# Soil and Site Evaluation For Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Across from 245 Willis Pinnell Rd Norlina, NC (APN: C8 45)

May 21, 2023



**Findings:** Based on the soil and site evaluation, there is a high degree of certainty that there is enough space for a conventional septic system for a 3-bedroom house, and the lot could be used for residential development.

No opinions are made regarding the following:

- Applicable zoning requirements;
- House location;
- Specific septic system layout/components;
- Septic location to meet all horizontal setback requirements; and
- Riparian buffers

## INTRODUCTION

Soil & Septic Solutions performed an on-site subsurface wastewater system investigation on approximately 2.93 acres (APN: C8 45) located on Willis Pinnell Rd in Warren County, North Carolina on May 13, 2023. The property was evaluated in accordance with North Carolina statutes for waste disposal ("Laws and Rules for Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems", Sections .1940 through .1944). The purpose of this investigation was to locate suitable areas for a conventional on-site wastewater system.

At the time of the survey, the review area was mixture of open field and woods with a small intermittent stream located along the back property line.

## INVESTIGATION METHODOLOGY

Soil borings were made with a hand-turned auger in the study area. Observations of the landscape (slope, drainage patterns, past use, etc.) as well as soil properties (depth, texture, structure, seasonal wetness, restrictive horizons, etc.) to a depth  $\geq$  48 inches when possible were recorded. Soil color was determined with a Munsell Soil Color Chart. From these observations, potentially suitable areas for wastewater disposal were identified.

A handheld global positioning system (GPS) with sub-meter accuracy was used to locate each soil boring as well as other pertinent site features.

## FINDINGS

On the day of the field investigation, seven (7) hand auger borings were made on the property, logged, and their locations are shown in the Soil Boring Location Exhibit. Soil Boring logs are attached.

Depth to saprolite was the limiting factor for the site. Borings 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 indicated that the depth to saprolite was at least 36 inches. There are two areas that had at least 36 inches of suitable soil as depicted on the Soil Boring Location Exhibit. The suitable areas were approximately 59,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup>. This includes the required 10 foot property line setback requirement. Borings 5 and 6 had a depth to saprolite of around 20 inches and would not be suitable for a conventional septic system. The area within 50 feet of the intermittent stream is not suitable due to wet soil conditions and being within 50 feet of the stream.

Based on the depth of soil the site can be classified as **provisionally suitable to suitable** and may be utilized for septic systems consistent with the Rules.

#### **CRITERIA FOR CONVENTIONAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

A foot separation is required from the bottom of the trench and saprolite or other restrictive horizons.

Based on the soil texture and depth to restrictive horizons a long-term acceptance rate (LTAR) of 0.28 to 0.3 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup> is recommended. Depending on the location of the system a trench bottom of 24 to 36 inches is recommended.

For a 3-bedroom system, the design flow is 360 gallons per day (gpd). When the design flow is divided by the LTAR (using 0.28), the area of trench bottom can be calculated, which is 1285 ft<sup>2</sup>. The total length of trenches can be calculated by dividing the trench bottom area by 3 feet (which is the maximum trench width). Using these calculations, a 3-bedroom home would need 428 linear feet of trench.

Septic lines are laid on contour 9 feet apart from the center. The minimum area needed is 3,900 ft<sup>2</sup>. This area assumes even linear slope with parallel septic lines. Additionally, septic systems need a designated repair area. At a minimum there needs to be approximately 7,800 ft<sup>2</sup> for both the initial and repair area. This area can be reduced by using approved systems that allow for a 25% reduction in trench length.

Other required horizontal setbacks (wells etc.,) were not considered in the soil that could be used for a conventional system. These setbacks will affect the overall area that can be used.

## CONCLUSIONS

Depth to saprolite was the limiting factors at this site. Two areas of approximately 59,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> were determined to have at least 36 inches of soil. The site can be classified as provisionally suitable to suitable for a conventional septic system.

Based on the LTAR it is estimated that the required area for a 3-bedroom home would be approximately 7,800 ft<sup>2</sup>. The use of an accepted system would reduce the area by 25% and would require approximately 5,800 ft<sup>2</sup>. The exact location of the system and potential layout as well as house location and horizontal setbacks, except for property line, were not calculated or defined.

The findings presented herein represent Soil and Septic Solutions' site and soils evaluation and knowledge of the current laws and regulations governing on-site wastewater systems in North Carolina (Section .1900 of the North Carolina Administrative Code).

It is Soil & Septic Solutions' professional opinion that this lot can be used for residential development. Any concurrence with the findings of this report would be made during the County's site evaluation. Additionally, do not clear or grub any land until the County has granted the appropriate approvals.

Sincerely,

Bary Krein

Attachments:

- 1. Soil boring Location Exhibit
- 2. Soil Boring Logs



Sheet $1 of 2$	
PROPERTY ID #:	
COUNTY: Warren	

## SOIL/SITE EVALUATION for ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM (Complete all fields in full)

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P R O F I L F	.1940 LANDSCAPE	HORIZON	SOIL MO (.	RPHOLOGY 1941)	]	OTHER PROFILE FACTORS									
#	POSITION/ SLOPE %	DEPTH (IN.)	.1941 STRUCTURE/ TEXTURE	.1941 Consistence/ Mineralogy	.1942 SOIL WETNESS/ COLOR	.1943 SOIL DEPTH	.1956 SAPRO CLASS	.1944 RESTR HORIZ	PROFILE CLASS & LTAR						
	L < 20/	0-15	GR/SL	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4	48"	-	-	S 0.3						
1	L < 2%	15-48	SBK/SCL-CL	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	2.5 YR 5/8										
	L 2%	0-12	GR/SL	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4	40"	UN	-	PS 0.3						
		12-40	SBK/SCL-CL	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	5YR 5/8										
2		40+	M/SCL	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	5/YR 5/8				Ī						
	L 2%	0-10	GR/SL	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4	36"	UN	-	PS 0.28-0.3						
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3		36+	M/SCL	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	5YR 5/8										
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		8-44	SBK/C	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	5YR 5/8										
4		44+	M/SCL	FI/SS/SP/SEXP	5YR 5/8										
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DESCRIPTION	INITIAL SYSTEM	REPAIR SYSTEM	OTHER FACTORS (.1946):
Available Space (.1945)	YES	YES	SITE CLASSIFICATION (.1948):
System Type(s)	CONVENTIONAL	CONVENTIONAL	EVALUATED BY:       GARY KREISER         OTHER(S)       PRESENT:
Site LTAR	0.28-0.30	0.28-0.30	
COMMENTS:			

Updated February 2014

## LEGEND

## use the following standard abbreviations

LANDSCAPE POSITION	<u>GROUP</u>	SOIL <u>TEXTURE</u>	CONVENTIONAL <u>.1955 LTAR*</u>	LPP <u>.1957 LTAR*</u>	MINERALOGY/ <u>CONSISTENCE</u>	STRUCTURE
CC (Concave Slope)	Ι	S (Sand)	1.2 - 0.8	0.6 - 0.4	SEXP (Slightly Expansive)	G (Single Grain)
CV (Convex Slope)		LS (Loamy Sand)			EXP (Expansive)	M (Massive)
D (Drainage Way)		· · ·			· • ·	CR (Crumb)
DS (Debris Slump)	П	SL (Sandy Loam)	0.8 - 0.6	0.4 - 0.3		GR (Granular)
FP (Flood Plain)		L (Loam)				SBK (Subangular Blocky)
FS (Foot Slope)						ABK (Angular Blocky)
H (Head Slope)	III	Si (Silt)	0.6 - 0.3	0.3 - 0.15		PL (Platy)
L (Linear Slope)		SiCL (Silty Clay Loam)				PR (Prismatic)
N (Nose Slope)		CL (Clay Loam)				
R (Ridge)		SCL (Sandy Clay Loam)			MOIST	WET
S (Shoulder Slope)		SiL (Silt Loam)				
T (Terrace)					VFR (Very Friable)	NS (Non-sticky)
	IV	SC (Sandy Clay)	0.4 - 0.1	0.2 - 0.05	FR (Friable)	SS (Slightly Sticky)
		SiC (Silty Clay)			FI (Firm)	S (Sticky)
		C (Clay)			VFI (Very Firm v. Very Sticky)	VS (Very Sticky)
		O (Organic)	None	None	EFI (Extremely Firm)	NP (Non-plastic) SP (Slightly Plastic)

P (Plastic)

\*Adjust LTAR due to depth, consistence, structure, soil wetness, landscape, position, wastewater flow and quality.

 NOTES
 VP (Very Plastic)

 HORIZON DEPTH
 In inches below natural soil surface

 DEPTH OF FILL
 In inches from land surface

 RESTRICTIVE HORIZON
 Thickness and depth from land surface

 SAPROLITE
 S(suitable) or U(unsuitable)

 SOIL WETNESS
 Inches from land surface to free water or inches from land surface to soil colors with chroma 2 or less - record Munsell color chip designation

 CLASSIFICATION
 S (Suitable), PS (Provisionally Suitable), or U (Unsuitable)

 Evaluation of saprolite shall be by pits.
 VP

Long-term Acceptance Rate (LTAR): gal/day/ft<sup>2</sup>

#### Show profile locations and other site features (dimensions, reference or benchmark, and North).

### **SOIL/SITE EVALUATION**

(Continuation Sheet-Complete all field in full)

Sheet  $2_{of} 2_{f}$ 

PROPERTY ID #: \_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EVALUATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_\_Warren

P R O F	10/2		SOIL MORPHOLOGY (.1941) OTHER PROFILE FACTORS										SOIL MORPHOLOGY (.1941) OTHER PROFILE FACTORS						
L E #	.1940 LANDSCAPE POSITION/ SLOPE %	HORIZ ON DEPTH (IN.)	.1941 STRUCTURE/ TEXTURE	.1941 CONSISTENCE/ MINERALOGY	.1942 SOIL WETNESS/ COLOR	.1943 SOIL DEPTH	.1956 SAPRO CLASS	.1944 RESTR HORIZ	PROFILE CLASS & LTAR										
5	L 2-5%	0-8 8-24 24+	GR/SL SBK/C M/SCL	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP FI/SS/SP/SEXP FI/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4 5YR 5/8 5YR 5/8	24"	UN	-	UN										
6	L 3-5%	0-10 10-20 20+	GR/SL SBK/C M/SCL	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP FI/SS/SP/SEXP FI/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4 5YR 5/8 5YR 5/8	20"	UN	-	UN										
7	L 3-5%	0-8 8-36+	GR/SL SBK/C	VFR/SS/SP/SEXP FI/SS/SP/SEXP	10YR 4/4 5YR 5/8	SAP> 36"	-	-	PS 0.28-0.3										
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