

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board is charged with approval of Specific Design Plans pursuant to Part 8, Division 4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Prince George’s County Code; and

WHEREAS, a new Zoning Ordinance, Subtitle 27, Prince George’s County Code went into effect on April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is within the Legacy Comprehensive Design Zone (LCD); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 27-1903(c) of the Zoning Ordinance, development applications submitted and accepted as complete before April 1, 2022, but still pending final action as of that date, may be reviewed and decided in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance in existence at the time of submission and acceptance of the application; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Prince George’s County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission reviewed this application under the Zoning Ordinance in existence prior to April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of evidence presented at a public hearing on February 9, 2023, regarding Specific Design Plan SDP-0318-H2 for The Preserve at Piscataway, Lot 75 Block B, the Planning Board finds:

1. **Request:** The subject homeowner’s minor amendment to a specific design plan (SDP) is a request to construct a 12-foot by 20-foot elevated deck, with a landing and steps leading to a 5-foot by 20-foot ground level, concrete pad at the rear of an existing single-family detached dwelling within the rear yard setback.
2. **Development Data Summary:**

	EXISTING
Zone	LCD (Prior R-L)
Use	Residential
Lot size	6,402 sq. ft.
Gross Acreage	0.1470
Lot	1
Number of Dwelling Units	1

3. **Location:** The subject property is in the Legacy Comprehensive Design (LCD) Zone, previously the Residential Low Development (R-L) Zone, in the larger development known as The Preserve at Piscataway Edelen Village North, which is on the north side of Doctor Edelen Drive, approximately 180 feet from its intersection with Brentland Court. More specifically, the subject property is located at 13708 Doctor Edelen Drive, Accokeek, Maryland, within Planning Area 84 and Council District 9.
4. **Surrounding Uses:** The subject property is surrounded by similar single-family detached homes within the LCD Zone, in Edelen Village, which is located southeast of Bailey's Village, east of Glassford Village, and north and west of Lusby Village, all of which are other residential villages within the Preserve at Piscataway development.
5. **Previous Approvals:** The subject site was developed as part of the Preserve at Piscataway Edelen Village North Subdivision. On September 14, 1993, the Prince George's County District Council adopted Prince George's County Council Resolution CR-60-1993, which approved the Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Subregion V, Planning Areas 81A, 81B, 83, 84, 85A, and 85B. The sectional map amendment, in conjunction with Zoning Map Amendments A-9869 and A-9870, rezoned 858.7 acres in the Residential-Agricultural Zone to the R-L Zone and 19.98 acres to the Local Activity Center (L-A-C) Zone. The rezoning was approved with 39 conditions and 11 considerations.

Comprehensive Design Plan CDP-9306, Villages of Piscataway, was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board on March 24, 1993 (PGCPB Resolution No. 94-98). On November 18, 2004, the Planning Board adopted an amendment to the CDP resolution (PGCPB Resolution No. 94-98(C)(A)), for the approval of a request for reconsideration of a condition relating to the development of the golf course.

On June 7, 2007, the Planning Board approved CDP-9306-01, a revision to increase the maximum permissible height of townhouses within the project to 40 feet. On October 9, 2008, the Planning Board approved an additional revision, CDP-9306-02, modifying the minimum required roof pitch in all the villages, except Bailey's Village.

On June 17, 2003, the Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-03027, The Preserve at Piscataway, for 836 dwelling units, which includes the area that is the subject of this application. A variation request for impacts to sensitive environmental features and a revised Type I tree conservation plan (TCPI-9-94-02) were included in that approval.

SDPs have been approved for all the lots in the Preserve at Piscataway Subdivision. The layout for Edelen Village was approved in SDP-0318, which was approved by the Planning Board on June 10, 2004 (PGCPB Resolution No. 04-135). This plan approved lots for 148 new single-family detached houses and 108 townhouses, for a total of 256 residential units. SDP-0318-01, approved by the Planning Board on January 19, 2006 (PGCPB Resolution No. 06-14), proposed eight models of townhouse architecture for use on any of the townhouse lots in the village. SDP 0318-02, approved by the Planning Board on May 4, 2006 (PGCPB Resolution No. 06-103), proposed the design for the community building, two swimming pools,

and recreation area that are located within the land area of Edelen Village. Departure from Parking and Loading Standards DPLS-310 was approved at the same time, to allow for a reduction in the parking requirement from 108 to 65 spaces. The subsequent “03” and “04” revisions to the SDP were approved by the Planning Director, to add new townhouse architecture, the “Norwood” and “Lafayette” models, respectively.

On July 19, 2012, the Planning Board approved SDP-0318-05 and Type II Tree Conservation Plan TCPH-046-04-02 (PGCPB Resolution No. 12-65), for a revision to lot widths to add 10 single-family detached residential lots, new townhouse architecture for the Waldorf, a front-loaded garage elevation for the previously approved Lafayette, and revisions to the landscaping in Edelen Village North.

A Planning Director amendment, SDP-0318-06, was approved on January 17, 2014, to eliminate the previously proposed golf course, create open space, add a community wide pathway, and substitute a picnic pavilion.

A Planning Director amendment, SDP-0318-07, was approved on September 30, 2014, for a revision to grading and TCPH-046-04-04.

A Planning Director amendment, SDP-0318-08, was approved on October 21, 2014, to substitute the previously approved pavilion with a basketball court.

A Planning Director amendment, SDP-0318-H1, was approved on September 27, 2022, for the addition of a 26-foot by 14-foot sunroom at the rear of the existing single-family home located on Lot 11, Block B.

6. **Design Features:** The subject application is for a 12-foot by 20-foot elevated deck, at the rear of an existing single-family detached home. The deck will have a landing and steps leading to a 5-foot by 20-foot ground level, concrete pad with a semi-circle bump-out and sitting wall. The deck will match the existing architecture of the home and will be constructed of wood, with a white vinyl railing system and white vinyl wrap posts and beams. The deck extends into the 25-foot rear yard setback and will be 18 feet, 11 inches from the rear property line. The deck also conforms to all side yard setbacks. The deck has been approved by the design committee of The Preserve at Piscataway Homeowners Association, as stated in a letter which was included with the application.

COMPLIANCE WITH EVALUATION CRITERIA

7. **Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance:** The subject application has been reviewed for compliance with the requirements of the R-L Zone of the prior Zoning Ordinance, as follows:
 - a. The project conforms with the requirements for purposes, uses, and regulations in Sections 27-514.08, 27-514.09, and 27-514.10 of the prior Zoning Ordinance by providing low-density residential use in a planned development.

- b. Per Section 27-515 of the prior Zoning Ordinance, regarding uses permitted in the R-L Zone, a single-family detached dwelling is a permitted use in the zone.
 - c. The project also conforms to the requirements of Section 27-528 of the prior Zoning Ordinance, regarding required findings for SDP applications, and Section 27-530 of the prior Zoning Ordinance, regarding amendments to approved SDP applications.
8. **Zoning Map Amendment (Basic Plan) A-9869-C:** The project is in compliance with the requirements of A-9869-C, as the deck addition in the rear yard setback does not alter findings of conformance with the basic plan that was made at the time of approval of the SDP.
 9. **Comprehensive Design Plan CDP-9306:** The project complies with the requirements of CDP-9306, except regarding the required rear yard setback. The CDP stipulates that the minimum rear yard setback for single-family detached houses with a lot size below 20,000 square feet is 25 feet. The deck and steps would sit approximately 14 to 18 feet from the rear property line, encroaching into the rear setback.
 10. **Preserve at Piscataway Edelen Village North, Plat 14 recorded as Plat Book 37909, page 35:** The subject application is in compliance with the requirements contained in the plat notes of The Preserve at Piscataway Edelen Village North, Plat 14 recorded as Plat Book 37909, page 35.
 11. **Specific Design Plan SDP-0318:** SDP-0318, for Edelen Village North and South, was approved by the Planning Board on June 10, 2004 (PGCPB Resolution No. 04-135), with 25 conditions, for 108 single-family attached lots, recreational facilities, and an associated parking facility. The subject application is in compliance with the requirements of SDP-0318, except for the rear yard setback, for lots with a lot size below 20,000 square feet. The deck would extend into the designated 25-foot setback by 7 feet.
 12. **2010 Prince George's County Landscape Manual:** The addition of a deck is exempt from the requirements of the 2010 *Prince George's County Landscape Manual* (Landscape Manual) because the requirements were satisfied at the time of SDP-0318 approval.
 13. **Prince George's County Tree Canopy Coverage Ordinance:** The subject application is exempt from the Prince George's County Tree Canopy Coverage Ordinance because the project involves less than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area or disturbance.
 14. **Prince George's County Woodland Conservation and Tree Preservation Ordinance:** The subject lot does not contain any woodland conservation; the deck would not alter the previous findings of conformance with the Prince George's County Woodland Conservation and Tree Preservation Ordinance that were made at the time of approval of the CDP and SDP.
 15. Section 27-528, Planning Board Action, requires that the Planning Board make the following findings before approving an SDP, unless an application is being processed as a limited minor amendment. Each required finding is listed in BOLD text below, followed by staff comments.

(a) Prior to approving a Specific Design Plan, the Planning Board shall find that:

- (1) The plan conforms to the approved Comprehensive Design Plan, the applicable standards of the Landscape Manual, and except as provided in Section 27-528(a)(1.1), for Specific Design Plans for which an application is filed after December 30, 1996, with the exception of the V-L and V-M Zones, the applicable design guidelines for townhouses set forth in Section 27-274(a)(1)(B) and (a)(11), and the applicable regulations for townhouses set forth in Section 27-433(d) and, as it applies to property in the L-A-C Zone, if any portion lies within one-half (1/2) mile of an existing or Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail station, the regulations set forth in Section 27-480(d) and (e);**

The subject amendment conforms to the requirements of CDP-9306, as outlined in Finding 9, and the applicable standards of the Landscape Manual, as outlined in Finding 12. As the subject amendment does not involve townhouse construction, nor is located in the prior L-A-C Zone, the second portion of this required finding does not apply to the subject application

- (2) The development will be adequately served within a reasonable period of time with existing or programmed public facilities either shown in the appropriate Capital Improvement Program, provided as part of the private development or, where authorized pursuant to Section 24-124(a)(8) of the County Subdivision Regulations, participation by the developer in a road club;**

This finding was made with the approval of the original SDP and will not be affected by the deck addition.

- (3) Adequate provision has been made for draining surface water so that there are no adverse effects on either the subject property or adjacent properties;**

The site development is consistent with approved Stormwater Management Concept Plan 8008470-1994-12. Therefore, adequate provision has been made for draining surface water so that there are no adverse effects on either the subject property or adjacent properties, in accordance with this required finding.

- (4) The plan is in conformance with an approved Type 2 Tree Conservation Plan; and**

The addition of a deck to an existing single-family detached dwelling and setback modification does not impact the previously approved TCPH.

- (5) The plan demonstrates that the regulated environmental features are preserved and/or restored to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the requirement of Subtitle 24-130(b)(5).**

No regulated environmental features exist on the subject lot. Therefore, this finding is not applicable to the subject SDP.

16. Section 27-530(c)(3) of the prior Zoning Ordinance sets forth the criteria for granting minor amendments to approved SDPs for the purpose of making home improvements requested by a homeowner (or authorized representative) and approved by the Planning Director (or designee), in accordance with specified procedures, including meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Are located within the approved Comprehensive Design Plan building lines and setbacks or any approved amendments to the Comprehensive Design Plan;**
- (B) Are in keeping with the architectural and site design characteristics of the approved Specific Design Plan; and**
- (C) Will not substantially impair the intent, purpose, or integrity of the approved Comprehensive Design Plan.**

SDP-0318 established the rear yard setback at a minimum of 25 feet. The approved deck addition extends into this rear yard setback, with a setback of approximately 18 feet from the rear property line, and the steps to grade extend further into the yard. The subject application does not meet Criterion (A), and therefore, the subject Homeowner's Minor Amendment to SDP-0318-H2 is to be heard by the Planning Board, as stated in Section 27-530(d)(3)(A) of the prior Zoning Ordinance.

Regarding Criterion (B) above, the Planning Board found that the deck addition is consistent with the architectural and site design characteristics of the approved SDP, except regarding the rear yard setback. The deck will be constructed of wood, with a white vinyl railing system and white vinyl wrap posts and beams. The deck will be in keeping with the existing house in materials and design.

Regarding Criterion (C), the Planning Board found that the requested deck addition will not substantially impair the intent, purpose, or integrity of the approved CDP. The modification of the minimum rear yard for the deck will not be detrimental to the community, nor will it negatively impact the visual characteristics of the neighborhood because the addition is at the rear of the home and not visible from the nearest public right-of-way, affording privacy to the occupants of both the subject property and the adjacent homeowners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission adopted the findings contained herein and APPROVED Specific Design Plan SDP-0318-H2 for the above-described land, subject to the following condition:

1. Provide detailed and scaled plans showing all components of the approved deck addition, including dimensions of the deck railings and the lower deck and wall.

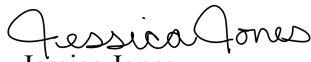
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appeal of the Planning Board's action must be filed with the District Council of Prince George's County within thirty (30) days following the final notice of the Planning Board's decision.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on the motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, with Commissioners Washington, Bailey, Doerner, Geraldo, and Shapiro voting in favor of the motion at its regular meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

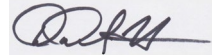
Adopted by the Prince George's County Planning Board this 2nd day of March 2023.

Peter A. Shapiro
Chairman

By 
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Planning Board Administrator

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



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