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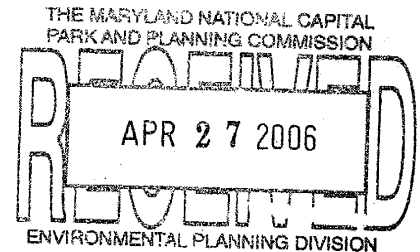
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April 26, 2006, 2006

Candy Bunnag
Doug Johnson
Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Re: Anthony Mereos, 17900 Trundle Road, Dickerson, MD 20842

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Mrs. Bunnag and Mr. Johnson:

I have been advised that the wetland report, indicating streams, wetlands, buffers and current forest, will be finalized and submitted to your office by the end of the month. As you know, this is a busy time of year for engineers and it has caused some delay in getting you the information.

At our March 10, 2006 meeting, I stated that Mr. Mereos would devise a plan to reforest the lot if the County would remove the fine(s). Mr. Mereos disputes that he removed the trees from the lot. We have submitted notarized affidavits to you from the neighbors indicating that Mr. Mereos did not remove the trees. I have obtained pictures showing that the trees were removed prior to Mr. Mereos' purchasing the lot. However, the County has indicated absolutely no willingness to remove or decrease the fine, and it is our opinion that the County has acted with ill will and spite towards Mr. Mereos. It is puzzling why the County did not prosecute the prior property owner for clearing the forest. Admittedly, the County has no first hand knowledge the Mr. Mereos cleared the lot or whether the lot was cleared prior to Mr. Mereos purchasing the property. Instead of working with Mr. Mereos to reforest the lot, the County is dead set on fining Mr. Mereos.

Your March 30, 2006 letter requests Mr. Mereos to prepare a plan showing pre-existing forest. However, he is not aware of how the lot appeared, including where forest was placed, before he purchased the lot.

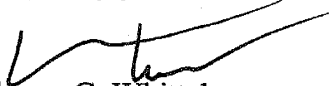
Mr. Mereos' goal is to resolve the dispute with County and he is committed to that goal. However, if the County insists on the fine, Mr. Mereos will aggressively defend himself. Furthermore, Mr. Mereos will take legal action against the County and against the individual members of the County government who have acted with ill will and spite towards Mr. Mereos.

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We request an extension of the May 4, 2006 hearing date so that we may provide you with the information requested in your March 30, 2006 letter and can continue to endeavor to work with the County to satisfy the County's requirements. Also, my office has requested rules for next weeks' proceedings and has made a trip to your office to obtain the rules. No rules have been provided which govern next week's scheduled hearing. Please provide me with a copy of the rules, including information on how I can obtain subpoenas for witnesses, and provide me with a copy of the attorney who will represent the County.

I look forward to your prompt response to this letter. In the interim, do not hesitate to call with any further questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Shawn C. Whittaker

CC: Anthony Mereos

ATTACHMENT 9

Statements from two individuals stating forest was cleared prior to Mr. Mereos owning the property

Witness Statement

To Whom It May Concern My name is Robert M. Wojciechowski
I live next to 17900 Trundle Road in Dickerson, MD 20842.
My address and phone number is.

18020 Edwards Ferry Rd.
Poolesville Md #301-685-0248.

This statement is to verify that the property known as 17900 Trundle Road was cleared and many trees removed prior to Anthony Mereos Purchasing the property.

The prior land owner had a major mess on the property. He had cleared many of the trees for the purpose of setting up housing for hundreds and hundreds of live animals.

The prior property owner sold the property in the summer and left a mess on the property.

The prior owner left Trees down and Garbage everywhere on the property. He left all the Fences from where the animals lived on the property. Trees where cut on top of those areas to try and hide the caged areas.

The new property owner Anthony Mereos has cleaned and removed all debris that where left by the prior property owner. The new property owner has had the entire area seeded and sediment fence installed on the property.

If you have questions please feel free to contact.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

7th day of October, 2005.

Signed Margaret E. Johnson

Printed Name Margaret E. Johnson

Notary Public, My commission expires 7-11-07

Robert M. Wojciechowski
Oct 1, 2005

Witness Statement

To Whom It May Concern My name is Jeff Edwards
I live next to 17900 Trundle Road in Dickerson, MD 20842.
My address and phone number is.

18020 Edwards Ferry Rd.
Tel # 301-538-6569

This statement is to verify that the property known as 17900 Trundle Road was cleared and many trees removed prior to Anthony Mereos Purchasing the property. The prior land owner had a major mess on the property. He had cleared many of the trees for the purpose of setting up housing for hundreds and hundreds of live animals. The prior property owner sold the property in the summer and left a mess on the property. The prior owner left Trees down and Garbage everywhere on the property. He left all the Fences from where the animals lived on the property. Trees where cut on top of those areas to try and hide the caged areas. The new property owner Anthony Mereos has cleaned and removed all debris that where left by the prior property owner. The new property owner has had the entire area seeded and sediment fence installed on the property. If you have questions please feel free to contact.

Jeff Edwards
18-1-05

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
7th day of 09, 2005
Signed Margaret E. Zoberbier
Printed Name Margaret E. Zoberbier
Notary Public, my commission expires 7-1-07

ATTACHMENT 10

Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Records

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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
 Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 00041421

Owner Information

Owner Name: MEREOS, ANTHONY A & RUTH M Use: RESIDENTIAL
 Principal Residence: NO
 Mailing Address: 17900 TRUNDLE RD Deed Reference: 1) /30356/ 292
 DICKERSON MD 20842 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address: 17900 TRUNDLE RD Legal Description: WILLIAMS RESURVEY
 DICKERSON 20842

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No: Plat Ref:
BT32		P120		1				1	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
	42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		77,972.00 SF	910
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2004	07/01/2005	07/01/2006
Land:	40,610	87,110		
Improvements:	0	0		
Total:	40,610	87,110	71,610	87,110
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: HOUSTON, STEVEN R Date: 07/22/2005 Price: \$65,000
 Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: /30356/ 292 Deed2:
 Seller: BUTT, JOSEPH & L R Date: 07/24/2003 Price: \$48,500
 Type: UNIMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: /24631/ 429 Deed2:
 Seller: Date: 11/26/1984 Price: \$0
 Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 6579/ 363 Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2005	07/01/2006
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
 Exempt Class:

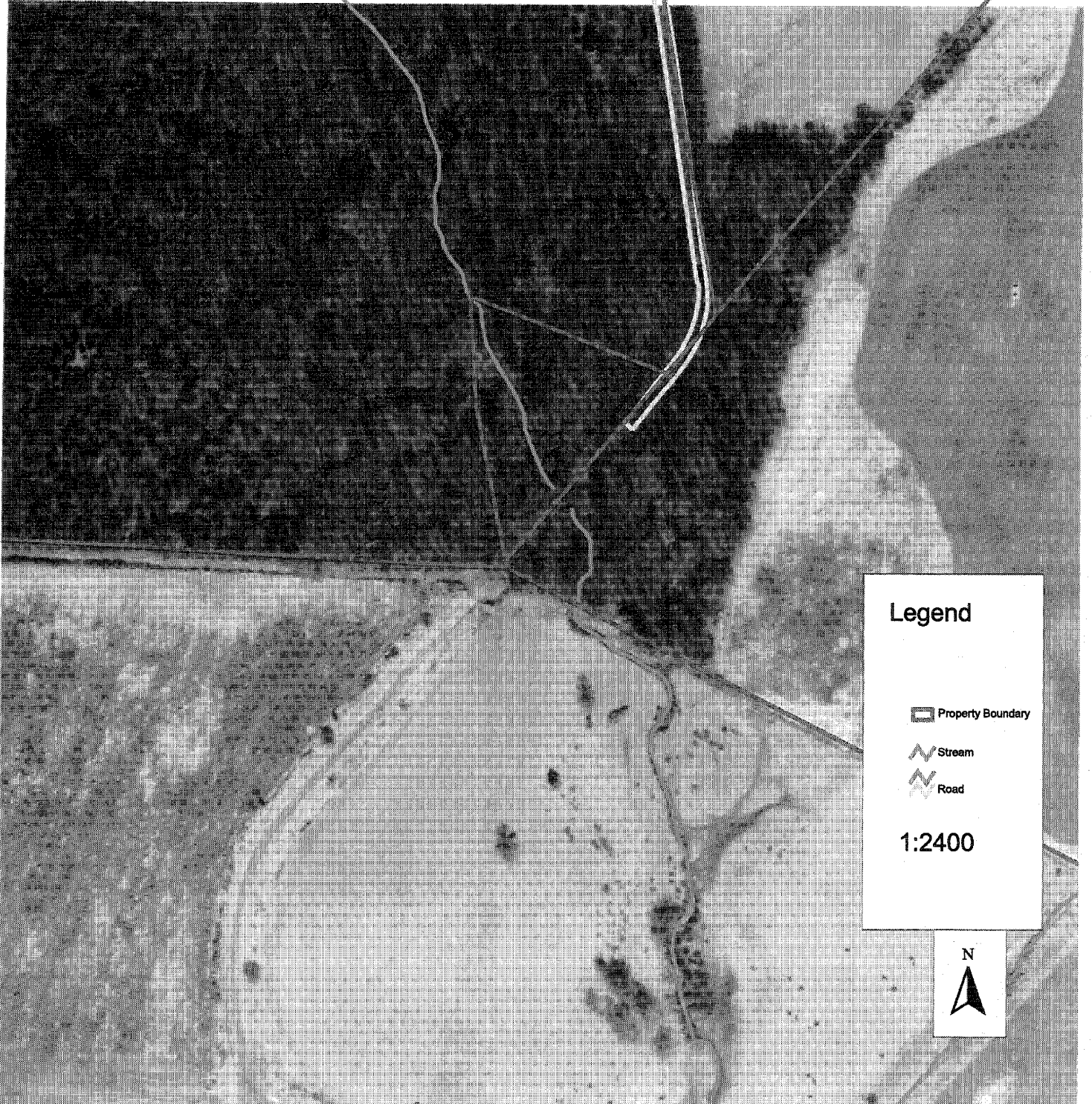
Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

ATTACHMENT 11

Site Aerial Photograph; 2002, M-NCPPC GIS

17900 Trundle Rd.
2002 Aerial Photograph
From M-NCPPC GIS Database



Legend

 Property Boundary

 Stream

 Road

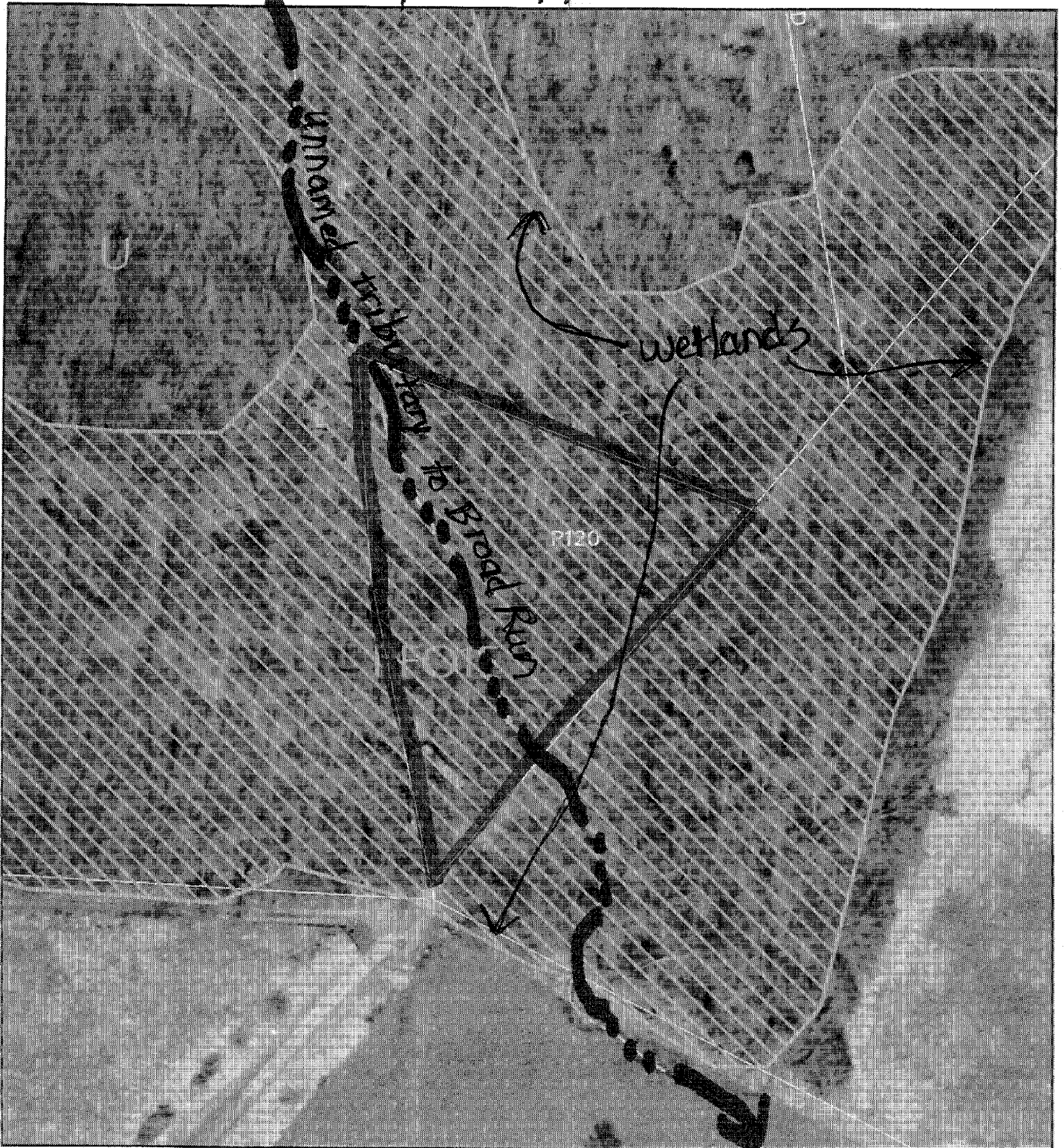
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ATTACHMENT 12

Site Aerial Photograph; 2004, M-NCPPC GIS

17900 TRUNDLE RD. (April 2004)



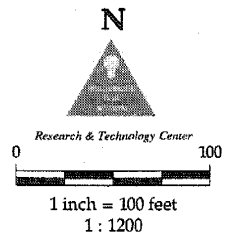
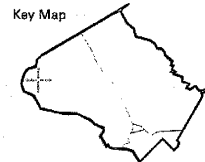
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USDA Aerial Photograph; June 2005