

The septic system on the Wolff property consists of two tanks and a small drain field. **Both tanks are still being used.** The original tank is a steel drum of unknown size, likely ~130 gal.. That tank is now used only for liquids (from the bathroom sink). There is an added (300 gal) plastic tank with an access port to enable pumping. This one receives all solid waste from the toilet.

**Appendix A continued:** Picture of the original septic system on the property – still in service.



## APPENDIX B

2022 Wolff property - complete annual usage chart:

| <b>2022 Charlevoix Summer Calander</b> |                 |          |           | visitors:  | vis.nights | others | me        | Total use |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------|--|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Visit 1:</b>                        | May 28 - May 31 | 3 nights | 3         | 0  |            | 0      | 3         | 3         |
| <b>Visit 2:</b>                        | June 13 - 16    | 3 nights | 3         | 0  |            | 0      | 3         | 3         |
| <b>Visit 3:</b>                        | July 1 - 7      | 6 nights | 6         | 0  |            | 0      | 6         | 6         |
| <b>Visit 4:</b>                        | July 15 - 18    | 3 nights | 3         | 0  |            | 0      | 3         | 3         |
| <b>Visit 5:</b>                        | July 23 - 24    | 1 night  | 1         | 1  | 1          | 1      | 1         | 2         |
| <b>Visit 6:</b>                        | August 4-8      | 4 nights | 5         | 3  | 3          | 9      | 5         | 14        |
| <b>Visit 7:</b>                        | August 20 - 24  | 3 nights | 4         | 0  |            | 0      | 4         | 4         |
| <b>Visit 8:</b>                        | Aug 29 & Sept 2 | 2 nights | 2         | 2  | 2          | 4      | 2         | 6         |
| <b>Visit 9:</b>                        | Sept 13 - 17    | 4 nights | 4         | 0  |            | 0      | 4         | 4         |
| <b>Visit 10:</b>                       | Sept 26 - Oct 1 | 5 nights | 5         | 0  |            | 0      | 5         | 5         |
| <b>Total nights stayed in 2022:</b>    |                 |          | <b>36</b> | <b>Total "person nights" including visitors:</b> |            |        | <b>50</b> |           |

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| <b>Wolff Property on Lake Charlevoix - Septic Sizing Information</b>                                    |           |                            |                                 |   |                                 | updated:          | 12/6/2021               |
|---|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Septic size/usage comparison based on high vs low usage rates, and best vs worst soil absorption</b> |           |                            |                                 |   |                                 |                   |                         |
|   |           |                            | <b>min use &amp; max absorb</b> |   | <b>max use &amp; min absorb</b> |                   |                         |
| Soil drainage rate range:   | 0.8 - 5   | gal / ft2                  | 5 gal / ft2 / day               |   | 0.8 gal/ft2/day                 |                   |                         |
| Ave. household water usage range:   | 100 - 300 | gal/day                    | 100 gal/day                     |   | 300 gal/day                     |                   |                         |
| <b>Drain field size needed for average usage (ft2)</b>  |           |                            | <b>20 ft2 min</b>               | or up to  | <b>375 ft2 max</b>              |                   |                         |
| <b>Wolff property actual usage and septic conditions</b>  |           |                            | <b>Wolff Property Max.</b>      |   | <b>Wolff Property Average</b>   |                   |                         |
| Drainage rate based on soil samples (fine sand)   |           |                            | 5 gal / ft2 / day               |   | 5 gal/ft2/day                   |                   |                         |
| Daily water usage (3.16 gal./flush x Num. flushes / d   |           |                            | 51.2 gallons                    |   | 19.2 gallons                    |                   |                         |
| Drain field size capacity needed in sq. feet  |           |                            | 10.2 ft2                        |   | 3.8 ft2                         |                   |                         |
| Measured drain field size   |           |                            | 30 ft2                          |   | 30 ft2                          |                   |                         |
| <b>Percent of needed capacity with existing drain fie</b>   |           |                            | <b>293%</b>                     |   | <b>781%</b>                     |                   |                         |
| Wolff max. total annual water flow for 4 people   |           |                            | 2,560 gallons / year            |   | based on 50 days use            |                   | 50                      |
| <b>Wolff likely ave. total annual water for 1.5 people</b>  |           |                            | <b>576 gallons / year</b>       |   | based on 30 days use            |                   | 30                      |
| <b>Wolff property septic sizing considerations</b>  |           |                            |                                 | <b>Soil Absorption Rates</b>  |                                 |                   |                         |
| number of people on sight   | <b>4</b>  | <b>max</b>                 |                                 | Type of soil  | Sq. ft/ per 100 gal/day         | gal / ft2 per day |                         |
|   | 1-2       | normal                     |                                 | Coarse sand or gravel   | 20                              | 5.0               |                         |
|   | 1.5       | average                    |                                 | <b>Fine sand</b>  | 25                              | <b>4.0</b>        |                         |
|   |           |                            |                                 | Sandy loam  | 40                              | 2.5               |                         |
| <b>Water usage range assessment</b>   |           |                            | <b>gallons</b>                  | Sandy clay  | 60                              | 1.7               |                         |
| likely flushes / day per person   | <b>4</b>  | <b>average</b>             | 12.8                            | Clay w/ considerable sand or grave  | 90                              | 1.1               |                         |
| <b>likely flushes per day total</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>max</b>                 | 51.2                            | Clay w/ small amount of sand or gr  | 120                             | 0.8               |                         |
|   | 1         | min                        |                                 | <a href="https://greywateraction.org/how-do-percolation-test/">https://greywateraction.org/how-do-percolation-test/</a> |                                 |                   |                         |
|   | 6         | likely future average      |                                 |   |                                 |                   |                         |
|   | 2         | actual current average     |                                 |   |                                 |                   |                         |
| <b>Toilet flush volume</b>  | 3.2       | gallons / flush (measured) |                                 |   |                                 |                   |                         |
| drain field soil type:  | sand      | (gravel surrounding pipes) |                                 |   |                                 |                   |                         |
| <b>Measured drain field area</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>ft2</b>                 | <b>maximum capacity:</b>        | 120   | gal / day                       | <b>37.5</b>       | flushes / day           |
|   |           |                            |                                 |   |                                 |                   | <b>vs 4 - 16 actual</b> |

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| Wolff Property on Lake Charlevoix - Septic Sizing Information   |       |                     |  |   |                       |
|---|-------|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
|   |       |                     | sq ft  |   |                       |
| likely max flow per day   | 51.2  | gallons per day     | 10.2   | ft2 needed in drain field for coarse sand or gravel |                       |
| Wolff system % coverage based on max. usage   |       |                     | 293%   | (based on 30 ft2 vs what is needed)                 |                       |
| likely average flow per day   | 19.2  | gallons per day     | 3.84   | ft2 needed for coarse sand or gravel                |                       |
| Wolff system % coverage based on ave. usage   |       |                     | 781%   | (based on 30 ft2 vs what is needed)                 |                       |
| likely max flow per day   | 51.2  | gallons per day     | 12.8   | ft2 needed in drain field for fine sand             |                       |
| Wolff system % coverage based on max. usage   |       |                     | 234%   | (based on 30 ft2 vs what is needed)                 |                       |
| average flow per day  | 19.2  | gallons per day     | 4.8  | ft2 needed for fine sand                            |                       |
| Wolff system % coverage based on ave. usage   |       |                     | 625%   | (based on 30 ft2 vs what is needed)                 |                       |
| <b>Wolff Property Annual Seasonal Usage</b>   |       |                     |  |   |                       |
| number of days used per year  | 50    | max                 |  |   |                       |
|   | 10    | min                 |  |   |                       |
|   | 30    | average             |  |   |                       |
| Max. annual TOTAL toilet flow   | 2,560 | gallons / year      | 1 primary toilet, 1 sink, no washers, no tubs or shower usage            |   |                       |
| Ave. annual TOTAL toilet flow   | 576   | gallons / year      | <i>This is an incredibly low usage - far below an average household!</i> |   |                       |
| <b>Potential usage for 2 bedroom house</b>  |       |                     |  |   |                       |
|   |       | gallons             | flushes/day/person   | max. people   | ave.                  |
| flush volume  |       | 2                   | 4  | 4   | 2                     |
|   |       | max                 | average  |   |                       |
| likely toilet flushes per day   |       | 16                  | 8  | (at 4 flushes / day / per person)                   |                       |
| Toilet flow per day   |       | 32                  | 16   | gallons per day                                     |                       |
|   |       | showers             | washers  | sinks   | Total:                |
| Sink, shower, washer etc us   |       | 100                 | 50   | 10  | 160 gal/day           |
| Max. total flow / day   |       | 192 gallons per day |  |   |                       |
| number of days used per year  |       | 350 max             |  |   |                       |
| Annual flow for 4 people  |       | 78,400              | gallons / year   | for 2 people:                                       | 39,200 gallons / year |
| <b>Assessment:</b> the septic system on the Wolff property may be comparatively small, but it has functioned properly for decades, so it is obviously adequate. The calculations performed bear that out. Their water usage is quite small, and the system in place is actually very well sized to meet their needs, and in fact with the sandy soil in the area, their small system could actually handle significantly more usage than they tend to give it, as is evident from the % coverage calcs above for both max. and average usage. 55 years of trouble free usage certainly says a whole lot for the inherent integrity of the existing system and it's fully functional capability. |       |                     |  |   |                       |
| <b>Hal Wolff, BSME, PE</b>  |       |                     |  |   |                       |
| phone: 734-487-5616   |       | email:              | <a href="mailto:runlikehal@yahoo.com">runlikehal@yahoo.com</a>           |   |                       |

## APPENDIX C

A note from Mr. Mike Jones to Mr. Wolff:

On Monday, October 24, 2022 at 08:24:43 AM EDT, Mike Jones <m.jones@nwhealth.org> wrote:

Mr. Wolfe,

Attached is the Health Department of Northwest Michigan procedure for groundwater monitoring. A plan must first be proposed with specific information on monitoring well construction and location with notification to this department when monitoring is to begin so joint review can occur. In addition to groundwater elevations, the soil permeability is also unsuitable for the current system.

Additionally, by your own admission, as indicated in the variance hearing, the current habitable building is a "successor building". Section 4-19 of the District Sanitary Code requires the system to be deemed adequate in accordance with the Code. While you can continue to attempt to argue the suitability of the soil, the size of the system is without question non-conforming with respect to the requirements stated in Section 5-13 of the Code. Therefore, the current system will not receive approval from this department for use with the successor building.

However, the fact still remains that your variance request was denied by the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals. At this point you have three options. The first is to install a code-compliant wastewater system. The second is to appeal the decision of the board to the appropriate court. The third option would be the removal of the camper from the property. These are the only three options available to you.

MICHAEL JONES, RS, BSEH  
Environmental Health District Supervisor  
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Office: 231-547-6523  
[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)



**Treble damages** - The leading case on statutory conversion is the 2015 Michigan Supreme Court case of Aroma Wines & Equipment, Inc. v. Columbian Distribution Services, Inc.

While the tort of conversion originally required a separate showing that the converter made some use of the property that amounted to a total deprivation of that property to its owner, by the twentieth century common-law conversion more broadly encompassed *any conduct inconsistent with the owner's property rights*.

<https://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article4128.pdf>

## Appendix D

| Water table depth data for Wolff property |                                  |              | updated: | 12/15/2022 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Date                                      | S-2 well<br>(inches below grade) | taken by     |          |            |
| 8/30/2022                                 | 92                               | Brad         |          |            |
| 10/11/2022                                | 90                               | Hal          |          |            |
| 11/2/2022                                 | 82.5                             | Hal          |          |            |
| 11/11/2022                                | 82                               | Hal          |          |            |
| 11/11/2022                                | 81                               | Brad and Hal |          |            |
| 11/20/2022                                | 84                               | Hal          |          |            |
| 11/30/2022                                | 81.5                             | Hal          |          |            |
| 12/16/2022                                | 85                               | Hal          |          |            |

**Note - Brad (of MET) and Hal each took 2 measurements on 11/11.**

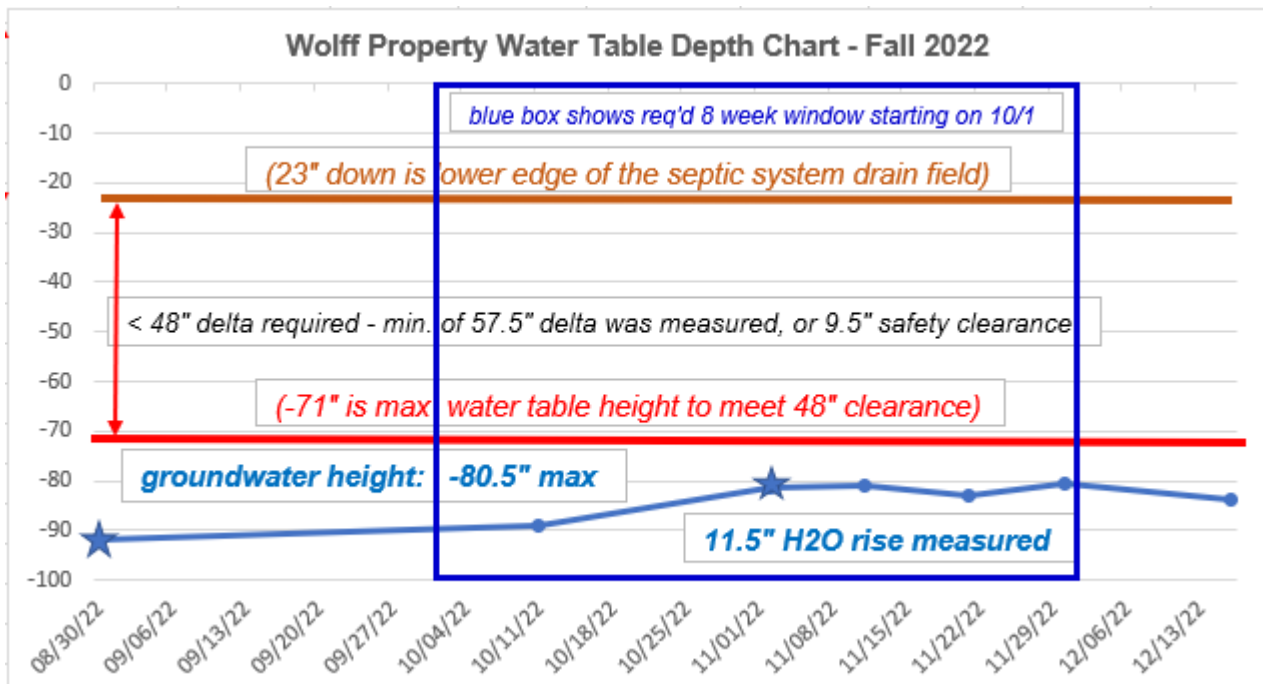
Brad used an electronic spool, Hal used a pole.

Hal's measurements were each 1" below Brad's, so

*all of Hal's data was adjusted up by 1" to correlate with MET data.*

**1" Adjusted Graph data** (converted to negative to show level below grade)

|            |       |                         |              |           |          |
|------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 08/30/22   | -92   | Brad - MET ★            |              |           |          |
| 10/11/22   | -89   | Hal - adjusted up by 1" |              |           |          |
| 11/02/22   | -81.5 | Hal - adjusted up by 1" |              |           |          |
| 11/11/22   | -81   | Brad - MET ★            | dist. H2O is |           |          |
| 11/21/22   | -83   | Hal - adjusted up by 1" | below field: | H2O rise: | safety:  |
| 11/30/2022 | -80.5 | Hal - adjusted up by 1" | -57.5        | 11.5      | 9.5      |
| 12/16/2022 | -84   | Hal - adjusted up by 1" | (inches)     | (inches)  | (inches) |



## Climate Charlevoix - Michigan



|                           | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average high in °F        | 29   | 31   | 40   | 50   | 60   | 71   |
| Average low in °F         | 21   | 19   | 24   | 33   | 46   | 58   |
| Av. precipitation in inch | 2.28 | 1.65 | 1.87 | 2.54 | 2.87 | 2.77 |
| Av. snowfall in inch      | 33   | 22   | 14   | 5    | 0    | 0    |



|                           | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average high in °F        | 76   | 75   | 69   | 56   | 44   | 34   |
| Average low in °F         | 65   | 64   | 57   | 44   | 34   | 26   |
| Av. precipitation in inch | 2.54 | 3.37 | 3.39 | 3.73 | 2.58 | 2.60 |
| Av. snowfall in inch      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 8    | 34   |

Source: <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/charlevoix/michigan/united-states/usmi1270>

| October 2022 Charlevoix Weather  |        |  |          |          |      |           |
|----------------------------------|--------|--|----------|----------|------|-----------|
|                                  |        |  | rainfall | rain ave | snow | snow ave. |
| Oct-22                           | TOTAL: |  | 5.03     | 3.73     | 0    | 0         |
| November 2022 Charlevoix Weather |        |  |          |          |      |           |
| Nov-22                           | TOTAL: |  | 4.2      | 2.58     | 19.5 | 8         |
| 2 month totals:                  |        |  | 9.23     | 6.31     | 19.5 | 8         |
| % of average:                    |        |  | 146%     |          | 244% |           |

Source: <https://www.extremeweatherwatch.com/cities/charlevoix/year-2022>

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# MACKINAC ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.

*Environmental Consulting and Contracting Since 1990*

September 9, 2022

Mr. Hal Wolff  
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[runlikehal@yahoo.com](mailto:runlikehal@yahoo.com)  
(734) 487-5616

**RE: Septic Field Investigation – 07645 Cedar Lane (Parcel ID: 15-006-700-024-00)**

Dear Mr. Wolff,

The following was prepared by Mackinac Environmental Technology, Inc. (MET) to provide results of the septic field subsurface investigation completed at 07645 Cedar Lane, East Jordan, Michigan ("Site").

The Site consists of a lake front lot along the south shore of Lake Charlevoix in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County. Current developments include a camping trailer, small storage shed and separate bathroom. It is MET's understanding that the Site is used seasonally during the summer months.

The Site's existing sewage system consists of an approximate 300-gallon septic tank and associated drainage field (two 10-foot drain pipes in a 4 feet wide drain bed).

On August 29, 2022, MET was on-Site to conduct a subsurface investigation near the existing septic system. The investigation included the advancement of three soil borings (S-1 to S-3). See attached Figure 1 – Site Plan for boring locations.

A stainless-steel hand auger was utilized to complete the soil borings. Continuous soil cores were completed from surface to a maximum explored depth of 9.5 feet below grade. The soil was classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification guidelines and recorded in the field. Site soil lithology generally consisted of a surficial loamy sand/cobble (0 to 2.5 feet), followed by a fine sand/silt (2.5 to 6 feet), medium sand/cobble (6 to 8 feet) and silt/clay (8 to 9.5 feet). Saturated soils were encountered at approximately 7.5 feet below grade. See attached boring logs for specific soil lithology.

Temporary monitoring wells, consisting of a five-foot section of two-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) #10 slot screen and associated PVC risers, were installed in boreholes S-2 and S-3. Please note that due to auger refusal encountered at 7.5 feet below grade, a monitoring well was not installed in borehole S-1. The screened sections were set to bisect the groundwater table. Clean filter sand was used to fill annular space around the wells to grade. Photographs of the installed monitoring wells are also attached.

Following a four-day stabilization period, MET conducted depth-to-water measurements on September 2, 2022. All water level measurements were made relative to each wells top-of-



casings (TOCs) using an electronic static water level meter (accurate to 0.01-feet). Above grade casing height was subtracted to determine exact depth to groundwater from surface grade.

**Table 1 – Depth to Groundwater**

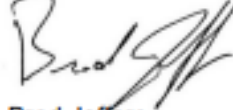
| Location | TOC - Depth to Groundwater | Above Grade Casing Height | Surface Grade - Depth to Groundwater |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|          | Unit (ft)                  |                           |                                      |
| S-2      | 9.21                       | 1.54                      | 7.67                                 |
| S-3      | 8.20                       | 1.25                      | 6.95                                 |

As depicted above, groundwater was encountered beneath the existing drain field at 7.67 feet below grade. Groundwater depth, located approximately 10 feet south of the drain field, was measured at 6.95 feet below grade.

Mackinac Environmental Technology, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide these consulting services. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**Mackinac Environmental Technology, Inc.**



Brad Jeffers  
Environmental Professional

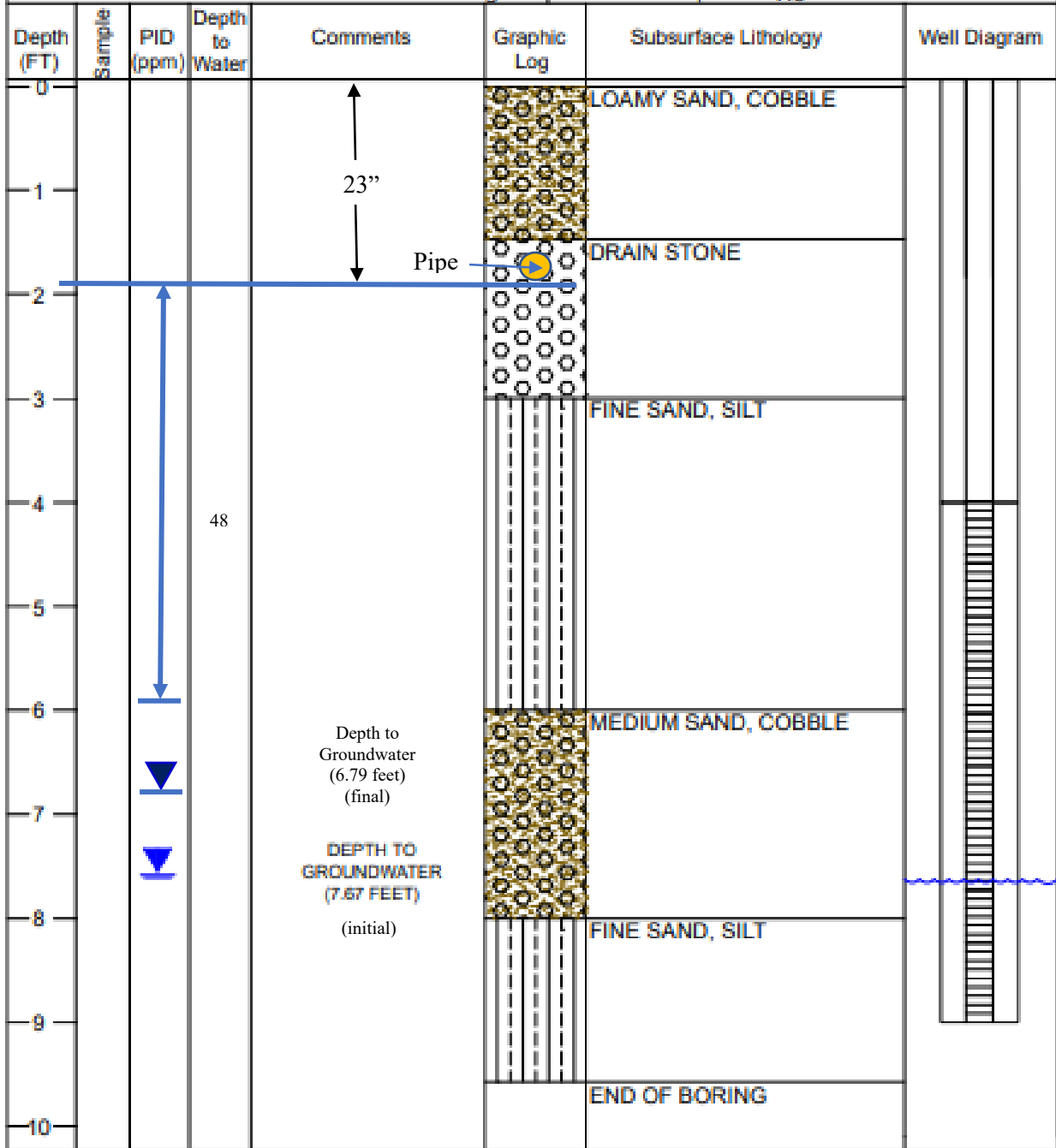
Attachment:  
- Figure 1: Site Plan  
- Boring Logs  
- Site Photographs

# S-2

**HAL WOLFF RESIDENCE**

07645 CEDAR LANE, EAST JORDAN, MI

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Project Number: M22-3771                         | Drilling Co: Mackinac Environmental Tech. |
| Logged By: B. Jeffers (MET)                      | Ground Elevation: N/A                     |
| Date Drilled: 8/29/2022                          | Boring Depth: 9.5'                        |
| Borehole Diameter: 4" Stainless Steel Hand Auger | Saturation Depth: 7.5'                    |



**Completion Notes:** Soil boring S-2 completed near center of current drain field.

= bentonite  
 = filter sand  
 Casing = 4'  
 Screen = 5'





Photograph: 1

Description: Looking north, across the septic drain field, towards the Site bathroom.



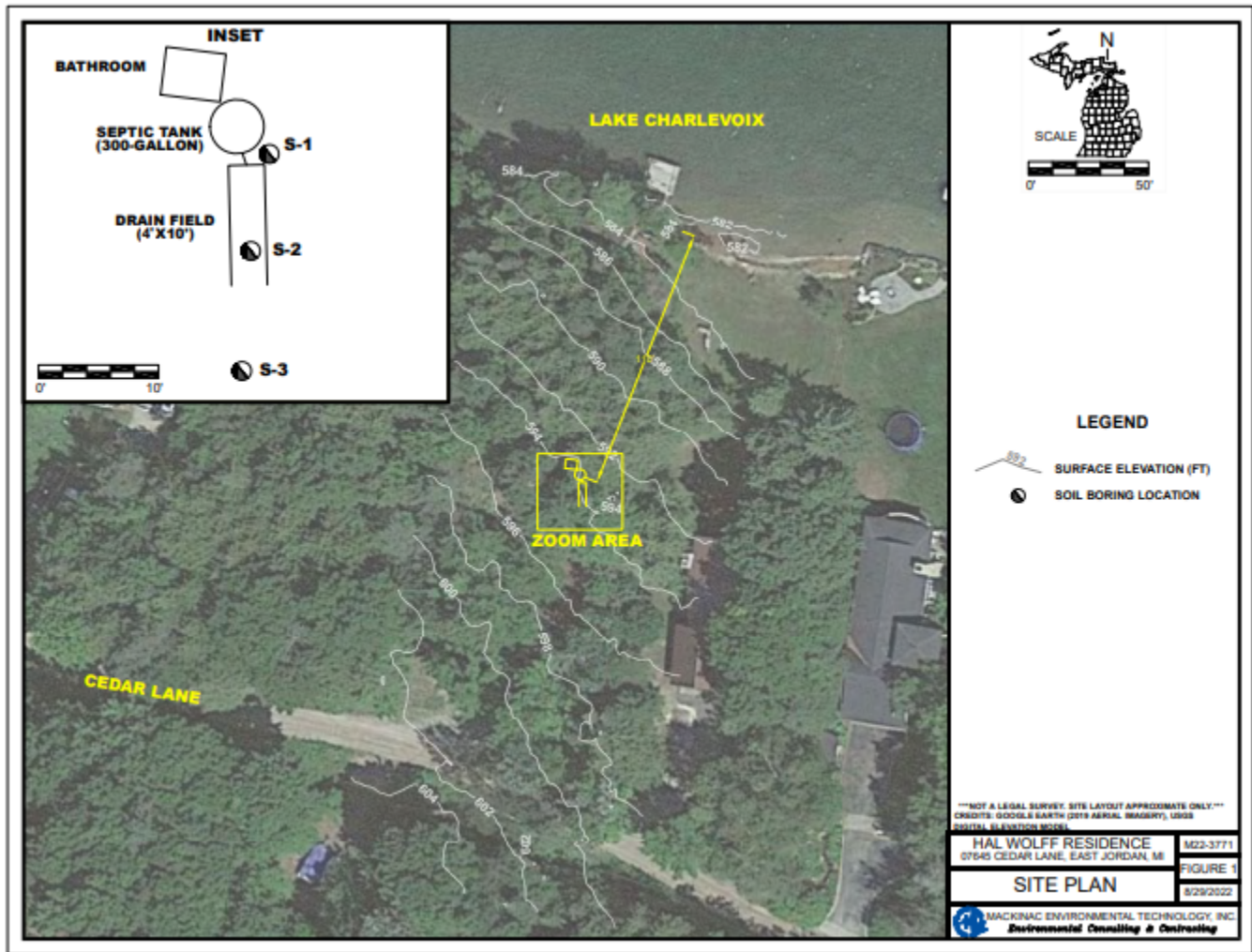
Photograph: 2

Description: Looking north towards the Site bathroom.



Photograph: 3

Description: Looking south, across the Site drain field, from the bathroom location.



## Appendix E



Picture of E. Coli sample bottles referenced in the note below from Caroline Keson.  
 (The purple color indicates no dangerous E. coli. Yellow would indicate the presence of E. coli.)

Email note from Caroline Keson of Tip of the Mitt Watershed regarding tests she ran on the Wolff property. **Possibly remove most of this note? (Below the purple confirmation part.)**

**Caroline Keson** <caroline@watershedcouncil.org>

To: Hal Wolfe

Tue, Oct 4 at 3:33 PM

Hi Hal,

Yes, I am out in the field every day this week. The samples that I had were also purple after 48 hours.

The E. coli reading from Lake Charlevoix was basically a non-detect. The E. coli result from GW s3 was 14.80 E. coli units/100 mL. I am attaching the analyses from the Northern Michigan Regional Lab.

The conductivity reading I took from Lake Charlevoix, using a YSI30 meter, was 322.29 microsiemens/cm and consistent along your shoreline. I also collected water samples to be analyzed for total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and chloride, but I won't get those results until probably December. I would have to look up the range for Lake Charlevoix, but at first glance the conductivity reading was in the normal range for ambient conductivity in Lake Charlevoix.

The conductivity collected in the groundwater in your wells was as follows:

S2: 515 microsiemens/cm

S3: 484.6 microsiemens/cm

Both of the groundwater conductivity readings were higher than what is normal in Lake Charlevoix. However, I cannot say what is normal for groundwater, nor can I say whether it is going into Lake Charlevoix.

I did use the Terramar Dualem1, but I have not looked at the data. I am still learning how to interpret that, so I cannot say those readings were normal. I would prefer to make opinions like this until I am able to critically look at all the data from your property together as well as the 400 other properties we have surveyed.

You can also say this is part of an investigative monitoring project we are conducting for Lake Charlevoix Association all along Lake Charlevoix.

Thanks,  
Caroline

# Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory

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## OFFICIAL WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

MDEQ# 9960

Date Reported: 09/28/2022 at 9:43 am

REPORT TO: CAROLINE KESON  
426 BAY ST  
PETOSKEY, MI 49770

Sample ID: EN22-006696

County of Watersource: Charlevoix  
Township of Watersource: EVELINE  
Site Code of Water Source: LAKE CHARLEVOIX

COLLECTION SITE ADDRESS: WOLFF  
ATTN: 134351  
0764 S Cedar Lane  
East Jordan, MI 49727

SUBMITTING AGENCY: CAROLINE KESON  
AGENCY ID#: 937932  
426 Bay St  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-347-1181

Collection date: 09/27/2022  
Collection time: 12:15 pm  
Collected by: TIP OF MITT WATERSHED COUNCIL  
Received date: 09/27/2022  
Received time: 03:20 pm  
Received by:  
Site Code: LAKE CHARLEVOIX  
Surface Water Type: SURFACE WATER (7)

| TEST & ANALYTE NAME         | Date/Time Tested | Result | Units            | RL | MCL / AL | Method  | Analyst |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|----|----------|---------|---------|
| Surface Water - Quanti-Tray |                  |        |                  |    |          |         |         |
| Surface Water 1:1           | 09/28/2022       | <1.0   | E.coli/<br>100ml |    |          | SM 9223 | CC      |

This result is a calculated Most Probable Number (MPN) of E. coli per 100ml sample tested.

The agency for the county of this water source to contact in regards to questions about interpretation of results is:

NORTHWEST MI COMM HEALTH AG-ENV  
220 W GARFIELD  
Phone: (231)547-6523

MCL : Maximum Contaminant Level  
AL : Action Level  
cfu : Colony Forming Units

RL : Reporting Limit  
mg/L : milligrams/Liter (ppm)  
ppm : parts per million

MPN : Most Probable Number

## Appendix F

### 5-11 VERTICAL SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS

**TABLE 5-11 MINIMUM VERTICAL SEPARATION DISTANCES  
(INCHES OF SEPARATION)**

The infiltrative surface of a sewage treatment and disposal system shall be separated by the minimum vertical distances from the item named:

| <u>Water Table<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>Ordinary High Water Mark<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Impervious/Limiting Stratum</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 48                             | 48  | 60                                 |

The natural ground surface within the entire sewage treatment and disposal system area shall be separated by the minimum vertical distances from the items named for the types of systems noted:

| <u>Type of System</u>    | <u>Water Table</u> | <u>Ordinary High<br/>Water Mark<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Impervious/Limiting<br/>Stratum</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Conventional             | 48                 | 48  | 60                                     |
| Low Pressure Dist. Mound | 24                 | 24  | 36                                     |
| Advanced Treatment (ATS) | 12                 | 12  | 24                                     |

<sup>1</sup>Water table cannot be artificially lowered to meet requirement. <sup>2</sup>Measurement from relative elevation of ordinary high water mark

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### 2-19 FAILURE – SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Where the drainfield aggregate of a sewage treatment and disposal system has hydraulically saturated or effluent from a sewage treatment and disposal system is exposed to the surface of the ground, backing up into a structure or is permitted to drain onto the surface of the ground or into any lake, river, storm sewer or stream, or where the seepage of effluent is endangering a public or private water supply or where a public health nuisance is created by a system improperly constructed or maintained.

### 2-53 SUCCESSOR BUILDING

Any premises where the square footage is replaced or expanded by greater than 50% through construction, remodeling or renovation activities.

### 4-19 SUCCESSOR BUILDINGS

A building or mobile home using an existing sewage treatment and disposal system may be replaced or succeeded by a building or mobile home which may use the same treatment and disposal system provided approval of the Health Officer is first obtained and the system is deemed adequate for the replacement building in terms of the provisions of this Code.



October 21, 2021

Revised letter

Halsey Wolff  
2045 McKinley  
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RE: Existing System Evaluation (C21-033), 07645 Cedar Lane East Jordan, MI 49729; Lot 24 of Tonnadoonah Section 14, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County  
Tax ID 15-006-700-024-00

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October 21, 2021

*Revised letter*

Halsey Wolff  
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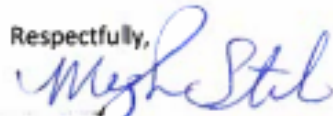
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December 14, 2021

Mr. Halsey Wolff  
2045 McKinley  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

RE: Sanitary Code of Appeals hearing, property located at 07645 Cedar Lane, East Jordan, MI, 49729,  
Section 14, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County. Parcel 15-006-700-024-00.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

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Please bring all applicable information and be prepared to make your presentation at that time.

Sincerely,

Julia Drost, Secretary  
Sanitary Code Board of Appeals

JD/kck

xc: Michael Jones, Health Department of Northwest Michigan  
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January 10, 2022

Attn: Hal Wolff  
2045 McKinley  
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RE: Well Permit Application (#C21-184)  
07645 Cedar Lane; Lot #24 of Tonnadoonah Subdivision  
Section 14, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County; Tax ID #: 15-006-700-024-00

Mr. Wolff,

Let this letter serve as a follow-up correspondence regarding the status of the submitted well permit application following the recent appeals hearing.

On December 16, 2021 a Sanitary Code Board of Appeals hearing was held regarding the above-described premise. The outcome of the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals hearing denied the owner's request for an appeal to simply add onto the unpermitted, existing wastewater system in an attempt to bring the system to meet minimum code requirements and in-turn obtain a valid well permit. Based on a soils evaluation conducted onsite, simply adding onto the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system would not effectively bring the system into compliance with minimum code requirements due to lack of adequate vertical separation to seasonal groundwater levels per Section 5-11 of the District Sanitary Code. However, an area was identified onsite where a compliant conventional-style wastewater treatment and disposal system could be installed.

**A permit for the installation of a water supply well will not be issued for the above-described premise until a compliant wastewater treatment and disposal system is both installed and approved by this Department.** The installation of a wastewater treatment and disposal system will require the owner to submit a septic permit application and corresponding fee to the Charlevoix branch office. Septic permit applications are available on our agency website, [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) and at our branch offices. **As such, the submitted well permit application (#C21-184) will remain in our pending file.** Please note that permit applications shall have a term of one (1) year from the date of application submittal.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact HDNW Environmental Health District Supervisor, Mike Jones, at our Administrative office located in Charlevoix at 231-547-6523.

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