

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 -
)	<i>(For Board use only)</i>
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CARILLON AT CAMBRIDGE LAKE, DR HORTON;)	
and)	
EARTHWORKS ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC.)	
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<i>Respondents</i>)	
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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: Carillon at Cambridge Lakes by DR Horton
Address: 1185 Heritage Ct.
Pingree Grove, IL 60140
County: Will
State: Illinois
Phone: (847) 984 - 4872

Name: Earthworks Environmental, LLC
Cherie Jourdan, Richard Howe, Matthew Trygg
Address: 6640 E Baseline Rd
Mesa, AZ 65206
State: Arizona
Phone: (480) 436 - 0041

- 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.**

DR Horton constructed multiple phases of a large community development simultaneously and without proper regard for the creek passing through the site resulting in regular discharges of sediment laden water directly into the adjacent water of the US. The discharges were a direct result of not following the SWPPP as approved, but certifying otherwise and Manager Matthew Tryyg not being qualified and falsifying credentials to obtain the ability to inspect in some areas. Almost all discharges were unreported.

- 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)
3. IL Admin Code Title 35, 304.141(b)

- 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. The site has a retention pond with overflow into Water of US. As a result of not properly phasing, not stabilizing and an incompetent manager who misidentified pond as a sediment basin, sediment laden water freely entered the pond and creek without being reported or stopped because Matthew Tryyg thought was fine since was a "sediment basin". Complainant was terminated in retaliation for speaking up about this pollution and making a request under the ADA. Respondant then attempted to steal from the final paycheck of Complainant, but was found liable for all stolen funds and repaid.

- 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).**

Unreported prohibited discharges occurred regularly with rain fall in 2020 as witnessed by Complainant up until the Governor enacted quarantine.

- 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 is widely documented and the unreported discharge as a result of presenting one SWPPP plan and enacting another is explicitly prohibited. See Pictures.

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

1. Find that Respondent has violated their permit
2. Assess a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00) against Respondent for each violation of the Act and Regulations, and an additional civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per day for each day of each violation
3. Investigation into fraudulent SWPPP inspection reports and contractor certifications
4. An order stating SWPPP plan(s) for phasing and stabilization must be implemented as presented and approved unless documented otherwise with standards being found in the Illinois Urban Manual
5. An order prohibiting Matthew Tryyg from performing SWPPP inspections in IL for a period deemed appropriate by the board
6. An order prohibiting Earthworks Environmental from inspecting any sites in IL for the purpose of fulfilling SWPPP requirements
7. Remediation Projects
8. An order providing recommendations for criminal charges
9. Guarantee access to the SWPPP book for public review

- 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 PRATAPAS, 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 18th day

of November, 2022

M. Mascitti
Notary Public



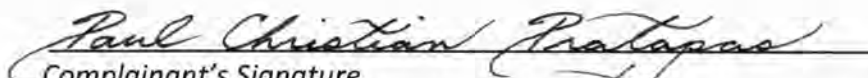
My Commission Expires: 5/21/2023

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: 11/18/22

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:

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City/State/Zip: Pingree Grove

Name: Earthworks Environmental, LLC.
Street: 6640 E Baseline Rd
City/State/Zip: Mesa, AZ 65206

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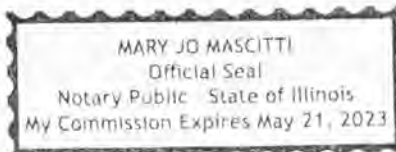
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Subscribed to and sworn before me

this 18th day

of November, 2022

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Notary Public

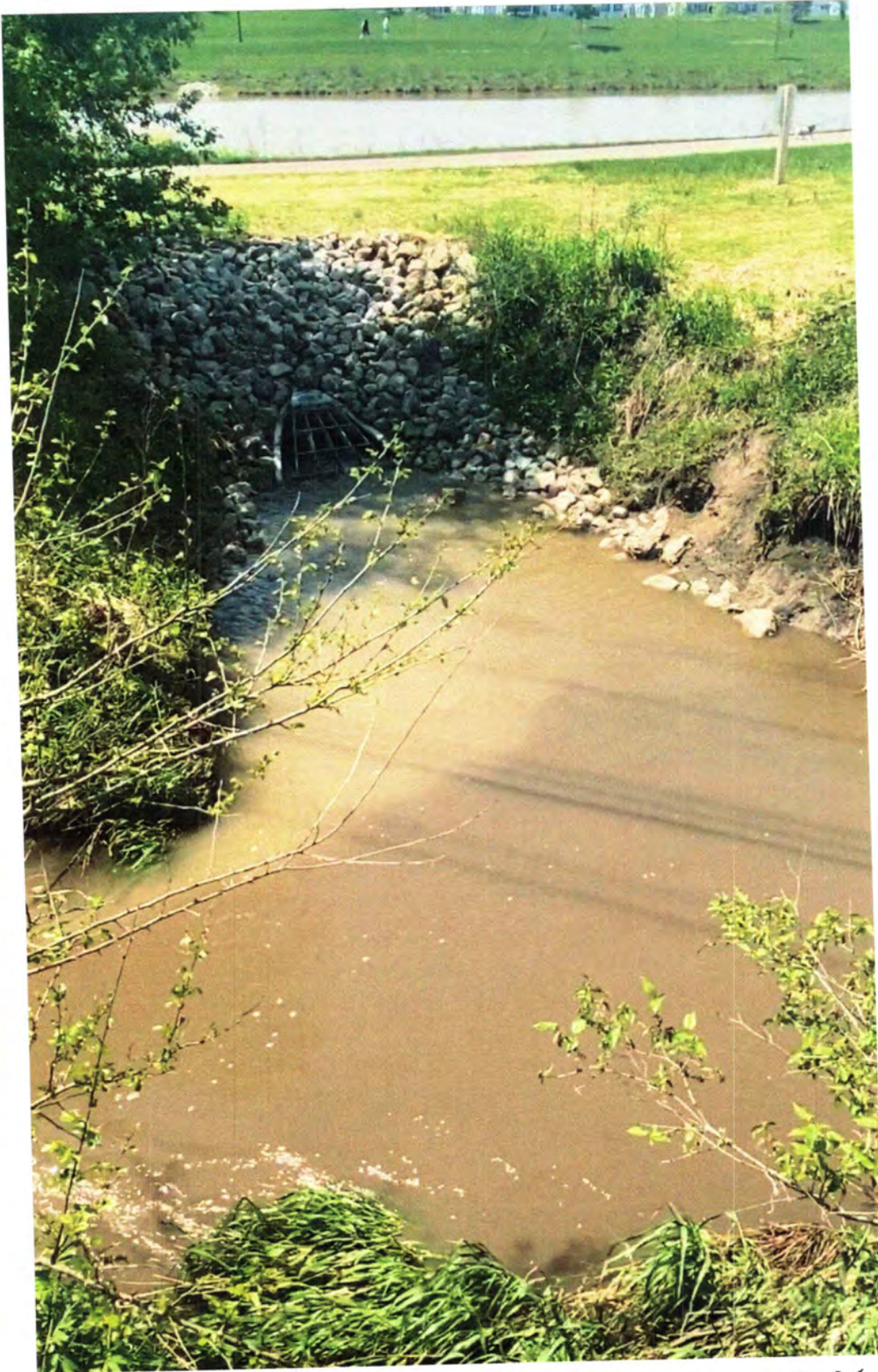


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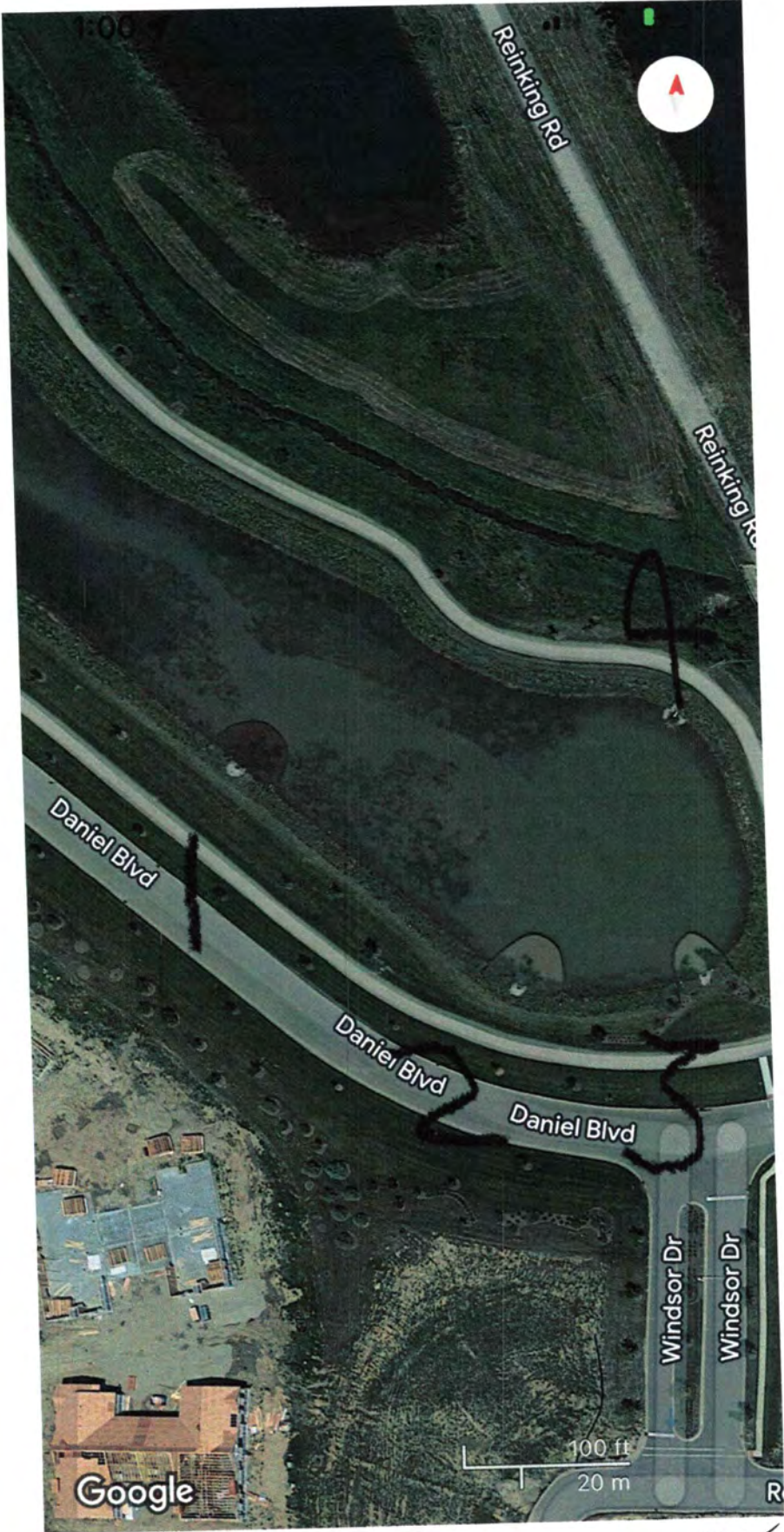


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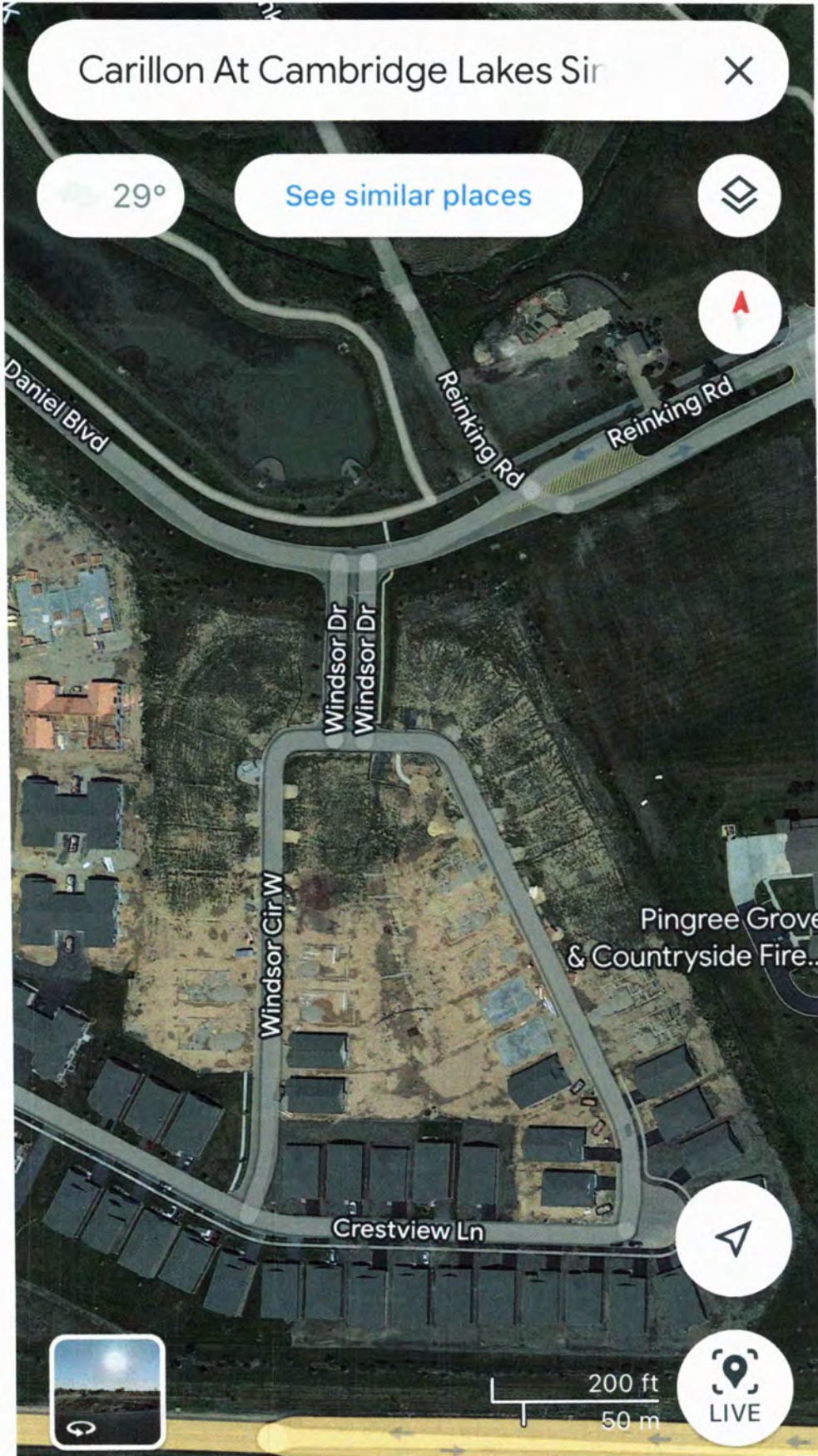
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Cherie Gourdan



Text Message
Today 7:27 AM

Paul, I will not ask you this again. The next time you go to any of my jobsites, talk to any of my clients, any of my employees or associated yourself with anything regarding any of the above....i will go to the police for a restraining order, order of protection and additional filings as I and my attorney see fit.

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