## **CONCEPT SITE PLAN REPORT**

#### to the

## Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission November 14, 2023

## Prepared by

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SUBJECT: S-20-0005, Condon Property, Amended

LOCATION: 1600 W Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784, C.D. 4

OWNER: John Condon, 3813 Franklinville Rd, New Windsor, MD 21776

DEVELOPER: Dennis Warfield, 1600 W Old Liberty Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784

ENGINEER: DRS and Associates, 52 Winters Street, Westminster, MD 21157

**ZONING:** C-2 (Commerical-Medium)

ACREAGE: 2.827 acres

FIRE DISTRICT: S Branch Patapsco

MASTER PLAN: Commercial-Medium (2014 County Master Plan, 2019 amendment)

**PRIORITY** 

FUNDING AREA: Outside

DESIGNATED

GROWTH AREA: Outside

WATER/SEWER

**DISTRICT:** Outside

#### \* Action Required:

The plan is before the Planning and Zoning Commission per Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County for consideration of a concept site plan. **No action is required.** 

The Planning Commission may consider delegating approval of the final site plan to the Planning Commission Chair.

### **Existing Conditions:**

The subject property is located at 1600 W Old Liberty Rd in the Winfield area, to the east of the intersection of Liberty Rd (MD 26) & Woodbine Rd/Salem Bottom Rd. It is recorded as Lot 1 of the Condon Family Project subdivision from 2008 (plat attached). The property is located within the Commercial-Medium (C-2) zoning district and is in use as an auction house, as approved in a site plan from 2014 (attached). The site is improved with multiple buildings and storage containers within a parking lot which has access to the state road W Old Liberty Rd. A stormwater management pond is located on the eastern side of the site.

The properties to the west and south are also zoned C-2 and are largely developed with commercial uses, including a car dealership, a vehicle repair shop, a restaurant, a self-storage facility, a hardware store, and various other commercial uses. There are dwellings located within this C-2 zoned area, as well as to the north-west and the east of the site in the areas that are zoned Agricultural. The property immediately adjoining the north and east boundaries of the property is in use as a farm and is under a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easement. All properties in this area utilize private wells and septic systems.

#### \* Plan Review:

A site plan was received by the Bureau of Development Review on June 11, 2021, and the plans were distributed for review.

The proposed site plan was subject to citizen's involvement during the August 23, 2021, Technical Review Committee meeting. No written comments were forwarded to the Bureau of Development Review and no citizens made comments during the meeting.

This site plan's purpose is to address new storage buildings that have been added since the previous site plan was approved, thus bringing the property into compliance. The plans show the existing conditions of the property, and no additional new features are proposed.

The original site plan showed the parking lot, the SWM pond, and the building on the southwest side of the site. The changes that have occurred since this original site plan's approval includes a 2,130 square foot portable storage building behind the primary building, 3 fabric arch tent storage buildings to the east of the primary building, and multiple shipping/storage containers. These new features are all shown to be located within the existing parking lot area. As these features are all used for storage, they do not impact the parking requirements for this site, and the parking lot provides the 20 required parking spaces.

There are multiple storage containers on the property, generally located along the edges of the parking lot and behind the primary structure. Section 158.083 of the Zoning Code regulates the use of storage containers by using a ratio to limit the total allowed area for all storage containers on site to 25% of the square footage of the principal structure. It was determined that the storage containers currently present have a total capacity of 2,880 square feet, however the Code standard of 25% would only allow for 1,479 square feet of storage containers based on the primary structure's 5,916 square foot size.

The applicant applied for a variance to allow the percentage to be 50% for this site, which would allow for them to keep all of the existing storage containers. The variance was granted by the Zoning Administrator on January 27, 2023. (decision attached). Following the issuance of this decision, the Zoning office granted approval for the site plan.

Stormwater Management has granted concept and final approval of the plan, as there is no new disturbance associated with these storage buildings, and the stormwater management systems that were established for the initial site plan can adequately address the needs of the current depicted conditions.

The project is exempt from Floodplain and Landscaping requirements, and Forest Conservation was previously addressed. Water Resource Management and Grading have approved the plan.

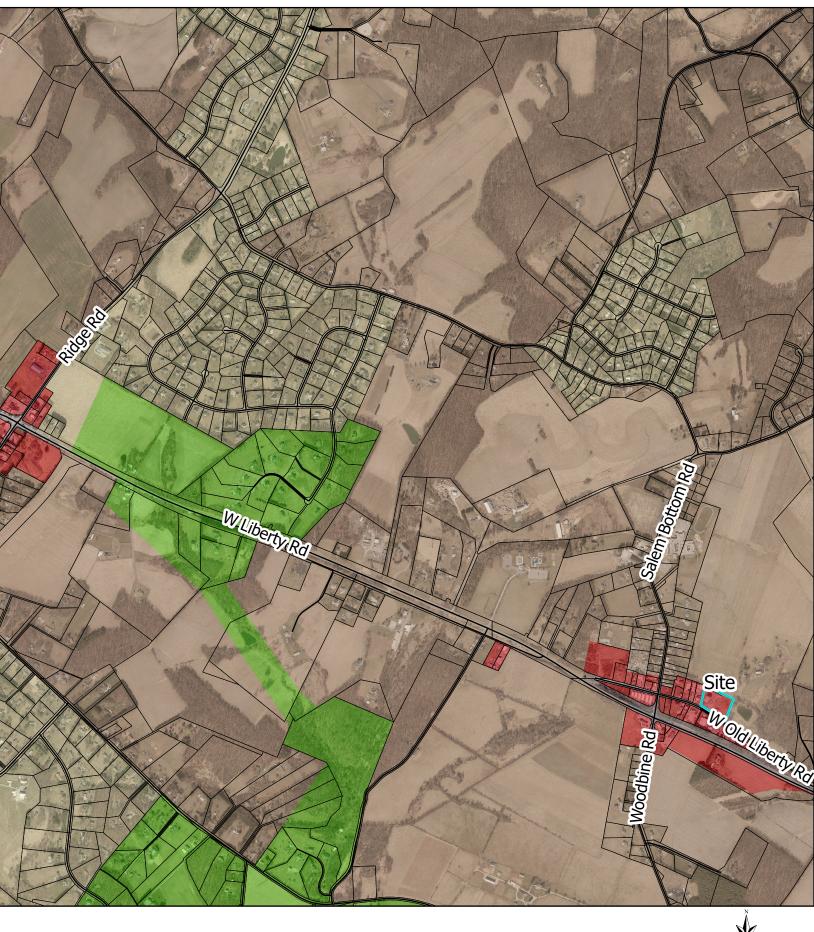
The State Highway Administration and Engineering Review have issued approval, as both the entrance and use are existing.

Fire Protection has asked for verification of the status of 2 adjacent water sources and required clarification for how fire protection requirements will be addressed for this site. Site Compliance has requested that the plans demonstrate that the building entrances are ADA accessible, and that appropriate grading and signage be provided for the proposed accessible parking spaces. Fire Protection and ADA requirements will be addressed through the final review process.

The site is outside the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Utilities, and the Health Department has issued approval of the site plan.

The Bureau of Comprehensive Planning confirmed that the proposed land use is consistent with the land use designation of Village Commercial-Industrial and Commercial Medium in the *Carroll County Master Plan* as amended in 2019, and is also consistent with the Water and Sewer Master Plan classifications of no planned service areas.

The final site plan will be tested and reviewed for adequacy of public facilities in accordance with Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County Maryland.





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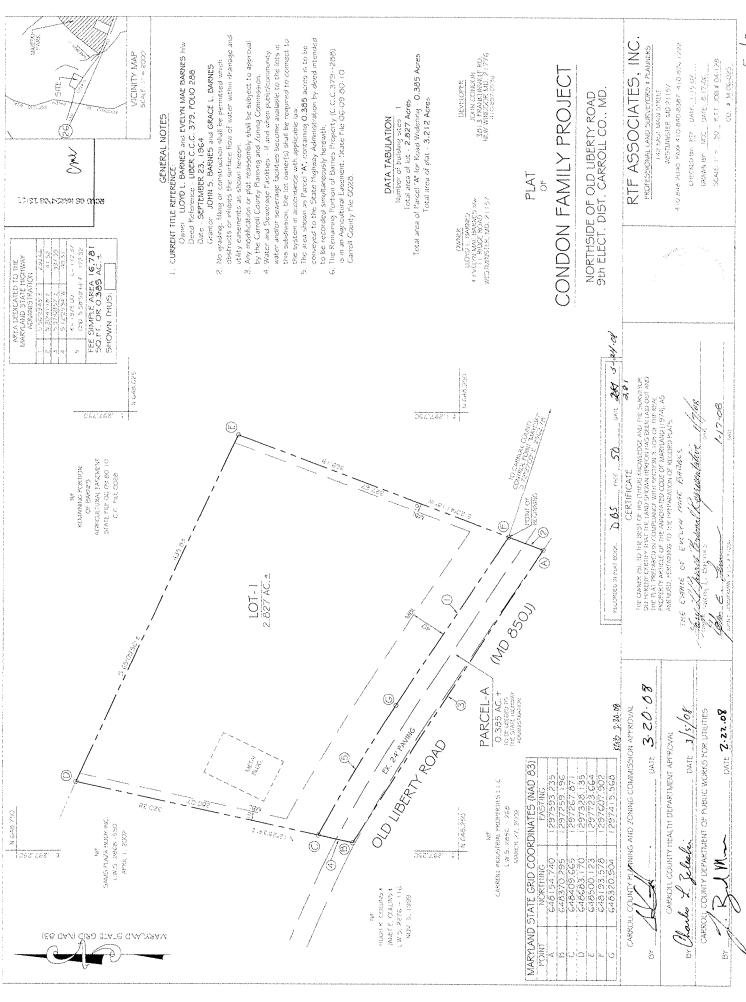
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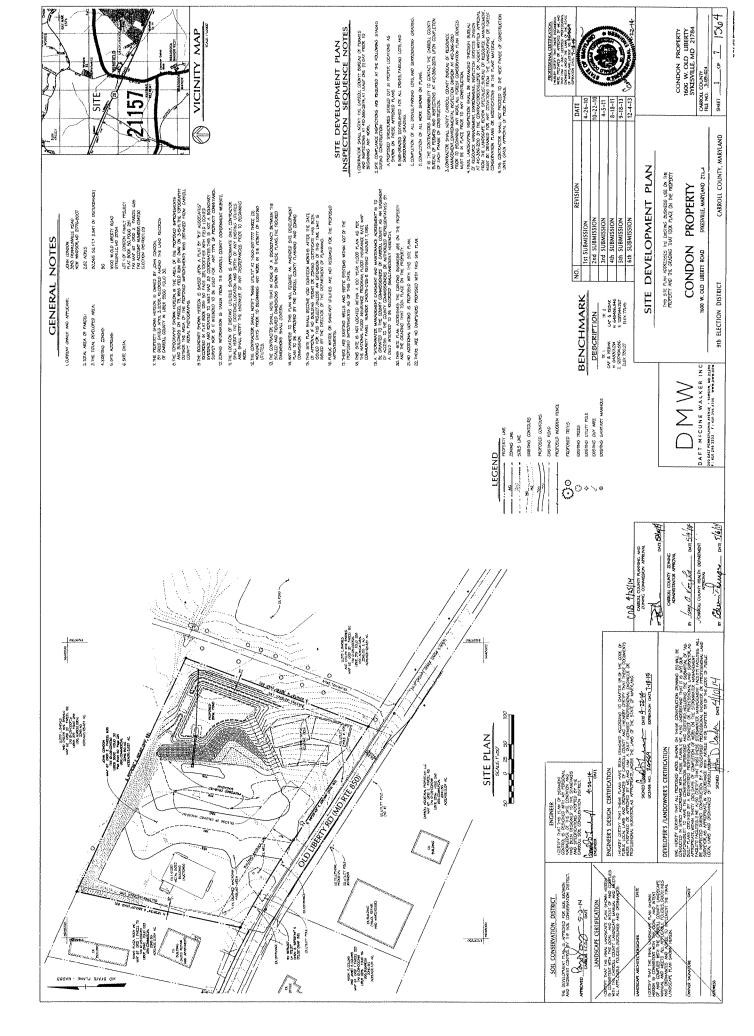


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# Official Decision Case ZA-2083 **Zoning Administration** Carroll County, Maryland

APPLICANT:

Dennis Warfield

REQUEST:

Increase of the maximum allowable storage space from 25% to 50% for

storage containers

LOCATION:

1600 West Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL:

67/02/635

**APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:** Chapters 158.083(A)(1)(b)(5) and 158.130

**HEARING HELD:** 

No Public Hearing Was Requested

# FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The subject application was received, and no public hearing was requested. The Administrative Adjustment Request for an increase of the maximum allowable storage space from 25% to 50% for storage containers is approved based on the determination that there will be no adverse effect on adjoining properties.

Facts which support the determination for the Administrative Adjustment Request in accordance with the strict terms of the Ordinance; in this case, an increase of the maximum allowable storage space from 25% to 50% for storage containers are as follows:

- a. The storage containers are an accessory use to the Wachter Auctions House/Warehouse (Condon Property) and are in the C-2 Commercial Medium Intensity Zoning District.
- b. The property is approximately 2.82 acres of land.
- c. The property was properly posted, notice to neighbors provided, and an announcement placed on the County website per §158.130(G)(1).
- d. The following review agencies: Bureau of Development Review, Bureau of Resource Management, Carroll County Health Department, and Department of Planning were requested to review the application from which no comments were received.
- e. The amended site plan S-20-0005 for Wachter Auctions House/Warehouse was submitted to comply with the Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances after the violation had occurred on the property.
- f. After the review of the amended site plan, it was determined that the property is also in violation of the  $\S158.083$  (A)(1)(b)(5).

- g. According to §158.083 Commercial and Industrial Districts: Regulation of Accessory Uses. (A) (1) Accessory uses in the commercial districts shall be as follows:
  - (b) Storage modules subject to the following standards:
  - 1. The exterior surface shall be painted and kept in good repair;
  - 2. The storage module shall be vented as needed for safety purposes;
  - 3. The storage module shall be screened from the adjacent roadway;
  - 4. Storage modules shall not be stacked; and
  - 5. The number of storage modules shall be determined by the Zoning Administrator but shall not exceed 25% of the area of the principal structure.
- h. The amended site plan S-20-0005 showed a total of 5,916 sq. ft. for the principal structure which would allow a maximum of 1,479 sq. ft (25%) of the storage space for the storage containers. However, the capacity of the storage containers at the property is 2,880 sq. ft.
- i. The applicant is requesting to increase the 25% of the storage space to up to 50% for the storage containers.
- j. Due to the pandemic that occurred in 2020, the mortality rate went up, and public auctions for the estate property were closed to the public. The applicant had to utilize more space to store the estate property until public auctions could reopen, therefore, the necessity to increase the number of storage containers on the property.
- k. The proposed request for an increase of the maximum allowable storage space from 25% to 50% for the storage containers will not jeopardize the lives or property of the people living in the neighborhood.

Note: An appeal of a Decision made pursuant to Chapter 158.130 (l) may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision in accordance with Chapter 158.130 (G) and 158.130 (l) of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Chapter 158.130 is final and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

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