# MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS



Wednesday, October 5, 2022 5:30 p.m.

## **Hybrid Meeting**

## **In-person**

Judge Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room 100 W. Kirkwood Avenue Bloomington, Indiana

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## AGENDA MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)

#### HYBRID MEETING

When: October 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Where: Monroe County Courthouse, 100 W Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404 Nat U Hill Room

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**CALL TO ORDER** 

**ROLL CALL** 

INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 29, 2022, August 3, 2022

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** 

1. CDU-21-3 Findings of Fact for CDU-21-3 Bedford Recycling at 405 W Dillman RD

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

VAR-22-13a Barker Minimum Lot Size to Variance to Chapter 804
 VAR-22-13b Barker Front Yard Setback Variance to Chapter

3. VAR-22-13c Barker Buildable Area Floodplain Variance to Chapter 804 PAGE 12

One (1) 0.19 +/- acre parcel in Benton North Township, Section 34 at 9390 N

Derrett RD, parcel #53-01-34-100-026.000-003.

Owner: Scott D Barker

Zoned SR. Contact: tbehrman@co.monroe.in.us

4. VAR-22-17a Sego Buildable Area Variance to Chapter 804
5. VAR-22-17b Sego ECO Area 2 Variance to Chapter 825

One (1) 4.7 +/- acre parcel in Clear Creek Township, Section 11 at 3130 E Will

Sowders RD, parcel #53-11-11-200-001.000-006.

Owner: Sego Holdings LLC

Zoned SR/ECO2. Contact: acrecelius@co.monroe.in.us

\*\*\*CONTINUED BY PETITIONER\*\*\*

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

1. VAR-22-38 8482 S Fairfax Use Variance for Hotel Use PAGE 31

Three (3) 16.63 +/- acre parcels in Clear Creek Township, Section 14 at 8482 S Fairfax RD, parcel # 53-11-14-300-026.000-006, 53-11-14-300-026.000-006, 53-

11-14-300-026.000-006.

Owner: Renewing Properties LLC

Zoned AG/RR, ECO1/2. Contact: acrecelius@co.monroe.in.us

## 2. VAR-22-39 Gott Use Variance for General Contractor

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Two (2) 0.86 +/-total acre parcels in Salt Creek Township, Section 18 at 3290 S Knightsridge RD, parcels #53-07-18-100-027.000-014 and #53-07-18-100-051.000-014.

Owner: Gott, Thomas

Zoned CR/ECO3. Contact: drbrown@co.monroe.in.us

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Written comments regarding agenda items may only be submitted by email until normal public meetings resume. Please submit correspondence to the Board of Zoning Appeals at: PlanningOffice@co.monroe.in.us no later than August 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Said hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of: IC 36-7-4-100 et seq.; & the County Code, Zoning Ordinance, and the Rules of the Board of Zoning Appeals of Monroe County, IN. All persons affected by said proposals may be heard at this time, & the hearing may be continued as necessary.

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**812-7-8:** All variance approvals shall be considered to be conditional approvals. The Board shall have the authority to impose specific conditions as part of its approval in order to protect the public health, and for reasons of safety, comfort and convenience (e.g., to insure compatibility with surroundings). Variance approval applies to the subject property and may be transferred with ownership of the subject property subject to the provisions and conditions prescribed by or made pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance.

## <u>812-6 Standards for Design Standards Variance Approval:</u> In order to approve an application for a design standards variance, the Board must find that:

- (A) The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community, because:
  - (1) It would not impair the stability of a natural or scenic area;
  - (2) It would not interfere with or make more dangerous, difficult, or costly, the use, installation, or maintenance of existing or planned transportation and utility facilities;
  - (3) The character of the property included in the variance would not be altered in a manner that substantially departs from the characteristics sought to be achieved and maintained within the relevant zoning district. That is, the approval, singularly or in concert with other approvals sought or granted, would not result in a development profile (height, bulk, density, and area) associated with a more intense zoning district and, thus, effectively re-zone the property; and,
  - (4) It would adequately address any other significant public health, safety, and welfare concerns raised during the hearing on the requested variance;
- **(B)** The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, would not affect the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance in a substantially adverse manner, because:
  - (1) The specific purposes of the design standard sought to be varied would be satisfied;
  - (2) It would not promote conditions (on-site or off-site) detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other properties in the area (e.g., the ponding of water, the interference with a sewage disposal system, easement, storm water facility, or natural watercourse, etc.); and,
  - (3) It would adequately address any other significant property use and value concerns raised during the hearing on the requested variance; and,
- (C) The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, is the minimum variance necessary to eliminate practical difficulties in the use of the property, which would otherwise result from a strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.

**NOTE:** The Board must establish favorable findings for ALL THREE criteria in order to legally approve a design standards variance.

## 812-5. Standards for Use Variance Approval: In order to approve a use variance, the Board must find that:

- (A) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community;
- **(B)** The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner:
- (C) The need for the variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved;
- (**D**) The strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought; and,
- (E) The approval does not interfere substantially with the Comprehensive Plan. Especially, the five (5) principles set forth in the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan:
  - (1) Residential Choices
  - (2) Focused Development in Designated Communities
  - (3) Environmental Protection
  - (4) Planned Infrastructure Improvements
  - (5) Distinguish Land from Property

# Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals Written Findings of Fact and Conclusions on Docket Item CDU-21-3: Bedford Recycling, Inc.'s Request for Conditional Use Approval

Based on its record under Docket Item CDU-21-3, the Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals makes the following findings and conclusions in support of its August 3, 2022 decision to revoke its September 1, 2021 approval of Bedford Recycling, Inc.'s conditional use approval request.

- 1. Bedford Recycling, Inc. ("BRI"), owns real property ("BRI Property") at or near 405 W. Dillman Road, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2. The BRI Property is described as Lot Number One (1) of Indiana Limestone Minor Subdivision final Plat recorded as instrument Number 2021003850, in the office of the Recorder of Monroe County.
- 3. Pursuant to IC 36-7-4-1020(b), the BZA takes official notice of the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance"), which "shall be interpreted to include any and all other provisions of the Monroe County Code which are necessary for an understanding of [the Zoning Ordinance] and the attainment of its purposes." Zoning Ordinance 800-5(A).
- 4. The BRI Property is located within the County Jurisdictional Area and is subject to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5. For purposes of the Zoning Ordinance, the BRI property is located within a Mineral Extraction Zoning District.
- 6. On August 4, 2021, on behalf of BRI, Andrew E. Knust, PE ("Knust"), of Bledsoe Riggert Cooper James surveyors and engineers, submitted an application ("Application") with the Monroe County Planning Department.
- 7. The Application requested conditional use approval from the Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals ("BZA") for a Central Garbage/Rubbish Removal Facility use to be located on the BRI Property.
- 8. The Zoning Ordinance defines the Central Garbage/Rubbish Removal Facility use as follows:
  - Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility. Public or private establishments contracted to remove solid waste from residential or commercial uses and transport such wastes to a locally operated public or private landfill or other waste collection facility, designated for consolidation of garbage and recycled matter.
- 9. The Zoning Ordinance authorizes the Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use within the Mineral Extraction districts subject to conditional use approval of the BZA.

- 10. The Application included a letter from Knust ("Knust Letter").
- 11. The Knust Letter referenced BRI's "Proposed Scrap Metal Recycling Facility Conditional Use Approval Request."
- 12. The Application and Knust Letter sought BZA approval of a conditional use under the provisions of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 830 (i.e., 813) for a proposed scrap metal recycling facility.
- 13. The Knust Letter stated that the purpose of the proposed scrap metal recycling facility is to accept ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal from the general public, to sort the collected materials at the facility, and to then ship the collected materials off-site for further processing.
- 14. The Application included a site plan for the proposed scrap metal recycling facility which showed an outdoor storage area.
- 15. The Knust Letter acknowledged the fact that the Zoning Ordinance does not include development and operational standards for the specific type of scrap metal recycling facility being proposed by BRI.
- 16. Because the Zoning Ordinance does not include development and operational standards for the specific type of scrap metal recycling facility being proposed by BRI, BRI requested conditional use approval under the standards for a Central Garbage/Rubbish Removal Facility.
- 17. In order to grant a conditional use approval for a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use, the BZA must find, among other things, that the conditional use applicant has complied with Monroe County Code ("MCC") Chapter 360 and Monroe County Ordinance 2007-18. See Zoning Ordinance 813-10(c)(16)(F) and Table 2-1 Condition 33(F).
- 18. MCC 360-2(A) states, in part, that "[n]o person shall engage in the removal of solid waste from private or public premises to a location in Monroe County other than the place or origin of such solid waste unless he possesses an unrevoked permit to engage in such activity from the Health Department."
- 19. Through the Knust Letter, BRI contended that it did not need to comply with MCC 360-2(A) because "the proposed scrap metal recycling facility will not actually handle solid waste, nor operate waste hauling vehicles."
- 20. A public hearing on BRI's conditional use approval request, which was assigned hearing docket number CDU-21-3, was conducted by the BZA September 1, 2021.
- 21. During its September 1, 2021 hearing, the BZA incorporated the Monroe County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance, the Monroe County Subdivision Control Ordinance, the BZA Rules of Procedure, and the Staff Report on docket number CDU-21-3 into the record on docket number CDU-21-3.

22. During the September 1, 2021 hearing, Knust testified, under oath, as follows:

The Conditional Use approval is for a Central Garbage/Rubbish Facility, which that particular description and definition is meant to apply to a facility that handles solid waste, which the facility that we are proposing her doesn't handle solid waste. What it does is handle ferrous and nonferrous metals for recycling. It is essentially a scrap yard. They will accept metal both ferrous and nonferrous from the general public and process it, sort it at the facility and send it on for further processing at other facilities. The only materials that will be handled there are metals. They won't be accepting like general household waste or, you know, hazardous materials or anything that meets the definitions of solid wastes.

- 23. No other individuals spoke in favor of BRI's conditional use approval request.
- 24. No individuals spoke in opposition to BRI's conditional use approval request.
- 25. BZA member Margaret Clements made a motion to approve BRI's conditional use approval request in the following language:

I would like to recommend that we approve case number CDU-21-3, and this is the Bedford Recycling, care of Andy Knust and I would like to recommend approval for the, it is not really Garbage/Rubbish but the scrap yard facility, I am having trouble seeing this, at the site on Dillman road. That is my motion. Subject to the Monroe County Highway and Drainage Engineer reports. East/West Dillman Road.

- 26. Clements's motion carried by a vote of three (3) member's in favor with one (1) abstention.
- 27. On December 15, 2021, the BZA met to consider adopting written findings of fact in support of its September 1, 2021 decision on BRI's conditional use approval request.
- 28. During the December 15, 2021 meeting, an issue was raised as to whether the BZA committed an error of law by approving BRI's proposed scrap yard facility as a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility conditional use.
- 29. During the December 15, 2021 meeting, BZA member Bernie Guerrettaz moved as follows:

Ok. I move that the Board schedule a public hearing on Case number CDU-21-3, giving notice to all interested parties, to determine whether the Board erred as a matter of law by concluding that use proposed by Bedford Recycling, Inc., was a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use for which a conditional use could be granted.

- 30. Guerrettaz's motion carried by a unanimous vote of five (5) members in favor.
- 31. The BZA scheduled a public hearing for June 29, 2022, on the issue of whether it erred as a matter of law by concluding that BRI's proposed scrap yard facility was a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use for which a conditional use could be granted.
  - 32. The BZA conducted the June 29, 2022 hearing.
- 33. During the June 29, 2022 hearing, attorney Dustin L. Plummer appeared on behalf of BRI and presented the BZA with legal argument and authorities in support of the BZA's September 1, 2021 decision.
- 34. Because the BZA was not able to reach a majority decision regarding the legality of its September 1, 2021 decision on Docket Item CDU-21-3, the hearing was continued to August 3, 2022.
- 35. During the August 3, 2022, BZA hearing on the issue of whether the BZA erred as a matter of law by concluding that BRI's proposed scrap yard facility was a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use for which a conditional use could be granted, BZA member Guy Loftman moved that based on the testimony and materials presented to the BZA during its September 1, 2021 hearing on CDU-21-3, the BZA erroneously concluded that the use of the facility proposed by BRI constituted a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use and that the September 1, 2021 conditional use approval should be revoked.
- 36. BRI, as the applicant, bore the burden of establishing compliance with all of the Zoning Ordinance provisions applicable to its conditional use approval, including the elements of the Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility definition.
- 37. The Zoning Ordinance definition of Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility includes the words "or," "and," and "such." Those words are not defined in the Zoning Ordinance. Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)(4), the BZA gives those words their plain and ordinary meanings as follows:
  - "or" is disjunctive and indicates an alternative between different or unlike things (i.e., either this or that);
  - "and" is conjunctive and indicates connection and addition (i.e., both this and that);
  - "such" means of the type previously mentioned.
- 38. The Zoning Ordinance definition of Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility includes the word "designated" when referring to a solid waste collection facility at which both garbage and recycled matter are consolidated. Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)(2) and (3), Zoning Ordinance 800-5(A), MCC 360-2(A) and (H), and Condition 33(F) of Zoning Ordinance Table 2-1, the BZA reads the word "designated" to mean approved by the Monroe

County Health Department, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Indiana, and the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District.

- 39. Condition 33 of Zoning Ordinance Table 2-1 states, in part, that "[c]entral garbage and rubbish collection facilities, including recycling centers, shall be permitted subject to the following conditions . . .." The Zoning Ordinance does not define the word "including." Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)(4), the BZA gives the word its following plain and ordinary meaning: containing as a part of the whole being considered.
- 40. The Zoning Ordinance does not define the term "solid waste." Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)(2), the BZA applies the definition of solid waste set forth in MCC 360-1 as follows: "[s]olid waste" means the same as that term is defined in 329 IAC 10-2-174.
- 41. 329 IAC 10-2-174(a) states that "solid waste" has the meaning as set forth in IC 13-11-2-205(a).
- 42. IC 13-11-2-205(a) defines "solid waste" to include any garbage, refuse, or other discarded material, except for discarded material that is used as a commodity in a process that results in a product.
- 43. Scrap metal that is handled and processed for recycling purposes is a commodity intended to result in a product and, thus, is not solid waste for purposes of the Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use definition.
- 44. The Zoning Ordinance does not define the term "garbage." Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)((3), the BZA applies the definition of garbage set forth in IC 13-11-2-88, which reads: "Garbage", for purposes of environmental management laws, means all putrescible animal solid, vegetable solid, and semisolid wastes resulting from the: (1) processing; (2) handling; (3) preparation; (4) cooking; (5) serving; or (6) consumption; of food or food materials.
- 45. The Zoning Ordinance does not define the term "rubbish." Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 801-1(A)(4), the BZA applies the following plain, ordinary, and usual meaning of rubbish: useless waste or rejected matter: trash.
- 46. By definition, the Central Garbage/Rubbish Facility use is operated for the purpose of collecting and transporting solid waste, namely garbage and trash.
- 47. Pursuant to MCC 360-2(A), a person is required to obtain a permit from the Monroe County Health Department prior to engaging in the collection and transportation of solid waste within Monroe County.
- 48. Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 813-10(c)(16)(F) and Table 2-1 Condition 33(F), a person must obtain a permit from the Health Department pursuant to MCC 360-2(A) before applying for a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility conditional use approval.

- 49. BRI did not obtain a solid waste collection and transportation permit for its proposed use but rather contended that a permit was not required.
- 50. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use would not accept general household waste or anything that meets the definition of solid waste.
- 51. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use did not include the removal of solid waste from residential or commercial uses.
- 52. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use did not include the transportation of solid waste or the use of waste hauling vehicles.
- 53. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use did not include transporting solid waste to a locally operated landfill.
- 54. BRI did not demonstrate that its proposed scrap yard facility had been designated for consolidation of both garbage and recycled matter by the Monroe County Health Department, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Indiana, and the Monroe County Solid Waste District.
- 55. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use did not include transporting solid waste to a waste collection facility, designated for consolidation of both garbage and recycled matter.
- 56. BRI did not satisfy its burden of demonstrating that its proposed use satisfied the elements of the Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use.
- 57. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use does not satisfy the elements of the Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility use.
- 58. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use included the acceptance of ferrous and non-ferrous metals brought to the BRI Property by the general public and the sorting and shipping of the metals to a different facility for processing.
- 59. Zoning Ordinance Chapter 801, Section 2, defines the "junkyard" use as follows:
  - **Junkyard**. A junkyard is an open area where junk, waste, scrap, discarded or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packed, disassembled, or handled, including but not limited to scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber tires, bottles, and inoperable equipment or machines or motor vehicles. A junkyard includes automobile wrecking or salvage yards, house wrecking yards, used lumber yards and places or yards for storage of salvaged house-wrecking and structural steel materials and equipment, but does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings or composting operations.
- 60. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility included an open area where scrap iron and other metals would be stored or handled and, thus, satisfies the elements of the junkyard use definition.

- 61. The junkyard use is not listed as a permitted or conditional use in Table 2-1 of the Zoning Ordinance and thus is not a use that may be lawfully established within the County Jurisdictional Area.
- 62. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use is not within of the class of cases for which the BZA is authorized to grant a conditional use approval.
- 63. BRI's proposed scrap yard facility use did not satisfy the particular situations in which the BZA is authorized to grant a conditional use approval.
- 64. On September 1, 2021, the BZA acted beyond its legal authority, and thus committed legal error, by granting BRI's proposed scrap yard facility a conditional use approval as a Central Garbage/Rubbish Collection Facility.
- 65. The BZA's September 1, 2021, conditional use approval of BRI's proposed scrap yard facility was ultra vires and void.

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SO FOUND AND CONCLUDED this Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals.	day of, 2022 by	the
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## MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Public Meeting Date: August 3, 2022

CASE NUMBER	DETAIL	RECOMMENDED	
		MOTION	
VAR-22-13a	Minimum Lot Size Variance from Chapter 804	Denial	
VAR-22-13b	Front Yard Setback from Chapter 804	Denial	
VAR-22-13c	Buildable Area (Floodplain) Variance from Ch. 804	Approval	

812-6 <u>Standards for Design Standards Variance Approval</u>: In order to approve an application for a design standards variance, the Board must find favorable findings for all three (3) criteria, A, B, and C, listed after the agenda within the BZA packet.

## Recommended Motion Conditions or Reasoning:

Staff recommends **denial** of variance VAR-22-13a Minimum Lot Size Variance. Home could be redesigned to meet the setback requirements and make the lot size issue moot.

Staff recommends **denial** of variance VAR-22-13b Front Setback Variance. Home could be redesigned to meet the setback requirements.

Staff recommends **approval** of variance VAR-22-13c with the following conditions:

- 1. Submit grading permit to review erosion and drainage plan by the MS4 Coordinator for updated plans.
- 2. Submit plan for any tree preservation or removal signed off by a Certified Arborist including protection of trees as may be necessary located adjacent to the site improvements.
- 3. Prior to the start of construction, a licensed engineer/surveyor will clearly mark the construction limits with respect to the City of Bloomington property lines, base flood elevation contour 635.1' and tree conservation including drip line. Planning staff to inspect boundaries and installed erosion control measures prior to the start of construction.
- 4. As-Built survey including an Elevation Certificate required prior to Certificate of Occupancy release.

Variance Type:	⊠ Design □ Use	Planner: Tammy Behrman
⊠ Residential      □ Commercial		

PETITIONER		Scott D. Barker		
		(owner/applica	ant)	
ADDRESS		9390 N Derrett RD,		
		53-01-34-100-	026.000-003	
TOWNSHIP +		Benton		
SECTION		34		
PLATS		☑ Unplatted ☐ Platted: n/a		
ACREAGE +/-		0.17		
	PETITION SITE		ADJACENT	
ZONING	SR		SR; FR;	
COMP PLAN	Rural Residential		Rural Residential	
USE	Residential		Residential;	
			Recreational;	
			Vacant	





## **SUMMARY**

The petitioner submitted permit R-22-337 for a 3 story home fronting Lake Lemon. The proposed structure has a 752 sf porch that encroaches 14' into the 25' front lake setback. If a structure on property zoned SR does not meet all setback requirements then a minimum lot size variance is also required. Suburban Residential zoning requires a 1.0 acre minimum, and the petition site is 0.17 acres. Additionally, the floodplain limits have been delineated on the petitioner's plot plan as 635.1' Base Flood Elevation. Under Chapter 804-4(E) structures are not allowed on land that does not meet Buildable Area and in this case there is technically mapped floodplain over the petitioner's entire property using the DNR Best Available Flood Data. Though the petitioner has demonstrated with a certified plot plan that all site disturbance will be above the regulatory Base Flood Elevation of 635.1' the area of development is still considered to be in a Special Flood Hazard Area as specified in Chapter 808 and therefore requires a design standards variance as well as a Floodplain Development Permit. Should the variances all be approved a residence totaling 6,061 sf would be approved.

## **DISCUSSION**

#### MINIMUM LOT SIZE

Under Chapter 804 Table 4-1 Minimum Lot Acres in SR is 1.0 acres with note (F) stating: *If all other development standards are met, no variance is required for a lot of record with an area less than one* (1) *acre.* In this case, a front setback variance is being requested and is triggering this variance.

## Septic Permit WW-21-312

The septic system is proposed to be approximately 300'+ offsite to the northeast on adjacent land owned by the petitioners. The original septic was approved for a 3 bedroom structure though but after a re-submittal and review by the Health Department a permit was re-issued 9/27/2022 for a 5 bedrooms. Planning requested the Health Department to review the construction plans to confirm number of bedrooms. It was determined there were originally 6 bedrooms for this site as defined by Monroe County Code 365-1, the petitioner redesigned their floorplan to accommodate the size septic system for 5 bedrooms. No affidavit was required from the Health Department for bedroom count for this review.





Ryan Cushman 🔮

Remove Comment • Apr 26, 2022 at 1:31 pm

Monroe County Code 365-1 "Bedroom" for purposes of interpreting 410 IAC 6-8.1 means any room within a dwelling that is large enough and convenient for sleeping purposes and contains at least one window for natural light and ventilation, and emergency egress. A bedroom is none of the following: a bathroom, kitchen, living room, family room, dining room, closet, foyer, pantry, laundry room, furnace or utility room.

With this definition the following rooms would be counted as bedroom equivalents: Finished Fitness Room, Office, Sun Room, Master Bedroom, Bedroom #2, Bedroom #3.

This house would require a 6 bedroom septic system. The septic permit issued for a 3 bedroom house is insufficient to handle the hydraulic load of the house as designed.

#### **Driveway permit: not required**

The site is accessed by a steep, single lane, private drive approximately 0.3 miles long with an elevation change of approximately 170'. One must honk when going around the blind curve for safety reasons.

Below is a summary table of variance requests.

	Required	Petitioner	Difference	
Minimum Lot Size	1 acre	0.17 acres	0.83 deficit	
Front Setback	25'	11'	14' encroachment	*Previ

\*Previous design was 18' encroachment

The current structure to be demolished is a 2 bedroom with a 1,250 sf footprint. Below is an analysis of the proposed structure.

List of modifications to proposed version 2 of plot plan submitted 8/9/2022:

- 1. The office has been eliminated and this space becomes the laundry room. This should eliminate 1 bedroom, per your bedroom definition.
- 2. The old laundry room space has been merged with the pantry to make a larger pantry.
- 3. The deck stairway has been eliminated. This reduces the distance the deck exceeds the water-side setback. My new variance request will be to exceed the water side setback by 14 feet, which is less than my neighbor's approved variance.
- 4. The left & right covered decks are now uncovered decks.

PLOT PLAN	Draft 1	Draft 2	difference
Total Buildable Area per setbacks	3,240 sf	3,240 sf	
Proposed HOME footprint	2,107 sf	2,107 sf	
Proposed PORCH footprint	874 sf	752 sf	122 sf reduction
Proposed Total Footprint	2,981 sf	2,859 sf	122 sf reduction
Total Living and Non-living Space	6,183 sf	6061 sf	122 sf reduction

Staff did evaluate the **Minimum Open Space** Requirement of 40 percent. It was confirmed they have 44 percent open space which meets the requirement. Structures, driveways and sidewalks cover 4,201 sf of the site or 66 percent coverage. No variance is needed though any addition of sidewalks or structures should be re-evaluated for compliance.

## FRONT SETBACK

The proposed home meets all setback requirements but footprint of the 752 sf two story porch is entirely in the front setback and encroaches 14' in the 25' required setback. The property to the southeast was granted a front setback for 14.5'. The home to the northwest meets their lakeside setback and is actually setback even further by about 5-7 ft.

The petitioner has submitted a letter (Exhibit 3) and makes an argument that the front setback encroachment, "will enable the back side [lakeside] of our proposed house to **align** with the back side of my neighbor's houses along the shoreline," and demonstrates this with an illustration. Staff has included a side view of the proposed home with the encroaching two story, roofed porch /deck outlined in in red as Exhibit 5. A patio that is less than 30" tall is not considered a structure and would be allowed to encroach into setbacks and is what the neighboring property to the southeast proposed.

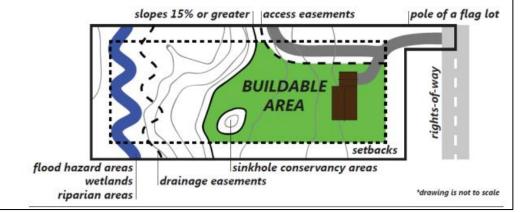
#### **FLOODPLAIN**

The petitions site is in a mapped Special Flood Hazard Area however all development will occur above the 635.1' Base Flood Elevation contour as shown by a certified plot plan. Lowest Floor Elevation is stated as 640' and is above the state required Flood Protection Grade of 637.1'

## Chapter 804-4(E) definition

- (E) Any building or structure constructed after October 2, 2015 must be located within a buildable area. The following shall not be included in the buildable area:
  - Special Flood Hazard Area as specified in Chapter 808;
  - Wetlands as specified in Chapter 801;
  - Slopes 15% or greater as specified in Chapter 825 Area 2 Regulations;
  - Sinkhole Conservancy Areas as specified in Chapter 829;
  - Drainage Easements as specified in Chapter 856;
  - Riparian Conservancy Areas as specified in Chapter 801;
  - Rights-of-way as specified in Chapter 801;
  - Easements for access:
  - Pole of a flag lot as specified in Chapter 801; and,
  - Setbacks as specified by Ordinance.

Figure 4-2

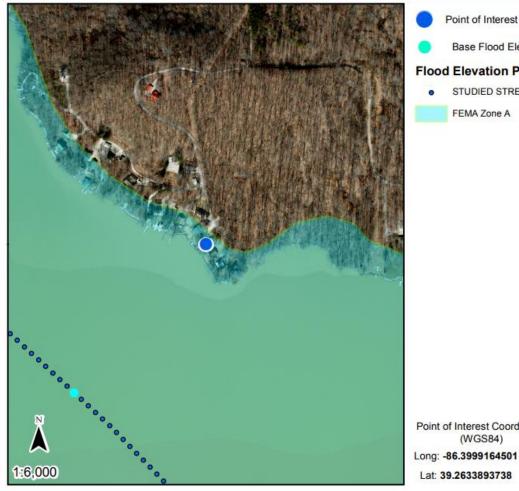


## Chapter 808 definition:

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) means those lands within the jurisdiction of Monroe County and the Town of Stinesville subject to inundation by the regulatory flood. The SFHAs of Monroe County and the Town of Stinesville are generally identified as such on the Monroe County, Indiana and Incorporated Areas Flood Insurance Rate Map dated December 17, 2010 as well as any future updates, amendments, or revisions, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the most recent date. (These areas are shown on a FIRM as Zone A, AE, A1- A30, AH, AR, A99, or AO).



## Floodplain Analysis & Regulatory Assessment (FARA)



Base Flood Elevation Point

Flood Elevation Points

STUDIED STREAM

FEMA Zone A

Point of Interest Coordinates (WGS84)

Long: -86.3999164501 Lat: 39.2633893738

The information provided below is based on the point of interest shown in the map above.

County: Monroe Approximate Ground Elevation: 644.3 feet (NAVD88)

Stream Name: Base Flood Elevation: 635.1 feet (NAVD88) Lake Lemon Drainage Area: Not available

Best Available Flood Hazard Zone: FEMA Zone A National Flood Hazard Zone: FEMA Zone A

Is a Flood Control Act permit from the DNR needed for this location? See following pages

Is a local floodplain permit needed for this location? yes-Floodplain Administrator: Tammy Behrman, Senior Planner

## **EXHIBITS** - Immediately following report

- 1. County Slope Map 15%
- 2. Staff Site visit photos
- 3. Petition Letter
- 4. Petitioner Plot Plan (version1)
- 5. Construction plans side view
- 6. Petitioners Erosion and Drainage Plan
- 7. Petitioner Site Plan with proposed septic location
- 8. Septic Permit and Easement Agreement Pages 1, 2, & 10

## EXHIBIT 1

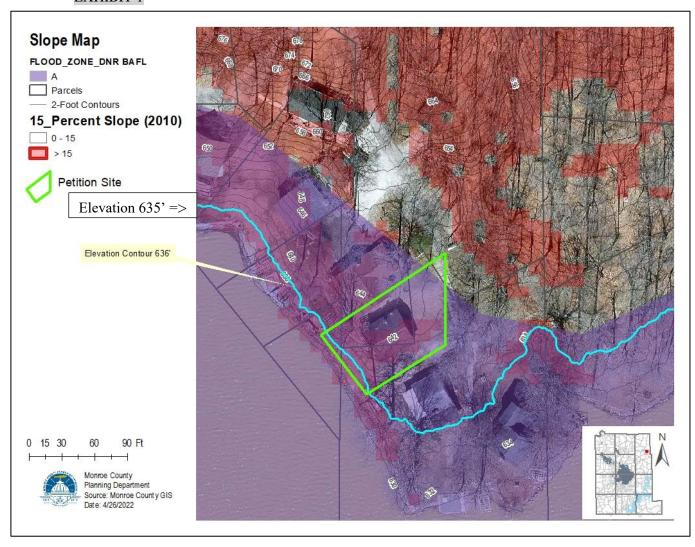




Photo 1: Looking south. Shed and house have been demolished on adjacent lot.



Photo 2: Looking northwest; northwest property line along former house on the left.



Photo 3. Facing north. Red star is a tree of concern.



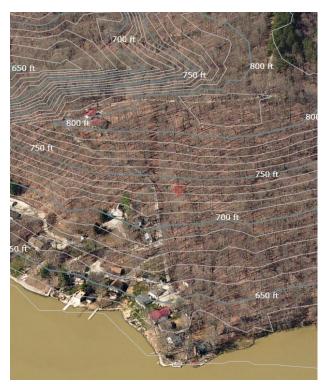
Photo 4. Facing north. View site of demolished home.



Photo 5. Facing southwest. View of a soil test site for the septic system. Petition site approx. 300+ feet on the background.



Red arrow is petition site. Structure with black symbol was demolished by both petitioner and CBU as it straddles the property line.



Aerial view 2020 depicting long access easement.

## **EXHIBIT 3: Petitioner Letter**

## Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals

Re: 9390 Derrett Road Variance Request

## Dear Board of Zoning Appeals:

My wife and I have submitted a residential building permit application to tear down a vacant house on Lake Lemon in Benton township (Parcel Number 53-01-34-100-026.000-003) and build a new house.

## **Existing Vacant House**





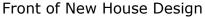
Front of Vacant House

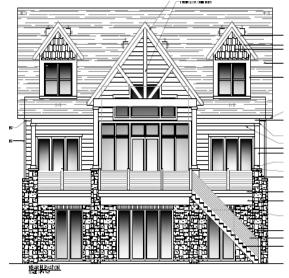
Back of Vacant House

Our new house design has a walkout basement, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and 3,718 total living sq ft.

## **New House Exterior Design**



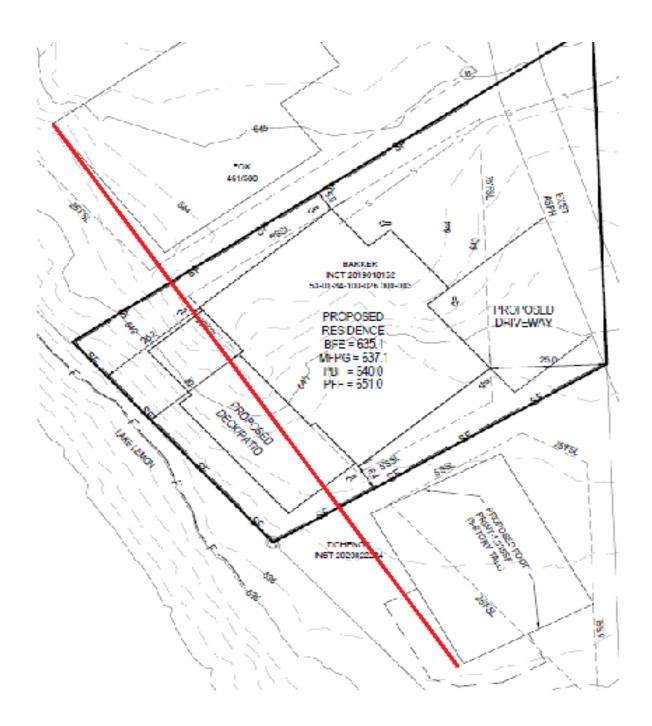




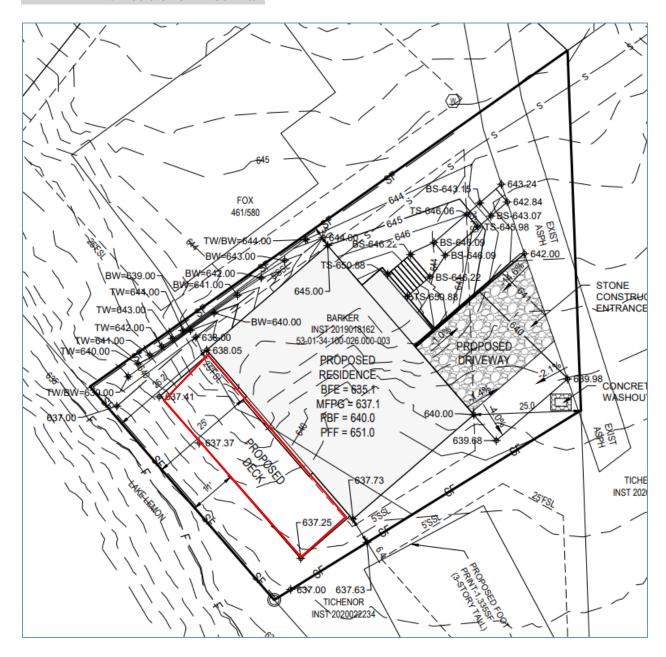
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## **Our Variance Request**

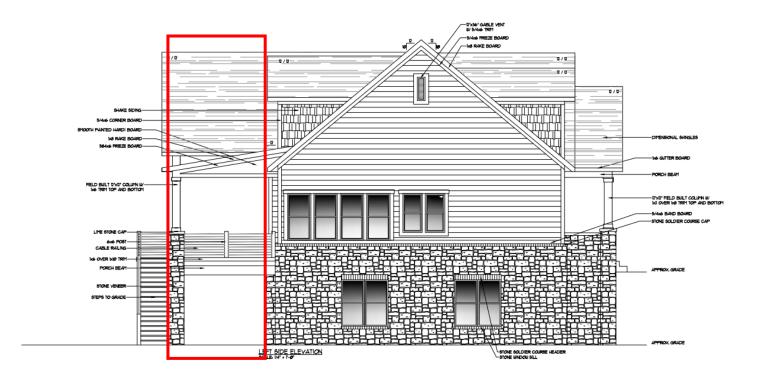
- Allow us to build our proposed Deck/Patio outside the property setback.
- Our entire house structure will be build **inside** the property setbacks.
- This will enable the back side our our proposed house to **align** with the back side of my neighbor's houses along the shoreline, see the red line below.



**EXHIBIT 4: Petitioner Plot Plan** 



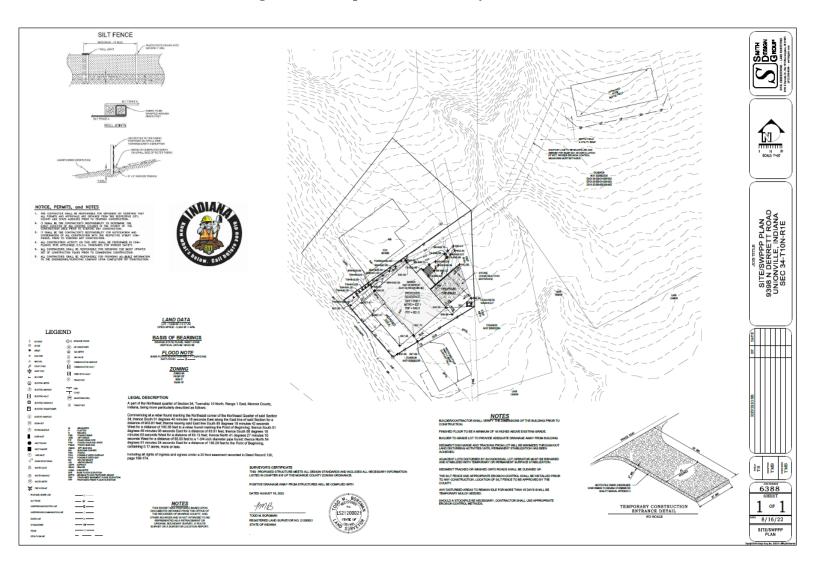
## EXHIBIT 5 Construction plans for side view of home (lakeside porch on the left)



Area of encroachment by 14' into the 25' setback (Stairs and part of porch roof removed ~3')

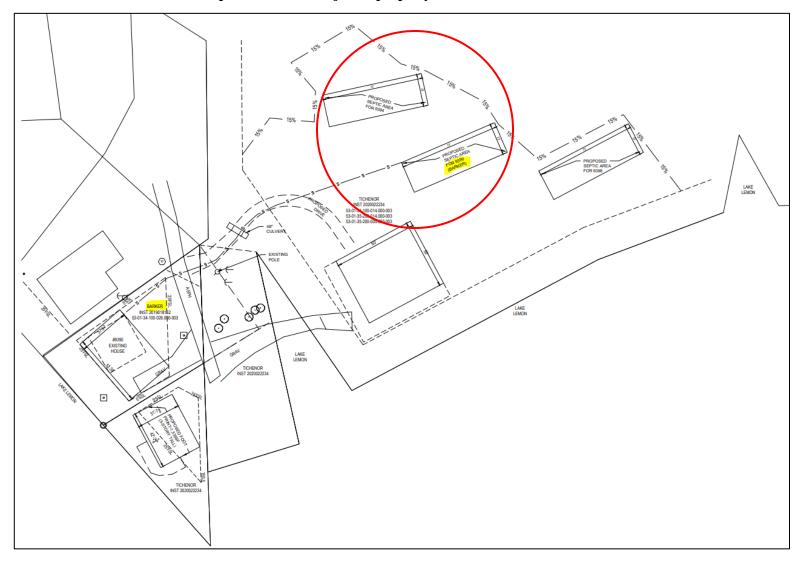
## EXHIBIT 6

## Drainage and erosion plan under review by MS4 Coordinator



## EXHIBIT 7

## Septic location on adjacent property to east Permit WW-21-312



The two septic sites highlighted in red are representing the previous plan. The two septic sites have been switched to prevent the two systems from having to cross force main lines. Additionally, the northern septic is to be enlarged to 72'x28' to accommodate the 5 bedroom structure.

## **EXHIBIT 8: Septic Permit and Easement Agreement**



## Monroe County Health Department

119 W. 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404 Phone: (812) 349-2543 Email: <u>wastewater@co.monroe.in.us</u>



## RENEWAL SEPTIC PERMIT

Permit ID WW-21-312

DATE PERMIT ISSUED: September 27, 2022

SITE INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant: Scott Barker

State Parcel #: 53-01-34-100-026.000-003

Owner Name: Barker, Scott D

Owner Address: 9378 N Derrett Rd., Unionville, IN 47468
Site Address: 9390 N Derrett RD Unionville, IN 47468-9760

Subdivision: NA Lot #: NA Number of Bedrooms: 5

#### SEPTIC SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

Septic Tank Size (gal.): 1500 gallons Pump Tank Size (gal.): 1000 gallons

Type of Septic System: Subsurface, sand-lined bed, Presby Advance Enviro-Septic pipes

Septic Field Size (ft. x ft.): 72 feet x 28 feet
Depth of cut (in.): 10 inches maximum

Min. Depth of # 23 sand (in.): 6 inches Number of Pipes: 5

Length of each Pipe (ft.): 70 feet each Total Linear foot of pipe: 350 linear feet

Low Vent Required: Yes High Vent Required: Yes

Subsurface Drainage: Perimeter Drain on all sides

Depth of Subsurface Drain (in.): 40 inches

#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Install a 1500 gallon minimum capacity septic tank. Install a 1000 gallon minimum capacity pump tank with an effluent pump. Install a distribution box. Install a subsurface sand-lined septic absorption bed with a basal area of 72' x28' and a maximum depth of 10". Install a minimum of 6" system sand. Install five Presby Advance Enviro-Septic pipes 70' long each. Install a low vent 12" above the final grade and a high vent 10' above the low vent opening. Install a complete perimeter drain around the absorption bed to a depth of 40" to include a hard pipe outlet and a varmint guard. Maintain 10' of separation between the perimeter drain and the absorption bed.

#### DISCLAIMER

By the ministerial issuance of this permit, the Monroe County Health Department does not certify the compliance of the planned residential sewage system with the applicable administrative rule of the Indiana Department of Health concerning residential onsite sewage systems.

ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THIS PERMIT MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Duration of Permit: Permit Expires 2 years from January 27, 2022

Thomas Sharp, M.D.

Monroe County Health Officer

Ryan Cushman

Senior Environmental Health Specialist

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#### EASEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that JONATHAN E TICHENOR AND MARTA J TICHENOR, husband and wife, and TIMOTHY L TICHENOR AND TERRI D TICHENOR, husband and wife, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Grantor" for and in consideration of (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant and convey to SCOTT BARKER and AMY BARKER "Grantee", a married couple, a right-of-way easement to access, maintain and operate a septic system and appurtenances necessary for the proper construction, maintenance and / or operation thereof, over, across, and under the surface of the following described real estate located in Moseon County, Indiana described as follows:

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 Grantor owns real estate in Monroe County, Indiana with the following legal description hereinafter "Grantor's Real Estate."

See Exhibit "A"

Grantee owns or has an interest in real estate in Monroe County, Indiana with the following legal description ("Grantee's Real Estate"):

See Exhibit "B"

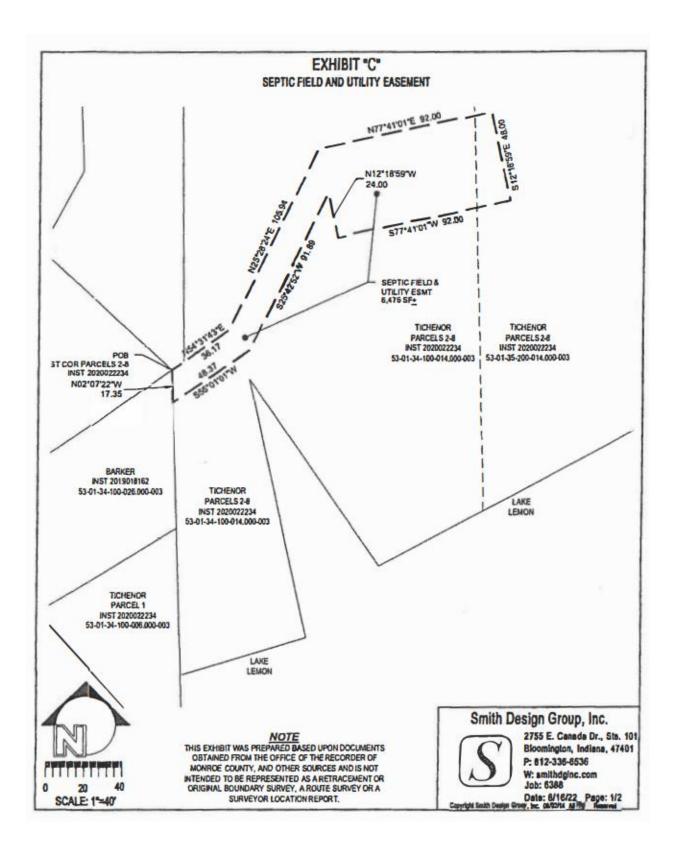
3. Grantor desires to establish, grant, transfer and convey an easement in favor of each of Grantee, its successors and assigns, a way of ingress and egress to the Real Estate for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of a septic/sewer system. The Easement has the following legal description (hereinafter "Easement"):

See Exhibit "C"

- 4. This Easement vacates and supersedes an Easement Agreement between Andrew Franklin as authorized representative of Franklin Investments, Inc. as Grantor and Scott Barker and Amy Barker, a married couple, as Grantee recorded on August 31, 2020, as Instrument Number 2020013964 in Monroe County Recorder's Office.
- Grantee accepts from Grantor a permanent Easement for ingress and egress for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a septic system over and across Grantor's Real Estate.
- The Easement shall run upon, over, and across the real estate more particularly described on Exhibit "A."
- The Easement shall run in favor of the individual parcels of Grantee(s), and its successors or assigns.
- 8. The Easement is binding on the heirs, devisees, successors, and assigns of Grantor and Grantee.

- It is further understood that GRANTEE shall have the right to ingress and egress for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a septic system and any materials or installations shall be the sole property of GRANTEE.
- 10. GRANTEE shall hold GRANTOR harmless from damage occasioned by the operation or maintenance of said septic system installation on easement and shall maintain said septic system in accordance with Monroe County Health Department requirements.

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11. GRANTOR shall not interfere with 0	GRANTEES rights stated in th	nis Easement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JONATHAN and wife, and TIMOTHY L TICHENO! GRANTOR(S), AND SCOTT BARK GRANTEE(S) HAVE EXECUTED THIS., 2022.	R AND TERRI D TICHENCER and AMY BARKER,	OR, husband and wife, AS, a married couple, AS
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MONROE COUNTY I	MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS October 5, 202				
CASE NUMBER	VAR-22-38				
PLANNER	Anne Crecelius				
PETITIONER	Renewing Properties, LLC c/o David Gilman				
REQUEST	Use Variance: Ch. 802 (Hotel)				
ADDDRESS	8482 S Fairfax RD, Parcel #53-11-14-300-026.000-006				
ACRES	16.63 +/-				
ZONE	AG/RR, ECO1, ECO2				
TOWNSHIP	Clear Creek				
SECTION	14				
PLATS	Unplatted				
COMP PLAN	Rural Residential				
DESIGNATION					

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- 1) Petitioner Letter
- 2) Petitioner Response to Requirements
- 3) Site Plan 2022
- 4) Site Plan from 2020
- 5) Septic Permit 2019

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

**Deny** the Use Variance (Hotel) to Chapter 802 of the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance, specifically the lack of findings provided by the applicant to meet the criteria for a Use Variance.

#### ORDINANCE REFERENCE FOR USE VARIANCES

812-5 <u>Standards for Use Variance Approval</u>: In order to approve an application for a design standards variance, the Board must find favorable findings for all five (5) criteria, A, B, C, D, and E listed after the agenda within the BZA packet.

*In order to approve a use variance, the Board must find that:* 

- A. the approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community;
- B. the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner;
- C. the need for the variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved;
- D. the strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought; and,
- E. the approval does not interfere substantially with the Comprehensive Plan. Especially, the five (5) principles set forth in the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan:
  - 1. Residential Choices
  - 2. Focused Development in Designated Communities
  - 3. Environmental Protection
  - 4. Planned Infrastructure Improvements
  - 5. Distinguish Land from Property

Hardship or Unnecessary Hardship. Significant economic injury that: (A) Arises from the strict application of this ordinance to the conditions of a particular, existing parcel of property; (B) Effectively deprived the parcel owner of all reasonable economic use of the parcel; and (C) Is clearly more significant than compliance cost or practical difficulties.

#### **SUMMARY**

The petition site is a 16.63 +/- acre lot located in Clear Creek Township, at 8482 S Fairfax RD. The petitioner is requesting a Use Variance from Chapter 802 of the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner is seeking this variance in order to use the Single Family Residence for "short-term lodging agreement" under the "Hotel" use within the Agricultural Rural Residential (AG/RR) zone.

If this use variance request is approved by the petitioner will be required to submit a (commercial) site plan for review that meets the design standards of the Ordinance, e.g. parking, landscaping, Stormwater, etc.

#### BACKGROUND

The site holds a 10,636 sq. ft. single family residence that began construction in 2000. There's one active Building Permit/Improvement Location Permit for a deck that expires on 12/4/2022. The structure's interior is unfinished and will require future permitting. The property was an enforcement case for grading and adding two decks without permits in 2020 but reached compliance through variances and after-the-fact permitting.

A short-Term Lodging Agreement is defined as stays shorter than 30 days. The use of a "Hotel" isn't permitted in the AG/RR zone and is defined below. The difference between the Hotel use and the "Tourist Home or Cabin" use the petition mentions in their letter is the presence of more than 4 bedrooms. The Hotel use is only permitted in the General Business (GB) zone and requires a (commercial) site plan review and approval. The use of the property will be limited by septic capacity – an installation permit was issued in 2019 for two (2) 1,500 gallon presby systems that allows for ten (10) bedrooms.

**Ch. 802. Hotel.** A building, or portion thereof, in which five (5) or more guest rooms (typically accessible from an interior hallway) are furnished to the public under a short-term lodging agreement

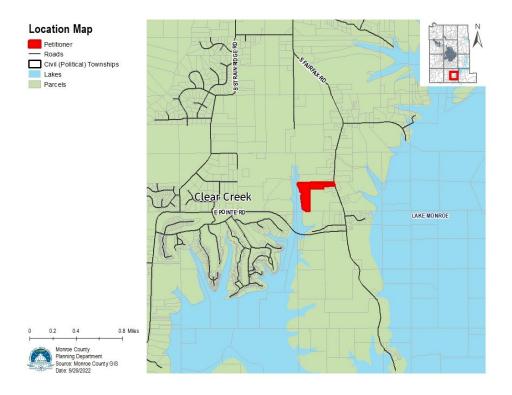
**Ch. 801. Short-Term Lodging Agreement.** An agreement under which rooms are provided for a fee, rate, or rental, and are occupied for overnight lodging or habitation purposes for a period of less than thirty (30) days.

While working the petitioner's representative we've communicated that there's a difference between a use as a "Hotel" versus an "Event Center". The petitioner has chosen to move forward with the Hotel use variance and understood that the residence could not be used or advertised for event's that would include guests traveling to the petition site without occupying the residence for overnight lodging. An "Event Center" is defined as:

**Ch. 801.** Event Center. A building (which may include on-site kitchen/catering facilities) where indoor and outdoor activities such as weddings, receptions, banquets, corporate events and other such gatherings are held by appointment.

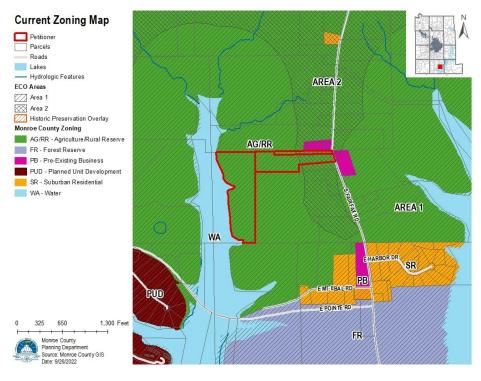
## **LOCATION MAP**

The parcel is located in Clear Creek Township, Section 14, parcel numbers 53-11-14-300-026.000-006, addressed as 8482 S Fairfax RD.



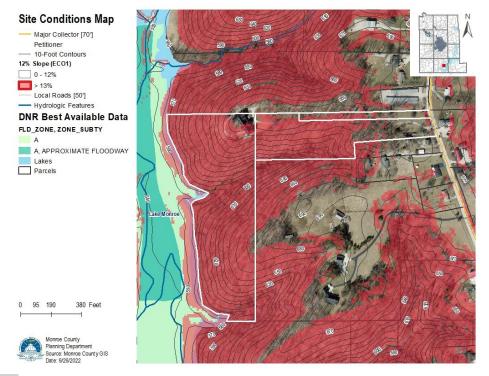
## ZONING AND LAND USE

The petition site is zoned Agricultural Rural Reserve (AG/RR) and Environmental Constraints Overlay Area 1 and 2 (ECO1, ECO2). The neighboring lots are zoned AG/RR and Pre-Existing Business (PB). The neighboring uses are primarily residential with some commercial uses.



## SITE CONDITIONS & SLOPE

The site holds an incomplete (unfinished) 10,636 sq. ft. single family residence that being construction in 2000. The site contains a mixture of building area, (under 15% slope for the construction of structures), and under 12% slope for land disturbance of any type, soil or vegetation.



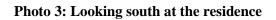
## SITE PICTURES



Photo 1: Pictometry photo looking north.



Photo 2: Looking west at the residence.





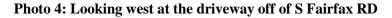




Photo 5: Residence as of 9/20/2022

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

The petition site is located within the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Rural Residential zone designation.

## **Rural Residential**

The Rural Residential use category includes rural property, environmentally sensitive areas, and areas adjacent to quarry operations where low densities are appropriate and desirable; however, the sparse population character of the Farm and Forest category is no longer applicable. Generally, these areas are characterized by active or potential mineral extraction operations nearby, steep slopes, and the remaining forest and/or agricultural land where roadways and other public services are minimal or not available.



The Rural Residential use category includes all property in Monroe County that is not within the Farm and Forest Residential area, Bloomington Urbanizing Area or a Designated Community, or an incorporated town or city. Approximately 52,000 acres of rural property in Indian Creek, Clear Creek, Van Buren, Bloomington, Richland, Bean Blossom, Washington, and Benton Townships are designated Rural Residential. Most often this category adjoins or is very close to the Farm and Forest Residential areas. Current Rural Residential densities are usually greater than 64 homes per section and some portions of the Rural Residential area have already been subdivided or developed at urban densities.

To maintain Rural Residential property use opportunities, an average residential density per survey section shall be established by ordinance. This average density shall preserve the rural lifestyle opportunity of this area and help protect nearby Vulnerable Lands. Where appropriate infrastructure is available, home clustering with open space dedications may be an option in this residential category. Open space can serve a variety of uses including recreational opportunities for local residents, limited accessory agricultural uses, or buffering of an adjoining use. Contiguous Resilient Land shall be available for each dwelling adequate to support either two independent conventional septic fields or one replaceable mound system. Sufficient space for buildings traditionally associated for this type of use must also be provided. In addition, public roadways shall not experience less than the Monroe County Level of Service standard existing at the time this Plan is adopted. New subdivision road traffic lanes that access County roadways shall not exceed the capacity of traffic lanes for adjoining public roadways. State highways, major collectors, or arterial roads are exempt from this requirement.

### **EXHIBIT ONE: Petitioner Letter**

Land Development Services 211 South Ritter Avenue, Ste H Indianapolis, Indiana 46219 317-833-6331 davidgilman78@gmail.com

September 14, 2022

Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals 501 N Morton Street, Ste 224 Bloomington, Indiana 47404

RE: Variance Petition: 8482 S. Fairfax Road

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** 

Renewing Properties, LLC petitions the Board of Zoning Appeals to establish a 10,000 sqft, ten (10) bedroom home for short term lodging. In Chapter 802, the definition of a Tourist Home is limited to only four (4) guest rooms. The definition of a Hotel is five (5) or more guest rooms (typically accessible from an interior hallway). The distinction of the Petitioner's variance request is the lodging will be only for the entire 10-bedroom home and will not be offered for an individual room or guest.

The property is zoned AG/RR. The parcel is 16.63 acres with only the one (1) dwelling under construction. The Petitioner has retained an experienced architect to complete the interior design for the structure. At present, there are several portions of the home that are incomplete or unfinished. The Petitioner is committed to completing the required improvements and file for all the necessary permit and approvals, prior to occupancy.

The site is well buffered from adjacent residences with uninterrupted landscape yards, natural topography, and mature woodlands. The size of the home, large parcel, and expense to complete construction has made it impossible to sell and maintain as a single-family dwelling. This unfinished home is almost 22 years old and desperately needs to be completed and occupied. Conversely, the size of the home and its location make it more desirable to lease for family vacations, milestone celebrations or retreats.

A detailed Plan of Operation is included as part of the variance filing to ensure compatibility with the developed area, sensitivity to performance standards and not to be detrimental to the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

Your favorable consideration for the variance grant is appreciated.

David Gilman, Principal Land Development Services

### **EXHIBIT TWO: Petitioner Plan of Operation**

Plan of Operation 8482 Fairfax Road 8/30/2022

### **BACKGROUND**

The property at 8482 S. Fairfax Road is zoned Agriculture/Rural Reserve (AG/RR) and contains 16.63 acres. The subject property has one (1) single family dwelling that has been under construction since 2000. At present, there are several portions of the interior that remain incomplete or unfinished. The Owner has retained an experienced architect to complete the design. The Owner is committed to obtain approvals for all the necessary permits, completing the required improvements and passing all required inspections in a timely manner.

### **Business Use**

The new Owner proposes accommodations for group vacations, milestone celebrations and relaxing retreats for families or businesses. The site has over 16 acres of uninterrupted landscape yards, unique topography, and mature woodlands. The dwelling has a front setback of 1,200 feet and is not visible from Fairfax Road and may not even be visible from any adjacent residence.

### **Architectural Style**

The residence and proposed use shall retain a residential architectural orientation and the rural characteristic of the surrounding neighborhood. A copy of the exterior elevations will be submitted to complete the required permit approvals.

### **Hours of Operation**

The site will be available to guests for daytime, overnight or short-term leases. All organized outdoor activities will start no earlier than 8 am and conclude by 10 pm each evening.

### **Off-Street Parking**

The site has ample areas to be designated for parking. The civil engineer will design the parking areas to be compliant with condition #48 normally required of a Tourist Home in the AG/RR district to maintain the characteristic of the surrounding area. There will be at least one (1) parking space per guest room, including an ADA van accessible space.

### **Clients and Customers**

There will be a family and group gathering by appointment only. The entire residence will be leased to only 1 family or group per visit.

### **Guest Rules Performance Standards**

There will be placards posted at strategic locations on the dwelling and property establishing Guest Rules for noise, parking, and the overall adherence to the Performance Standards, as established in Chapter 802.

### **Traffic Generation**

Traffic generation will be minimal with only 10 guest rooms. The guest will typically be arriving and departing at scheduled hours. The site will have a paved entrance on Fairfax Road to the edge of the right of way line.

### **Signage**

The entrance may have a small ground sign to easily identify the property and will have a reflective 911 address.

### Lighting

Lighting will be similar to any residential environment, including, wall mounted security lights and designated accent lights.

### **Business Activity/Security Measures**

There will be a secure gate at the entrance with kiosk for visitors and guest. The house is equipped with a security alarm system. An emergency placard will be posted at several designated locations in the residence and on the property to inform guest on how to notify management, fire, or police in case of an emergency.

### **Shipping and Receiving**

Daily shipping and receiving will be through typical UPS, Amazon, or FedEx delivery trucks.

### Waste

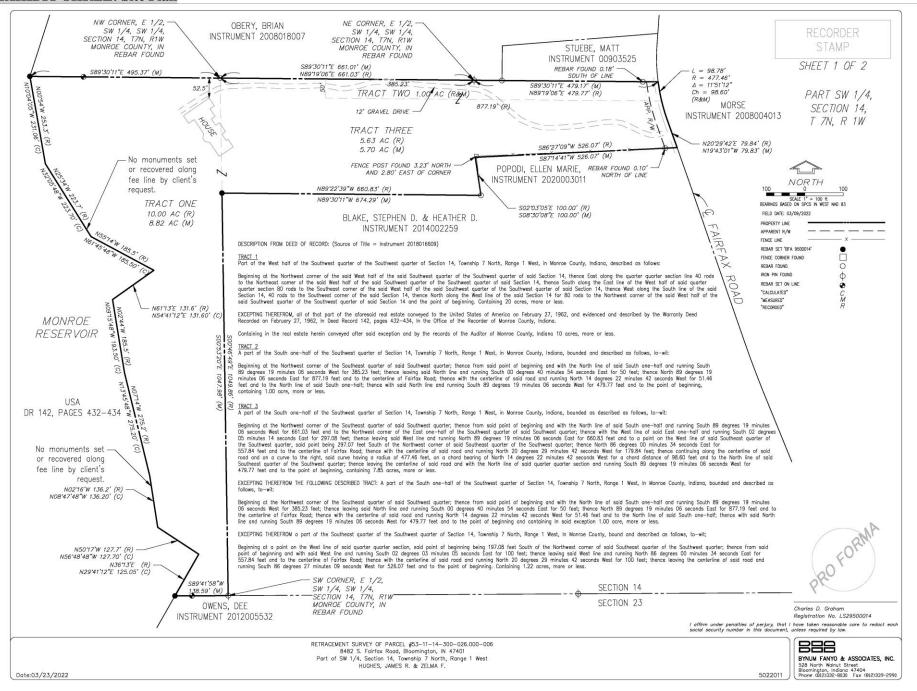
All waste would be picked up by private or County waste disposal service. Waste receptacles will be stored behind the existing fenced gates until day of pick-up off Fairfax Road. It is anticipated the trash service will be necessary 1 time per week and will be adjusted, as needed.

### **Self-Imposed Conditions**

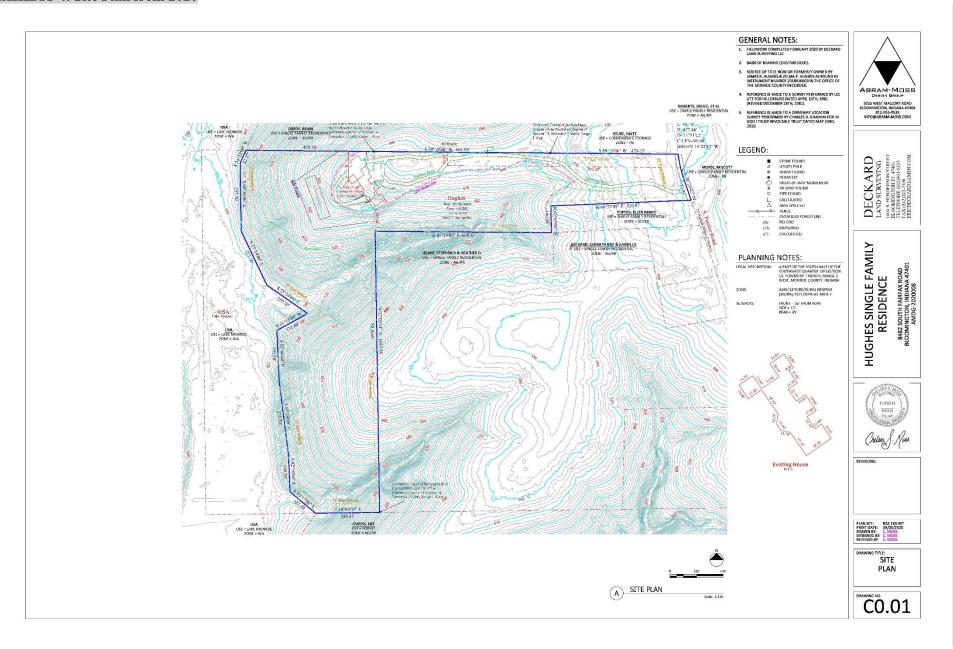
The petitioner would agree to the following self-imposed conditions:

- 1. All development shall follow, and be subject to, the site plan file dated August 30, 2022.
- 2. The use of the property shall follow, and be subject to, the Plan of Operation, file dated August 30, 2022.

#### **EXHIBIT THREE: Site Plan**



### **EXHIBIT 4: Site Plan from 2020**





Health Department Futures Family Planning Clinic

Monroe County, Indiana

119 W. 7th Street (812) 349-2543

119 W. 7th Street (812) 349-7343

333 E. Miller Drive (812) 353-3244

Receipt #:	18689	Permit #:	O	19	15	
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(PERMIT EXPIRES 2 YEARS FROM ISSUE DATE) REPAIR SEPTIC PERMIT APPLICATION

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\*Inspection Charge: \$150

- 1. Enter your parcel number, if known.
- 2. You MUST enter the total number of bedrooms.
- 3. Fee required at the time you apply.
- 4. Septic Inspectors will review applications at 8:00 am daily, when they are in the office.
- 5. An applicant may request a Septic Inspector to meet them at the site during the time of inspection.
- 6. All septic systems in Monroe County must be repaired, replaced, or installed by registered Monroe County installers, and inspected and approved by Monroe County Health Department Septic Inspectors.

Today's Date: 4 / 11 / 2019 MUST BE FILLE	D OUT FOR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED
State Parcel #: 53 - 11 - 14 - 366 - 026 . 66	0-006
Tax I.D. # 004-03/40-00	
Owner: JAMES & ZELMA HUGHES	Telephone #: 812-229 - 8305
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 106	
FARMERSRURG, IN 47850 (ZIP CODE) Site Address: 8482 S. FAIRFAX R.D., OLOGALING	
Subdivision (if applicable)	Acreage: 14+
** Private Soil Scientist must be obtained **	** Soil Test Provided by Applicant
**Soil test will be required unless approved by	y MCHD Wastewater Sanitarian**
Reason Septic Permit is Needed:	Site Information:
Replacing Structure Change in Bedroom Count Before After Remodeling Structure Adding a Convenience Bathroom Replacing Septic System Due to Failure	# Bedrooms/Equivalent (Required) IN or OUT of Watershed IN o OUT County MS 4 Area  Water Supply: Well Municipal

Purpose for Permit: (If due to failure, describe nature/location of problem)



# TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEPTIC INSPECTOR: SPECIFICATIONS: Septic Tank Size: 1,000 gal 1,500 gal 2,000 gal Other Filter on septic tank required Use existing 1,500 gal No Pump Needed Pump Tank Size: 750 gal 1,000 gal Use standard pump package with alarm on separate electrical circuit. PRESBY ENVIRONMENTAL ATL (INFILTRATOR) Bed Size: Depth of cut; Total Linear foot of pipe, 720 # of Pipes Length Minimum Depth of spec # 23 sand 🕡 # of Bedrooms Low vent 18 inches from ground surface High vent 10 ft. elevation difference from low vent (see plan for details). Subsurface Drainage: Perimeter drain on ALL sides Curtain drain on upper 3 sides only All subsurface drains are to be installed at a minimum 12 inches wide, to the depth stated above, and filled within 6 inches of the ground surface with a state approved material. ALL subsurface drains must have a hard outlet with critter guard. \* Seed and straw must be placed prior to approval. Additional Comments: CERTIFIED INSTALLERS: FOR ADDITIONAL BED VARIATIONS OR PRODUCT, CONTACT EITHER RANDY OR GARY. HAVE SEPTIC PERMIT NUMBER ON HAND BEFORE CALLING. INSPECTED BY SIGNATURE OF OWNER/A 119 W. 7th Street · Bloomington IN 47404 · (812) 349-2543 · fax (812) 339-6481



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MONROE COUNTY SEPTIC SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION	
Parcel #3 1 (14300 626 000 606) Permit # 21915	
Sewer Line from House to Tank:  Date: Initials:	
Septic Tank:  1000 Gal.  1500 Gal.  2000 Gal.  Date:	
Pump Chamber:  750 Gal.  1000 Gal.  Date: 10// Initials:	
Drainage Field:  Presby Fins Mound Eljen	
# of Beds # of Bedrooms	
Bed Size:  Bed Depth:  Bed Depth:  Sand Depth:  Sand Depth:  Bed Size:  Bed S	
High Vent://	
Subsurface Drainage: Curtain/Perimeter Drain Hard Outlet with Critter Guard Aggregate filled to within 6" of surface: Date; Initials:	
Contractor: MKCHKDT	
Notes:	
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MCHD Inspector: Disapproved:	
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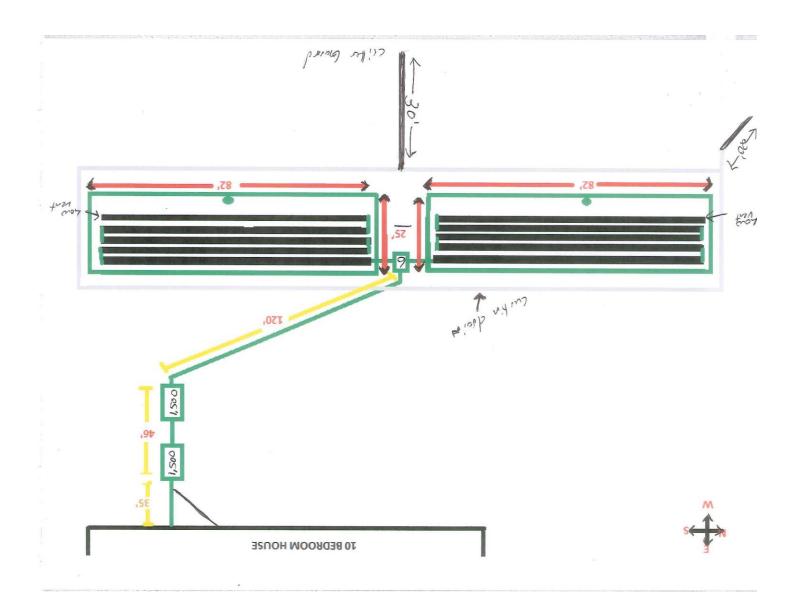
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# ELEVATIONS AS REQUIRED BY INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TO BE COMPLETED BY INSTALLER AT TIME OF CONSTRUCTION Please document the elevations of all of the following that apply.

	Septic Tank Manufacturer: Sextow - Wi	best   Septic Tank Size: 1,500
	Septic Tank Elevation: Inlet .5	Outlet9
?	Sephi Chamber: Inlet 5.1	Outlet 5, 5
	Pump Tank Manufacturer:	Pump Tank Size:
	Pump: Off Float Position	
		Pump Tank Size:
	F.Imp rate Wateractive.	Pump Size:
	Pump Manufacturer:	
	Distribution Box: 6-Hole	8
	Bed Elevations:	
	Bed #1 Upper Corners 20, 6& 20, 6 Lower Corners 25, 6& 25.6	Bed #2 Upper Corners 20.6% 20.6 Lower Corners 25.6 & 25.6
	3 ottom of Pipe: 22.6	22.6
	Pipe Ends: 1.24.6 & 24.6 2.25.0 & 25.0 3.25.4 & 25.4 4.25.8 & 25.8 5.26.0 & 26.0	1. 24.6 & 24.6 2. 35.0 & 25.0 3. 25.4 & 25.4 4. 25.8 & 25.8 5. 26.0 & 26.0
	Final Cover:	9" Low Vent 25.4 High Vent 40' Above low
	Final elevation for critter guard of perimeter or cu	rtain drain: $32.0$
10	Distance in feet of perimeter or curtain drain from	bed to critter guard: 30
	installers Name: Mike Anderson Permit #: 21915	Date: 12/04/19
	ATTENTION INSTALLER: DO NOT HAND-IN WITH SIGNATURE ON "FINAL COVER AGREEMENT".	WILL HIAGRAM ON BACK OF THE TROPIAN



Installers must complete and fax or mail a copy of this form to the local approving authority and to:

Presby Environmental, Inc., 143 Airport Rd, Whitefield, NH 03598 Fax: (603) 837-9864

Instalier's Name:	Installer's PEI Certification	on Number.	
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Company Name: Miles Anderson Executing	, Zuc.	90 Maria 200 maria 1	\$) *** \$120 \$4100
Street Address: 94/0 N. County line Rel	(21112)		
City:	Com april 100	State:	Žip: /7//63
Installer's Phone Number.			1 //900
Designer's Name:	Company Name:		
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Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zīp;
Phone Number:			
Property Owner(s):		A	And the second second second
Site Street Address:			
City:		State;	Zip;
System Information (check all that apply):			
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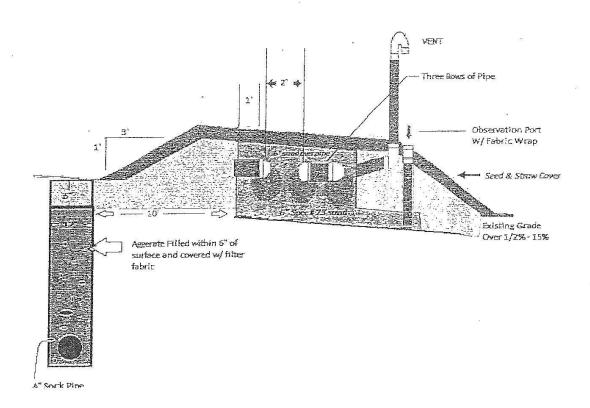
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FINAL COVER AGREEMENT

Permit#



410 IAC 6-8.3-74 Subsurface trench onsite sewage systems: general design and construction requirements. (y) A minimum of twelve (12) inches of cover shall be provided over the aggregate in the trenches, and any fill required to provide cover shall be crowned over the entire soil absorption system to promote surface runoff. By signing below, I acknowledge the need for a minimum of 12" of soil cover to be placed over this septic system. The person signing below shall be responsible for the proper amount of cover being placed over the system, the final grading to promote surface run-off and seeding/straw placement. These items may or may not be in the "bid" price, but are REQUIRED prior to approval.

Signature

Date

OF COUNTY



## MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Public Meeting Date: October 5, 2022

CASE NUMBER	DETAIL	RECOMMENDED MOTION			
VAR-22-39	Use Variance to allow General Contractor	Denial			

812-5 <u>Standards for Use Variance Approval</u>: In order to approve an application for a design standards variance, the Board must find favorable findings for all five (5) criteria, A, B, C, D, and E listed after the agenda within the BZA packet.

*In order to approve a use variance, the Board must find that:* 

- A. the approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community;
- B. the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner;
- C. the need for the variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved;
- D. the strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought; and,
- E. the approval does not interfere substantially with the Comprehensive Plan. Especially, the five (5) principles set forth in the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan:
  - 1. Residential Choices
  - 2. Focused Development in Designated Communities
  - 3. Environmental Protection
  - 4. Planned Infrastructure Improvements
  - 5. Distinguish Land from Property

Hardship or Unnecessary Hardship. Significant economic injury that: (A) Arises from the strict application of this ordinance to the conditions of a particular, existing parcel of property; (B) Effectively deprived the parcel owner of all reasonable economic use of the parcel; and (C) Is clearly more significant than compliance cost or practical difficulties.

### Recommended Motion Conditions or Reasoning:

Deny the use variance (General Contractor) to Chapter 802 based on the findings of fact. Since the property is already utilized as a Single Family Dwelling, there is not an unnecessary hardship in denying the General Contractor use.

Variance Type: $\Box$	Design	☐ Use Planner: Daniel Brown			
$\boxtimes$	Reside	ential   Commercial			
PETITIONER		Gott, Thomas			
ADDRESS		3290 S Knightridge RD			
		53-07-18-100-027.000-014	4 & 53-07-18-100-051.000-014		
TOWNSHIP + SECT	ION	Salt Creek, 18			
PLATS		$\boxtimes$ Unplatted $\square$ Platted:			
ACREAGE +/-		Total of 0.86 acres +/-			
	PET	ITION SITE	ADJACENT		
ZONING	CR		CR, FR		
CDO ZONE	Rural	Residential	Rural Residential		
USE	Resid	lential	Residential, vacant, Right-of-way		
EXHIBITS					

- 1. Pictometry & staff visit photos
- 2. Petitioner Letter & Owner Consent
- 3. Remonstrance

- 4. Petitioner Site Plan
- 5. CR Use Table

### **SUMMARY**

The petitioner is requesting a Use Variance to establish a "General Contractor" business at 3290 S Knightridge RD. The petitioner, Thomas Gott, desires this use variance so he may park construction vehicles associated with the business "Gott Tree Service" on his residence rather than at another location.

Chapter 802 defines General Contractor as follows:

**General Contractor.** An individual who contracts to perform building/structure construction related work or to provide supplies on a large scale, or an individual who contracts to erect buildings and/or other structures. Construction related work may include, but are not limited to, plumbing, landscaping, electrical, framing, concrete, masonry, roofing, etc.

Chapter 802 allows General Contractor in the General Business (GB), Light Industrial (LI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) zones subject to the following Special Condition:

**15.** The Plan Commission may attach additional conditions to its approval in order to prevent injurious or obnoxious dust, fumes, gases, noises, odors, refuse matter, smoke, vibrations, water-carried waste or other objectionable conditions and to protect and preserve the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

If the use variance is approved, the petitioner will be required to file a commercial site plan as this will as well as Minimum Lot Size Variance, as the property is under the minimum lot size for this zone according to Chapter 804 (2.5 acres). The petitioner has said there are no plans to expand the building footprint or parking lots / driveways at this time.

### NEED FOR USE VARIANCE

Chapter 802 has General Contractor listed as a *conditional* in the Conservation Residential zone. According to Chapter 813-5(B) for Conditional Uses, one of the conditions for Conditional Use approval is for the Board to find that "all conditions, regulations and development standards required in the Zoning Ordinance shall be satisfied". This property does not meet all conditions and development standards, hence the need for a regular Use Variance as opposed to a Conditional Use Variance.

### **BACKGROUND**

### **RECENT CASES:**

- 17-AC-116: Enforcement Case
  - Petitioner applied for a permit to construct an accessory structure in January of 2021. Asked to submit use determination as well which resulted in a determination of General Contractor not being allowed at that time. Cease and desist letter was sent, but use did not cease.
- AC-22-23: Enforcement Case
  - Use still occurring but now General Contractor is a Conditional Use is CR zone.
     Gott was required to cease and desist and then, if they wanted to pursue the business use on the property, apply for a Use Variance.

### **Conservation Residential (CR) District**

Conservation Residential (CR) District. The character of the Conservation Residential (CR) District is

defined as that which is primarily intended to provide a residential option (planned unit or cluster development) at environmentally sound locations while protecting the environmentally sensitive watersheds of Lake Griffey and Monroe Reservoir. Its purposes are to protect the environmentally sensitive watershed, especially the floodplain and steep slopes, to permit limited single family residential development on very large lots or in subdivisions (planned unit or cluster development) at environmentally sound locations, to discourage the development of nonresidential uses, to discourage the development of sanitary sewer systems except for existing development and to maintain the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Development in the CR District is hindered by concern over the watershed environment, and, in some cases, extreme topography, poor access and the availability of few or no public services. Therefore, the number of uses permitted in the CR District is limited. Some uses are conditionally permitted. The conditions placed on these uses are to insure their compatibility with the watershed environment and low-density residential uses. The development of new residential activities proximate to known mineral resource deposits or extraction operations may be buffered by increased setback distance

# **EXHIBIT ONE: Pictometry and Site Photos**















### **EXHIBIT TWO: Petitioner Letter**

To whom it may concern,

This letter is about 3290 S. Knightridge Rd. Bloomington, IN 47401, which was previously Gott Trees Service-a 40-year business.

I had to move my equipment to a new location due to a neighbor that had made some complaints. I have been at the 3290 location since 1997 and have had no previous complaints. This move is costing me \$1000 a month to store my equipment. This has put a financial burden on my family, especially in these hard times.

After 40 backbreaking years owning this business and serving Monroe County, due to unforeseen health issues I have decided to retire. I have sold all my equipment except for one bucket truck and chipper. I would like to store these two items on MY property for a while just in case I would ever need to restart the business should the economy get any worse.

3290 S. Knightridge Rd is NO LONGER Gotts Tree Service. This is my home; no business operations are being held here. I hope that I will be able to park this truck and chipper on my property for storage only. I just want to be in legal compliance with Monroe County and I hope this request can be granted.

Thank you,

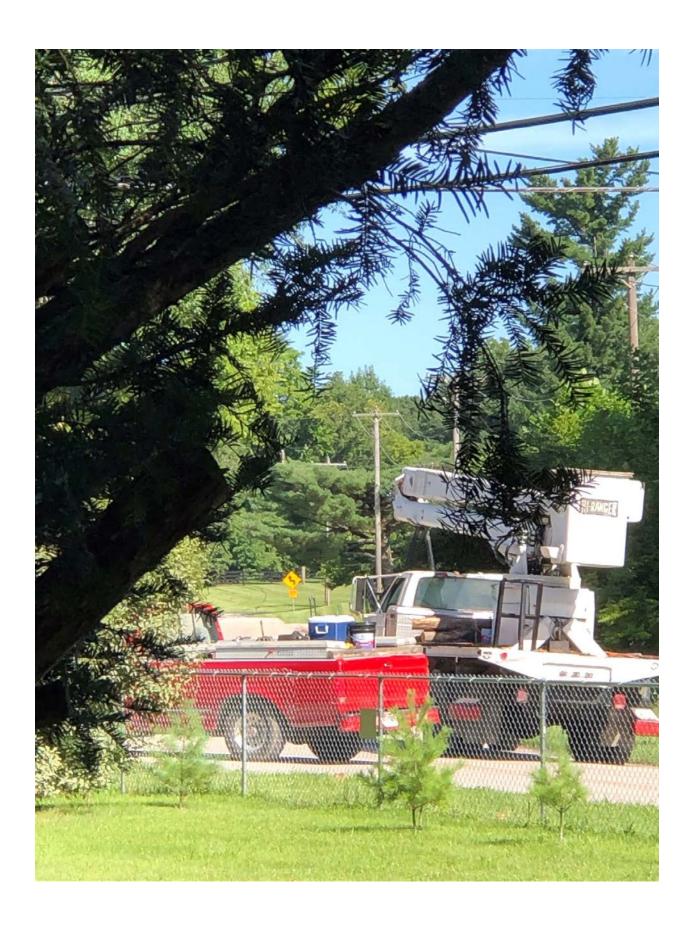
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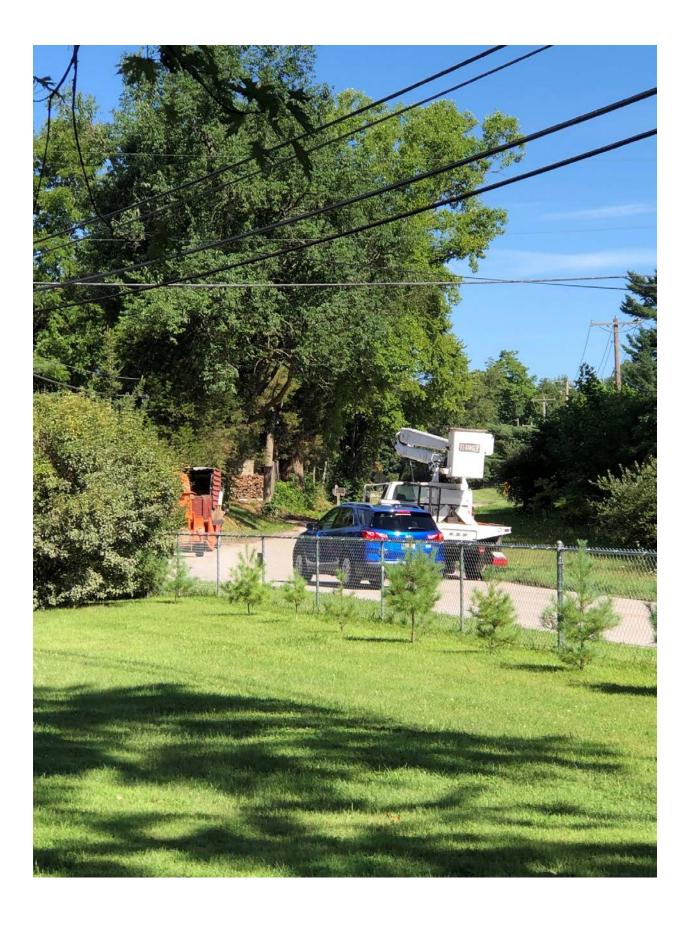
### **EXHIBIT THREE: Remonstrance Link**

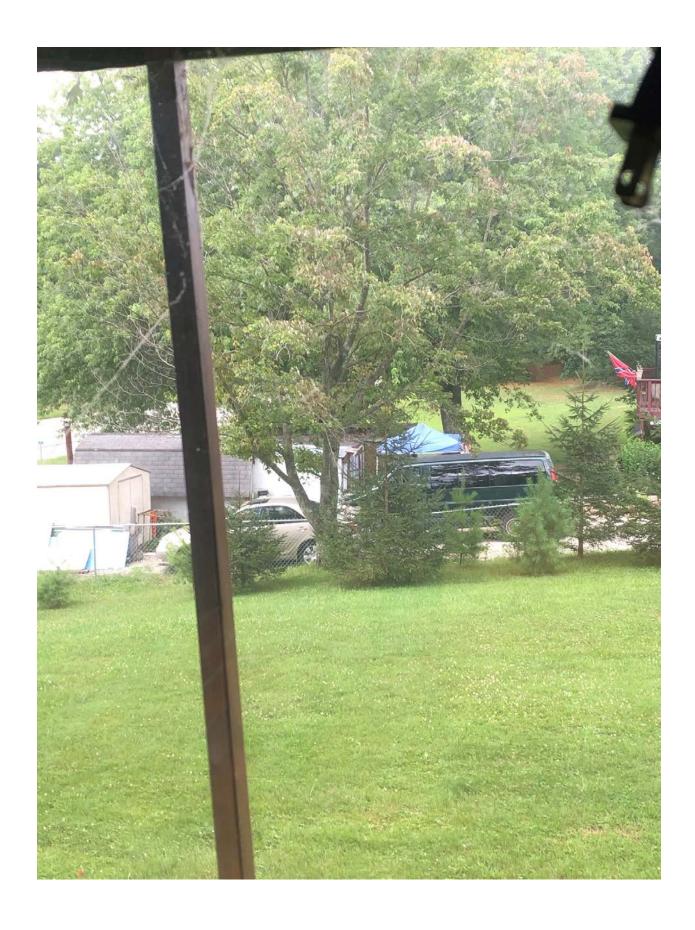
There has been remonstrance towards this petition request. A neighbor has provided several videos and photos, which can be found at the following links:

- Collection of Remonstrance
- Additional Video and Photos can be found on our YouTube channel or are shown below.
  - o Additional Video Remonstrance

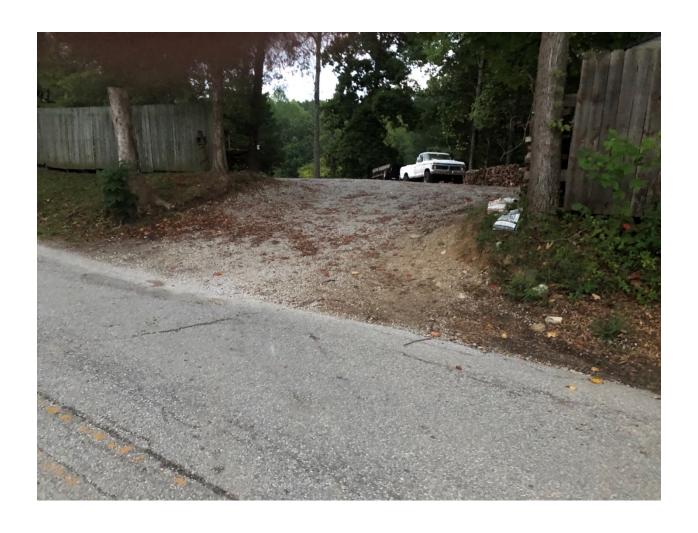




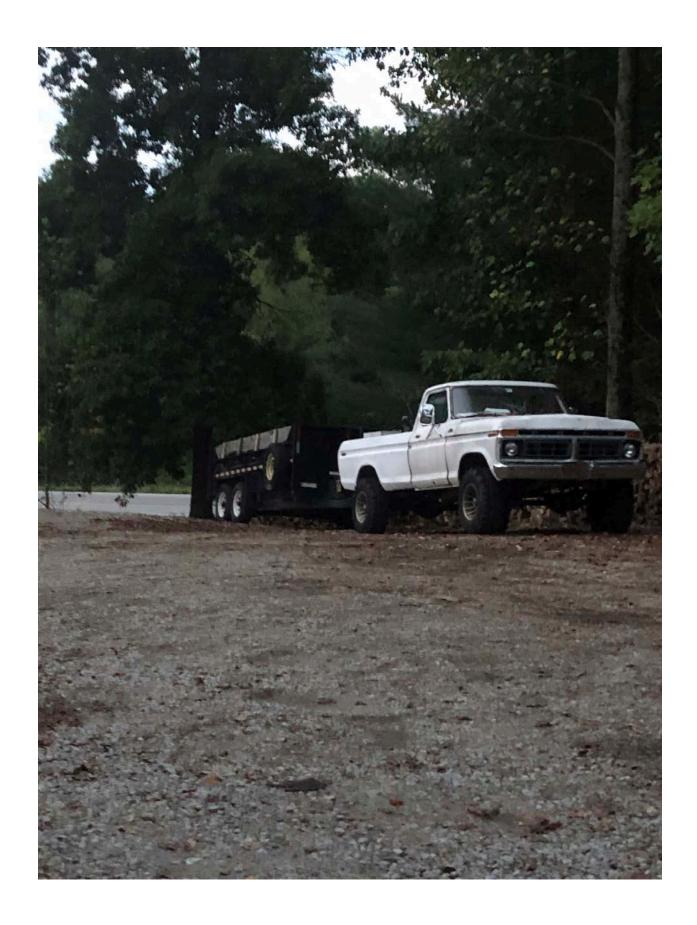


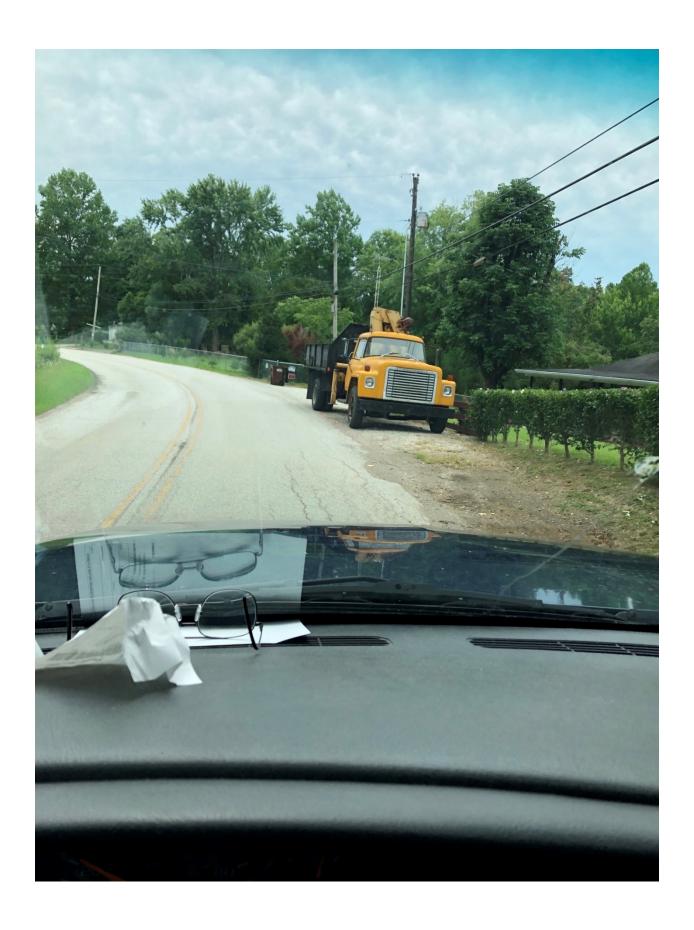


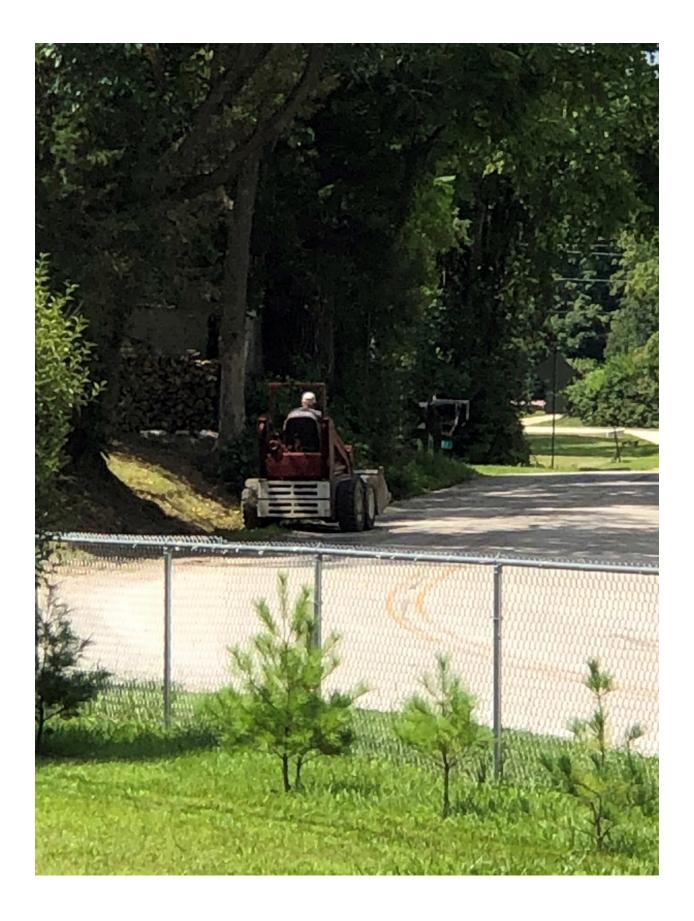


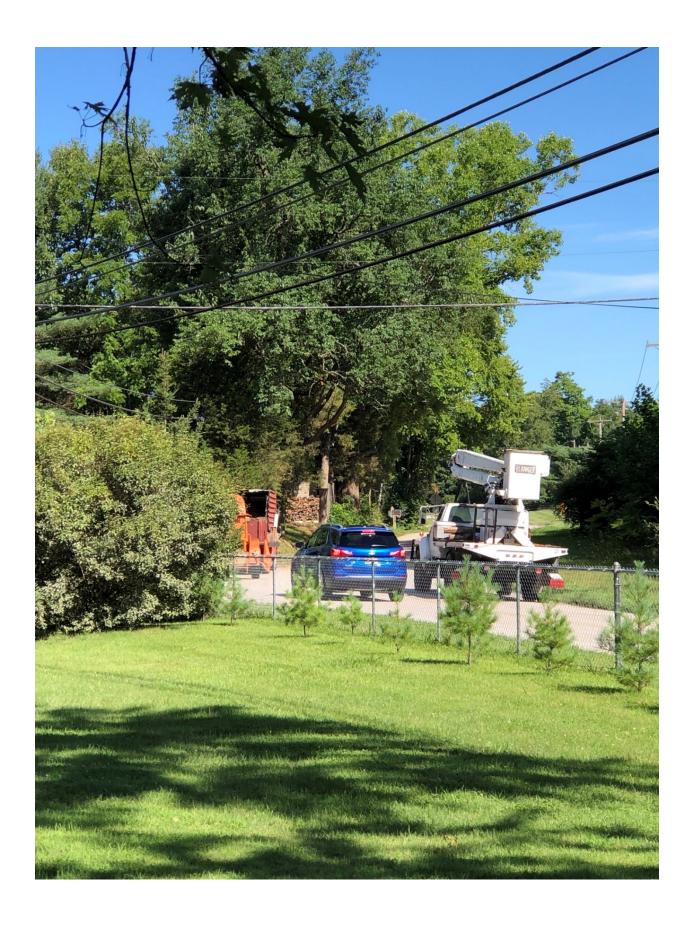


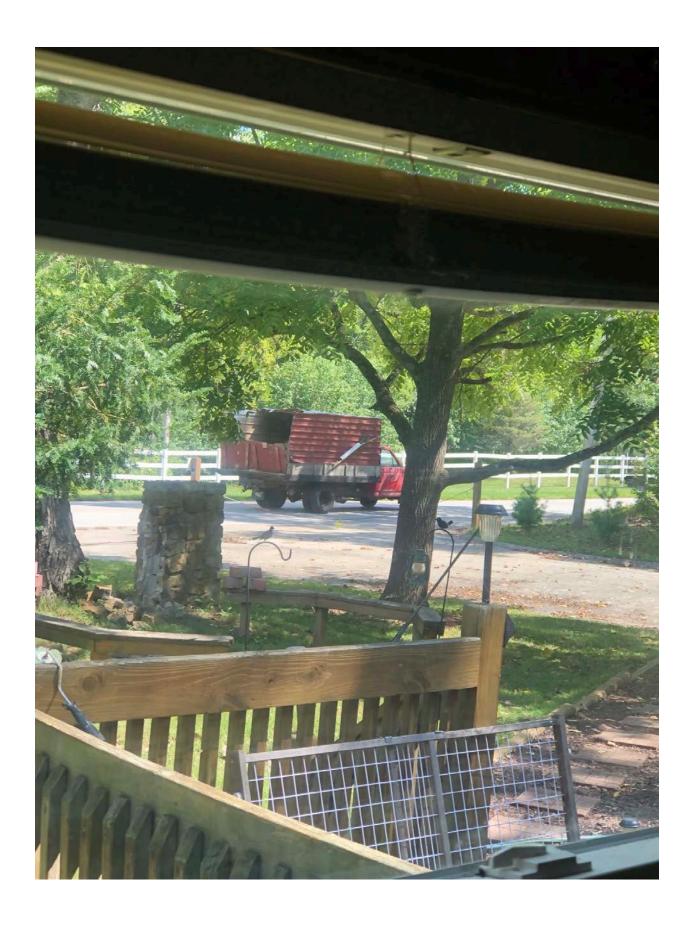


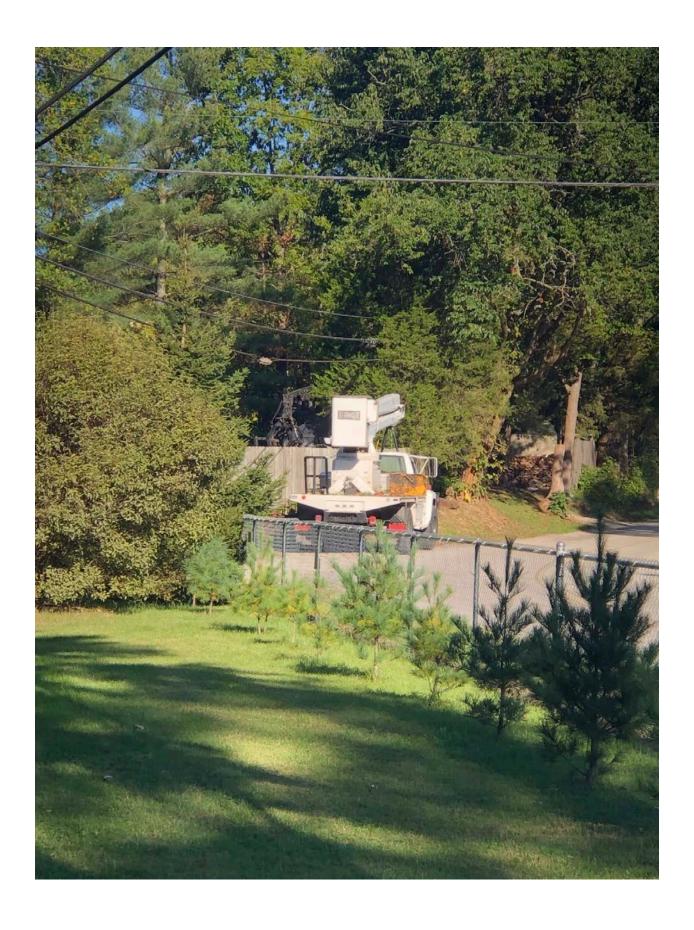




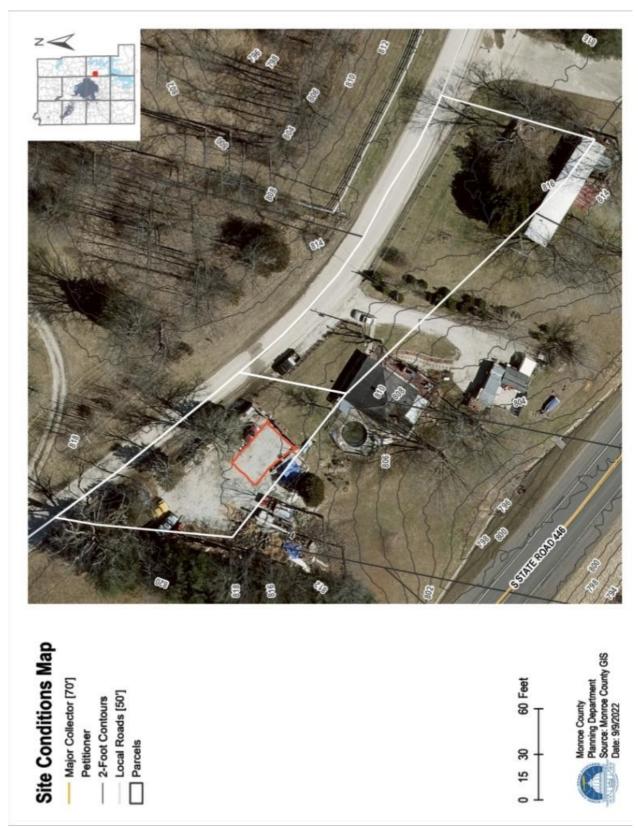








## **EXHIBIT FOUR: Petitioner Site Plan**



The rectangular area is where the two vehicles planned to be located. Note that the property lines are off in this image.

1 =	Agricultural Uses  ▼	(i =	CF -T	(C) =					
2	Accessory Use		Р	53					
3	Accessory Structures for Ag. Use	L	Р						
4	Agriculture	Н	Р	53					
8	AgRelated Industry	H	P	53					
9	Ag. Uses-Land Animal	H	P	22; 53					
10	Ag. Uses-Non Animal	Н	P	22; 53					
11	Agritourism / Agritainment	Н	P	53					
12	Aquaculture	M	P	22; 53					
13	Christmas Tree Farm	Н	P	53					
14	Comm. facilities for the sale, repair, and service of Ag. equip., vehicles, feed, or suppl.	н	С	53	<b>77</b>	Business & Personal Services Accessory Use	(i)	CR P	(C) 13
15	Comm. Non-Farm Animals	M	Р	53	83	Artisan Crafts	М	С	15, 22, 44
17	Equestrian Center	Н	С	53				_	
21	Historic Adaptive Reuse		Р	15; 44	86	Bed and Breakfast	L	Р	8
22	Horse Farm	L	P	53	103	Historic Adaptive Reuse		P	15; 44
23	Nursery/greenhouse	H	P	53	119	Real Estate Sales office Or Model	L	P	9
24	Orchard	Н	P	53	123	Taxidermist	L	P	6
25	Pick-your-own operation	Н	P	53	124	Temporary Seasonal Activity	M	Р	46: 54
26	Roadside farm stand, Permanent	M	P	52			L	P	48
27	Roadside farm stand, Temporary	L	P	51				-	15
29	Winery	Н	P	53			Н	С	
30	Residential Uses	(i)	CR	(C)	129	Veterinary Service (Outdoor)	M	С	10; 15
31	Accessory Apartments	L	Р	26	130	Retail & Wholesale Trade	(i)	CR	(C)
32	Accessory Dwelling Units	L	Р	53; 55	155	Garden Center	H	С	53
33	Accessory Livestock	L	Р	43	163	Historic Adaptive Reuse		Р	15:44
34	Accessory Use		P	5		Automotive & Transportation	(i)	CR	(C)
37	Guest House	L	P						
38	Historic Adaptive Reuse		P	15; 44		Automobile Repair Services, Minor	H	C_	50; 53
39	Home Based Business	L	P	16	199	Historic Adaptive Reuse		P	15; 44
40	Home Occupation	L	P	16	206	Amusement and Recreational	(i)	CR	(C)
43	Residential Storage Structure	L		15	207	Accessory Use		P	13
44	Single Family Dwelling	n/a L	P	1 3:53	209	Camping Facility	Н	Р	27:53
45 46	Temporary Dwelling Two Family Dwelling	n/a	P	3;53	211			Р.	15; 44
17	Public & Semipublic	(i)	CR	(C)				-	-
48	Accessory Use	(1)	P	13	215	Park and Recreational Services	Н	С	14;20
50	Cemetery	н	P	13	216	Private Recreational Facility	Н	С	20
57	Governmental Facility	Н.	Р.	7:40	218	Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park	H	С	53
50	Historic Adaptive Reuse		Р.	15:44	222	Manufacturing, Mining	(i)	CR	(C)
65	Religious Facilities	н	Р.	22	240	General Contractor	M	С	15
56	Remote Garbage/Rubbish Removal	Н.	c c	34	244	Historic Adaptive Reuse		P	15:44
70	Telephone and Telegraph Services	L	P	32		·		-	,
72	Utility Service Facility	M	P	31	268		Н	С	15;22
73	Wastewater Treatment Facility	Н	C	15	279	Wood Products	M	С	7;15
74	Water Treatment Facility	Н	С		280	Adult Oriented Business	(i)	CR	(C)
75	Wired Communication Services	M	Р	32	282	Multi-Use	(i)	CR	(C)

**812-7-8:** All variance approvals shall be considered to be conditional approvals. The Board shall have the authority to impose specific conditions as part of its approval in order to protect the public health, and for reasons of safety, comfort and convenience (e.g., to insure compatibility with surroundings). Variance approval applies to the subject property and may be transferred with ownership of the subject property subject to the provisions and conditions prescribed by or made pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance.

# <u>812-6 Standards for Design Standards Variance Approval:</u> In order to approve an application for a design standards variance, the Board must find that:

- (A) The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community, because:
  - (1) It would not impair the stability of a natural or scenic area;
  - (2) It would not interfere with or make more dangerous, difficult, or costly, the use, installation, or maintenance of existing or planned transportation and utility facilities;
  - (3) The character of the property included in the variance would not be altered in a manner that substantially departs from the characteristics sought to be achieved and maintained within the relevant zoning district. That is, the approval, singularly or in concert with other approvals sought or granted, would not result in a development profile (height, bulk, density, and area) associated with a more intense zoning district and, thus, effectively re-zone the property; and,
  - (4) It would adequately address any other significant public health, safety, and welfare concerns raised during the hearing on the requested variance;
- **(B)** The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, would not affect the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance in a substantially adverse manner, because:
  - (1) The specific purposes of the design standard sought to be varied would be satisfied;
  - (2) It would not promote conditions (on-site or off-site) detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other properties in the area (e.g., the ponding of water, the interference with a sewage disposal system, easement, storm water facility, or natural watercourse, etc.); and,
  - (3) It would adequately address any other significant property use and value concerns raised during the hearing on the requested variance; and,
- (C) The approval, including any conditions or commitments deemed appropriate, is the minimum variance necessary to eliminate practical difficulties in the use of the property, which would otherwise result from a strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.

**NOTE:** The Board must establish favorable findings for ALL THREE criteria in order to legally approve a design standards variance.

### 812-5. Standards for Use Variance Approval: In order to approve a use variance, the Board must find that:

- (A) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community;
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