

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Steffes Farm)	
(Property Identification Number)	PCB No. 25 -
23-000-444-00))	(Tax Certification)
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NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board an **APPEARANCE** and **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**, copies of which are herewith served upon you.

Steffes Farm
Dennis Steffes
5127 East Bethel Road
Elizabeth, Illinois 60128

Don Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
60 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 630
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Copies also provided electronically as follows:

Illinois Department of Revenue
via email at REV.PropTaxApp@illinois.gov
101 West Jefferson
P.O. Box 19033
Springfield, Illinois 62794

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: _____

Grace McCarten
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: June 11, 2025

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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**Steffes Farm
(Property Identification Number
23-000-444-00)**

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**PCB No. 25-
(Tax Certification)**

A P P E A R A N C E

The undersigned, as one of its attorneys, hereby enters an **APPEARANCE** on behalf of Respondent,
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") hereby files its Recommendation pursuant to Section 125.204 of the regulations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board"), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.

1. On July 20, 2023, the Illinois EPA received a request from Dennis Steffes (Log number TC-148047, Exhibit A) for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.
2. The facility's address is: Steffes Farm
5127 East Bethel Road
Elizabeth, Illinois 60128

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the SW ¼ of Section 36, T27N, R3E of the 4th P.M. in Jo Daviess County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures:

One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring approximately 259 ft. (length) x 10 ft. (width) and associated steel automatic alley scraper.

One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring approximately 259 ft. (length) x 12 ft. (width) and associated steel automatic alley scraper.

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One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring approximately 263 ft. (length) x 10 ft. (width) and associated steel automatic alley scraper.

Two (2) alley scraper drive systems and all associated motors and electrical components operating the above-mentioned automatic alley scrapers.

One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring designated as East transfer alley measuring 120 ft.(length) x 17 ft. (width) used to back drag manure into auger area.

One (1) reinforced concrete manure transfer auger pit measuring approximately 120 ft. (length) x 16 in. (width) x 16 in. (height), the associated 12 in. (diameter) steel manure transfer auger, the motor and all associated electrical components, and the associated flooring covering the pit.

One (1) milk house water pump used for wash water for the robotic milkers. This wash water contains manure and is transferred to the manure pit.

These livestock waste management facilities are used to collect, transport and/or store livestock waste prior to cropland application.

3. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2022), and Section 125.200(a) of the Board's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), define "pollution control facilities" as:

any system, method, construction, device or appliance appurtenant thereto or any portion of any building or equipment, that is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of: eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution ...or treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property.

4. In order to receive preferential tax treatment as pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/11-5 (2022), pollution control facilities must be certified as such by the Board, 35 ILCS 200/11-20 (2022) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a).
5. Upon receipt of a tax certification application, the Illinois EPA must file a recommendation on the application with the Board, 35 Ill Adm. Code 125.204(a).
6. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facility, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities may be considered "pollution control facilities," pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200, and are eligible for tax certification from the Board.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board issue the requested tax certification.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: 

Grace McCarten
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

Dated: June 11, 2025

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Illinois EPA - Bureau of Water - Division of Pollution Control

Title 35 Subtitle A Part 125 Tax Certifications

Illinois EPA Review Notes for:

Agency Recommendation of Pollution Control Facilities.

BOW ID #: W0858220003

Project Name: Steffes Farm

Date application received: 07/20/2023
supplemental information received 10/29/2024

Reviewer: SAB

Log number: TC-148047

Legal Description:

Section: SW ¼ of 36 Twp: 27 North Range: 3 East
PM: 4th

County: Jo Daviess

Facility Contact:

Matthew Wagner, P.E.
709 West Oak Street
Lena, Illinois 61048

Phone: 815/275-7642

Contents of Application: Cover page, Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control Facility form, plat map, flow diagram, drawing

Is there a pollutant control flow diagram? **Yes**

Is there sufficient diagrams showing the pollution control facilities? **Yes**

This facility generates the following pollutants and prevents their discharge as indicated:

Livestock waste is collected and land applied to cropland.

Physical description of pollution control facilities that ARE recommended:

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring approximately 259 ft. (length) x 10 ft. (width) and associated steel automatic alley scraper.

One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring approximately 259 ft. (length) x 12 ft. (width) and associated steel automatic alley scraper.

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Illinois EPA Log #: TC-148047

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In addition to the above described facilities, the Agency determined that the following facilities ARE NOT pollution control facilities according to § 125.200 having the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution or treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without pretreatment, treatment, modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property and therefore ARE NOT recommended.

Notes:

One (1) circular reinforced concrete livestock waste storage tank measuring 125 ft. (diameter) x 12 ft. (height) already previously received certification under case # PCB 2024-011

Reached out to applicant via email on 09/13/2024 to notify that supplemental application received on July 20, 2023 had received separate log number and we would need to treat this as a separate application request as the circular concrete livestock waste storage tank had already received certification under #PCB 2024-011. Applicant sent in addendum on 10/29/2024 to clarify this as a separate request.

Reached out to applicant via email on January 14, 2025 for additional information. Supplemental information received on January 28, 2025.

Email sent on March 4, 2025 to request additional information. Additional information received via email on March 4, 2025.

Nothing follows – SAB - (March 11, 2025)



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

2520 WEST ILES AVENUE, P.O. BOX 19276, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9276 • (217) 782-3397

JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR

JAMES JENNINGS, ACTING DIRECTOR

Memorandum

To: Mike Roubitchek, Division of Legal Counsel

From: Darin E. LeCrone, P.E., Manager, Permit Section, Division of Water Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: MAY 14 2025

Re: Steffes Farm - Elizabeth
Recommendation of Tax Certification
Log No.: TC-148047
BOW ID No.: W0858220003
Property Index Number: 23-000-444-00

The Bureau of Water received a request on July 20, 2023 from Dennis Steffes, having a principal place of business at 5127 East Bethel Road, Elizabeth, IL 60128 for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204. We offer the following recommendation.

The water pollution control facilities in this request include the following:

Steffes Farm
5127 East Bethel Road
Elizabeth, IL 60128

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 27N, Range 3E of the 4th PM in Jo Daviess County.

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

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1101 Eastport Plaza Dr., Suite 100, Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-5120
9511 Harrison Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (847) 294-4000

595 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 608-3131
2309 W. Main Street, Suite 116, Marion, IL 62959 (618) 993-7200
412 SW Washington Street, Suite D, Peoria, IL 61602 (309) 671-3022
4302 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103 (815) 987-7760

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Tax Certification Recommendation

Log No. TC-148047

These facilities are further described in the enclosed applications and supporting documents.

Based on the information included in this submittal, it is our engineering judgment that the above proposed facilities may be considered "Pollution Control Facilities" under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in this section, and therefore eligible for tax certification from the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The Bureau of Water therefore recommends that the Board issue the requested tax certification for these facilities.

These facilities are further described in the enclosed applications and supporting documents.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Stephanie Burge-Bollero at 217/557-8666.

SAB:TC-148047_Tax Cert Recommendation_11March25.docx

cc: Tax Cert File

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Matt Wagner
Cc: 'Jane Steffes'
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Steffes Farm Tax Certification Request TC-148047

Good Afternoon Matt,

I apologize for the delay. I am in the process of trying to finalize the tax certification review for Steffes' Farm (TC-148047). After my initial review of the application, I had a couple of follow up questions.

Would you be able to provide more information/detail on the manure auger including the length and diameter?

Also, if the applicant would like to include the auger pit/channel that the auger is operating within as part of their request, please provide detailed information including material of construction and dimensions of the auger channel/pit (I believe Detail 5/6 may have some of this information). Also, if there are floor plates covering the auger pit, please include detailed information on the portion of the flooring covering the auger including the material of construction and dimensions. One other item that the applicant may want to include in their request would be the motor that is running the auger. If they would like me to include this in the request, please provide details on the motor including the model and HP.

Please just let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your assistance,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

Environmental Protection Specialist I

Industrial (401/Mines) Unit, Permit Section,

Division of Water Pollution Control

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water

1021 N Grand Avenue E

Springfield, IL 62702

Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov

Phone (217)557-8666

From: Matt Wagner <wagnerconsultag@mediacombb.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3:43 PM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Cc: 'Jane Steffes' <steffesfarms1992@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] RE: Steffes Farm Tax Certification Request TC-148047

Good afternoon Stephanie,

I will be working on and submitting this shortly. Thanks for your information and response.

Matthew Wagner, P.E.

Wagner Consulting & Agriculture, LLC.

709 West Oak Street

Lena, Illinois 61048
wagnerconsultag@mediacombb.net
Phone: 815-275-7642

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From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie [<mailto:Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 1:25 PM
To: steffesfarms1992@gmail.com; wagnerconsultag@mediacombb.net
Subject: Steffes Farm Tax Certification Request TC-148047

Good afternoon,

I am reviewing the Tax certification request for a pollution control facility for Dennis Steffes' dairy farm in Jo Daviess county near Elizabeth (TC-148047). Based on the cover letter provided with the application it seems that this request was to add additional manure transfer items including automatic alley scrapers to the previously submitted request for the circular concrete waste storage structure. These requests were assigned separate log numbers when the Agency received them and as a result it appears that a portion of this facility (circular concrete waste storage structure) has already been reviewed and received certification under a different log number, TC-147353. For the review of the additional items (automatic alley scrapers, auger, etc.) we will need to treat this as an entirely separate application. Please provide an updated narrative including details for all items that you are requesting certification for in this request and provide quantities, dimensions, materials of construction, etc. Please provide a facility map, direction of storm water runoff, and name the nearest waterbody. Also please include the original cost of the proposed pollution control facility. When providing additional information regarding this request please reference the log number TC-14807. Please just let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,
Stephanie Burge-Bollero
Life Sciences Career Trainee
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1/6/25, 9:19 AM

Parcel Details for 2300044400

TC-148047

Property Information		
Parcel Number 23-000-444-00	Site Address 5127 E BETHEL RD ELIZABETH, IL 61028	Owner Name & Address Secured 5127 E BETHEL RD ELIZABETH, IL, 61028
Tax Year 2024 (Payable 2025) ▼		
Sale Status None		
Property Class 0011 - Homesite-Dwelling	Tax Code 23003 - TAX AREA CODE 23003	Tax Status Taxable
Net Taxable Value 0	Tax Rate Unavailable	Total Tax Unavailable
Township WOODBINE	Acres 41.4900	Mailing Address
Legal Description S36 T27N R3E PT W 1/2 SW		

Payment History			
Tax Year	Total Billed	Total Paid	Amount Unpaid
2023	\$47,454.70	\$47,454.70	\$0.00
2022	\$17,148.58	\$17,148.58	\$0.00
2021	\$18,152.22	\$18,152.22	\$0.00
Show 20 More			

Assessments						
Level	Homesite	Dwelling	Farm Land	Farm Building	Mineral	Total
Department of Revenue	9,356	51,801	7,706	674,358	0	743,221

Farmland			
Land Type	Acres	EAV	
HOMESITE	0.8800		0
CROPLAND	14.7900		4,966
PERM PASTURE	16.7800		2,290
OTHER FARMLAND	6.8400		400
WASTELAND - CONTRIB	0.9000		50
PUBLIC ROAD	1.3000		0
Totals	41.4900		7,706

No Taxing Bodies Information

TC-148047



Illinois Public Land Survey System (PLSS)

Illinois State Geological Survey Prairie Research Institute



Esri Canada, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, USGS, METI/NASA, EPA, USF

ISGS - PLSS Search Latitude/Longitude Search

Search for an address or locate on map

5127 E Bethel Rd, Elizabeth, IL, 61028, USA



Show results within 0 Miles

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IL PLSS Search

County	Twp.	Rng.	Sec.	Mer.
Jo Daviess	27N	3E	36	4
Quadrangle	Stockton			
Range / Range	Woodhine Township			

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:03 AM
To: brianp@mhtc.net
Cc: 'Matt Wagner'; 'Jane Steffes'
Subject: RE: [External] Steffes Dairy

Good Morning Brian,

Thank you for sending this supplemental information. In reference to page one of the attachment, would you be able to clarify the primary purpose of the "milk house water pump Baldor 8' hog pump". If the primary purpose is not for manure transfer, we ask that this item be withdrawn from the application.

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Cc: 'Matt Wagner' <wagnerconsultag@mediacombb.net>; 'Jane Steffes' <steffesfarms1992@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] Steffes Dairy

Afternoon Stephanie,
Here is what I believe you are looking for on your email to Matt Wagner of Wagner Consulting and Agriculture.
If you need anything else, please let me know.
Thank you,
Brian Peterson
Fields
608-437-5561

-----Original Message-----

From: rickf@mhtc.net <rickf@mhtc.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 7:08 PM
To: Brian <brianp@mhtc.net>

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

From: brianp@mhtc.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:06 AM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie
Cc: 'Matt Wagner'; 'Jane Steffes'
Subject: RE: [External] Steffes Dairy

The 4" Hog Pump is for wash water of the robot milkers which can include some manure and is transferred to the pit. There are 2 alley scraper drive systems. Each individual system cleans 2 manure alleys.

Brian Peterson
Fields

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FOL
3732M Milwaukee

BEGE Motor 3/1.75
230 volt Amp
1410 rpm

2x Alley Scraper Drive Systems

.75 KW motors

Single Phase

220 volt

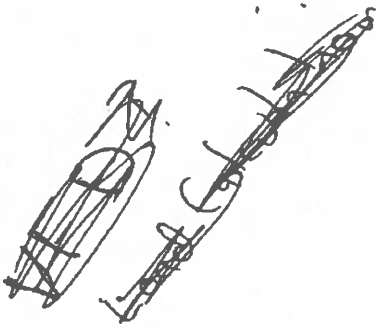
Has a Starter Box on Both
Units for Specific Run times

1x Cross Auger System Baldor

7.5 hp 230 volt TFC
1730 R.P.M. Endor
Single Phase Motor
60 HZ

Has a 7.5hp. Motor Frame
Starter Box

w/ Start/stop Switch
+ Run timer



1x Milk House water Pump Baldor

8' Hg Pump w/ 7.5hp. Mr.

PDC
100% EMPLOYEE OWNED

Precision Drive and Control

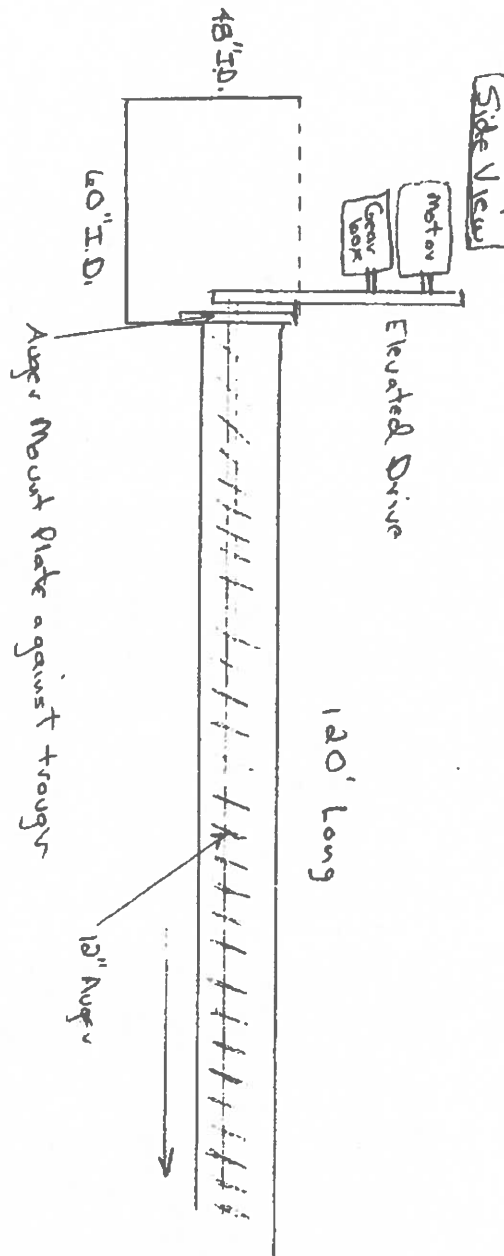
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Steffes Dairy
Elizabethtown, IL

* Auger trough should be level + straight

6/30/00

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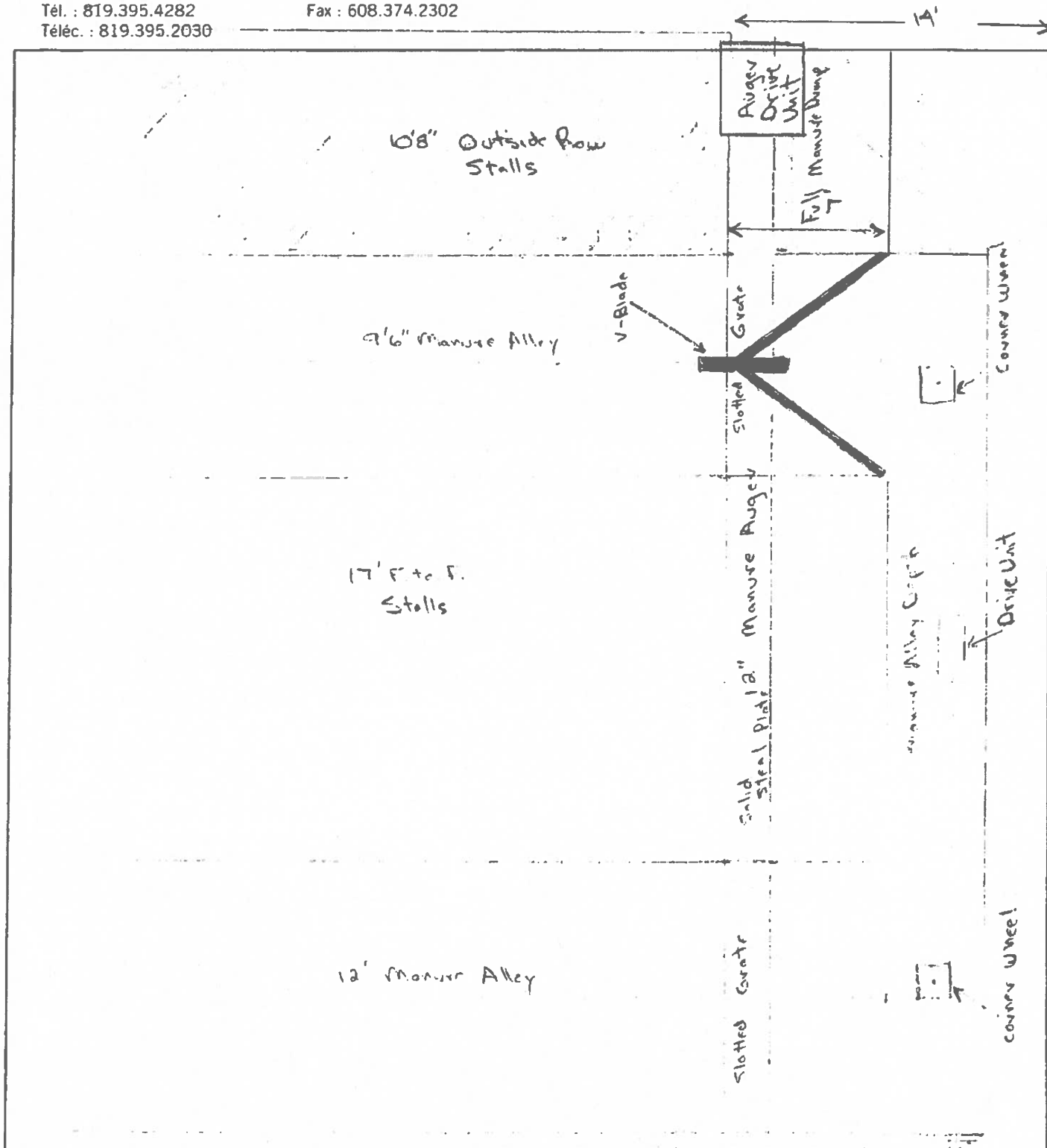
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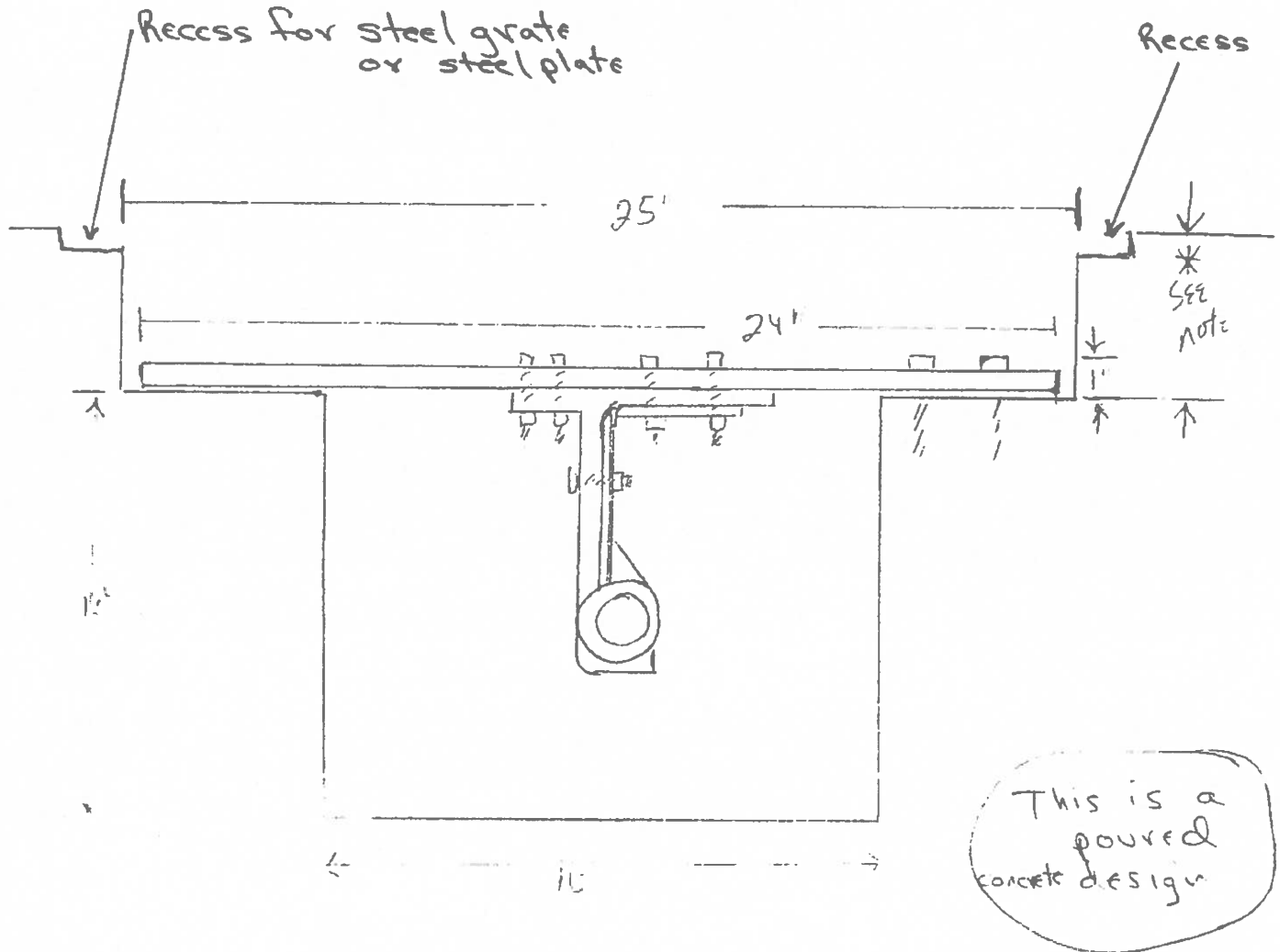
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Steffes Dairy

Drive Scraper End of ~~Bar~~ Barn





* - to be determined by type of grating used over auger

Grates - 2 x 12' long
2 x 10' long

Solid Heavy Cover - $\frac{1}{2}$ " 20'8" wide

Solid Thin Cover - 2 x 17' long
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 2 x 10' long

Fiberglass Grate - 10' long
Drive End

Wood Cover - 12' long
Outer end



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Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) BOW/WPC/PERMIT SECTION
Pollution Control Facility
FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

File Number: _____

Date Rec'd: _____

Certification Number: _____

Date: _____

Facility Type (check one): ☐ Air ☒ Water

This form is to be used for any application for certification of property tax treatment for a pollution control facility for air or water from the Illinois EPA. Separate applications must be completed for each control facility claimed. Do not mix types (air and water). Where both air and water operations are related, file two applications.

If attachments are needed, record them consecutively on an index sheet.

You may complete this form online, save a copy locally, print, sign and submit it to:

Illinois EPA
 Attention: Al Keller, Permit Section
 Division of Water Pollution Control
 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276
 Springfield, IL 62794-9276

I. Applicant Information:Company Name: Steffes Farm
 Person Authorized to
 Receive Certification Dennis Steffes

 Person to Contact
 for Additional Details Matthew Wagner
Street Address: 5127 East Bethel RoadStreet Address: 709 West Oak StreetCity: Elizabeth State: ILCity: Lena State: ILZip: 60128 Phone: 815-541-4450Zip: 61048 Phone: 815-275-7642Email Address: steffesfarms1992@gmail.comEmail Address: wagnerconsultag@mediacombb.net**II. Facility Information:**Facility Location: Quarter Section: 36 Township: 27-North Range: 3-EastMunicipality: ElizabethTownship: Woodbine

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Book Number: _____

Property Index Number: 23-000-444-00

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Manufacturing Operations Information:

Nature of Operations Conducted at the Above Location:

Raising and milking dairy cows.

Permit Information:WPC Construction Permit Number: N/A

Date Issued: _____

NPDES Permit Number: N/A

Date Issued: _____

Exp. Date: _____

APC Construction Permit Number: N/A

Date Issued: _____

APC Operating Permit Number: N/A

Date Issued: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Note: Submit copies of all relevant permits issued by local pollution control agencies. (e.g. MSD Construction Permit)

Manufacturing Process Information:

Please provide information on the manufacturing process and materials on which pollution control facility is used, including each major piece of equipment associated with the pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device).

Description of the Process:

N/A

Materials Used in the Process:

N/A

Pollution Control Facility Information:

Please provide a narrative description of the pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device), and an explanation of why its primary purpose is to eliminate, prevent or reduce pollution. State the type of control facility, as well as a narrative description and a process flow diagram describing the pollution control facility. Include an average analysis of the influent and effluent of the control facility stating the collection efficiency, if applicable.

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The manure transfer areas provide for a means to transfer waste to the waste storage structure until the waste is land applied at the appropriate agronomic rates.

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List air contaminants or water pollution substances released as effluents to the manufacturing processes. Also list the final disposal of any contaminants removed from the manufacturing processes.

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Point(s) of Waste Water Discharge:

Identify the location of the discharge to the receiving stream. This will typically refer to a source of water pollution but can include water-carried wastes from air pollution control facilities.

Plans and Specifications Attached ☒ Yes ☐ No

Submit Drawings, which clearly show:

- (a) Point(s) of discharge to receiving stream; and
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Are contaminants (or residues) collected by the control facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: If the collected contaminants are disposed of other than as wastes, state the disposition of the materials, and the value dollars reclaimed by the sale or reuse of the collected substances. State the cost of reclamation and related expense.

Project Status:

Date Installation Completed: January 4, 2023

Provide the date the pollution control facility was first placed into service and operated. If not, explain.

January 5, 2023

Status of installation on date of application:

Completed

III. Verification and Signature:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and to the best of my knowledge is true and correct.

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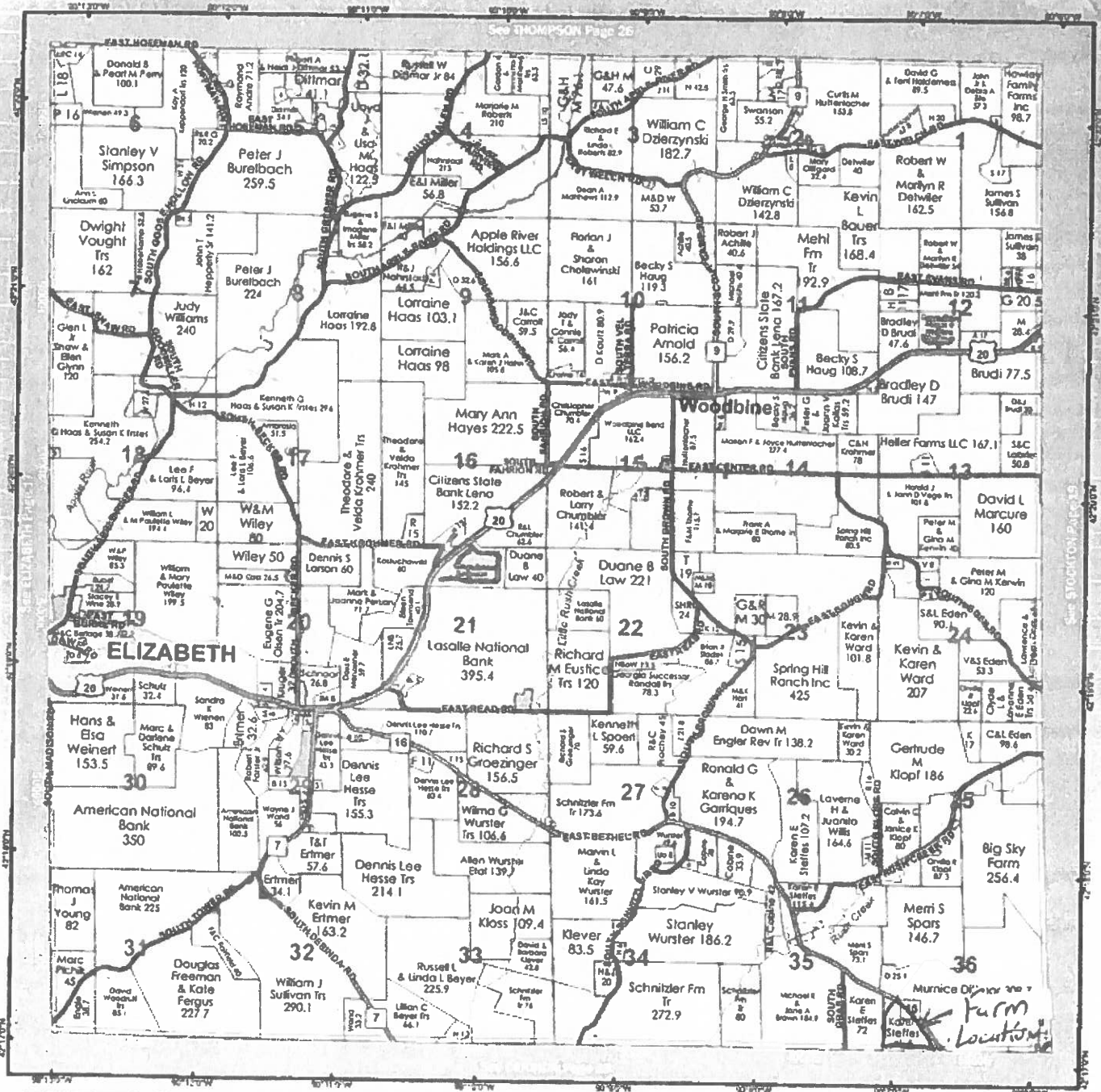
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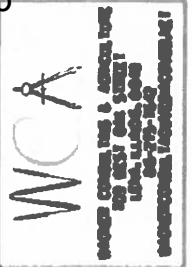
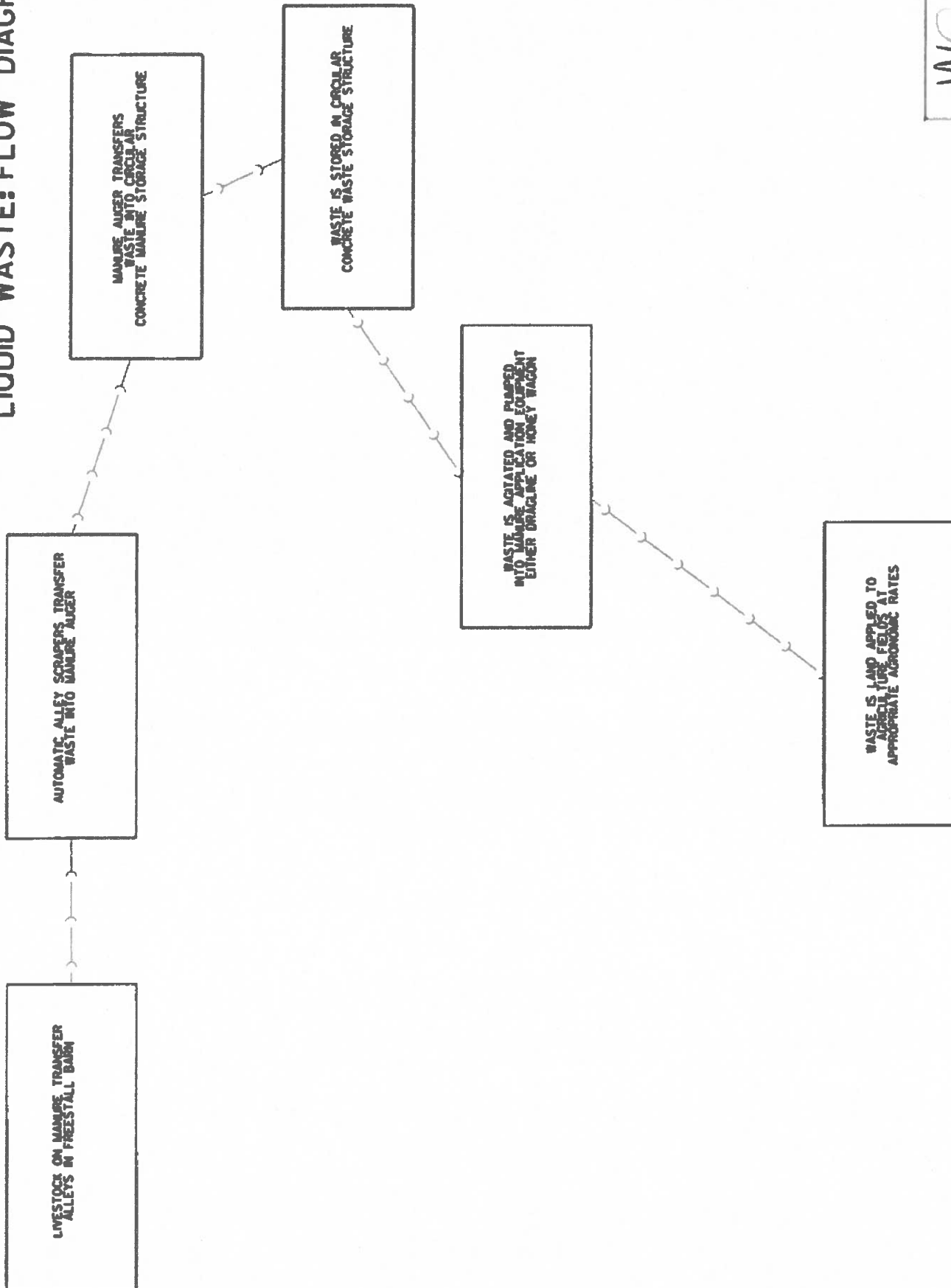
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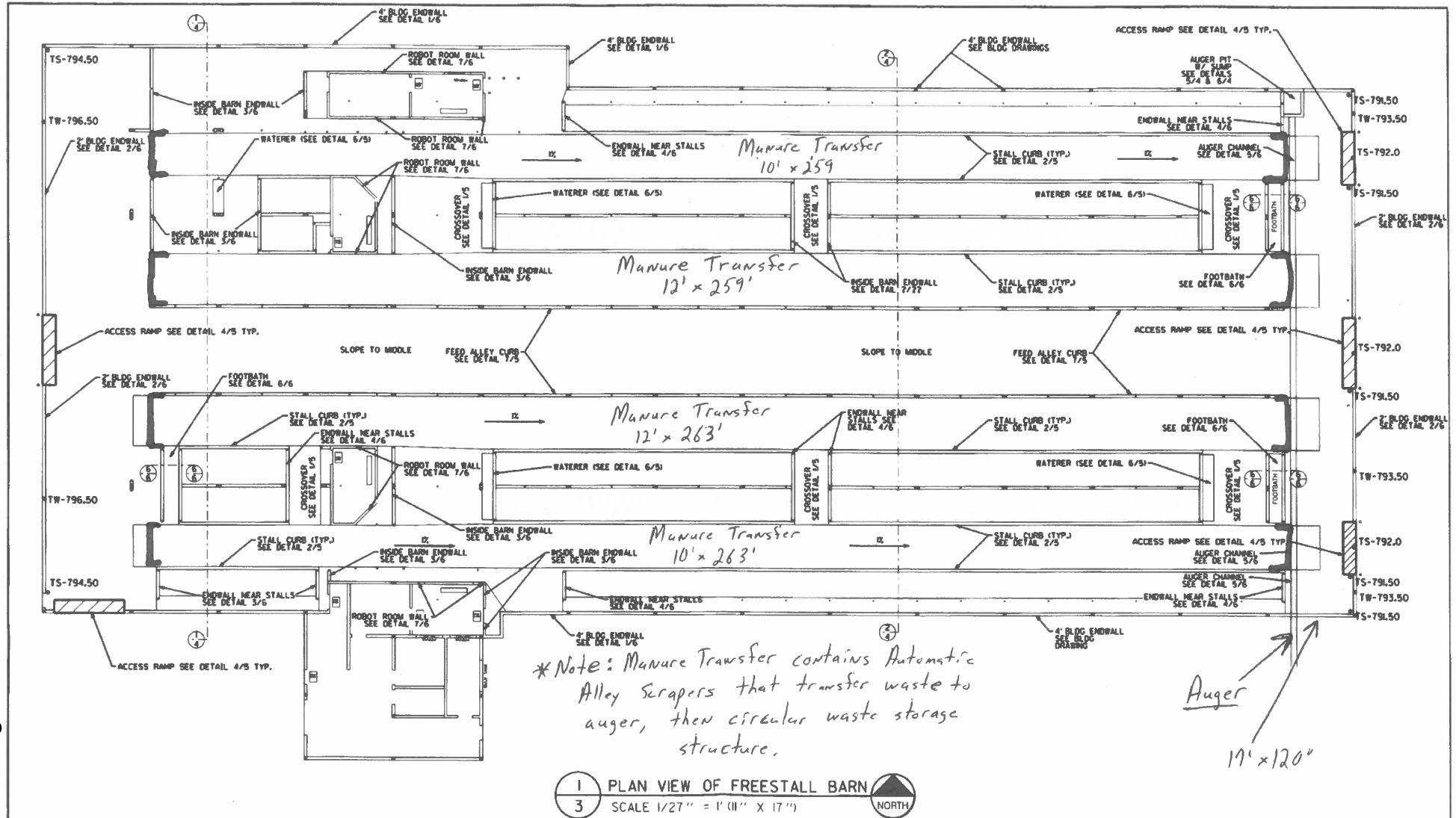
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Attn: Al Keller, Permit Section
Permit Section

Re: Tax Certification for Livestock Waste Management Facilities

To Al Keller:

On behalf of Steffes farm, we are submitting the tax certification for the recently constructed livestock waste management facility. The facility previously submitted the circular concrete waste storage structure. Please add to that submittal the manure transfer items as noted in this application. We are also including a copy of the as-built construction drawings for the project, plat book, and flow diagram.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at 815-275-7642.

Sincerely,

WAGNER CONSULTING & AGRICULTURE, LLC.

BY Matthew Wagner
Matthew Wagner, P.E.

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Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control Facility

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File Number: <u>TC-148047</u>	Date Rec'd: _____
Certification Number: _____	Date: _____

Facility Type (check one): ☐ Air ☒ Water

This form is to be used for any application for certification of property tax treatment for a pollution control facility for air or water from the Illinois EPA. Separate applications must be completed for each control facility claimed. Do not mix types (air and water). Where both air and water operations are related, file two applications.

If attachments are needed, record them consecutively on an index sheet.

You may complete this form online, save a copy locally, print, sign and submit it to:

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I. Applicant Information:

Company Name: <u>Steffes Farm</u>	Person to Contact: _____
Person Authorized to Receive Certification: <u>Dennis Steffes</u>	for Additional Details: <u>Matthew Wagner</u>
Street Address: <u>5127 East Bethel Road</u>	Street Address: <u>709 West Oak Street</u>
City: <u>Elizabeth</u> State: <u>IL</u>	City: <u>Lena</u> State: <u>IL</u>
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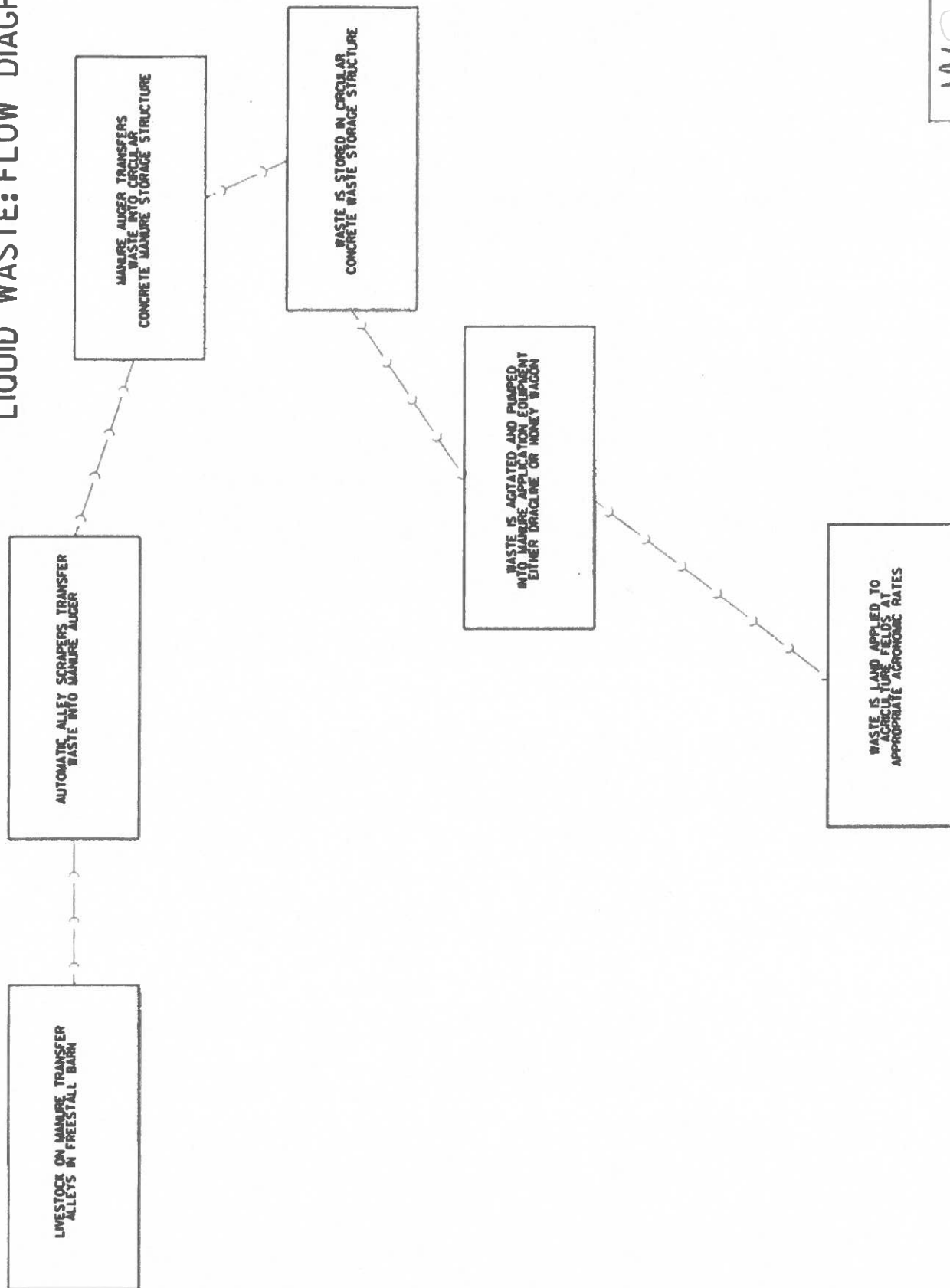
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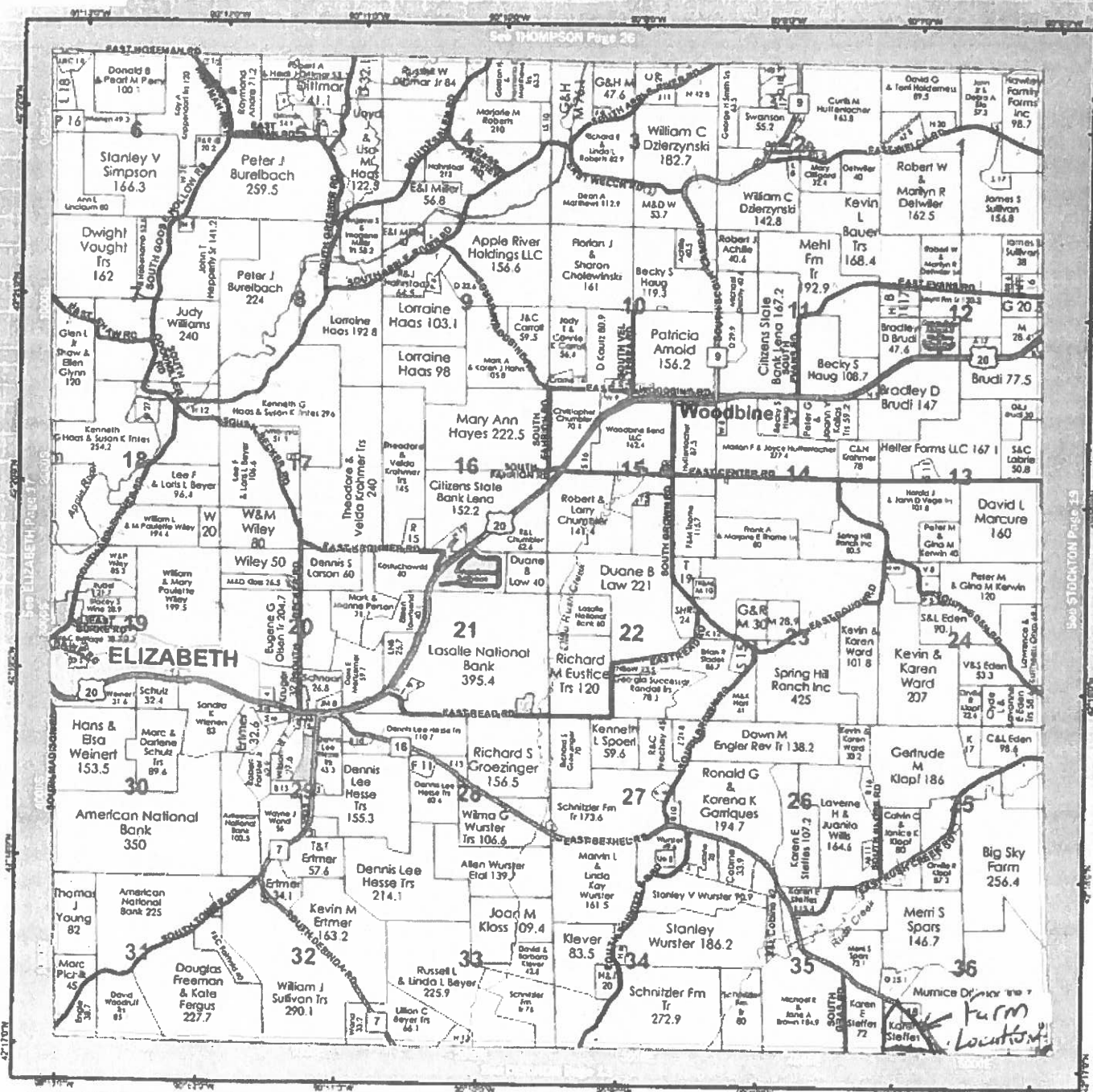


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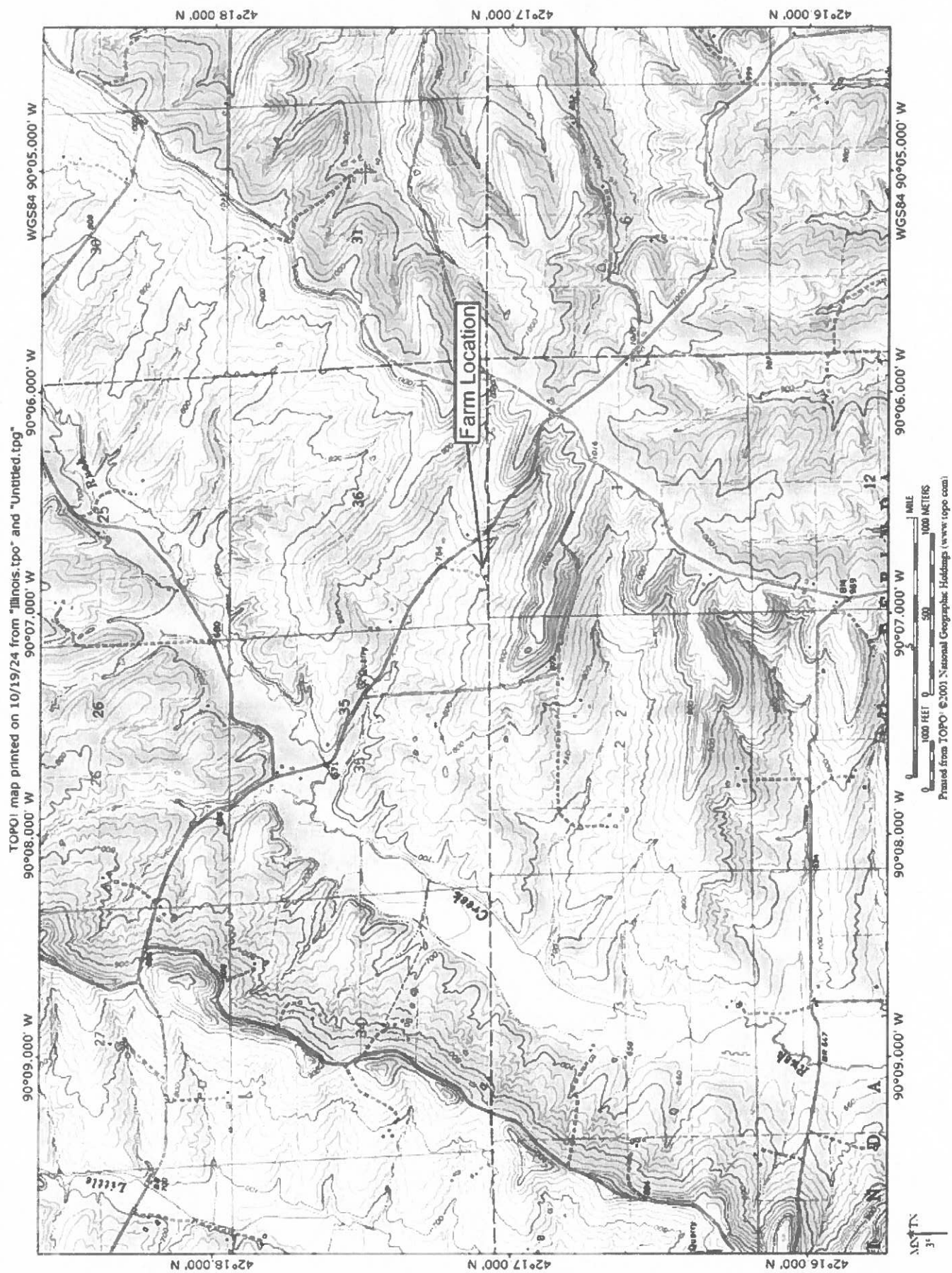
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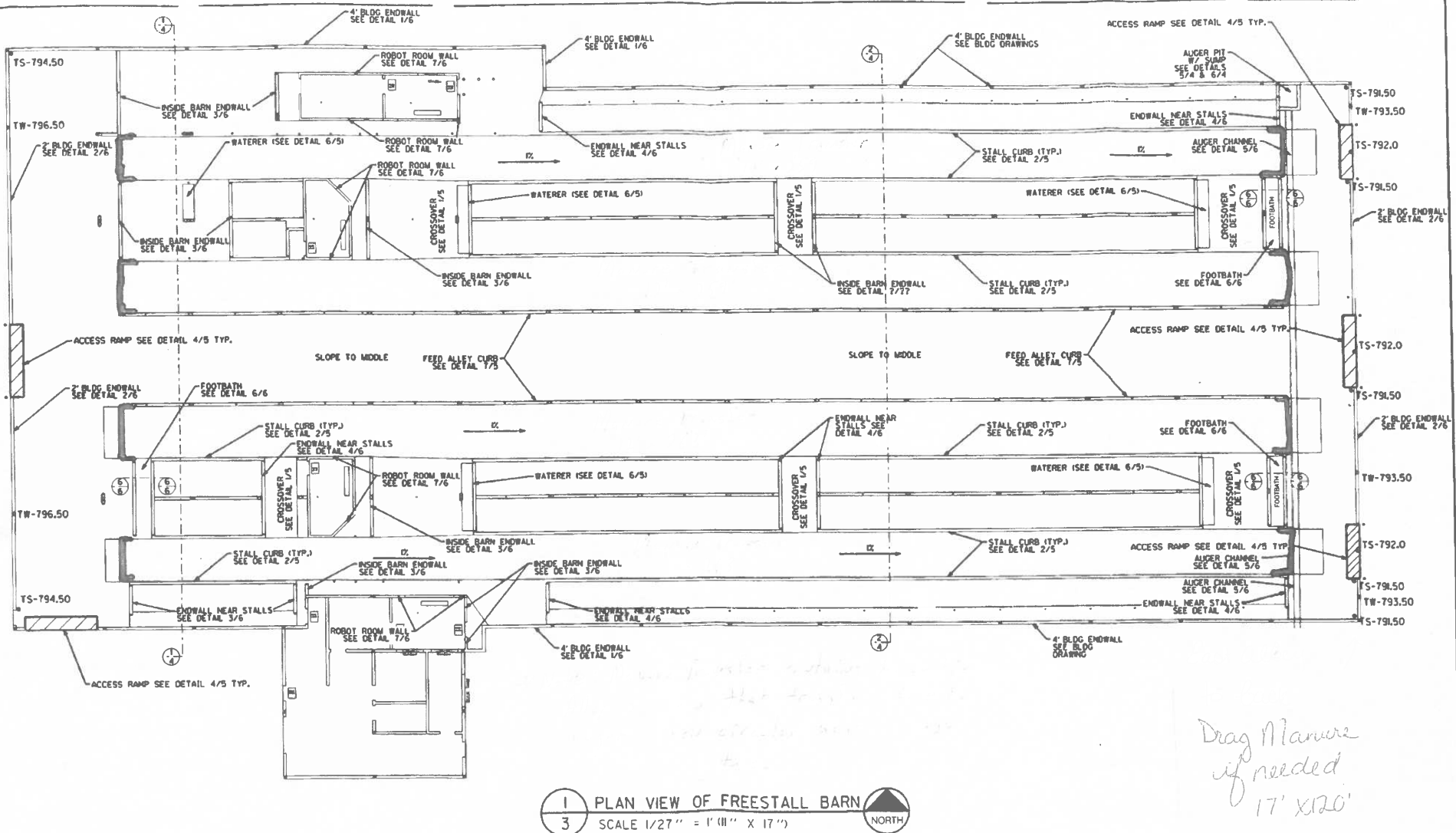
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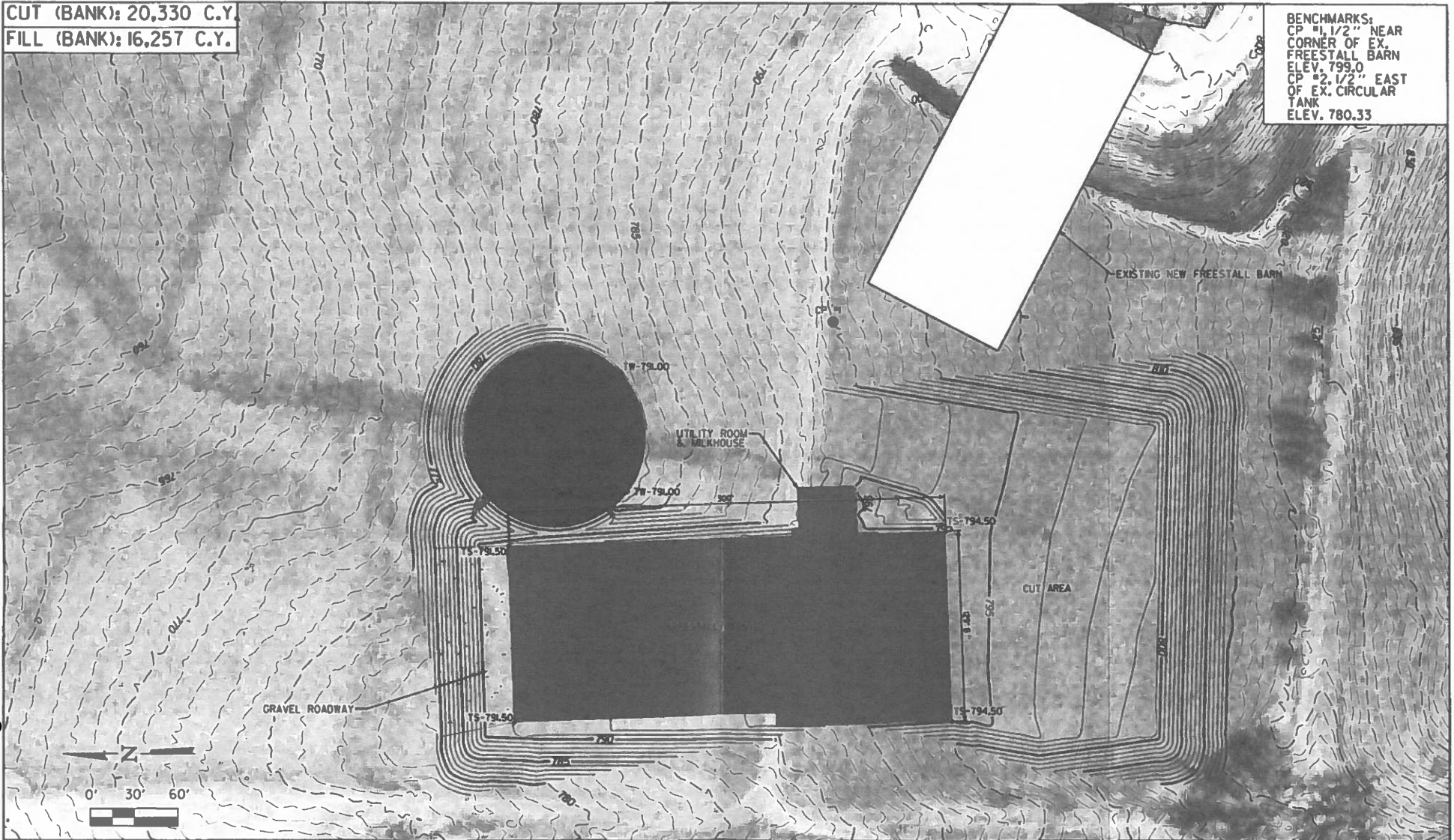
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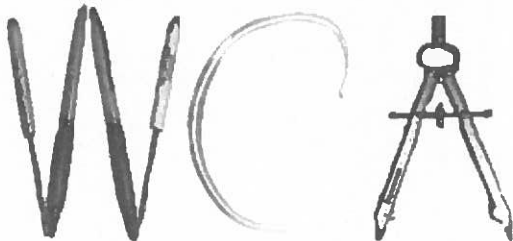
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October 21, 2024

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Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Attn: Al Keller, Permit Section
Permit Section
Log No. TC-14807

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To Al Keller:

On behalf of Steffes farm, we are submitting the tax certification for the recently constructed livestock waste management facility. As verbally required by the IEPA in an email from Stephanie Burge-Bollero this is required to be a separate application. The additional items that we are asking to be included as a tax certification are manure transfer items that are used to transfer the waste to the concrete circular storage tank that was previously approved. We are also including a copy of the as-built construction drawings for the project, plat book, and flow diagram. The nearest surface water body is Rush Creek.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at 815-275-7642.

Sincerely,

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BY Matthew Wagner
Matthew Wagner, P.E.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that I have served on the date of June 11, 2025, the attached **NOTICE**, **APPEARANCE** and **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**, upon the following persons by causing to be mailed a true copy thereof in an envelope duly addressed, bearing proper first class postage, and deposited in the United States mail at Springfield, Illinois:

Steffes Farm
Dennis Steffes
5127 East Bethel Road
Elizabeth, Illinois 60128

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101 West Jefferson
P.O. Box 19033
Springfield, Illinois 62794

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