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May 21, 2021

By Overnight Delivery

Mr. Christopher Conklin Director Montgomery County Department of Transportation 101 Monroe Street, 9th Floor Rockville Maryland 20850

Re: Petition for Abandonment of Portions of Denton Road and Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Maryland (the "Petition")

Dear Mr. Conklin:

Petitioner, the Edgemoor Club, Inc., the owner of 7415 Exeter Road (Lot 8, Block 16 "Edgemoor" Subdivision) (the "Property"), requests the abandonment of portions of the Denton Road and Hampden Lane rights-of-way encompassing a total of 2,453 square feet (see Abandonment Plan and corresponding metes and bounds Exhibit "A") (the "Abandonment Area") pursuant to Section 49-62, *et seq.*, of the Montgomery County Code (the "Abandonment").

The Edgemoor Club, a neighborhood swim and tennis club, was established in 1920. The Property is improved with a swimming pool, eight tennis courts, a tennis backboard, bath houses and a club house. In the course of evaluating much needed improvements to the tennis courts, including resurfacing and irrigation for the clay courts, the Owner learned that existing improvements including portions of a tennis court, trench drain, retaining wall, landscaping and fence encroach within the Denton Road and Hampden Lane rights-of-way, as indicated on the Building Permit Site Plan ("Exhibit B"). The extent of the encroachment is three feet along Hampden Lane and four feet to four and one-half feet along Denton Road. At the radius intersection of Hampden Lane and Denton Road the landscaping projects out approximately 25.6 feet, radially.

As indicated by the Building Permit Site Plan, the sidewalks adjacent to the Property in the areas of the encroachment are a minimum of four feet wide, consistent with the width of the sidewalks throughout this area of the Edgemoor neighborhood. Denton Road is a 50 foot right-of-way and is improved with curb and gutter, a landscaping strip and a sidewalk. As indicated by the photographs ("Exhibit F") the encroachment borders the far side of the sidewalk. Hampden Lane is a 50 foot right-of-way and is improved with curb and gutter. Along the western portion of

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Hampden Lane adjacent to the Abandonment Area, the sidewalk is located immediately behind the curb with a landscaping strip on the north side of the sidewalk.

As discussed below, it appears that the Edgemoor Club's tennis court, and possibly the other improvements, may have been located wholly within the Property when originally constructed and only ended up encroaching into the right-of-way as a result of a road dedication, unbeknownst to the Owner. Although the precise date of the encroachments is not known, to the best of the Edgemoor Club representatives' knowledge, they have existed for at least the last 50 to 60 years (a conservative estimate), if not from the original date of the Club.

Section 49-63(c)(1)-(2) of the Montgomery County Code (the "Code") authorizes the County Council to abandon a right-of-way (or a portion thereon) upon a finding that "(1) the right-of-way is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future, or (2) the abandonment or closing is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents near the right-of-way to be abandoned or closed." As described more fully below and in the attached materials, the Abandonment requested by this Petition satisfies Section 49-63(c)(1) of the Code as the Abandonment Area is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future.

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

A. Plat History

The Edgemoor Club was established in 1920, at which time two tennis courts were built on the Property. The Club History (available on the Edgemoor Club's website) does not indicate where these courts were located. According to the Club History, by 1935 there were five clay courts on the Property and by 1946, there were a total of seven courts on the Property.

The Property has been platted three times between 1912 to 2008. A review of the plats ("Exhibit E") indicates the following:

- 1. Plat No. 146, recorded February 3, 1912 Indicates that the Property configuration extended beyond a right angle at the corner of Hampden Lane and Denton Road, "arcing out" into the intersection.
- 2. Plat No. 284, recorded December 4, 1924 Reconfigures the Hampden Lane and Denton Road intersection, resulting in a dedication of the corner of the Property to accommodate the reconfigured road. The owner's dedication on this plat was executed by representatives of the Edgemoor Land Company, the predecessor in interest of the Property and the owner of a good portion of the land surrounding the Property. Importantly, the plat was not executed by the owners of the Property, despite the fact that the plat resulted in the dedication of a portion of the Property to public right-of-way. If one of the then existing tennis courts were located in the southeast corner of the Property at the time, Plat No. 284 resulted in the tennis court encroaching into the right-of-way.

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3. Plat No. 23897, recorded September 11, 2008 – Subdivides Lots 4, 5, 6 and part of Lots 1, 2, 3 into existing Lot 8.

B. Existing Conditions

The Property is located within a quiet residential neighborhood, with limited vehicle or pedestrian traffic. A visual inspection indicates that the vast majority of the sidewalks in the neighborhood are approximately four feet in width, comparable to the width of the sidewalks adjacent to the Abandonment Area. There are several blocks in the vicinity of the Property where there are no sidewalks on one side of the street and several blocks where there are no sidewalks on either side of the street. The existing sidewalk condition along Hampden Lane adjacent to the Abandonment Area and the resulting corner treatment of the sidewalk, are identical to the conditions across Denton Road, in the block located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection, where the Hampden Lane sidewalk is located immediately back of curb.

II. THE PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT

Section 49-63(c)(1) of the County Code permits the County Council to abandon a right-of-way if it finds that the same is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future. The Abandonment is appropriate as the Abandonment Area has not been used for public use since at least 1940-1950 and possibly as early as 1920, and there is no evidence that the Abandonment Area has in any way been needed for public use. When the Owner investigated the need for permits to make the needed improvements to the Property, it realized that a corner of the property and improvements were within the rights-of-way. Montgomery County was not aware of the encroachment prior to the Owner bringing it to the County's attention through this process. Moreover, there is no foreseeable need for the Abandonment Area. The paving sections of Hampden Lane and Denton Road are consistent with the roads throughout the Edgemoor neighborhood and there is no evidence that Montgomery County has any plans to widen these roads. Similarly, there is no evidence that Montgomery County has any plans to widen the width of the sidewalks adjacent to the Abandonment Areas.

The only abutting property owner to the Abandonment Area is the Edgemoor Club.

The Abandonment Area does not accommodate or contain any public utilities.

III. LIST OF EXHIBITS

The following materials are submitted in support of this Abandonment request:

Exhibit "A" – Abandonment Plan

Exhibit "B" – Building Permit Site Plan

Exhibit "C" - Local Vicinity Map

Exhibit "D" – Tax Map

Exhibit "E" – Plat Nos. 146, 284 and 23897

Exhibit "F" – Site Photos

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IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

As discussed herein, the Abandonment is appropriate as the Abandonment Area is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future.

Enclosed please find the filing fee of \$2,500. We look forward to your support of this request and would be happy to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Harris

Attachments

cc: Mr. Eric Willis

Mr. Dorian Patchin Mr. Jeff Robertson

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EDGEMOOR CLUB

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Filing Fee

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT DECLARATION OF COVENANT

Bethesda (7th) Election District Montgomery County, Maryland

Part A

Beginning for a part, strip or parcel of land at a point on the western right-of-way line of Denton Road (50 feet wide), said point being on and 20.33 feet from the northwestern end of the South 02°30'00" East, 259.00 foot plat line of Lot 8, Block 16, Edgemoor, as delineated on a plat entitled "Edgemoor", recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County at Plat No. 23897, thence running with a part of said line:

- **1. South 02°30′00″ East, 139.00 feet** to a point, thence leaving said right-of-way line and running in, through, over and across a portion of the Denton Road right-of-way, thence
- 2. North 87°30′00" East, 4.00 feet to a point, thence
- 3. North 02°30′00" West, 139.00 feet to a point, thence
- **4. South 87°30'00" West, 4.00 feet** to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 556 square feet of land, more or less.

Part B

Beginning for a part, strip or parcel of land at a point on the western right-of-way line of Denton Road (50 feet wide), said point being on and 161.74 feet from the northeastern end of the South 02°30'00" East, 259.00 foot plat line of Lot 8, Block 16, Edgemoor, as delineated on a plat entitled "Edgemoor", recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County at Plat No. 23897, thence running with a part of said line:

- 1. South 02°30'00" East, 17.63 feet to a point, thence leaving said right-of-way line and running in, through, over and across a portion of the Denton Road right-of-way, thence
- 2. North 87°30'00" East, 4.50 feet to a point, thence
- 3. North 02°30'00" West, 17.63 feet to a point, thence
- **4. South 87°30'00" West, 4.50 feet** to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 79 square feet of land, more or less.

Part C

Beginning for a part, strip or parcel of land at a point on the western right-of-way line of Denton Road (50 feet wide), said point being on and 189.58 feet from the northwestern end of the South 02°30′00″ East, 259.00 foot plat line of Lot 8, Block 16, Edgemoor, as delineated on a plat entitled "Edgemoor", recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County at Plat No. 23897, thence running with a part of said line:

- **1. South 02°30′00" East, 69.42 feet** to a point, said point being the southeastern end of said plat line, thence
- **2. 78.54 feet** along an arc of a tangent curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 50 feet and a chord bearing and distance of South 42°30′00″ West, 70.71 feet to a point, said point being the northeastern end of the South 87°30′00″ West, 250.00 foot plat line, said point also being on the northern right-of-way line of Hampden Lane (50 foot right-of-way), thence running with part of said plat line
- 3. **South 87°30'00" West, 114.95 feet** to a point, thence leaving said right-of-way line and running in, through, over and across a portion of the Hampden Lane right-of-way
- 4. South 02°30′00" East, 3.00 feet to a point, thence
- 5. North 87°30'00" East, 123.79 feet to a point, thence
- 6. South 02°30'00" East, 5.50 feet to a point, thence
- 7. **North 87°30'00" East, 40.15 feet** to a point, thence
- 8. North 42°30′00" East, 7.78 feet to a point, thence
- **9.** North 02°30′00″ West, 122.42 feet to a point, thence
- **10. South 87°30'00" West, 4.50 feet** to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 1,818 square feet of land, more or less.

Surveyor's Certification

I hereby certify that I was in responsible charge over the preparation of this metes and bounds description and the surveying work reflected in it, all in compliance with requirements set forth in 09.13.06.12 of the COMAR Regulations.

Date	Jared J. Pantella
	Professional Land Surveyor
	Maryland Reg. 21960
	Evn Date: Sentember 24, 2021

EXHIBIT B-1

7415 Exeter Road, Bethesda, MD 20814



POINT OF BEGINNING PART A

DECLARATION OF COVENANT -PART A-

(556 SQ. FT.)



PROPERTY OF EDGEMOOR CLUB, INC. TAX ACCT #: 07-23486374 07-23486373 LIBER 842 / FOLIO 260 PLAT 23897

PART A							
Line #	Distance	Bearing					
LI	139.00	S 02°30'00" E					
L2	4.00	N 87°30'00" E					
L3	139.00	N 02°30'00" W					
L4	4.00	S 87°30'00" W					

PART B							
Line #	Distance	Bearing					
L5	17.63	S 02°30'00" E					
L6	4.50	N 87°30'00" E					
L7	17.63	N 02°30'00" W					
L8	4.50	S 87°30'00" W					

LINE



DECLARATION OF COVENANT -PART B-

(79 SQ. FT.)



DATE

JARED J. PANTELLA

Professional Land Surveyor, Maryland Reg. No. 21960 For Corp. No. 257

Expiration Date: September 24, 2021



10 South Bentz Street Frederick, Maryland 21701 301-607-8031 office

www.casengineering.com info@casengineering.com RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT DECLARATION OF COVENANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOT 8, BLOCK 16 PLAT NO. 23897

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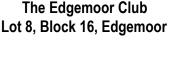
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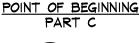
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BETHESDA (7TH) ELECTION DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SCALE: 1"=30" DATE: DECEMBER, 2020

EXHIBIT B-2 7415 Exeter Road, Bethesda, MD 20814









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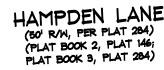
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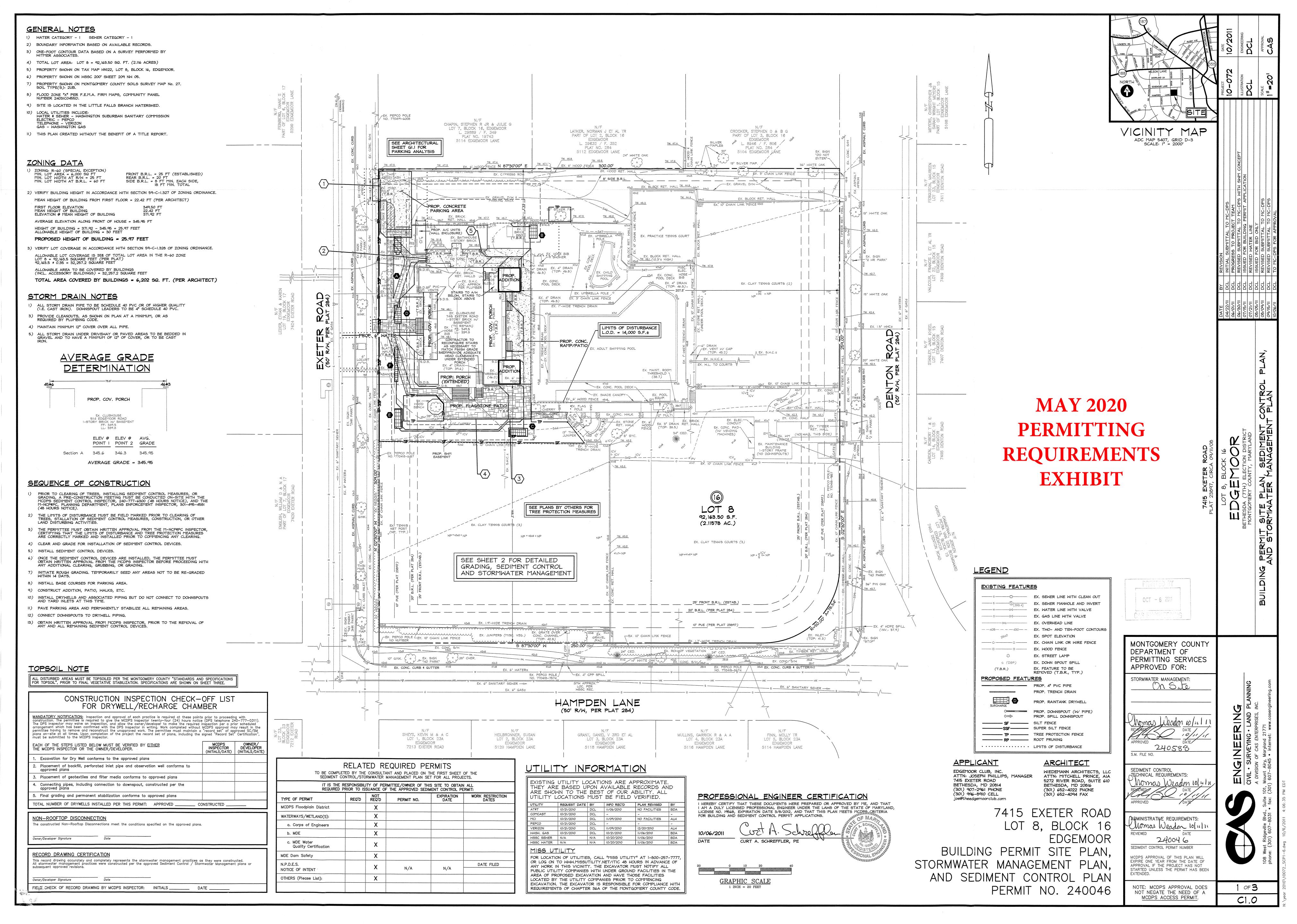


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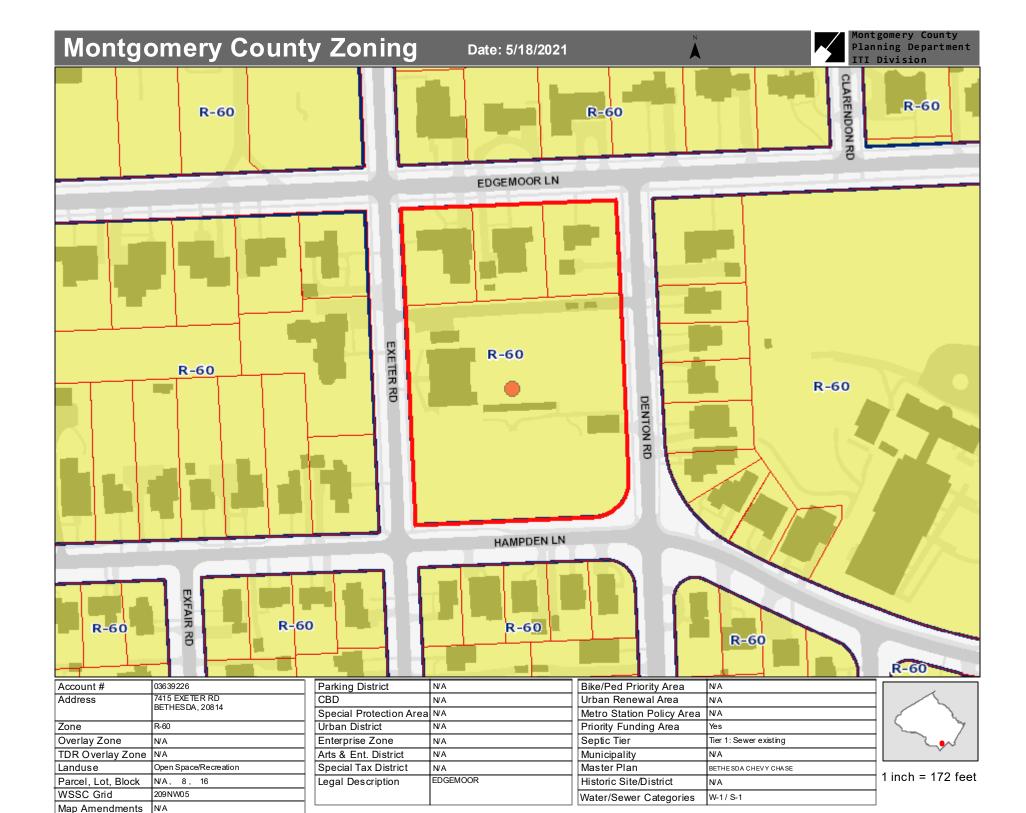


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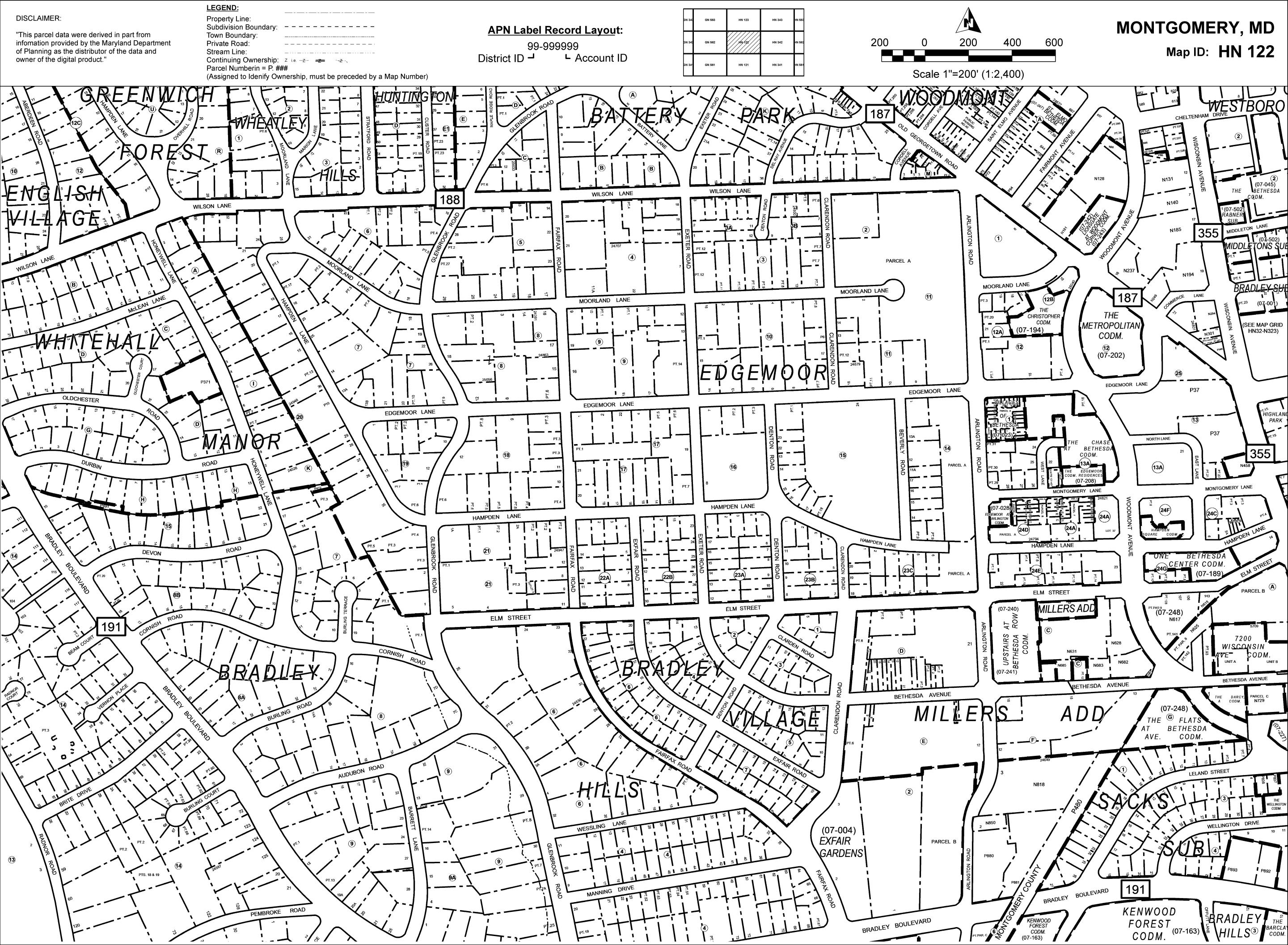


Exhibit E

PROPERTY IS ZONED R-60.

THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON THIS PLAT IS LOCATED ON TAX MAP $\mbox{HN}-122$, \mbox{GRID} $\mbox{HN}-22$.

THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON THIS PLAT IS LOCATED ON W. S. S. C. BASE SHEET 209-NW-05.

FOR PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS ONLY.

THIS PLAT CONFORMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 50-35A OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, BEING CHAPTER 50 OF THE COUNTY CODE. THIS PLAT INVOLVES A CONSOLIDATION OF TWO OR MORE LOTS OR PART OF A LOT INTO ONE LOT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 50-35A(a)(3).

THIS SUBDIVISION RECORD PLAT IS NOT INTENDED TO SHOW EVERY MATTER AFFECTING THE OWNERSHIP AND USE, NOR EVERY MATTER RESTRICTING THE OWNERSHIP AND USE, OF THE PROPERTY. THE SUBDIVISION RECORD PLAT IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE AN EXAMINATION OF TITLE OR TO DEPICT OR NOTE ALL MATTERS AFFECTING TITLE.

ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AGREEMENTS, LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY PRELIMINARY PLAN, SITE PLAN, PROJECT PLAN OR OTHER PLAN, ALLOWING BEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPERTY, APPROVED BY THE MONTOOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD ARE INTENDED TO SURVIVE AND NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY RECORDING THIS PLAT, UNLESS EXPRESSLY CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN AS APPROVED. THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC FILES FOR ANY SUCH PLAN ARE MAINTAINED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLAN SHOWN HEREON IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THAT IT IS A SUBDIVISION OF THE PART OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVYANCE FROM JOHN B. DIAMOND, TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO EDGEMOOR CLUB INCORPORATED BY DEED DATED MAY 13, 1941 AND RECORDED AUGUST 15, 1941 IN LIBER 842 AT FOLIO 260, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING CONVEYANCES:

- 1) ALL OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE FROM EDGEMOOR LAND COMPANY, A VIRGINIA CORPORATION, FORMERLY NATIONAL CITY REALESTATE CORPORATION TO EDGEMOOR CLUB, INC. BY DEED DATED JUNE 1, 1923 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 1, 1923 IN LIBER 340 AT FOLIO 268, BEING ALL OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 16 AS ON A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "EDGEMOOR" RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT 146 AND RE-RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 AS PLAT 284.
- 2) ALL OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE FROM THE SECURITY LAND COMPANY, (A MARYLAND CORPORATION) TO EDGEMOOR CLUB, INC. (A MARYLAND CORPORATION) BY DEED DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1928 AND RECORDED JUNE 13, 1928 IN LIBER 462 AT FOLIO 349. BEING THE SOUTHERLY 116. 5 FEET BY THE FULL WIDTH OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 16 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "EDGEMOOR" RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AS PLAT 146 AND RE-RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 AS PLAT 284, SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING CONVEYANCES:
- A) ALL OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE FROM EDGEMOOR CLUB, INC., (A MARYLAND CORPORATION) TO HERBERT S. FESSENDEN AND CLARE W. FESSENDEN BY DEED DATED JUNE 6, 1937 AND RECORDED JUNE 9, 1937 IN LIBER 669 AT FOLIO 268, BEING PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 16 AS SHOWN ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PLATS 146 AND 284;
- B) ALL OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE FROM EDGEMOOR CLUS, INC. TO CHARLES C. KOONES AND VIOLET L. KOONES BY DEED DATED JUNE 30, 1941 AND RECORDED AUGUST 15, 1941 IN LIBER 842 AT FOLIO 252, BEING PART OF LOT 2, BLOCK 16 AS SHOWN ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PLATS 146 AND 284;
- C) ALL OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE FROM EDGEMOOR CLUB, INC. TO BYRON J. OLSON AND ELEANOR M. OLSON BY DEED DATED JUNE 30, 1941 AND RECORDED AUGUST 15, 1941 IN LIBER 842 AT FOLIO 261, BEING PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK 16 AS SHOWN ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PLATS 148 AND 284;

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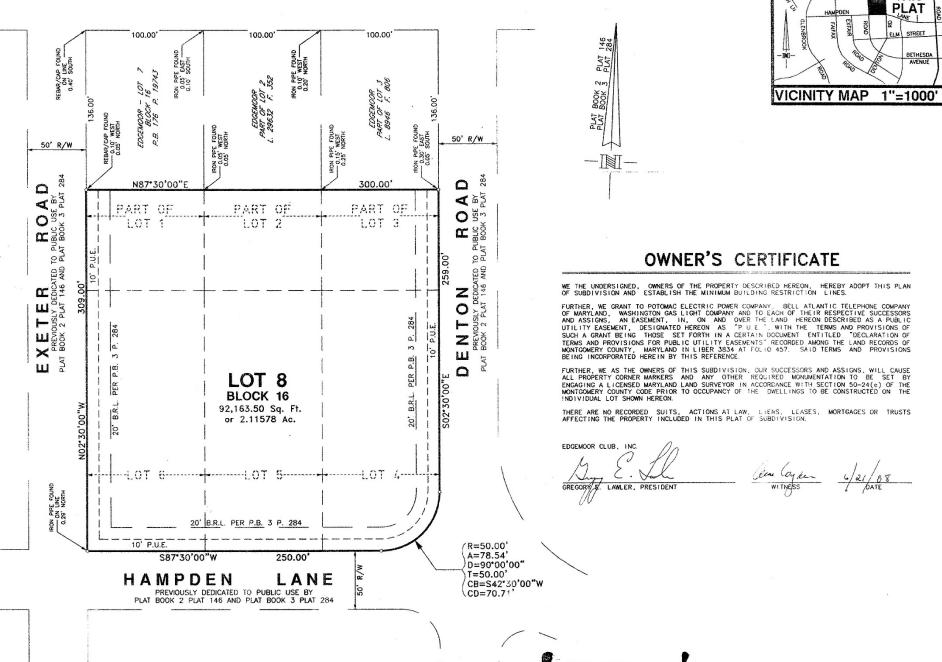
I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT, IF ENGAGED AS DESCRIBED IN THE OWNER'S CERTIFICATE HEREON, ALL PROPERTY MARKERS AND OTHER BOUNDARY MARKERS SHOWN THUS ——O—— WILL BE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 50-24(e) OF THE MONTGOWERY COUNTY CODE.

THE TOTAL AREA INCLUDED ON THIS PLAN IS 92,163.5 SQUARE FEET OR 2.11578 ACRES, NONE OF WHICH IS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE.

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60' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE BY PLAT BOOK 2 PLAT 146 AND PLAT BOOK 3 PLAT 284



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Clerk of the Circuit Court Montgomery County, Md. **SUBDIVISION RECORD PLAT** LOT 8. BLOCK 16 EDGEMOOR

BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 16 AND ALL OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 16

BETHESDA ELECTION DISTRICT No. 7 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SITE SOLUTIONS, INC.

20410 Observation Drive Suite 205 Germantown, Maryland 20876-4009 (301) 540-7990 Fax (301) 540-7991

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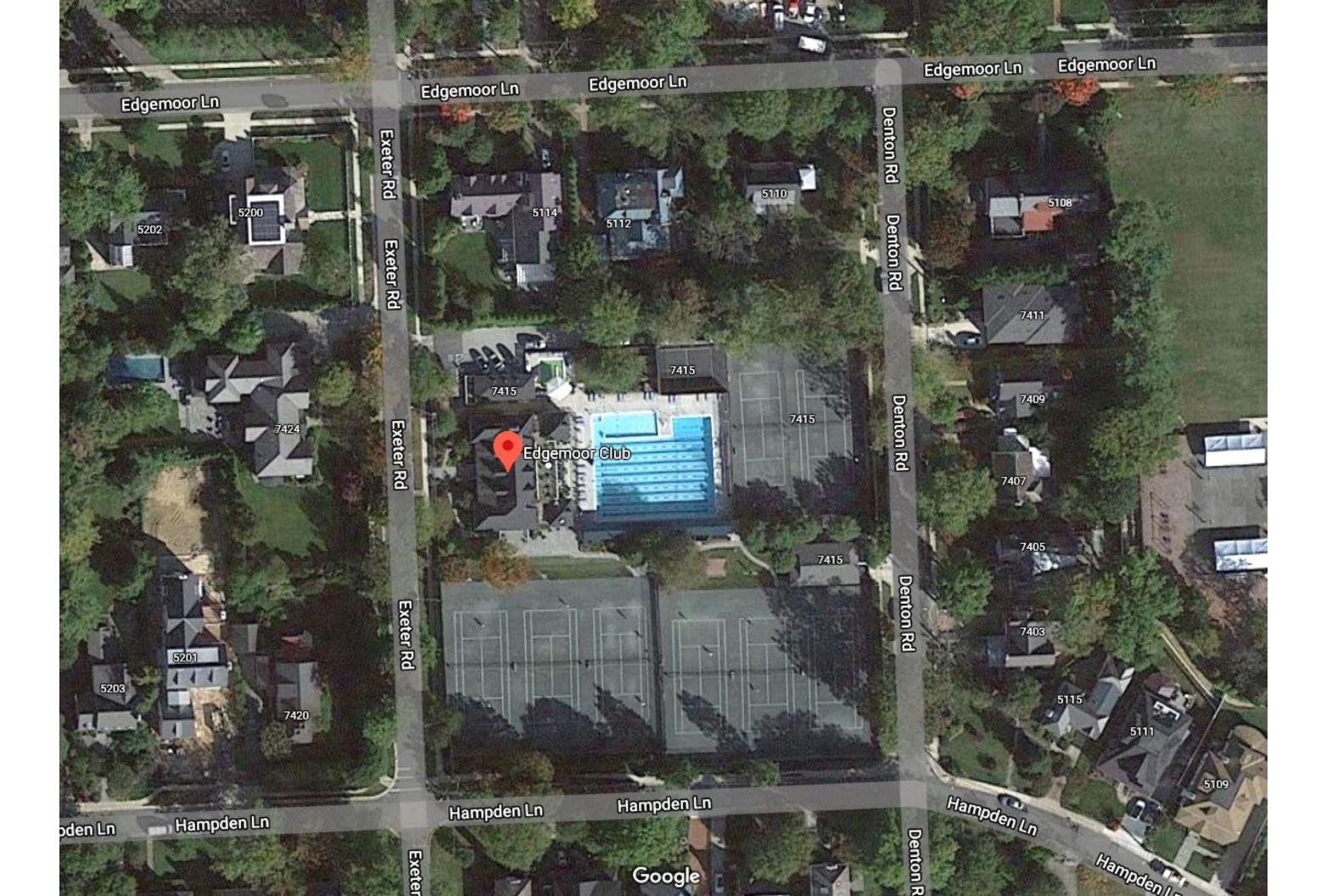
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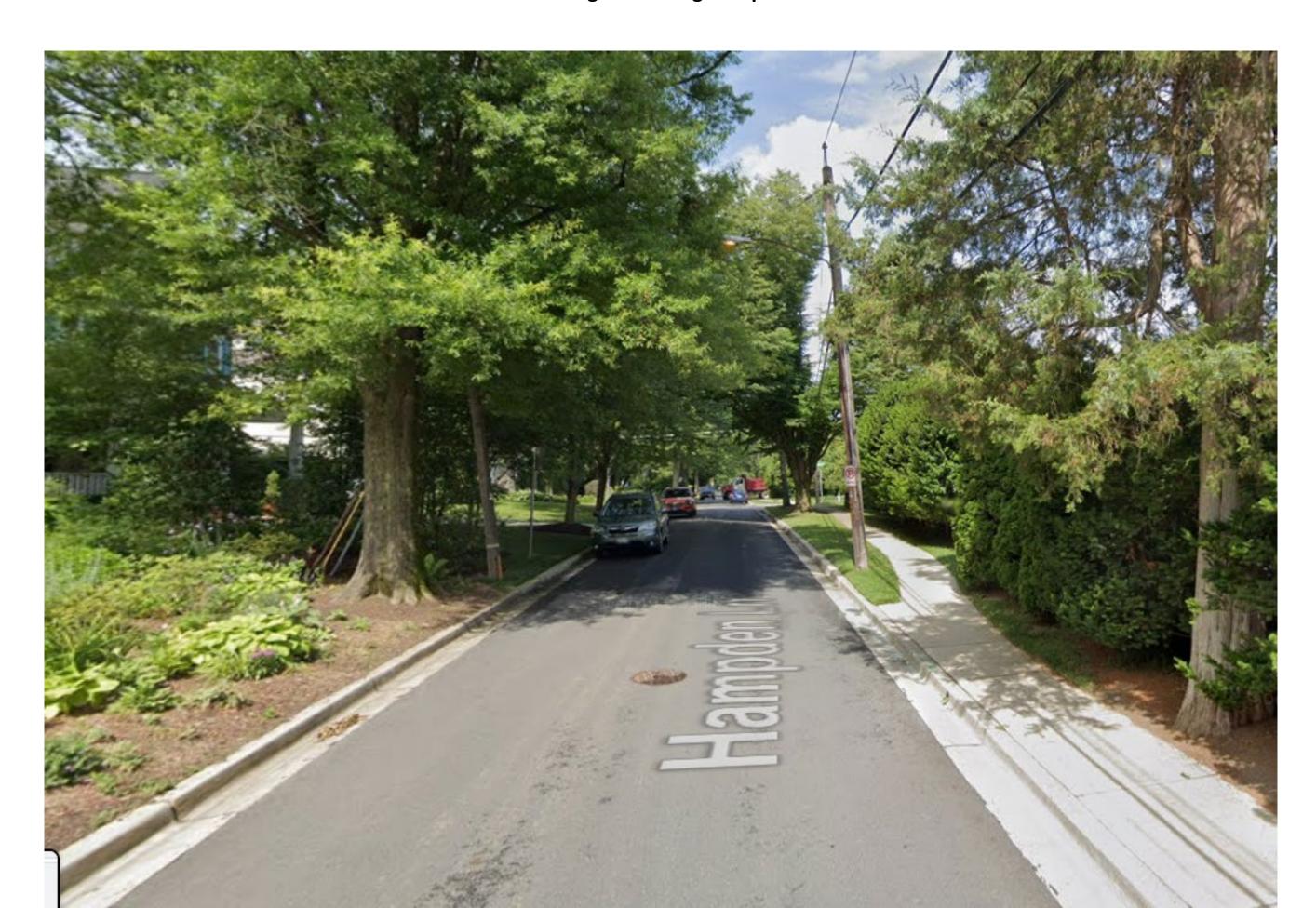
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View of Club
At Corner of Denton Road and Hampden Lane



View Looking west along Hampden Lane

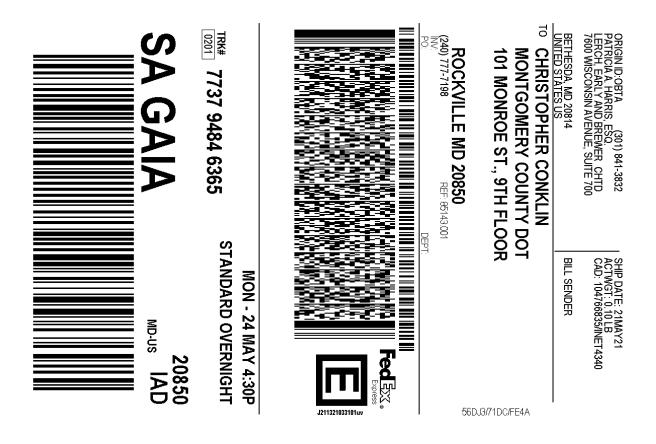


View Looking north along Denton Road



Single Family Homes
At Northeast Corner of Denton Road and Hampden Lane





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