

**ACTION ITEM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****DATE:** November 17, 2009

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Keith Dayton *KLD*  
Director of Public Works

**ISSUE:** Consider Installation of Two (2) Watch for Children Signs  
on Summerwood Drive in Summerwood Subdivision

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval**BUDGET IMPACT:** N/A**ATTACHMENTS:** (6)

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| [1] Background Report            | [6] <b>Reso/Ord/Proc # R09-396</b> |
| [2] Location Map                 | [ ] <b>Reso/Ord/Proc #</b>         |
| [3] Location Photographs         | [ ] <b>Reso/Ord/Proc #</b>         |
| [4] Citizen Request dtd 03-24-07 |                                    |
| [5] Petition                     |                                    |

**REVIEW:** [X] County Administrator's Office

[X] Legal

[X] Sheriff's Office

[X] **Consent Agenda**[ ] **Discussion Item**[ ] **New Business**[ ] **Other Business**[ ] **Presentation**[ ] **Public Hearing**[ ] **Unfinished Business****PRESENTATION BY:** N/A**ELECTION DISTRICT:** Aquia

### **BACKGROUND REPORT**

On August 19, 2009, the Department of Public Works, Transportation Division received a request from Mrs. Shawn Durand, resident of Summerwood Subdivision, regarding the installation of a Watch for Children sign along Summerwood Drive.

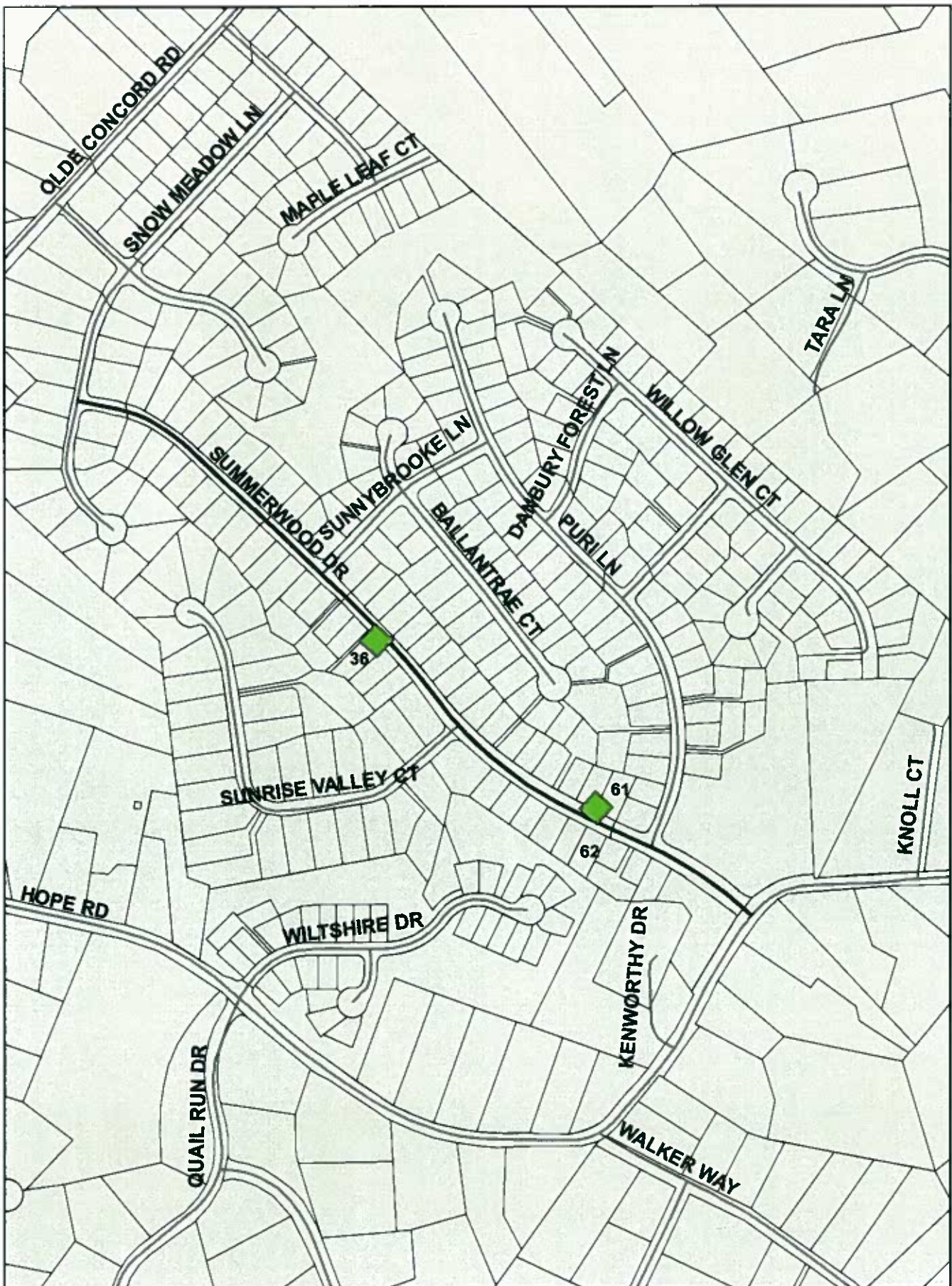
Mrs. Durand's request originated in March 2007, but could not be addressed at that time, as that section of Summerwood Drive had not been accepted into the Secondary System of State Highways. This section has since been accepted by VDOT and staff re-examined Mrs. Durand's request.

Located in Summerwood Subdivision, Summerwood Drive (SR-779) is a residential street, approximately 22' wide with gravel shoulders and roadside drainage ditches, and a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. The western end of Summerwood Drive between Snow Meadow Lane and Sunnybrooke Lane is an established Residence District. The street has an overall length of 0.58 mile (approximately 3,000'), with a moderately steep slope (approximately 4%-5%) between Puri Lane and Sunnybrooke Lane.

Based on the Residential Traffic Management Plan (RTMP), Watch for Children Sign Program, the required criteria necessary for installation of such signs indicates that signs are limited to high concentration areas such as playgrounds, day cares, or community centers, and that no other signs be posted on interior roads within the community. Since the Summerwood community has no such areas, Mrs. Durand has requested signs be posted near the addresses of 32 Summerwood Drive (east), and 60/62 Summerwood Drive (west).

Also, as a general guideline under all RTMP programs, when no community Homeowners Association (HOA) exists, requests received from a citizen must be accompanied by signatures from 10 different residents also in support of the requested action. Following notification of this requirement, Mrs. Durand collected the necessary signatures in support of the Watch for Children signs, and staff has confirmed all 10 of the signatures provided.

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution R09-396 for the installation of two (2) Watch for Children signs at the designated locations.







Summerwood Drive – western view towards Snow Meadow Lane.



Summerwood Drive – eastern view towards the entrance at Hope Road.

**From:** Shawn Durand [mailto:durand60@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** pvm3@aol.com  
**Subject:** Summerwood Drive

Dear Mr. Milde-

Thank you for returning my call today, there are several issues with Summerwood Drive that I would like addressed and ask for your help. The first, as I mentioned on the phone, I am interested in having "Children At Play" signs installed on our street and want to have stop signs/speed bumps installed to reduce the speeding up and down our street. VDOT has scheduled a traffic study and mentioned that would take approximately 6 weeks.

Also, the newest section of Summerwood Drive (the section we live on) has still not been turned over to the state. We had spoken with your predecessor, Kandy Hillard about the pending bond issues and why this street still hasn't been released. We have been in correspondence with Mrs. Jorg Huckabee-Mayfield with VDOT regarding the bond and there are still pending street issues that the builder, K.Hovnanian has to complete to get the state to accept the street and that work has not been completed.

Third issue is what would need to be done to have sidewalks installed on Summerwood Drive. The street is too small to walk up and down and very dangerous with the speeding traffic that uses Summerwood as a cut-through from Hope Road to Route 1. Mr. Bonderson from VDOT mentioned he has forwarded my request onto the Traffic Management division within Stafford. Is there such a place and how do I follow-up on my request?











I appreciate your help and hope to hear from you soon.

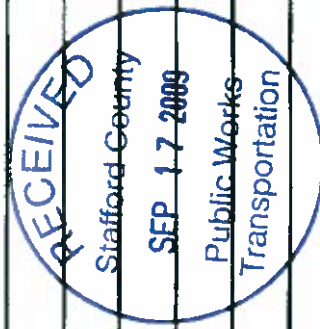
Shawn Durand  
60 Summerwood Drive  
Stafford, VA 22554  
540-659-1886

# REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION - WATCH FOR CHILDREN SIGN

Summerwood Drive (SR-779)

AQUIA District

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
1 Donald Durand		60 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
2 Catherine Johnson		62 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
3 Timothy Hoban		54 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
4 Cindy Morris		51 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
5 Matthew Phillips		57 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
6 Robert Gregory		56 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
7 John Mitchell		59 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
8 Daniel R. Hayden		34 Summerwood Drive	9/14/09
9 Gerald Smith		36 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
10 William Brown		68 Summerwood Dr	9/14/09
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PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF STAFFORD  
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009:

MEMBERS:

George H. Schwartz, Chairman  
Harry E. Crisp II, Vice Chairman  
M. S. "Joe" Brito  
Mark Dudenhefer  
Paul V. Milde III  
Cord A. Sterling  
Robert "Bob" Woodson

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO INSTALL TWO (2) WATCH FOR  
CHILDREN SIGNS ON SUMMERWOOD DRIVE (SR-779) IN  
SUMMERWOOD SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned with transportation safety on residential streets; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted the Residential Traffic Management Plan (RTMP) on February 19, 2008 to provide Stafford County citizens with various programs to address their traffic related concerns; and

WHEREAS, residents of Summerwood Subdivision have requested the installation of two (2) *Watch for Children* signs along Summerwood Drive; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location meets most of the required criteria for installation, based on the current Residential Transportation Management Plan, Watch for Children Sign Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009, that the Board be and it hereby does approve the installation of two (2) *Watch for Children* signs along Summerwood Drive (SR-779); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the VDOT Residency Administrator.

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