

The Town of New Market



TO: The New Market Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Pat Faux, Zoning Administrator and Shawn Burnett, Town Engineer

November 28, 2023

RE Staff Report

Permit #1848B England Woods Forest Stand Delineation/Natural Resources Inventory

Dear All,

On September 15, 2023, representatives of the applicant for the referenced permit submitted the Forest Stand Delineation (FSD) as part of the material submitted for the England Woods Master Plan Permit 1876B. On November 20, 2023, representatives of the applicant for the referenced permit met with Town Staff to review and discuss outstanding comments.

Per Article VIII Section 5.1.6 (a) of the LDO, the Commission shall consider the FSD after all LDO required information has been received. Staff reviewed the FSD received September 15, 2023, revision dated 08/29/23 and recommends satisfactory responses be provided by the applicant to the following comments prior to approval of the FSD/NRI by the Commission:

Exhibit D: FSD

1. Due to the size and location of Forest Stand 2, provide documentation of responses from applicant's requests to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for analysis of any sensitive species that may be inhabiting the forest.
2. Add the following note to the plan regarding streams, wetlands, and their associated buffers: *Coordination with the appropriate agencies (i.e., MDE, USACE) will be required to determine impacts and permits required.*

If Commission members determine a conditional approval of the subject plan is appropriate, staff has provided a Draft Motion for such an action.

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DRAFT MOTION

I make a motion that the Planning and Zoning Commission conditional approve the: England Woods Forest Stand Delineation/Natural Resources Inventory for Permit #1848B revision dated August 29, 2023, contingent that satisfactory responses are provided by the applicant to the comments in the November 28, 2023 staff report and confirmation all Town fees associated with this permit are paid by the applicant.