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Mr. Patrick Butler, Chief
Upcounty Planning Area
Montgomery County Planning Department of M-NCPPC
2425 Reddie Drive
Wheaton, MD 20902

Re: Statement of Justification for Barnesville Oak Farm (a.k.a. Greentree Farm)
Amendment for FCP 12009011C

Dear Mr. Butler,

This statement accompanies an application to amend the subject approved Preliminary Plan for Forest Conservation purposes only. This amendment is intended to allow additional activities to occur so that demolition, sediment control, and building permits can be issued for the property located at 17300 Whites Store Road.

The parcel identified with an address of 17300 White Store Road consists of approximately 411 acres. This parcel is part of the original 840-acre property which was the subject of Preliminary Plan 120090110. Upon completion of the subdivision, the subject parcel was left as an unplatted "farm remainder" which contained an existing residence, accessory dwellings, and agricultural buildings.

The subject parcel was exempted from forest conservation requirements on the original approved Forest Conservation Plan. No development activity or "disturbance" (LOD) was proposed for the remainder. However, the new owner of the property now wishes to improve the property with new barns, replacement homes, and related improvements. This forest conservation plan needs to be amended to allow for these activities to occur.

The plans which accompany this application to amend the FCP show the areas which are to be developed and these areas are now included in the forest conservation worksheet. The remaining agricultural land on the parcel continues to be exempt from forest conservation requirements.

Please let us know if anything more is needed for review of the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



David W. McKee