

FILE INQUIRY NOTES

PATAPSCO SPRING LLC, SEWAGE DISC.

RESULTS OF REVIEW FOR FILE

DATE

12/08/2020 MADE SITE VISIT AT SAVAGE STONE QUARRY (8418 WASHINGTON BLVD, JESSUP MD 20794). MET WITH DEVIN MILLER PLANT MANAGER 717 404 7465 DMILLER@SAVAGESTONE.COM.

INVESTIGATED UNPERMITTED SEPTIC DAY LIGHTING INTO SWALE FEEDING INTO CREEK LEADING TO POND ON SAVAGE QUARRY PROPERTY.

OBSERVED 3" PVC (PAINTED BLACK) DRIPPING WATER INTO SWALE. PIPE CONTINUES IN A SHALLOW, UNCOVERED TRENCH RUNNING TOWARD MOUND W/ BLUE BUCKET BY AN OFFICE TRAILER. PIPE IS COVERED WITH FILL TOWARD THE OFFICE. STRONG SEPTIC ODOR PRESENT. OFFICE TRAILER HAS VISIBLE PVC PIPING RUNNING FROM UNDERCARRIAGE IN VICINITY OF SEPTIC MOUND AND DAY LIGHTING PIPE.

NEAR B1, IN SWALE, IS A TOILET SEAT ON 2x4s AND ANOTHER DAYLIGHTING PVC PIPE 6-8".

SEE ATT. PHOTOS (5) - VIDEO UPON REQUEST

(4)

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

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

January 27th 2021

Dimeglio, Kathryn; Dimeglio, James
7309 Helmsdale Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

CERTIFIED MAIL: 7004 1160 0002 3409 5509 (Owner)
7019 0160 0000 2871 1931 (Address in Violation)

RE: Illegal Septic System; Sewage overflow; pollution of ground surface at *8384 Washington Boulevard, Jessup MD 20794*

Dear Owner:

On December 8th, 2020 a site investigation was conducted from the property adjacent to 8384 Washington Boulevard, Jessup MD 20794. At the time of investigation, a two inch outfall pipe was discovered discharging a sewage smelling liquid into a drainage bed with liquid on the ground surface. The two inch outfall pipe was painted black and lead back to a mound through a shallow, partially covered trench. There is no permit for a septic system associated with the address. At the time of investigation, we were able to conclude that the waste water leaving the trailer at 8384 Washington Boulevard was the source of the sewage effluent discharging into the drainage stream.

Be advised that the condition of sewage effluent emerging onto the soil surface is a violation of the **Code of Maryland (COMAR) 26.04.02.02(D-E)**:

"A person may not dispose of sewage, body, or industrial wastes in any manner which may cause pollution of the ground surface, the waters of the State, or create a nuisance. A person may only dispose of sewage, boy, or industrial wastes in accordance with an approved on-site disposal permit or other method of disposal approved by the Approving Authority."

This condition is also in violation of the **Howard County Code 3.821(c)(1)**,

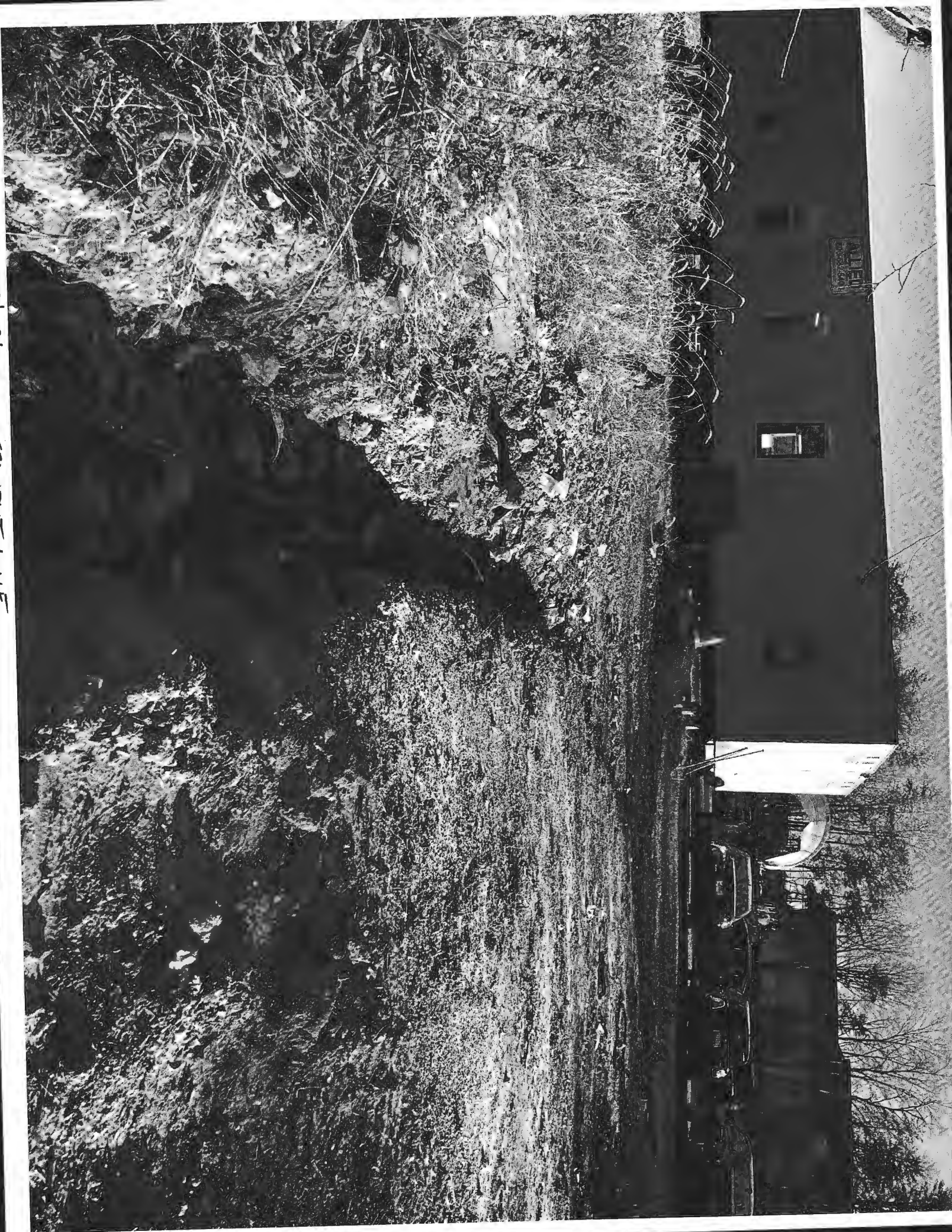
"Unlawful acts. A person shall not perform any work, or cause the same to be performed, in conflict with or in violation of any provision of this subtitle [Howard County Code 3.804(a)]"

and **Howard County Code 3.804(a)(1)**, as a sewage overflow is defined as a nuisance,

12/08/2020 SEPTIC TANK MOUND AND TRAILER CONNECTION



12/06/2020 EFFLUENT LINE



17/08/2020 EFFLUENT LINE



Wolf, Kevin

From: Williams, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Wolf, Kevin
Subject: FW: Patapsco Spring LLC, Sewage discharge

From: Thomas Waugh -MDE- <thomas.waugh@maryland.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Williams, Jeffrey <jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Patapsco Spring LLC, Sewage discharge

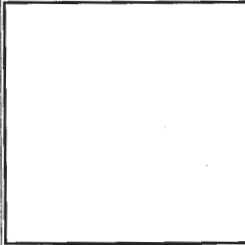
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Hello Jeff,

Thank you if the County issues a notice or writes a report after their inspection, can I get a copy of it along with any photographs taken.

After the County does an inspection is there any concern about the holding pond Savage Stone's property. I was not sure since the discharging their septic into the stream leading to the holding pond could be contaminated with E.coli if that would be of concern?

If you have any questions please let me know.



Thomas Waugh
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On Fri, Dec 4, 2020 at 3:12 PM Williams, Jeffrey <jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Tom. I do see it now and I think we will send someone out there to investigate for public health nuisance surface discharge. I can let you know how it goes. Where are you with your end?

Jeff

I did want to officially advise the Howard County Health department of the complaint that my office received about Patapsco Spring LLC located at [REDACTED], Jessup, MD due to the public health concerns of septic discharge ongoing at this location.

The complainant advised in February of this year owner of Patapsco Spring LLC, Robert Condon had a new [REDACTED] (22' x 60') delivered to the business. This office trailer had a restroom in it which the former office did not have. The complainant advised that in March originally there was a 250-gallon holding tank install that failed. So in March Robert Codon buried a 48" concrete culvert by turning it on its side and pouring a concrete base. The complainant said he created a top to the culvert by putting a piece of plywood and pouring concrete on top to create a tank. The complainant advised that below grade is a 3" black pipe is connected to the makeshift tank and runs directly to the stream at the edge of the property into the stream that runs behind the trailer to drain off the fluid. The complainant advised the makeshift holding tank has an opening at the top above grade that has a blue bucket over it to cover it but has not pumped out to his knowledge.

I was able to gain access to the adjacent property (Savage Stone rock quarry) on 11/17/2020 and from the adjacent property, I was able to see 8384 Washington Blvd. I was able to observe fluid coming out of the 3" black pipe draining into the stream as the complainant stated. I also was able to observe a mound by the back of the trailer closest to the stream with a blue bucket present which could possibly be the makeshift holding tank. I also could see disturbed earth heading from the mound to the stream where the pipe was installed.

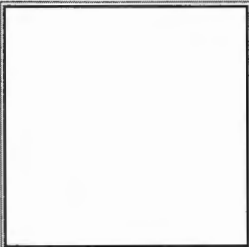

See attached pictures.

Any questions or concerns please let me know. I am not directing Howard County to take action but if you do take any actions can you please advise of the outcome.

Thank you

Tom

DEVIN MILLER
PLANT MANAGER
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DMILLER@SAVAGESTONE.COM

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From: Thomas Waugh -MDE- <thomas.waugh@maryland.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Williams, Jeffrey <jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Patapsco Spring LLC, Sewage discharge

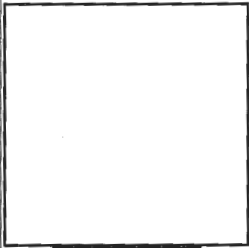

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Hello Jeff,

I just wanted to follow up to ensure that you received my email from Nov 19. Since this is the first time I emailed you I am never sure if things go through since we are remote working. If not please let me know and I will resend it.

Thank you

Tom

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On Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM Thomas Waugh -MDE- <thomas.waugh@maryland.gov> wrote:

Hello Jeff,

First, thank you for taking the time to talk to me on the phone on 11/16/2020.

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: *Dimeglio, Kathryn; Dimeglio, James*
7309 Helmsdale Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

CC: Patapsco Spring, LLC (Occupant)

FROM: **Joseph Cabahug**
Licensed Environmental Health Specialist 001997
Howard County Health Department
Well & Septic Program

 02/26/2021

RE: **Illegal Septic System; Sewage overflow; pollution of ground surface at**
8384 Washington Boulevard, Jessup MD 20794

DATE: February 26th, 2021

The Notice of Violation (NOV) regarding the illegal septic system and sewage discharge to grade has been resolved.

On February 12th, 2021, Fogle's Septic Clean (580 Obrecht Road Sykesville, MD 21784) was contracted to pump the septic tank and completed work pursuant to remediation of the above referenced NOV. (Invoice Attached)

On February 15th, 2021 Patapsco Spring, LLC submitted photographs of the illegal septic system abandonment in accordance with all current COMAR Statute and Howard County Ordinance regarding the abandonment of septic systems. The lid of the concrete tank was crushed, the pit was filled with clean stone and covered with clean soil. The sewer line from the trailer was removed and the effluent line from the tank to the stream bed was removed. (Photos Attached)

Patapsco Spring LLC has contracted to have the trailer serviced by a chemical toilet to service the business. A temporary holding tank attached to the trailer may also be used and serviced regularly for the duration of the temporary trailer as an alternative to public sewer connection. The temporary holding tank must be attached to the trailer.

A holding tank permit for a below grade holding tank is not permissible under Howard County Ordinance.

Cabahug, Joseph

From: rcondon patapscospring.com <rcondon@patapscospring.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Cabahug, Joseph
Subject: 8384 Washington Blvd
Attachments: PastedGraphic-1.tiff

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Joseph,

As a follow up to the copy of the invoice from the work completed by Fogle's on Friday; I have attached a group of pictures that show the disposal of the septic system.

I believe that I have met the request as outlined on the notice provided. Please let me know if further action is needed?



02/15/2021

SEPTIC TANK LID COLLAPSE



02/15/2021

FILL WITH CLEAN STONE



02/15/2021

CLEAN FILL COVER



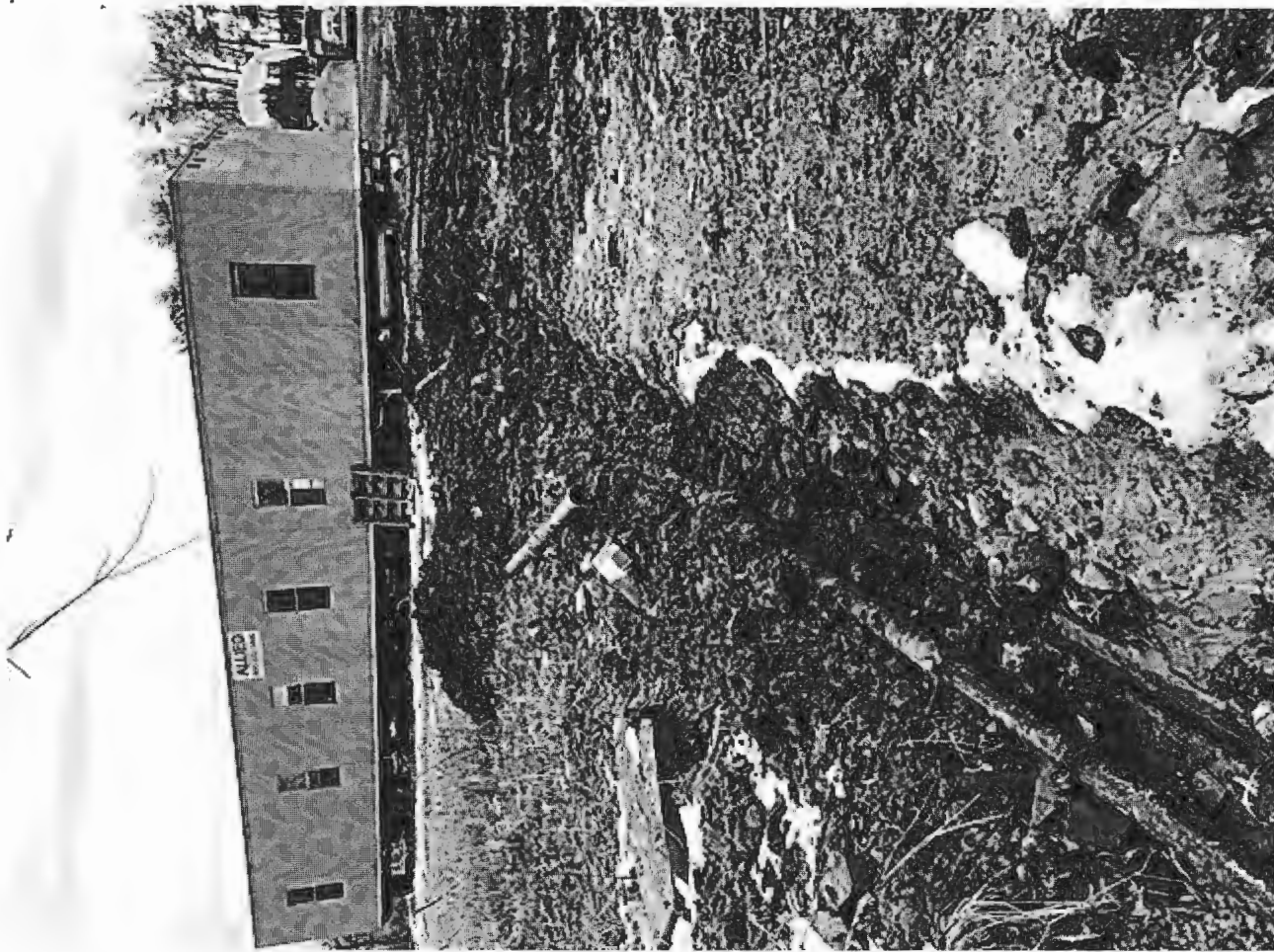
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FINAL GRADE



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TRAILER DISCONNECTED

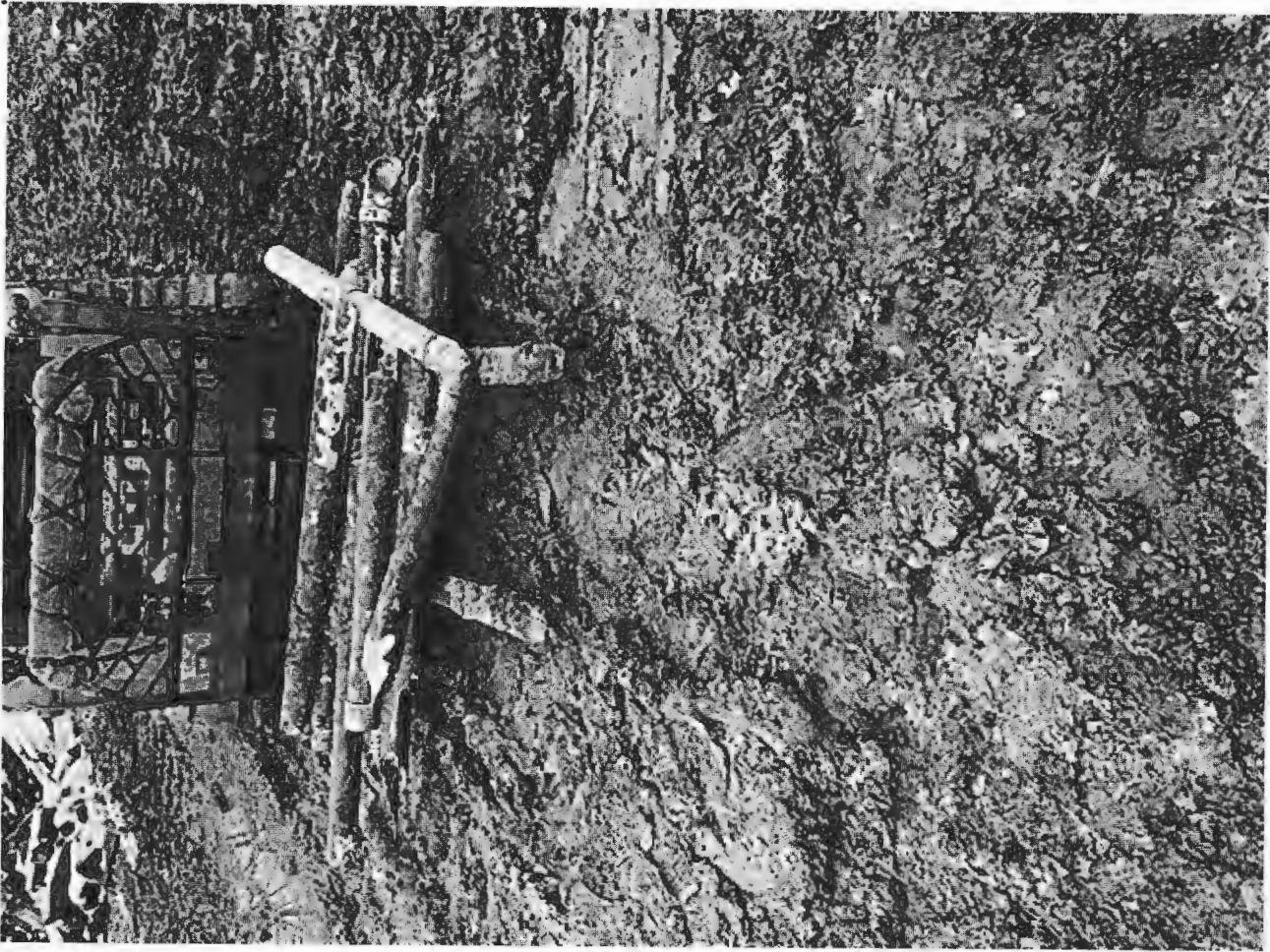


02/15/2021

EFFLUENT LINE REMOVAL (1)



02/15/2021
EFFLUENT LINE REMOVAL (2)



02/15/2021

EFFLUENT LINE REMOVAL (3)

Cabahug, Joseph

From: rcondon patapscospring.com <rcondon@patapscospring.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Cabahug, Joseph
Subject: Re: 8384 Washington Blvd
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Joseph,

I would like to close out the case.

I would like to move forward with strapping a temporary holding tank to the temporary trailer. I spoke with a septic cleaning company. They would handle the connection and pump the temporary tank once a week.

Please confirm that this meets needs to close the case? Thanks again



Robert E Condon, CLT
www.patapscospring.com
410.596.8075

On Feb 19, 2021, at 10:40 AM, Cabahug, Joseph <jcabahug@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Robert,

We have received the invoice for the pumping and the photos look great. Before we close out this case, we want to know what the proposed solution will be.

We are not able to permit an in ground holding tank to service this trailer due to constraints in COMAR.

However, if you get a temporary holding tank strapped to the temporary trailer and get it pumped out at regular intervals for the duration of the temporary trailer, however long that may be, that is not something we regulate outside the creation of a nuisance such as leaking or discharging to grade or illegal dumping.

If you pursue that avenue instead of connecting to public water and sewer, let me know.

Joseph C. Cabahug – REHS/RS LEHS II
Environmental Health Specialist

Fogle's Septic Clean, Inc.
580 Obrecht Road
Sykesville, MD 21784
410-795-5670



WORK ORDER

Date

2/11/2021

2/12/21

JOB LOCATION

8390 WASHINGTON BLVD
JESSUP, MD 20794

BILLING INFORMATION

PATAPSCO SPRING
ROBERT CONDON
4774 BRADDOCK RD
WOODBINE, MD 21797

Customer Phone

410-596-8075

Customer Alt. Phone

A finance charge of 1.5% will be charged monthly on unpaid balances.
And any actual and reasonable collection fees may be added if delinquent.
There is a \$30 fee for a returned check.

We are not responsible for your cleanout cap if we break it when we remove it. We are not responsible for any damages to your driveway.

Description

Qty

Cost

Total

PUMP SEPTIC - CALL AHEAD

300.00

300.00

C/O- BEHIND OFFICE TRAILER
D/W- YES
C.O.D.

[Handwritten signature]
2-12-21

TANK ACCESS

Manhole: Y ☐ N ☐

Cleanout: Y ☐ N ☐

Tank Depth _____

TANK LEVEL

☐ Normal

☐ Overfull

☐ Low

TANK CONDITION

☐ Good

☐ Heavy Solids

☐ Roots

☐ Wipes ☐ Other:

TO ENSURE PROPER CLEANING, FOGLE'S SEPTIC RECOMMENDS
PUMPING FROM THE MANHOLE AND NOT THE 6" CLEANOUT

CALL OFFICE TO SCHEDULE:

☐ Snake inlet line ☐ Other:

☐ Snake outlet line

Total

\$300.00

Customer Signature: _____