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February 27, 2018

David Lawhorn 6204 Tiffield Way Wake Forest, NC 27587

RE: Soil/Site Evaluation of Lot #21 in Tillar Plantation Subdivison, Gaston, NC

Dear Mr. Lawhorn

On January 23, 2018, the Northampton County Health Department evaluated the abovereferenced property and found it unsuitable "without further testing" due to the presence of rock and saprolite (weathered rock). The Health Department suggested the property be evaluated by a licensed soil scientist via soil pits.

Alliance Environmental Services performed a soil/site evaluation on the property on February 24, 2018. The evaluation was performed in accordance with North Carolina's Division of Environmental Health regulations (15A NCAC 18A .1900) for the purposes of determing site suitablity for an onsite wastewater system to serve a single-family dwelling.

This letter serves to supplement the included soil/site diagram and attachments. Using a sketch of the property provided by Michael Cullom, PLS (Attachement 1), the lot was traversed in order to identify topographic and landscape features. Soil pits were dug by MacBride Excavation in order to identify soil properties that influence onsite wastewater treatment and disposal. A summary of the evaluation is presented below.

The property was found to have slopes ranging from 13% to 30% (Attachment 2) with shallow soils most similar to an eroded Pacolet series formed over metasedimentary rocks (metamudstone) of the Eastern Slate Belt. Soil pits revealed soils with very shallow lithic and paralithic contact. The boundary between soil and continous, coherent weathered parent material and rock was typically observed to be between six and 14 inches over most of the lot (Attachement 3).

The in situ evaluation of soil pits revealed wavy boundaries with respect to soil interfaces and great variability within the same pit. The NC septic rules require 12 inches of suitable soil below the proposed septic trench bottom for a conventional or accepted status septic system. Due to inconsistent soil depth, coupled with the slope and topography, the lot is unsuitable for conventional or alternative septic systems.

As we discussed on the telephone, the following options are presented for consideration:

- 1. **Off-Site System**. It may be possible to designate an area of suitable soils on another nearby property for a septic system and repair area to serve a dwelling on Lot #21. Typically, a 10' wide utility easement is recorded on a plat for the installation of a pressure supply to convey wastewater to the off-site area. The off-site area may remain under different ownership if a Sepitc System Easement Agreement is recorded at the Register of Deeds.
- 2. Subsurface Drip System. A subsurface drip irrigation system consisting of small diameter tubing with pressure-compensating emitters buried at shallow depths in narrow trenches coupled with a pretreatment technology may be a option. These systems require a special site evaluation that must include site-specific determination of saturated hydraulic conductivities, a hydraulic assessment that demonstrates effluent will not discharge to the ground surface, and a slope stablization plan. These systems are expensive and require an ongoing contract with a Subsurface Wastewater Operator.

This report represents my professional opinion. The final permitting authority remains with the Northampton County Environmental Health Divison.

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

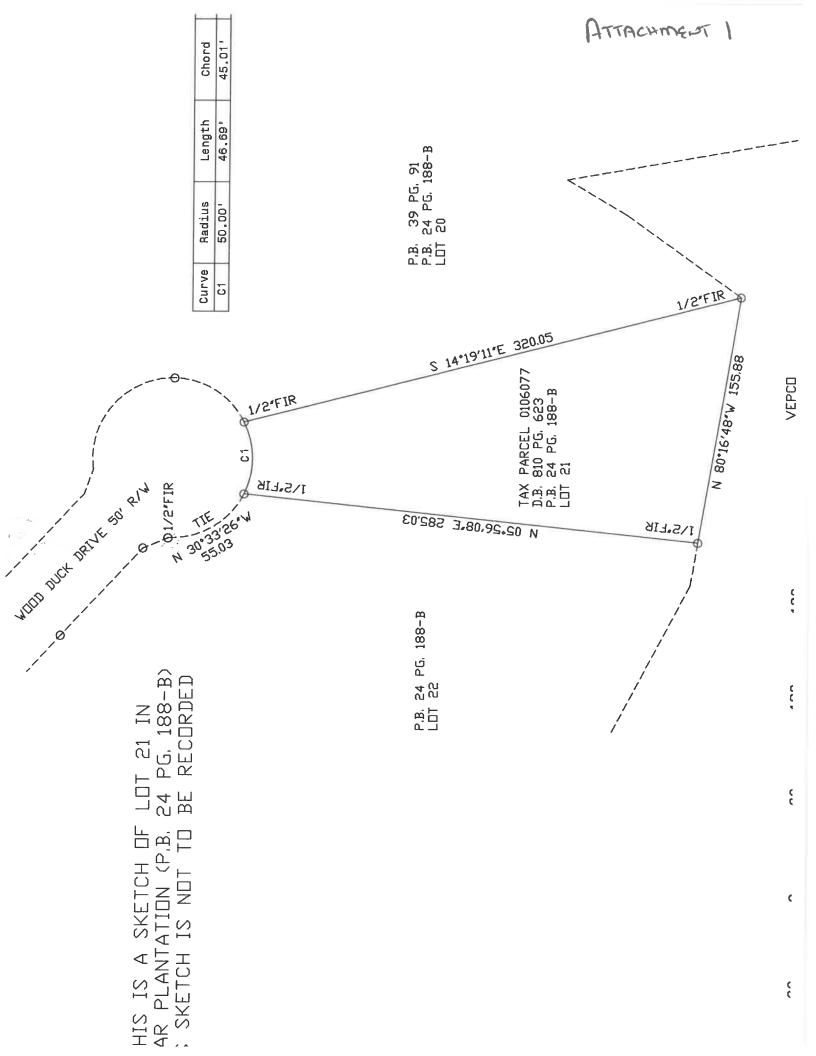
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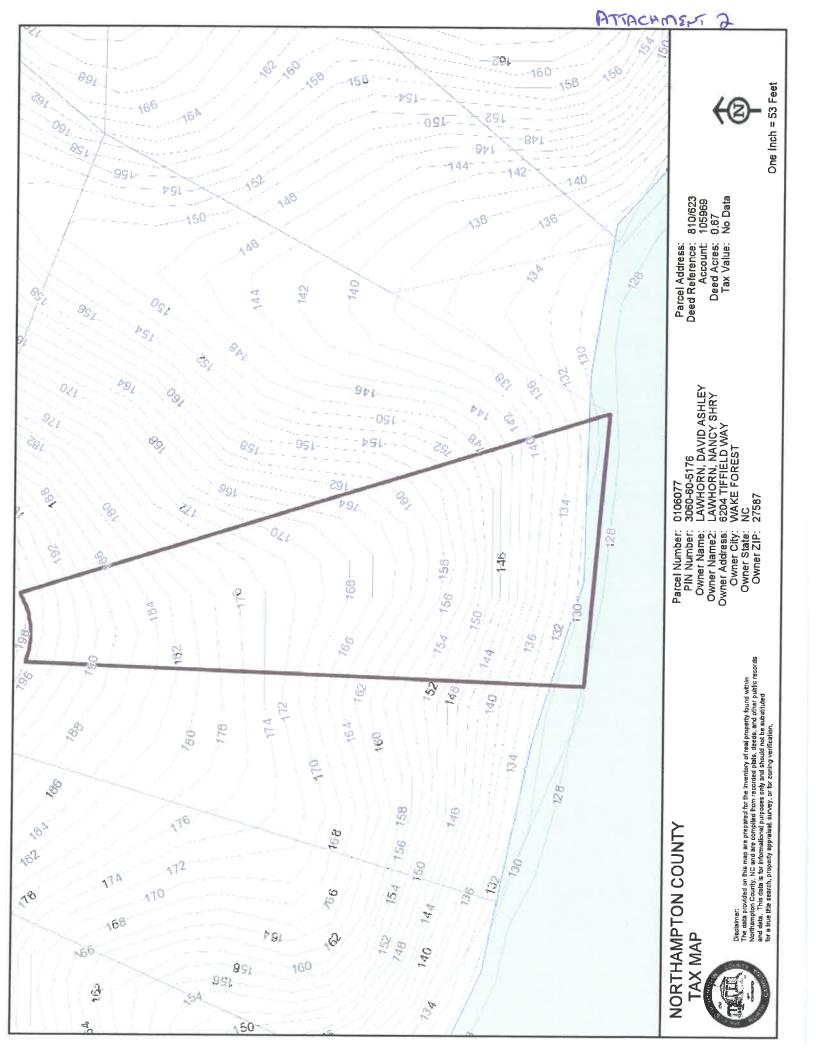
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NCDENR DIVISON OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ON-SITE WASTWATER SECTION

ALLIANCE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **SOIL / SITE EVALUATION**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATE: 2-24-18

OWNER: David Lawhorn

PROPOSED FACILITY: Single-Family Dwelling

PROPOSED DESIGN FLOW (. 1949) 360 G.P.D.

LOCATION OF SITE: Lot #21 - Tillar Plantation Subdivison

PROFILE .1940 HORIZON						EVAL METHOD: AUGER			
#	LANDSCAPE	DEPTH	SOIL MORPHOLOGY .1941						
	POS SLOPE%	(IN)	TEXTURE	STRUCTURE	MINERALOGY CONSISTENCE	MATRIX COLOR	MOTTLE COLOR	OTHER PRO FACTOR	
1a		0 - 4	SL	Gr	Vfr, ns, np, nexp	7.5 YR 5/4	_	.1942 WETNESS	> 24°
75' off	Linear	4 - 18	С	SBK	Fr, s, p, sexp	2.5 YR 5/6		.1943 DEPTH	18"
Front	Side	18 - 24	Rock	Weathered				.1944 REST. HOR	. N/A
20' off	Slope	24+	>= 50%	Saprolite	CL Texture			.1947 CLASS	US
Right	13%			<u>North</u>	<u>Side</u>			PROFILE LTAR	N/A
1b		0 - 6	SL	Gr	Vfr, ns, np, nexp	7.5 YR 5/4		.1942 WETNESS	> 30
75' off	Linear	6 - 11	SCL	SBK	Fr, ss, sp, sexp	5 YR 5/8		.1943 DEPTH	30"
Front	Side	11 - 30	C	SBK	Fr, s, p, sexp	2.5 YR 5/6	relics	.1944 REST. HOR	. N/A
20' off Right	Slope	30+	Rock	Weathered				.1947 CLASS	PS (IV
Kigiii	13%			South	<u>Side</u>			PROFILE LTAR	0.3
2a		0 - 7	SL	Gr	Vfr, ns, np, nexp	7.5 YR 5/4		.1942 WETNESS	> 48
120' off	Linear	7 - 48	> 50%	Rock				.1943 DEPTH	7"
Front	Side			<u>North</u>	Side			.1944 REST. HOR	N/A
35' off	Slope							.1947 CLASS	US
Right	13%							PROFILE LTAR	N/A
2b		0 - 6	SL	Gr	Vfr, ns, np, nexp	7.5 YR 5/4		.1942 WETNESS	> 48
120' off	Linear	6 - 24	> 50%	Rock	w/ Clay Lens			.1943 DEPTH	6"
Front	Side	24 - 30	CL	SBK	Fr, s, p, sexp	2.5 YR 5/6	relics	.1944 REST. HOR.	N/A
35' off	Slope	30 - 48	> 50%	Rock				.1947 CLASS	US
Right	13%			South	<u>Side</u>			PROFILE LTAR	N/A
3		0-5	L	Gr	Vfr, ns,np, nexp		-	.1942 WETNESS	> 21"
165' off	Foot	5-14	SiCL	SBK	Fr, ss, sp, sexp			.1943 DEPTH	14"
Front	Slope	14 – 21	> 50%	Rock	w/ Clay Lens			.1944 REST. HOR.	N/A
50' off		21+	US	PM	Very Firm	Gley 1	8 White	.1947 CLASS	US
Right	16%							PROFILE LTAR	N/A

AVAILABLE SPACE (.1945) NO

OTHER FACTORS (.1946) N/A

SITE CLASSIFICATION US

INITIAL LTAR N/A

REPAIR LTAR N/A

OTHER(S) PRESENT Robert W. Boone, Jr.

COMMENTS: Lot is unsuitable for conventional and alternative septic system due to shallow depths to rock and unsuitable saprolite.

Variable soil depths (wavy boundaries) were noted within same pit. Too inconsistent to confidently install a system.

EVALUATED BY: Robert A. Rose, L.S.S., R.E.H.S.

SOIL/SITE DIAGRAM

Location: Lot #21 - Wood Duck Drive (Tillar Plantation Subdivision)

Owner: David Lawhorn

