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December 9, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To:

Annapolis City Council

Thru:

Thomas Andrews, City Manager

From:

C. Pete Gutwald, Director

Planning and Zoning

Re:

O-35-2016Harbor line map

The Annapolis harbor line was created through legislation in 1980 (City Code Title 15, Harbor and Waterfront Areas), with the intent to preserve the middle half of the waterway for navigation. Under this scenario, the harbor line was located at one-quarter of the minimum distance to the opposite shoreline - except where structures were legally in-place as of the adoption of the regulations - and marked the legal limit of all marine construction. At the time, the lines were hand-drawn on existing city maps.

These base maps date prior to 1978 and are mechanically rendered 1:200 rectifications of aerial photography. Unfortunately, the maps lack much detail that would be necessary for a truly accurate harbor line map, such as the exact location of the mean high water line and all of the marine structures in place as of 1980. Indeed, the thickness of the inked harbor line itself scales to five feet in width and is a consistent source of error.

Over the past 36 years the maps have been amended from time to time to correct specific errors related to existing piers and/or mooring pilings. Section 15.18.030 Harbor lines—WME, WMM, WMI and WMC districts, states in part that "In WME, WMM, WMI and WMC zoning districts where the waterway area has been developed and where piers and mooring pilings have been installed lawfully in the waterways and extend channelward one-fourth of the minimum distance to the opposite shoreline, or more, the harbor line is located at the most channelward end of an existing pier and mooring pilings. If no mooring pilings are installed at the end of an existing pier, the harbor line coincides with the end of the pier."

In that time span there have been 18 ordinances to correct the harbor line. The methodology for correcting the harbor line was to super impose the existing harbor line map on to a scaled drawing utilizing a number of sources including but not limited to historical aerial photography, site surveys and hydrographic nautical charts. Based on the analysis of the more specific scaled drawings and utilizing the prescribed harbor line in Chapter 15.18 in relationship to existing fixed points from the aerial photography and other sources, the harbor line was adjusted.

In review of the 18 ordinances all of them have utilized this method of correcting the line to include preexisting piers. Therefore, where a pier or mooring piling, that was determined to have been in existence prior February 11, 1980, was located outside of the harbor line, the harbor line was corrected to coincide with the end of the existing pier. The adjustments to the harbor line included varying distances beyond the pier or mooring piling to accommodate section 15.018.080 Harbor Line Setbacks, which states "All piers, "T" heads, "L" heads, mooring piles, mooring buoys and anchorages must be set back from the harbor line an appropriate distance to assure that no moored vessel or permanent or temporary obstruction extends channelward beyond the harbor line."

Attached are a few examples of the recently corrected harbor lines over the years. Based on these map amendments it appears that the harbor line was modified depending upon the configuration of the marina. The distance from the harbor line to an existing pier or mooring piling varied by as much as 10 feet or more.



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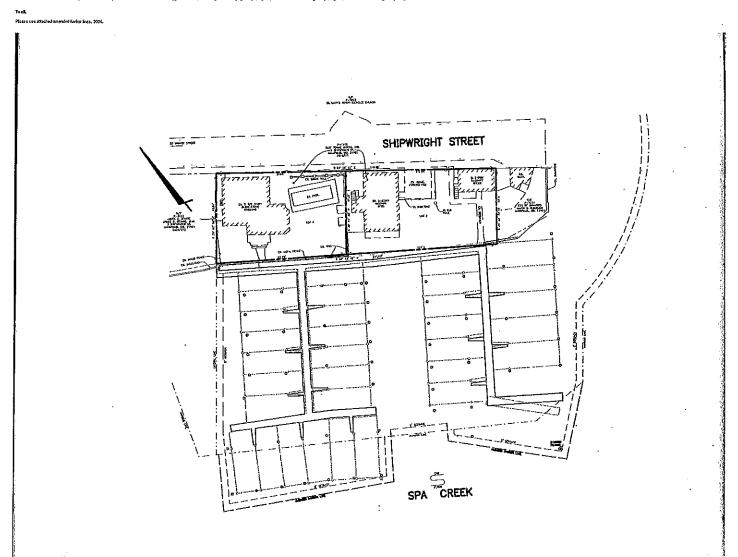
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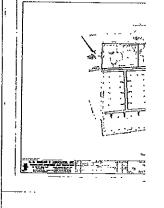
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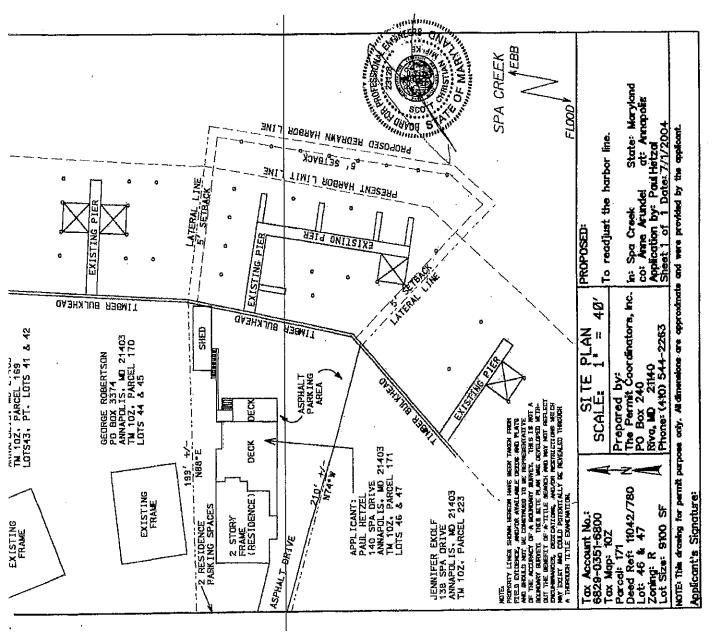
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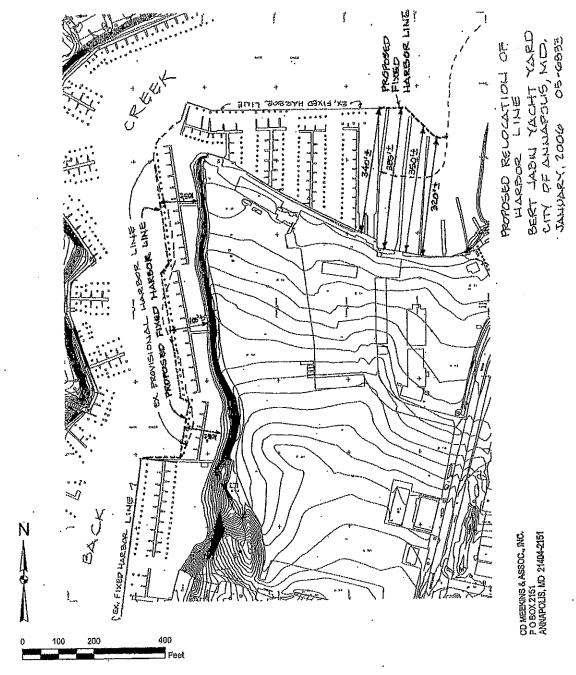




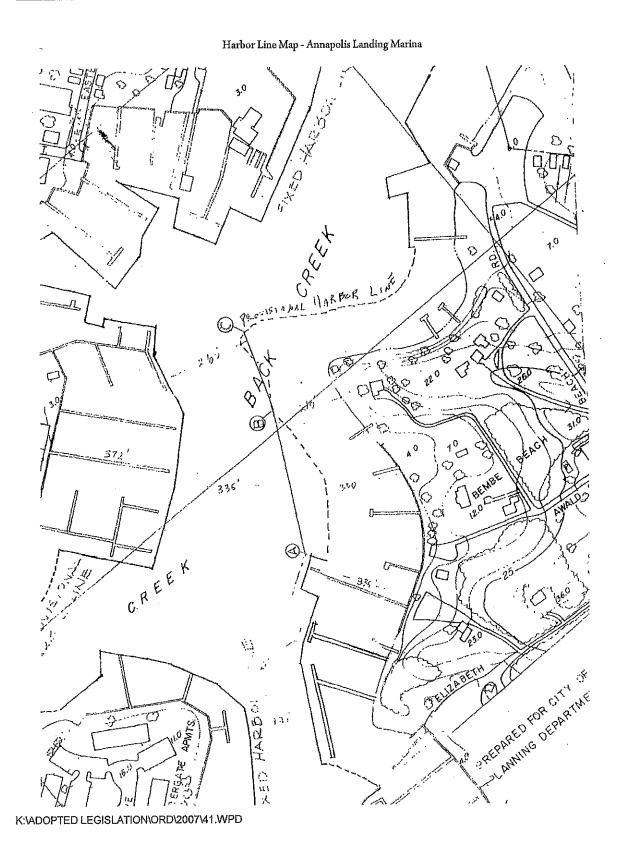


Attachment - Harbor Line Map
Amend Harbor Line Outboard of 140 Spa Drive

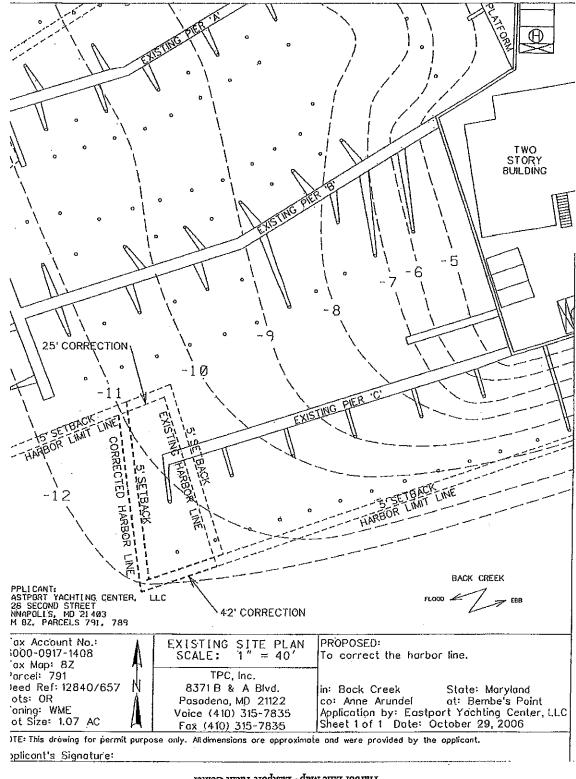
Attachment Harbor Line Map of Bert Jabin Yacht Yard



This map was created by the City of Annapolis, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering & Construction from the best available data at the sine of its creation. This data was compiled and controlled by the James W. Sawaii Company by photogramments methods from aerial photographs dated March 1, 2002.



Harbor Line Map - Eastport Yacht Center



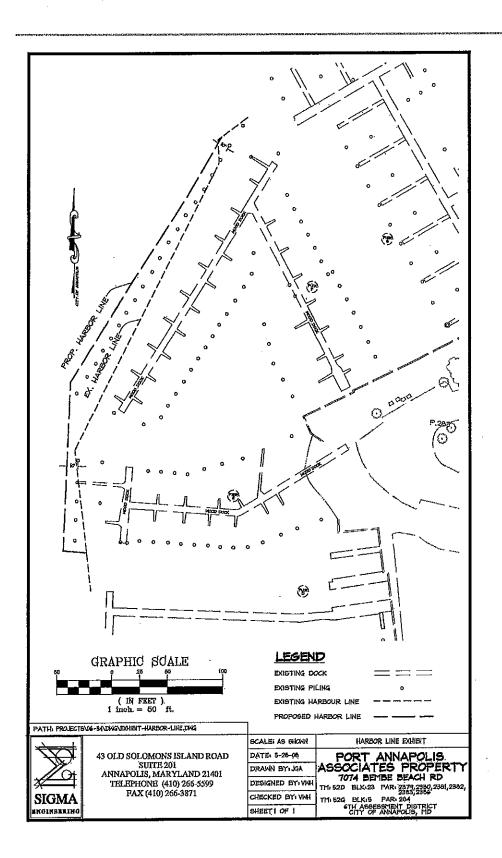


Exhibit Plan of the Severn House Condominiums

