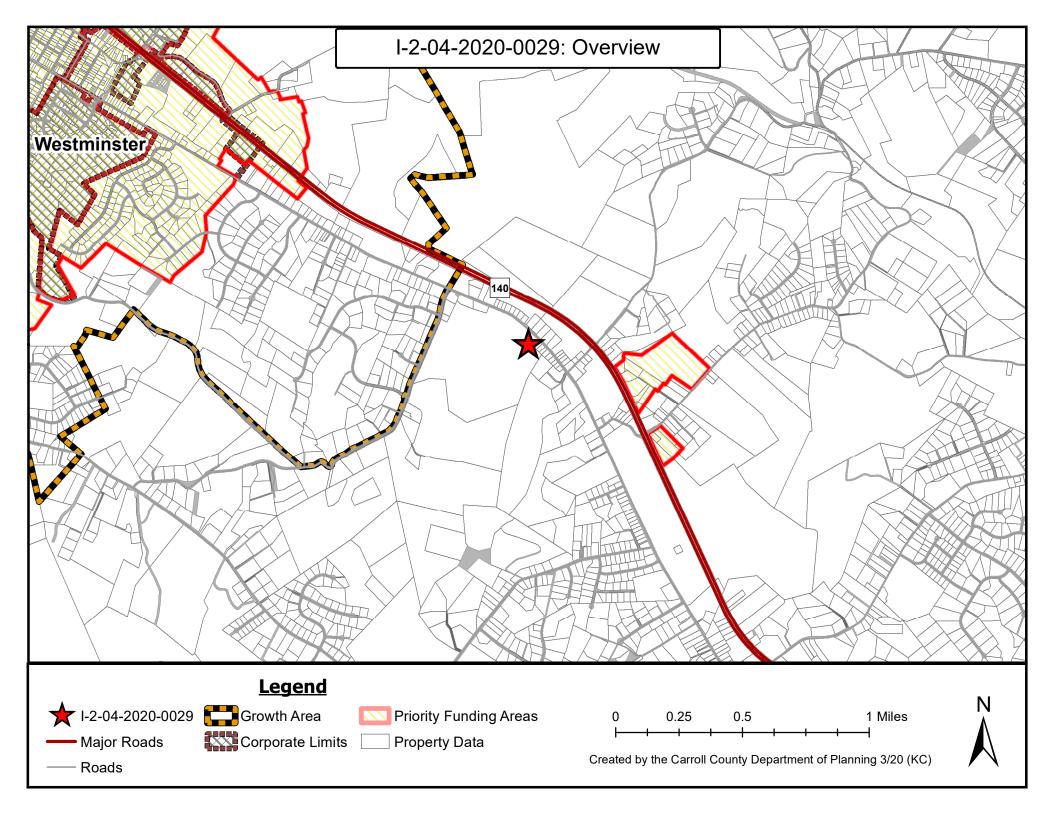
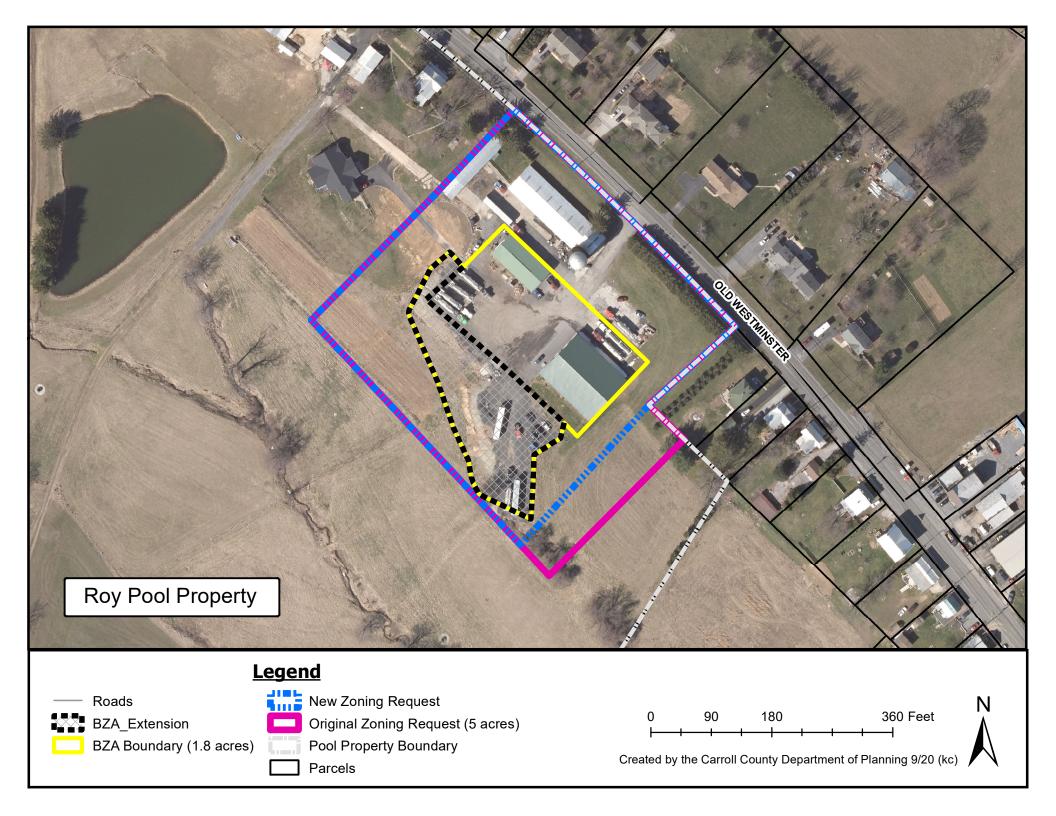
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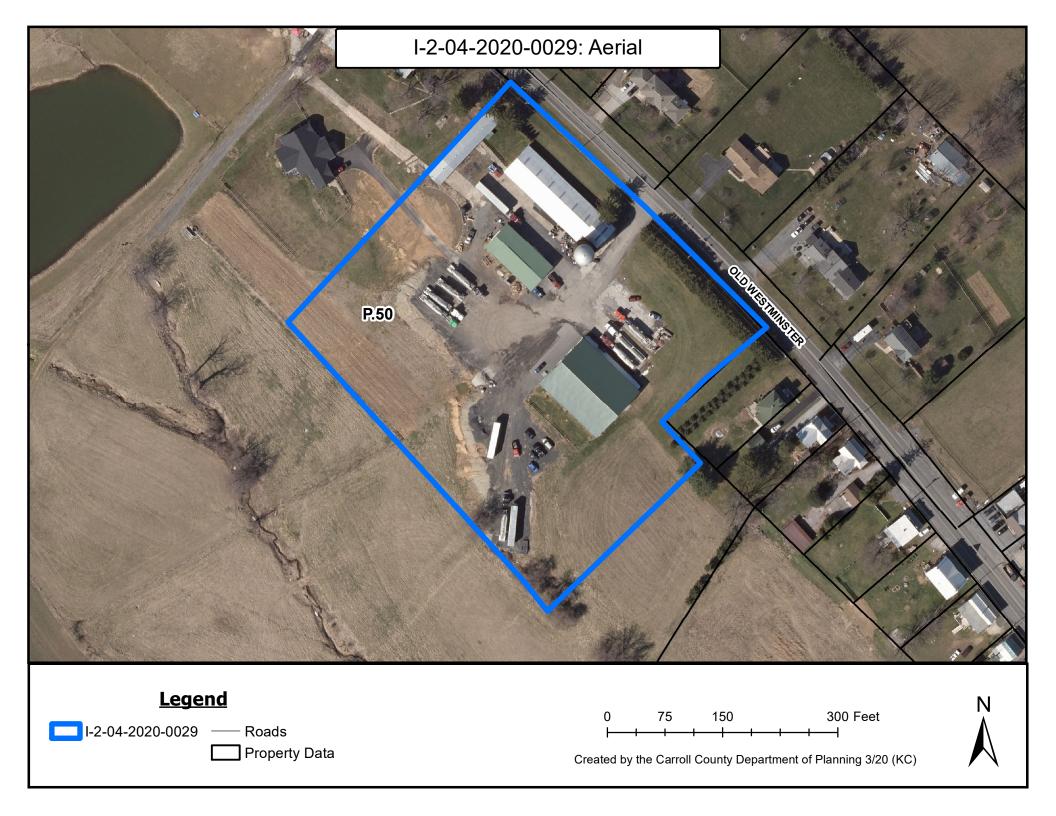
COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & EMPLOYMENT CAMPUS DISTRICTS

12-04-2020-0029









Carroll County Department of Planning Comprehensive Zoning Assessment Report

1. Request

Request # <u>I2-04-2020-0029</u>	Applicant Name	Roy D. Poole
Property Address1545 B Old	Westminster Pike Wes	stminster MD 21157
Current Zoning <u>AG</u>	_Requested Zoning	I-2
2. Description of Property		
Site Address1545 B Old	Westminster Pike	
Commissioner District02	Accou	nt ID:0704002296

Total Acreage of Parcel112	Area to be Rezoned:	4.99 acres
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Improved or Unimproved: ____ Improved_

Current Zoning:	AG	Requested Zoning:	I-2

Current Use: _____Commercial (trucking business) _____

3. Land Use and Zoning Considerations (Please include applicable maps)

Existing Land Uses:

Trucking Business (nonconforming use)

Land Use Plan Designation:¹

Agriculture

Zoning History Summary (see zoning history worksheet)

This property has been in the Ag District since 1965. It is a nonconforming use (trucking business) and has been the subject of several zoning violations and expansion requests before the BZA throughout the years.

¹ Per 2014 Carroll County Master Plan as amended 2019.

Existing Zoning and Land Use in Adjacent Area (See map of the property and the surrounding area):

	Zoning	Land Use
North	AG	AG
South	AG	AG
East	AG	AG
West	R-40,000	Residential

4. Consistency with Master and Functional Plans:

A. Applicable Master Plan Land Use (Such as MGA, Rural Village Designation Etc.)

2014 Carroll County Master Plan as amended 2019 - Not consistent, Future Land Use is Agriculture, defined as "areas (where) ... commercial and industrial uses are limited to agribusiness, agritourism, and those uses intended to serve the agriculture industry or residents of the area, while maintaining the character of the surrounding countryside."

B. Applicable Master Plan Goals and Objectives

Not consistent with the Goal of Agriculture in the 2014 Carroll County Master Plan as amended 2019 "Preserve at least 100,000 acres of agricultural land to support the production of agricultural products and promotion of related agribusiness."

C. Water Service Area and Service

No Planned Service

D. Sewer Service Area Service

No Planned Service

5. Environmental Constraints

Yes, steep slopes. See attachments.

6. Historic Resources Identified

Not on property, but there are 27 historic sites within a one-mile radius of the property.

7. Public Safety Assessment

Reese District, approaching inadequate for Fire and adequate for EMS

8. Ag Preservation and Applicable Preservation Area

No, not in vicinity

9. Assessment Summary

This property has been in use as a trucking company since prior to 1965, although surrounded by Ag and residential properties, as a nonconforming use. In 2018, during a BZA hearing, the applicant stated that he owned about 24 trucks. This property was the subject of a hearing before the BZA in 2018 for expansion, where residential neighbors testified in opposition. While the area requested for the rezoning is limited to 4.99 acres of the entire 112.2453 acres, a portion of the requested property is near a residence. The requested 4.99 acres is beyond the area of expansion of the nonconforming use approved by the BZA in 2018.

The I-2 District, in addition to permitting a trucking facility, is intended to "provide locations for ...activities characterized by heavy manufacturing, refining, processing, or compounding of materials or products predominantly from raw materials. ...The uses associated with this district are intensive and frequently include operations that emit strong odors; loud noises; and some level or volume of dust, vibrations, smoke, soot, vapors, light and pollution...."

This request is not consistent with the FLU designation and the goals and objectives in the 2014 Carroll County Master Plan as amended 2019. It is also not consistent with the surrounding land uses of residential and agricultural, as well as numerous historic sites.

10. Recommendations

Department of Planning Recommendation: (Favorable or Unfavorable)

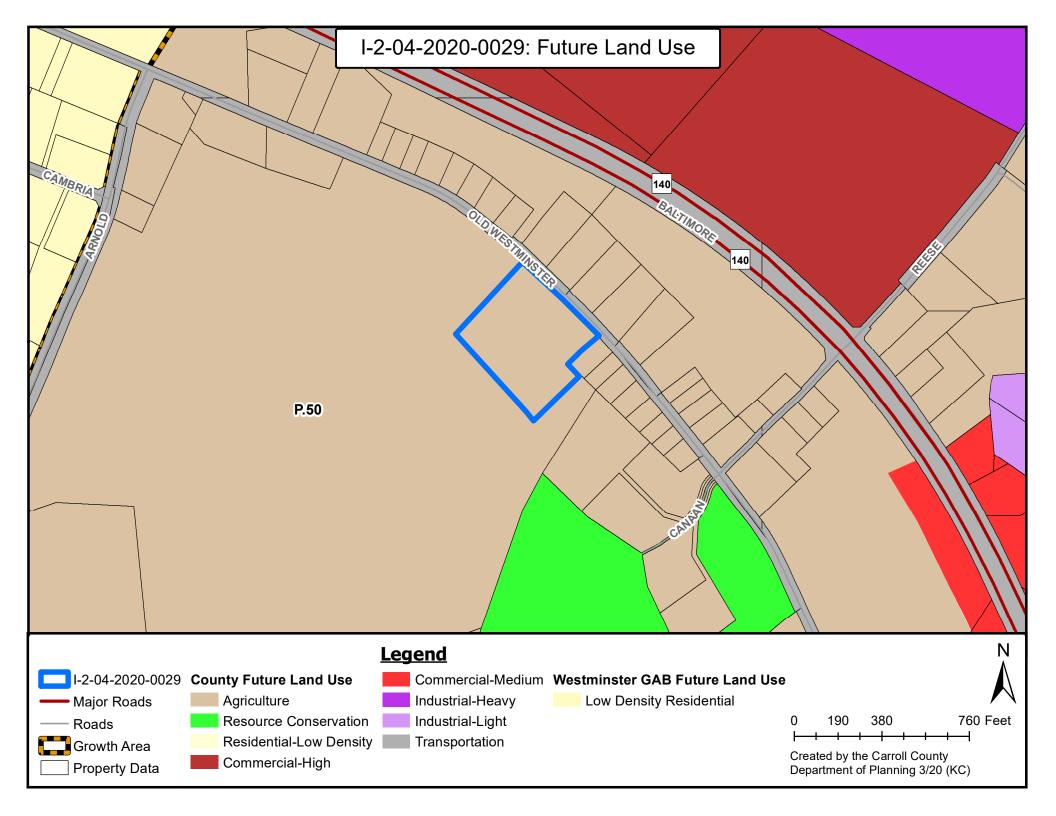
Planning Commission Recommendation: (Favorable or Unfavorable)

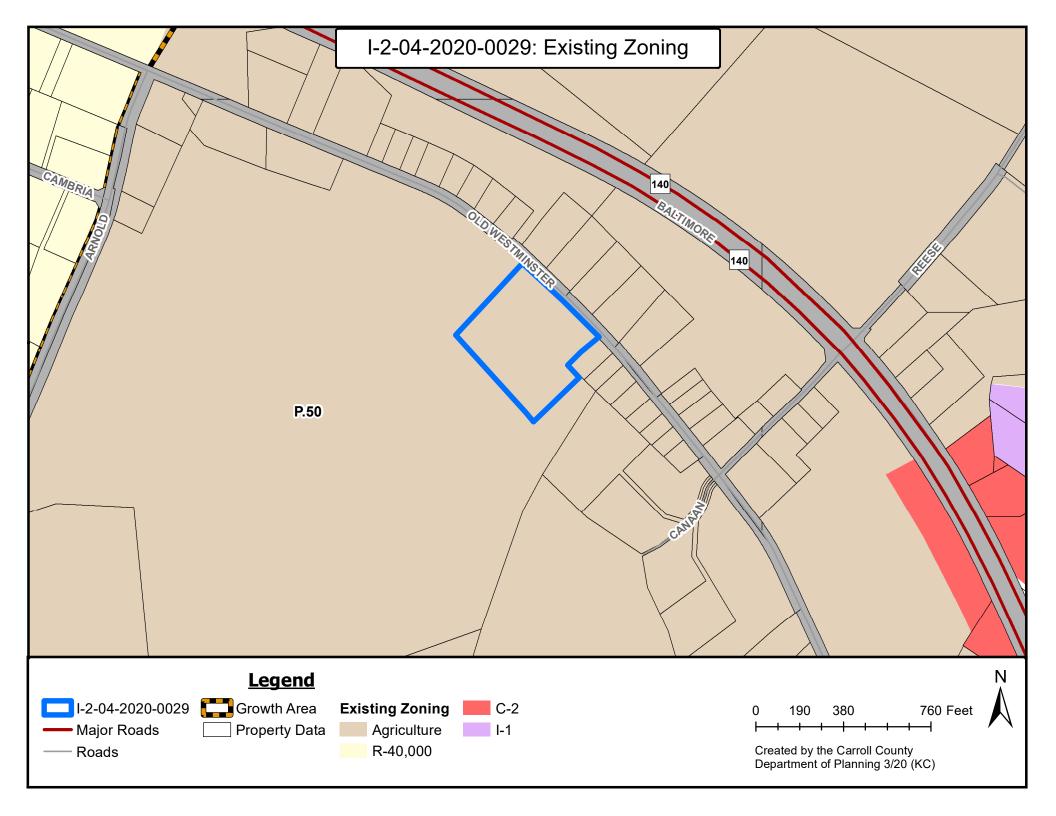
11. Appendixes

See attachments for individual assessments.

Unfavorable. If this property is given a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission, it should only be under certain conditions. The area to be rezoned should only be the area approved by the BZA in the most recent case for expansion of the nonconforming use. A Truck or Motor Freight Terminal", as currently exists as nonconforming, is also permitted by conditional use in the I-1 District. The I-1 district would be more appropriate than the I-2 district on this site, since the other uses permitted in the I-1 District are more compatible with the surrounding area. The remainder of the property should remain in Agricultural zoning. Furthermore, the nonconforming use status of the entire property should cease, since the current use in its current location will be permitted subject to conditional use approval.

Unfavorable





Zoning History

Request # <u>I2-04-2020-0029</u> Applicant Name <u>Roy D. Poole</u>
Property Address <u>1545 B Old Westminster Pike, Westminster, MD 21157</u>
Current Zoning <u>AG</u> Requested Zoning <u>I-2</u>
Previous Zoning Change Requests (if applicable): <u>This property has always been in the</u>
Agricultural District.

ZA/BZA Requests (if applicable): <u>Certification of nonconforming use, (trucking business</u> in the Ag District) was approved on June 4, 2015, for an area approximately 150' by 300'. A complaint was received about the business expanding its operation on the site. In 2018, request was then made for expansion of nonconforming use (trucking business). ZA hearing 1817 held on 11/5/18. ZA hearing resulted in a denial because it was greater than a 50% (70%) expansion, which must be heard by the BZA. A hearing was held by BZA (case 6122), and expansion was approved. The BZA granted an extension of the approval in September 2019, to allow time to get a change of use permit. A change of use permit is required to change Ag building to commercial building. (BP-19-1396)

Zoning Violations (if applicable): <u>ZI-15-049, ZI-16-0058, ZI-18-0198</u>

Comments:

First zoning violation was remedied with a certification of an existing business use. The second was abated for no evidence of the violation. The third violation required BZA expansion of nonconforming use.

Checklist of Environmental Issues

Request # I2-04-2020-0029	Applicant Name Roy D. Poole
Property Address 1545 B Old Westminster	r Pike, Westminster, MD 21157
Current Zoning Ag	Requested Zoning I-2
Watershed Liberty Reservoir	
<u>Yes No</u>	

	\boxtimes	Water Resources Protection Easement
	\boxtimes	100-Year Floodplain on the Property
\boxtimes		Streams
\boxtimes		Wetlands
\boxtimes		Steep Slopes (>25%)
	\boxtimes	Forest Cover (<25% □ 25-50% ⊠ 51-75% □ >75% □ of total parcel)
\boxtimes		Tier II Catchment Area (if yes, Name): Beaver Run 2

If "yes" checked on any of the above, indicate extent of resource on the property below

*Property is split between two parcels, but the front of the larger parcel is the subject of the request.

<u>Floodplain</u>: not on the parcel under consideration

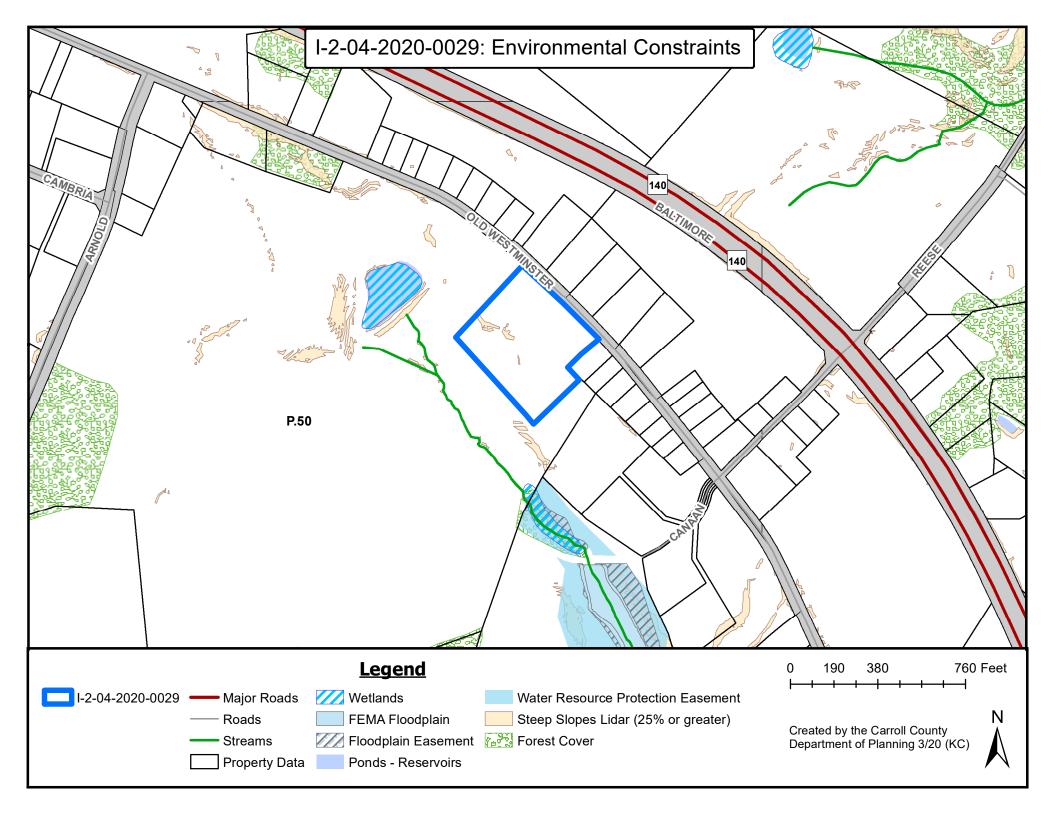
Streams: stream cuts through the larger property closest to MD 140

Wetland: small wetland on the larger property closest to MD 140

<u>Steep Slopes</u>: sporadic steep slopes indicated on the larger property on the front edge of the parcel

Forest Cover: not in the property under consideration.

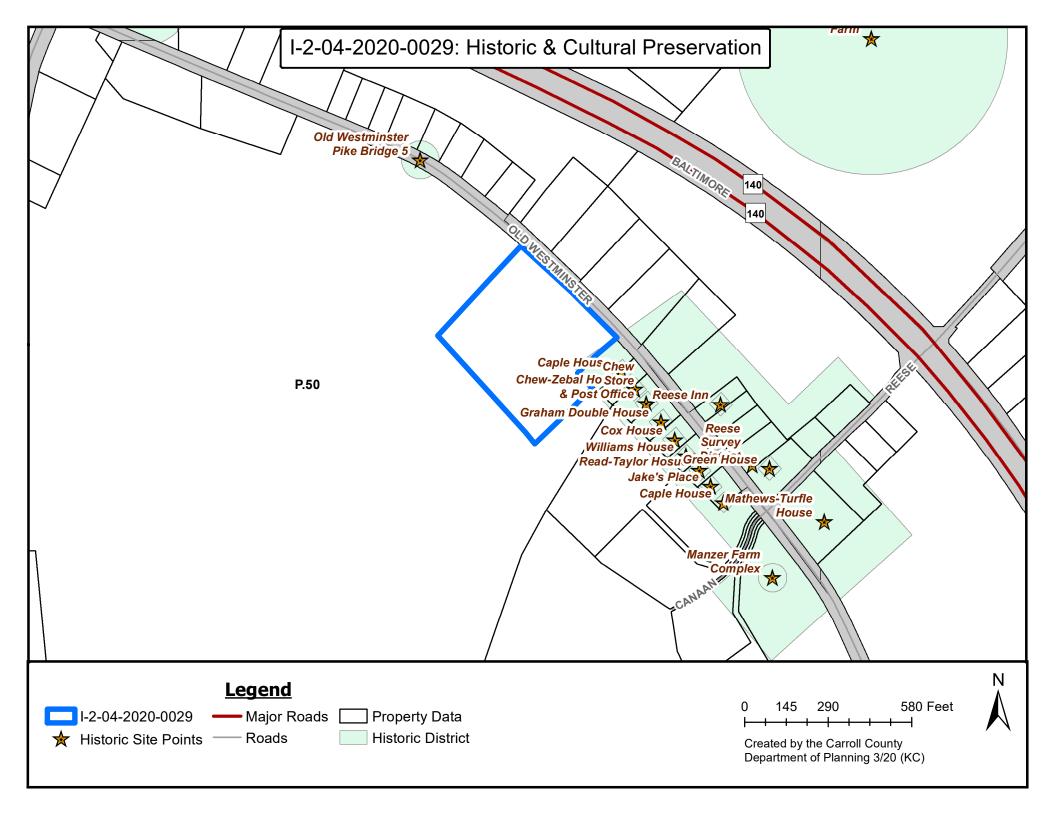
*Percentages are approximate as staff used the latest data from PUB to calculate the areas of environmental issues.



Historic Preservation Checklist

Request # I2-04-2020-0029Applicant Name Roy D PooleProperty Address 1545 B Old Westminster Pike, Westminster, MD 21157Current Zoning AGRequested Zoning I-2Historic Inventory Number N/AComments:

There are NO historic sites <u>on</u> the property, but the property is surrounded by multiple historic sites. Approximately 27 historic sites in a 1-mile radius of the property.



Fire and EMS Assessment

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Property Address 1545 B Old Westminster Pike, Westminster, MD 21157

Current Zoning AG

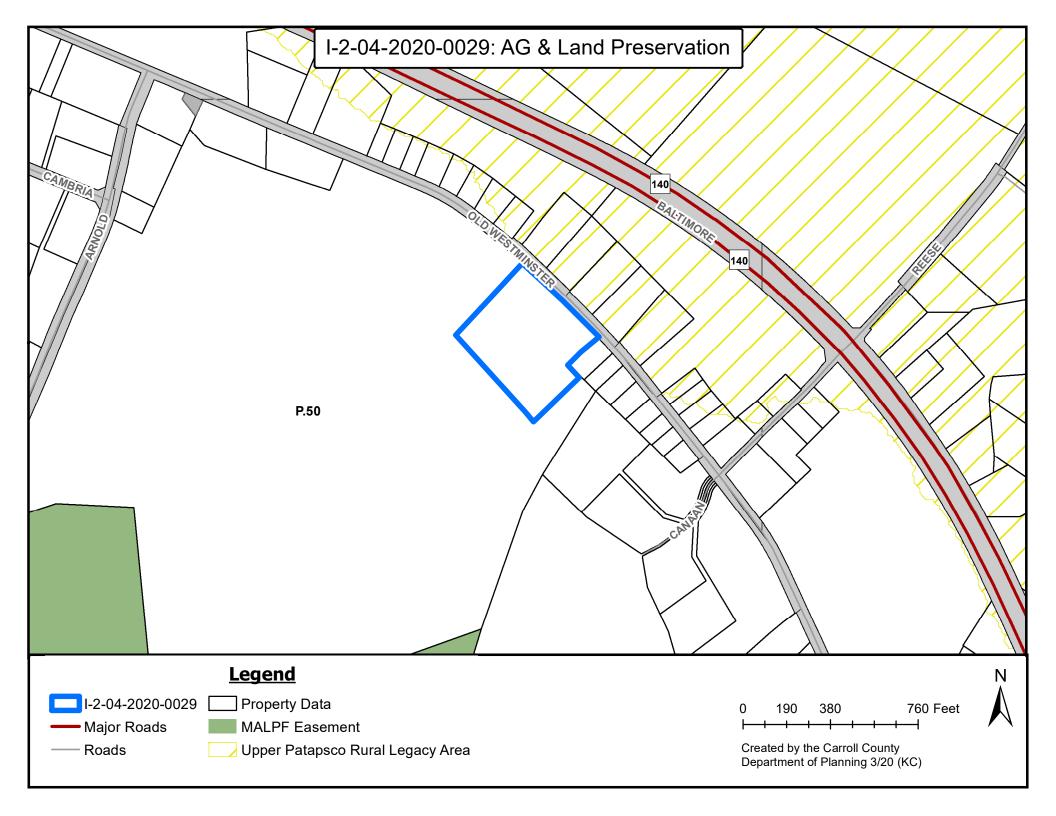
Requested Zoning I-2

Districts:

Fire: Reese	EMS: Central
Adequate (14.13% Late and Failed)	Adequate (.24% Late and Failed)
Adequate (1.09% Failed)	Adequate (.12% Failed)
Approaching Inadequate (9 min. 05 sec.)	Adequate (7 min. 21 sec.)

*Adequacy Rates for Fire and EMS:

	Inadequate	Approaching Inadequate	Adequate
Late and No	Equals or	Equals or exceeds 15%	Less than 15%
Response	exceeds 15%		
Total No	Equals or	Equals or exceeds 4%	Equals or exceeds 4%
Response	exceeds 4% over	over 24 months	over 24 months
	24 months		
Response Time	Exceeds 10	Between 8-10 minutes	8 minutes or less
	minutes		



Transportation Checklist

Request # _ Applicant NameI-2-04-2020-0029
Property Address 1545 B Old Westminster Pike Westminster MD 21157
Current Zoning <u>AG</u> Requested Zoning <u>I-2</u>
Frontage RoadOld Westminster Pike
Most Recent ADT of Frontage Road4,051
Functional Classification of Frontage Road <u>Urban Major Collector</u>
https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/media/1675/fclass-list.pdf
Capital Improvements of Adjacent
Road(s) <u>None</u>
Planned Major Streets on-site or in proximity
<u>No</u>
Sidewalk \Box Yes \boxtimes No
Trails \Box Yes \boxtimes No
Trail Blazer Route or Stop \Box Yes \boxtimes No
Other Comments:
Business with approximately 24 trucks is currently operating on the property.