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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ramona Plociennik, Zoning Applications

Department of Planning and Zoning

MS 6301

FROM:

John T. Keene, Chief, Planning and Construction

Department of Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT:

Variance

Case No. 2005-0155-V

2005-0156-V

Chesapeake Terrace/National Waste Managers

DATE:

June 14, 2005

The plans submitted in support of Variances 2005-0155-V and 2005-0156-V do not reflect current land ownership of a significant parcel, specifically Tax Map 36, Block 09, Parcel 21. That property, labeled as owned by Piney Orchard Master Partnership, is property of Anne Arundel County and part of the WB&A Trail Park. The submitted plans for the entrance road to the sand and gravel mine/rubble landfill call for the construction of a twenty-four foot wide roadway within a sixty-foot right of way within this County-owned parcel.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has not been contacted regarding this proposed roadway and is strongly opposed to the construction of this road. The property is environmentally sensitive and the roadway would cross an under-construction public multi-use trail at grade, posing an unacceptable safety risk to trail users.

In addition, this property was acquired using funds from Program Open Space, which places a deed restriction on the property limiting its uses to open space and public recreation.

The Department of Recreation and Parks strongly recommends that these two variances be denied until such time as a suitable alternative access to this facility is identified and permission of all impacted property owners is acquired.

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