

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**October 13, 2005 Letter from Mr. Mereos contesting civil citation**

**ANTHONY MEREOS**

**PO Box 206  
POOLESVILLE, MARYLAND 20837**

**PHONE: 301-518-4735**

October 13, 2005

**VIA FIRST CLASS AND CERTIFIED MAIL**

Office of the General Counsel  
8787 Georgia Avenue, Suite 205  
Silver Spring MD 20910

Re: **NOTICE TO CONTEST CITATION AND STAND TRIAL**  
**17900 TRUNDLE ROAD DICKERSON, MD 20842**

Dear General Counsel Officer:

Please be advised that this letter is to stand trial for Citation number DRD0000003(Copy enclosed).

The accusations are untrue and unfair.

Please advise in writing if you wish to meet prior to trial.

Sincerely,



Anthony Mereos

**Civil Citation**  
**The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

vs.

Name: ANTHONY A. MEREDS  
First Middle Last

Company/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: PO BOX 206; POOLESVILLE, MD 20837

Phone Number: 301-518-4735 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location and Description of Violation:**

Address/location of site: 17900 TRUNDLE RD.; DICKERSON, MD 20842

Pursuant to the M-NCPPC's authority under Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Chapter 50 of the Montgomery County Code, it is formally charged that the above named defendant on SEPT 1, 2005 (date) at the stated site location did commit the following:

CLEARED APPROXIMATELY 1.8 ACRES OF FOREST ON SITE

In violation of:

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 59

Approval of \_\_\_\_\_ Plan No. \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil Fine and Compliance:**

1. (a)  You shall pay a fine of \$ 1000<sup>00</sup> by OCT 18, 2005 (date) and complete the remedial action listed below, if any, to avoid trial.

(b)  You shall pay a daily fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ if the original fine has not been paid and/or the remedial action has not been completed by \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The daily fine shall accrue until the original fine is paid and all remedial action is completed.

2.  You shall pay a daily fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ until the remedial action listed below is completed. This fine shall be paid within 15 days of completion of all remedial action.

Checks should be made payable to M-NCPPC and shall be paid during normal business hours at the Information Counter of M-NCPPC's Montgomery Regional Office located at 8787 Georgia Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 301-495-4610. Failure to comply with this citation may result in formal court action or issuance of additional citations including additional fines. You may also elect to stand trial. If you elect to stand trial, you must notify the M-NCPPC Office of the General Counsel, in writing, at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Suite 205, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, within 15 days of date of citation. The District Court will thereafter notify you of the trial date.

**Remedial Action:**

1.  CONTACT MS. CANDY BUNNAG (301-495-4543) BY OCT. 18, 2005 TO DISCUSS REMEDIAL ACTIONS. NO WORK IS TO OCCUR ON-SITE WITHOUT M-NCPPC APPROVAL. IF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY 10/18/05 THIS FINE BECOMES A \$1000 PER DAY CITATION.

by: 10/18/05 (date)

2.  You have violated Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code, and maybe subject to an Administrative Civil Penalty, which may include an additional monetary fine in addition to corrective measures. You must contact Environmental Planning Department of M-NCPPC at 8787 Georgia Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 301-495-4540, within 15 days of issuance of this citation.

**Acknowledgement:**

I sign my name as a receipt of a copy of this Citation and not as an admission of guilt. I will comply with the requirements set forth in this Citation. I have a right to stand trial for the offense(s) charged. If I do not exercise my right to stand trial, I agree to entry by the court of judgment on affidavit for the amount of the fine.

Defendant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation:**

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, and upon personal knowledge or based on the affidavit, that the contents of this citation are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I am competent to testify on these matters. The defendant is not now in the military service, as defined in the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 with amendments, nor has been in such service within thirty days hereof.

Inspector's Signature Douglas P. Johnsen Date 10/4/05  
Print name: DOUGLAS JOHNSEN Phone number: 301-495-4571

District Court to send notices to M-NCPPC, Office of the General Counsel, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Suite 205, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

white=District Court; green=Office of General Counsel; yellow=Defendant

## **ATTACHMENT 5**

**M-NCPPC Administrative Order for Corrective Action**

M-NCPPC



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING**

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL  
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760  
301-495-4500, [www.mncppc.org](http://www.mncppc.org)

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 22A OF**  
**THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE**

March 2, 2006

Mr. Anthony A. Mereos  
P.O. Box 206  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837

Re: 17900 Trundle Road  
Dickerson, MD 20842

Dear Mr. Mereos:

As you are aware, on September 1, 2005, an inspector for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) identified a recent clearing of forest of about 83,145 square feet (1.9 acres) on the property located at 17900 Trundle Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20842 of which you are the owner. Our records indicate that the forest clearing was not part of an approved forest conservation plan ("FCP") or forest conservation exemption as required by Montgomery County Code ("Code"), Chapter 22A ("Forest Conservation Law" or "FCL").

On October 4, 2005, an M-NCPPC Inspector issued you a civil citation for One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), in accordance with § 22A-16(a) of the Forest Conservation Law.

On October 7, 2005, M-NCPPC staff met with you. During this meeting the clearing violation was outlined to you along with the possible actions M-NCPPC may pursue. You stated that you did not clear the forest, but that you were only cutting up the trees that were cleared from the previous owner. You also indicated in this meeting that you had cut seven or eight trees, but not the entire forested lot.

Based on the M-NCPPC inspector's observations of site conditions and his discussions with the Dept. of Permitting Services (DPS) Sediment Control inspector as

well as an adjacent property owner, the M-NCPPC inspector has concluded that the forest clearing was done after you took ownership of the property in June 2005. Additionally, a DPS plan reviewer recalls having conversations with you on June 27 and 28, 2005 in which it was stated that your property was completely wooded.

During the October 7, 2005 meeting we explained that this unauthorized clearing activity is a violation and we discussed with you possible corrective actions. At this time you elected to challenge the civil citation issued to you on October 4, 2005. We informed you that you must contact M-NCPPC Legal Staff and file in writing an official challenge to the civil citation.

You submitted a letter dated October 13, 2005 indicating that you wanted to contest the civil citation and you wished to stand trial.

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 19, requires that a property owner obtain a sediment and erosion control permit from Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services ("DPS") prior to commencing any disturbance of more than 5,000 square feet of land in the County. Before DPS may issue a sediment and erosion control permit, the property owner must comply with the requirements of Montgomery County's Forest Conservation Law. Mont. Co. Code, §§ 19-3A, 22A-4(b), 22A-11(d)(3). The Forest Conservation Law provides, that, unless exempt, a property owner must receive review and approval of both a natural resource inventory/forest stand delineation plan and a forest conservation plan, prior to undertaking the land disturbing activity (Mont. Co. Code, §§ 22A-4, 22A-10, 22A-11(d)). According to inspections by Commission staff, you cleared a total of 83,145 square feet (1.9 acres) of forest without an approved forest conservation plan or forest conservation exemption. These violations of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law may be sanctioned accordingly.

The civil fine issued by the Commission on October 4, 2005 in accordance with § 22A-16(a) of the Code, fines you One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) for the clearing of 83,145 square feet (1.9 acres) of forest. In addition, by this letter, and in accordance with §§ 22A-16(d) and 22A-17 of the Code, the Commission is instituting the following additional enforcement actions:


- (A) As the Planning Director, and in accordance with §22A-17, I am issuing an administrative order requiring corrective action be undertaken by you as detailed in Attachment One to this letter; and
- (B) On May 4, 2006, the Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the amount of the administrative civil penalty to be imposed on you pursuant to §22A-16(d). Additionally, the Board will also consider the matter of the civil citation issued on October 4, 2005. In determining the amount of the civil penalty at the hearing, pursuant to §22A-16(d)(2), the Board will consider the willfulness of the violation; the damage or injury to tree resources; the cost of corrective action or restoration; any adverse impact on water quality; the extent to which the

current violation is a part of a recurrent pattern of the same or similar type of violation committed by the violator; and other relevant factors. As detailed in that Section, the penalty imposed by the Planning Board must be not less than \$0.30<sup>1</sup> and up to \$1.00<sup>2</sup> per square foot of forest cleared.

As required by §22A-20, the hearing before the Planning Board regarding the imposition of an administrative civil penalty is scheduled for May 4, 2006 in the Planning Board's Hearing Room at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Staff is recommending the imposition of \$1.00 (One Dollar) per square foot of disturbance for a total of \$83,145 (Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars). At this hearing, you will have an opportunity to be heard by the Board before it makes its final decision on the amount of the penalty and the status of the civil citation. Additionally, at the May 4, 2006 hearing, you may elect to have a hearing before the Board on the administrative order for corrective action, as required by §22A-20(d).

You may request to meet with staff to discuss the administrative order and staff's recommended civil penalty prior to the May 4, 2006 Planning Board hearing. If you would like to meet with staff or has any questions, please contact Ms. Candy Bunnag at (301) 495-4543 or Mr. Doug Johnsen at 301-495-4571.

Sincerely,



Faroll Hamer  
Acting Director of Park and Planning

Attachment One – Corrective Action

cc: Michele Rosenfeld, M-NCPPC – Legal  
✓ Candy Bunnag, M-NCPPC  
Doug Johnsen, M-NCPPC  
Mark Etheridge, DPS  
Mike Reahl, DPS  
Rick Watson, DPS  
Rich Wolters, MDE

CL:CB:cb

<sup>1</sup> This amount is identified in §5-1608(c) of the Natural Resources Article of the Maryland Code.

<sup>2</sup> This amount is the maximum amount established by the Montgomery County Council by 1992 L.M.C., ch. 4 § 2.

**ATTACHMENT ONE**  
**CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR ANTHONY A. MEREOS**  
**17900 TRUNDLE ROAD; DICKERSON, MARYLAND**

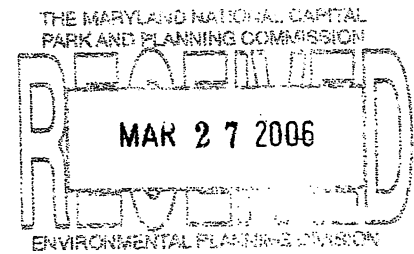
1. Mr. Anthony A. Mereos shall prepare, submit and obtain approval for a natural resource inventory/forest stand delineation plan (NRI/FSD) as defined in Section 22A-10 (b) of the Forest Conservation Law and the *Trees Approved Technical Manual*. The NRI/FSD must show all streams, wetlands, seeps, associated environmental buffers and the extent of the forest on the property before any clearing activities. The NRI/FSD must be submitted to M-NCPPC staff for its review and approval by June 9, 2006.
2. Mr. Mereos shall prepare and submit a Forest Conservation Plan (FCP) for the property at 17900 Trundle Road, Dickerson, MD following M-NCPPC approval of the NRI/FSD. At a minimum the FCP must include a reforestation plan to cover any portion of the environmental buffers that have been cleared. The FCP must be submitted to M-NCPPC staff for its review and approval by August 11, 2006. The FCP shall include details and specifications for land preparation, planting, and minimum two-year maintenance of the planted area. At a minimum, the planting schedule shall include three species of native one-inch caliper trees and three species of native container-grown, 18-inch tall shrubs at the rate of 200 trees/acre and 33 shrubs/acre. The planting plan shall also include measures for deer protection and non-native, invasive species control. The FCP must be consistent with any corrective actions required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Maryland Dept. of the Environment (MDE) and Mont. Co. Dept. of Permitting Services (DPS)
3. The planting plan for the property at 17900 Trundle Road must be implemented and accepted by M-NCPPC between September 15, 2006 and November 15, 2006 pending approval of the FCP.
4. At a minimum the environmental buffers on the property at 17900 Trundle Road shall be placed in a Category I conservation easement. The easement must be recorded in the land records by August 1, 2006.



**ATTACHMENT 6**

**March 26, 2006 Letter from Mr. Whittaker**

THE LAW OFFICE OF  
**SHAWN C. WHITTAKER**  
SUITE 340  
9055 COMPRINT COURT  
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20877-1310  
PHONE (301) 208-9114  
FACSIMILE (301) 208-0362



ADMITTED IN MD, VA, DC

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shawn@whittaker-law.com

March 24, 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:

This letter is written as a follow-up to our meeting of March 10, 2006. I apologize for the delay in providing you this letter, but we had a difficult time locating and obtaining a wetland expert.

Please find attached a copy of the estimate and time frame for the wetland determination and report you requested from Mr. Mereos. As can be seen by the attached estimate, it will take a maximum of 11 weeks to obtain the requested plans and reports.


Mr. Mereos is willing to incur the costs and take the measures that the County is requesting. However, before Mr. Mereos incurs these costs, we need assurance from the County that it will not impose a fine on Mr. Mereos. Mr. Mereos emphatically denies that that he cleared 1.9 acres on his property. In fact, I believe that the County can easily determine whether Mr. Mereos' property was cleared before he purchased the property. Therefore, I am requesting that the County provide me a copy of aerial photographs showing Mr. Mereos' property prior to June 26, 2005. I have located an aerial photo from April 7, 2002, showing that Mr. Mereos' property was cleared as of that date. I am attempting to obtain certified copies of aerial photographs from the US government, but surely the County has similar photographs which would show the status of Mr. Mereos' property prior to his purchasing of the property.

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

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|  | <p><b>Woodland Management Services LLC</b><br/>                 26 Brookfield Road<br/>                 Pasadena, Maryland 21122-2102</p> |  |
|   | <p><i>Estimate for Requested Services</i></p>   |  |

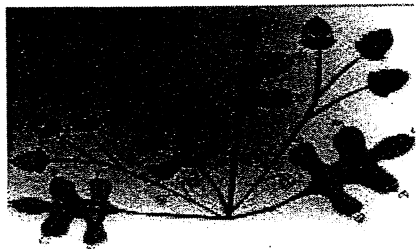
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| <p>Client Name/Address</p>   |
| <p><b>Real Estate Surveyors LLC</b><br/>                 Calverton Tower Building<br/>                 11875 Beltsville Drive, Suite 150, Beltsv<br/>                 Beltsville, MD 20708</p> |

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| Date | 3/21/2006 |
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| Project Name: |  |
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| Description  | Total             |
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| Wetland Determination, written wetland report, map compilation   | 2,070.00          |
| Jurisdictional Determination: Application to MD Department of the Environment & US Army Corps of Engineers   | 810.00            |
| <p>Time Frame: the wetland delineation and report can be completed in 3-5 weeks depending on field conditions. It will require a survey of flags on the perimeter. I will require a copy of the CADD file +/- or assistance printing the map.</p> <p>If a Jurisdictional Determination is needed that will take a another 4-6 weeks for US Army Corps of Engineers to review and approve.</p> <p>Note: quote listed is a maximum figures and may be lower if extensive wetlands are not found.</p> |                   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$2,880.00</b> |

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| Phone # | (410) 746-7402 | woodlandmgt.com | Fax # | (410) 437-1058 |
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# **WOODLAND MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

## *Earl "Bud" Reaves, Licensed Forester # 336*

After 17 years with the government sector as a forester, I have recently become a forestry consultant. I served 8 years as the Anne Arundel County Project Forester providing forest management assistance to forest landowners within Anne Arundel County as the Southern Region Urban Forester from October 2001 - June, 2004. In that capacity, I reviewed Forest Conservation Act (FCA) submittals for the Southern Region. I reviewed FCA submittals for state and assisted local jurisdictions with technical advice concerning the Forest Conservation Act prompt, professional service to requests for assistance. I also write the bi-weekly newsletter for the Anne Arundel County Forestry Board.

I hold the following licenses with the State of Maryland :

Registered Forester # 336; Licensed since 1990

Pesticide Consultant in the categories of Forestry, Right of Way Management, Outside Ornamentals (shade tree care) License # 2820

Licensed Tree Expert # 250.

**Professional Associations:**

**Society of American Foresters, member since 1986**

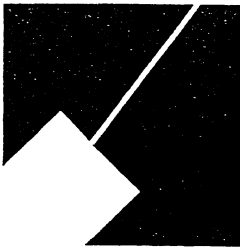
**Anne Arundel County Forestry Board**

**Maryland Forest Conservancy District Board Executive  
Committee, Southern Region**

## **ATTACHMENT 7**

**March 30, 2006 M-NCPPC Staff Response Letter to Mr. Whittaker**

M-NCPPC



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING**

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL  
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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301-495-4500, [www.mncppc.org](http://www.mncppc.org)

March 30, 2006

Mr. Shawn C. Whittaker  
Suite 340  
9055 Comprint Court  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-1310

Re: 17900 Trundle Road,  
Dickerson, Md. 20842

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

Staff has received your letter dated March 24, 2006 that you faxed. You indicate in your letter that the wetland consultant that Mr. Mereos may use to delineate wetlands on the site will take 11 weeks to complete the work and submit reports and plans. The delineation of wetlands is only one component of what staff discussed with you, Mr. Mereos, and Mr. Fitzroy Bertrand (Mr. Mereos' surveyor) at our meeting on March 10, 2006.

At the meeting, Mr. Mereos agreed that he would show good faith effort towards repairing the environmental damages resulting from the forest clearing and restoring the site. You and he agreed that you would submit a letter the week after the meeting outlining the items and an estimated schedule for the items that would be needed to work towards the repair and restoration of the site. The items included a plan that would show streams, wetlands, their buffers, previously-existing forest, and current forest (if any) and a plan that would show restoration and reforestation. Staff indicated that streams, wetlands, and buffers would usually require protection through placement of a conservation easement. Staff also indicated that if the restoration plan included a proposed use (such as a house) that would require a septic system, Mr. Mereos would need to document that the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services had approved the septic system. Staff is skeptical that a septic system can be approved since it appears from existing mapped information and Maryland Department of Environment investigation that the entire site is wetlands.

Staff believes that your March 24<sup>th</sup> letter does not provide the information that was agreed to at the meeting. It only identifies the time frame for a wetlands delineation. There is no commitment to identify all of the environmentally-sensitive areas or to repair and restore the site and protect these areas. The letter does not indicate whether a use is proposed on the site or not. In addition, it should be noted that the consultant who provided the estimate for wetlands delineation work is a licensed forester with experience in forest-related work. However, from the information on his website, he does not appear to have any qualifications or experience in wetlands delineation.

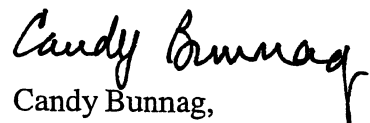
Staff continues to recommend the administrative civil penalty at the rate identified in the Administrative Order for Corrective Action of March 2, 2006. Absent a detailed wetlands delineation for the site, staff bases our evaluation of the extent and coverage of environmentally-sensitive areas on the site (streams, wetlands, buffers) on existing mapped information and the inspection findings of the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) inspector in his report dated 11/18/2005. The MDE inspector's report states:

"An initial site investigation was completed on 9/23/05 during dry weather conditions and with no representative vegetation remaining to identify because of site grading. A further review of the National Wetlands Inventory Map, Montgomery County Soil Survey, and field analysis completed on 11/17/05 (of soils, vegetation, and hydrology) indicate that Mr. Meroeos' property is indeed a regulated nontidal wetland."

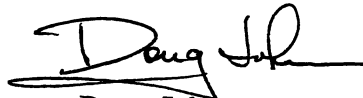
You requested aerial photography for the site. We have attached copies of the 2002 and 2004 aerial photographs from our Geographic Information System (GIS) database for your use. Both show the property as completed forested. We would like to obtain a copy of the April 7, 2002 photograph that you refer to in your letter that shows the property with no forest cover. We would like to determine why there is a discrepancy between the photograph you have the ones in our GIS database.

If you have any questions or would like to meet again, please contact either of us. (Candy at (301)-495-4543 or Doug at (301)-495-4571).

Sincerely,



Candy Bunnag,  
Environmental Planner,  
County-wide Planning Division



Doug Johnsen,  
Lead Inspector,  
M-NCPPC Development Review  
Division

#### Attachments

cc: John Henderson  
Michele Rosenfeld



## **ATTACHMENT 8**

**April 26, 2006 Letter from Mr. Whittaker**

THE LAW OFFICE OF  
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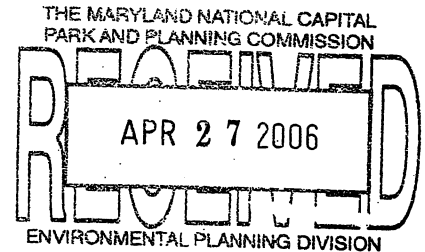
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April 26, 2006, 2006

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.

**SHAWN C. WHITTAKER**

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 #301-535-0248.

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

7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

Signed Margaret E. Zoberler

Printed Name Margaret E. Zoberler

Notary Public, My commission expires 7-1-07

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

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If you have questions please feel free to contact.

Jeff Edwards  
10-1-05

Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2005.  
Signed Margaret E. Zoberler  
Printed Name Margaret E. Zoberler  
Notary Public, My commission expires 7-1-07

**ATTACHMENT 10**

**Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Records**

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|  | <b>Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation</b><br><b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b><br><b>Real Property Data Search</b> | <a href="#">Go Back</a><br><a href="#">View Map</a><br><a href="#">New Search</a><br><a href="#">Ground Rent</a> |
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**Account Identifier:** District - 03 **Account Number -** 00041421

**Owner Information**

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

**Location & Structure Information**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Premises Address</b><br>17900 TRUNDLE RD<br>DICKERSON 20842 | <b>Legal Description</b><br>WILLIAMS RESURVEY |
|--|---|

| Map  | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Assessment Area | Plat No:<br>Plat Ref: |
|------|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| BT32 |      | P120   |              | 1           |         |       |     | 1               |                       |

| Special Tax Areas | Town<br>Ad Valorem<br>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<br>Value | Phase-in Assessments |            |            |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
|                           |               | Value<br>As Of       | As Of      | As Of      |
|                           |               | 01/01/2004           | 07/01/2005 | 07/01/2006 |
| <b>Land:</b>              | 40,610        | 87,110               |            |            |
| <b>Improvements:</b>      | 0             | 0                    |            |            |
| <b>Total:</b>             | 40,610        | 87,110               | 71,610     | 87,110     |
| <b>Preferential Land:</b> | 0             | 0                    | 0          | 0          |

**Transfer Information**

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

**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:**

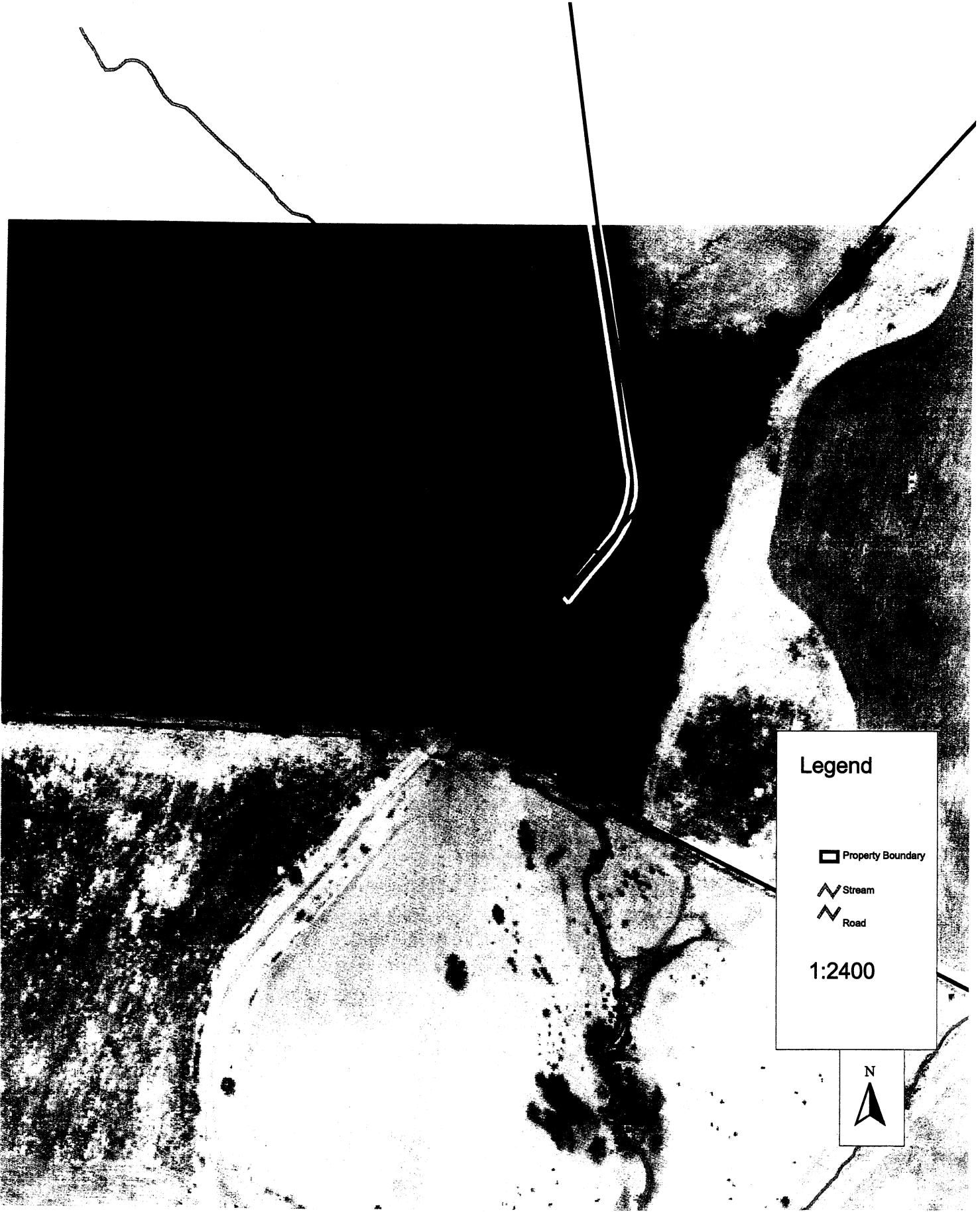
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## **ATTACHMENT 11**

**Site Aerial Photograph; 2002, M-NCPPC GIS**

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



Legend

- Property Boundary
- Stream
- Road

1:2400



## **ATTACHMENT 12**

**Site Aerial Photograph; 2004, M-NCPPC GIS**

# 17900 TRUNDLE RD. (April 2004)



Map compiled on May 25, 2006 at 7:23 AM | Site located on base sheet no - 224NW22 | Date of Orthophotos - April 2004 | Orthophoto Images Licensed from VARGIS LLC.

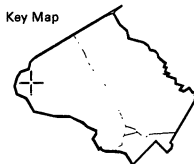
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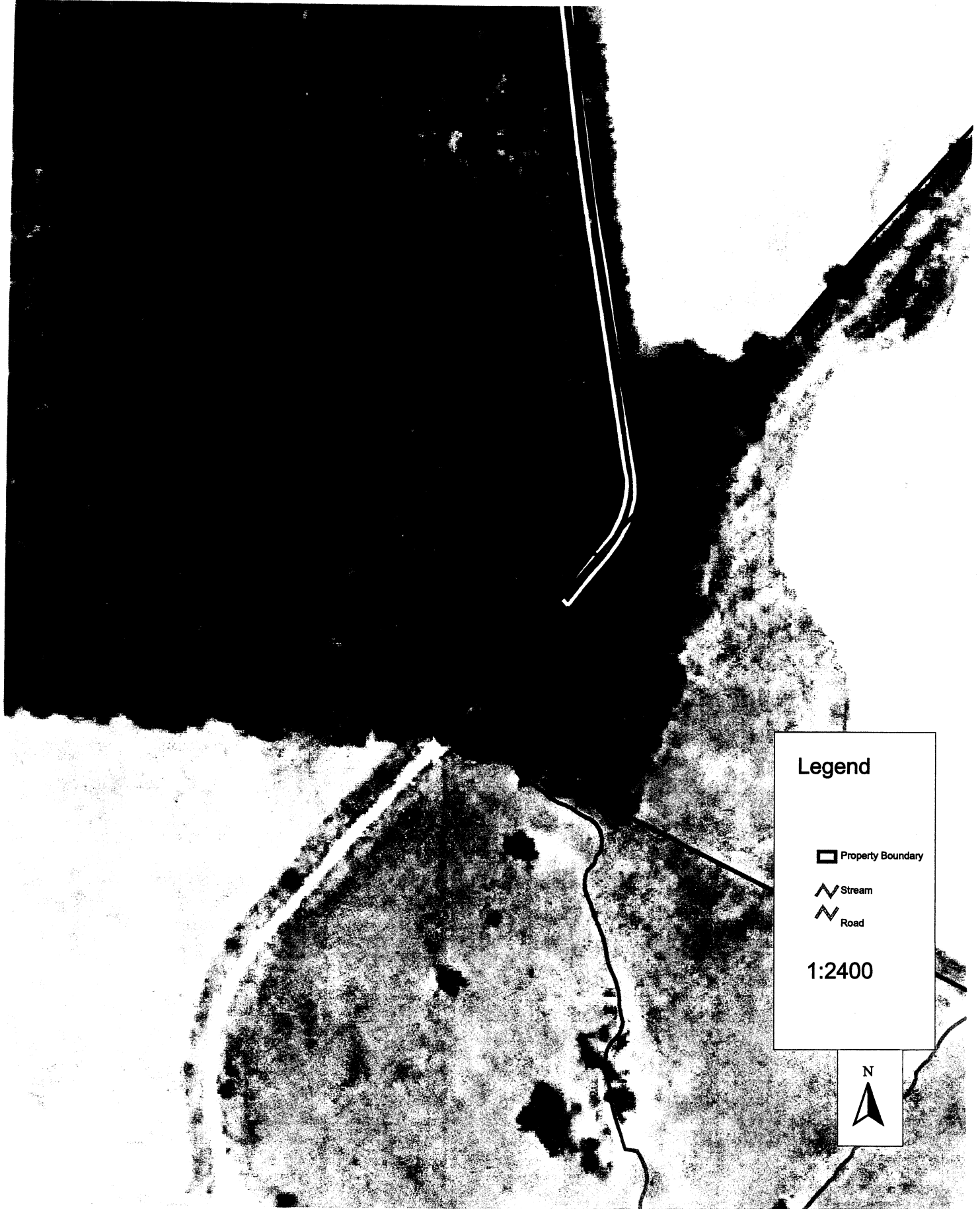


1 inch = 100 feet  
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**ATTACHMENT 13**

**USDA Aerial Photograph; June 2005**

17900 Trundle Rd.  
June 2005 Aerial Photograph  
From USDA Database



**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
-  Stream
-  Road

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**ATTACHMENT 14**

**Site Photographs by M-NCPPC Inspector; September 1, 2005**

**17900 Trundle Road**  
**Photos taken on September 1, 2005**



View from Trundle Road looking back to rear of lot. Note character of adjacent forest; aerial photos showed lot to have same density as neighboring forest.



Close-up of green foliage still on downed trees.





View of downed trees and damage to wetland with logs in stream channel to left. Note green foliage still on downed trees.



View of freshly cut stump. Note bright white color and presence of sawdust on stump.



View from back of lot out toward Trundle Road showing cleared area. Note 555 Tracked Loader marks in near foreground.