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Forest Planting and Maintenance Agreement The Commissioners of Barnesville, Maryland

This Forest Planting and Maintenance Agreement (Agreement), is made this 29th day of <u>August</u>, 2012, by and between <u>Walter M. Prichard</u>, the "Applicant", and the Commissioners of Barnesville, Maryland, the "Town".

Whereas, the Applicant has elected to engage in a regulated activity as defined by The Town's Forest Conservation Ordinance No. 92-1, adopted December 21, 1992, the "Ordinance", on certain property located in the Town, and more particularly described as:

Property Owner: Walter M. Prichard

Property Address: Beallsville Road, Barnesville, Maryland 20838

Deed Reference: 21874/00091

Subdivision Name: Heitmuller Property

Lot No.: 1 and 2

Tax Map No.: CV562

Parcel: Part of Parcel 440

Acres: 10.4 acres

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Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance, the Applicant has submitted and the Town has approved a Final Forest Conservation Plan, the "Plan", which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement, and which provides for the forest retention, reforestation, or afforestation required as a condition of the approval of the Applicant's regulated activity; and

Whereas, the Applicant is prepared to plant and thereafter to maintain, manage, and monitor for a minimum of two full growing seasons, the required reforestation or afforestation in accordance with the Plan, the Town Ordinance, and the terms of the Agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter expressed, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Applicant's Planting and Maintenance
 - A. Applicant hereby covenants and agrees, at its sole cost and expense, to provide, plant, maintain, manage, and monitor the reforestation and afforestation plantings and to preserve the reforest conservation areas as required by the Town Ordinance and the IHDINX 3 VII3807

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Plan in a manner which ensures the protection and satisfactory establishment of the planted material, including reinforcement planting if survival rates fall below the standard set forth in the Ordinance. These obligations of the Applicant are collectively referred to as the Work.

- B. Applicant shall complete the planting in a timely manner, in accordance with the Plan, and shall monitor and maintain said plantings for a minimum of two full planting seasons after the date or certification by the Applicant's designated qualified professional, that all required reforestation and afforestation plantings have been installed as required. The two full planting season period may be extended at the Town's discretion in the event replacement plantings are required to ensure the required survival rate.
- 2. Forest Conservation Areas. The area designated for forest retention, reforestation, or afforestation (the Forest Retention Area) shall be designated on the Final Subdivision Plat recorded among the land records of Montgomery County, the site Subdivision Plan, and the grading permit if on-site or on the appropriate plat off-site. Reference to the Record Plat, the Subdivision Plan or grading permit shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. Professional Services:

- A. Applicant has retained, at its expense, the services of <u>Benning and Associates</u>, <u>Inc.</u> (hereinafter referred to as Consultant), to perform inspections and prepare the inspection reports and Certificate of Completion required under this agreement. The Applicant has provided to the Town satisfactory evidence of the Consultant's professional qualifications to perform the aforesaid services under Town, State, and local laws.
- B. Applicant has retained, at its sole expense, the service of <u>Reid Landscaping</u>, <u>Inc.</u> (hereinafter referred to as the Contractor) to perform the Work required under the Agreement. The Applicant has provided to the Town satisfactory evidence of the Contractor's professional qualifications to perform the aforesaid services under the Town, State, and local laws.
- 4. Commencement of the Work. The Applicant agrees that all work shall not begin until the following has occurred:
 - A. All agreements have been executed and all Plans have been approved by the Town for the Subdivision or Site and where the Work is to be performed off-site for the Subdivision or Site wherein the Forest Retention Area is located:
 - B. Notice has been provided of the starting date to the Town at:

The Chair of the Planning Commission c/o Town Clerk P.O. Box 95 Barnesville, MD 20838

- 5. Certificate of Completion. The Applicant shall provide to the Town with a written certification executed by Applicant's Consultant (Certificate of Completion) when the reforestation and afforestation plantings required by the Plan have been installed and the appropriate protective measures have been put in place for these plantings and for the forest retention areas.
- 6. Protection and Maintenance. After the issuance of the Certificate of Completion, the Applicant shall perform all tasks necessary to maintain and protect the Forest Retention Areas for the duration of this Agreement in accordance with The Town Ordinance, the Plan, and the terms of this Agreement. The protection and maintenance hereunder shall be as delineated in the Plan and shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. Planting species or approved cultivars native to the physiographic region of the State and compatible with the existing site:
 - B. Watering, fertilizing, mulching, thinning, replacement of damaged or dead planting materials, controlling competing vegetation, and protecting plants from disease, pests, and mechanical injury during the initial planting and throughout the two full growing season maintenance period, as necessary.
 - C. Providing protective devices such as fencing, retaining walls, and interpretive signs as necessary to prevent the destruction or degradation of the planting site.

7. Inspection:

- A. The Applicant shall cause its Consultant to inspect the Forest Retention Area at the beginning and end of each growing season during the term of this Agreement and shall, within 30 days after each inspection, provide the Town an inspection report which identifies particular problems, sets forth the survival rate, and specifies remedial actions necessary to correct existing problems.
- B. The Town's representative shall inspect the Forest Retention Area to the extent it deems necessary during the period of this Agreement to ensure that the Work is being performed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. The Applicant hereby grants to the Town an easement (right) for ingress and egress to, over, and through the Forest Retention Area for the purpose of conducting said inspections.
- 8. Long Term Protection Agreement. In the event that the Applicant elects to satisfy the requirement for long-term protection by providing a legally-binding protective agreement, such as covenants, deed restrictions, or conservation easements, the Applicant shall execute and deliver said agreement to the Town concurrently with the execution of this Agreement for recording among the land records of Montgomery County. Protection agreements in the form of Approved Forest Management Plans or Forest Conservation and Management Agreements approved pursuant to the State of Maryland's Tax Property Article Section 8-211 shall be filed with the Town simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement.
- 9. Indemnification. The Applicant covenants to indemnify and save the Town harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages liability, and expense of any

nature, including reasonable attorney's fees and the Town's cost of defense, in connection with the loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to or loss of property that arises from the performance of the Work or other activity of the Applicant, Applicant's Consultant, contractors, servants, employees, or other agents of the Applicant in, on or about, or inspecting of the Forest Retention Area or any easements, open space, park land, other property dedicated, leased, or licensed to or owned or occupied by the Town.

10. General Provisions.

- A. This Agreement, the Plan, and the Easement to be recorded among land records constitute the entire agreement between the parties.
- B. Any assignment or pledge of this Agreement must be assented to, in writing, by the Town prior to such assignment or pledge; otherwise, said assignment or pledge shall be invalid.
- C. Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement or Plan shall subject the Applicant to the enforcement actions/penalties provided in The Town's Forest Conservation Ordinance as now existing or hereinafter amended. And the Town reserves the right to seek injunctive relief for any breach hereof, or to exercise selfhelp to correct any breach or deficiencies and to seek monetary damages as a result thereof.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Agreement under their respective hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

James J. Robinson	APPLICANT:
James F. Robinson Notary Public Print Name Montgomery County	WALLOW M. Prichmod Print Name ()
Date: Maryland My Commission Expires 8/15/2014	Date:
9/11/12	
ATTEST:	TOWN:
Town Clerk	President
Lisa Fedders Print Name	LUKE FEDDERS
Date: 12 2 13	Print Name Date: 12/2/12
	Date.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing document was prepared under my supervision and that I have been duly admitted to practice law by the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

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EXHIBIT

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