

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Before the Illinois Pollution Control Board

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PAUL CHRISTIAN PRATAPAS,)	
an American)	
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<i>Complainant,</i>)	
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v.)	PCB 20 -
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Lakewest Custom Homes,)	
And)	
Rathbun Cservenyak & Kozol LLC,)	
And)	
@Properties;)	
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<i>Respondents</i>)	
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1. Your Contact Information

Name: Paul Christian Pratapas
Street Address: 1330 E. Chicago Ave.
Naperville
County: DuPage
State: IL
Phone Number: 630.210.1637

2. Name and Address of Respondents

Name: @Properties
Address: 1003 S Washington St
Naperville
County: DuPage
State: IL
Phone: 630.634.0700

Name: Lakewest Custom Homes
Dan Jurjovec

Address: ???
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County: DuPage
State: ???
Phone: 630.470.9442

Name: Rathbun Cservenyak & Kozol LLC

Address: 9450 Enterprise Dr
Mokena, IL 60448

State: Illinois

Address of Pollution: Intersection: East Chicago Ave and S Huffman St, Naperville

- 3. Describe the type of business or activity that you allege is causing or allowing pollution (e.g., manufacturing company, home repair shop) and give the address of the pollution source if different than the address above.**

Lakewest was constructing "Luxury" townhomes from @Properties on a VERY small patch of land adjacent to a tributary of a Water of the United States and/or the Naperville MS System. Rocks were only BMP not destroyed.

- 4. List specific sections of the Environmental Protection Act, Board regulations, Board order, or permit that you allege have been or are being violated.**

1. 415 ILCS 5.12(a)
2. 415 ILCS 5/12 (d)

- 5. Describe the type of pollution that you allege (e.g., air, odor, noise, water, sewer back-ups, hazardous waste) and the location of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as you reasonably can in describing the alleged pollution.**

Water. Complainant was walking down the street into downtown Naperville and noticed the pipe, snow, and complete lack of any BMPs while standing on the Chicago Avenue Bridge over the Water of the United States. There was however, a large, corrugated pipe sat on top of the snow at an angle leading from the build area into what I would guess is a tributary of a Water of the United States or the Naperville MS3/4. But Dan Jurjovec and Lakewest Custom Homes prevented any further discovery of information relevant to completing this Formal Complaint with the IPCB or anyone else.

Upon initial contact with the property owner @properties, Dan Jurjovec of Lakewest Custom Homes paid an attorney to send certified mail a threatening letter to what I assume is an address they searched and found online. Which is the address an Environmental Engineer with an MBA and who worked on the original Economic Impact Analysis of implementing The Clean Air Act, and my Mother. My name is totally unique and shows random things when searched online.

- 6. Describe the duration and frequency of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as you reasonably can about when you first noticed the alleged pollution, how frequently it occurs, and whether it is still continuing (include seasons of the year, dates, and times of day if known).**

See included photographs

- 7. Describe any bad effects that you believe the alleged pollution has or has had on human health, on plant or animal life, on the environment, on the enjoyment of life or property, or on any lawful business or activity.**

The negative environmental impacts of sediment laden water and other construction related pollutants is widely documented and the reason for the Corps Jurisdiction. The letter created serious problems for complainant for absolutely no reason and was an attempt at intimidating me away from exercising my right to petition the government and engage in citizen enforcement actions. On the main road into downtown next to a fire station.

- 8. Describe the relief that you seek from the Board.**

1. Find that Respondent has violated The Act
2. Assess a maximum civil penalty against Respondent(s)
3. Investigation into any relevant inspection reports and/or contractor certifications
4. An order stating Waters of the United States must be protected via approved BMPS
5. An order prohibiting Lakewest Custom Homes from building any additional homes until their contact info and all relevant info is obtainable without conflict or endangerment to any citizens exercising their civil liberties
6. Provide case information to United States Postal Inspector Service for the purpose of determining if mail fraud charges are appropriate
7. An order requiring Dan Jurjovec to provide the board his credentials as a homebuilder
8. An order requiring case details be shared with the American Bar Association
9. A review of @property sites in the State of Illinois for compliance with Environmental and Safety Regulations
10. A no contact order prohibiting respondents from engaging in harassment against me and my Parents for engaging in our civil liberties

9. Identify any identical or substantially similar case you know of brought before the Board or in another forum against this respondent for the same alleged pollution (note that you need not include any complaints made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or any unit of local government).

No identical or substantially similar cases have been brought to The Board which I am aware of.

10. Paul Christian Pratas
Complainant's Signature

CERTIFICATION

I, PAUL CHRISTIAN PRATAS, on oath or affirmation, state that I have read the foregoing and that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Paul Christian Pratas
Complainant's Signature

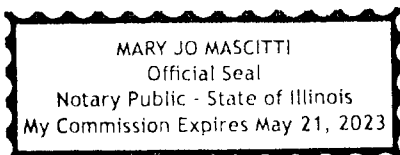
Subscribed to and sworn before me

this 1st day

of December, 2022

M. Mascitti
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 5/21/2023

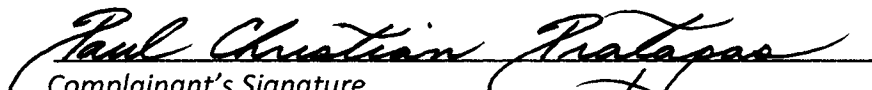


NOTICE OF FILING

Note to the Complainant: This Notice of Filing must accompany the Formal Complaint and the Documentation of Service. Once you have completed the Notice of Filing, the Formal Complaint, and the Documentation of Service, you must file these three documents with the Board's Clerk *and* serve a copy of each document on each respondent.

Please take notice that today I, Paul Christian Pratapas, filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) a Formal Complaint, a copy of which is served on you along with this Notice of Filing. You may be required to attend a hearing on a date set by the Board.

Failure to file an answer to this complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in the complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office or an attorney. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(f).


Complainant's Signature

Street: 1330 E Chicago Ave.

City/State/Zip: Naperville, IL 60540

Date: ~~12/1/2022~~ 12, 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR RESPONDENT RECEIVING FORMAL COMPLAINT

The following information has been prepared by the Board for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice or substitute for the provisions of any statute, rule, or regulation. Information about the Formal Complaint process before the Board is found in the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5) and the Board's procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101, 103). These can be accessed on the Board's website (www.ipcb.state.il.us). The following is a summary of some of the most important points in the Act and the Board's procedural rules.

Board Accepting Formal Complaint for Hearing; Motions

The Board will not accept this Formal Complaint for hearing if the Board finds that it is either "duplicative" or "frivolous" within the meaning of Section 31(d)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(d)(1)) and Section 101.202 of the Board's procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.202

(definitions of the terms “duplicative” and “frivolous”). “Duplicative” means the complaint is identical or substantially similar to a case brought before the Board or another forum. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.212(a) and item 10 of the Formal Complaint.

“Frivolous” means that the Formal Complaint seeks relief that the Board does not have the authority to grant or fails to state a cause of action upon which the Board can grant relief. For example, the Board has the authority to order a respondent to stop polluting and pay a civil penalty, to implement pollution abatement measures, or to perform a cleanup or reimburse cleanup costs. The Board does not have the authority, however, to award attorney fees to a citizen complainant. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.212(a) and items 5 through 9 of the Formal Complaint.

If you believe that this Formal Complaint is duplicative or frivolous, you may file a motion with the Board, within 30 days after the date you received the complaint, requesting that the Board not accept the complaint for hearing. The motion must state the facts supporting your belief that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous. Memoranda, affidavits, and any other relevant documents may accompany the motion. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.504, 103.212(b). If you need more than 30 days to file a motion alleging that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous, you must file a motion for an extension of time within 30 days after you received the complaint. A motion for an extension of time must state why you need more time and the amount of additional time you need. Timely filing a motion alleging that the Formal Complaint is duplicative or frivolous will stay the 60-day period for filing an Answer to the complaint. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(e), 103.212(b); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.506 (generally, all motions to strike, dismiss, or challenge the sufficiency of any pleading must be filed within 30 days after service of the challenged document).

The party making a motion must “file” the motion with the Board’s Clerk and “serve” a copy of the motion on each of the other parties to the proceeding. The Board’s filing and service requirements are set forth in its procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300, 101.302, 101.304), which are located on the Board’s website (pcb.illinois.gov).

If you do not file a motion with the Board within 30 days after the date on which you received the Formal Complaint, the Board may find that the complaint is not duplicative or frivolous and accept the case for hearing without any input from you. The Board will then assign a hearing officer who will contact you to schedule times for holding telephone status conferences and a hearing. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.212(a).

Answer to Complaint

You have the right to file an Answer to this Formal Complaint within 60 days after you receive the complaint. If you timely file a motion alleging that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous, or a motion to strike, dismiss, or challenge the sufficiency of the complaint, then you may file an Answer within 60 days after the Board rules on your motion. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.506, 103.204(d), (e), 103.212(b).

Failing to file an Answer to the Formal Complaint within 60 days after you were served with the complaint may have severe consequences. Failure to timely file an Answer will mean that all allegations in the Formal Complaint will be taken as if you admitted them for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office, or an attorney. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(f).

Necessity of an Attorney

Under Illinois law, an association, citizens group, unit of local government, or corporation must be represented before the Board by an attorney. In addition, an individual who is not an attorney cannot represent another individual or other individuals before the Board. However, even if an individual is not an attorney, he or she is allowed to represent (1) himself or herself as an individual or (2) his or her unincorporated sole proprietorship. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.400(a). Such an individual may nevertheless wish to have an attorney prepare an Answer and any motions or briefs and present a defense at hearing.

Costs

In defending against this Formal Complaint, you are responsible for your attorney fees, duplicating charges, travel expenses, witness fees, and any other costs that you or your attorney may incur. The Board requires no filing fee to file with the Board your Answer or any other document in the enforcement proceeding. The Board will pay its own hearing costs (*e.g.*, hearing room rental, court reporting fees, hearing officer expenses).

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3461.

DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE

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This form for the Documentation of Service is designed for use by a non-attorney and must be notarized, *i.e.*, it is an "affidavit" of service. An attorney may modify the form for use as a "certificate" of service, which is not required to be notarized.

Affidavit of Service

I, the undersigned, on oath or affirmation, state that on the date shown below, I served copies of the attached Formal Complaint and Notice of Filing on the respondent at the address listed below by one of the following methods: [*check only one—A, B, C, D, or E*]

A. ____ U.S. Mail or third-party commercial carrier with the recipient's signature recorded by the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier upon delivery. Attached is the delivery confirmation from the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier containing the recipient's signature and showing the date of delivery as _____ [month/date], 20___. [*Attach the signed delivery confirmation showing the date of delivery.*]

B. ____ U.S. Mail or third-party commercial carrier with a recipient's signature recorded or to be recorded by the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier upon delivery. However, the delivery confirmation from the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier containing the recipient's signature is not available to me at this time. On _____ [month/date], 20__, by the time of __:__ AM/PM, at _____ [*address where you provided the documents to the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier*], copies of the attached Formal Complaint and Notice of Filing were provided to the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier, with the respondent's address appearing on the envelope or package containing these documents, and with proper postage or delivery charge prepaid. [*Within seven days after it becomes available to you, file with the Board's Clerk the delivery confirmation—containing the recipient's signature and showing the date of delivery—and identify the Formal Complaint to which that delivery confirmation corresponds.*]

C. ____ Personal service and I made the personal delivery on _____ [month/date], 20__, by the time of __:__ AM/PM.

D. _____ Personal service and another person made the personal delivery. Attached is the affidavit of service signed by the other person (or the declaration of service signed by the process server) who made the personal delivery, showing the date of delivery as _____ [month/date], 20___. [Attach the other person's signed affidavit or declaration showing the date of delivery.]

E. X Personal service and I will make the personal delivery. However, the affidavit of service is not available to me currently.

RESPONDENTS' ADDRESS:

Name: Lakewest Custom Homes
Street: Whereabouts Unknown
City/State/Zip: Whereabouts Unknown

Name: Rathbun Cservenyak & Kozol LLC
Street: 9450 Enterprise Dr
City/State/Zip: Mokena, IL 60448

Name: @Properties
Street: 1003 S Washington St
Naperville, IL 60540

Paul Christian Protapas
Complainant's Signature

Street: 1330 E. Chicago Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: Naperville, IL 60540

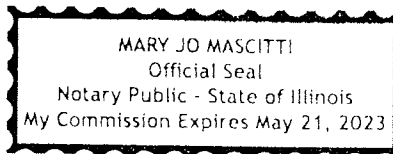
Date: 12.1.2022

Subscribed to and sworn before me

this 1st day

of December, 2022

M. Mascitti
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 5/21/2023

Lakewest Custom Homes <lakewest83... Fri, Feb 26, 2021, 12:51 PM ☆ ↩ ⋮
to me, Erik, dan, lakewest836 ▾

Is this the pipe you are referring to?

This is a section of storm sewer pipe the sewer contractor left on site inside of our silt fence.

I would suggest you refrain from posting inaccurate and slanderous comments on social media.

Dan Jurjovec
Lakewest Custom Homes



Paul Pratapas <paulpratapas@gmail.com> Tue, Mar 9, 2021, 8:19 AM ☆ ↩ ⋮
to Erik, dan, lakewest836 ▾

Hi Erik,

I received a threatening letter from the Lawyers of Lakewest Custom Homes in regards to this thread

Be advised, just prior to receiving the letter the aforementioned site was discharging sediment into the creek as I predicted upon the snow melting. The silt fence has holes and was installed incorrectly. The entire bank along your construction site had sediment entering the creek which i took pictures of.

If any additional threatening letters are received they will be posted to local @property google pages with pictures of the pollution and a detailed review of your contractor behavior. As well as discussed with the Adam Corolla podcast who I have written bits for and his super attorney Mark Geragos.

I am also going to filing a complaint with DuPage County.

Regards,

Paul Pratapas