



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DIVISION  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**VIA:** Julian M. Willis, County Administrator  
**VIA:** Kerry P. Dull, Director  
**VIA:** John A. Cosgrove, Jr., Deputy Director  
**FROM:** Jason D. Leavitt, Project Engineer II  
**DATE:** November 30, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Clay Hammond Road Hold Harmless Agreement for 10' Widening Strip Dedication

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**Background:**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Capital Projects Division has been actively pursuing a drainage solution for the area in and around 350 Clay Hammond Road since early 2020. The optimal solution is to install a storm drain system on the east side of Clay Hammond Road. While reviewing possible solutions, it was discovered that a 10' widening strip needed to complete the necessary improvements associated with the Virginia Somervel property was never conveyed to Calvert County by deed. DPW was directed by the County Attorney's office to obtain the necessary deed. The present owner of the widening strip is Dr. Emad Al-Banna. Dr. Al-Banna has contingently agreed to sign the accompanying quit claim deed if the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) sign the accompanying Hold Harmless Agreement.

**Discussion:**

Attached is the signed hold harmless agreement, a copy of the prospective quit claim deed, and a copy of the recorded plat indicating the 10' widening strip along Clay Hammond Road.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

DPW requests the BOCC sign the Hold Harmless Agreement with the expectation that Dr. Al-Banna will sign the deed to enable the County to obtain the area needed to construct the drainage improvements.

Coordination: Office of the County Attorney