

January 20, 2005

Ms. Sandra Kaiser  
Director Dept of Licensing & Zoning Services  
Licensing & Zoning Division  
255 Rockville Pike  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms Kaiser:

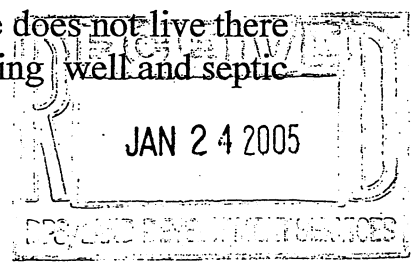
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There are large piles of shredded trees and mulch which is a serious fire hazard and at night he runs his noisy equipment and generator cutting up materials using large flood lights, this area is not zoned for commercial use.

Steve Houston has told permitting services that he does not live at 17900 Trundle Rd, Dickerson, MD and is giving 16637 South Westland Drive, Gaithersburg, MD as his permanent address.

He leaves in the morning around 9:00 AM and returns in the evening around 9:00PM. He lives in the MCI bus every night and on weekends is operating commercial machinery which is a county code and permitting violation, Where is all of his waste going? He got a permit to put up a fence in front of the property, but this does not take care of the septic system that he should have living on the property every day .

He put the property up for sale last April 2004 with the asking price of \$ 237,000.00 for 1.79 acres. The for sale sign is up there as a front to cover his commercial lawn business. This area is not zoned for commercial use. The property is up for sale with a ridiculous asking price. He knows no one will make him an offer at that price so he can continue to live on the property with the pretense that it is for sale and still keep his commercial lawn business. He has permitting services thinking that he does not live there but this is not true. He lives there everyday and is violating well and septic



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As long as it does not go in the system and the county thinks he is going to sell the property with the for sale sign up, then he does not have to comply with county regulations.

No one from the Rockville offices has been out here to check on the situation or to see where the violations are occurring.

According to Montgomery County regulations if you are living on a piece of property you must have the proper well and septic system according to the county codes. Steve Houston is clearly breaking the law for well and septic. Notwithstanding the fact that this is a wetland area and a stream runs through the property and the bus is parked beside the stream.

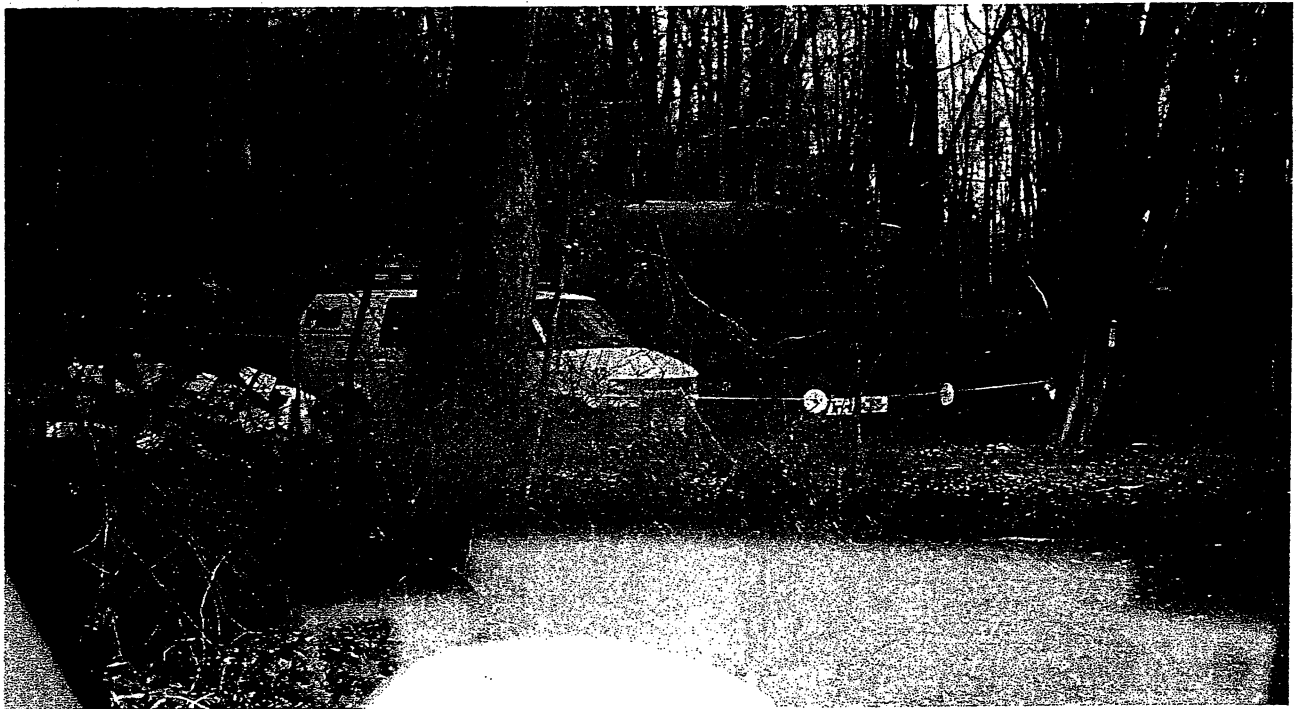
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Not only is Steve Houston violating the well and septic codes, but he is also violating housing and fire codes. The trees and dry vegetation from the lawn business is a serious fire hazard to the area not counting the diesel fuel stored in the bus.

This serious situation needs the attention of not only well and septic, but also of housing, fire and zoning departments. All of the departments need to drive out to the site and see the situation first hand. They all need to come and see the hazardous situation that exists on Trundle Rd. Enclosed please find some pictures of county violations.

Sincerely,  
Concerned Citizens of Trundle Road





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Report Date 01/26/2005 10:15 AM

Submitted By

Page 1

Service # 199916178  
Problem Z17 ZONING-RES-LANDSCAPING  
Address 17900 TRUNDLE RD  
DICKERSON MD 20842-0000

copy of complaint  
6/2004

Call Date 06/09/2004 11:49  
Taken By CARRS CARRETERO, SYLVIA  
Source

Priority HIGH  
Responsibility  
Project  
Budget #

Duration of Call 00:00  
# of Calls 2

Customer Contact Requested

Service Request Progress

Schedule (resolved)  
Inspect Inspected from 10/14/2004 10:28 AM to 10/14/2004 10:28 AM by MARTI JAMES MARTIN.  
Resolve Resolved at 10/14/2004 01:28 PM with code CLOSE CLOSED.

Location  
Area  
District  
Parcel  
Template Type

Sub-Area  
Map #  
A/P #

Primary Caller

Name ANONYMOUS  
First,MI  
Address

Title

City  
State/Province

ZIP/PC  
Reference #

Country

Foreign

E-Mail

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Call Date 06/09/2004 11:49

Taken By CARRS

Comments

Writer states Mr. Steve Houston lives in a large MCI bus on Trundle Road. He constantly runs a noisy generator and due to the open space it can be heard from miles away. Generator runs from 6:00 pm to mid morning. The property is being used as a dump site for his lawn business. Piling large amounts of tree stumps and brush. Writer states it creates a serious fire hazard due to large amount of standing timber on Trundle Road and the diesel fuel stored in the large bus.

Call List

Name MILTON  
First,MI ROBERT,  
Address

Title

City  
State/Province

ZIP/PC  
Reference #

Country

Foreign

E-Mail

Day Phone (301)827-1742 x

Evening Phone

Call Date 10/06/2004 09:44

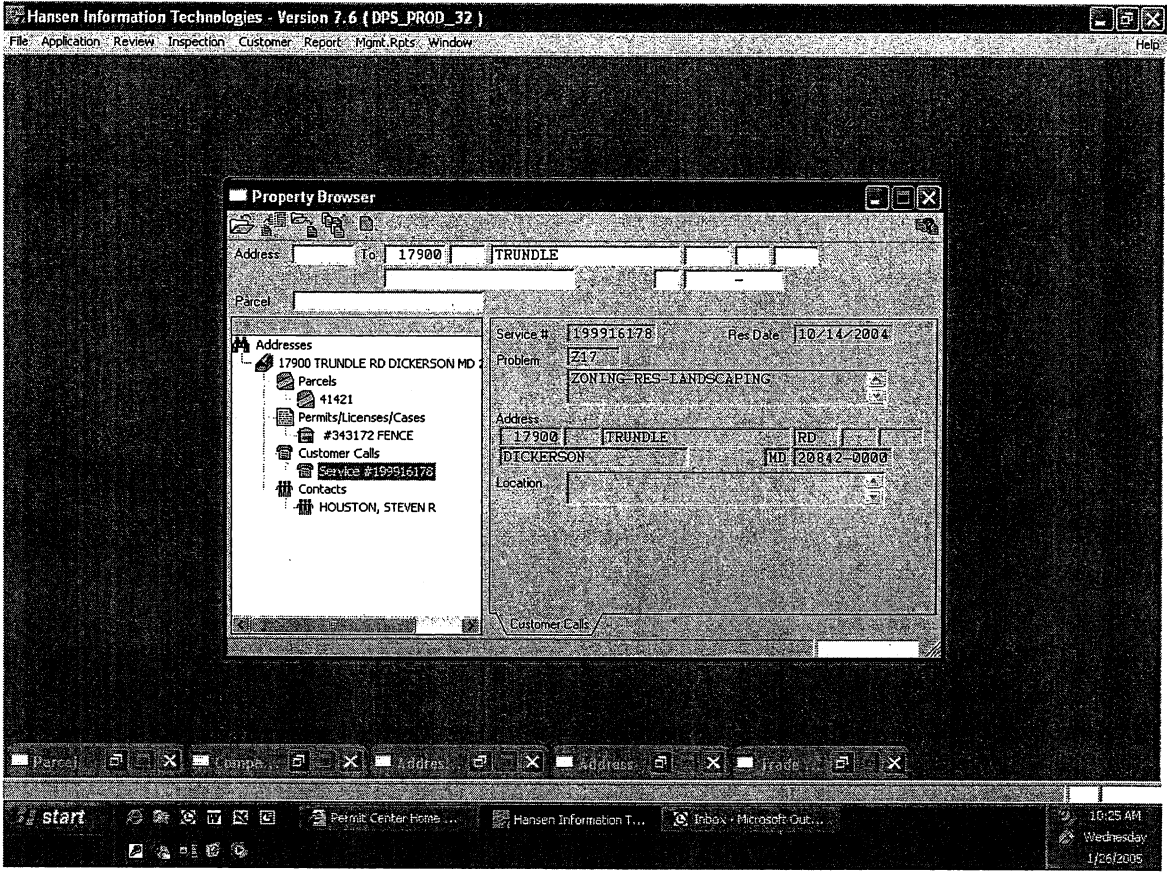
Taken By GANTH

Comments

this call was never resolved this was dated back in the first week of June 2004. This is the second request for this property. Would like a call back please.

Comments

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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:** HOUSTON, STEVEN R      **Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Mailing Address:** 13017 WISTERIA DR      **Principal Residence:** NO  
GERMANTOWN MD 20874-2607      **Deed Reference:** 1) /24631/ 429  
2)

**Location & Structure Information**

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

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
BT32		P120		1				80	Plat Ref:

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	Value			Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of
Land:	40,610	01/01/2004	07/01/2004	07/01/2005			
Improvements:	0						
<b>Total:</b>	40,610	87,110	56,110	71,610			
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0			

**Transfer Information**

<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>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*



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Application Review Inspection Customer Report Mgmt.Rpts Window

Service #	199916178	Problem Date	06/09/2004 11:49
Scheduled Date	06/09/2004 12:13	Start Date	10/14/2004 10:28
Inspection Date	10/14/2004 10:28	Inspected By	MARTI
Resolution Date	10/14/2004 13:28	Resolution Code	CLOSE

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Property Browser

17900 To 17900 TRUNDLE RD

Addresses  
17900 TRUNDLE RD DICKERSON

- Parcels
- Permits/Licenses/Cases
- Customer Calls
- Service: 199916178
- Contacts

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Problem	Z17		
	ZONING-RES-LANDSCAPING		
Address	17900 TRUNDLE RD	DICKERSON	ND 20842-0000
Location			

**NOTES TO FILE -- 17900 TRUNDLE ROAD**

04-26-04

Drive-by inspection conducted—I noticed a tour bus parked in the woods off Trundle Road. There were numerous pine trees planted around the perimeter of the bus and a gravel drive with a cable across it to prevent entry off the road. Property appears to be partially to completely wetlands. There was a van parked on the gravel drive inside the cable.

04-28-04

Drive-by inspection conducted with Gene von Gunten—tour bus still parked in the woods at the same location, but there was a 7-foot tall chain link fence around the bus vicinity and across the gravel drive. There was a van parked on the drive inside the fence. There was a “for sale” realty sign near to the bus location (ReMax Realty, Ralph Colling at 301-258-4291).

04-29-04

I spoke to Mr. Colling, listing agent for the property—the property owner is Steve Houston. Mr. Colling explained that “people” from the County (Housing inspector and DEP inspector) had recently inspected the property. Housing inspector is Jeri Burgess. DEP inspector is John Kirschener. I left a message for Jeri.

05-04-04

I received a message from Jeri—she explained that her inspection revealed that the bus was used mainly for storage of equipment, with no evidence that anyone was living in the bus.

06-01-04 thru 11-23-04

I made several drive-by inspections to monitor any change in activity on the property. I did not observe much activity during the daytime hours.

11-24-04

I conducted a drive-by inspection and noticed that the previous chain link fence has been replaced with 7-foot tall wood stockade fence and “no trespassing” signs. On or about this date, I spoke with an anonymous complainant and I explained what I’ve observed about the property thus far. I suggested that they submit a written complaint so that I could follow-up with the respective agencies.

12-07-04

I received a written complaint regarding 17900 Trundle Road. I called and left messages for Housing and DEP relative to the complaint. I also called the Montgomery County Police and requested they patrol the area during the evening hours, since the complaint reported activity only in the evenings and on weekends. I spoke to Kevin Martel at Housing—he requested that I fax a copy of the complaint to him, but that he did not find any violation during previous visits. I

received a message from Officer Martin who had conducted a drive-by inspection of the property at about 5:30 p.m., but saw no sign of activity. She said that the property was completely dark and needed to spotlight the area to find it. (Officer Martin works Saturday thru Tuesday only)

12-08-04

I spoke with John Kirschener at DEP—he explained that they did not find any violation during previous inspections of the property and that the property appeared to be used for storage only. He offered to inspect the site with me, but that I would need to get permission from the owner. He also indicated that they had received prior complaints for this same property, but found no violations in the past. I spoke to Jim Martin (Zoning inspector for the area) who has previously inspected the property. Mr. Martin did find any violation (see complaint #199916178)—property inspected 10-14-04.

12-14-04

I called Officer Martin to confirm message—she had indicated that she was unable to see much at the property due to the tall fence, but that there was no activity that she could find.

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# FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PERMITTING SERVICES  
WELL & SEPTIC SECTION  
255 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Md. 20850  
(240) 777-6320  
FAX (240) 777-6314

Date: DEC 7, 2004

TO: Kevin Martel

Facsimile Machine Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Kim Beall

Number of Pages 3 Cover Sheet Plus 2

Description/Comments/Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be reached at (240) 372-7503

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Thank you,

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Faxmemo

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November 29, 2004

DEC 02 2004

PERMITTING SERVICES

Ms Kimberly Beall  
Montgomery County Dept. of Permitting Services  
Well & Septic Division  
255 Rockville Pike  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

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As long as it does not go in the system and the county thinks he is going to sell the property with the for sale sign up, then he does not have to comply with county regulations.

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John Kershner from the Department of Environmental Protection was contacted by several residents on Trundel Road. He informed them that Steve Houston was not violating any county codes . He also informed them that he checked that property and did not find any violations, which we find extremely hard to believe since Steve Houston lives on the property everyday. John Kershner said that living on the property and having a bus was permissible without a septic system. Notwithstanding the fact that this is a wetland area and a stream runs through the property and the bus is parked beside the stream.

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This serious situation needs the attention of not only well and septic, but also housing, fire and zoning departments. They all need to come and see the serious situation that exists on Trundle Road. Enclosed please find pictures of the county violations.

Sincerely,  
Concerned Citizens of Trundle Road

KIM:

It seems obvious there is a problem here. I would suggest we take the complaint at face value and involve all the agencies mentioned. The best approach would be a meeting at the site involving:

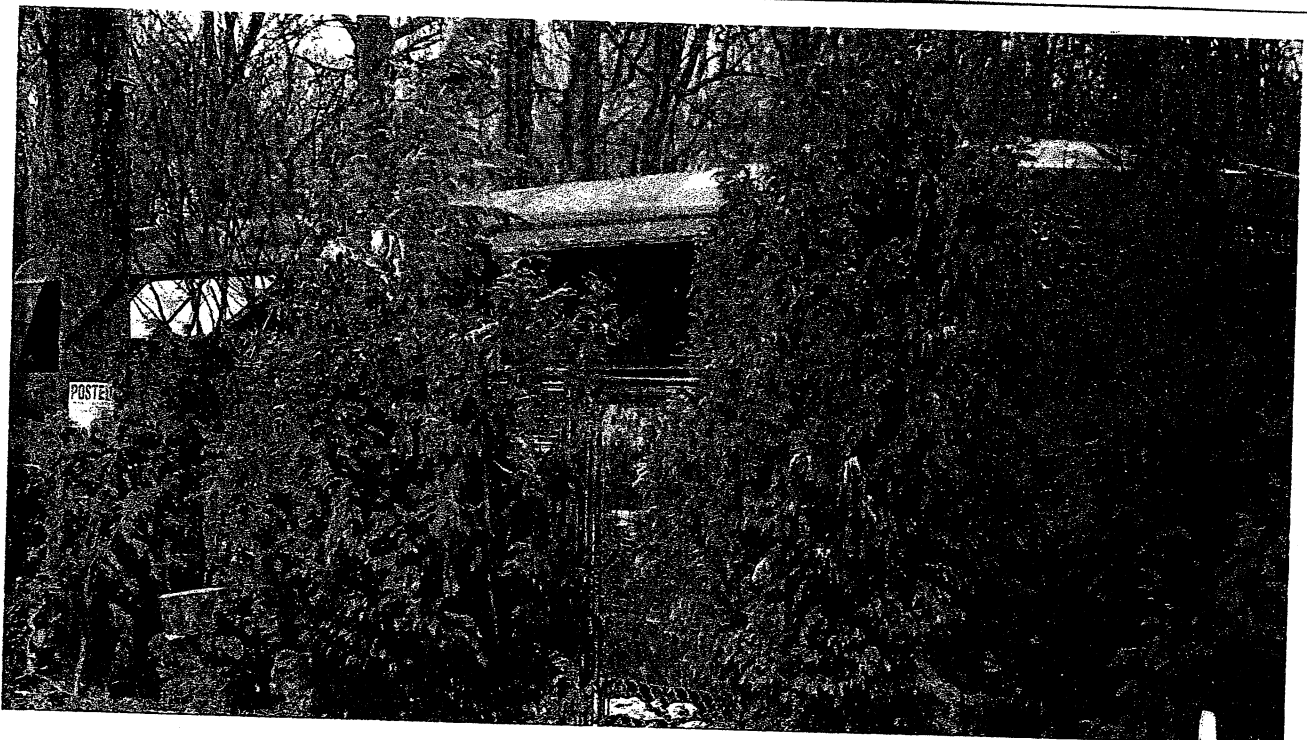
1. Well & Septic
2. Housing
3. Evn. Protection- Mr. Kershner
4. MCDPS-Zoning
5. MC Fire & Rescue

You might also contact the Montgomery County Police. Ask them to have a patrol officer drive down Trundle Road a few nights after 7:30 and verify the property is occupied.

I'll go along for the meeting if you like.

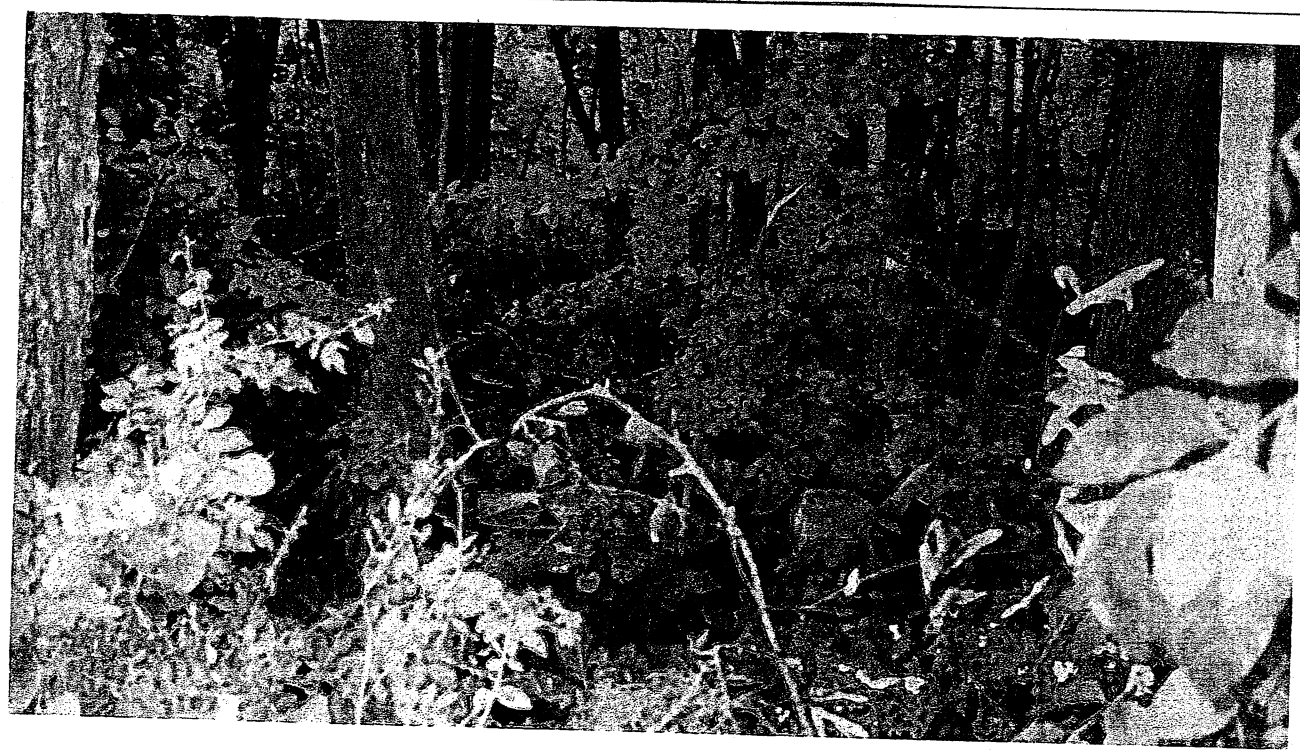
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12/7/04









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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Douglas M Duncan  
County Executive

Robert C Hubbard  
Director

FENCE  
PERMIT

Issue Date 5/4/2004

Permit No. 343172  
Expires 5/5/2005  
X Ref  
Rev No  
ID: AC946547

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

STEVE HOUSTON  
16637 S WESTLAND DRIVE  
GAITHERSBURG MD 20877

HAS PERMISSION TO:

CONSTRUCT

FENCE

6 Feet 6 Inches in height

PROPERTY LINE N OWNERS LAND Y RIGHT OF WAY N

PERMIT CONDITIONS

PREMISE ADDRESS:

17900 TRUNDLE RD  
DICKERSON MD 20842-0000

LOT  
LIBER  
FOLIO  
PERMIT FEE \$38 50

BLOCK  
ELECTION DISTRICT  
TAX ACCOUNT NO  
SUBDIVISION

ZONE  
PLATE

GRID  
PARCEL  
PS NUMBER 0

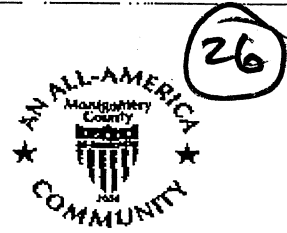
MUST BE POSTED ON JOB SITE

Director, Department of Permitting Services



Montgomery County Maryland  
Department of Permitting Services

255 Rockville Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850-4153  
(240) 777-6300 Fax (240) 777-8262  
http://permits.emontgomery.gov



### APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT

Sediment Control # \_\_\_\_\_ Building AP #(s) 343112 Demolition # \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** (check all that apply)

- ADD
- ALTER Gross Sq. Ft. of Area Created \_\_\_\_\_
- CONSTRUCT or Affected by this Action \_\_\_\_\_
- DEMOLISH Estimated Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- MOVE Disturbed Land Area \_\_\_\_\_
- FOUNDATION ONLY
- RESTORE and/or REPAIR

**USE OF STRUCTURE:**

- SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING
- TOWNHOUSE
- FENCE\*
- RETAINING WALL
- TRAILER\*\*
- MODULAR HOME\*\*
- HOT TUB
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

- DECK
- DUPLEX
- BASEMENT
- POOL IN GROUND
- POOL ABOVE GROUND
- DETACHED GARAGE
- SHED

*RST 22 JAN 22*

**\* IF BUILDING A FENCE OR RETAINING WALL**

HEIGHT: 6 ft 6 in Note: (A signed approval letter from the adjacent lot owner(s) is required)

- Located entirely on the land of the owner
- Public Right of Way/Easement
- Located on the lot line

**\*\*NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Manufacturer's Name and Model # for All Trailers and Modular Homes

**MODEL HOUSE PROGRAM:** to build new homes

- INITIAL SUBMITTAL or
- PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

**REFER-BACK SYSTEM:** to build new homes & pools

- INITIAL SUBMITTAL or
- PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

New Home Model Name or # \_\_\_\_\_

**REVISION to ORIGINAL PERMIT #** \_\_\_\_\_

(Original permit has been issued and is active)

- SITE
- STRUCTURAL
- HOUSE TYPE
- OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING PREMISE ADDRESS:**

Add? House #'s if building new townhouses

House Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street 17900 Trundle Rd City Dickerson MD Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Cross Street White's Ferry Rd

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** Contact ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant Steve Houston Daytime Phone # 240.418.0464

Address 16637 S westland PK City Gaithersbury State MD Zip 20877

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Contact ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if other than Applicant)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ MHC or Montgomery County Builders License # \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW:  I request an Expedited Plan Review, when available, which is subjected to additional fees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature) Date (Print Name)

**ADDITIONAL APPROVALS:**

Properties located within historic districts, municipalities and special taxing districts may require additional approvals beyond the required Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permit. For projects located in the City of Takoma Park's Commercial Revitalization Overlay, certain permits must be approved by the City prior to commencing construction. Please refer to "Permit Procedures for Properties within a Montgomery County Municipality" for more information.

**TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY**     WSSC                       WELL                       OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL**         WSSC                       SEPTIC                       OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**MPDU ...** 20% of this new home development will be built as Moderately Priced Dwelling Units     Yes             No

**IMPACT TAX ...** New Homes will be assessed an Impact Tax based on the area where the house is built ... (see Impact Tax guide)  
 I will exercise an approved Impact Tax Credit, a copy of which is attached

**DAP & EDAET AGREEMENTS....** Agreement must be attached for new homes when applicable

**SPECIAL EXCEPTION:** Is this lot subject to a Special Exception?     Yes, Case # \_\_\_\_\_             No

**VARIANCE:** Has a Variance been granted to perform this work?     Yes, Variance # \_\_\_\_\_             No

**HISTORIC AREA IN ATLAS or MASTER PLAN:** Is the property a Historic resource?     Yes             No

**AUTHORIZED AGENT AFFIDAVIT:** I hereby declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am duly authorized to make this permit application on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (please print property owner's name)
2. The work proposed by this building permit application is authorized by the property owner; and
3. All matters and facts set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Agent)                      Date                      (Print Name)

**HOMEOWNER ACTING AS NEW HOME BUILDER AFFIDAVIT:**

By this instrument, I, as the property owner, am applying for an exemption from the licensing requirements for a building contractor. I hereby declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury that

1. I or a member of my immediate family will perform any and all construction associated with the foregoing building permit application; and
2. The type of improvement indicated on the building permit application is designed for use as a residence or dwelling place for my own or my immediate family's use, and
3. I take full responsibility for all and any code violations.
4. All matters and facts set forth in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

SR Houston                      5.4.04                      Steve R. Houston  
(Signature of Property Owner)                      Date                      (Print Name)

**TO BE READ BY THE APPLICANT:**

Any information that the applicant has set forth in this application that is false or misleading may result in the rejection of the application. A condition for the issuance of this permit is that the proposed construction will comply at all times with the plans as approved by all applicable government agencies. I hereby declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in the building permit application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SR Houston                      5.4.04                      Steve Houston  
(Applicant's Signature)                      Date                      (Print Name)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Permit Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Impact Tax, DAP or EDAET: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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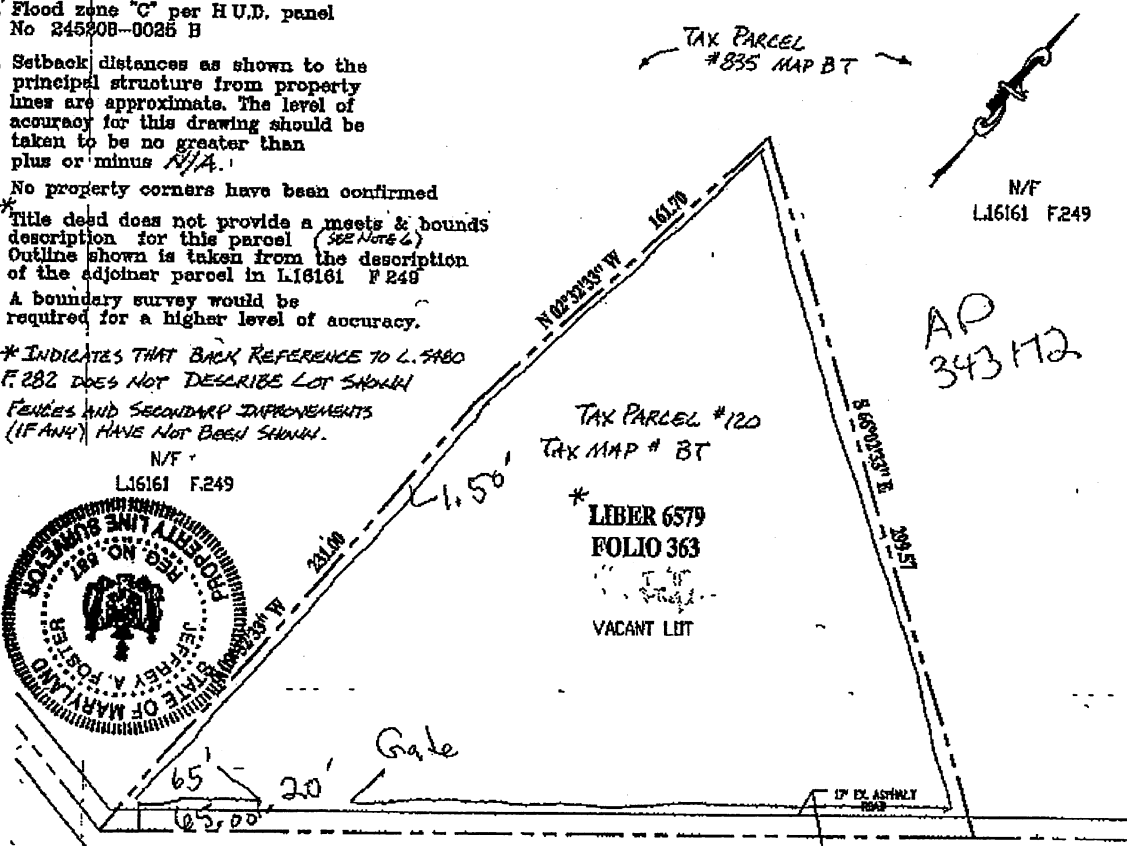
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES  
APPROVED *[Signature]* DATE 5-20-04  
ZONING CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE 28 NW 22  
BOARD OF APPEALS CASE  
6.5' Fence

**CONSUMER INFORMATION NOTES:**

1. This plan is a benefit to a consumer insofar as it is required by a lender or a title insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing or re-financing.
2. This plan is not to be relied upon for the establishment or location of fences, garages, buildings, or other existing or future improvements.
3. This plan does not provide for the accurate identification of property boundary lines, but such identification may not be required for the transfer of title or securing financing or re-financing.
4. Building line and/or Flood Zone information is taken from available sources and is subject to interpretation of originator.

**Notes**

1. Flood zone "C" per H.U.D. panel No 245208-0026 B
2. Setback distances as shown to the principal structure from property lines are approximate. The level of accuracy for this drawing should be taken to be no greater than plus or minus *N/A*.
3. No property corners have been confirmed.
4. Title deed does not provide a meets & bounds description for this parcel (SEE NOTE 6). Outline shown is taken from the description of the adjoiner parcel in L16161 F249.
5. A boundary survey would be required for a higher level of accuracy.
6. \* INDICATES THAT BACK REFERENCE TO L. 580 F. 282 DOES NOT DESCRIBE LOT SHOWN.
7. FENCES AND SECONDARY IMPROVEMENTS (IF ANY) HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWN.



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**TRUNDLE ROAD**

LOCATION DRAWING

J. & L.R. BUTT PROPERTY  
\* LIBER 6579 FOLIO 363  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

"THE INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON HAS BEEN BASED UPON THE RESULTS OF A FIELD INSPECTION PURSUANT TO THE DEED OR PLAT OF RECORD. EXISTING STRUCTURES SHOWN HAVE BEEN FIELD LOCATED BASED UPON MEASUREMENTS FROM PROPERTY MARKERS FOUND OR FROM EVIDENCE OF LINES OF APPARENT OCCUPATION."

*Jeffrey A. Foster*  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROPERTY LINE SURVEYOR REG. NO. 307

**REFERENCES**

PLAT BK.	
PLAT NO.	
LIBER	6579
FOLIO	363



**SNIDER & ASSOCIATES**  
SURVEYORS - ENGINEERS  
LAND PLANNING CONSULTANTS  
2 Professional Drive, Suite 216  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878  
301/948-6100, Fax 301/948-1286

DATE OF LOCATIONS	SCALE:	1" = 60'
WALL CHECK:	DRAWN BY:	EMG
HSE LOC.: 08-25-03	JOB NO.:	08-4178

MC Department of Permitting Services

255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850-4166  
(240)777-6300 Fax (240)777-6262

Service Request Inspection Detail

Report Date 02/03/2005 01:16 PM

Submitted By

Service # 199919744  
Problem WS1 WELL & SEPTIC VIOLATIONS  
Address 17900 TRUNDLE RD  
DICKERSON MD 20842-0000

Location  
Area District  
Sub-Area Parcel

# of Calls	1	Duration of Call	00:00	Call Date	01/26/2005 10:27
Template Type				A/P #	
Taken By	GRANT	GRANT, TERRI		Source	
Responsibility				Priority	HIGH HIGH
Scheduled Date	01/26/2005 10:27			Start Date	02/03/2005 00:00
Inspector	CLARI	CLARK, KIMBERLY		Inspection Date	02/03/2005 00:00
Due Date				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Work Orders Required	
Resolution Code	CLOSE	CLOSED		Resolution Date	02/03/2005 09:30
Avg Insp Duration		Service Request Progress		<input type="checkbox"/> Customer Contact Requested	
Avg Insp Days	0	Schedule By		Budget #	
Avg Insp Hrs	0	Start By		Map #	
Avg Insp Mins	0	Complete By		Project #	
		Resolve By			

Primary Caller

Title  
Last Name ANONYMOUS  
First Name, MI  
Address

City, State/Province, ZIP/PC  
 Foreign

Day Phone  
Reference #  
Evening Phone  
Call Date 01/26/2005 10:27  
Caller Comments Previous complaint filed 6/2004. See attached previous service request and attached letter from concerned citizens of Trundle Road. Violating well and septic laws. No well or septic system on property.

Call List

There are no calls for this service number

Problem Comments I went with Jay Calloway (Zoning) and Mr. Deiter (Housing) to conduct an inspection of the property in response to the complaint. We knocked on the bus door and spoke to the owner, Mr. Steve Houston. I observed no evidence that Mr. Houston was living at the premises, nor did I find any evidence of sewage on the ground's surface. However, we did observe the tour bus and a series of fenced areas for cats (20 to 30). Mr. Houston is reportedly part of an animal rescue group. Mr. Houston indicated that all of the animals were current on their vaccinations. We inspected the interior of the bus--food for the animals is stored there, but no area for human habitation. There were several small structures in the vicinity of the bus for the cats, as well as storage of equipment for Mr. Houston's lawn care business. Mr. Calloway and Mr. Deiter cited Mr. Houston for several violations relative to the vehicles and commercial equipment on the property, as well as the structures. Well and septic issues resolved--I found no violation and issued no citation.

End of Report





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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>Mailing Address:</b>	17900 TRUNDLE RD DICKERSON MD 20842	<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
		<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /30356/ 292 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

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

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No: Plat Ref:
BT32		P120		1				1	
<b>Special Tax Areas</b>			<b>Town</b>						
			<b>Ad Valorem</b>						
			<b>Tax Class</b>	42					
<b>Primary Structure Built</b>			<b>Enclosed Area</b>	<b>Property Land Area</b>		<b>County Use</b>			
0000				77,972.00 SF		910			
<b>Stories</b>		<b>Basement</b>		<b>Type</b>			<b>Exterior</b>		

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2004	As Of 07/01/2005	As Of 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:**

\* NONE \*

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# Fax Cover Sheet

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## To:

## From:

Name Mont. County Dept. of

Name Concerned Citizens of

Company Permitting Services

Company Trundle Rd

Telephone Well + Septic

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Housing & Zoning

240-777-6262

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLAINT FORM  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING  
SERVICES**

**WELL & SEPTIC**

**HOUSING**

**ZONING**

**Please see attachment**

**3 pages**

**Concerned Citizens of Trundle Road**



Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services
255 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-6259 Fax: 240-777-6262
dps@montgomerycountymd.gov



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COMPLAINT FORM

Building [checked] Zoning [checked] Sediment Control [ ] Right-of-Way [ ] Well & Septic [checked]

Date Complaint Received: [ ] Time Complaint Received [ ]

How Complaint is Received: Phone [ ] Fax [ ] Email [ ] Director's office [ ]

Address of Complaint: 17900 Trundle Rd Suite [ ]

City Dickerson, MD Zip: 20842

Complainant Information: (Person making the complaint)

Wishes to Remain Anonymous Yes [X] No [ ]

Name: [ ]

Address: [ ]

City: [ ] State: [ ] Zip: [ ]

Day Phone: [ ] Evening Phone: [ ]

Email Address: [ ]

Complainant Comments: See attachment

Staff Person Taking Complaint [ ] Date: [ ]

Service Request # [ ] Inspector [ ]

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**Director of Department of Permitting Services  
Well & Septic Division  
Housing Division  
Zoning Division**

**Complaint Form  
Attachment  
Marius  
17900 Trundle Rd  
Dickerson, MD.20842**

**The owner of this property has been cutting down trees and clearing in a wetlands area without obtaining a permit, this activity began on August 12, 2005 and has continued up to the present time. Every weekend starting on Fridays and continuing through the weekend he has rented bull dozers and backhoe equipment to cut down trees. We checked with the permitting department on August 28, 2005, and as of that date he had not obtained any kind of permit. Trees were pushed on to the road and during the process of up rooting trees, the backhoe sank into the swampy sod. In order to remove the backhoe a crane had to come and extract it. In the process asphalt in the road was broken and now there is a gap in the road. The Highway and Road Department need to come and check Trundle Road for damages. The owner has been cutting down trees 3 days in succession on the following dates: August 12-14, August 19-21, August 26-28 and Sept. 2-5, 2005.**

**Sept.1, 2005— A backhoe with tree and earth moving equipment was delivered to be used starting on Friday and over the long Labor Day weekend.**

**Sept. 2, 2005—Spoke with Mr. Rick Watson at 8:15 A.M. He said that we did not need to file a written complaint form and that he was scheduled to meet with the owner of the property in question on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.**

**We cannot understand how someone can come in very aggressively, bulldoze and cut down trees with out following county regulations.**

**The violation of these county ordinances should be immediately examined by all the divisions of permitting services. Well & Septic, Housing and Zoning.**

**This situation needs the attention of all departments immediately.**

**Concerned Citizens of Trundle Road**



**ATTACHMENT F**

**Email from Ms. Ellie Trueman, May 26, 2006**

**Johnsen, Douglas**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2006 12:11 PM  
**To:** Johnsen, Douglas  
**Subject:** Re: trundle

Re: 17900 Trundle Road

When Steve Houston sold the property he owned at 17900 Trundle Road, ( as I recall it was July) he called me right before he left for the last time to say he was concerned that he may not have been able to get all his cats from the property. I told him I would check the property a few times to ensure any cats that were still there were captured and got homes. ( Steve did not tell me where he was going or how to contact him)

I did visit the property about four to five times in late summer. Although I cannot give a specific date, my recollection is that it was in late July and early August. I can confirm that when Steve Houston sold the property, it was primarily a wooded lot with the exception of an approximate 100' x 100' section where he had parked his bus and two large caged areas that he had built for his cats in the wooded area. To get beyond his bus, or the front of the property, you had to travel on a small trail that wound through the property. If you deviated from that small trail, you got wet as there were several small streams running throughout the property and areas where the water just sat. When I went to the property to look for cats, i always wore rubber boots as it was extremely wet throughout the property. Having been through and graduated from an Outward Bound Survival School, and having spent much of my solo in a marsh area, many of the plants on Steve's property were very familiar to me as they comprised many meals while at Outward Bound: cattails ( roots) and arrowhead. There were also numerous ferns that i associate with wetlands.

I did not witness the cutting of any trees from the property. I did witness that nearly every weekend beginning late August, trucks with heavy equipment were going and coming. Some of these trucks were from a rental company. I did ask some of the neighbors on the street what the new owners of the property were doing. One of the neighbors, Mrs. Leak, told me the man who purchased the property told Dr. leak he was going to build a house and live there with his family. I was amazed as i felt that building on the property would be impossible given the overall wet conditions of the land.

On September 7th, I left for New Orleans as a member of an animal rescue team for the Humane Society of the US. When i returned the first time on September 12, while walking my dogs, i was shocked to see that several of the trees had been cut down on the property. It appeared they were making space for a large home site. Before i returned to New Orleans, I spoke to several of the neighbors and asked how was it possible they could build a home there. The Stoners, the Leaks, Bill Davis and the Ericksons were all surprised that the land was being cleared and that the new owner could build there. I was told by two of the neighbors that the new owner did not have any permits...for cutting the trees, for disruption to the wetlands or for a septic.

I did not see the property again until mid winter...January-February. I remember my shock to see the entire site bare of all trees. It also appeared that the numerous small streams had been diverted into one central water flow area. The large culvert that went below the road way, seemed to have been altered. Although it was winter, there was virtually no vegetation on the site that had once been extremely overgrown with plants, ferns and numerous trees.

I personally did not see the person/persons cutting the trees down or diverting the water, however, I can state without reservation, that when Steve Houston sold the property, it was wooded, largely a wetlands area, and undisturbed with the exception of 3 large cages Steve had built for his cats in the woods and a small area in front where he had parked his bus.

Ellie Trueman  
18401 Trundle Road  
Dickerson, Maryland



**ATTACHMENT G**

**Email from Mr. William Jones, June 13, 2006**

## Johnsen, Douglas

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**From:** William Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2006 11:14 PM  
**To:** Johnsen, Douglas  
**Subject:** clearing on Trundle Rd

Dear Mr. Johnsen,

As per your conversation with my wife on 6-13-06 we are writing to present our account of the clearing of the property at the end of Trundle Rd in the form of a rough timeline.

To the best of our recollection some time in the late spring of 2005 we were approached by the owner at the time, Mr. Steve Houston, about the possibility of providing foster care for a number of his animals as he was being forced to vacate the property. We were unable to help Mr. Houston.

Approximately two weeks later we witnessed Mr. Houston departing in what had been his home; a converted charter bus. At that time the property in question was a fully wooded wetland. Mr. Houston had had a for sale sign on his property for many weeks prior to his departure.

A few weeks after Mr. Houston had departed we walked the property to see the kind of habitats that he had built for the animals he had been fostering while he lived there. We were both impressed with the ingenuity of his cages which he had woven into the natural environment, and amazed by how wet and overgrown the property was. It was obvious he had made every attempt to leave the land as it was, with minimal, if any disruption to the small streams and rivulets that criss-crossed his property.

The real estate sign remained up for a number of weeks. Some time during the summer the sign came down. At that time the property was still intact.

At some point during the summer, perhaps mid to late August, we noticed a great deal of unprecedented heavy equipment traffic on Trundle Rd, as well as noise at the end of the street. We initially assumed that the Leeks, the only full-time residents beyond our house, were doing some work on their property. One evening after about a week of this activity we drove down the road to visit the Leeks and see what they were doing. When we got to the bottom of the hill we were stunned to see the almost complete clear cutting of the said property.

The following day (I'm sorry; we just can't remember the date) we placed a call to the County and were put in contact with Sediment Control and were told that they were already responding to other previous calls concerning this issue. We were satisfied with this answer and let the matter drop.

However, a few months later (again, we cannot recall the exact date) we placed another call because we were seeing dump trucks of blue stone and dirt heading down Trundle to the property. We were again told that the County was already responding to this new activity.

Approximately six weeks ago we were approached by a neighbor and asked if we would be willing to tell you about the sequence of events as we saw them regarding the property.

Again, we apologize for the lack of exact dates. But there is no question in our minds that at the time the for sale sign was removed from the property it was still in its natural, wooded, swampy state.

Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.

-William J. Jones  
18311 Trundle Rd  
Dickerson, MD 20842