



APPLICATION ACCEPTED: May 5, 2009  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: July 28, 2009  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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July 21, 2009

## STAFF REPORT

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SP 2009-SP-032

### SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

**APPLICANTS/OWNERS:** Charles D. Wray  
Catherine A. Wray

**SUBDIVISION:** Keene Mill Station

**STREET ADDRESS:** 8605 Etta Drive

**TAX MAP REFERENCE:** 89-1 ((9)) 137

**LOT SIZE:** 13,046 square feet

**ZONING DISTRICT:** R-3 (Cluster)

**ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS:** 8-918

**SPECIAL PERMIT PROPOSAL:** To permit an accessory dwelling unit.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of SP 2009-SP-032, subject to the proposed development conditions contained in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that it is not the intent of staff to recommend that the Board, in adopting any conditions, relieve the applicants/owners from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

It should be further noted that the content of this report reflects the analysis and recommendations of staff; it does not reflect the position of the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the BZA's Resolution setting forth this decision will be mailed within five (5) days after the decision becomes final.

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The approval of this application does not interfere with, abrogate or annul any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties, as they may apply to the property subject to the application.

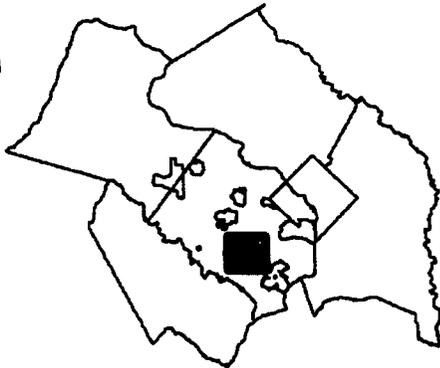
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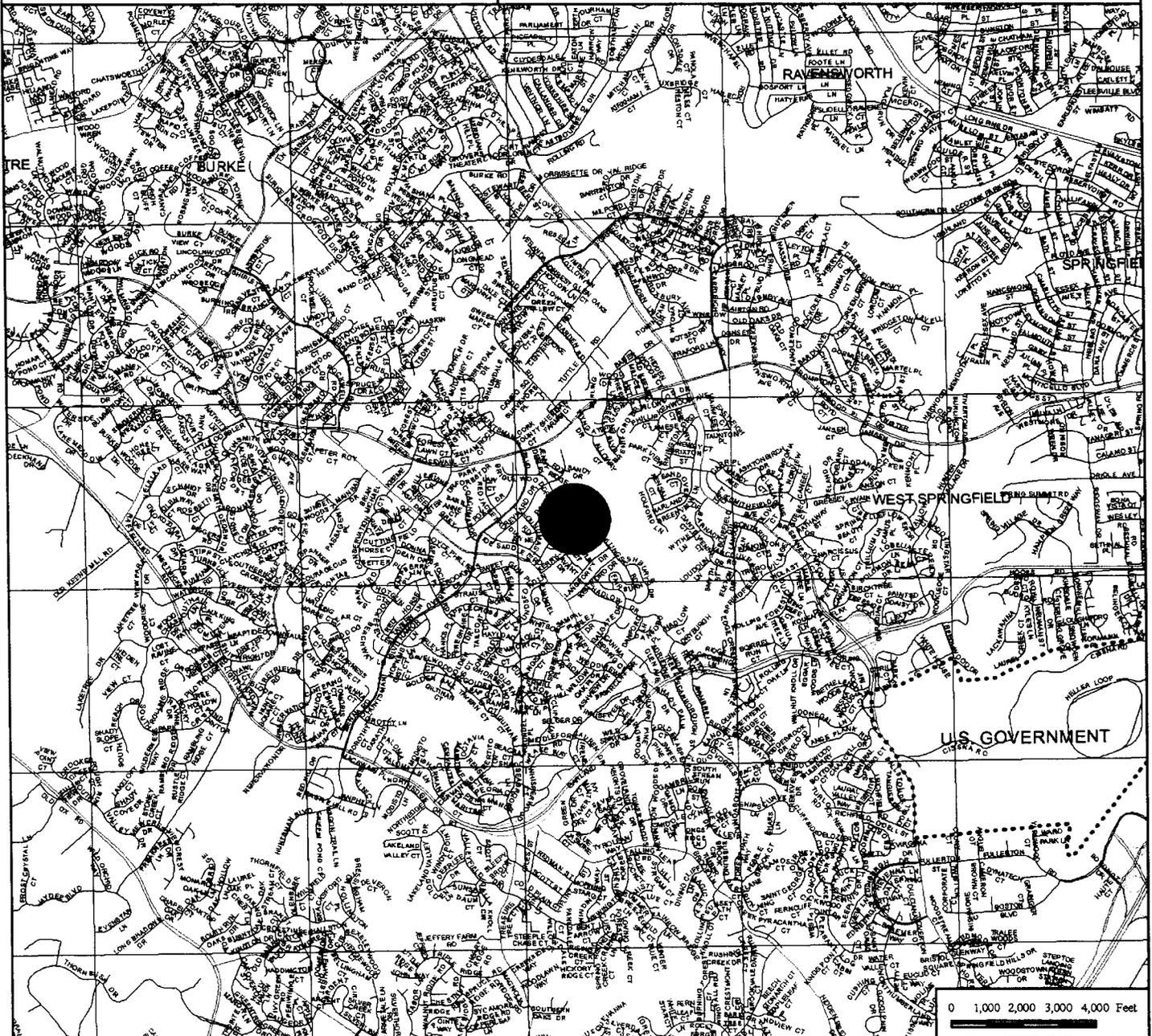
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**SP 2009-SP-032**

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**Accepted:** 05/05/2009  
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**Area:** 13,046 SF OF LAND; DISTRICT - SPRINGFIELD



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**Art 8 Group and Use:** 9-17  
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**Zoning:** R-3  
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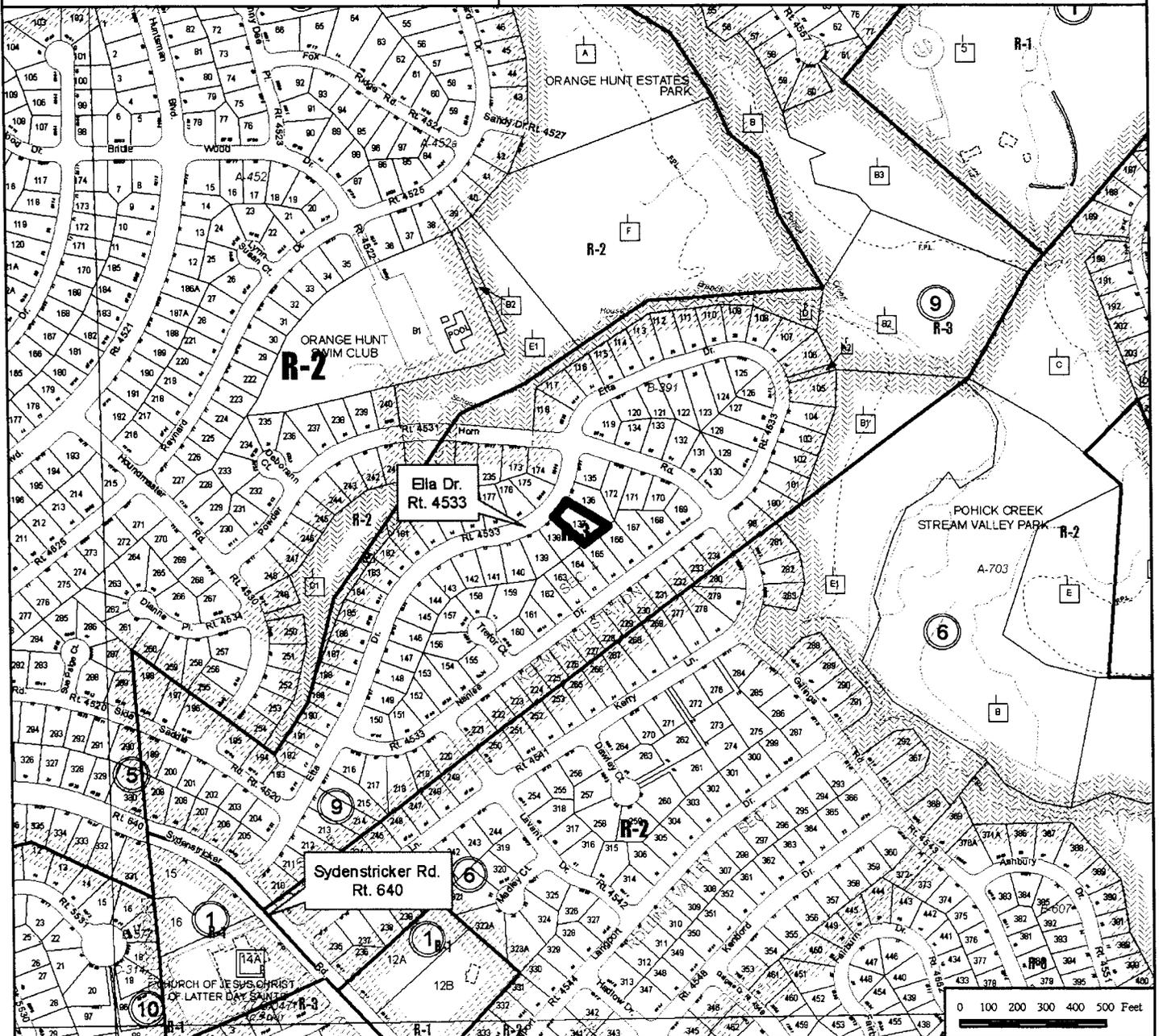


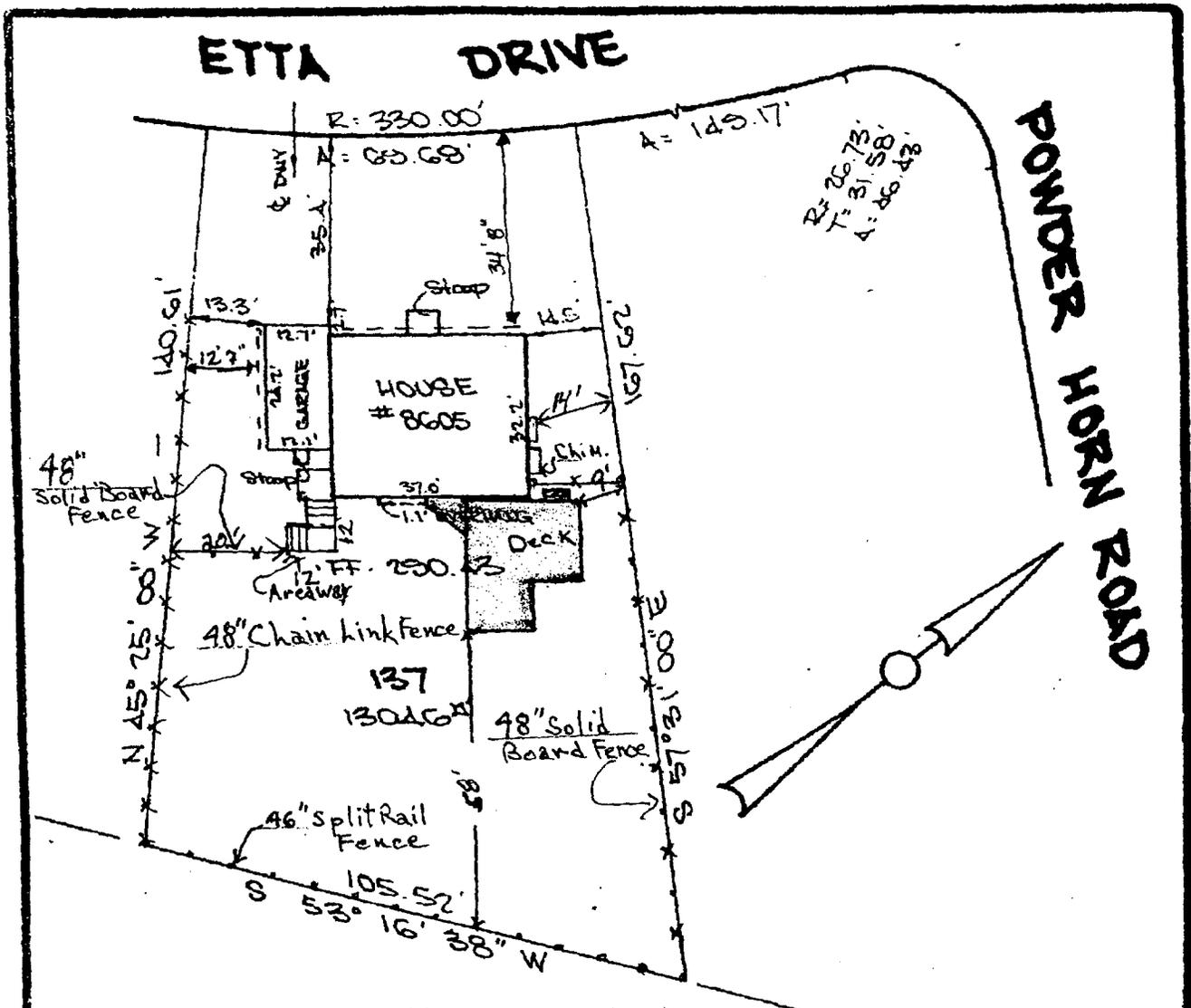
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HOUSE LOCATION  
 LOT 137 SECTION 4  
**KEENE MILL STATION**

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
 SCALE: 1" = 30' JUNE 18, 1973  
**COLDWELL & ASSOCIATES**  
 CIVIL ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING  
 FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
*J. M. Caldwell*  
 CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR

NO TITLE REPORT FURNISHED

*Catherine A. Wray*  
 4/20/09

8605 Ethel Dr.  
Springfield, Va 22152  
Front of house



(From Backyard)

Springfield, VA 22152

8605 Etha Dr.



accessory dwelling unit

side entrance to

Springfield VA 22152

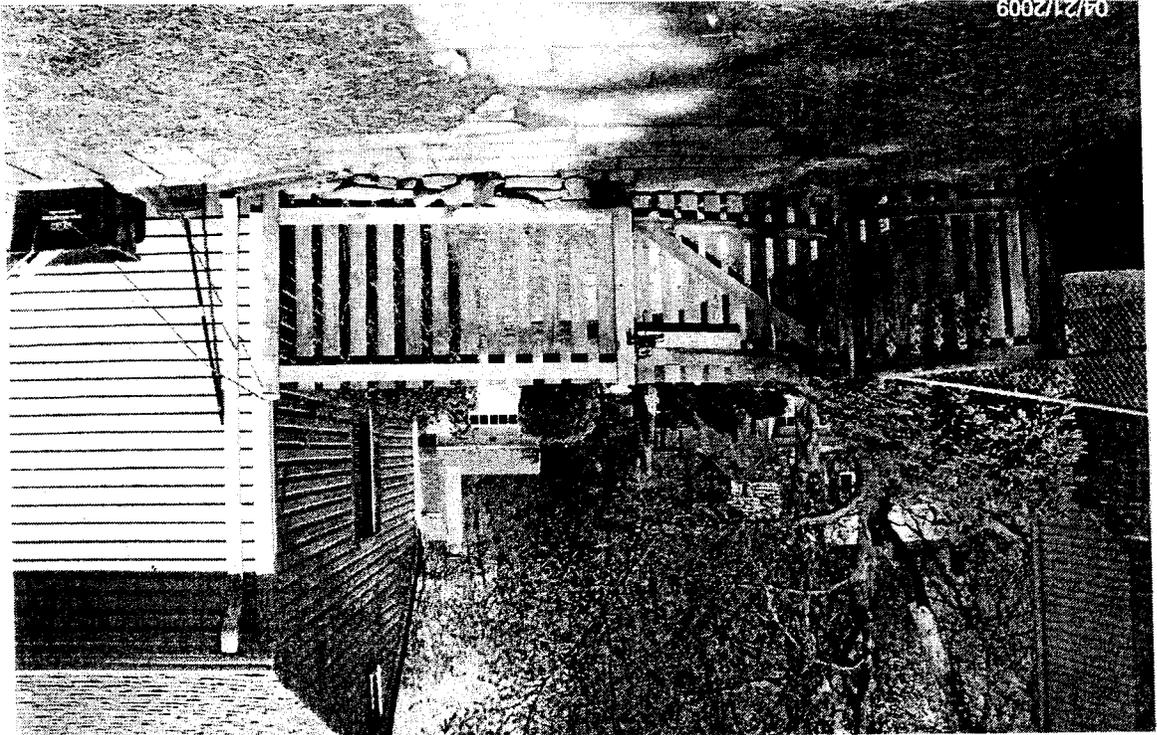
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View from back yard to front yard  
Side of house, side pathway,  
Right

Springfield VA 22152

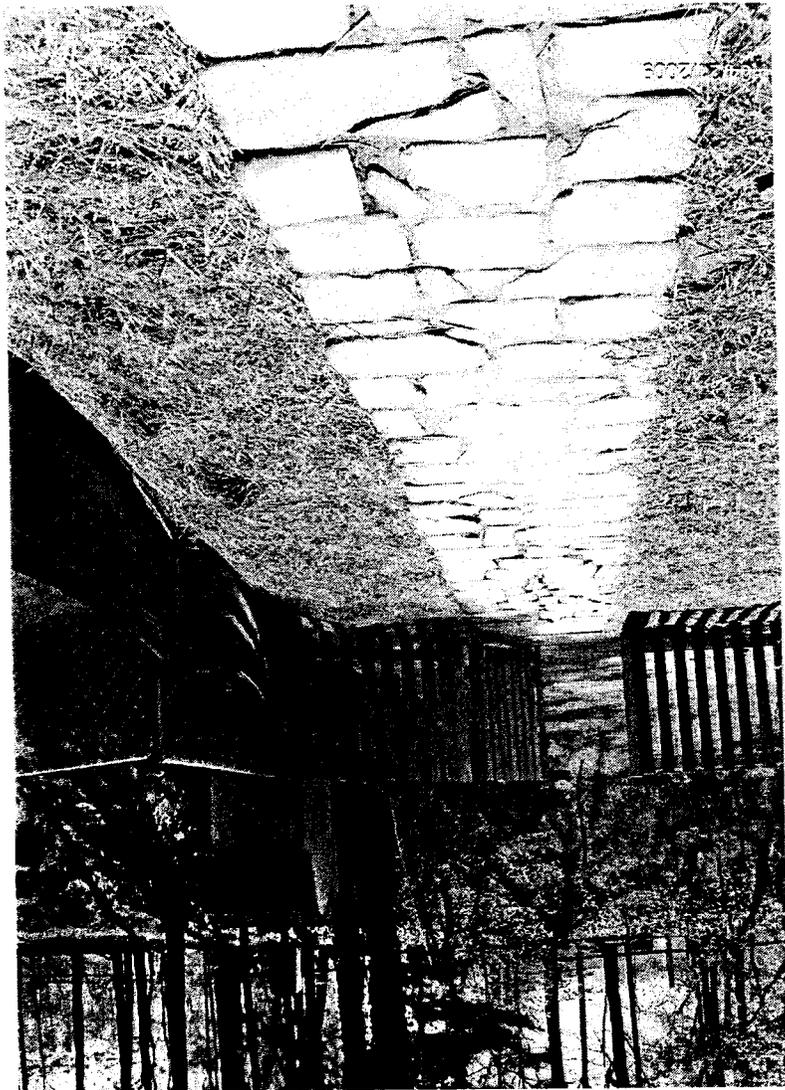
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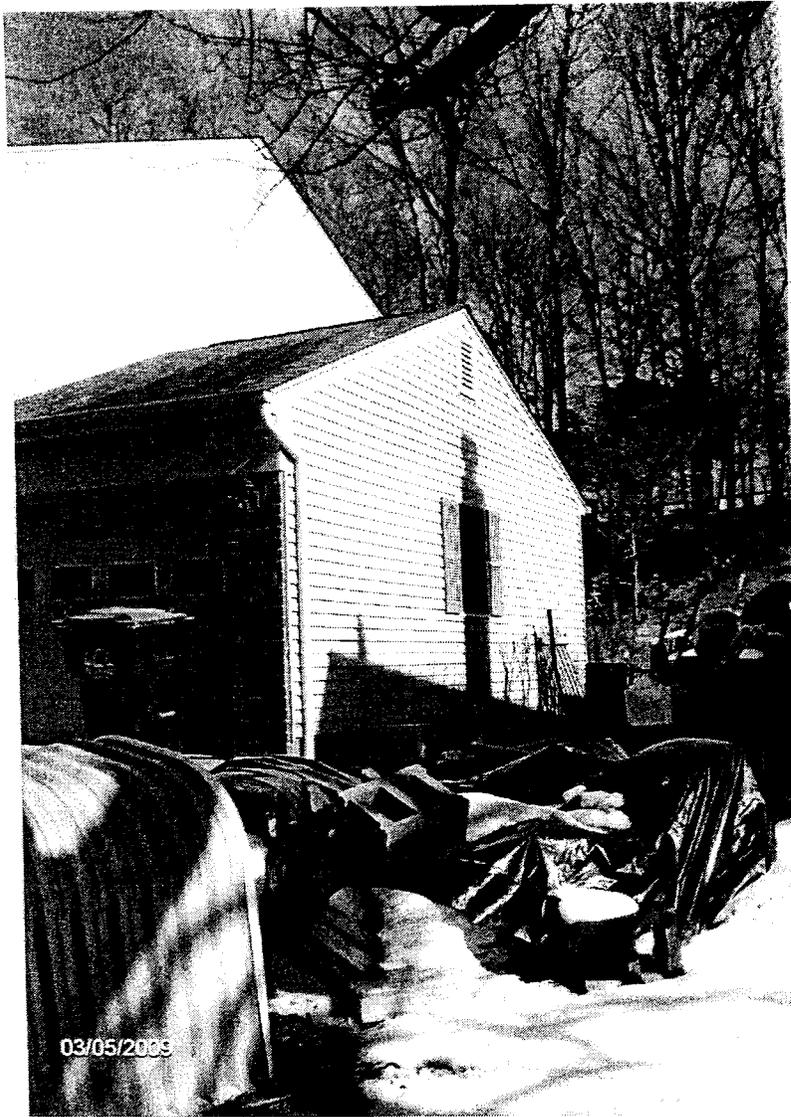


front of house to back yard to side  
entrance

Right Side of house, view from

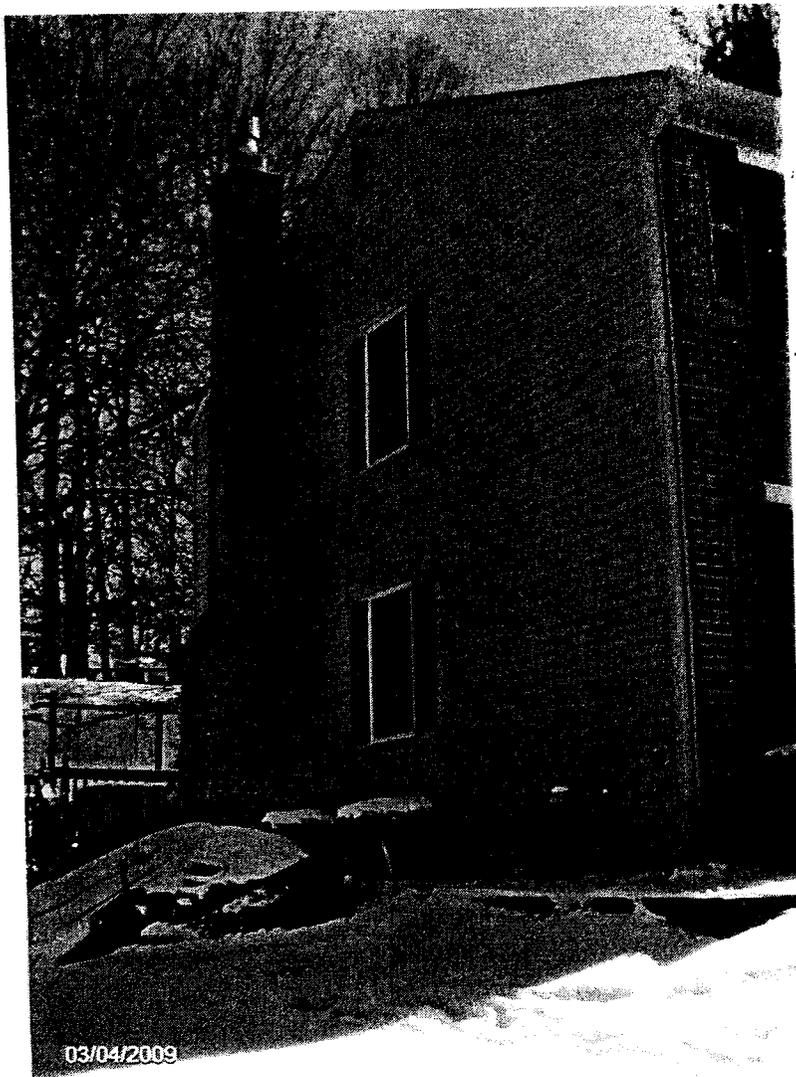
6025 Eta Drive  
Springfield VA 22152





8605 Etta Dr  
Springfield, VA 22152

Right side of house



8605 Etha Dr  
Springfield, VT 22132  
Left side of house  
Facing toward Backyard



8605 EHa DR.  
Springfield, VA 22152

Left  
~~Right~~  
Side of house look to FRONT  
street

**DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION**

**Special Permit Request:** To permit an accessory dwelling unit.

**Size of Principal Dwelling:** 2,451 square feet of above grade living space

**Size of Accessory Dwelling Unit:** 768 square feet

**Lot Size:** 13,046 square feet

**LOCATION AND CHARACTER**

**Existing Site Description**

The application property is located at 8605 Etta Drive in the Keene Mill Station subdivision. The 13,046 square foot site is developed with a brick front, vinyl siding, two-story with basement single family detached dwelling. A concrete driveway is accessed from Etta Drive and terminates at the one-car garage at the front of the dwelling. A separate walk-down entrance is located at the rear of the house which will provide an exterior entrance to the proposed accessory dwelling. The site contains a variety of small shrubs and trees.

**Surrounding Area Description**

<b>Direction</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Zoning</b>
<b>North</b>	Single Family Detached Dwellings	R-3 Cluster
<b>South</b>	Single Family Detached Dwellings	R-3 Cluster
<b>East</b>	Single Family Detached Dwellings	R-3 Cluster
<b>West</b>	Single Family Detached Dwellings	R-3 Cluster

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Site History**

County records indicate that the application dwelling was originally constructed in 1978 with 4 bedrooms and one kitchen. The floor plan provided indicates a finished basement that includes a living area, one bedroom, a utility room, a laundry room, and a full bathroom.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Special Permit Plat (Copy at front of staff report)**

**Title of SP Plat:** House Location Survey, Lot 137, Section 4, Keene Mill Station, Fairfax County, Virginia

**Prepared By:** Coldwell & Associates

**Dated:** June 18, 1973, revised and signed by Catherine Wray on April 20, 2009

### **Proposed Use**

The applicant is requesting approval of a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit. According to the applicant's statement, the 768 square foot accessory unit will be located in the basement level of the existing two story dwelling and will include one bedroom, a bathroom, a living area and a full kitchen, comprising 31 percent of the total square footage of the dwelling. The driveway and attached one car garage accommodates three on-site parking spaces. There are no proposed site modifications. The owner has stated that the request is to add the second kitchen to accommodate their son moving back into their residence. The applicants are both over 55 years of age.

## **ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS**

The existing single family dwelling currently meets all proffered conditions and bulk regulations.

## **OTHER ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Special Permit Requirements** (See Appendix 4)

- General Special Permit Standards (Sect. 8-006)
- Group Standards for All Group 9 Uses (Sect. 8-903)
- Additional Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (Sect. 8-918)

### **Summary of Zoning Ordinance Provisions**

All applicable standards for the accessory dwelling unit have been satisfied with the proposed development conditions.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Staff concludes that the subject application for an accessory dwelling unit is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan and in conformance with the applicable Zoning Ordinance provisions with the implementation of the Proposed Development Conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the Staff Report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of SP 2009-SP-032, subject to the Proposed Development Conditions in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that it is not the intent of staff to recommend that the Board, in adopting any conditions, relieve the applicant/owner from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

It should be further noted that the content of this report reflects the analysis and recommendations of staff; it does not reflect the position of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

## **APPENDICES**

1. Proposed Development Conditions
2. Applicant's Affidavit
3. Applicant's Statement of Justification
4. Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS****SP 2009-SP-032****July 21, 2009**

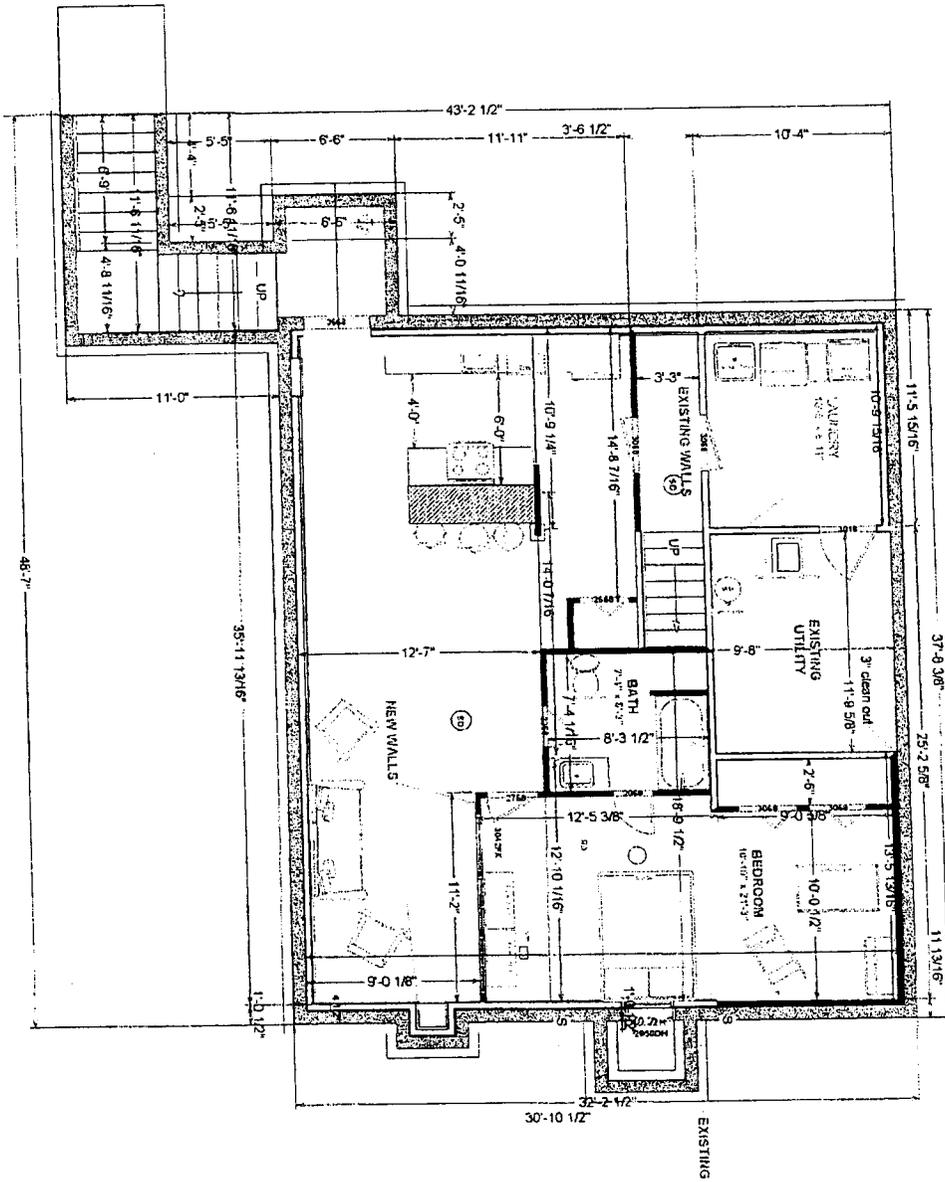
If it is the intent of the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve SP 2009-SP-032 located at Tax Map 89-1 ((9)) 137, to permit an accessory dwelling unit under Section 8-918 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, staff recommends that the Board condition the approval by requiring conformance with the following development conditions.

1. This approval is granted to the applicants only, Charles and Catherine Wray, and is not transferable without further action of this Board, and is for the location indicated on the application, 8605 Etta Drive (13,046 square feet), and is not transferable to other land.
2. This special permit is granted only for the purposes, structures and/or uses indicated on the house location survey plat prepared by Coldwell & Associates, dated June 18, 1973, revised and signed by Catherine Wray on April 20, 2009 and approved with this application, as qualified by these development conditions.
3. A copy of this special permit SHALL BE POSTED in a conspicuous place on the property of the use and made available to all departments of the County of Fairfax during the hours of operation of the permitted use.
4. The occupants of the principal dwelling and the accessory dwelling unit shall be in accordance with Par. 5 of Sect. 8-918 of the Zoning Ordinance.
5. The accessory dwelling unit shall contain a maximum of 768 square feet, as depicted on the floor plan included as Attachment 1 to these conditions.
6. All applicable building permits and final inspections shall be obtained for construction of the kitchen in the accessory dwelling unit.
7. Provisions shall be made for the inspection of the property by County personnel during reasonable hours upon prior notice and the accessory dwelling unit shall meet the applicable regulation for building, safety, health and sanitation.
8. The accessory dwelling unit shall be approved for a period of five (5) years from the final approval date of the special permit and may be extended for five (5) year periods with prior approval of the Zoning Administrator in accordance with Section 8-012 of the Zoning Ordinance.

9. If the use of the accessory dwelling unit ceases and/or the property is sold or otherwise conveyed, the accessory structure shall be converted to a use permitted by the Zoning Ordinance or if the property is sold or conveyed, a special permit amendment may be submitted to permit the continued use of an accessory dwelling unit.
10. All parking shall be provided as shown on the special permit plat.

This approval, contingent on the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

Pursuant to Sect.8-015 of the Zoning Ordinance, this special permit shall automatically expire, without notice, thirty (30) months after the date of approval unless the use has been established as outlined above. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant additional time to establish the use if a written request for additional time is filed with the Zoning Administrator prior to the date of expiration of the special permit. The request must specify the amount of additional time requested, the basis for the amount of time requested and an explanation of why additional time is required.



WALK IN RES. BRACE  
8605 ETTA DRIVE

STREET SIDE

Application No.(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SPECIAL PERMIT/VARIANCE AFFIDAVIT**

DATE: April 6, 2009  
 (enter date affidavit is notarized)

I, Daniel Lopez, do hereby state that I am an  
 (enter name of applicant or authorized agent)

(check one)       applicant  
                           applicant's authorized agent listed in Par. 1(a) below

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and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the following is true:

1(a). The following constitutes a listing of the names and addresses of all **APPLICANTS, TITLE OWNERS, CONTRACT PURCHASERS, and LESSEES** of the land described in the application,\* and, if any of the foregoing is a **TRUSTEE,\*\*** each **BENEFICIARY** of such trust, and all **ATTORNEYS and REAL ESTATE BROKERS**, and all **AGENTS** who have acted on behalf of any of the foregoing with respect to the application:

**(NOTE:** All relationships to the application listed above in **BOLD** print must be disclosed. Multiple relationships may be listed together, e.g., **Attorney/Agent, Contract Purchaser/Lessee, Applicant/Title Owner**, etc. For a multiparcel application, list the Tax Map Number(s) of the parcel(s) for each owner(s) in the Relationship column.)

NAME (enter first name, middle initial, and last name)	ADDRESS (enter number, street, city, state, and zip code)	RELATIONSHIP(S) (enter applicable relationships listed in <b>BOLD</b> above)
Charles D. Wray	8605 Etta Drive Springfield, VA 22152	<b>Applicant/Title Owner</b>
Catherine A. Wray	8605 Etta Drive Springfield, VA 22152	<b>Applicant/Title Owner</b>
Apache Design Build, LLC	250 Marganza South Laurel, MD 20724	<b>Agent</b>
Daniel M. Lopez	250 Marganza South Laurel, MD 20724	<b>Agent</b>

(check if applicable)       There are more relationships to be listed and Par. 1(a) is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 1(a)" form.

\* In the case of a condominium, the title owner, contract purchaser, or lessee of 10% or more of the units in the condominium.  
 \*\* List as follows: Name of trustee, Trustee for (name of trust, if applicable), for the benefit of: (state name of each beneficiary).

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1(b). The following constitutes a listing\*\*\* of the **SHAREHOLDERS** of all corporations disclosed in this affidavit who own 10% or more of any class of stock issued by said corporation, and where such corporation has 10 or less shareholders, a listing of all of the shareholders:

**(NOTE:** Include **SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, and REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS** herein.)

**CORPORATION INFORMATION**

**NAME & ADDRESS OF CORPORATION:** (enter complete name, number, street, city, state, and zip code)

APACHE DESIGN BUILD, LLC  
250 Margauza South  
Laurel, MD 20724

**DESCRIPTION OF CORPORATION:** (check one statement)

- There are 10 or less shareholders, and all of the shareholders are listed below.
- There are more than 10 shareholders, and all of the shareholders owning 10% or more of any class of stock issued by said corporation are listed below.
- There are more than 10 shareholders, but no shareholder owns 10% or more of any class of stock issued by said corporation, and no shareholders are listed below.

**NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS:** (enter first name, middle initial, and last name)

Daniel M. Lopez

(check if applicable)  There is more corporation information and Par. 1(b) is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment 1(b)" form.

\*\*\* All listings which include partnerships, corporations, or trusts, to include the names of beneficiaries, must be broken down successively until (a) only individual persons are listed or (b) the listing for a corporation having more than 10 shareholders has no shareholder owning 10% or more of any class of stock. *In the case of an APPLICANT, TITLE OWNER, CONTRACT PURCHASER, or LESSEE\* of the land that is a partnership, corporation, or trust, such successive breakdown must include a listing and further breakdown of all of its partners, of its shareholders as required above, and of beneficiaries of any trusts. Such successive breakdown must also include breakdowns of any partnership, corporation, or trust owning 10% or more of the APPLICANT, TITLE OWNER, CONTRACT PURCHASER or LESSEE\* of the land. Limited liability companies and real estate investment trusts and their equivalents are treated as corporations, with members being deemed the equivalent of shareholders; managing members shall also be listed.* Use footnote numbers to designate partnerships or corporations, which have further listings on an attachment page, and reference the same footnote numbers on the attachment page.

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1(c). The following constitutes a listing\*\*\* of all of the **PARTNERS**, both **GENERAL** and **LIMITED**, in any partnership disclosed in this affidavit:

**PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION**

**PARTNERSHIP NAME & ADDRESS:** (enter complete name, number, street, city, state, and zip code)

(check if applicable)  The above-listed partnership has no limited partners.

**NAMES AND TITLE OF THE PARTNERS** (enter first name, middle initial, last name, and title, e.g. **General Partner, Limited Partner, or General and Limited Partner**)

(check if applicable)  There is more partnership information and Par. 1(c) is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 1(c)" form.

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1(d). One of the following boxes **must** be checked:

In addition to the names listed in Paragraphs 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) above, the following is a listing of any and all other individuals who own in the aggregate (directly and as a shareholder, partner, and beneficiary of a trust) 10% or more of the **APPLICANT, TITLE OWNER, CONTRACT PURCHASER, or LESSEE\*** of the land:

Other than the names listed in Paragraphs 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) above, no individual owns in the aggregate (directly and as a shareholder, partner, and beneficiary of a trust) 10% or more of the **APPLICANT, TITLE OWNER, CONTRACT PURCHASER, or LESSEE\*** of the land.

2. That no member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, or any member of his or her immediate household owns or has any financial interest in the subject land either individually, by ownership of stock in a corporation owning such land, or through an interest in a partnership owning such land.

**EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:** (NOTE: If answer is none, enter "NONE" on the line below.)

none

(check if applicable)  There are more interests to be listed and Par. 2 is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 2" form.

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3. That within the twelve-month period prior to the public hearing of this application, no member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, or any member of his or her immediate household, either directly or by way of partnership in which any of them is a partner, employee, agent, or attorney, or through a partner of any of them, or through a corporation in which any of them is an officer, director, employee, agent, or attorney or holds 10% or more of the outstanding bonds or shares of stock of a particular class, has, or has had any business or financial relationship, other than any ordinary depositor or customer relationship with or by a retail establishment, public utility, or bank, including any gift or donation having a value of more than \$100, singularly or in the aggregate, with any of those listed in Par. 1 above.

**EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:** (NOTE: If answer is none, enter "NONE" on line below.)

none

(NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in this paragraph that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings. See Par. 4 below.)

(check if applicable) [ ] There are more disclosures to be listed and Par. 3 is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 3" form.

4. That the information contained in this affidavit is complete, that all partnerships, corporations, and trusts owning 10% or more of the APPLICANT, TITLE OWNER, CONTRACT PURCHASER, or LESSEE\* of the land have been listed and broken down, and that prior to each and every public hearing on this matter, I will reexamine this affidavit and provide any changed or supplemental information, including business or financial relationships of the type described in Paragraph 3 above, that arise on or after the date of this application.

WITNESS the following signature:

(check one)

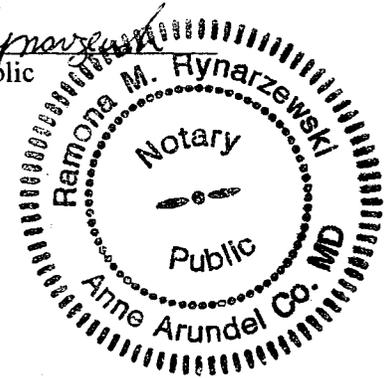
[Signature]  
[ ] Applicant       Applicant's Authorized Agent

Daniel M. Lopez, Applicant's Authorized Agent  
(type or print first name, middle initial, last name, and title of signee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, in the State/Comm. of Maryland, County/City of Anne Arundel.

Ramona M. Hynarzewski  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 3-01-2010



Charles and Cathy Wray 8605 Etta Drive Springfield, VA 22152**SPECIAL PERMIT**Special Permit Statement of Justification

The Homeowners desire to have a separate living space in their home to accommodate the return of their son and his family to live with them. They contemplate having their son occupy the existing living space while the Homeowners occupy the new living space.

Due to the foregoing, the Homeowners have a permit and have added a bath to their finished basement, an emergency egress window for a bedroom and an entranceway from the outside. Currently, the basement has an existing bar sink. Now, the Homeowners are seeking this special permit to be able to have a proper kitchen.

The total square footage of the existing dwellings, which will continue to be owner occupied, is 2,940 SQ FT and the proposed dwelling unit square footage will be 266, 768 sq ft. The proposed accessory dwelling unit a continuous part of the residence consists of the same material as the existing dwelling, including, but not limited to, drywall, tile, baseboard, casing, and trim. All construction of the proposed accessory dwelling will comply with the provisions, applicable ordinances, and regulations of Fairfax County Building Code. No hazardous or toxic substances will be used in this project. The county water serves this property and sewer system and that will continue.

This existing dwelling has the capacity to park 3 cars, one in the garage, and two in the driveway. This number is sufficient parking for the family.

On the plat of the property it shows there are two overhangs depicted with dotted lines that are located in the front of the house and the right side of the garage, each overhang is 8 inches. The distance from the front overhang to the end of the property is 34'8" and 19' above the ground. The distance from the right side of the garage overhang to the end of the property is 12'7" and 9' from the ground. There is a low (one foot above the ground) wall, with a fence on it, a retaining wall that is part of a second entrance that is located behind the garage on the right side of the house. All improvements on the property are within the legal setbacks required by zoning.

The granting of this permit to have a second kitchen in the residence for special circumstances such as those stated above promotes the safety, happiness and the well being of the Homeowners' family and thus the community. Both the Homeowners are over age 55 and believe that they meet all the pre-requisites required by the guidelines for this special permit. The Homeowners' neighbors have no objections to this arrangement.



Charles Wray

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT SUBMITTED PLAT IN LIEU OF NEW SURVEY**

**SPECIAL PERMIT**  
**Charles and Cathy Wray**  
**8605 Etta Drive**  
**Springfield, Virginia 22152**

March 5, 2009

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Fairfax County  
Fairfax, Virginia

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to seek permission to submit the attached property boundary survey in lieu of a new survey for the following reasons:

1. The submitted survey shows all of the improvements on the property and their distance from the property lines of the neighboring properties.
2. The cost of the new survey is three times as much as the fee for the special permit I seek for a second kitchen yet would not show any more than is shown on the submitted plat.
3. While the acceptance of the submitted plat in lieu of a new plat is outside of the guidelines, no adverse consequence arises because the subject of the special permit is for an interior item and no new improvements outside the footprint of the residence or the existing improvements is being sought.
4. The acceptance of the submitted plat serves the public interest by not placing a financial burden on a citizen that is out of proportion to the lack of new information a new survey would provide.

Thank you for this consideration

Sincerely,



Daniel Lopez  
Agent for Charles and Cathy Wray

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Zoning Evaluation Division

**8-006 General Standards**

In addition to the specific standards set forth hereinafter with regard to particular special permit uses, all special permit uses shall satisfy the following general standards:

1. The proposed use at the specified location shall be in harmony with the adopted comprehensive plan.
2. The proposed use shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district regulations.
3. The proposed use shall be such that it will be harmonious with and will not adversely affect the use or development of neighboring properties in accordance with the applicable zoning district regulations and the adopted comprehensive plan. The location, size and height of buildings, structures, walls and fences, and the nature and extent of screening, buffering and landscaping shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent or nearby land and/or buildings or impair the value thereof.
4. The proposed use shall be such that pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with such use will not be hazardous or conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood.
5. In addition to the standards which may be set forth in this Article for a particular group or use, the BZA shall require landscaping and screening in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.
6. Open space shall be provided in an amount equivalent to that specified for the zoning district in which the proposed use is located.
7. Adequate utility, drainage, parking, loading and other necessary facilities to serve the proposed use shall be provided. Parking and loading requirements shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.
8. Signs shall be regulated by the provisions of Article 12; however, the BZA, under the authority presented in Sect. 007 below, may impose more strict requirements for a given use than those set forth in this Ordinance.

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4. The proposed use shall be such that pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with such use will not be hazardous or conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood.
5. In addition to the standards which may be set forth in this Article for a particular group or use, the BZA shall require landscaping and screening in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.
6. Open space shall be provided in an amount equivalent to that specified for the zoning district in which the proposed use is located.
7. Adequate utility, drainage, parking, loading and other necessary facilities to serve the proposed use shall be provided. Parking and loading requirements shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.
8. Signs shall be regulated by the provisions of Article 12; however, the BZA, under the authority presented in Sect. 007 below, may impose more strict requirements for a given use than those set forth in this Ordinance.

### **8-903 Standards For All Group 9 Uses**

In addition to the general standards set forth in Sect. 006 above, all Group 9 special permit uses shall satisfy the following standards:

1. All uses shall comply with the lot size and bulk regulations of the zoning district in which located, except as may be qualified below.
2. All uses shall comply with the performance standards specified for the zoning district in which located.
3. Before establishment, all uses, including modifications or alterations to existing uses, shall be subject to the provisions of Article 17, Site Plans, or other appropriate submission as determined by the Director.

### **8-918 Additional Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units**

As established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Policy on Accessory Dwelling Units (Appendix 5), the BZA may approve a special permit for the establishment of an accessory dwelling unit with a single family detached dwelling unit but only in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Accessory dwelling units shall only be permitted in association with a single family detached dwelling unit and there shall be no more than one accessory dwelling unit per single family detached dwelling unit.
2. Except on lots two (2) acres or larger, an accessory dwelling unit shall be located within the structure of a single family detached dwelling unit. Any added external entrances for the accessory dwelling unit shall be located on the side or rear of the structure.  
On lots two (2) acres or greater in area, an accessory dwelling unit may be located within the structure of a single family detached dwelling unit or within a freestanding accessory structure.
3. The gross floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed thirty-five (35) percent of the total gross floor area of the principal dwelling unit. When the accessory dwelling unit is located in a freestanding accessory structure, the gross floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed thirty-five (35) percent of the gross floor area of the accessory freestanding structure and the principal dwelling unit.
4. The accessory dwelling unit shall contain not more than two (2) bedrooms.

5. The occupancy of the accessory dwelling unit and the principal dwelling unit shall be in accordance with the following:
  - A. One of the dwelling units shall be owner occupied.
  - B. One of the dwelling units shall be occupied by a person or persons who qualify as elderly and/or disabled as specified below:
    - (1) Any person fifty-five (55) years of age or over and/or
    - (2) Any person permanently and totally disabled. If the application is made in reference to a person because of permanent and total disability, the application shall be accompanied by a certification by the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board. If such person is not eligible for certification by any of these agencies, there shall be submitted a written declaration signed by two (2) medical doctors licensed to practice medicine, to the effect that such person is permanently and totally disabled. The written statement of at least one of the doctors shall be based upon a physical examination of the person by the doctor. One of the doctors may submit a written statement based upon medical information contained in the records of the Civil Service Commission which is relevant to the standards for determining permanent and total disability.

For purposes of this Section, a person shall be considered permanently and totally disabled if such person is certified as required by this Section as unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reasons of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of the person's life.
  - C. The accessory dwelling unit may be occupied by not more than two (2) persons not necessarily related by blood or marriage. The principal single family dwelling unit may be occupied by not more than one (1) of the following:
    - (1) One (1) family, which consists of one (1) person or two (2) or more persons related by blood or marriage and with any number of natural children, foster children, step children or adopted children.

- (2) A group of not more than four (4) persons not necessarily related by blood or marriage.
6. Any accessory dwelling unit established for occupancy by a disabled person shall provide for reasonable access and mobility as required for the disabled person. The measures for reasonable access and mobility shall be specified in the application for special permit. Generally, reasonable access and mobility for physically disabled persons shall include:
  - A. Uninterrupted access to one (1) entrance; and
  - B. Accessibility and usability of one (1) toilet room.
7. The BZA shall review all existing and/or proposed parking to determine if such parking is sufficient to meet the needs of the principal and accessory dwelling units. If it is determined that such parking is insufficient, the BZA may require the provision of one (1) or more off-street parking spaces. Such parking shall be in addition to the requirements specified in Article 11 for a single family dwelling unit.
8. The BZA shall determine that the proposed accessory dwelling unit together with any other accessory dwelling unit(s) within the area will not constitute sufficient change to modify or disrupt the predominant character of the neighborhood. In no instance shall the approval of a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit be deemed a subdivision of the principal dwelling unit or lot.
9. Any accessory dwelling unit shall meet the applicable regulations for building, safety, health and sanitation.
10. Upon the approval of a special permit, the Clerk to the Board of Zoning Appeals shall cause to be recorded among the land records of Fairfax County a copy of the BZA's approval, including all accompanying conditions. Said resolution shall contain a description of the subject property and shall be indexed in the Grantor Index in the name of the property owners.
11. The owner shall make provisions to allow inspections of the property by County personnel during reasonable hours upon prior notice.
12. Special permits for accessory dwelling units shall be approved for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of approval; provided, however, that such special permits may be extended for succeeding

five (5) year periods in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 012 above.

13. Notwithstanding Par. 5 of Sect. 9-012, any accessory dwelling unit approved prior to July 27, 1987 and currently valid may be extended in accordance with the provisions of this Section and Sect. 012 above.