

**EXPEDITED**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**STAFF REPORT**

<b>Address:</b>	15120 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	7/14/2021
<b>Resource:</b>	<b>Darnestown Presbyterian Church</b> <i>Master Plan Site #24/19-1</i>	<b>Report Date:</b>	7/7/2021
<b>Applicant:</b>	Darnestown Presbyterian Church <b>(David McClung, Agent)</b>	<b>Public Notice:</b>	6/30/3021
<b>Review:</b>	HAWP	<b>Tax Credit:</b>	N/A
<b>Permit Number:</b>	958209	<b>Staff:</b>	Michael Kyne
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Installation of a flagpole		

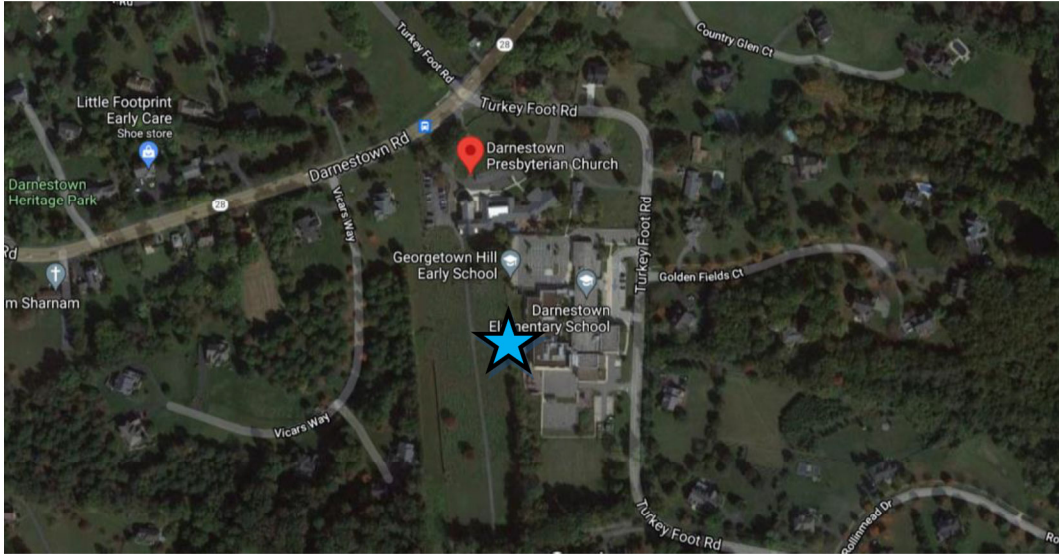
**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Approve
- Approve with conditions

1. If in excavating for the flagpole foundation, evidence is found indicating that a grave is present, work should stop, and another location should be selected for the flagpole.
2. The proposed flagpole will not be lighted.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Master Plan Site  
**STYLE:** Greek Revival w/ Gothic & Shingle Style influences  
**DATE:** 1856 w/ c. 1897 & c. 1953 Additions



*Fig. 1: Subject property, with approximate flagpole location marked by the blue star.*

## **PROPOSAL**

The applicants propose to install a 25' high, 4" diameter flagpole in the cemetery at the south side of the property. The proposed flagpole will be placed in a vacant grave plot. The pole foundation will not exceed the dimensions available in the vacant plot, and it will not impact adjacent graves.

On July 3, staff received correspondence from a neighbor expressing concerns regarding lighting of the flagpole. Staff reached out to the applicants on July 6, and they confirmed that no lighting is proposed. Staff has added a condition of approval, so that it is on record that no lighting is to be installed.

## **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:**

IV. The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

3. Modifications to a property, which do not significantly alter its visual character.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
  - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
  - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
  - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
  - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or

- (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
  - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.

### ***Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation***

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as “the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.” The applicable *Standards* are as follows:

- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve with the two (2) conditions specified on Page 1** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b) (1) and (2), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible with the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2*;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans.

Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



FOR STAFF ONLY:  
HAWP# \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE ASSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_



# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
301.563.3400

**APPLICANT:**

Name: Darnestown Presbyterian Church E-mail: dpchurch@comcast.net  
Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Road City: Darnestown Zip: 20878  
Daytime Phone: 301-948-9127 Tax Account No.: 06-03815022

**AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):**

Name: David McClung E-mail: davemcclung@gmail.com  
40 Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
Address: 15120 Turkey Foot Rd City: Darnestown Zip: 20878  
Daytime Phone: 3013517824 Contractor Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE:** MIHP # of Historic Property Parcel 1016, Tax Map ES21  
L 3937 F 234 P125364

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Yes/District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
X No/Individual Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck/Porch          | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence               | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape/Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal/planting              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof                | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door                        |
|   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Flag Pole</u> |

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

David McClung Signature of owner or authorized agent June 28, 2021 Date





DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

Mitra Pedoeem  
*Director*

# HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 6/30/2021

Application No: 958209  
AP Type: HISTORIC  
Customer No: 1411013

## Comments

This is for Darnestown Presbyterian Church - full name is not showing up in the basic information above.

## Affidavit Acknowledgement

The Homeowner is the Primary applicant  
This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

## Primary Applicant Information

Address 15120 TURKEY FOOT RD  
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878  
Othercontact Kurkjian  
Homeowner Darnestown (Primary)

## Historic Area Work Permit Details

Work Type ADD  
Scope of Work Installation of a flagpole in cemetery.

**STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY HAWP APPLICATION**  
**Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

**Description of Existing Structures and the Environmental Setting**

The Subject Property is known as the Darnestown Presbyterian Church (“DPC”) Cemetery, located at 15120 Turkey Foot Road in Darnestown, MD. The Subject Property is approximately 9.7 acres in size, and located at the intersection of Turkey Foot Road and Darnestown Road (Rt. 28) in the heart of Darnestown, MD.

DPC was listed on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation as an individual resource in 1985 (“the Historic Designation”), site #24/19-1. The Historic Designation includes the main church structure, and the remainder of the Subject Property as part of the environmental setting, inclusive of two adjoining buildings, known as the Andrew Small Building, and the Manse.

The Historic Designation focused on criteria 1A, 1D, 2A and 2E, as set forth in Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, and restated herein:

Criteria 1: Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:

- (a): has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- (d): Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

Criteria 2: Architectural and design significance. The historic resource:

- (a): Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- (e): Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

The cornerstone of the original Greek Revival Darnestown Presbyterian Church structure is believed to have been laid in 1856. In 1897, the church parlor and bell tower were added to the front of the building, giving it a Victorian Gothic Revival appearance, with touches of Stick Style and Queen Anne also apparent in the robust tower element. In 1953, a chancel and classroom addition was constructed south and east of the original building, and the interiors of the original church were completely renovated.

In addition to the structures, the property includes a cemetery as noted on the attached survey. The cemetery has some 3,625 graves, and 1,464 occupied gravesites on about 5 acres of property.

**Description of the Project**

1. Installation of 25’ Aluminum 4” diameter flagpole at the “turn around” in middle of cemetery as noted on the attached maps. We have some 96 veterans buried in our cemetery and we wish to honor their sacrifice and service on special occasions: Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Wreaths Across America Day, and the burial of veterans in the future. These flag raisings would be coordinated with our local Scout Troop, and current veterans. The location is Plot 139, which is unsold and unoccupied.

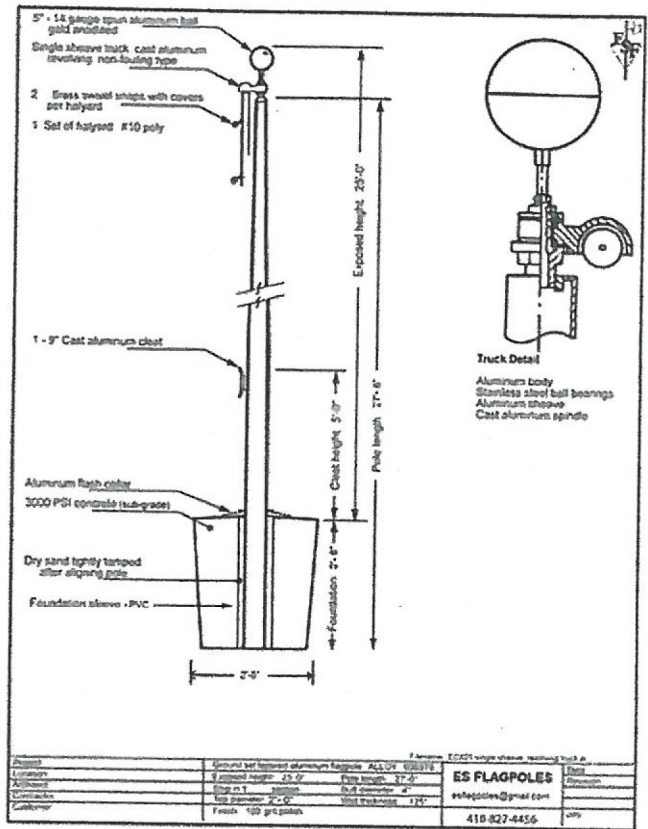
This flagpole has a wind rating of 88 mph, which should be adequate for our limited usage.

**Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery HAWK Attachments**  
Installation of Flagpole

1. Photo of Flagpole and Diagam
2. Survey of Property with Location of Flag Pole
3. Diagram of Cemetery with Plot location
4. Photo of location site
5. Addresses of Adjoining and Confronting Property Owners



25'x 4"x .125 wall aluminum flagpole. Flagged wind rating 88MPH. Installed \$2,600.00

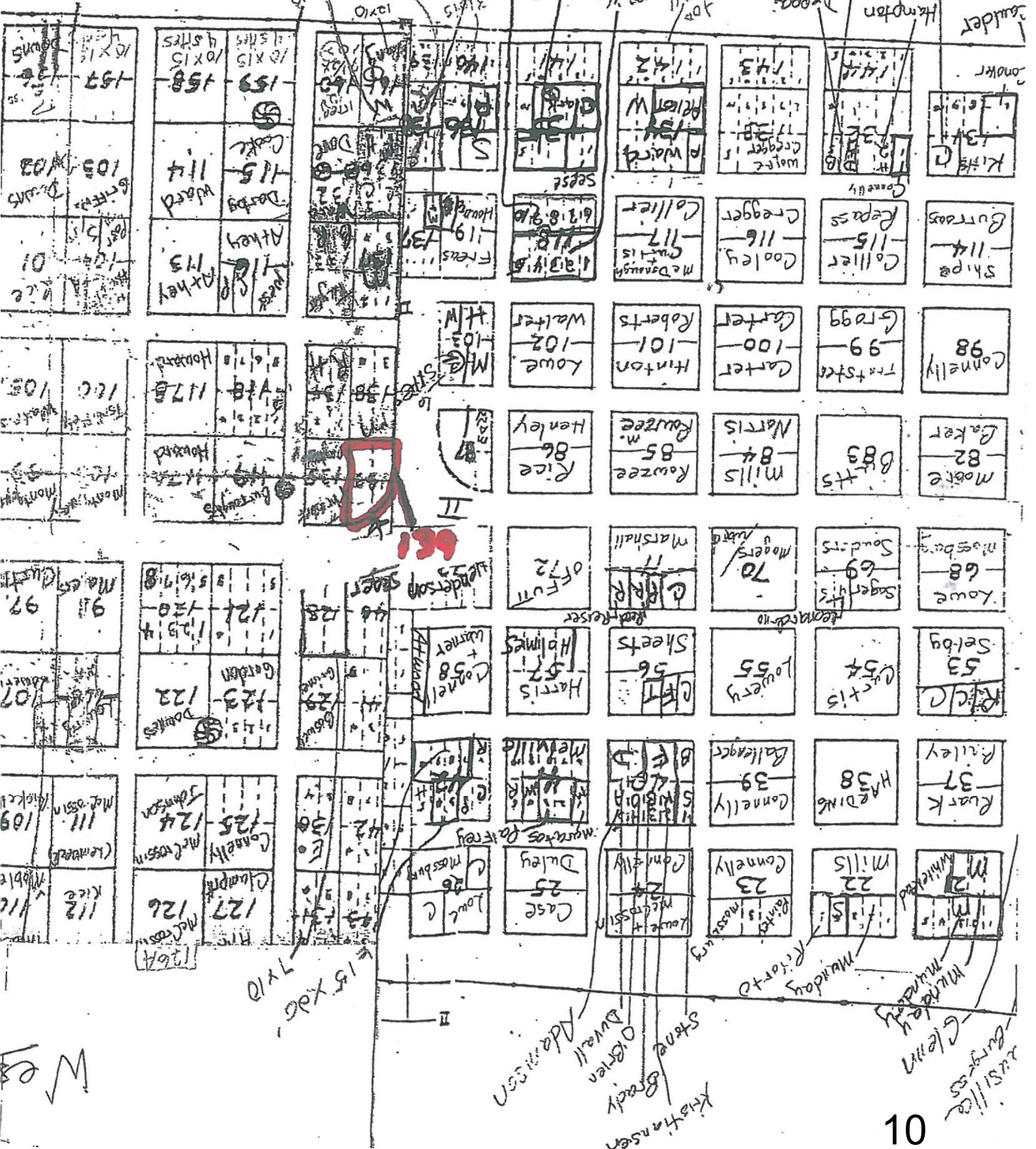






Flag Site 139 Unoccupied  
LOT 135 Peyton, Thresher  
134 4 Henly, 1, 2, 3 Acre  
138 Mersort

SCHOOL





Flag Pole. Site

1 message

David McClung <davemcclung@gmail.com>  
To: davemcclung@gmail.com

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 4:02 PM



**Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery HAWK****Addresses of Adjoining and Confronting Property Owners**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Lot #</b>
Clayton W. Eisinger, et al.	14211 Dufief Mill Rd Gaithersburg MD 20878	Darnestown Road	466	
Charlene M. Williams	13731 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878	13731 Darnestown Rd	400	
Jerry D. Miller & Koshell Burnham-Miller	13735 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg MD 20878	13735 Darnestown Rd	411	
Alexander C. Cook	13805 Darnestown Rd Gaithersburg, MD 20878	13805 Darnestown Rd.	468	
Dinesh C. & MR Gupta	15200 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburtg MD 20878	15200 Turkey Foot Rd.		1
Shiguang A. Yang	15121 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburg, MD 20878	15121 Turkey Foot Rd	458	
Rafael A. Nieves	15141 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburg, MD 20878	15141 Turkey Foot Rd	408	
Edward M. & BL Crough	15201 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburg MD 20878	15201 Turkey Foot Rd		1
Edward M. & BL Crough	15201 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburg MD 20878	Darnestown Rd.	357	
Darnestown Presby Church Board of Trustees	15120 Turkey Foot Rd Gaithersburg MD 20878	15120 Turkey Foot Rd	616	
Board of Education	850 Hungerford Dr Rockville, MD 20850	15030 Turkey Foot Rd	570	
Board of Education	“ “	15018 Turkey Foot Rd	678	
William J. & KS Harrington	15101 Turkey Foot Road Gaithersburg MD 20878	15101 Turkey Foot Rd	540	
Arthur H. Ciatto	15111 Turkey Foot Rd Darnestown MD 20878	15111 Turkey Foot Rd	587 (also referred to as 487)	
Juana Bautista, et al.	13813 Golden Fields Ct Darnestown MD 20878	13813 Golden Fields Ct		28
Robert J. Baer Revoc Tr	15204 Country Glen Ct Darnestown MD 20878	15204 Country Glen Ct		26
Michael A. & Veronica W. Cooper	15117 Vicars Way Darnestown MD 20878	15117 Vicar's Way		8
Louis R. Forbrich, III & Ashley S. Forbrich	15109 Vicars Way Darnestown MD 20878	15109 Vicars Way		6
Ronald Schoner & Beverly Bechtel	15113 Vicars Way Darnestown MD 20878	15113 Vicars Way		7