

# ***Site Suitability for Domestic Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems***

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Vandiford Thomas Road  
Lot 2  
Snow Hill, NC  
Green County  
Parcel #: 0504671

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## SYNOPSIS

This report shows the findings of a preliminary soil and site evaluation of the referenced parcel in Greene County, NC (yellow box in figure below). The site evaluation revealed sufficient area for the installation of a conventional septic system for a four-bedroom dwelling on the property. The soils were suitable for an at-grade low profile chamber system.

This report is intended to aid the permitting authority to evaluate the site.



Figure 1. Property Location (Lot 2)

**Cassandra**, this is a summary of my findings:

Severson Soil Consulting, PLLC (SSC) conducted a preliminary onsite wastewater soil feasibility study on the above referenced parcel to determine the area of soils, suitable for a subsurface onsite wastewater disposal system. The soil and site evaluation were performed by using a hand auger boring during moist soil conditions based on the criteria in the Rules and Laws Governing Onsite Wastewater Systems (18E rules). From this evaluation, SSC sketched an area suitable for the installation of a septic system. All dimensions, locations are approximate.

### Site Description

The 10-acre tract was off Vandiford Thomas Road, near the its intersection with Albritton Road in Snow Hill, NC (figure 1). The potential drainfield site lay in the lower Coastal Plain physiographic province in an open farmed field. There were two mapping units of interest in the NRCS soil map, NoA, Norfolk soils, and GoA, Goldsboro soils; (figure 2).

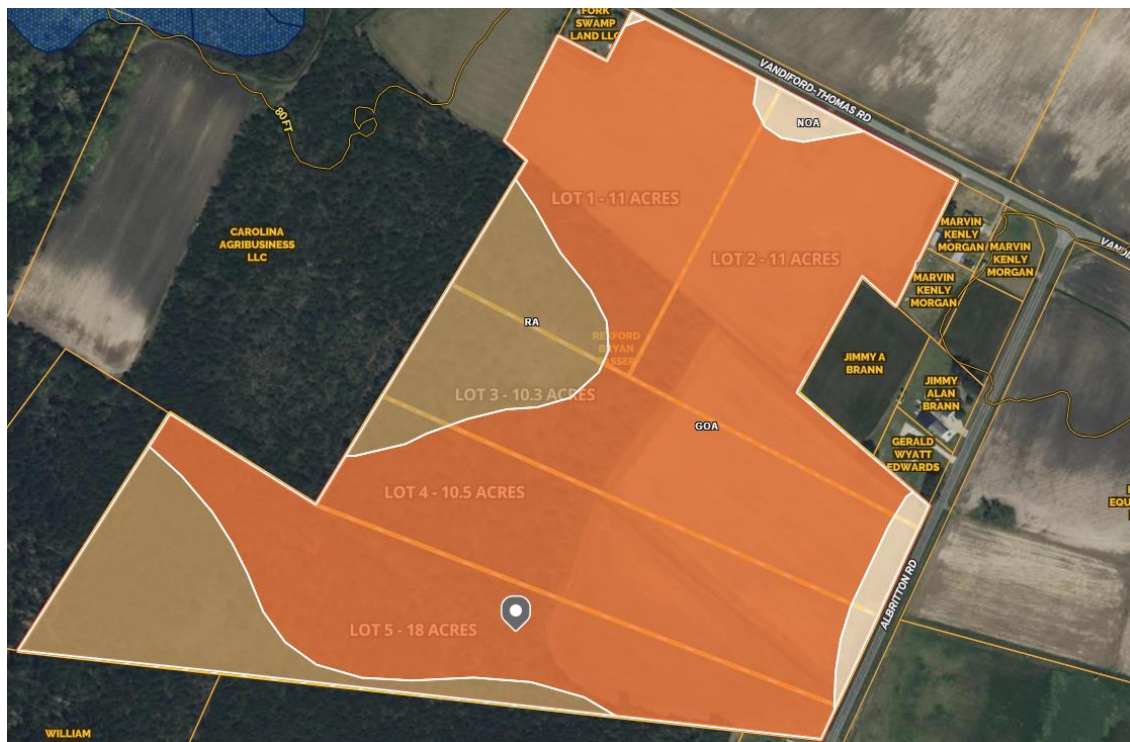


Figure 2. Soil map of the of the subject property (Web Soil Survey).

## Soil Borings

Over 13 soil borings and observations were advanced on the parcel as seen in figure 3 below. Their depths of suitable soils categorized the soils: the red dots represent suitable soils to 30 inches and were the Norfolk Soils; the brown dots represent suitable soils to 20" and were the Goldsboro (figure 3) soils. The recommended LTAR (long term acceptance rate) for the Goldsboro soils are 0.3 gallons per day per foot squared (GPD/ft<sup>2</sup>). The yellow dots represent soils that were suitable to 18–19" and the purple dot was soils that were 13–17" to a seasonal high-water table (SHWT). The black dots are soils <12 to the SHWT.



Figure 3. Soil boring locations within the lot as located by the onX Hunt application.

## Required Area

A conservative estimate of the required linear footage needed for a low-profile chamber drainfield product is calculated by dividing the flow rate for a four-bedroom dwelling (4-BR= 480 gpd) by the long-term acceptance rate, LTAR (0.3 GPD/ft<sup>2</sup>). Then dividing that number by a 3-foot-wide trench bottom. This product does not qualify for a reduction in linear footage.

$$[(480\text{gpd} / 0.3 \text{ gpd/ft}^2) / 3\text{ft wide trench}] = 533 \text{ Linear Feet}$$

The required space of suitable soils was calculated based upon a 3-foot-wide trench and a 9-foot minimum center to center spacing of each trench. Assuming four 135-foot-long trench lengths, the minimum total area required would then be 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> including primary and a 100% repair area (7,500 ft<sup>2</sup> x 2).

Other drainfield lengths and configurations could be employed, such as additional shorter or longer lines.



## Usable Area

The usable soil area was near the road frontage of the property (see figure 4 below). It was located on a narrow upland ridge that was surrounded by concave areas and subtle drainageways on both sides. It was 1.5 acres or 65,340ft<sup>2</sup> in size. This area is 4 times the needed space for a drainfield and repair area servicing a four-bedroom property.



Figure 4. Usable soil area

## Permitting

Prior to the issuance of a septic permit, the lot will require a soil and site evaluation by the Greene County Health Department or other permitting authority. The specific trench product type and soil loading rate will be determined by their assessment. The areas for proposed drainfields shall not be impacted by home sites, pools, garages, nor be mechanically altered from the natural lay of the land. Regulatory setbacks to property lines, roads, wells, etc. are to be maintained.

Exact locations of future drainfields, repair areas, buffer from property lines (current and future), building foundations, pools, decks, and well locations are not addressed in this report. Those items should be fully considered as the plans develop for the potential future use of the site. Depending on the position of the house location, house size, property lines and setbacks that may encroach on available usable space, this lot may require a septic system utilizing a pump.

Due to the subjective nature of the permitting process, zoning, variability of naturally occurring soil, and unforeseen circumstances, SSC cannot guarantee that areas delineated as suitable for on-site wastewater disposal systems will be permitted, as the permits are issued by the local governing agency. However, the areas of suitable soil have at least 4 times the needed space for a conventional system and repair depending on the loading rate. This report may be used to assist the local permitting agency to issue a septic permit.

Thank you for your business. Please do not hesitate to ask for more information regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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