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Andrew Bradshaw Project Manager, JBA Inc. 205 North Frederick Ave, Suite 100 Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Re: Forest Conservation Law Applicability

5501 Southwick Street, Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Mr. Bradshaw,

Montgomery Planning Staff has reviewed your request to submit an existing conditions plan for a Forest Conservation Plan Exemption (FCPE) at 5501 Southwick Street in Bethesda. This FCPE was a Planning Department requirement of a conditional use application to increase the number of residents at the care facility on site from 8 to 10.

As evidenced by the attached existing conditions plan, no land disturbance is associated with this conditional use application. The subject property has a lot size of 21,586 square feet.

According to section 22A-4(b) of the Montgomery County Code, Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law applies to: "a person required by law to obtain approval of a special exception or a conditional use, or a sediment control permit on a tract of land 40,000 square feet or larger, and who is not otherwise required to obtain an approval under subsection (a)." As the lot size of the subject property falls under this 40,000 square feet threshold, we find that the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law does not apply to this project. Therefore, the submission of an approved Natural Resources Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation and approved Forest Conservation Plan will not be required for the conditional use application.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 240-928-0225 or via email at <a href="mailto:Domenic.Bello@montgomeryplanning.org">Domenic.Bello@montgomeryplanning.org</a> should you have any questions or concerns.

Exhibit 15(a) OZAH Case No: CU 24-19

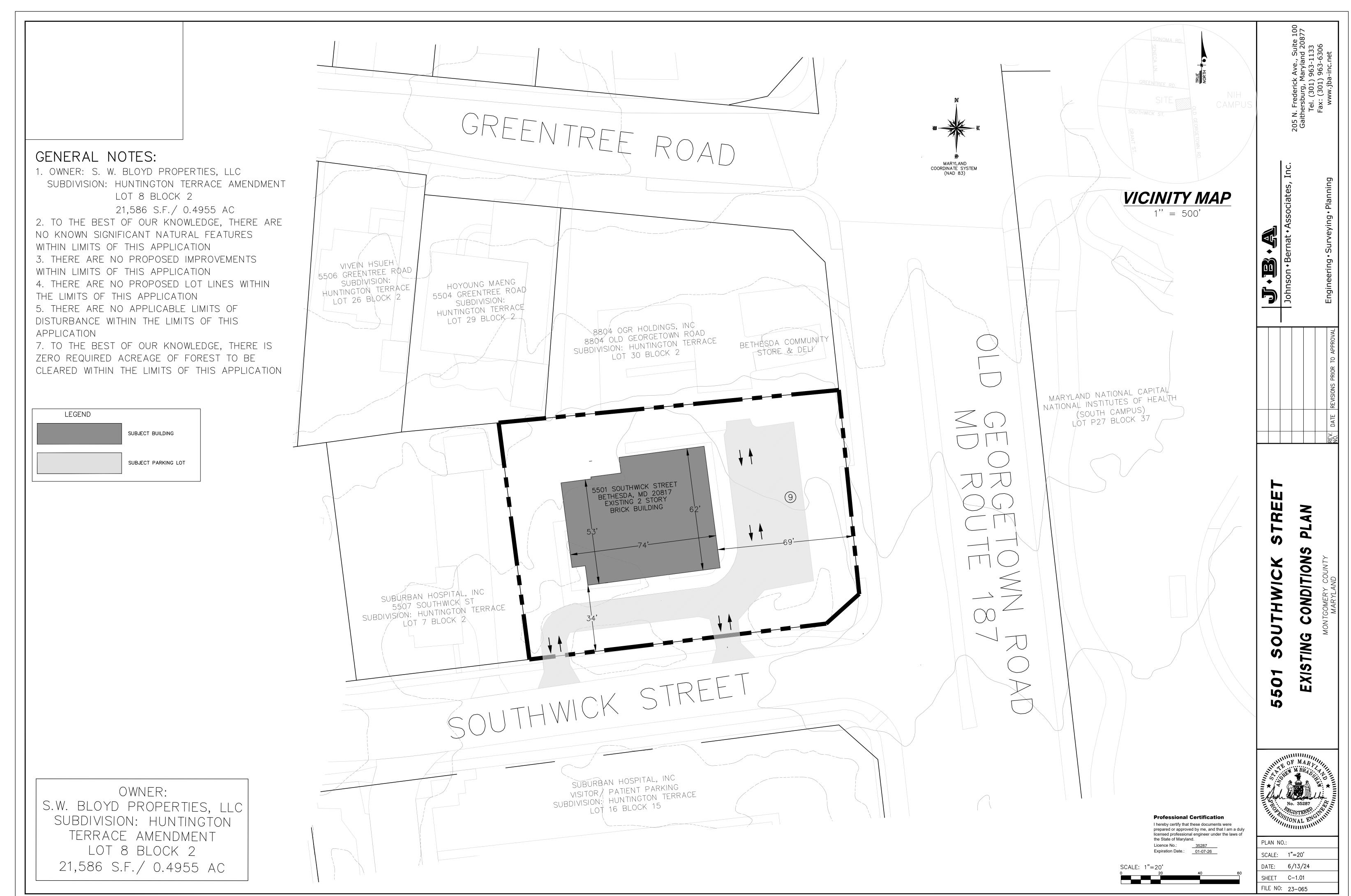
## Sincerely,

Domenic Bello

Forest Conservation Inspector

Intake and Regulatory Coordination Division

Montgomery County Planning Department



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