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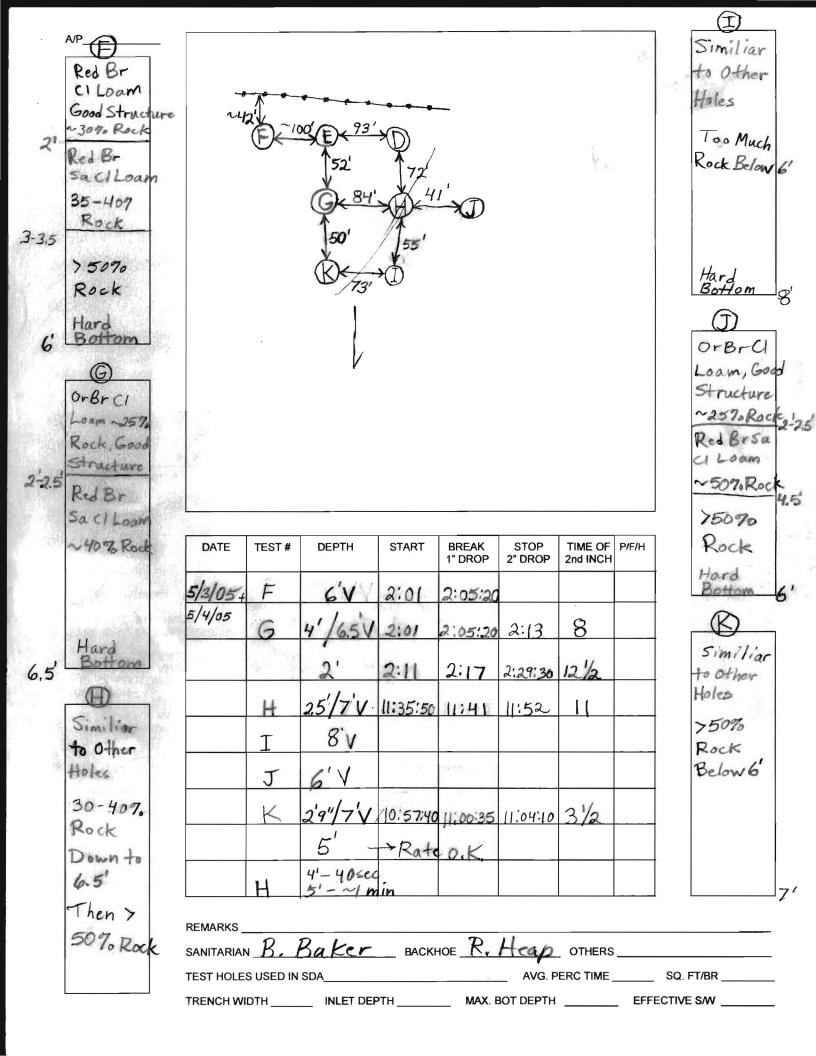
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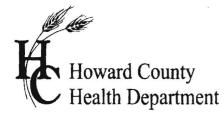
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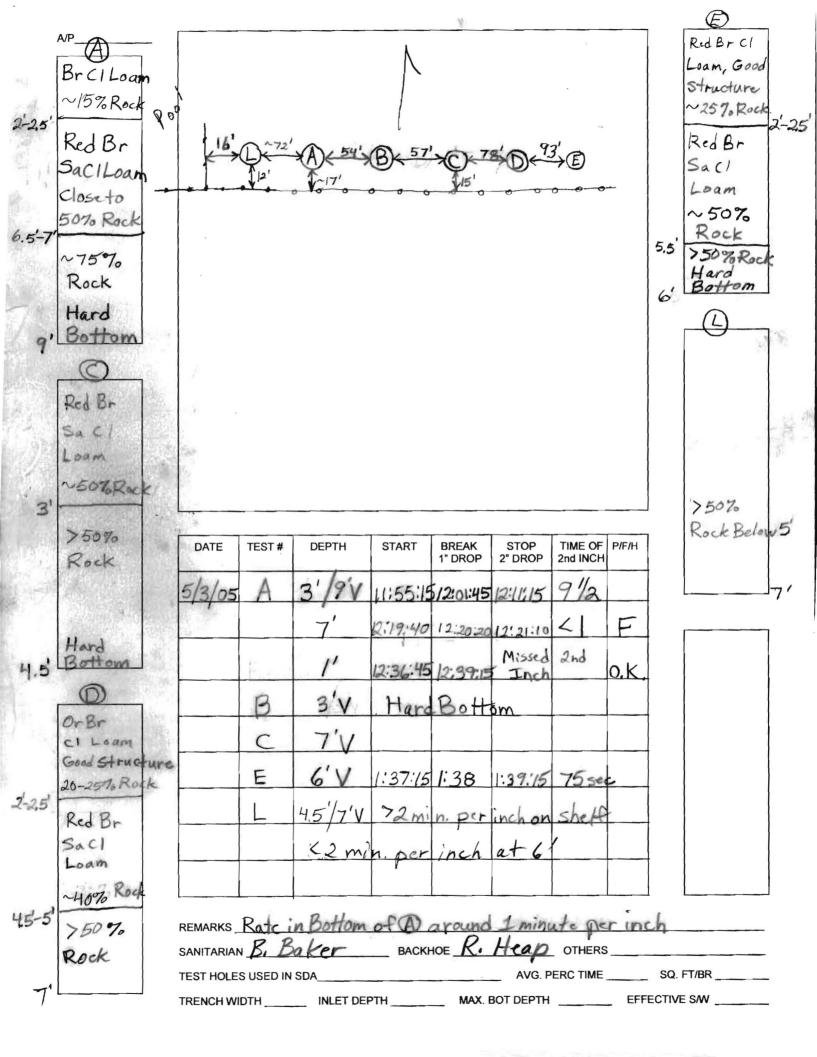
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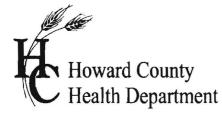
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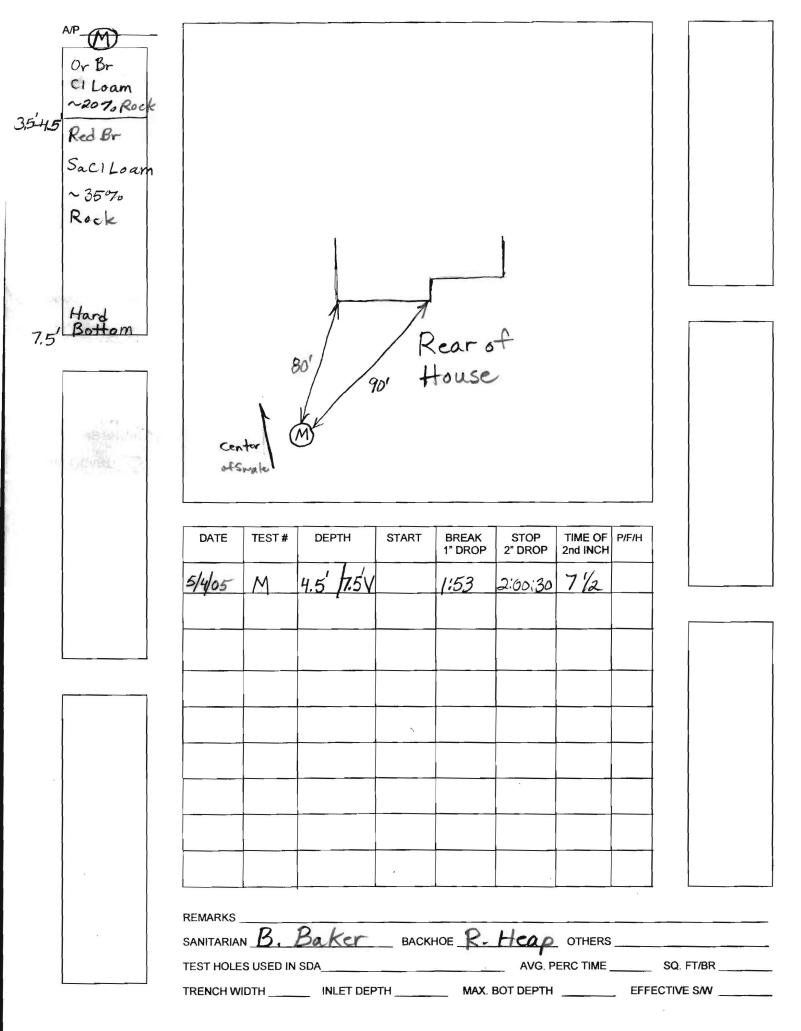
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May 18, 2005

Mr. Robert Weber, Director Bureau of Environmental Health Howard County Health Department 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046

RE: Sandra Shane Property 631 Beetz Rd.

Dear Mr. Weber:

I have reviewed the site evaluation data from your file and visited the site with Brian Baker of your office on May 10. The results of our site evaluation at the referenced property indicate the site is suitable for the installation of an innovative elevated bed system with advanced pretreatment. Because of limitations of the site due to slope and size of area where a four-foot soil treatment zone is available, advanced pretreatment of effluent prior to discharge to the bed is required. This will allow a loading rate to be used that will decrease the size of the system thereby mitigating the negative effect of the slope, while also requiring less materials to build the system. Pretreatment unit(s) may overflow to a pump chamber for direct distribution to the gravel bed or the pumping station may utilize a smaller capacity pump and discharge to a siphon located above the proposed elevated bed. A good comparison of some pretreatment units can be found at http://www.epa.gov/region1/assistance/ceitts/wastewater/techs.html. The property owner may wish to contact private consultants if they feel that other options for this property can be proposed, eg. an advanced pretreatment unit followed by drip tubing installed on a sand bed or sand mounds. The following sections summarize requirements necessary for proceeding with the project.

Pretreatment

Employing advanced pretreatment on septic tank effluent is beneficial from the standpoint of enhancing the soil absorption component of the system's performance and extending its life. There are a variety of devices and methods for providing advanced pretreatment, including constructed wetlands, aerobic wastewater treatment plants, fabric biofilters, single pass and recirculating sand filters, peat filters, composting toilets, and greywater re-use systems. Aerobic pretreatment units require maintenance of a blower unit and periodic removal of sludge from the treatment tank, as well as maintenance of one pumping station. The property owner's consultant Letter to: Mr. Robert Weber, Director Re: Sandra Shane Property Page: 2

may have preferences for a pretreatment unit to complement the soil absorption system selected. I am available to provide further guidance as to how pretreatment options could be incorporated into a system design if requested by you, the property owner, or their consultant.

Soil Absorption Component

The soil loading rate and linear loading rates are based on a soil description approach since coarse fragment content of the soil made infiltrometer testing impractical. According to the attached Tyler reference, a 0.7 gpd/sq.ft. loading rate for pretreated effluent can be used. Linear loading rates of less than 9 gpd/ linear foot are required. Gravel may be replaced with chambers in the elevated bed to alleviate some of the problems that may occur in bringing materials for the system's construction onto the site. Based on the area available on the property it appears that the site may only be capable of accommodating a design flow of approximately 750 gallons per day in elevated beds allowing for an initial installation and one replacement system. This flow is in the range that could be expected to be generated from a 5 bedroom home.

Septic Tank

The existing septic tank may be utilized in the treatment train. Additional tankage to accommodate pretreatment components and/or pumping chamber will depend on the pretreatment method selected.

Plans and Specifications

A private consultant should be retained by the property owner to provide final plans and specifications for the system utilizing the design parameters contained here-in and the enclosed Wisconsin at-grade design information. Pressure distribution is required. The consultant should contact Brian Baker of the Howard County Health Department or me to assist in the location of the test pits G, H, K, and I where the system is to be located. Once plans are complete, two sets of plans must be submitted to the On-Site Systems Division of the Wastewater Permits Program and to the local Approving Authority for review before final approval to construct the system can be given

Agreement and Easement

An Agreement and Easement must be signed by all parties, recorded in the land records and returned to the local Approving Authority before permits to construct can be issued. The Agreement and Easement establishes the regulatory conditions associated with the experimental project and provides monitoring access for State and County personnel.

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Linked Deposit

Financial assistance may be available for this project through the Department of the Environment's Linked Deposit Program. Information concerning this loan program can be found by entering linked deposit in the search box on the MDE website at www.mde.state.md.us.

A copy of the site evaluation data is enclosed. Please forward a copy of this letter and the attachments to the property owner. If you have questions regarding this matter please call me at (410) 537-4156.

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Sincerely, Barry Glotfelty, R.S., Regional Consultant

Barry Glotfelty, R.S., Regional Consult On-Site Systems Division Wastewater Permits Program

Attachments

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cc: Mr. Jay Prager

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