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## Maura J. Rossman, M.D., Health Officer

Date: November 12, 2013

- To: Brian Bowers, Applicant bowersbdn@hotmail.com
- RE: Combine Percolation Certification Plan content with the BAT Site Plan

## Dear Mr. Bowers,

I have been instructed by Mike Davis to inform you of his decision regarding your request for waiver from Percolation Certification Plan requirement. Mr. Davis stated that as you need to have a BAT Site Plan for upgrade of your septic system, the Percolation Certification Plan content can be incorporated with that plan. Please be advised that no additional percolation tests are being required at this time.

Your septic system will have to be upgraded prior to Health Department approval of the permit to expand your residence. The following events must occur, in order or simultaneously:

- o submittal of a BAT Site Plan and Percolation Certification Plan,
- and completion of the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the BAT system (that you must complete, sign and submit at our Bureau for signature by our Director, and then submit to Land Records; instructions attached),
- signature of the BAT Site Plan-Percolation Certification Plan,
- o release of the Septic System Installation permit for the septic system upgrade,
- pre-construction meeting for installation of the septic system, and installation of the septic system upgrade,
- o approval of the installation by a Environmental Sanitarian,
- and certification of the BAT unit by the manufacturer,
- copy of the recorded Operation and Maintenance Agreement submitted to the Health Department,
- o release of the Building Permit Application for the planned addition.

I am attaching the Operation and Maintenance Agreement that you must complete, and instructions for the process of getting the agreement recorded. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me by calling 410-313-2691.

Respectfully Robert Bricker, R

Environmental Sanitarian II, Well and Septic Program Howard County Bureau of Environmental Health

Enclosures (2) Copy: file Brian Bowers 950 River Road Sykesville, MD 21784 410-489-2685 Email: bowersbdn@hotmail.com 11/04/2013

Mike Davis Assistant Bureau Director Environmental Health

Dear Mike Davis:

I am writing to request a waiver of a new perc test.

We purchased the River Rd home in May 2013. It has 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

We have plans with an architect to add a new space. Our intention is to add a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom. In reviewing the original septic permit, it indicates that the site plan was for 3 or 4 bedrooms. So it appears the trenches were sized for a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom.

It is my understanding that there are new rules in place and we would be required to replace the existing tank with a new BAT denitrification type. That seems like a good idea and 1 am budgeting for the tank replacement.

I spoke with Robert in your office last week to go over the original permit and my plans for the new space as well as discuss the current requirements. His information was excellent and very helpful. From that talk with Robert, it appears that the original perc test is adequate as well as the drain field. An approved waiver for a new perc test will allow me to start on a new survey and install plan. I hope to be able to have the new septic permit approved so that I can also apply for my building permit.

I understand that during the permit process additional questions and requirements may come up. A new survey and site plan will help better answer all questions. Mike Davis 11/04/2013 Page 2

If you need additional information in order to approve this waiver please contact me. Email address above is the fastest way or leave a message on my home number.

I look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

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Brian Bowers Homeowner



THIS AREA DESIGNATES A PRIVATE SEWAGE EASEMENT OF AT LEAST 10,000 S.F. AS REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL. IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY NATURE IN THIS EASEMENT ARE RESTRICTED UNTIL PUBLIC SEWAGE IS AVAILABLE. THIS EASEMENT SHALL BECOME NULL AND VOID UPON CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM. THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PRIVATE SEWAGE EASEMENT. RECORDATION OF THE MODIFIED SEWAGE EASEMENT SHALL NOT BE NECESSARY.

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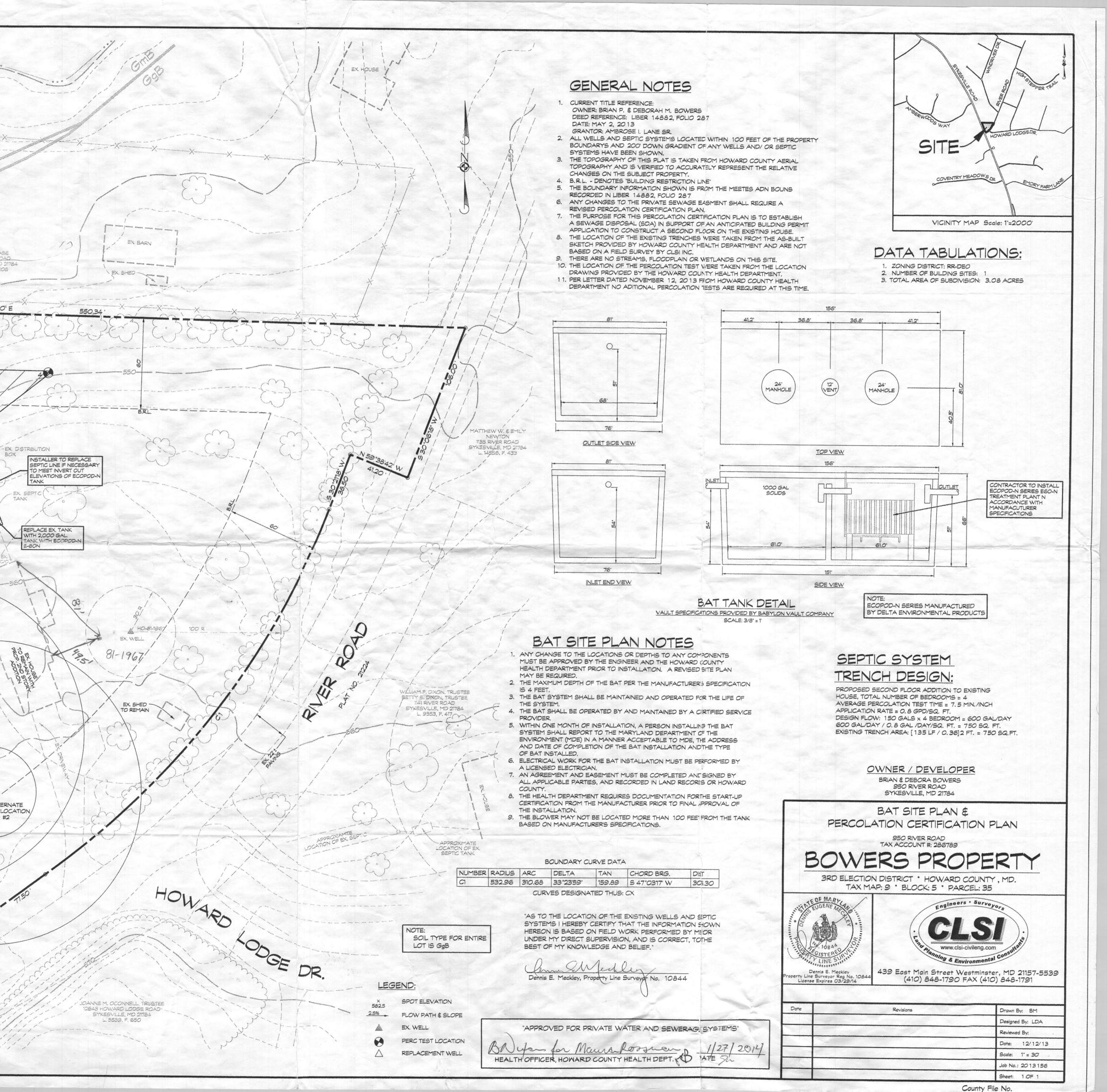
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Mr. Brian Bowers 950 River Rd. Sykesville, MD 21784-5509

> MIKE DAVIS ASSISTANT BUREAU DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH