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Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer

March 29, 2011

Mr. & Mrs. Weber  
13012 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

RE: **Waiver Approval**  
13012 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Sir & Madam:

The Health Department received your waiver request dated March 15, 2011 for the above referenced property to allow the proposed addition fifteen (15) feet from the existing well and not require an upgrade to the existing septic system. The maximum allowable waiver offered in this situation requires the well to be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the addition. During our phone conversation on March 28, 2011 you indicated that it would be possible to relocate the addition and meet the twenty (20) foot setback. Therefore, the waiver has been approved subject to review of the plot plan required for a building permit that will need to illustrate the addition twenty (20) feet from the existing well.

Additionally, I do agree that since the access to the proposed new bedroom is through an existing bedroom, there is not an increase in the number bedrooms. The septic system will not have to be upgraded. Additionally, a percolation certification plan is not required because the foot print of the addition falls within the one hundred (100) foot setback from the well to the septic system and is not available for future on-site sewage disposal.

A site visit was conducted and the septic system showed no signs of failure, but the inspector was unable to remove the drywell cleanout to inspect the liquid level. I encourage you to open the cleanout and inspect the liquid level. An elevated liquid level is a sign the system is potentially close to failure and a costly repair may be required.

During the conversation you inquired about the setback required for a wheel chair ramp to the well should it ever be needed in the future. Howard County Code allows for a well to be ten (10) feet from a deck and a wheel chair ramp is of similar construction. Therefore, a ten (10) foot separation is required.

Any questions regarding this decision may be directed to the Well and Septic Program of the Howard County Health Department.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Davis, R.S., REHS  
Assistant Director  
Bureau of Environmental Health

13012 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

March 15, 2011

Michael Davis, Assistant Director  
Howard county Health Department  
Well & Septic Program  
7178 Gateway Drive  
Columbia, ND 21046

Dear Mr. Davis:

First, I do apologize for my delay in getting back to you. I truly appreciate your understanding our situation in trying to provide an acceptable living situation for my elderly mother.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a plat showing our lot, in western Howard County, our current home, garage, well, septic and proposed addition. I have also included a rough sketch of the addition we are hoping to have approved for my mom. As I explained in our phone conversation, the addition would be connected to our house by an enclosed breezeway. Also, the access to this addition would be through an existing bedroom, which would eliminate that space as a bedroom.

As you can see, our proposal shows the addition as 15 feet from our current well. Because we have good water flow (approx 8 gallons per minute) and have never had a problem with our current well, we would prefer not to dig a new well. We have lived in this location for over 35 years. During that time, there has been a considerable amount of construction surrounding us. We are concerned that, if we were to dig a new well, we may encounter problems tapping off surrounding water supplies. In short, why tamper with what works.

In our phone conversation, we discussed your department's 30 foot stipulation (from structure to well). You had suggested that the addition could go no closer than our current dwelling. I initially thought that solved our problem. I will admit that I am not the best at estimating distances. Unfortunately our house is 28 feet from our well. If we were to move the addition back to obtain that distance, we will lose our access via the front bedroom window (which we would change to a door entrance).

I am hoping that we can discuss this further so that we can come to an agreeable solution. I did want you to have these visuals to help you understand our proposal and the location of everything on our property. Please give me a call at your convenience. If I am unable to talk, perhaps we can find a time that will work for both of us. My work phone number is 410-465-7405.

Again, thank you so much for your time and understanding in working with us to help solve this living situation for my mom. These decisions we have to make for our aging parents are never easy. I truly appreciate your trying to make this work for us.

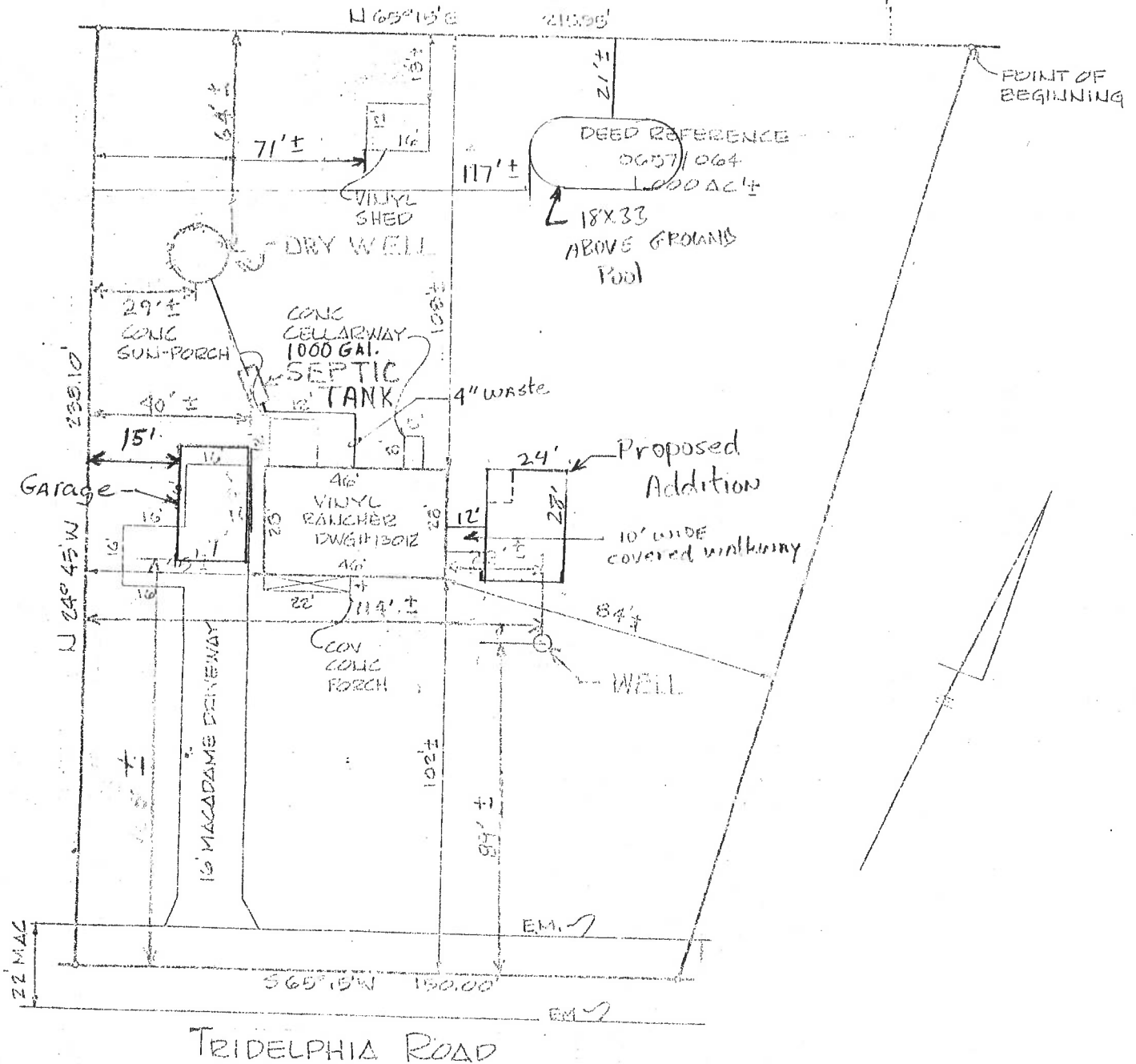
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Weber". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Kathy Weber

Place of Property known as # 13012 Tridelphia Road, and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber 0657, Folio 064.

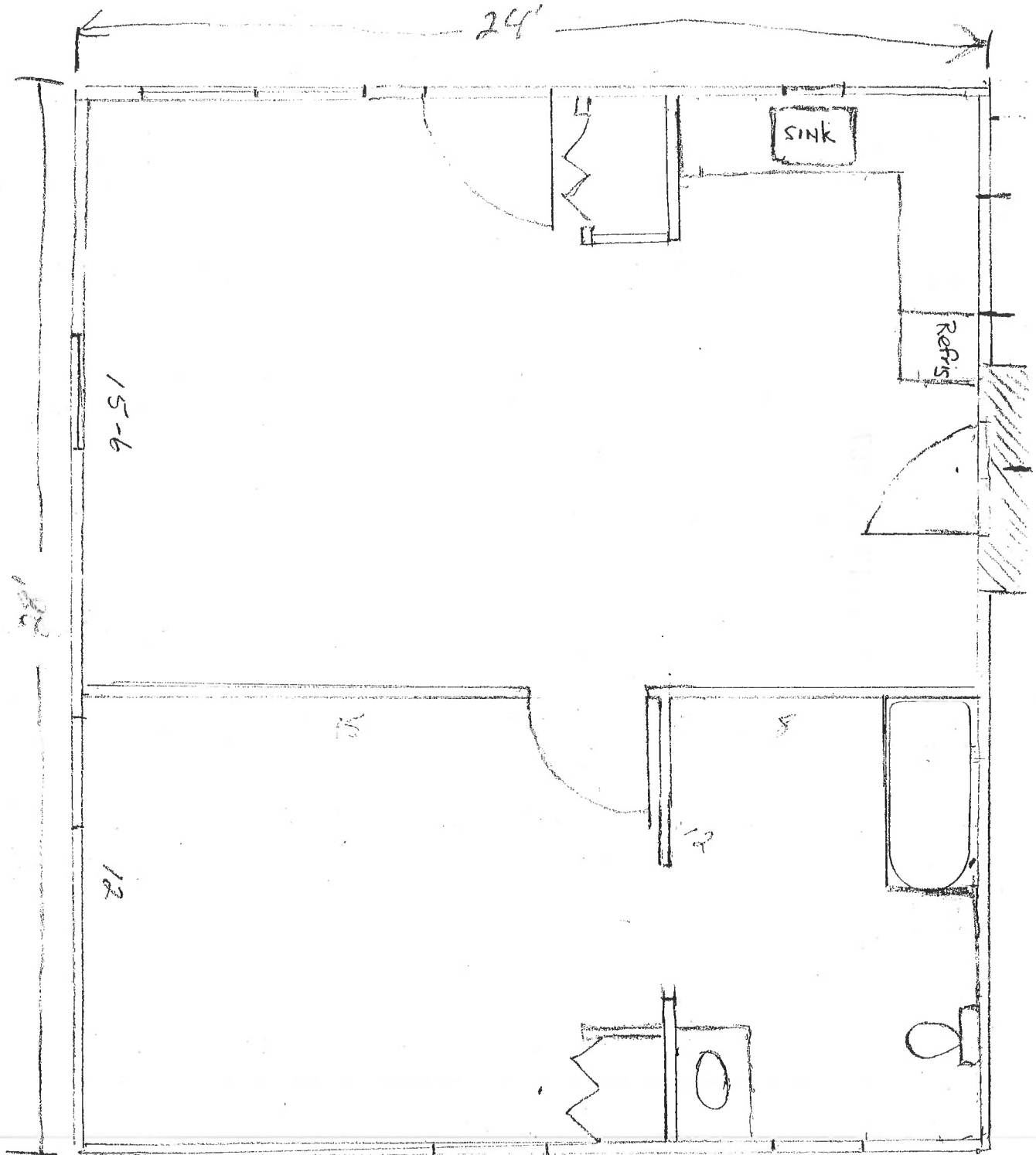
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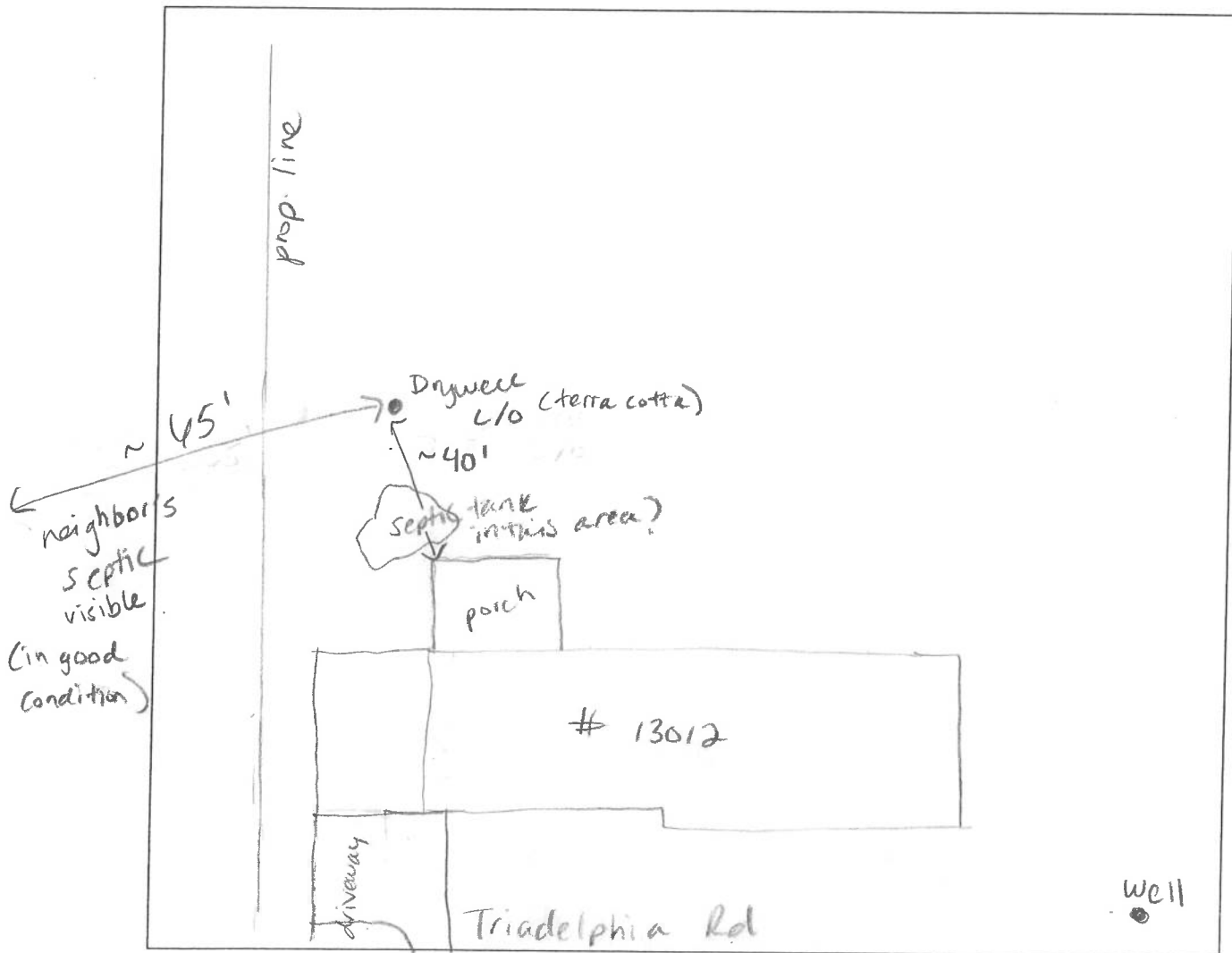
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# SITE INSPECTION SHEET

OWNER: Kathy Weber PHONE #: 410-465-7405  
ADDRESS: 13012 Triadelphia Rd CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ellicott City WELL TAG #: no tag present  
SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY #: \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPOSAL: 28' x 24' addition

## LOCATION DIAGRAM



COMMENTS: 2 well -  
piece cap & conduit secure, steel casing. no tag.  
Drywell cleanout present. No signs of failure. Was not able  
to observe liquid level. No cleanout for septic tank found.  
Systems appears to be functioning OK.

DATE: 3-25-11 INSPECTOR: HS