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**Anne Arundel County**  
**Department of Recreation and Parks**

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ramona Plociennik, Zoning Division  
Office of Planning and Zoning

**FROM:** Dawn Thomas, Planner  
Capital Projects Division

**SUBJECT:** Variances, Special Exceptions and Rezoning

**DATE:** December 15, 2008

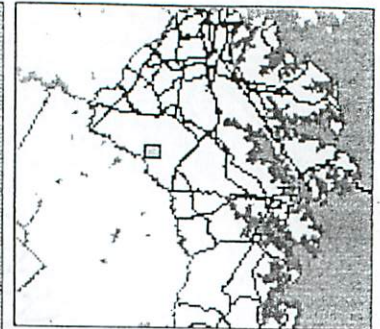
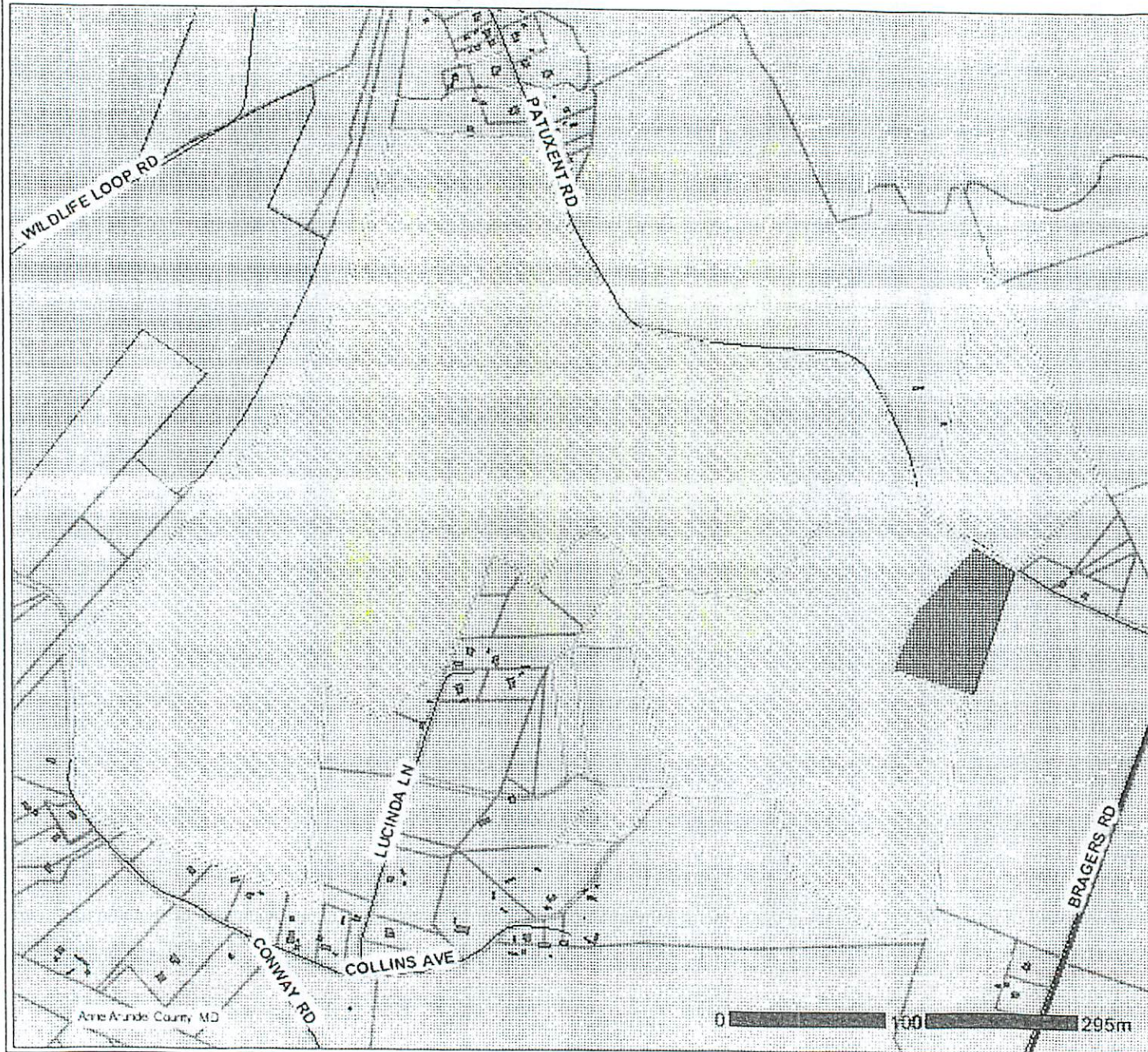
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The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed the following cases for impact to Anne Arundel County's greenways, parks, and trails. Our comments and recommendations follow.

Case	Decision, Basis, and Recommendations
Chesapeake Terrace / National Waste Managers, Inc. 2008-0294-V & 2008-0295-V  —Variances to allow time extensions to previously approved variance for a rubble landfill and a sand and gravel operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our department recommends these variances be denied.</li><li>• As with the comments from 2005 and 2003 our department remains concerned about the impact to our Patuxent River Park as well as Parcel 21 as they are contiguous to the site.</li><li>• The proposed entrance road delineated on the plans is on Anne Arundel County property; specifically parcel 21 on Bragers Road. This property is part of the Department of Recreation and Parks' park inventory. Our department has not authorized the entrance road and as you will see from the prior comments attached, we not only oppose this due to its environmental sensitivity, we cannot authorize this use on this property.</li><li>• Parcel 21 was acquired using funds from Program Open Space, a grant program funded by the State of Maryland that places deed restrictions on property limiting uses to open space and public recreation.</li><li>• The site is entirely within the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Greenway, a preservation area designated on Anne Arundel County's Greenways Master Plan.</li><li>• The portion of the site within Open Space zoning will remain undisturbed.</li><li>• Please accept the attached prior comments, as they remain valid.</li></ul>

Attachments  
cc: File/Chron





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**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.

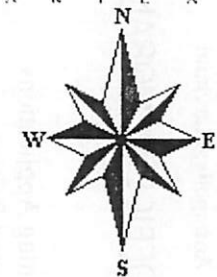
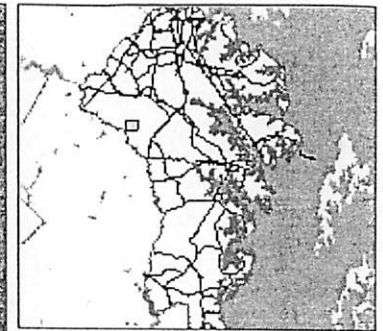
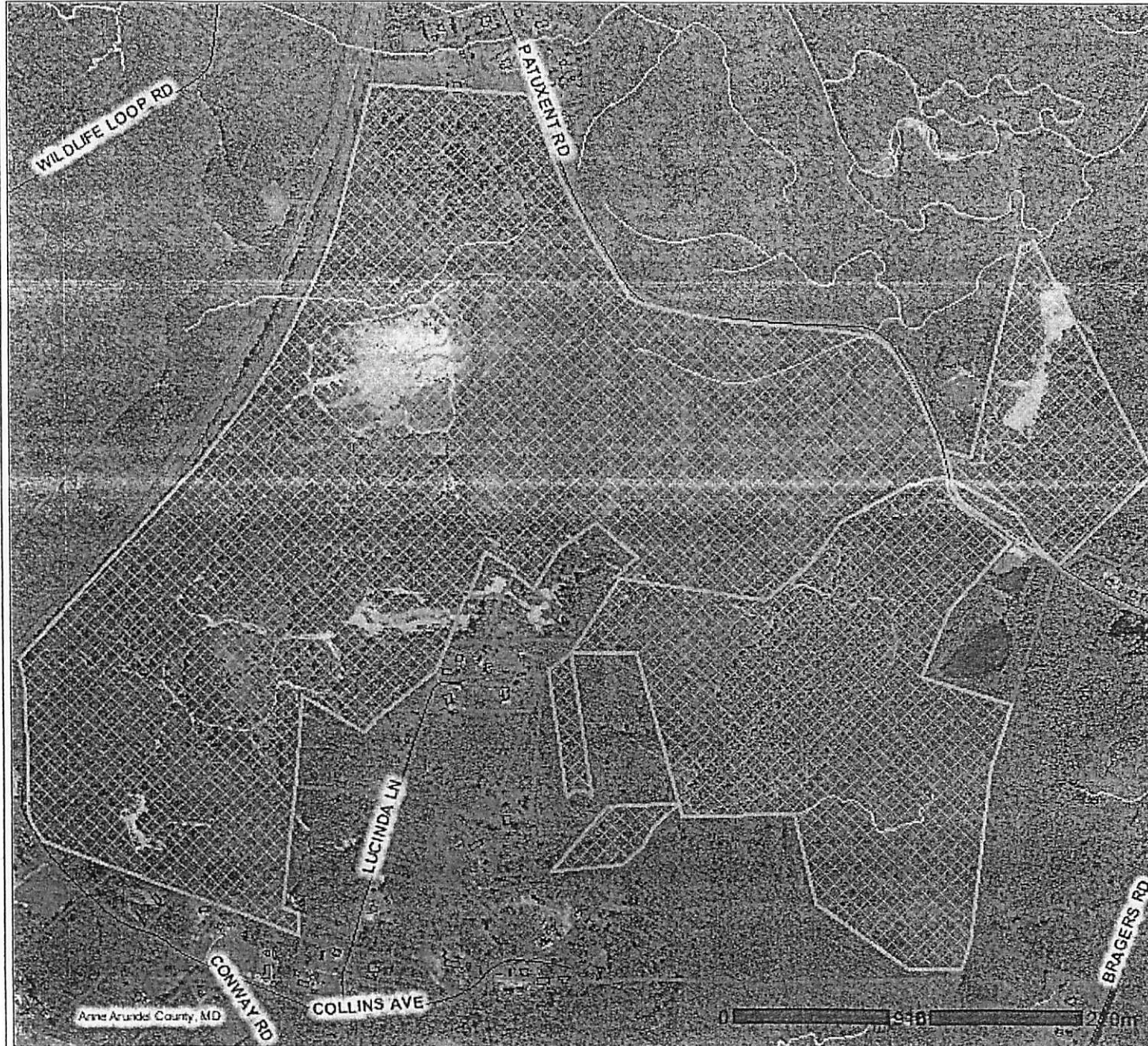
In addition, this property was acquired using funds from Program Open Space, which places a deed restriction on the property limiting its uses to open space and public recreation.

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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John T. Keene

cc: Dennis Callahan  
Tom Donlin  
Tom Haines  
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Robert Miller, Land Use Officer







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**FROM:** John T. Keene, Chief, Planning and Construction,  
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**SUBJECT:** Variances, Special Exceptions and Rezoning  
Distribution of 02/05/03

**DATE:** March 4, 2003

The Department of Recreation and Parks has comments on two (2) of the documents transmitted for plan review, as follows:

Chesapeake Terrace, Case 2003- 0043-V, Case 2003- 0044-V

The Department of Recreation and Parks has two concerns with the plans proposed by National Waste Manager, Inc. First, the property directly adjoins Patuxent Ponds Park, a passive park used principally for fishing and picnicking. The proposed rubble landfill will tower up to one hundred thirty feet (130') above the elevation of the park. We would like the proposed two hundred foot (200') buffer to the county park to be heavily wooded to screen the facility, and for the boundary of the landfill to be prominently marked at regular intervals, and preferably fenced, for the safety of park users.

Our second issue concerns the proposed entrance (access) road extending from Conway Road to the landfill. The roadway is shown crossing this Department's WB&A Trail, a paved, multiuse hiker/biker trail, at grade. This Department has not been contacted by National Waste Managers, Inc. regarding this crossing, and has taken a consistent position of not granting additional at-grade crossings on County-owned multiuse trails because of safety concerns.

The Department of Recreation and Parks does not support the proposed alignment of this entrance road, and therefore opposes the granting of the variances which include this roadway feature.

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John T. Keene

cc: D. Callahan  
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