

January 23, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Prince George's County Planning Board

VIA: Steve Adams, Urban Design Supervisor

FROM: Ruth Grover, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Detailed Site Plan-DSP-07038 and Special Permit SP-070007
Mt. Rainier Corn Bin
Request for a Reduction of Review Fees

In a letter dated October 25, 2007, James Groves, on behalf of the Preserve Our Planet Corn Cooperative, requested a waiver of the \$2,000 filing fee for the review of a detailed site plan in the M-U-TC zoning district for a corn bin to be utilized in connection with a home heating operation. Primarily, the applicant justifies his request based on the environmentally-friendly and cost-saving nature of the application, its support by the City of Mount Rainier and Councilman Campos, the not-for-profit status of the applicant, and the stringently low budget for the project.

Although not all reasons posited by the applicant are relevant to the fee reduction request, the project is a relatively small one, entailing limited review time on the part of staff. Therefore, a savings in both staff time and effort would be realized over other detailed site plan applications. However, the application will require both staff and outside review which will lead to the writing and presentation of a technical staff report before the Planning Board. Therefore, the Urban Design staff supports a partial (50 percent) reduction of their fees to \$1,000.

Recommendation

The Urban Design staff recommends that a fee waiver of 50 percent or \$1,000 in the above-mentioned case be APPROVED.