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Subject: Re: Question about abandonment - Kentbury Drive
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Hello Ms. Farber,

Thanks for your interest in this abandonment case. I think it may be helpful to first provide a little background about how the abandonment of right of way works.

A lot of the streets and roads in Montgomery County were dedicated to public use as part of a larger subdivision of land. These dedicated streets and roads then became part of the County right of way network. In some cases (like Kentbury Drive), the roads were not actually built but the land remains designated as public right of way. That right of way can be abandoned upon a determination that the land is no longer needed for a present or anticipated future public use. When that occurs and an abandonment request is approved, the right of way designation is lifted from the land and the land reverts to the adjacent property owners, each side getting to the centerline of the right of way.

As it related to Kentbury Drive, there was a previous request brought by the property owners on the west side of the Kentbury Drive right of way to abandon the 1/2 of the right of way located adjacent to their property, i.e. from the property line to the centerline of the right of way. That abandonment request was approved a couple of years ago. The owners have 5 years to record a new subdivision plat incorporating that land into their property.

The present case is being brought by the property owners on the east side of the right of way. They are seeking to have the remaining 1/2 of the right of way abandoned and ultimately incorporated into their property.

Because the right of way was dedicated to the County at no cost, there is no compensation to be paid upon the approval of the abandonment request. There is an administrative fee associated with filing the request and other costs related to preparing and recording a new subdivision plat.

I hope this helps answer your questions.

Best,

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon -

There is an abandonment proposed in the East Bethesda neighborhood near 8213 Kentbury Drive (close to where Kentbury Drive becomes Chestnut Street). Our neighborhood association has received some questions about it from residents and you are listed as the contact person.

Here are some questions that have been raised:

- was part of that ROW previously abandoned (it appears there may have been a previous abandonment a couple years ago?
 - if so, how much of the property was previously abandoned?
 - if so, how much was the County paid for the property?
- how much of the current County property/ROW is being requested for abandonment now?
- how much would the County would be paid for this transaction?
- if abandoned, can the property be subdivided and potentially sold and/or built on?

Thank you,

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