APPLICATION

SEWAGE DISPOSAL TESTING

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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HOWARD COUNTY

ELLICOTT CITY

DISTRICT /at

DATE 7//3/Y

TO: THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND			
I, HEREBY, APPLY FOR THE NEC	ESSARY TESTS IN ORDER	TO CONSTRUCT (OR	RECONSTRUCT) A SEWAGE
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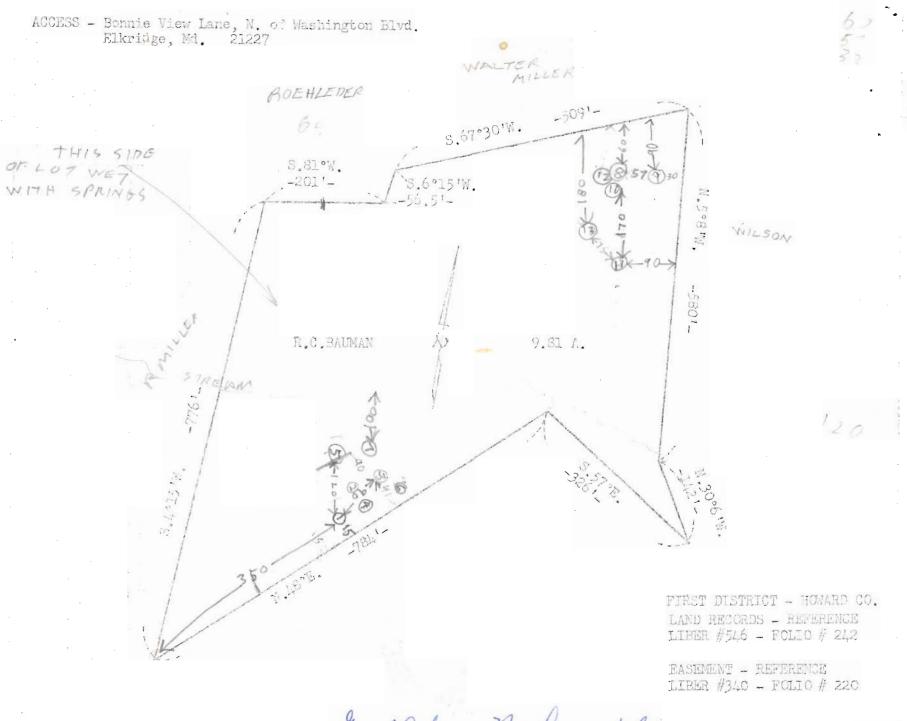
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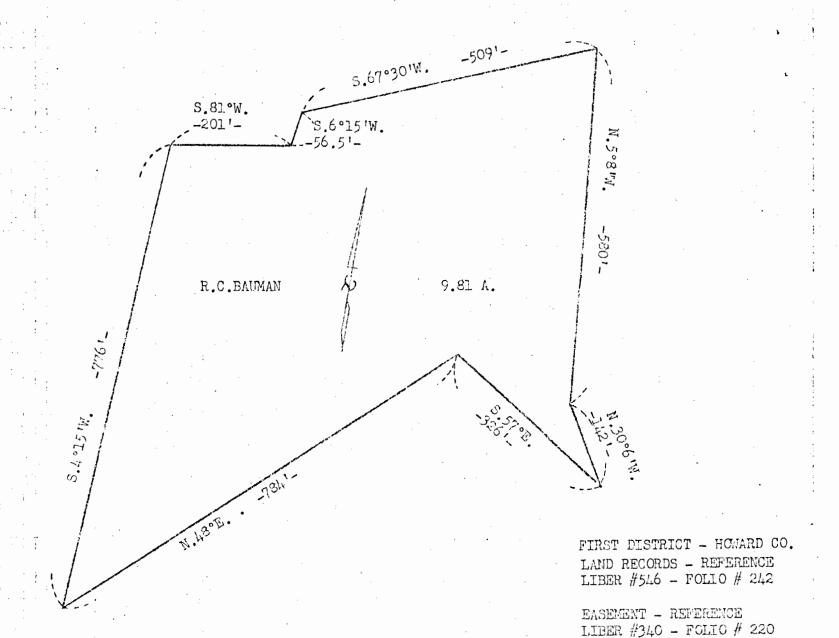
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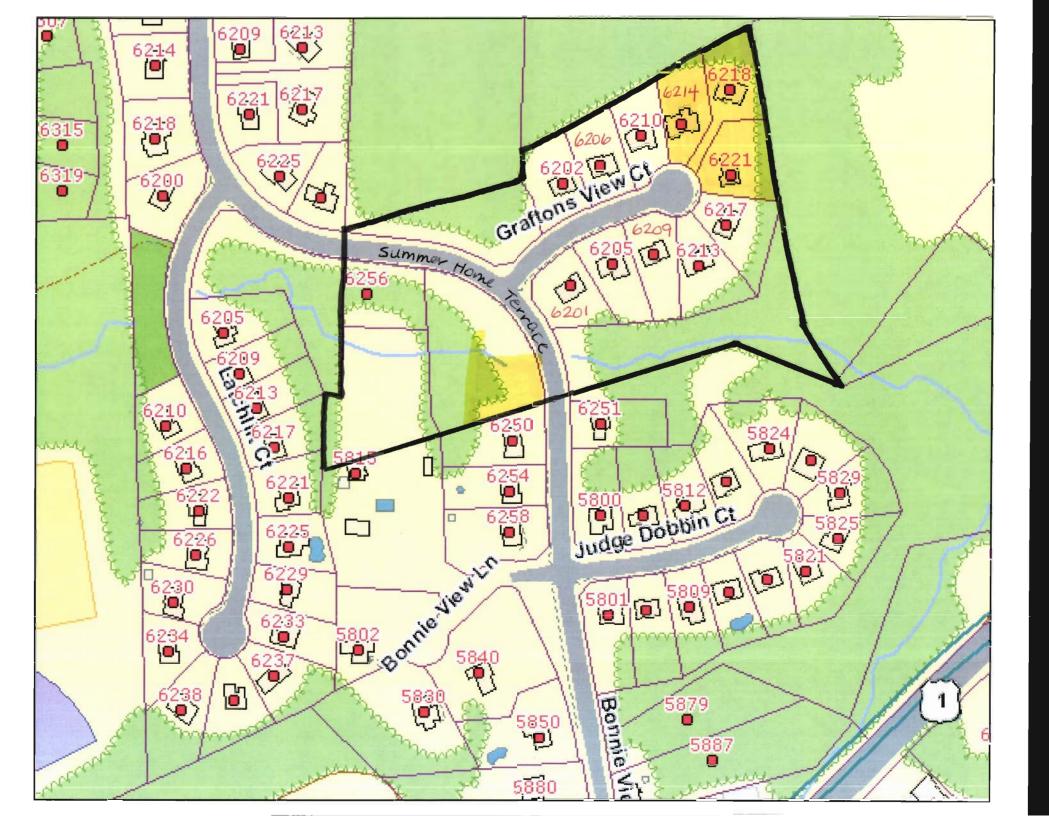
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

POST OFFICE BOX 476 3450 COURT HOUSE DRIVE ELLICOTT CITY, MD. 21043 (301) 465-5000

July 28, 1971

Mr. Richard C. Bauman 5802 Bonnie View Lane Elkridge, Maryland 21227

Dear Sir:

The percolation tests run on 7/27/71 indicated that your

lot is not suitable for a private sewage disposal system.

Very truly yours,

Raymond Hodges, Sanitarian

RH:jr

5802 Bonnie View Lane Elkridge, Md. 21227 August 2, 1971

Dr. T. R. Shrop Health Officer Howard County Health Dept. P. O. Box 476 3450 Court House Drive Ellicott City, Md. 21043

Dear Dr. Shrop:

On July 27, 1971, percolation testing was conducted on my property, at my request, by Mr. Raymond Hodges.

As a result of said testing, and at my specific request, I received the attached memo from your office.

Further, when Mr. Hodges was questioned directly regarding alternatives, I was given to understand that under no conditions, at least as far as he was concerned, would the property be suitable for private sewage.

In view of the fact that the land in question is wholly owned by my wife and myself, and in fact represents our total financial resources, I cannot accept as final, the judgement of a single individual.

Subsequently, would you please advise me regarding what steps I can take to have this initial judgement reconsidered and/or under what specific conditions the Howard County Health Department would entertain further requests for approval.

In an effort to assist you in any further consideration resulting from this correspondence, I would like to clarify my intentions and to point out what I believe to be some mitigating circumstances.

I am a life-long resident of the First District of Howard County and am intimately familiar with the intrinsic problems of obtaining completely satisfactory percolation in this area. I also know that there are numerous existing residences with less than adequate sewage disposal. Many of these homes are owned by my family, friends, and acquaintances.

Although I do not claim any particular expertise on this subject, it is my opinion that in fact no private disposal system (with rare exception) is entirely satisfactory and ultimate failure of the system becomes a simple factor of time and volume.

I include the aforesaid only to indicate that I have no illusions regarding this problem now; nor did I have when the request for testing was made. I did not anticipate unqualified or immediate approval. I did, however,

think it reasonable to expect some assistance or guidance in how I might qualify or at least receive some benefit from the sanitarian's prior experience and knowledge. Although I can find no fault with Mr. Hodges doing what I assume to be "his job," and I have no reason to believe that the data he recorded is not accurate, I nevertheless found him to be notably uncommunicative and sullen. The actual results of my appointment have already been stated; flat rejection.

In view of the numerous precedents and prior approvals under similar conditions and on vastly smaller parcels, I fail to understand or accept the initial judgement that more than 430,000 square feet of land typical to this district is not suitable for a single family dwelling.

I would also like to point out that the locations proposed for the system are not located within several hundreds of feet, in any direction, of any existing dwelling nor would any future failure of the proposed system encroach upon adjacent properties.

Access to the property is via a several hundred foot private right-of-way and the chance of future public sewage is utterly remote.

No preconceived or minimal system was ever anticipated (as indicated to the sanitarian) and the need for an adequate system under the conditions is recognized.

Although I had concluded extensive sampling prior to the test, I am still making every effort to locate unequivocally acceptable conditions; however, I believe the chances of finding substantially improved percolation are slim at best.

If I proposed to develop or subdivide the property or to offer it for sale, I could readily understand the department's position; however, I simply seek approval to build a home for my family, in my home town, on my own land.

In conclusion, let me assure you that I fully appreciate and recognize the necessity for adequate controls and the need for established criteria upon which to base judgement, but I am also sure that you recognize the need for flexibility in the application of all rules, and especially those which profoundly affect the individual and have great impact on his life.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Bau

Attach:

August 13, 1971

Mr. Richard C. Bauman 5802 Bonnie View Lane Elkridge, Maryland 21227

Dear Sir:

Dr. Shrop has requested that I reply to your letter of August 2, 1971, concerning the unsatisfactory percolation test conducted by Mr. Hodges on July 27, 1971.

First, I would to state; that, we appreciate your understanding of the "septic tank problem" that exists in Howard County. At this point, about the only advice we can give you is to explore the lot further to determine if adequate percolation can be obtained. I, believe Mr. Hodges told you that occasionally percolation tests can be obtained by drilling deeper into the ground, say to a depth of 15 or 20 foot deep. However, this is expensive and it would be your decision to undertake this.

We realize you find it hard to understand or accept the fact that a nine acre parcel of land will not pass the percolation test. Several years ago we failed to obtain percolation on 160 acre tract of land in the Savage-Guilford area.

It has always been our policy to approve lots for building purposes where it can be demonstrated that minimum percolation test requirements had been met and there was suitable land area to repair the system when it failed. You may rest assured that we will make every effort to help you obtain a satisfactory percolation test on your property.

Very truly yours,

Palmer F. Wine, Director Environmental Health