

From: [Wims, Greg](#)
To: [Willis, Eric](#)
Subject: Re: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:01:13 PM

Hello Eric, I did not write any correspondence. I made the announcement at our Upcounty Advisory Board meeting Monday night. The Board represents 325,00 Upcounty residents. I also reached out to the Germantown Historical Society. They said they are communicating with your office. Thanks

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From: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:56:05 PM
To: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: RE: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Good afternoon Greg – can you cc me on any email correspondence you have regarding the public hearing notices?

Thanks,
Eric

From: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Thank you!

From: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 4:01 PM
To: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Fw: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Resending as requested . . . thanks for your help in getting the word out.

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From: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 1:42 PM
To: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Good afternoon Greg,

I am following up on the below emails. The public hearing for the requested abandonment of County right of way adjacent to Walter Johnson Drive in Germantown is scheduled for February 16th at 2:00 p.m. The abandonment is being sought in connection with the proposed development of a Lidl grocery store on the adjacent property to the east. Attached is an aerial photo of the general area with the area being sought for abandonment circled in red.

Also attached is a Notice of the hearing. Scanning the QR code on the notice will take you to a form to register to attend and/ or speak at the hearing. If you could forward the Notice to civic or other associations in the vicinity who may have an interest in the hearing, that would be very helpful. Alternatively, you could provide me with contact information for such associations and I will send them the Notice of the hearing.

Thanks for your help. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Eric

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From: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:48 AM
To: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Good morning Greg,

I'm afraid this email slipped through the cracks. Are you available to talk today?

Thanks,

Eric

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From: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:25 PM

To: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Subject: Re: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Hello Eric, as the UpCounty Regional Director I will help inform the community. Can you call me tomorrow afternoon. My number: 240-777-8040. Thanks

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From: Willis, Eric <Eric.Willis@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:24:35 PM

To: Wims, Greg <Greg.Wims@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Subject: Right of Way abandonment - AB 779

Hello Greg,

By way of introduction, my name is Eric Willis and I am the Chief of the Property Acquisition Section in MCDOT. My section is responsible for administering requests to abandon County rights of way. One of our active abandonment cases concerns a piece of County right of way located adjacent to Walter Johnson Drive in Germantown (see attached aerial photo). The applicant for the requested abandonment is Lidl, LLC and the request is being made in connection with Lidl's proposed development of property adjacent to the right of way. A virtual hearing on the requested abandonment has been scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 2:00. This is a postponement of the original hearing date, which was December 15, 2021.

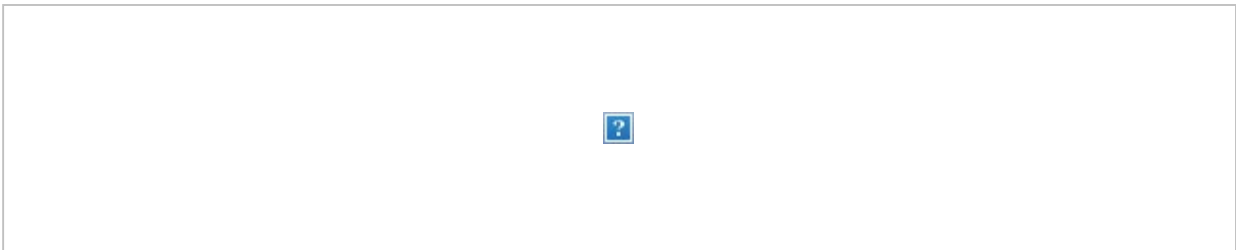
As part of our abandonment process, we need to provide notice of the public hearing to the surrounding community. We do this in a couple of ways: 1) we post a sign at the location of the property to be abandoned; 2) we publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation; and 3) we notify community/civic associations in close proximity to the right of way. I am looking to get your help with #3.

Do you have contact information for community/civic associations in close proximity to the subject right of way or for anyone else who may have an interest in the upcoming hearing?

Thanks for your attention to this – please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Eric

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