

APRIL 29, 1986

# APPLICATION

PERCOLATION TESTING

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HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
P.O. BOX 476 ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND 21043  
TELEPHONE: 461-9933

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO: THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER  
ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND

I, HEREBY, APPLY FOR THE NECESSARY TEST IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT (OR RECONSTRUCT) A SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

PROPERTY OWNER CAROL MCKINLEY

ADDRESS 10 STRAWBERRY HILL RD SOUTH BORO, MASS, 01772 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PROSPECTIVE BUYER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY LOCATION:

SUBDIVISION GREENHEDGE LOT NO. 25 SEC 4

ROAD AND DESCRIPTION EVENGREEN WAY

TAX MAP \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL # \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE OF LOT 258' x 132' x 150' x 340' x 90' x 65' TYPE BLDG. \_\_\_\_\_  
(SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING OR COMMERCIAL)

THE SYSTEM INSTALLED UNDER THIS APPLICATION IS ACCEPTABLE ONLY UNTIL PUBLIC FACILITIES BECOME AVAILABLE. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FEE CONNECTED WITH THE FILING OF THIS PERC TEST APPLICATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. I ALSO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL M.O.S.H.A. REQUIREMENTS IN TESTING THIS LOT.

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REJECTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HOLD PENDING FURTHER TESTS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS FOR REJECTION OR HOLDING \_\_\_\_\_

# THIS IS NOT A PERMIT





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(617)

Mr. Craig Williams, Acting Director  
Water and Sewerage Program  
Howard County Health Department  
Bureau of Environmental Health  
3525 Ellicott Mills Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Re: Green Henge, Section 4, Lot 25  
Owned by Carol McKinley

Dear Mr. Williams:

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Carol has owned this land since March 7, 1969 and has kept her taxes current to date. I am now responding to your letter dated May 20, 1985 in which you indicate the failure of Lot 25 to pass a percolation test. You have suggested several options to find relief from this failure. Although I feel the following plans meet the requirements of your Title 10, I will consider them as falling in the category of "alternative design".

My firm and myself personally are representing Carol in obtaining the necessary permits for the eventual sale of Lot 25 as captioned above and I would therefore like to briefly introduce myself professionally.

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Since this lot slopes from the back towards the street, the well should be located at the rear of the property and the sewer system located in the vicinity of test hole #9. The enclosed plans propose a system which will conform to the requirements of "Title 10, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene" and with standard engineering practices in Massachusetts for a soil with a percolation rate of 4.0 minutes per inch, an underlying pervious strata at least 4 feet in depth, and ground water at 11 feet below ground grade.

The design is based on a three bedroom dwelling having two persons per bedroom, or a total of 450 gallons per day flow. Based on this flow rate a 1000 gallon septic tank is recommended in series with a distribution box and two 90 foot trenches two feet wide spaced 15 feet on center to allow for expansions between the primary trenches. The trenches will have a 4 inch diameter perforated p.v.c. pipe laid on 6 inches of washed stone.

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Yours truly,  
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Carlton B. Colburn, Jr.  
President P.E., R.L.S.

Enclosures  
cc: Carol McKinley  
CBC/jlb

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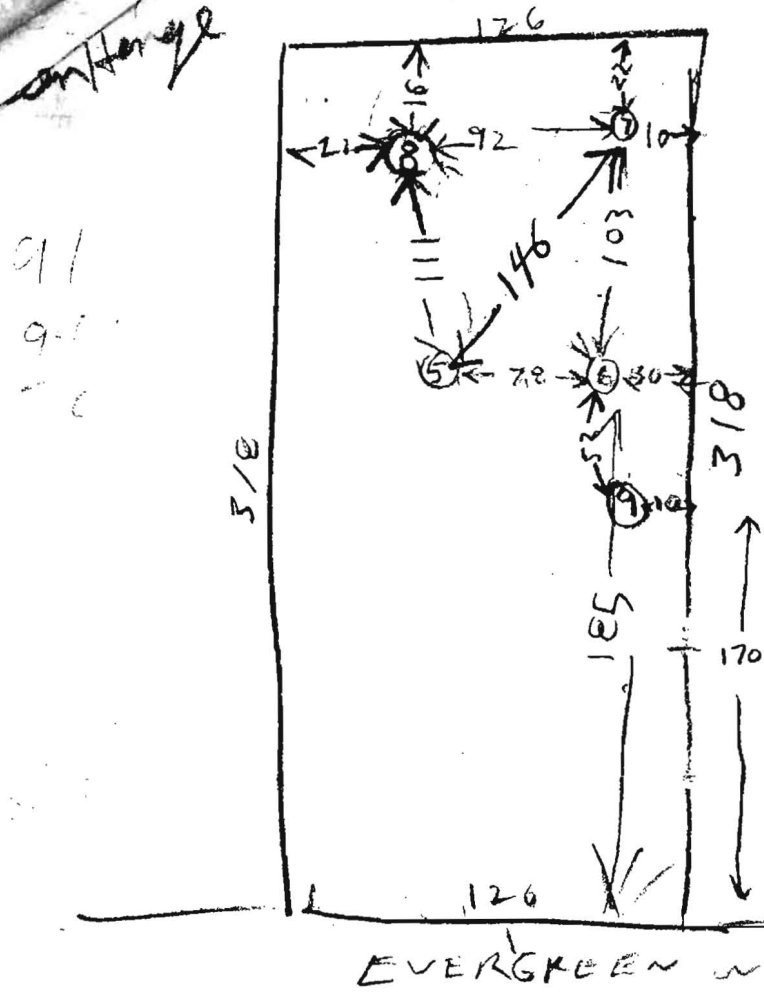
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# GREEN HEDGE SECTION



HOLE ELEVATION

⑧ = HIGHEST  
(TOO HIGH TO USE)

⑨ = LOWEST

SAME PLACE AS

① ② of 1966

⑤ ⑦ = NEXT HIGHEST

⑥ = NEXT LOWEST

OWNER

CAROL MCKINLEY

10 STRAWBERRY HILL RD

SOUTH BORO MASS

01772

617 491 2524

SEND COPY OF LETTER TO

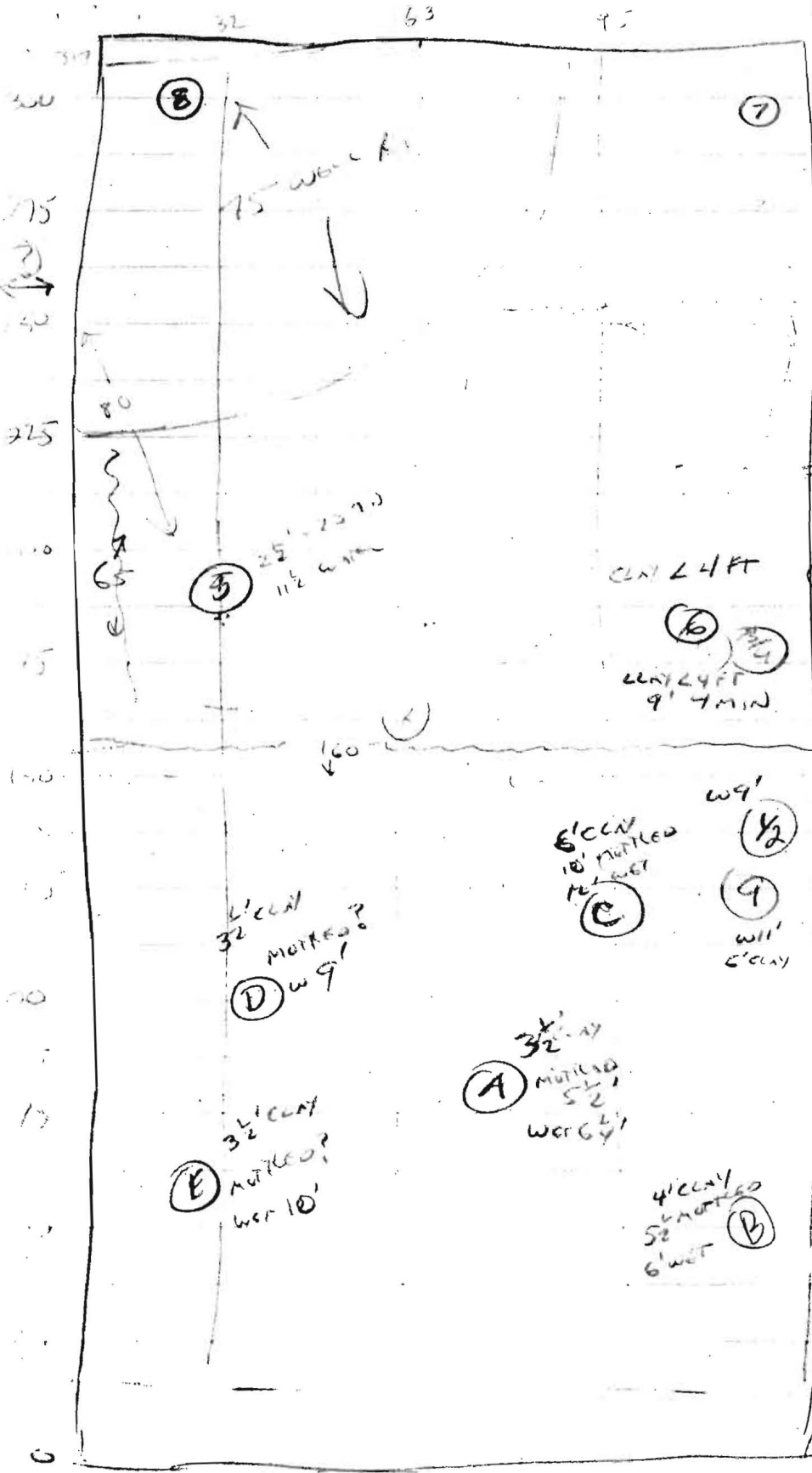
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HUDSON MASS

01749

ALSO COPY OF REGULATIONS  
ON PERMITS



- ⑦ 3/27/85 2 1/2' - 47 MIN  
4' - 30 MIN  
BELOW 4' - HARD
- ⑧ LOCATION UNACCEPTABLE - CONFLICTS WITH WELL SITES LOT 24 & 25
- ⑤ 3/27/85 2 1/2' - 25 MIN  
11 1/2' WATER
- ③/④ 8/18/66 4 1/2' WATER
- ⑥ 3/27/85 4 1/2' 50 MIN 1ST INCH  
BELOW 4' - HARD
- ①/② 8/18/66 4' NO PEGS  
9' 4' MIN
- ⑨ 3/27/85 6' CLAY, WATER 11"
- ③ 5/29/86 IMPEN TO 73"  
MOTTLED 126"  
WET 146"
- ④ 5/7/86 IMPEN TO 26"  
INDEN MOTTLED ABOVE 107"  
WATER 107"
- ① 5/9/86 IMPEN TO 42"  
WET 75"  
MOTTLED 67"
- ② 5/9/86 IMPEN 46"  
MOTTLED 66"  
WET AT 70"
- ⑤ 5/9/86 IMPEN 45"  
INDEN MOTTLED  
WET 120"

SUMMARY OF TESTS - VARIOUS DATES  
GREENIDGE LOT 25