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Mr. Jack Dawson
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45 Old Solomons Island Road, Suite 204
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Review of the December 18, 2014 Forest Conservation Act Variance Request, Thomas Woods Property

Dear Mr. Dawson,

The Forest Conservation Plan for Thomas Woods is considered to be complete and correct. The City of Annapolis has received your request for a variance for the removal of specimen trees A1, A7, A10, A12, A13, B24, and B27.

A site inspection showed that trees A12 and B24 are in poor condition, and tree B27 is dead. Therefore, these trees are not a priority for preservation.

Tree A1 is in good condition and trees A7 (fair/good), A10 (fair/poor), and A13 fair/good) are in fair condition. After review of the Forest Stand Delineation, the Forest Conservation Plan, and the development plans it has become became evident to the City of Annapolis that preservation of trees A7, A10, and A13 would cause an unwarranted hardship to the applicant.

The City of Annapolis will grant the applicant a variance to remove the specimen trees A7, A10, A12, A13, B24, and B27. Tree A1 will need to preserved. Please change the submitted development plans accordingly.

Trees that will be removed under the variance, except for the dead tree, will need to be mitigated according to City code section 17.09.070. Therefore, 15 trees will need to be replanted (native, 2" diameter minimum). A large canopy tree will need to mitigated with at least one large canopy tree. This requirement will be in addition to any other tree planting requirements.

Sincerely,

Frank Biba, Chief, Environmental Programs

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