

**Tax Map/Block/Parcel  
No. 53A-21-620/870**

**Building Permit/Zoning  
Certificate No. 98-3431**

**Case 4373**

**OFFICIAL DECISION  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**APPLICANT:** AT&T  
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**REQUEST:** A conditional use request for the construction of a two story building which will contain telephone switching equipment. Also included as part of the construction is a stormwater management pond and an access road extending to the new building from Suffolk Road on property zoned "R-20,000" Residence District.

**LOCATION:** East of Suffolk Road approximately 200 feet north of U.S. Route 140 in Election District 4.

**BASIS:** Article 4, Section 4.11(b); Ordinance 1E (The Carroll County Zoning Ordinance)

**HEARING HELD:** January 26, 1999

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

On January 26, 1999, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the application of AT&T for a conditional use for the construction of a two story building which will contain telephone switching equipment. The proposed new structure is to be connected to the existing underground structure extending north with one story of the north building face exposed and part of the east and west building walls exposed with the remainder of the building sited underground. Also included as part of the construction is an access road extending to the new building from Suffolk Road. The property is located on east Suffolk Road approximately 200 feet north of U.S. Route 140 on property zoned "R-20,000" Residence District in Election District 4. The request was made pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.11(b) of Ordinance 1E, the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Nancy J. Ball, AT&T's building engineer, testified that the proposed expansion of the

facility is needed due to an increase in the communication needs of the public and the increased use of the Internet. The current network system is operating at full capacity and the new addition will provide the space to expand and house the additional equipment needed to maintain AT&T's quality and service that the public is accustomed to. There will be no additional employees as a result of the addition.

Mr. Ted Kvell, Architect of Kvell Corcoran Associates, PC, and Mr. Rodney E. Gamby, Civil Engineer with ADTEK Engineers, Inc. provided the following testimony on the existing facility and the proposed addition. Since 1968, there has been a tower on the site. The existing facility is underground and has a total of approximately 72,000 square feet of area on 2 levels. The two story, 46,000 square foot, addition will be aligned with the floor levels of the existing building. Due to site elevation conditions, approximately 3/4 of the new addition will be above ground. There will be points of connection to the existing building. The addition will be used for telephone switching equipment and a mechanical cooling area. There will not be an increase in noise due to the proposed use. A permanent access road from Suffolk Road to the loading dock of the new addition is planned. The access road is designated for use only for telephone equipment deliveries. There will be no increase in parking area at the site. Landscaping and shielded lighting will be installed at the site. A permanent on-site, fenced, stormwater management pond will be installed. Construction at the site is planned to take approximately 10 months, beginning in March, 1999.

There was no one present in opposition. Mr. Kvell met with the Finksburg Planning Council in late December, 1998 to discuss the proposed addition at the facility.

Based upon the following findings, the Board hereby grants the requested conditional use. The Board finds the proposed use is consistent with the existing use at this location and that expansion of the facility is needed to meet the increasing demand for service. The Board finds that there will be little or no increase in traffic at the location. The Board also finds that the use will not result in any adverse impact on residents. The Board hereby approves the request of AT&T for a conditional use request for the construction of a two story building which will contain telephone switching equipment. The new structure will be connected to the existing underground structure extending north with one story of the north building face exposed and part of the east and west building walls exposed. The remainder of the building will be sited below finish grade. Also included as part of the construction is an access road extending to the new building from Suffolk Road.

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Karl V. Reichlin, Chairman

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