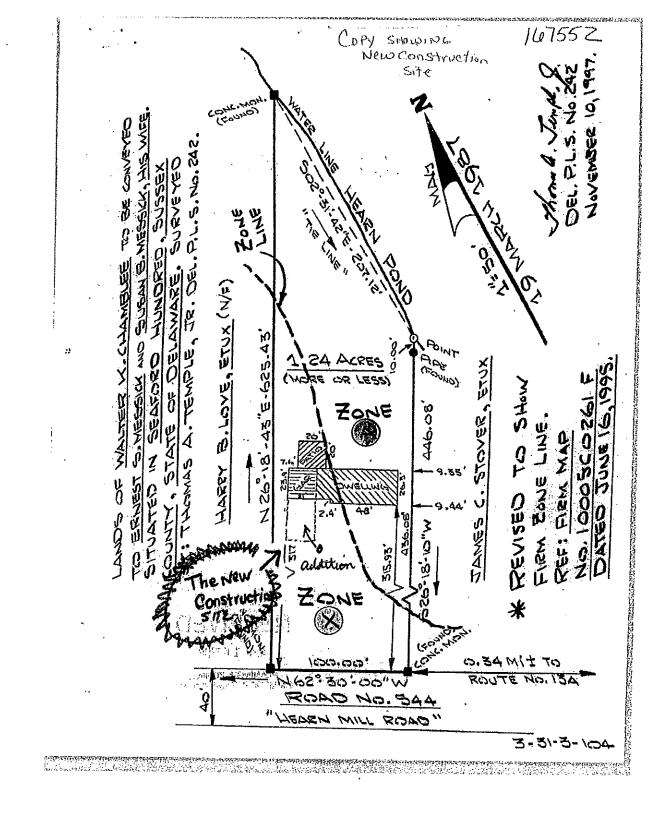
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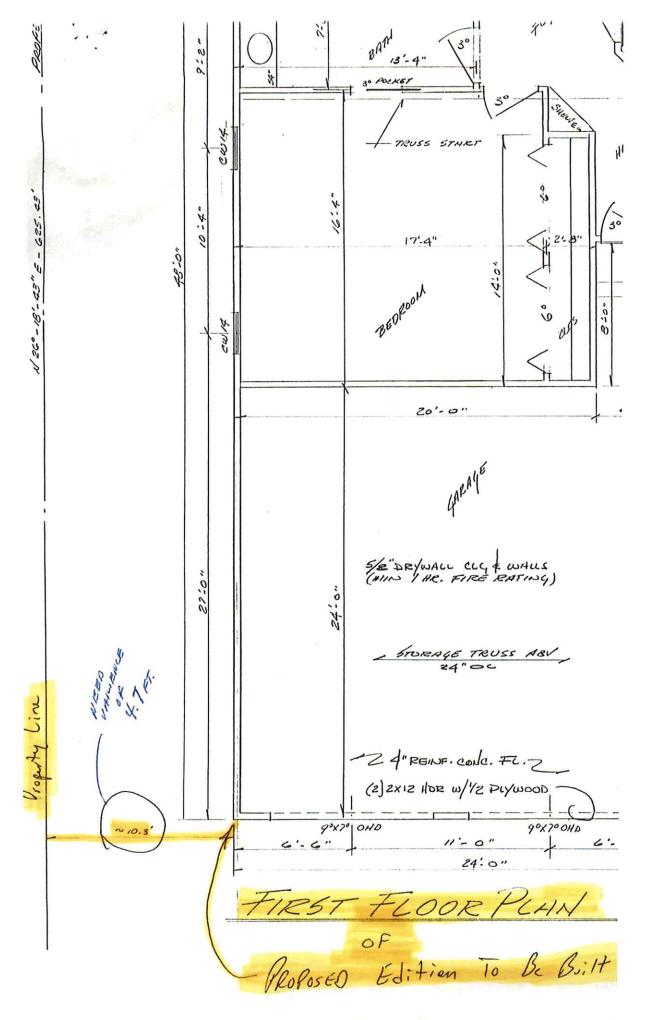








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There were no parties present in opposition.

Mr. Rickard stated that no correspondence had been received pertaining to this case.

Motion was made by Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Wheatley and carried unanimously that the variances be granted. Vote 5-0.

### Case No. 6378--R R Bayside, Inc. - Northwest side of Route One, at the intersection of Route 271. A variance from the requirements for signs.

The case was presented by Mr. Rickard. Nancy A. Peterson was sworn in and testified representing R R Bayside, Inc., who requested a variance from the requirments for signs to have a second sign, 10'x 6', on the east side of their outlet store known as Lucia. They are presently allowed one sign. Ms. Peterson stated that the outlets have been renovated and the store is on the corner, which previously had pressed on lettering. They now have nothing. They need to be seen and the sign will be similar to other stores.

There were no parties present in opposition.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Mills and carried unanimously that the variance be granted. Vote 5-0.

### Case No. 6379--Ernest & Susan Messick - North side of Route 544, 1,900 feet west of Route 13-A. A variance from the side yard setback requirement.

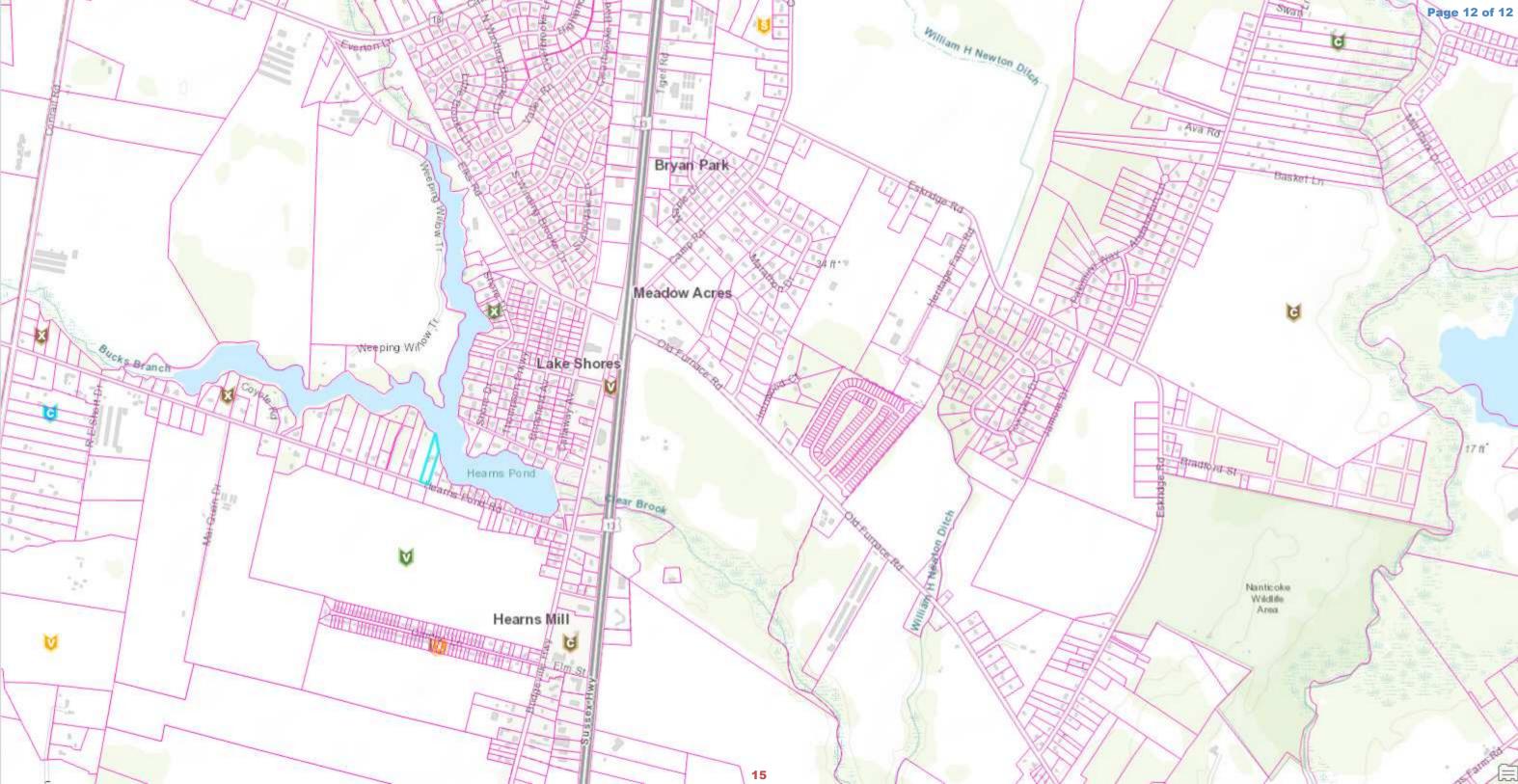
The case was presented by Mr. Rickard. Ernest & Susan Messick were sworn in and testified requesting a 4.7' variance from the 15' side yard setback requirement to be 10.3'. The applicants propose to build an addition to their home so Mrs. Messick's mother can live with them.

There were no parties present in opposition.

Motion was made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Hudson and carried unanimously that the variance be granted. Vote 5-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

<u>Case No. 6359 (cont'd.)--John Paluck</u> - West side of Route One, Lot 9, within Bayview Park.



		Case # 13079
Board of Adjustment	Application	Hearing Date <u>4-2-2</u> 5
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Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:	-	
24708 Asbury Road, Georgetown, DE 19947		
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:		
Variance increase over the maximum 50% ADU floor area of Tax Map #: 231-15.00-22.00/22.06	Property Zoning	
Applicant Information	,	
Applicant Name: Deanna S. Killen for Arnold & Eleanor Smith		
Applicant Address: 16502 Old Furnace Road		
	19947	
Applicant Phone #: (302) 841-3796 Applicant e	e-mail: deanna.s.killen@gr	nail.com
Owner Information		
Owner Name: Arnold L. & Eleanor D. Smith, Jr.		
Owner Address: 24678 Asbury Road	10047 Dure	hase Date: 6/25/54
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Agent/Attorney Address: 18072 Davidson Drive		
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	orney e-mail: mdavidson	@pennoni.com
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You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

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1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

The unique physical condition of the property could be attributable to its shape given that the permit granted was for an ADU to be associated with Parcel 22.06 BUT was placed on Parcel 22.00 when the building permit was issued and the Certificate of Occupancy was granted. This then became an ADU associated with the main dwelling on Parcel 22.00 when the intent of the ADU was for the main dwelling on Parcel 22.06.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

The utilities and access benefiting the ADU is burdening Parcel 22.06. The non-conforming ADU is already developed and was for the use with the main dwelling on Parcel 22.06 and could not be associated in strict conformity with Parcel 22.00 due to its existing location as shown on the attached plan.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The applicants placed the ADU for their parents to reside back in 2003 and had associated the ADU with the main dwelling on Parcel 22.06. Appellants were not aware that the ADU was on their adjacent Parcel 22.00 until Pennoni surveyed the property, 2025, for their family estate planning.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

The essential character of the neighborhood will remain the same, as has been previously approved, through building permits and certificate of occupancies for the Smith Family.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

The variance requested, is the minimum variance that will afford relief for the non-conforming ADU under the requirements of 115-20 (15).

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Provide relevant Application Fee (please refer to fees effective July 1, 2022)

**Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception** (may be on a separate document if not enough room on the form)

Copy of Receipt (staff)

**Dptional - Additional information for the Board to consider** (ex. photos, letters from neighbors, etc.)

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Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney

Date: 3/2025

For office use only: Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Staff accepting application: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Location of property: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #:

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# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**TO**:

Sussex County Administrative Offices 2 The Circle, P.O. Box 589 Georgetown, DE 19947

DATE	: April	4, 2025	JOB NO.	SMTHF24001	
ATTE	NTION:	MR. JAMIE WHI	TEHOUSE		
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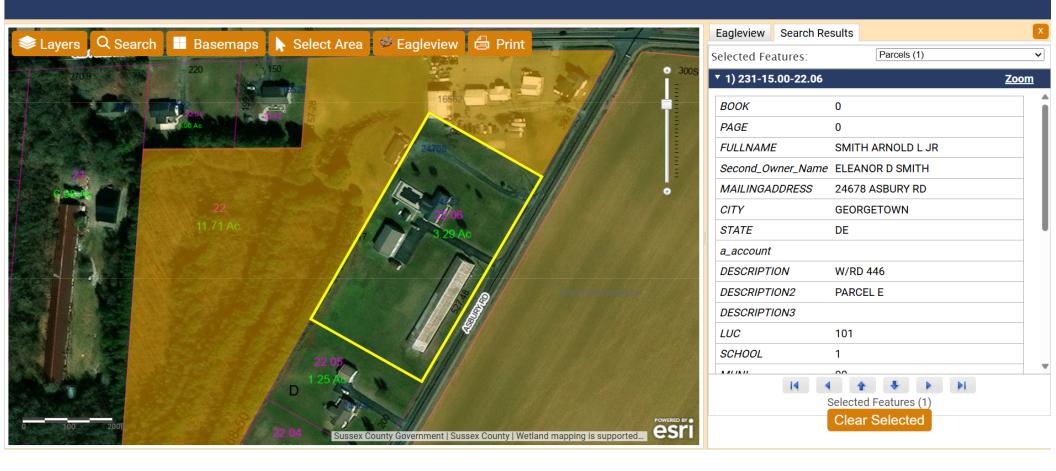
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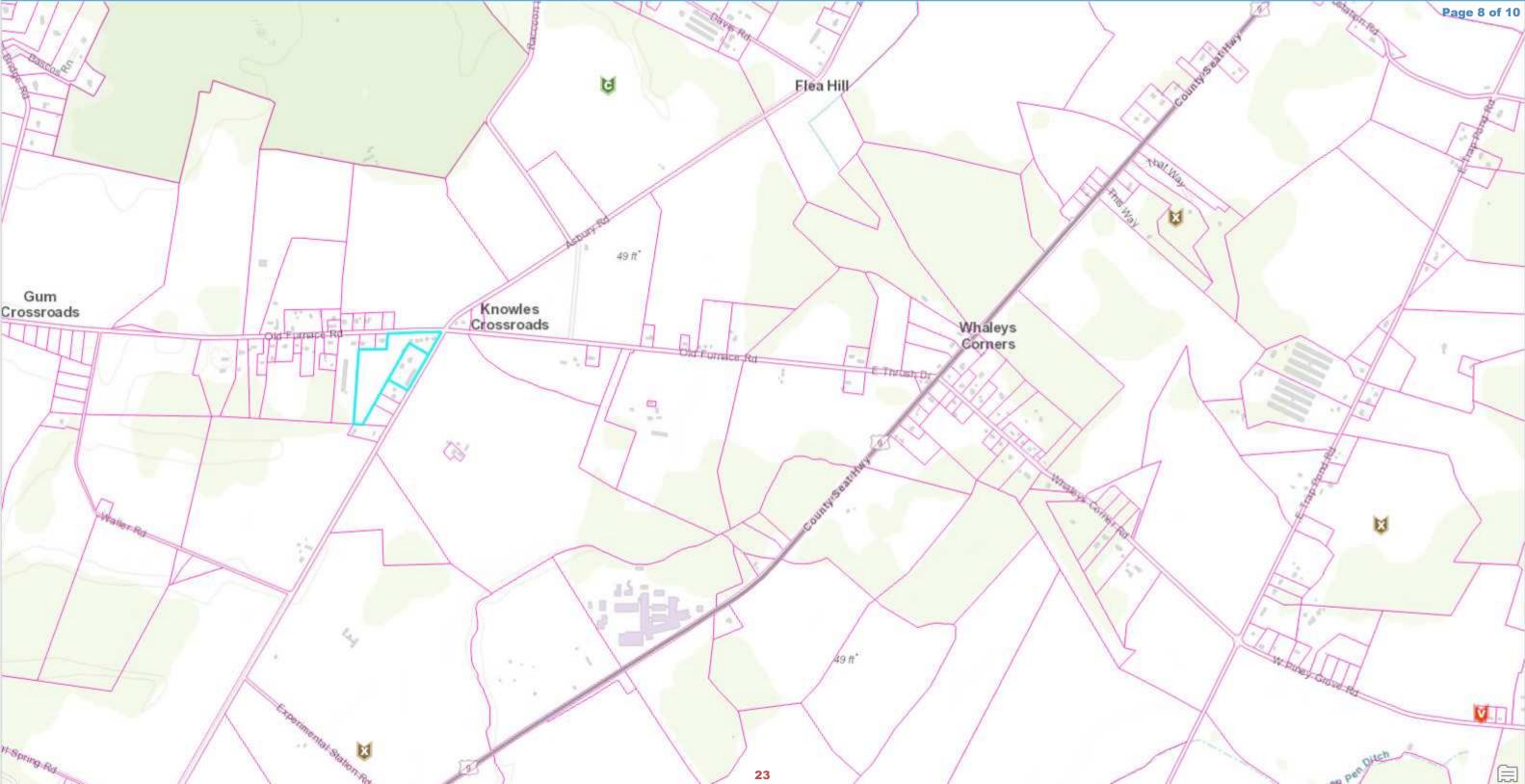
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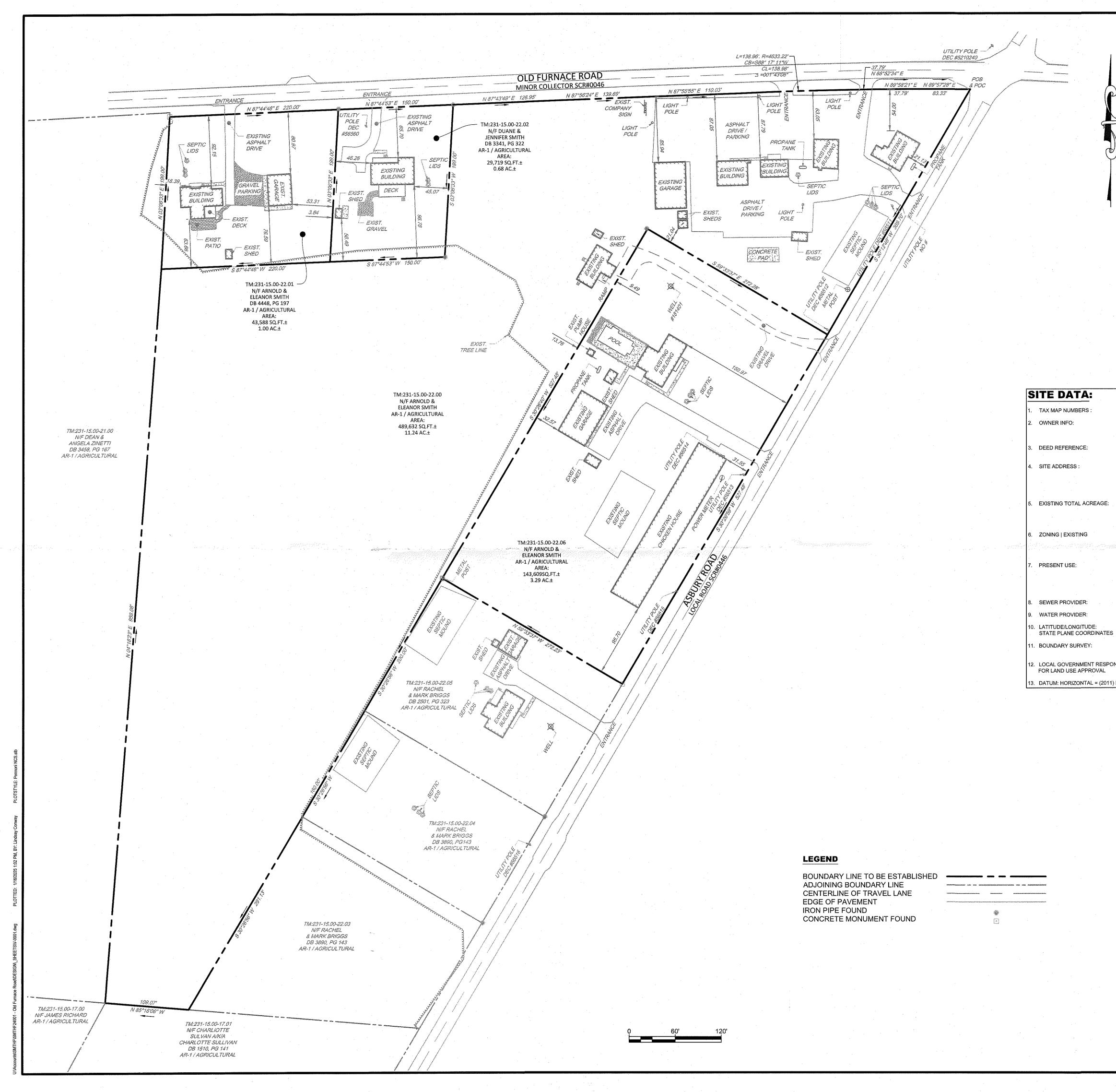
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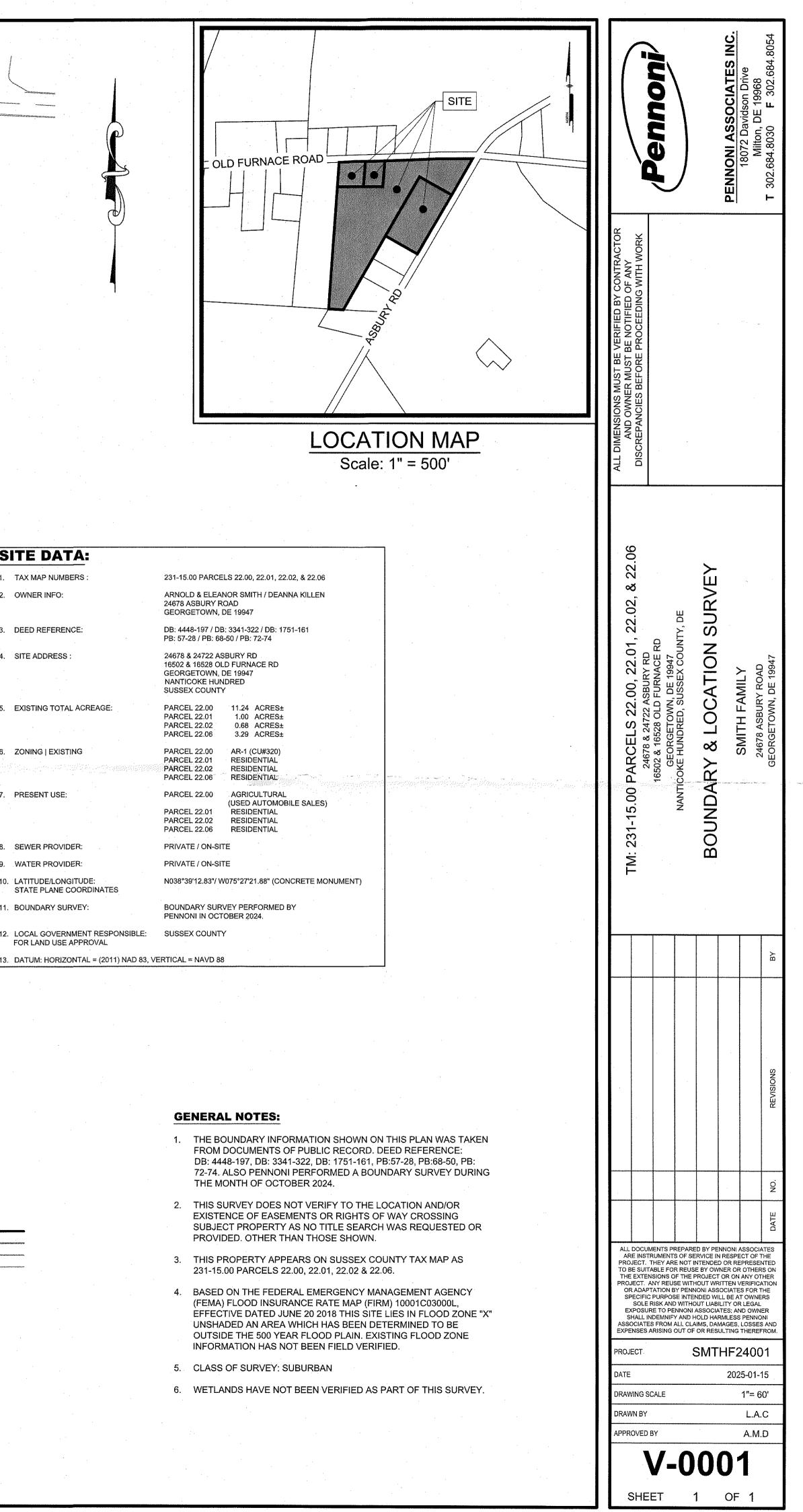


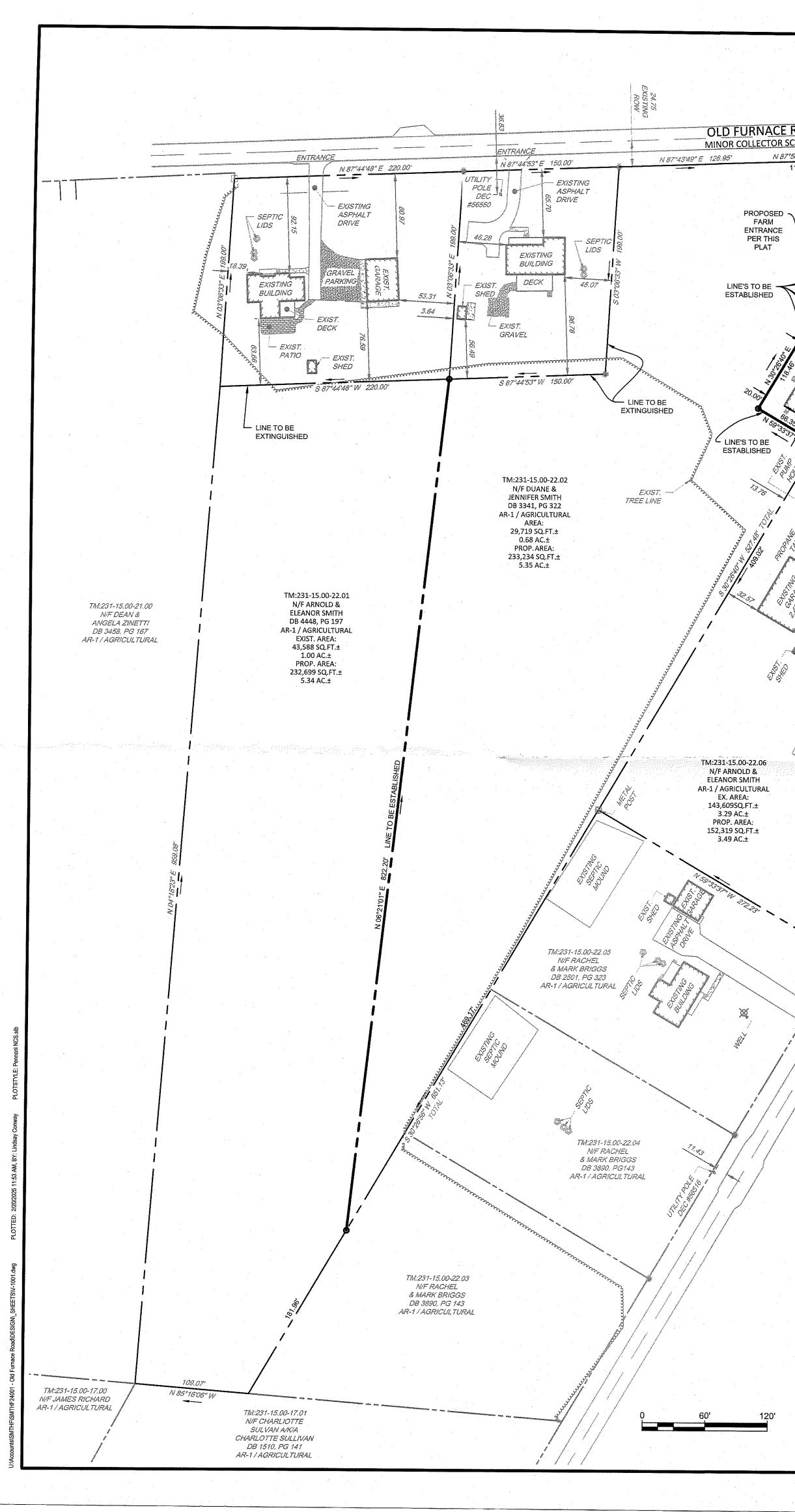
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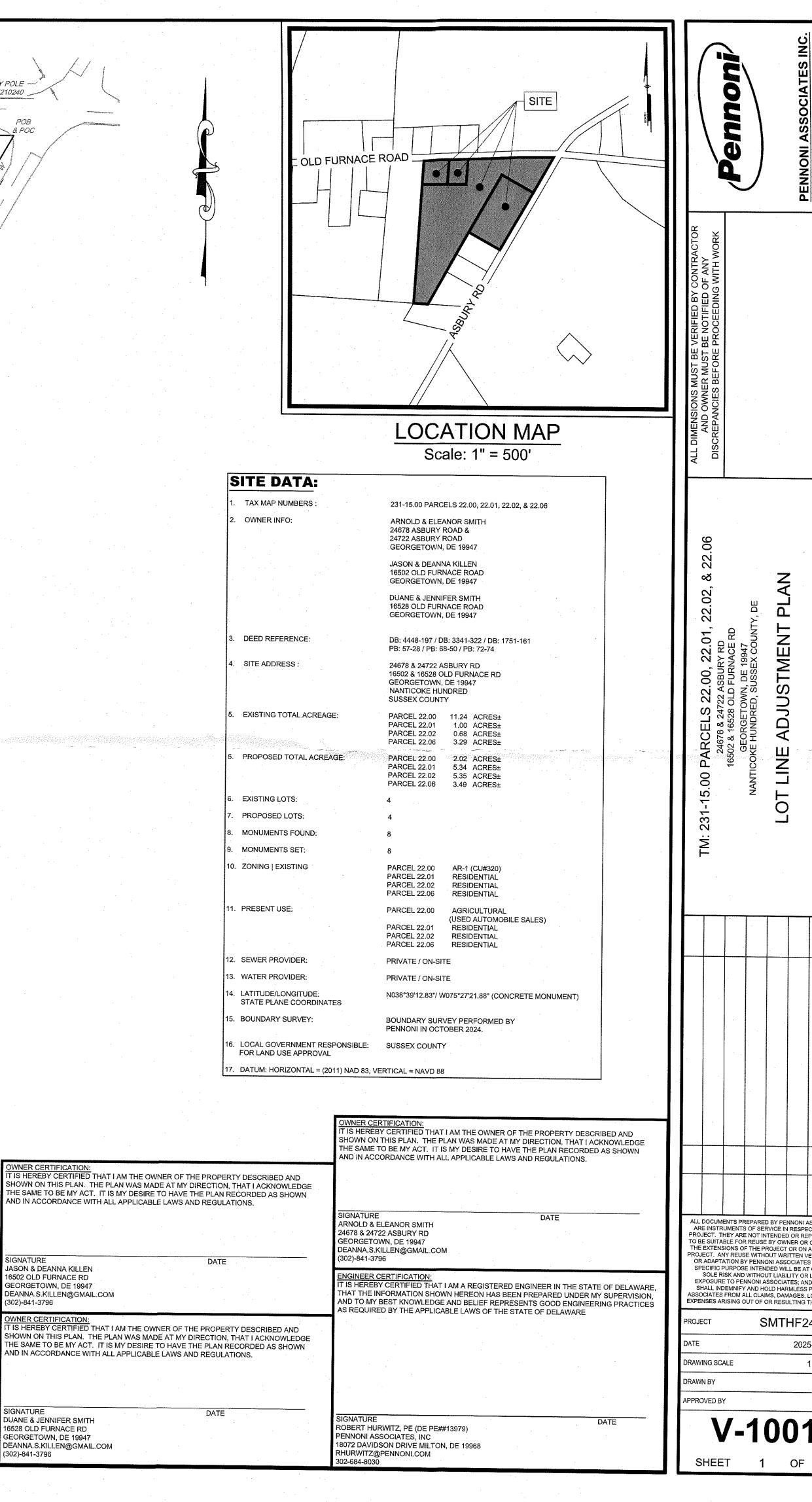
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Site Address of Variance/Special Use Excepti	on:			
21823 Hensley Rd, Seaford DE 19973				
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Variance to change the Side Yard Setback fro	om 15' to 10'.			
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Most of the lot is wooded so there is only one place that the garage can be built without removing a lot of trees and relocating the driveway which I do not think that DelDot would even allow. One side of the house has the well and the other side has the septic. In front of and behind the house are woods.

### Cannot otherwise be developed:

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The previous owner located the house too close to the right side of the property when it was built, I am assuming that he did this because of where the driveway had to be located, which did not leave much room for a garage to be built at the end of the driveway next to the house.

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That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

The house and proposed garage sit way back on the lot, away from the road and there is a small section of woods between the proposes garage and the very back of the neighbors property. They have no issue with the garage going in that spot and will write a letter to be included with the variance app stating such.

### 5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

With a side yard set back of 10' instead of the required 15' we will be able to build our garage in the only available and practical space and still have a small access to our back yard without walking around the other side of the house or garage or walking through either. Even a smaller garage would not work with the 15' setback because it would be smack up against the house. We would be sideswiping the side door steps trying to drive into the garage and have to remove part of the sidewalk.

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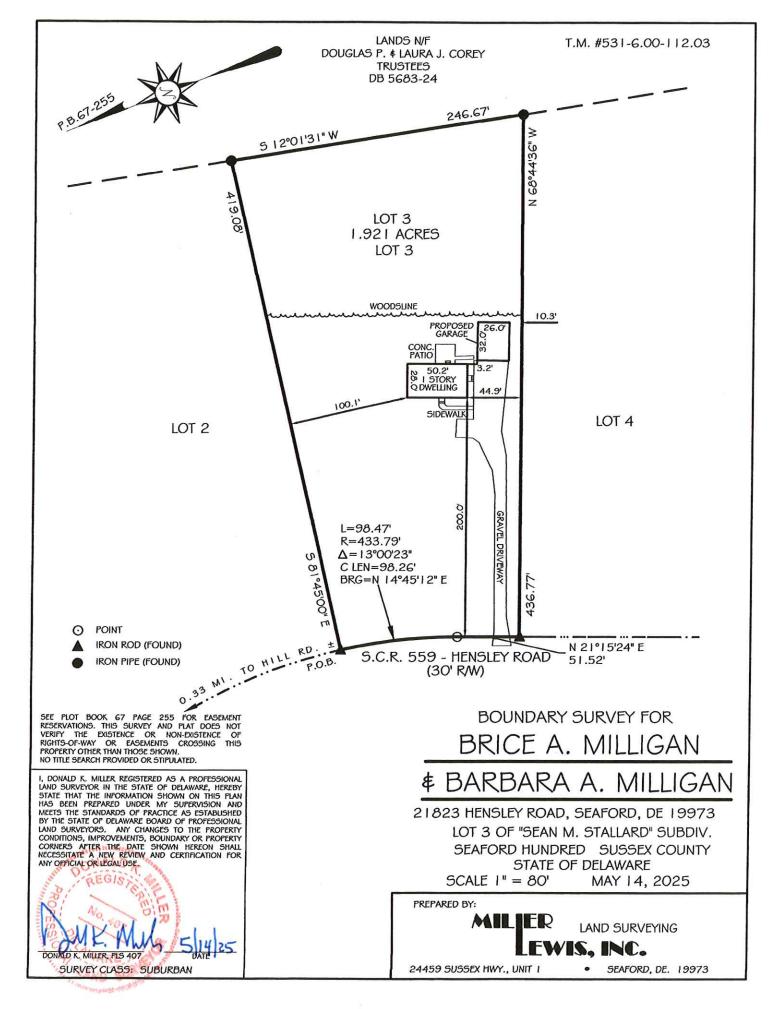
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When we first started this garage project we researched setbacks and everything we found online said 5' for small lots and 10' for larger residential lots for side setbacks. We never found anything stating 15". So we went through the months long process with the builder and with the financial aspect and finally got everything in place. We did not find out about the 15' side setback until we received our building permit. It was stated on there. I called and was told that we were considered Agricultural/Residential1 and that is why it was different. We had no idea because we live in the middle of a very large patch of wood, one of the few wooded areas in Seaford I think. There are at this point seven houses and several more lots in our patch of woods. So we and the contractor considered it residential.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

B. Milligan

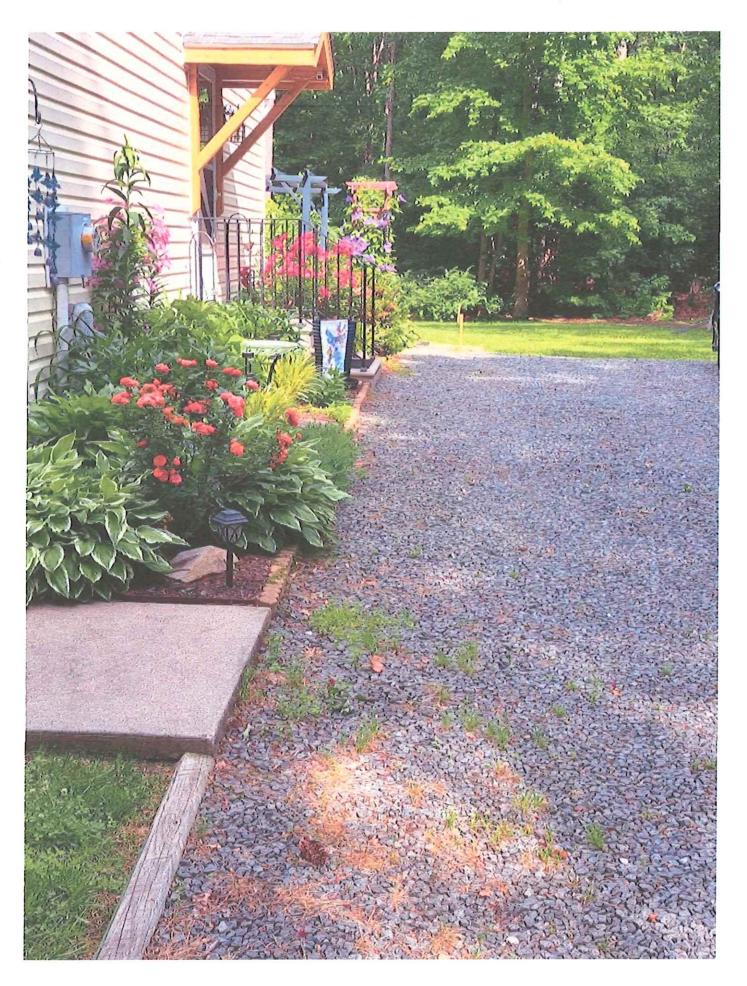


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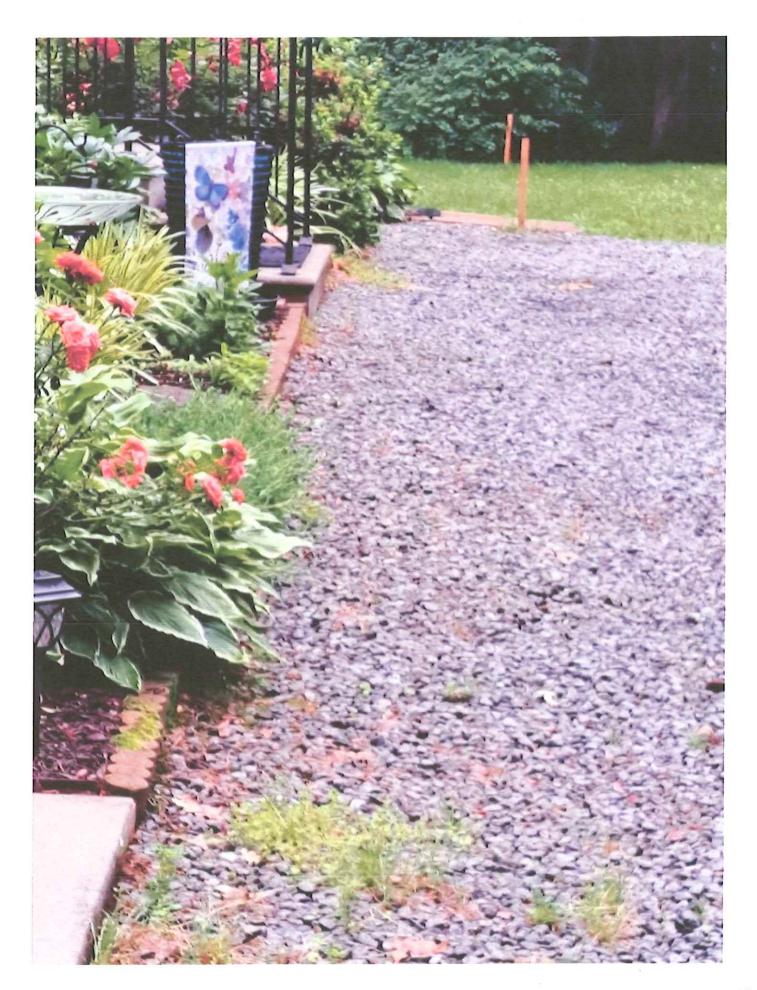
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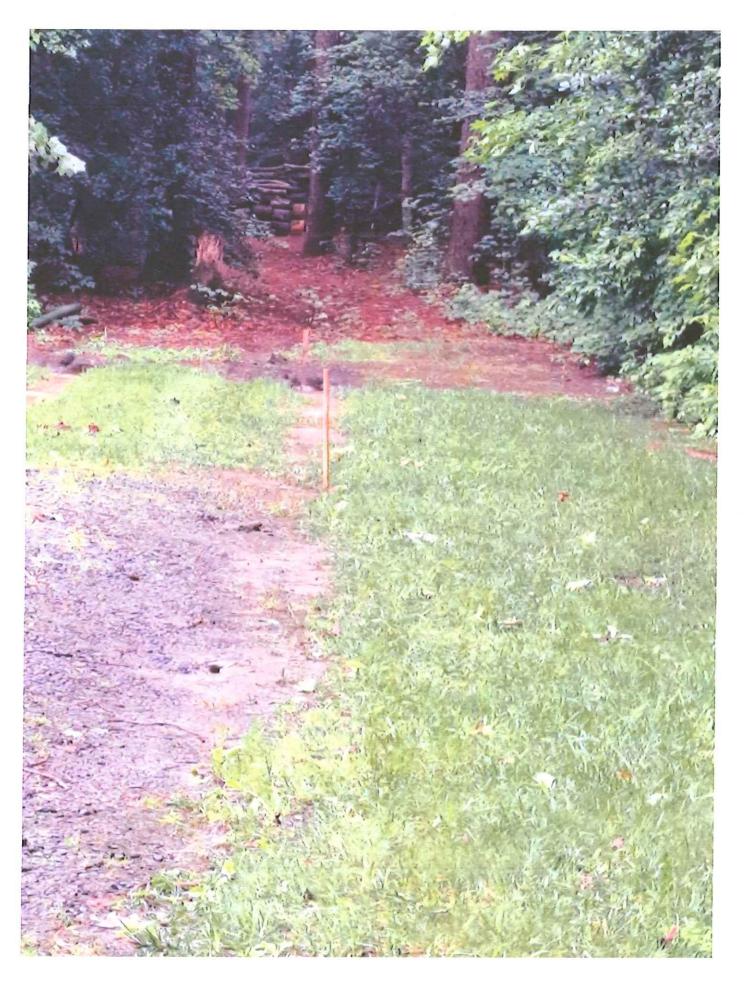


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### SETBACK INFORMATION REQUEST

Date of Request	5/1/	25	Zoning District	AR-1
Customer Name	Barb	ara Milligan/Brice Milliga	in	
Customer Contact	bark	9562@yahoo.com		
Tax Parcel ID	531	-6.00-112.03	Lot/Unit Numbe	r Lot 3
Parcel Address	218	23 Hensley Rd., Sea	aford (S.C.	R. 559)
Front Yard Setback		40'		
Side Yard Setback		15'		
Rear Yard Setback		20'		
Corner Front Yard Se	etback	N/A		
Maximum Height		42'		

The Customer was provided general zoning setbacks, as a specific parcel was not identified. Therefore, the setbacks provided may not be for a specific parcel. The setbacks could be different based on the specific nature of the property.

#### Additional Notes:

Deed: 4674-143

Sean M. Stallard Minor Subdivision Plan: 87-323

Flood Zone: N/A

Per §115-185(F) - Accessory buildings which are not a part of the main building may be constructed in a rear yard, provided that such accessory building does not contain more than 600 square feet of area, and may be located five feet from a side lot line and five feet from a rear lot line.

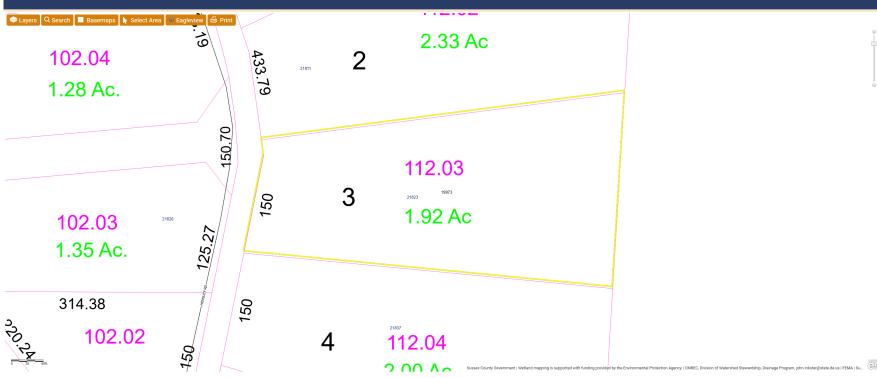
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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The existence of an excessively large cul-de-sac, part of the County ROW, severely impacts the Owner's ability to improve the property.

## 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

The desired swimming pool improvement can only be constructed in the proposed location in order to comply with other County requirements.

#### 3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The Owner's property is uniquely impacted due to the very large ROW. The neighbors properties are not impacted by such a large cul-de-sac.

#### 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

Numerous other properties within the neighborhood have constructed swimming pools. A swimming pool is in keeping with the resort style of the community.

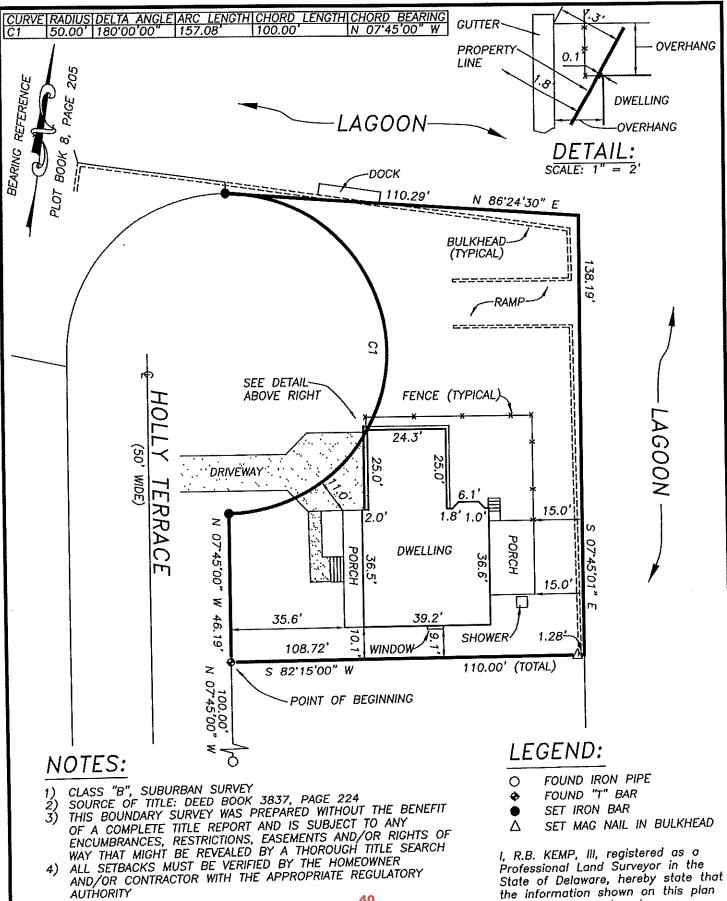
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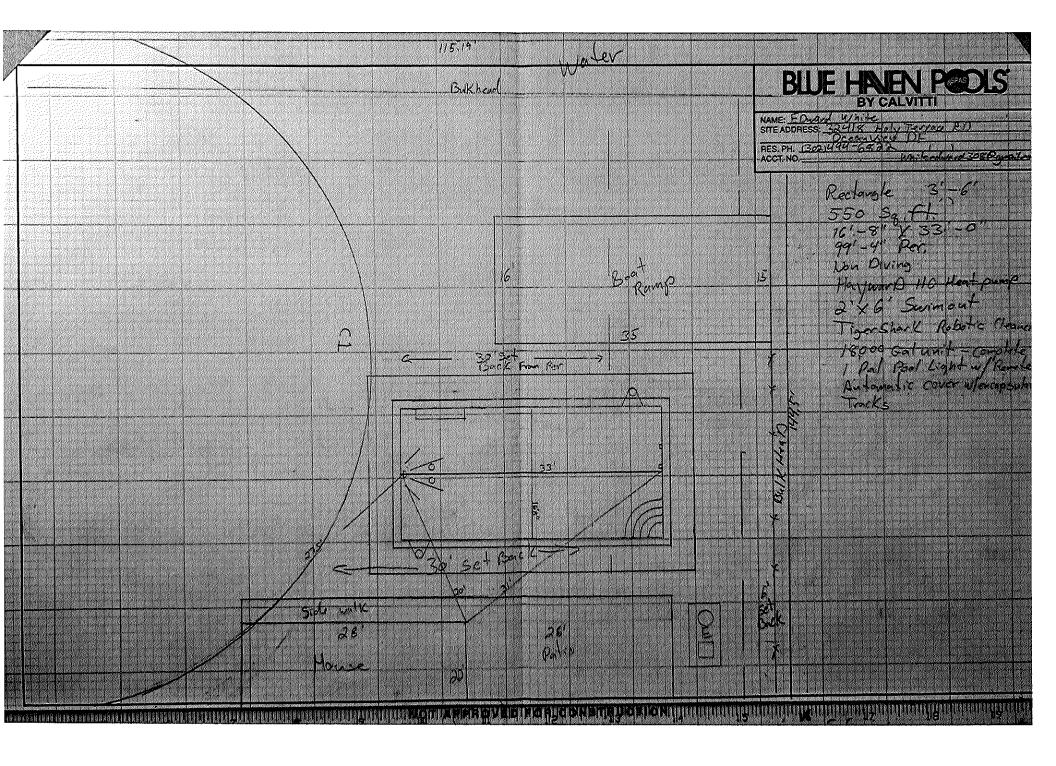
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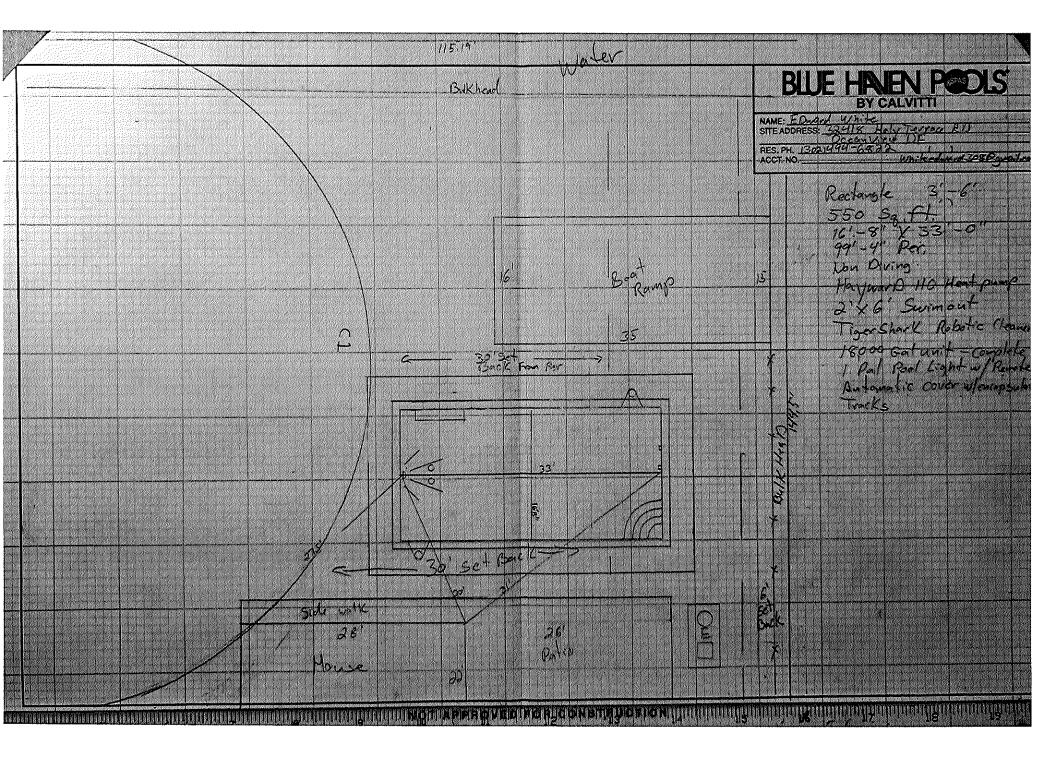
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# ADAMS-KEMP ASSOCIATES, INC.

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS 217 SOUTH RACE STREET, GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE 19947 302-856-6699 302-856-7350 (FAX)

JUNE 16, 2016

#### RE: SUSSEX COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 1-34-9.00, PARCEL 191.00 (PORTION) LANDS OF PATRICK J. SHIELDS, TRUSTEE

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, STATE OF DELAWARE, BEING DESIGNATED AS PARCEL "A", HOLLY RIDGE TERRACE, RECORDED IN PLOT BOOK 8, PAGE 205 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN AND FOR SUSSEX COUNTY IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MORE PARTICL" A DESCRIBED AS PER SURVEY PLAN NO. 160528-A, DATED JUNE 9, 2016 PPER 11

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ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HOLLY TERRACE
 F THIS PARCEL AND LOT 90, SECTION TWO, "CEDAR LANDING";
 OF LOTS 90, 91, 93, 94 AND 95, SECTION TWO, "CEDAR LANDING"
 HARRY THOMAS HILL AND TERRY CECILIA JACOBSEN, THE STANCES:

DISTANCE OF 239.73 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE, PASSING AT 127.44 FEET AND 217.43 FEET FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS

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NORTH 73° 16' 54" EAST A DISTANCE OF 74.89 FEET;

- 3) NORTH 67° 23' 19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 42.91 FEET;
- 4) NORTH 70° 04' 09" EAST A DISTANCE OF 64.15 FEET;
- 5) NORTH 72° 47' 27" EAST A DISTANCE OF 82.55 FEET;
- 6) NORTH 82° 11' 40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 71.59 FEET;
- 7) NORTH 86° 37' 46" EAST A DISTANCE OF 56.84 FEET;
- 8) SOUTH 33° 27' 40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 4.04 FEET TO A BULKHEAD;

THENCE ALONG THE BULKHEAD, NORTH 80° 25' 47" EAST A DISTANCE OF 46.38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 17° 44' 06" EAST A DISTANCE OF 3.50 FEET TO THE NORTHLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE CUL-DE-SAC AT THE END OF HOLLY TERRACE; THENCE FOLLOWING ALONG THE CUL-DE-SAC AND RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HOLLY TERRACE, THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES AND DISTANCES:

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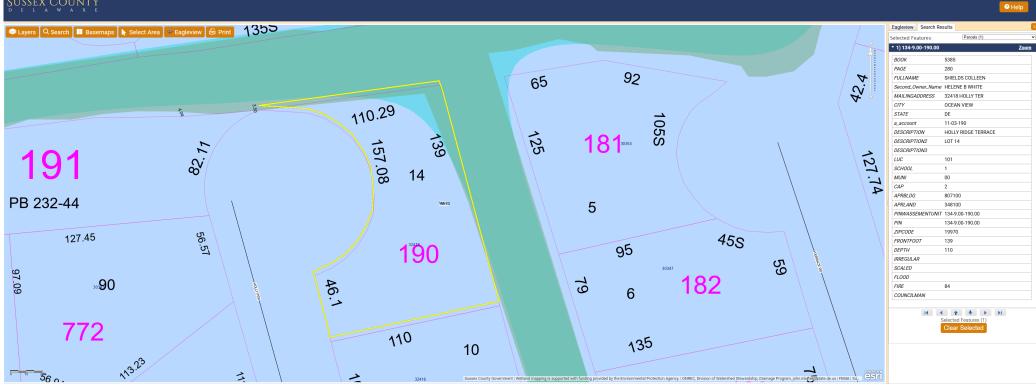
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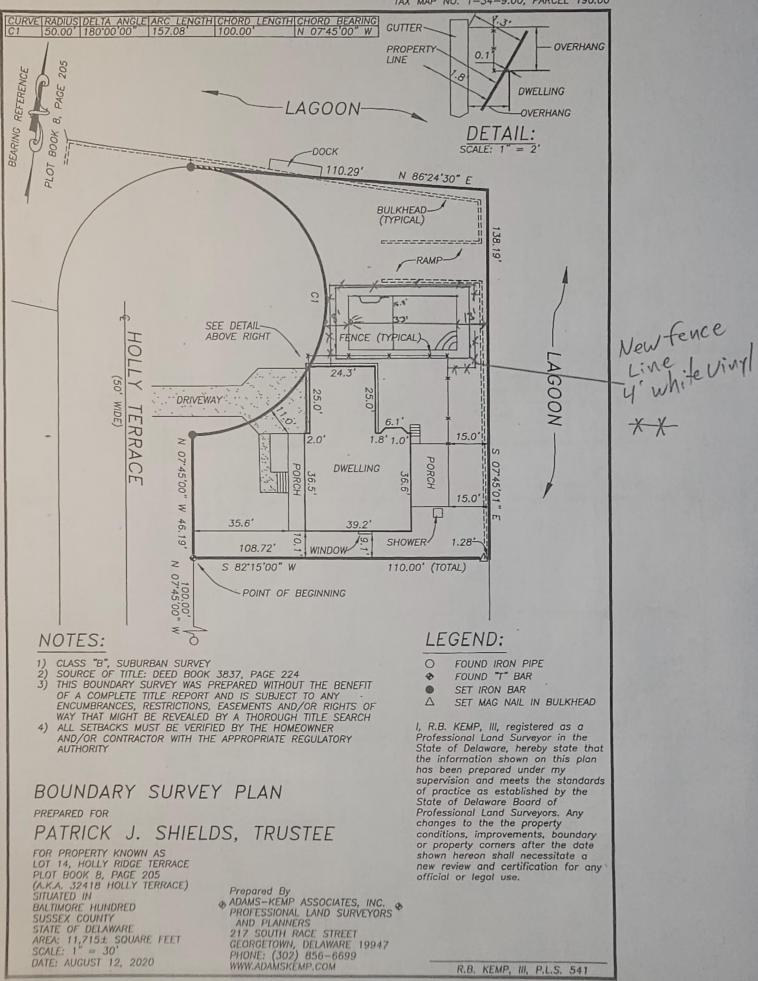




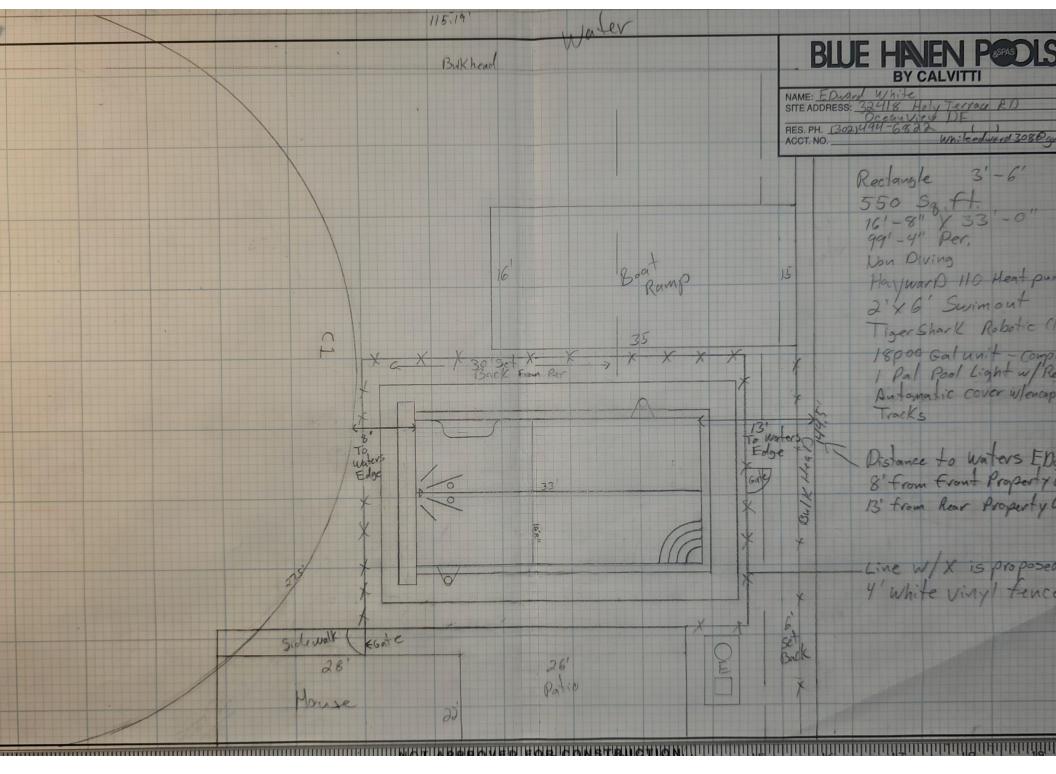


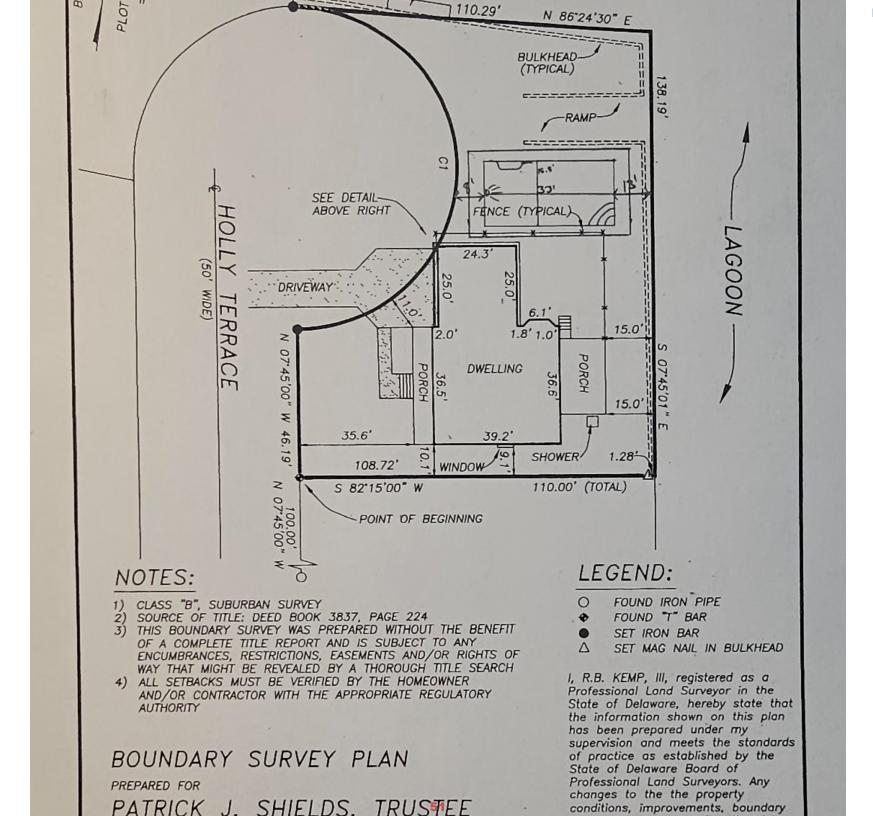
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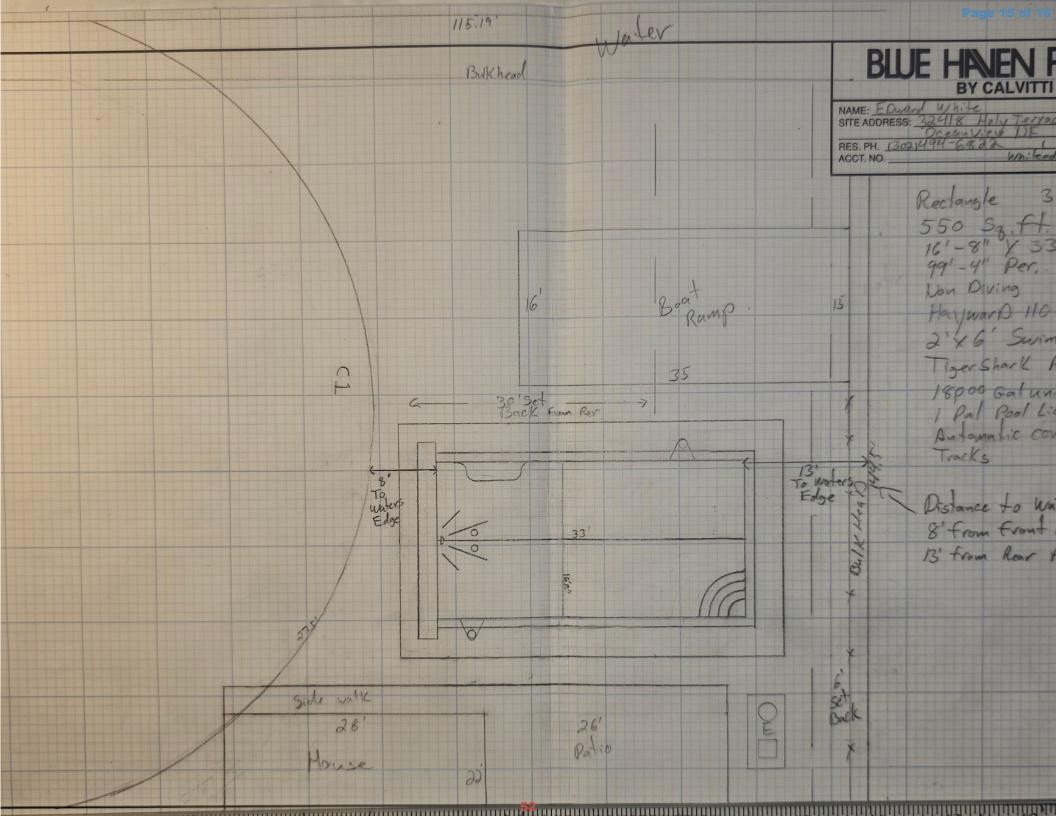


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	djustment Application County, Delaware y Planning & Zoning Department
Sussex County 2 The Circle (P.C	y Planning & Zoning Department D. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 -7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax
Type of Application: (please check all ap	oplicable)
Variance 🕅 Special Use Exception 🗌 Administrative Variance 🗍 Appeal 🗍	Existing Condition 🕅 Proposed 🔲 Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Ex <u>39126</u> Jan Buren Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal	Aue Selbyville DE 19925 Requested:
5' from the rear yard fo	r proposed deck
Tax Map #:533 - 20,19 - 8	Property Zoning: AR-1
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: $\overrightarrow{1}$ $\overrightarrow{Constructor}$ Applicant Address: $32963$ $4cc$ City $2105$ State $O$ Applicant Phone #: $303$ $-370$ $-4664$	ion * Design LLC (Tony Yennucci) Ls Rd. E Zip: 19758 Applicant e-mail: Lyconstruction & tyconstruction. design
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Durd B Lind Owner Address: 39126 Van B City Selloy M/le State DE Owner Phone #: (415)302 - 4448	a Vanderver Buren Ave Zip: 19975 Purchase Date: Dec 2017 Owner e-mail: david_venderver & hatmail.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address: City State Agent/Attorney Phone #:	Zip: Agent/Attorney e-mail:
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	Date: 015 25

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

**Criteria for a Variance:** (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

and Cannot otherwise be developed: That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property. The new deck would not be a functional size due to the setbacks given. Le would like to build @ the organal Noriance given to the previous owner. 3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The previous owners had a variance for a deck that has since depitated and falling apart.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

The, deck was already @ . This same place we are reguesting ad has been there for years. It actually matches almo

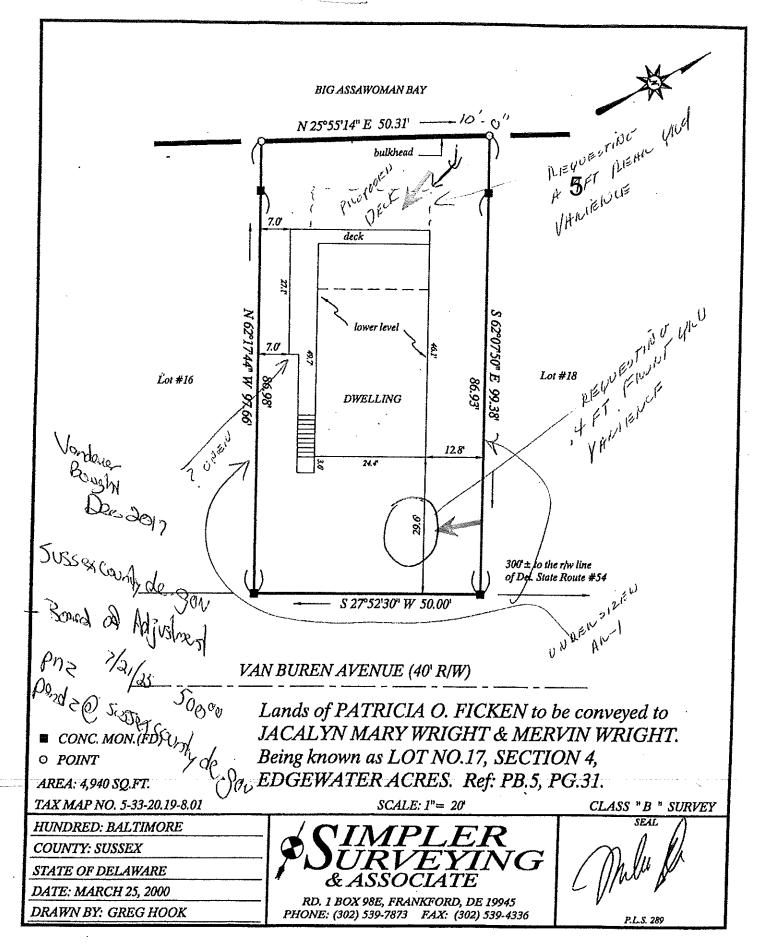
5. Minimum variance:

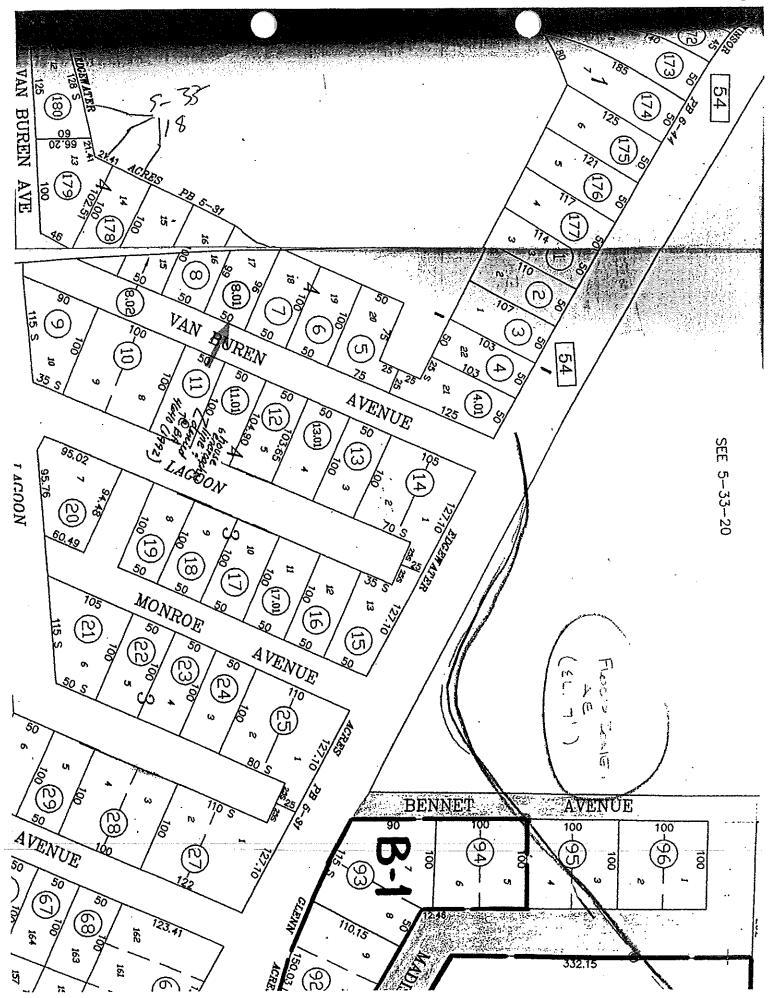
That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

to put deck back where it It is currently 10' off oddition 5'-7' 40 1 de need ۵л on the line of the property. 12105 he property line.

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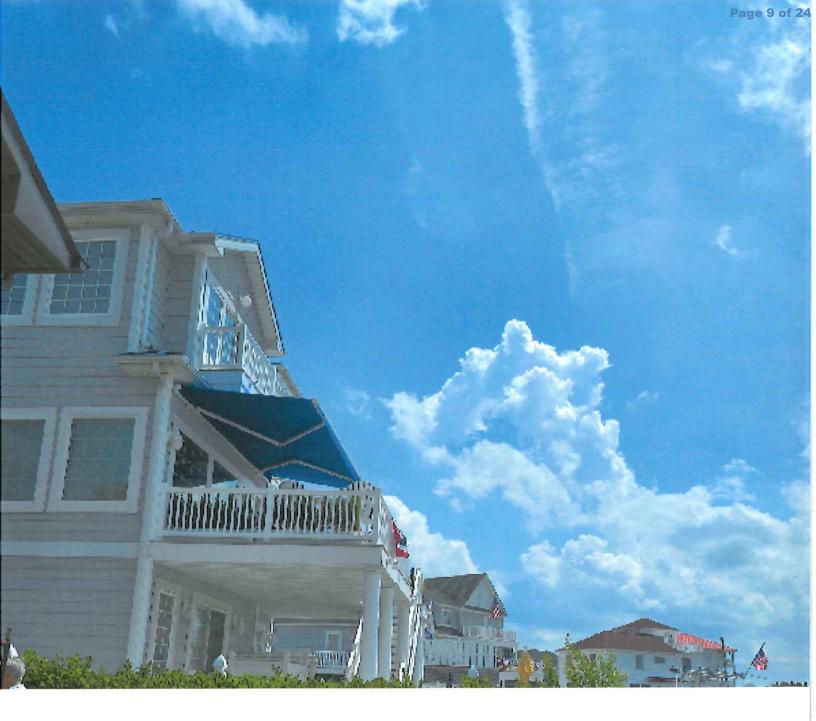






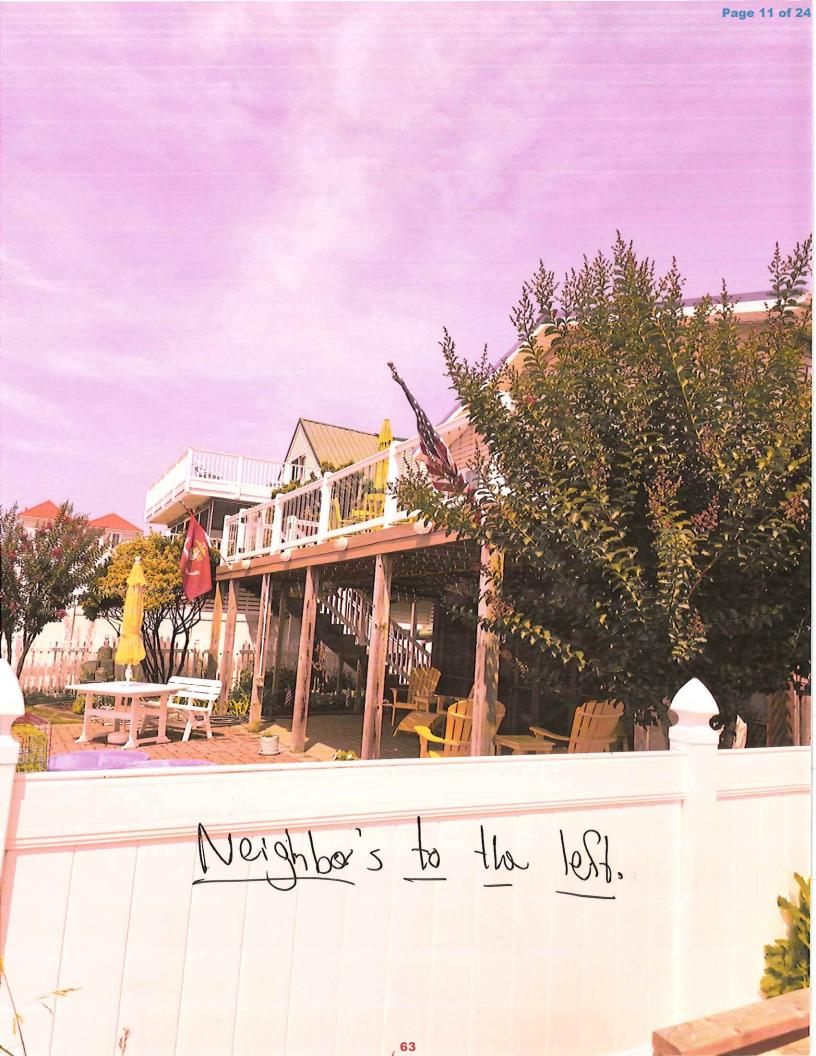


ORIGINAL DECK FROM VARIANCE IN 2000



Neighbor's House to the left of property.







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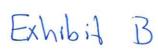
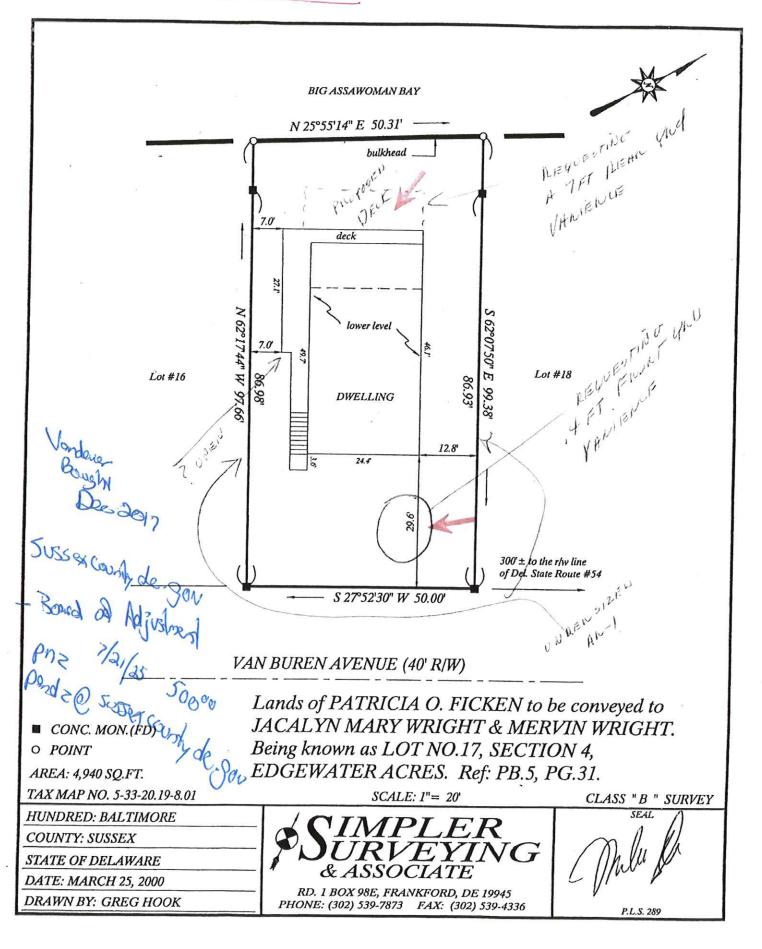




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		Action Taken November 6, 2000 Page 2
	Case No. 7279	<ul> <li>Stephen Seipp and S C S HW LLC – east of U.S. Route 13, 200 feet west of Road 482.</li> <li>A variance for ten (10) additional wall signs.</li> <li>APPROVED</li> </ul>
	Case No. 7280	<ul> <li>Jules Pagano and Kathleen Stevenson Pagano – northwest of Route One, west side of Venetian Drive, Lot B-1, within Seabreeze Development.</li> <li>A variance from the front yard setback requirement.</li> <li>APPROVED</li> </ul>
	Case No. 7281	Ronald T. Brady – south of Route One, southwest side of Princess Street, Lot 101, within Camelot Mobile Home Park. A variance from the rear yard setback requirement. DEFERRED
	Case No. 7282	Jacalyn M. Wright - west of Route 54, northwest side of Van
and a second		Buren Avenue, Lot 17, within Edgewater Acres
1. 1. 19		Subdivision.
		A variance from the front yard and rear yard setback requirements. APPROVED
	Case No. 7283	Robert M. Bocek – north of Route 24, 400 feet west of Road 409.
		A variance from the square footage requirement for a parcel, a variance from the lot width requirement for a parcel, a variance from the side yard and front yard setback requirements. APPROVED
	Case No. 7284	Joseph and Catherine Jadczak – north of Road 264, 1,200 feet east of Road 258. A variance from the east side yard setback requirement.
		DENIED
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	Case No. 7285	Anthony and Karen Milan – southwest of Route 54, south side of Garfield Avenue, Lot 20, within Edgewater Acres Subdivision.

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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program

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OMB Control No. 1660-0008 Expiration Date: 06/30/2026

# **ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

#### **IMPORTANT: MUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTRUCTION PAGES 1-11**

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

SECTION A - PROPERTY INFORMATION	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE						
A1. Building Owner's Name: David G. Vandever	Policy Number:						
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.: 39126 Van Buren Avenue	Company NAIC Number:						
City: Selbyville State: DE	ZIP Code: 19975						
A3. Property Description (e.g., Lot and Block Numbers or Legal Description) and/or Tax Parcel Nur Lot No. 17, Section No. 4 Parcel Id. No: 5-33-20.19-08.01 Edgew	nber: /ater Acres, Inc						
A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Residential, Addition, Accessory, etc.):Residential - R	emodel						
A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. 38°-27'-11" Long75°-04'-06" Horiz. Datum: NAD 1927 🕅 NAD 1983 🗌 WGS 84							
A6. Attach at least two and when possible four clear color photographs (one for each side) of the b	uilding (see Form pages 7 and 8).						
A7. Building Diagram Number: 7							
A8. For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):							
a) Square footage of crawlspace or enclosure(s): 890 sq. ft.							
b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of each enclosed area?	Yes No N/A						
c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) within 1.0 foot Non-engineered flood openings: <u>N/A</u> Engineered flood openings: <u>5</u>	above adjacent grade:						
d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A8.c: <u>N/A</u> sq. in.							
e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A8.c (attach documentation - see Instruction	ons):5 sq. ft.						
f) Sum of A8.d and A8.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions): 1,000 sq. ft.							
A9. For a building with an attached garage:							
a) Square footage of attached garage: N/A sq. ft.							
b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of the attached garage?	b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of the attached garage?						
c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adja Non-engineered flood openings:N/A Engineered flood openings:N/A							
d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A9.c: <u>N/A</u> sq. in.							
e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A9.c (attach documentation - see Instruction	ons):N/A sq. ft.						
f) Sum of A9.d and A9.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions):N/A sq. ft.							
SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION							
B1.a. NFIP Community Name: Sussex County B1.b. NFIP Comm	munity Identification Number: 100029						
B2. County Name: Sussex County B3. State: DE B4. Map/Panel No.: 1	0005C0654 B5. Suffix: K						
B6. FIRM Index Date: 06/20/2018 B7. FIRM Panel Effective/Revised Date: 05/16/2015							
B8. Flood Zone(s): "AE" B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (BFE) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth): 5.0'							
B10. Indicate the source of the BFE data or Base Flood Depth entered in Item B9: ☐ FIS							
B11. Indicate elevation datum used for BFE in Item B9: INGVD 1929 X NAVD 1988 Other/	Source:						
B12. Is the building located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)? Yes No Designation Date:							
B13. Is the building located seaward of the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)?	No						
EMA Form FF-206-FY-22-152 (formerly 086-0-33) (8/23)	Form Page 2 of 8						

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39126 Van Buren Avenue           City: Selbyville         State: DE         ZIP Code: 19975		Policy Number:					
	Com	Company NAIC Number:					
SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (	SURVEY REQ	UIRE	D)	月不			
C1. Building elevations are based on: Construction Drawings* Building Unde *A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is com	r Construction* plete.	🗌 Fi	nisheo	d Con	struction		
C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, AO, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), A99. Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the Building Diagram specified in It Benchmark Utilized: <u>PK Nail</u> Vertical Datum: <u>NAV</u>	em A7. In Puerto	E, AR/ Rico	A1–A3 only, e	30, Al enter	R/AH, AR/AO, meters.		
Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below.							
Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE. Conversion If Yes, describe the source of the conversion factor in the Section D Comments area.	Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE. Conversion factor used? Yes No If Yes, describe the source of the conversion factor in the Section D Comments area.						
a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor):	3.1		feet		asurement used: meters		
b) Top of the next higher floor (see Instructions):	11.2	$\boxtimes$	feet		meters		
c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (see Instructions):	N/A		feet		meters		
d) Attached garage (top of slab):	N/A		feet		meters		
<ul> <li>e) Lowest elevation of Machinery and Equipment (M&amp;E) servicing the building (describe type of M&amp;E and location in Section D Comments area):</li> </ul>	5.0+	$\boxtimes$	feet		meters		
f) Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG) next to building: 🗌 Natural 🔀 Finished	2.8	$\boxtimes$	feet		meters		
g) Highest Adjacent Grade (HAG) next to building: 🗌 Natural 🛛 Finished	3.2	$\boxtimes$	feet		meters		
<ul> <li>Finished LAG at lowest elevation of attached deck or stairs, including structural support:</li> </ul>	3.2	$\boxtimes$	feet		meters		
SECTION D – SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, OR ARCHITE	CT CERTIFICA	TION					
This certification is to be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect authorized by state law to certify elevation information. I certify that the information on this Certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.							
Were latitude and longitude in Section A provided by a licensed land surveyor? X Yes No							
Check here if attachments and describe in the Comments area.							
Certifier's Name: Gregory M. Hook License Number: P.L.S. 71	1						
Title: Professional Land Surveyor			In GC	RYA	A. H.		
Company Name: Simpler Surveying and Associates, Inc.		in o	REC	ISTE	REDOX		
Address: 32486 Powell Farm Road		in the second	No. S	6000	0744		
Intel:       Professional Land Surveyor         Company Name:       Simpler Surveying and Associates, Inc.         Address:       32486 Powell Farm Road         City:       Frankford         State:       DE         ZIP Code:       19945         Telephone:       (302) 539-7878         Ext.:       Email:         Simpler@delawaresurveyor.com							
Telephone: (302) 539-7878 Ext.: Email: simpler@delawaresurveyor.com							
Signature:							
Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.							
<ul> <li>Comments (including source of conversion factor in C2; type of equipment and location per C2.e; and description of any attachments):</li> <li>1. SECTION A8 - There will be five (5) installed smart vents (Model No. 1540-520) installed in foundation wall.</li> <li>2. SECTION C2 (a-h) - All Elevations are Based on Existing Conditions.</li> <li>3. SECTION C2 (e) - Mechanicals to be Elevated Above Base Flood Elevation.</li> <li>4. SECTION C2 (a-f) - Proposed Elevations to Match Existing</li> </ul>							

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City	Selbyville	State:	DE	_ ZIP Code:	1997	75	Company NA	IC Number:	
	SECTION E – BUILDING MEASUREMENT INFORMATION (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) FOR ZONE AO, ZONE AR/AO, AND ZONE A (WITHOUT BFE)								
inter	For Zones AO, AR/AO, and A (without BFE), complete Items E1–E5. For Items E1–E4, use natural grade, if available. If the Certificate is intended to support a Letter of Map Change request, complete Sections A, B, and C. Check the measurement used. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.								
	Building measurements are based on: Construction Drawings* Building Under Construction* Finished Construction *A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.								
	E1. Provide measurements (C.2.a in applicable Building Diagram) for the following and check the appropriate boxes to show whether the measurement is above or below the natural HAG and the LAG.								
	<ul> <li>Top of bottom floor (includi crawlspace, or enclosure)</li> </ul>			🗆	feet	🗌 mete	rs 🔲 above or	below the HAG.	
	<li>b) Top of bottom floor (includi crawlspace, or enclosure)</li>				feet	🗌 mete	rs 🔲 above or	below the LAG.	
	For Building Diagrams 6–9 wil next higher floor (C2.b in appli Building Diagram) of the buildi	icable	nings prov	vided in Secti	on A I feet	tems 8 and			
	Attached garage (top of slab)	-		U	feet	meter		_	
E4.	Top of platform of machinery a servicing the building is:			L	feet	meter			
E5.	Zone AO only: If no flood dept floodplain management ordina				floor	elevated in	accordance with t	the community's	
floodplain management ordinance? Yes No Unknown The local official must certify this information in Section G. SECTION F – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION									
The	property owner or owner's auti	horized representative w	ho comp	letes Section	s A, E	, and E for			
	here. <i>The statements in Sectio</i> Check here if attachments and			best of my k	nowle	dge			
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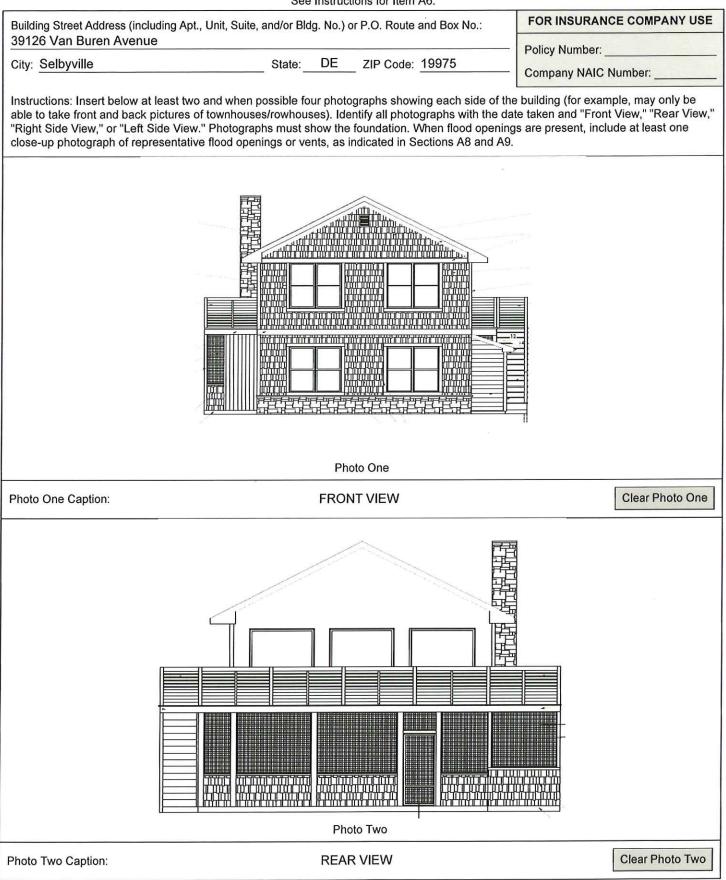
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City: Selbyville	State:DE	ZIP Code: 19975	Company NAIC Number:					
SECTION G - COMMUNITY INFOR	SECTION G - COMMUNITY INFORMATION (RECOMMENDED FOR COMMUNITY OFFICIAL COMPLETION)							
The local official who is authorized by law or or Section A, B, C, E, G, or H of this Elevation Ce								
G1. The information in Section C was taken from other documentation that has been signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor, engineer, or architect who is authorized by state law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)								
G2.a. A local official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a BFE), Zone AO, or Zone AR/AO, or when item E5 is completed for a building located in Zone AO.								
G2.b. 🗌 A local official completed Section H	for insurance purpose	es.						
G3. In the Comments area of Section G	, the local official desc	cribes specific corrections to the	e information in Sections A, B, E and H.					
G4.	G11) is provided for	community floodplain manage	ment purposes.					
G5. Permit Number:	G6. Date Per	rmit Issued:						
G7. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupan	ncy Issued:							
G8. This permit has been issued for:	ew Construction	Substantial Improvement						
G9.a. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (includi building:	ng basement) of the	feet	meters Datum:					
G9.b. Elevation of bottom of as-built lowest ho member:	orizontal structural	i feet	meters Datum:					
G10.a. BFE (or depth in Zone AO) of flooding a	t the building site:	feet	meters Datum:					
G10.b. Community's minimum elevation (or dep requirement for the lowest floor or lowes member:		feet	meters Datum:					
G11. Variance issued? Yes No I	f yes, attach documer	ntation and describe in the Com	ments area.					
The local official who provides information in Section G must sign here. I have completed the information in Section G and certify that it is correct to the best of my knowledge. If applicable, I have also provided specific corrections in the Comments area of this section.								
Local Official's Name:		Title:						
NFIP Community Name:								
Address:								
City:			ZIP Code:					
Signature: Date:								
Signature:          Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2.e; description of any attachments; and corrections to specific information in Sections A, B, D, E, or H):								

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See Instructions for Item A6.



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Thursday June 12, 2025

Tony Yannucci 32963 Harts Road, Lewes Beach, DE 19958

RE: Parcel ID Number 5-33-20.19-08.01, Lands of David G. Vandever.

This letter is to certify that a vertical project Bench Mark was set on-site per client's specifications. A Marks-a-lot line was set on the corner of the dwelling (Right side) to establish the vertical project Bench Mark. The Elevation of said Marks-a-lot line is 6.00' feet (NAVD '88).

The above-referenced parcel is in the 100-year Flood Zone according to our research. This information was taken directly from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community: Sussex County, Number: 100029, Panel: 654, Suffix: "K", Zone: "AE" 5.0', 03-16-2015.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions and/or concerns. I would like to thank you for Entrusting Simpler Surveying & Associate, Inc. for all your professional land surveying needs.

Gregory W. Hook P.L.S. 711 Simpler Surveying & Associate, Inc.

# **Board of Adjustment 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 all applicable)

Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal

Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)

Case # \_\_\_\_

Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:

Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:

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Property Zoning:

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### **Owner Information**

Owner Name: Owner Address: City Owner Phone #:

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## **Agent/Attorney Information**

Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address: City State Agent/Attorney Phone #:

Zip: Agent/Attorney e-mail:

# Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney

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Date:



#### Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

#### 1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

#### 2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

#### 4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.



Alex C. Burns, Esq. (302) 645-2262 aburns@lawbmf.com

May 20, 2025

VIA EMAIL Sussex County Board of Adjustment c/o Sussex County Planning & Zoning Office 2 The Circle P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947 sisaacs@sussexcountyde.gov

# RE: Tharros Village (C/O Code Purple at The Cape)

Dear Chairman Chorman & Members of the Sussex County Board of Adjustment:

My firm represents Tharros Village (the "Applicant") in connection with the above-referenced project.

In March 2025, the Applicant submitted a conditional use application, C/U 2583 Tharros Village (the "Conditional Use Application"), to the Sussex County Planning & Zoning Commission. I am pleased to report that, as of today's date, the Commission has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Application, which has received widespread community support, and there have been no public comments in opposition. County Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Conditional Use Application on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

Although the Applicant does not believe a variance is necessary for the reasons described herein, we are respectfully submitting this variance application and writing to provide you with additional information regarding the request.

We are deeply mindful of the volume and importance of the matters that come before you each month. Recognizing the time constraints and scheduling demands on your docket, we respectfully request placement on the June 2025

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Board of Adjustment meeting agenda. We are sincerely grateful for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

## Background

Tharros Village is a collaborative initiative with broad community support, designed to offer a safe, structured environment for individuals transitioning out of homelessness, and provides critical public health benefits to Sussex County. The program operates in partnership with community partners including Beebe Healthcare and First State Community Action Agency. All guests at Tharros Village are required to participate in case management services, which include mental health screenings, employment support, and access to community resources.

Tharros Village is located in the General Commercial (C-1) Zoning District on a parcel on the south side of Coastal Highway, approximately 0.2 mile northwest of the intersection of Coastal Highway and Dartmouth Drive.

The State of Delaware owns the Property, and Mr. Brian Maxwell, Director of the Office of Management and Budget has confirmed that "the State is prepared to move forward with the site plan that was filed with the [above-referenced conditional use] application." A copy of Director Maxwell's email and the referenced site plan are enclosed.

Notably, Tharros Village operated at this same location during the 2024 season without incident or injury. This Application seeks to continue that operation for the 2025 season. Unfortunately, due to the current absence of required approvals, Tharros Village is unable to operate. As a result, supportive services have been suspended, and unhoused individuals have returned to encampments in wooded areas of the Cape Region, where there is no access to sanitation or trash removal services.

During the Board of Adjustment hearing scheduled to occur in the near future, the Board will consider the Applicant's variance request under established legal precedent that supports the granting of the variance.

#### Variance Requested

Tharros Village is requesting a variance from § 115-172(H)(3) of the Sussex County Zoning Code, which requires that a "park or campground" be at least 400 feet from any existing dwelling. At its nearest point, Tharros Village will be approximately 275 feet from the Savannah West community (Tax Map Parcel 334-6.00-499.00). In the alternative, the Applicant seeks a determination that no variance is necessary because § 115-172(H)(3) is inapplicable.

The County Code does not define the term "campground," which makes it unclear whether Tharros Village is governed by this section. In many respects, Tharros Village more closely resembles a "Tenting Area," a defined term in Chapter 115, although that term is not otherwise used in the Zoning Code.

Unlike a traditional campground, which might include bathhouses, recreational amenities, and open fires, etc. Tharros Village is a managed facility without those features. Tharros Village does not have the noise and other safety concerns that § 115-172 intended to address. For that reason, even if § 115-172(H)(3) applies, strict enforcement of the setback requirement serves no meaningful public interest in this case.

Chapter 115 of the County Code does define "Tenting Area," which seems closer to a bivouac/Tharros Village scenario. Unfortunately, other than the definition itself, the term "Tenting Area" is not repeated anywhere in the Zoning Code.

Imagine, for example, if the local Boy Scout troop planned a weeklong camping event on a small farm located less than 400 feet from a neighboring residence. Imagine further that the organizers arranged for a porta potty, a hand washing station, and a trash receptacle (the same things provided at Tharros Village). Would the Boy Scouts' camping event be classified as a campground requiring a conditional use approval or would it be classified as a tenting area that seems to be largely unregulated under the Zoning Code?

Unfortunately, wetlands to the north of the site prohibit the possibility of relocating the site to the north to come into compliance with § 115-172's requirement that the site be at least 400 feet from an existing dwelling. However, Tharros Village is more of a tenting area than it is a campground. Accordingly, the potential for noise and the safety concerns associated with a traditional campground are not present at Tharros Village. For example, there are no bathhouses that could create odors and noise, and there are no open fires that could present a risk to nearby structures. Accordingly, the buffering requirements of § 115-172, while helpful in a traditional campground setting, offer little benefit in the context of Tharros Village.

Consequently, we are requesting variance from § 115-172(H)(3) to permit Tharros Village to be approximately 275 feet from the Savannah West community. That Section provides:

§ 115-172 Special Requirements. States in relevant part as follows:

"The following special requirements shall be conditions to approval and development of the indicated conditional uses:

. . . .

**H.** Park or campground for mobile campers, tents, camp trailers, touring vans and the like, provided that:

. . . .

(3) Every such area shall be at least 400 feet from any existing dwelling on property of other ownership and shall be at least 100 feet from any public road."

# Legal Standard

Under the Sussex County Zoning Code, the Board of Adjustment has the authority to grant a variance from zoning requirements where the applicant demonstrates "peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties to or exceptional hardship upon the owner of [the] property." Sussex County

Code § 115-211(A)(1). This standard applies in cases involving unique physical conditions or exceptional circumstances that prevent the reasonable use of the property in conformance with the Zoning Code.

A variance may not be granted simply for "convenience, profit, or as a caprice." Rather, the Sussex County Code requires "demonstrable and exceptional hardship." *Id*.

Pursuant to Sussex Code § 115-211(B), "No such variance shall be authorized by the Board unless it finds:

(1) That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

(2) That, because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

(3) That such unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant.

(4) That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and not substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

(5) That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue."

The current application satisfies each of the factors enumerated in the Sussex County Zoning Code.

### 1. Unique Physical Circumstances or Conditions

The property is constrained by its proximity to regulated wetlands, making full compliance with the 400-foot buffer requirement physically impossible. These environmental constraints are specific to the site and are not conditions generally present in the surrounding area. Because of these limitations, Tharros Village cannot be located any further from the neighboring residential development without encroaching into protected wetlands or violating other zoning constraints.

# 2. No Reasonable Use Without the Variance

Tharros Village successfully operated at this location during the 2024 season without incident or complaint, and this application seeks only to continue that use under the same operational framework. Without the requested relief, Tharros Village will be unable to resume operations in 2025, leaving vulnerable individuals without access to shelter or critical services. This is not a case of seeking relief for convenience or preference; rather, the variance is necessary to enable a reasonable and permitted use of the property under existing zoning provisions.

# 3. The Hardship Is Not Self-Created

The hardship is not the result of any action by the Applicant. The site's physical limitations and the proximity of nearby residential development are preexisting conditions, and the Applicant has worked within the constraints of the site to design a responsible, compliant, and community-supported project.

# 4. No Adverse Effect on the Neighborhood or Public Welfare

The variance will not alter the essential character of the surrounding area. The property is zoned General Commercial (C-1) and is located along a heavily traveled section of Coastal Highway. Nearby uses include medical offices,

commercial buildings, and service establishments. Tharros Village's presence and operations are consistent with this context. Further, the project has received broad public support, and since the Conditional Use Application was filed in March 2025, no public comments in opposition have been submitted. On-site management, security, and public health safeguards ensure the operation remains orderly and beneficial to the broader community.

#### 5. Minimum Variance Necessary

The requested variance is the minimum relief necessary to allow the continued operation of Tharros Village in a manner consistent with County zoning and public welfare goals. The 275-foot separation from Savannah West represents the maximum feasible buffer given site constraints and ensures that the project avoids encroaching on regulated wetlands. No greater separation is physically possible on the site, and no lesser distance is sought than what is absolutely necessary to continue the transitional housing program.

#### Conclusion

Through this application, Tharros Village respectfully requests a variance from Sussex County Code § 115-172(H)(3) to permit the facility to be located approximately 275 feet from the Savannah West residential community, rather than the 400-foot separation otherwise required.

This variance request satisfies each of the criteria required by Sussex County Code § 115-211 and represents a necessary and justified deviation due to the unique physical conditions of the site, the critical public purpose served, and the absence of adverse impacts to surrounding properties.

In light of the charitable and public-serving nature of the project, and its role in furthering Sussex County's health and housing objectives, we also respectfully request that the variance application fee be waived. This nonprofit initiative channels all available resources into providing shelter and support for the most vulnerable members of the community.

We sincerely thank the Board for its time, attention, and consideration of this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further information would be helpful in your review.

Respectfully,

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Alex C. Burns, Esq.

Cc:

Mike Agnew, President, Tharros Village Glenn C. Mandalas, Esq. Vince Robertson, Esq., Assistant County Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

### **Glenn C. Mandalas**

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Sent:	Wednesday, April 16, 2025 2:14 PM	
То:	Glenn C. Mandalas; Alexander C. Burns	
Cc:	codepurple@stjudelewes.org	
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Dear Counsel,

Mr. Agnew has shared with me the feedback you received from the County regarding the revised site plan that I sent yesterday. After further discussion with the Secretary of Transportation and Mr. Agnew, the State is prepared to move forward with the site plan that was filed with the application (attached). If there is anything else needed from me, please let me know.

Thanks,

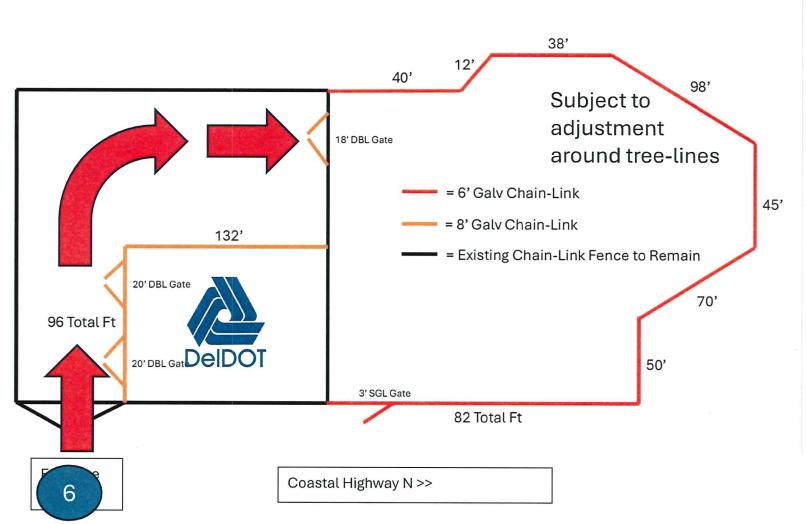
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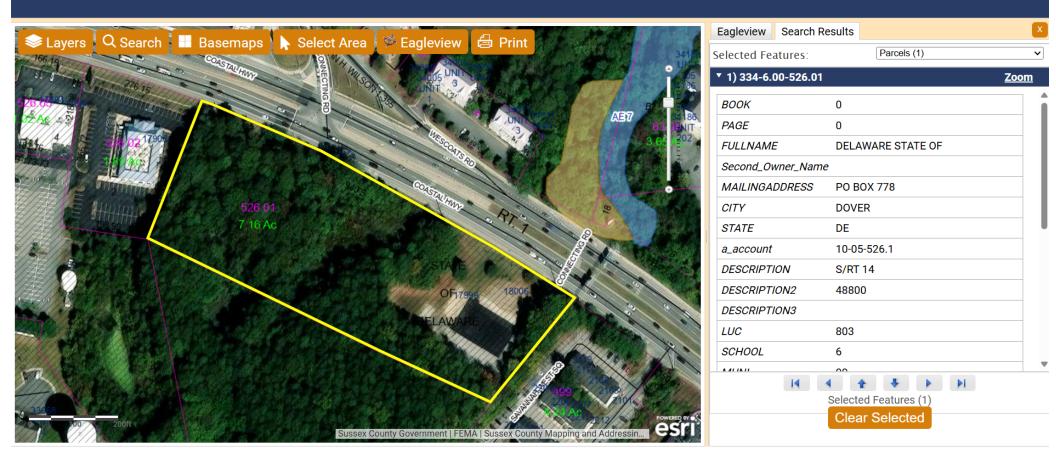


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July 10, 2025

#### VIA EMAIL & US MAIL

Sussex County Board of Adjustment 2 The Circle P.O. Box 589 Georgetown, DE 19947

#### RE: St. Jude the Apostle Church, D/B/A Code Purple Board of Adjustment Application Case Number: 13093

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the applicant, Code Purple, please accept the attached survey as a supplemental document to our pending Board of Adjustment application (13093) currently on file.

This survey has been prepared to provide additional context and support for the requested variance application.

Very truly yours,

Glenn C. Mandalas

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Enclosure

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