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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

February 15, 2024

Christopher Conklin Director of Transportation Department of Transportation 101 Monroe Street, 10th floor, Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Conklin,

As the owners of 6401 Broad Street in the Brookmont neighborhood of Bethesda (Plat# 23326, Lot 120), we write pursuant to Sections 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code to request that the Department of Transportation formally abandon a portion of the unimproved section of the Broad Street right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to our property, as identified and described in the accompanying survey, revised deed description, and other supporting documents.

The section of the ROW subject to this abandonment application is an approximately 4,500 square-foot area of raised, unimproved, privately-landscaped land that abuts the front side of our property. As an unimproved segment, this parcel of land is not maintained by the County, and to the best of our knowledge has never been so maintained. As a result, as the owners of the adjoining Lot 120 since January 2017, we have been left to maintain this section of the ROW at significant private expense and effort for over 7 years, in order to keep it safe, tidy, and free of debris, and to protect and safely access our property. It is our understanding that the original owner did the same since at least 2007, meaning that the land in question has been privately cared for and privately maintained for over 17 years. Under the circumstances, we are requesting that the County now officially abandon the parcel, so that we may purchase it, annex it to Lot 120, and continue to maintain it.

The abandonment and subsequent annexation of this small section of the ROW to Lot 120 is in the public interest, because it will ensure that the land continues to be maintained for safety at our private expense, and the proceeds from the sale will benefit the County. Moreover, this segment of the land is not, and will never be, suitable to be used as an extension of Broad Street or as any other ROW, because it terminates with a steep forested ravine that cannot support a road or path, and that is designated as conservation land (Category I Conservation Esmt-L/F 13178-412).

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For additional details in support of this application, we direct your attention to the attached documents, which again include the relevant survey, plat, revised proposed deed, photographs, and certain historical documents. We also include the required application fee. We very much appreciate the County's timely consideration of this application, and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Corey A. Salsberg
Sandra L. Salsberg

PARCEL DESCRIPTION

6401 Broad Street (Lot 120) Adjacent Transportation/Street Right of Way Area to be added to Plat by Deed Bethesda, MD 20816

Montgomery County, Maryland

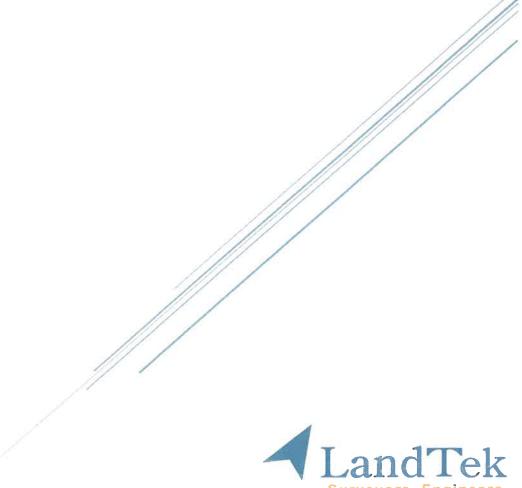




EXHIBIT "A"

