

1 **Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of Henrico**  
2 **County held in the County Administration Building in the Government Center at**  
3 **Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12,**  
4 **2023. Display Notice having been published in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* on**  
5 **December 26, 2022, and January 2, 2023.**  
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8 **Members Present:** Mr. Robert H. Witte, Jr., Chairperson (Brookland)  
9 Mr. Gregory R. Baka, Vice Chair (Tuckahoe)  
10 Mrs. Melissa L. Thornton, (Three Chopt)  
11 Mr. C. W. Archer, C.P.C. (Fairfield)  
12 Mr. William M. Mackey, Jr., (Varina)  
13 Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., AICP, Director of Planning  
14 Secretary  
15 Mr. Thomas M. Branin (Three Chopt)  
16 Board of Supervisors Representative  
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18 **Also Present:** Ms. Jean Moore, Assistant Director  
19 Mr. Ben Sehl, Senior Principal Planner  
20 Mr. Livingston Lewis, County Planner  
21 Mr. Michael Morris, County Planner  
22 Mr. Brendan McDowell, County Planner  
23 Ms. Molly Mallow, County Planner  
24 Ms. Christina Goggin, AICP, County Planner  
25 Mr. Todd Rigler, County Planner  
26 Mr. Justin Briggs, Henrico County Public Schools \*  
27 Mr. John Cejka, County Traffic Engineer \*  
28 Mr. Billy Moffett, Police \*  
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32 **Mr. Thomas M. Branin, the Board of Supervisors' representative, abstains on all**  
33 **cases unless otherwise noted.**  
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35 Mrs. Thornton - Good evening, I would like to call to order the January 12,  
36 2023, Zoning, Planning Commission meeting. Thank you for joining us this evening. If  
37 you could silence your phones or put them on vibrate and please stand with the  
38 Commission for the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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40 [Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance]  
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42 Mrs. Thornton - I'd like to take this time to welcome any media that might be  
43 in the audience or on the Web. It appears that we have all of our Commissioners here  
44 this evening and we also have a special appearance from our Board of Supervisors. Mr.  
45 Branin will be sitting with us this year. So, welcome. We're excited to have you. So, I just  
46 wanted to let you know that he abstains from all voting on all the cases, but he can make  
47 comments. With that, I'll turn the meeting over to our Secretary, Mr. Emerson.

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49 Mr. Emerson - Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to join with the Chair  
50 and welcome everyone to the Henrico County Planning Commission meeting this evening  
51 for January 12. This evening it is requested that all public comments be provided from the  
52 lectern that's located in the rear of the room. For everyone who's watching the livestream  
53 on the county website, you can participate remotely in the public hearings by following  
54 these guidelines. Go to the Planning Department's meeting webpage at  
55 [henrico.us/planning/meetings](http://henrico.us/planning/meetings). Scroll down under Planning Commission and click on  
56 Webex Event. Once you have joined the Webex Event, please click the chat button in  
57 the bottom-right corner of your screen. Staff will send a message asking if anyone would  
58 like to sign up to speak on an upcoming case. To respond, please select Molly Mallow  
59 from the drop-down menu and send her a message. She will get you placed in the queue  
60 to speak. The Commission does have guidelines for its public hearings. The applicant is  
61 allowed 10 minutes to present the request and time may be reserved for responses to  
62 testimony. The opposition is allowed a cumulative 10 minutes to present its concerns.  
63 What that means is that everyone who wishes to speak must be included in the overall  
64 10-minute allowance. Commission questions do not count into the time limits. The  
65 Commission may waive the time limits at its discretion. Comments must be directly related  
66 to the case under consideration. Commenters must provide their name and address prior  
67 to speaking and that is because we do keep verbatim minutes of the Planning  
68 Commission meetings and we do like to have everybody's name and address for the  
69 record. Thank you again for your interest in your community and your participation this  
70 evening.

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72 With that said Madam Chair the first item on the agenda this evening are the requests for  
73 withdrawals and deferrals, and we do have one deferral request that was late-breaking  
74 and that will be presented by Mr. Ben Sehl.

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76 Mr. Sehl - Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. Staff  
77 is aware of one deferral request this evening. It's on Page 5 of your agenda in the Fairfield  
78 District. It is REZ2022-00036 Sauer Properties, Inc.

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80 **REZ2022-00036 Sauer Properties, Inc.:** Request to conditionally rezone from O-3C  
81 Office District (Conditional), B-3C Business District (Conditional), and M-2C General  
82 Industrial District (Conditional) to CMUC Community Mixed-Use District (Conditional)  
83 (60.35 acres) and M-2C General Industrial District (Conditional) (33.05 acres) Parcels  
84 784-766-7690, 785-769-6656, 786-768-8517 and part of 784-767-4440 containing 93.4  
85 acres located on the west line of Jeb Stuart Parkway at the intersection of Telegraph  
86 Road, the east line of Jeb Stuart Parkway between Virginia Center Parkway and  
87 Telegraph Road, and the south line of Virginia Center Parkway west of its intersection  
88 with Battlefield Road. The applicant proposes a community mixed-use development and  
89 industrial uses. The CMU District allows a minimum gross density of 10 units per acre  
90 and a maximum gross density of 40 units per acre. The uses will be controlled by zoning  
91 ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan  
92 recommends Office/Service, Office, Commercial Arterial, and Environmental Protection  
93 Area.

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95 The applicant is requesting a deferral to your February 9, 2023, meeting.  
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97 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, is there anybody in the audience or on Webex that is  
98 opposed to the deferral of REZ2022-00036, Sauer Properties, Inc.?  
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100 Mr. Morris - There is no one on Webex for this case.  
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102 Mrs. Thornton - Thank you.  
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104 Mr. Archer - Alright, Madam Chair, there being no opposition I move that  
105 REZ2022-00036, Sauer Properties, Inc., be deferred to the February 9 meeting at the  
106 request of the applicant.  
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108 Mr. Baka - Second.  
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110 Mrs. Thornton - We have a motion by Mr. Archer, a second by Mr. Baka. All in  
111 favor say aye.  
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113 Commission - Aye.  
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115 Mrs. Thornton - Any opposed? Motion passes.  
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117 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, the next item on the agenda are the requests for  
118 expedited items, and there are none this evening. Moving on to the next item, the  
119 Commission is in its annual reorganization meeting this evening. And, of course, the  
120 election of Chairman and Vice Chairman are on the agenda. Madam Chair, I would like to  
121 thank you for all your hard work this past year and it's been a pleasure working with you.  
122 From myself and staff, thank you very much for your cooperation and help over this year.  
123 And, with that said Madam Chair the Commission will vote on the slate of officers that were  
124 nominated at the December 15, 2022 meeting for the 2023 calendar year. Those were, Mr.  
125 Bob Witte of the Brookland District for Chairman and Mr. Greg Baka of the Tuckahoe  
126 District for Vice Chairman.  
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128 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, thank you Mr. Secretary. Is there a motion to approve  
129 the slate of officers for 2023?  
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131 Mr. Mackey - So moved.  
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133 Mr. Archer - Second.  
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135 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Mackey, and a second by Mr.  
136 Archer. All in favor say aye.  
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138 Commission - Aye.  
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140 Mrs. Thornton - Any opposed? Motion passes. Congrats to Mr. Witte and Mr.  
141 Baka. Thank you so much. I'll just pass it on over.

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143 Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair as we discussed this evening the easiest way, I  
144 think for the transition is to just pass the gavel as you just did, and we'll rearrange the seats  
145 for the February meeting.

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147 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, great. Thank you.

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149 Mr. Archer - Madam Chair, on behalf of the Commission, members that are  
150 left here. I too would like to thank you for your leadership during 2022. We couldn't have  
151 been any better than you were, and we were pretty good so you must have been special.

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153 Mrs. Thornton - Well, thank you. It was a pleasure and you surely helped me  
154 and I learned a lot being my first time, so I appreciate all of your wisdom and knowledge  
155 and help through 2022. I look forward to Mr. Witte leading us this year in 2023.

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157 Mr. Emerson - Congratulations Mr. Witte and Mr. Baka . With that said Mr.  
158 Chairman the next item on the agenda will be the cases to be heard. The first one being  
159 POD2022-00602. It is RGI General Contractors and Townes Site Engineering P.C. for  
160 Independent Container Line, LTD.

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162 **PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA**  
163 **EXCEPTION**

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**POD2022-00602**  
Independent Container  
Line – 4222 Cox Road

**RGI General Contractors and Townes Site Engineering,  
P.C. for Independent Container Line, LTD:** Request for  
approval of a Chesapeake Bay Resource Area Exception,  
as required by Chapter 24, Sections 5803.C. and 5805.A.  
of the Henrico County Code, to allow a deck and patio to  
encroach within the seaward 50-feet of the required 100-  
foot-wide Resource Protection Area, a component of a  
Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area, adjacent to Rooty  
Branch Creek that drains to the Chickahominy Creek in the  
James River watershed. The 5.75-acre site proposed for the  
addition of a 1,095 square foot wooden deck and concrete  
patio to an existing structure is located on the west line of  
Cox Road, approximately 600 feet north of Innslake Drive,  
on parcel 748-762-8360. The zoning is [R-6C] General  
Residential District (Conditional) and C-1 Conservation  
District. County water and sewer. **(Three Chopt)**

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166 The staff report will be presented by Ms. Christina Goggin with support from Mr. Matthew  
167 Batdorf.

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169 Ms. Goggin - Good evening. This report...

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171 Mr. Witte - Wait a minute Ms. Goggin.  
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173 Mrs. Goggin - Oh, I'm sorry.  
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175 Mr. Witte - ...it's okay. Is there anyone in the audience or on Webex that  
176 is opposed to POD2022-00602, Independent Container Line?  
177  
178 Mr. Morris - There is no one on Webex for this case.  
179  
180 Mr. Witte - Thank you.  
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182 Ms. Goggin - It's been so long since I've been in front of you that I forgot  
183 protocol.  
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185 Mr. Witte - That's okay.  
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187 Ms. Goggin - This request is for the approval of an exception to the Henrico  
188 County Chesapeake Bay Preservation Buffer Requirement of the Zoning Ordinance to  
189 construct, oh, that's not a good one, to construct a concrete patio and wooden deck within  
190 the 50'/100' RPA buffer which is adjacent to Rooty Creek Branch Creek at 4222 Cox Road.  
191 The proposed plan consists of constructing a patio and deck, approximately 1,095 square  
192 feet attached to the southwest corner of the property. Let's see, the office building was built  
193 in 1981 which is prior to adoption of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Code in 1989. And  
194 a native vegetative buffer equal to the square footage of the deck is proposed. After  
195 reviewing the applicant's water quality impact and environmental site assessment, the  
196 Department of Public Works can recommend approval of the request for the exception.  
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198 Should the Planning Commission grant the exception, staff recommends approval subject  
199 to the annotations on the plan. Conditions 1 and 2 on the agenda are recommended. Robin  
200 Wilder from Public Works is here, and I believe the applicant's engineer is here should you  
201 have any questions for them.  
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203 Mr. Witte - Do any Commission members have any questions for Ms.  
204 Goggin?  
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206 Mr. Mackey - No sir.  
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208 Mr. Witte - How would you like to proceed?  
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210 Mrs. Thornton - Does anybody have any questions about the case? It's  
211 straightforward and they've been working on it for a couple of months. I know that they put  
212 their application in first through the County since October. I feel like they've been working  
213 on it for months so I appreciate the vegetation and I think the project will be an added  
214 benefit to the office complex and I also think it will be good for that area. Thank you so  
215 much for going above and beyond. So, I appreciate that. Mr. Chairman, I move that case

216 POD2022-00602, Independent Container Line Resource Protection Area exception, be  
217 approved subject to the annotations on the plans and Conditions 1 and 2 in the agenda.

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219 Mr. Mackey - Second.

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221 Mr. Witte - We have a motion by Mrs. Thornton, a second by Mr. Mackey  
222 and I went blank. All in favor?

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224 Commission - Aye.

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226 Mr. Witte - Any opposed? Motion passes. Thank you.

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228 The Planning Commission approved the plan of development for POD2022-00602,  
229 Independent Container Line – 4222 Cox Road Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area  
230 exception, subject to the annotations on the plans and the following additional conditions:

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232 1. Additional plantings of native trees and shrubs shall be installed within the lower 50-  
233 feet of the RPA buffer to achieve an overall density of woody vegetation within the  
234 lower 50-feet of the buffer of 200 stems per acre.  
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236 2. An erosion and sediment control plan, which includes the vegetation enhancement  
237 within the RPA buffer shall be submitted for County review and approval Prior to  
238 approval of a building permit.  
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240 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, we now move on to page three of your agenda  
241 for SUB2020-00096, Mark Rempe for Linwood Garrett and Delta Land Company, LLC.

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243 **SUBDIVISION – CHESAPEAKE BAY RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA EXCEPTION**

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**SUB2020-00096**      **Mark Rempe for Linwood Garrett and Delta Land**  
Bloomingdale Block 12 **Company, LLC:** Request for approval of a Chesapeake  
Lots 4, 5 & 6 - 5605 Bay Resource Area Exception, as required by Chapter 24,  
Bloomingdale Avenue Sections 5803.C. and 5805.A. of the Henrico County Code,  
to allow a new dwelling to encroach within the seaward 50-  
feet of the required 100-foot-wide Resource Protection Area,  
a component of a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area,  
adjacent to Upham Brook that drains to Chickahominy River  
in the James River watershed. The 0.28-acre site proposed  
for a single-family dwelling is located on the east line of  
Bloomingdale Avenue, approximately 400 feet south of  
Forest Street, on parcel 782-746-4001. The zoning is R-4  
One-Family Residence District. County water and sewer.  
**(Fairfield) 1 Lot**

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246 The staff report will be presented by Ms. Christina Goggin and Ms. Robin Wilder is here in  
247 support of her from DPW as well for questions.



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249 Mr. Witte - Is there anyone in the audience or on Web that is in opposition  
250 to SUB2020-00096, Bloomingdale?  
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252 Mr. Morris - There is no one on Webex for this case.  
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254 Mr. Witte - How would you like to proceed? Oh, please.  
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256 Ms. Goggin - Okay, well, this is a request for an approval of an exception to  
257 the Henrico County Chesapeake Bay Preservation Buffer Requirement of the Zoning  
258 Ordinance to construct a single-family dwelling and related improvements within the 50'  
259 seaward RPA buffer adjacent to Upham Brook Creek. The subject property is comprised  
260 of three lots and is comprised of three lots and the subdivision was recorded in 1905. It's  
261 Bloomingdale Subdivision recorded in 1905 prior to adoption of the provisions of the  
262 Henrico Code regarding Chesapeake Bay preservation which is in 1989. The buildable  
263 area has been minimized, variances to the front and side yard setbacks were obtained to  
264 minimize impacts to the 50' seaward component of the RPA. A vegetative buffer is  
265 proposed that is greater than the area of the disturbance. After reviewing the applicant's  
266 water quality impact and environmental site assessment the Department of Public Works  
267 is recommending approval of the request for an exception. Should the Commission grant  
268 the Exception staff recommends approval subject to the annotations on the plan, and  
269 Conditions 1 through 5 on the agenda are recommended. Robin Wilder is here from Public  
270 Works as well as Mark Rempe should you have any questions concerning this application.  
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272 Mr. Witte - Do we have any questions?  
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274 Mr. Baka - I have one.  
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276 Mr. Witte - Mr. Archer? Or anybody on the Commission?  
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278 Mr. Baka - I do have one.  
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280 Mr. Witte - Please.  
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282 Mr. Baka - You go ahead Mr. Archer. Question. This appears to be three  
283 lots wide and two questions. Could this lot be subdivided in the future and if it were to be  
284 subdivided would the additional pervious of a second house may be on the other half?  
285 Would the additional pervious cause any change in the calculations to allow for this?  
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287 Ms. Goggin - Part of the variance approval is that they have to combine the  
288 lots...  
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290 Mr. Baka - That they have to  
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292 Ms. Goggin - ...that they have to combine the lots and this is the only  
293 buildable area for all three of those lots.

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 295 Mr. Baka - Okay. So, therefore a second house won't be built.  
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 297 Ms. Goggin - No, not an option.  
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 299 Mr. Baka - No further questions.  
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 301 Mr. Witte - Mr. Archer...  
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 303 Mr. Archer - Yes, sir?  
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 305 Mr. Witte - How would you like to proceed?  
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 307 Mr. Archer - Is the applicant here? Oh, how are you sir? I just want to make  
 308 sure when I was talking with Ms. Goggin and she and I discussed some things that had to  
 309 be put in place before building could take place and I'm sure she discussed it with you and  
 310 you understand it, okay. You don't need to come up, just want to make sure you do  
 311 understand that. And, as I was discussing with Ms. Goggin and sir, I'm sure you know very  
 312 well a few years ago, a little bit more than a few years ago this particular area was really  
 313 subject to some awful flooding. I think this was around 1995, '96 but since then I don't know  
 314 that we've had anything that detrimental in that particular area. And I don't remember what  
 315 work was done. I was not on the Commission then so I would not have known. But anyway,  
 316 cut this short if there are no more questions Mr. Chairman I move that SUB2020-00096,  
 317 Bloomingdale Block 12 Lots 4, 5 & 6 Resource Protection Area exception, be approved  
 318 subject to the annotations on the plan and the Conditions 1 through 5 that are listed in the  
 319 agenda.  
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 321 Mr. Baka - Second.  
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 323 Mr. Witte - We have a motion by Mr. Archer, a second by Mr. Baka. All in  
 324 favor say aye.  
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 326 Commission - Aye.  
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 328 Mr. Witte - Opposed? Motion passes.  
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 330 The Planning Commission approved SUB2022-00096, Bloomingdale Block 12 Lots 4, 5, &  
 331 6 – 5605 Bloomingdale Avenue Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area exception  
 332 request, subject to the annotations on the plans, and the following additional conditions:  
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 334 1. Additional plantings of native trees and shrubs shall be installed within the lower 50-  
 335 feet of the RPA buffer to achieve an overall density of woody vegetation within the  
 336 lower 50-feet of the buffer of 200 stems per acre.  
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- 338 2. An erosion and sediment control plan, which includes the vegetation enhancement  
339 within the RPA buffer shall be submitted for County review and approval Prior to  
340 approval of a building permit.  
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342 3. A final subdivision plat shall be submitted for review and approval prior to approval of  
343 a construction plan.  
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345 4. The conditions of variance VAR2022-00002 shall be incorporated in the approval.  
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347 5. A Floodplain Development Permit approved by the Department of Public Works is  
348 required prior to issuance of a building permit.  
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350 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, we now move on to page 5 of your agenda for  
351 SIA2022-00003. This is the Athens Avenue Trailhead for the Fall Line Trail.  
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353 **SIA2022-00003 Athens Avenue Trailhead for Fall Line Trail:** The Department of  
354 Planning has received a request from the Department of Public Works to initiate a  
355 Substantially In Accord study for a proposed trailhead facility for the forthcoming Fall Line  
356 Trail. The proposed site consists of Parcels 783-757-1835, 783-757-1828, 783-757-2833  
357 located at the southeast corner of Cleveland St. and Athens Ave. The existing zoning is B-  
358 3 Business District. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Commercial  
359 Concentration.  
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361 You did receive a staff report and a letter from me regarding this SIA and also contained  
362 within that is a Resolution for your consideration. The staff report will be presented by Mr.  
363 Brendan McDowell.  
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365 Mr. Witte - Is there anybody in the audience or on Webex that's opposed  
366 to this case?  
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368 Mr. Morris - There is no one on Webex for this case.  
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370 Mr. Witte - You have the floor.  
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372 Mr. McDowell - Alright. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the  
373 Commission. At the request of the Department of Public Works, the Planning Department  
374 conducted a Substantially In Accord Study to determine whether a proposed site for a  
375 trailhead for the Fall Line Trail located at the southeast corner of Cleveland St. and Athens  
376 Ave. is substantially in conformance with the 2026 Comprehensive Plan.  
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378 The Fall Line Trail is a 43-mile regional multi-use trail that is planned to span seven localities  
379 and connect rural, suburban, and urban landscapes. It will span the Richmond region from  
380 Petersburg to the Town of Ashland and includes a 7.5-mile-long portion in Henrico County.  
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382 The proposed site is approximately 0.606 acres and is located in the Fairfield District. The  
383 site is zoned B-3 Business District, which would allow the use as a public park.

The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Commercial Concentration for the site. A park facility, such as a trailhead, is not fully consistent with this designation; however, park facilities are permitted in the B-3 Zoning District and will help increase access to both the trail and businesses along the trail. With proper design and impact mitigation measures, a trailhead could be constructed in a manner compatible with existing uses in the surrounding area.

The subject property is planned to be part of the Longdale phase of the trail and would be used for parking, restrooms, a water fountain, bike repair station, information kiosk, and benches.

No county department has expressed any opposition to the use of this property as a trailhead. More specific comments regarding buffering, lighting, and site layout will be taken into consideration during the plan of development, should the use be found to be substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

Planning staff recognizes the importance of providing necessary public facilities and services to serve a growing population. The site in question presents no apparent conflict with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

This concludes my presentation. I will be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Mr. Witte - Does the Commission have any questions for Mr. McDowell?

Mr. Baka - No questions. I just had a comment that it's good to see a good example of regional cooperation amongst the different localities to accommodate such a project. So, thank you for your work on this.

Mr. McDowell - Yes, sir. Thank you.

Mr. Witte - Mr. Secretary, do you have a Resolution?

Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman a resolution is contained in your package. It's PCR-1-23.

Mr. Witte - I got it here.

Mr. Emerson - Yes, sir. It's at the back of the package.

Mr. Witte - Sorry, it was the last page. Alright, Resolution PCR-1-23, SIA2022-00003 Athens Avenue Trailhead for Fall Line Trail. Whereas Section 15.2-2232A of the Code of Virginia requires the Planning Commission to review and consider whether general or approximate location, character and extent of major public facilities are substantially in accord with the County's Comprehensive Plan; and, whereas, the Planning Commission has reviewed the Athens Avenue Trailhead for Fall Line Trail site for

430 conformance with the County's Comprehensive Plan; and, whereas, a report dated  
431 December 29, 2022 presented by the Planning staff to the Planning Commission found the  
432 proposed use would not be in conflict with or a significant departure from the adopted Plan;  
433 and, whereas, the Planning Commission has reviewed the staff recommendations and  
434 finds the proposed use will further the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Comprehensive  
435 Plan that identify the needs for new public services and facilities based on projected and  
436 planned growth in accordance with the 2026 Future Land Use Map; and, whereas, the  
437 Planning Commission finds the proposed site can be designed to be compatible with the  
438 surrounding area; now, therefore be it resolved, the Henrico County Planning Commission  
439 finds the proposed Athens Avenue Trailhead for Fall Line Trail site Substantially in Accord  
440 with the County's Comprehensive Plan. I just stole from Mr. Emerson.

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442 Mr. Baka – Mr. Chairman, I would move the Resolution.

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444 Mr. Mackey - Second.

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446 Mr. Witte - We have a motion to approve the Resolution by Mr. Baka, a  
447 second by Mr. Mackey. All in favor say aye.

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449 Commission - Aye.

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451 Mr. Witte - Any opposed? Motion, the Resolution passes.

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453 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, we now move on to the approval of the minutes  
454 from your December 15, 2022, meeting and I believe we have no errata sheet this evening.

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456 Mr. Witte - Do we have a motion to approve the minutes?

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458 Mr. Mackey - I move that the minutes be approved as presented.

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460 Mrs. Thornton - Second.

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462 Mr. Witte - We have a motion by Mr. Mackey, a second by Mrs. Thornton.  
463 All in favor say aye.

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465 Commission - Aye.

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467 Mr. Witte - All opposed? Mr. Secretary, what else do we have?

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469 Mr. Emerson - Mr. Chairman, I have nothing further for the Commission this  
470 evening.

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472 Mr. Branin - Mr. Chairman, may I? I'd just like to let this Commission know  
473 how excited I am to be here this year. I spent 10 years here, and to be back and putting the  
474 band back together. I talked to Mr. Lebough and tried to get him to come for a couple  
475 meetings just so we could get the band fully back together and he said they wouldn't let



476 him do it, but I am very, very excited to be back with the Commission because you guys  
477 make most of it happen. So, I'm excited to be here and great comment in regards to the  
478 trailhead. Fun fact, the whole trail was started by a conversation with myself and Wayne  
479 Hazzard from Hanover. And, I said, "Wouldn't it be cool if we could do a regional park and  
480 there's this trolley trail that it was built years ago that has a base of stone because I've been  
481 on it with Dominion Energy." And he said, "really?" and that's how it all started. Because I  
482 came to you Joe and I came to Parks and Rec and said, "We should really look at doing  
483 this." The region picked it up and it's going to be, no offense to the east but probably better  
484 than the one in the east. That's it Mr. Chair, that's all. I just wanted to thank everybody for  
485 letting me be here with you guys.

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487 Mr. Witte - Well, thank you sir. Happy to have you. I hope we have a very  
488 constructive and beneficial year this year without too many problems. I want to thank staff  
489 and everyone who made this past year possible. I'm looking forward to another good year.  
490 I want to especially thank Mrs. Thornton for holding my hand through this past year and  
491 made everything possible. I have nothing further. Does anybody have anything further?

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493 Mr. Mackey - No, sir.

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495 Mr. Archer - Mr. Chairman, I served all of those 10 years with Mr. Branin  
496 and I hope everybody up here is as excited as you are about being back.

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498 Mr. Witte - I know I am.

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500 Mr. Branin - Mr. Archer will probably never say but you've been 28 years?

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502 Mr. Archer - Something like that.

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504 Mr. Emerson - Beginning of the 28<sup>th</sup> year.

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506 Mr. Acher - Yeah, I think this is the 28<sup>th</sup> year.

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508 Mr. Mackey - Congratulations.

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510 Mr. Emerson - You may hold the record. How long was Mr. Vanarsdall on the  
511 Commission? You recall?

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513 Mr. Archer - 19, 20 something like that.

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515 Mr. Emerson - I'm thinking it was something like 20 years. We'll check on that  
516 and report back to you at the next meeting. Mr. Archer holds the record at this point.

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518 Mr. Witte - Alright, do we have a motion to adjourn?

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520 Mr. Mackey - So moved. You just do it yourself.

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522 Mrs. Thornton -

You just do it.

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Mr. Robert H. Witte Jr., Chairperson

  
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Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Secretary