

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
DECISION ON SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED PROJECT
SOUTHAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – LANDSCAPE BUFFER
APRIL 25, 2016

Background Information:

The Board of Education of Harford County (Board) owns a 35.99-acre parcel of land located at 1200 Moores Mill Road, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014. Situated on this property is the Southampton Middle School (SOMS) facility with standard site amenities and landscaping features. Adjacent to SOMS is a 5.776-acre parcel presently known as the Townes at Bynum Run. This parcel has been purchased by Ten Oaks Realty, LLC. Ten Oaks is in the process of subdividing and developing the Townes at Bynum Run into a residential subdivision to be named the Townes at Bynum Run. In connection with the development of the Townes at Bynum Run, Ten Oaks desires that the Board grant them the right to establish a landscape buffer on school property.

Discussion:

Ten Oaks Realty, LLC has engaged a licensed professional, David G. Taylor & Associates, LLC, Land Planning and Engineering, for the purpose of performing engineering services that are required for the development of the Townes by Bynum Run. Once all required permits are obtained, landscaping and site improvement services will be secured and improvements to the SOMS site will be completed by licensed contractors. The scope of work associated with this request will establish a buffer by removing the existing vegetation comprised of invasive species, dead wood, vines and briars and replacing them with an attractive mix of native trees and shrubs. The project will include a 15' wide landscape buffer to be located along the southern property line of SOMS. This buffer is intended to be natural and maintenance free, provide value to the school property environmentally and aesthetically, and will provide an attractive buffer between the school and the proposed 38-unit townhouse subdivision.

The developer's licensed landscape contractor will be responsible for the planting of the landscape buffer. Upon completion of all development engineering and required permitting, the contract for this work will tentatively be awarded in the summer of 2016.

As a fall project for the students the Administration of SOMS has asked that the students be involved in some part of the installation of landscaping. The involvement of the students will serve them in classes that concentrate on life science, environmental science, and environmental issues.

All of the necessary documentation has been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the appropriate school system staff, with comments through the Assistant Superintendent for Operations, as required by school system procedures. The Ten Oaks Realty, LLC, and David G. Taylor, Associates, LLC, will comply with the items described in the comments.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the construction of a buffer and planting at Southampton Middle School. The cost of the project is \$30,000. Ten Oaks Realty, LLC, is fully funding the proposed project.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED SOUTHAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL LANDSCAPE BUFFER

SPONSORED PROJECT APPROVAL REQUEST

(1) SCHOOL/FACILITY NAME/ADDRESS:

Southampton Middle School
1200 Moores Mill Road
Bel Air, MD 21014
Attn: Principal Glenn Jensen
Phone: 410-638-4150
Email: Glenn.Jensen@hcps.org

(2) SPONSOR:

Ten Oaks Realty, LLC
P.O. Box 257
Fallston MD 21047
Attn: Fred Sheckells
Phone: 410-459-8401
Email: fred@tenoaksrealty.com

(3) SPONSOR'S ENGINEER:

David G. Taylor and Assoc., LLC
163 Spruce Woods Ct.
Abingdon MD 21009
Attn: David G. Taylor, P.E.
Phone: 443-752-9039
Email: dgtaylorpe@comcast.net

(4) PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Construction of a 15' wide landscape buffer located along the southern property line of parcel 211, tax map 41 owned by the Board of Education of Harford County and on which Southampton Middle School is located. The buffer will begin at Moores Mill Road and follow the property line for 700'. The landscaped buffer will replace the existing strip of vegetation located on and along the school property that is comprised of unsightly invasive species, dead wood, briars and vines and replace them with an attractive mix of native species of trees and shrubs. The plant mix is intended to grow naturally without the need for maintenance. This will provide an attractive buffer between the school and the proposed 38 unit townhouse subdivision. See landscape plan attached.

(5) PERFORMANCE OF WORK:

The developer's licensed landscaped contractor will be responsible for the planting of the landscape buffer. The contract for this work will tentatively be awarded in the summer of 2016 upon completion of all development engineering and required permitting. Southampton Middle School Principal Glenn Jensen has asked that the students be involved in some part of the installation of landscaping as a fall project.

(6) MANAGEMENT OF PROJECT:

The sponsor and the sponsor's engineer will be responsible for design and preparation of all the landscape plans, coordination and acquisition of all plan approvals and permits, and installation of the landscaping.

(7) ESTIMATE OF COST:

The estimated cost for planning, design, permitting and construction of the trail and associated buffer landscaping is \$30,000.

(8) FUNDING SOURCE:

Ten Oaks Realty, LLC.

SCHOOL SYSTEM IMPACT:

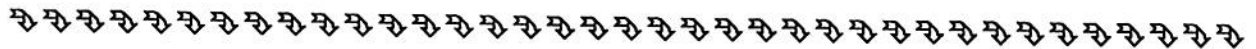
Describe how this project will impact the school system in the following categories:

- (9) **Funding:** No impact
- (10) **Physical impact on existing site:** Will replace unsightly vegetated strip along southern property line with a mix of native trees and shrubs that will thrive naturally without the need for maintenance.
- (11) **Additional equipment and materials required:** None
- (12) **Maintenance (short and long term):** None required
- (13) **Staffing (short and long term):** None
- (14) **Utilities (short and long term):** None
- (15) **Monthly/Quarterly/Yearly Charges:** None
- (16) **Permits required (list):** Grading permit acquired by developer
- (17) **Environmental Impact:** Positive impact through removal of invasive species, dead wood, briars and vines.
- (18) **Other:** Unknown
- (19) **COMMUNITY IMPACT:** Visual and environmental enhancement to school, recreational fields and facilities.

(20) ENDORSEMENTS:

See attached endorsement letter by Southampton Middle School Principal Glenn Jensen.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Director Copy | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Endorsement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Education Initial Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Parks & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up Correspondence | |

Southampton Middle School

1200 MOORES MILL ROAD
BEL AIR, MARYLAND 21014-2727

February 3, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this correspondence is to endorse and support the installation of a landscape buffer that will include part of the Southampton Middle School property.

I have reviewed the proposed plans and fully support the proposal submitted by David G. Taylor & Associates, LLC.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 410-638-4150 or glenn.jensen@hcps.org.

Sincerely,



Glenn A. Jensen
Principal

