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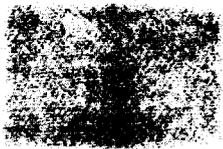
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1 ROBERT CATLIN,
 2 2 Valley Road, Denville, New Jersey,
 3 having been duly sworn by the reporter,
 4 testified as follows:

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. ONSDORFF:

6 Q Mr. Catlin, during today's deposition
 7 we're going to focus in on the Township of Hanover
 8 in regards to this litigation which we discussed
 9 during the last deposition. Could you briefly
 10 explain or elaborate on your professional relationship
 11 with the Township of Hanover since you began your
 12 career in this area?

13 A We were first retained by the Township of
 14 Hanover in the very early '50s. I don't recall the
 15 exact date, but I think it was about 1952 or '53.
 16 We have been retained as the planner-consultant since
 17 that time.

18 We did a master plan for the Township in the
 19 early '50s and we also prepared a comprehensive
 20 to that master plan in the '60s, and we
 21 presently updating the land use element of the
 22 master plan that was started last year.

23 Q I'd like to show you this document and
 24 ask if you can identify it.

25 A Yes. This is the master plan that we prepared

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1 in 1963.

2 Q And this is the most current master
3 plan for the Township of Hanover, to your knowledge?

4 A It's the most current printed comprehensive
5 version of the master plan.

6 There have been some master plan studies that
7 have been prepared subsequent to that with the idea
8 of amending the zoning ordinance. The land use
9 ordinance which was adopted, I believe, in 1976,
10 but this is the latest printed document reflecting
11 the master plan.

12 Q I think we will mark that as R
13 Robert Catlin, Hanover, trying to keep our list of
14 documents clear as to what we're doing.

15 (Hanover Township master plan marked
16 RCH-1 for identification.)

17 Q Now, you mentioned that the land use
18 element, land use element was being updated and
19 revised at this time; is that correct?

20 A That's correct.

21 **REMOVED** For what period of time has that project
22 been underway?

23 A We started that project, as I recall, in the
24 spring of last year.

25 Q And do you know when it is anticipated

1 that that land use element update will be completed?

2 A I would anticipate that it would be completed
3 probably within the next five or six months.

4 Q And what is the purpose of doing this
5 update at this time?

6 A Well, the State Planning Act, as you know,
7 mandates that every municipality in the State should
8 take a look at the land use element of the master
9 plan every six years; and inasmuch as the last revision
10 was looked at in about 1976, they felt that now was
11 the time to start this next go-around.

12 Q Now, in regards to the litigation
13 we're presently involved in, what specific work
14 have you performed on behalf of the Township of
15 Hanover in that litigation?

16 A We have updated the existing development so
17 we know exactly what the Township land use pattern
18 is at the present time. We have also made an analysis
19 of all of the vacant land in the Township, the zone
20 where this vacant land is located, and then we looked
21 at the various environmental constraints of this
22 vacant land.

23 Q Does your report of September 27, 1979
24 constitute the work product which came out of the
25 various endeavors which you've just outlined?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q I show you that and ask if that's a copy
3 of your report.

4 A Yes, it is.

5 MR. ONSDORFF: I would ask that that be
6 marked as RCH-2.

7 (Report of Robert Catlin marked RCH-2
8 for identification.)

9 Q Now, what materials specifically did you
10 examine in the preparation of the report which has
11 been marked RCH-2?

12 A Well, we prepared a series of studies trying
13 to locate and quantify the various environmental
14 constraints of the vacant lands, and we relied very
15 heavily on the Soils Conservation Service information
16 which was subsequently reviewed and detailed in the
17 report prepared by Converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon.

18 The environmental constraints are listed in
19 this report which refers to those studies listed on
20 page three.

21 Q In addition to the Soils Conservation
22 Service report, did you do any field examination in
23 the preparation of this report?

24 A Only as it relates to land use development
25 patterns.

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1 We did not make field examinations of any of
2 the environmental inputs which was, as I understand
3 it, prepared by the consultants retained by the
4 Township; namely, the Goodfriend who prepared a
5 study on the noise impact; Converse, Ward, Davis &
6 Dixon who did a number of test borings for the
7 various environmental problems with vacant land;
8 Fletcher Platt of Killam Associates, who did a
9 study on the effect of developing the vacant land,
10 both on the site itself and the impact it would have
11 on the downstream drainage conditions; and B
12 Kirk from Richard Brown Associates who did a
13 analysis of developing some of the vacant lands in
14 the Township.

15 Q Any mention as far as your own field
16 examinations you did certain work in regards to land
17 use patterns, I believe?

18 A Yes. We made a windshield inspection of some
19 of the areas of the Township to update the existing
20 development pattern.

21 Now, in regards to the development
22 of this community since 1950, could you briefly
23 describe how that has transpired based upon your
24 professional experience and involvement with this
25 town over essentially that period of time?

1 A Well, I think the only way to really have an
2 objective look at what's happened since 1950 is
3 to compare the existing development map of the early
4 1950 master plan with the existing development map
5 that we have updated as of September 1979; and
6 these two exhibits which speak for themselves.

7 It could show what properties have been
8 developed and how they have been developed, for what
9 use in that intervening period.

10 Q Well, I realize we could do that; and
11 what I'm endeavoring to do is have you just briefly
12 summarize it for convenience. In other words
13 it your opinion that the Town was rural at one
14 and has now become suburban? Has there been a sub-
15 stantial increase in residential dwellings, just
16 to give it that type of analysis, snap analysis?

17 A Well, I think that at the time we first started
18 working in Hanover Township in the earlier '50s it could
19 be considered a suburban community. I think that at
20 the present time it's still a suburban community,
21 but for all practical purposes it's pretty much
22 developed except for these vacant properties that are
23 shown in these exhibits that have, in most instances,
24 a number of environmental problems.

25 Q Do you know what the population growth
has been since 1950 in the Township?

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A Not offhand but I could tell you that by simply referring to population charts, what has happened since 1950. I'd have to get the 1950 master plan, which I believe has a 1950 population Census information and what it is at the present time.

Q Maybe we will do that when we have a break and it will be more convenient, if that's all right with you.

A All right.

Q How about employment growth since 1950 within the Township? Would that figure also [REDACTED] le?

A No. We don't have that information on [REDACTED] employment growth.

We have not made any study on what has happened in employment in the past 20 -- 25 years.

Q Would you know of any source document that could be examined to ascertain that employment analysis?

A Not offhand, but I'm sure they are available. [REDACTED] find out.

MR. DORSEY: Let me just say this:

Mr. Biscaire has already examined Mr. Lindbloom relative to his report, and his report does in fact contain basic data, I think, taken

1 from either the State Department of Labor
2 and Industry or the U.S. Department of Labor

3 relative to that.

4 MR. ONSDORFF: Okay.

5 Q Now, directing your attention, Mr. Catlin,
6 to RCH-2, I believe the first attachment appended
7 to your report is an analysis of the type of structures
8 found within the municipality; is that correct?

9 A Correct.

10 Q In addition to single-family residences,
11 there are a number of residences for two-family
12 three-family and four-family.

13 Do you know whether these residences under
14 those categories are apartments or are they attached
15 homes which are larger than required for single-
16 family use; and therefore, are occupied by more
17 than one family?

18 A I think that most of these units are very
19 large, old homes that have been converted into
20 apartments within those homes.

21 Q Do you have an opinion as to whether
22 any of these multi-family residences constitute
23 low-income housing?

24 A No. I have no opinion on that.

25 Q In the planning work that you have done

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1 for Hanover Township and are continuing to do,
2 have you reached any conclusions as to any anticipated
3 ~~HEAVY~~ growth in the community over the next
4 ~~ten to~~ 25 years?

5 A Well, I believe there will be residential growth.
6 There are still some vacant properties and isolated
7 vacant properties with that existing residential
8 zones, which I have to assume at some time in the
9 future will be developed.

10 Q I believe the third table appended
11 to your report discusses the vacant land with
12 various zones in the municipality; is that correct?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q Based upon this zoning, would you be
15 in a position to tell us how many additional dwelling
16 units can be constructed within the municipality
17 pursuant to this zoning as applied to the vacant
18 land that exists in the Township?

19 A I can't do that just looking at this table.

20 ~~HEAVY~~ way you could really prepare a meaningful
21 ~~HEAVY~~ projection is to take each one of the
22 residential zones and take each of the vacant land
23 categories and then actually attempt to locate
24 on vacant lots within those zones the number of
25 homes that could be constructed, and those that have

1 acreage within those zones, prepare some kind of a
2 possible subdivision layout for those properties.
3 This, of course, is assuming that all of the
4 ~~report~~ land that is zoned in this table is developable,
5 but that has not been done; and I cannot do it
6 without taking several hours to actually make such
7 a potential development analysis.

8 Q Well, you indicate that there may be
9 some question as to the development potential of
10 these vacant properties.

11 What inhibitions or limitations on development
12 would be within the context of that statement
13 made? What did you have in mind?

14 A Well, I think these are all set forth in this
15 report. The environmental limitations are set forth
16 in the report, such as the environmental constraints
17 of bedrock, high water table, excessive slopes,
18 erosion potential, internal drainage, stream overflow,
19 flood plains; and then, of course, the one that has
20 ~~not been~~ quantified is the availability of public
21 ~~sewer and~~ water on each of these tracts.

22 There are, or there is, available sanitary
23 sewers in the Township, but not all -- not all areas
24 of the Township are presently served with sanitary
25 sewers.

1 Q You listed a number of practical con-
2 straints on the development potential of these tracts.
3 Are there any municipal ordinances or codes which
4 translate those practical limitations into authoritative
5 law?

6 A I think that the municipal law use ordinance
7 itself, which requires every application for development
8 to be processed by the Planning Board, would certainly
9 be a limitation. The applicant would have to prove
10 that the development of that property, whether it is
11 for residential or nonresidential, can be accomplished
12 without resulting in problems to the general

13 I'm talking now about storm water runoff
14 providing adequate off-street parking and addressing
15 the question of traffic circulation on and around
16 the site, and things like this nature. So to be
17 specific, the one code that would be of paramount
18 consideration would be the land use ordinance.

19 There is also a flood plain ordinance that
20 addresses regulations pertaining to the development of
21 properties of all kinds within a flood plain.

22 Q In this flood plain ordinance, is the
23 flood plain actually delineated and set forth as
24 to what lands are within the coverage of this
25 ordinance?

1 A I do not have a flood plain ordinance, but
2 it's my understanding that they are.

3 When we were doing, they say environmental
4 overlays, they -- we asked the Township engineer to
5 supply us with a map that would show the areas within
6 flood plains; and I have such a map here which has
7 been superimposed upon these overlays.

8 I have not reviewed in detail the flood
9 plain ordinance regulations.

10 Q Do you recall offhand then whether the
11 delineation that you have examined and incorporated
12 in your overlays was undertaken by the munic
13 or whether it merely adopted some other govern
14 study as to what constituted the flood plain areas?

15 A I'm not sure, but I believe that it was adopted
16 by the municipality which was based upon either
17 the State or Federal flood plain information.

18 Q Would it be possible for us to check
19 at some other convenient time to ascertain exactly
20 flood plain in fact was delineated?

21 I think the most meaningful way to check that
22 would be to get that information from the Township
23 engineer. He's the one that has to deal with this
24 from day to day, and when I ask him for that particular
25 environmental constraint, he sent me a map which was --

1 he superimposed upon one of our base maps the area
2 of the flood plain and a red-colored up delineation
3 of that zone; and I simply took that as the area
4 that was within the flood plain as far as the local
5 ordinance was concerned.

6 Q So the map he sent you wasn't a State
7 map or Federal map, it was work he had done personally?

8 A I think that he took the information from the
9 State or Federal map and superimposed it on our
10 base map, which was a much more detailed scale than
11 the State or Federal government had.

12 Q Now, directing your attention 
13 the first page of RCH-2, you discussed the location
14 and transportation systems serving Hanover Township
15 in that first paragraph. Is it your opinion that
16 the transportation highways within the municipality
17 are presently sufficient to handle the transportation
18 needs for the foreseeable future of this township?

19 A I have not made a study on the regional
20 ational needs. All I can tell you is what
21  at the present time.

22 The State highways that are there and those
23 that are proposed through the Township that have
24 not been developed, but I have not attempted to quantify
25 the adequacy of what the regional highway systems

are as far as Hanover Township is concerned.

Q Are you aware of any current transportation problems within the municipality?

A Again, I have not made any kind of a study of transportation problems.

We have made in our previous master plans proposals for arterial streets throughout the township, but these were primarily as they relate to the moving traffic in the township and not from within the region of which the Township is a part.

Q Do you recall the last such recommendation you made to the township regarding arterial when that was?

A No, I don't recall when that was.

Q Would it have been within the last nine years?

A It was certainly done in the 1963 master plan, and when we were reviewing the land use element of the master plan about the time of -- the '76 zoning ordinance was prepared, some study could have been made at that time, but I don't recall.

Q Are you aware of any outstanding recommendations that you have made regarding arterial streets which is awaiting action by the municipal governing bodies?

A Well, probably the most significant arterial

1 street recommendation was the proposed development
2 of the Algonquin Parkway, which goes back over 20
3 years. I guess you could assume that it's awaiting
4 municipal action of the governing body and it probably
5 will be awaiting municipal action of the governing
6 body for the next 20 years, because it has been on
7 the master plan since the early '50s.

8 Part of this rather major arterial north-south
9 highway which runs from Columbia Road up to Route 10
10 and beyond has been developed through the processing
11 of certain site plan applications; but it's one of
12 those things that is only going to evolve over a
13 period -- long period of time, because to the best
14 of my knowledge, the township does not intend to
15 build any part of that road. We hope to have it built
16 as development comes in along that property.

17 Q Now, on page two of your report of
18 September 27, 1979, you discuss in the first full
19 sentence on that page the approximately 1,227 acres
20 of the township which is vacant.

21 In whatmanner did you arrive at that figure
22 of 1,227 vacant acrs?

23 A We simply located on the map every parcel of
24 land that had some form of development on that, and
25 those parcels or parts of parcels that did not have

1 development on it, we placed in the vacant land category.

2 Q You indicated that you located every
3 parcel with a structure on it. What was your source
4 for that analysis?

5 A The source was the existing development map
6 we prepared and updated in September of '79.

7 Q Now, in regards to the particular
8 parcel of land which had, say, a structure on it,
9 but was sufficiently large that it had substantial
10 open spaces, and in what category would such a tract
11 be placed in the development on undeveloped [REDACTED]?

12 A I think the map and exhibits will speak
13 themselves. You'll have to take a look at the
14 existing development map which shows how each piece
15 of property is presently being used and then overlay
16 that on the map that shows all of the vacant land.

17 Now, this map which the draftsman hasn't put a
18 title on it yet, but it will be entitled something
19 like vacant land by zone in Hanover Township, shows
20 all of the parcels of land that we have quantified
21 in that table as vacant property. This map is entitled
22 Existing Development, September 1, 1979, and it shows
23 the present use of all of the properties in the Township.

24 Q Let me very briefly ask you one question
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1 before we specifically examine your maps.

2 If my understanding is correct, you have not
3 established a standard for evaluating a particular
4 tract which may have some limited development on it
5 as to what category it would be placed on. It
6 would appear to me that you've done a site specific
7 analysis of parcel by parcel to determine what
8 category you will place it in. Is that correct?

9 A Not exactly. There are vacant lands on this
10 map which also have a structure of some form on it.
11 I refer you to vacant land parcel 93, vacant
12 parcel 94, vacant land parcel 60, parcel 20.
13 There are several others, but this will indicate or
14 illustrate the methodology that was developed in
15 trying to determine which of these lands are vacant.

16 Those four parcels that I've just outlined
17 are acreage parcels, but they have structures on
18 them.

19 Q My question was specifically in those
20 parcels which do have structures, have you set a
21 uniform standard as to the amount of open space
22 required to be -- have that parcel included in the
23 vacant category? In other words, must there be five
24 acres or ten acres or what as to placement of a
25 particular parcel with one or more structures in it

1 in the vacant category because of the sufficient
2 open spaces that go along with that structure?
3 ~~Q~~ I think, as a rule of thumb, what we use
4 ~~was that~~ we would try to set around or set aside
5 land that would be adequate to subdivide a lot out
6 of that vacant parcel that would meet the zone in
7 which it fell and a balance of the property would
8 be classified as vacant land.

9 This can best be illustrated by looking at
10 parcel number 93, which has perhaps between three
11 and five acres. I'm just guessing by looking at
12 this map, and you'll notice that there is a ~~house~~
13 on that house and we have then arbitrarily set enough
14 land aside around that house that would meet the
15 zone classification of the R-25 zone; and the balance
16 of that parcel is then thrown into the vacant land
17 category.

18 If you look at these two maps, the existing
19 development map overlaid on the vacant parcel, you will
20 see that in every instance that has been done.

21 Q All right. Well, let's take a second
22 and go off the record.

23 (Whereupon, there is a discussion off
24 the record.)

25 ("Vacant Land by Zone Map" marked

1 RCH-3 for identification.)

2 Q Why don't you just tell what your other
3 overlays are.

4 A All right. Why don't we take these in the
5 same order as they are.

6 First is the stream overflow. Now, do you
7 want to discuss this or should I --

8 Q I think it would be easier to go through
9 them. The stream overflow is RCH-5. You indicated
10 we could mark that on an obtrusive spot.

11 (Stream overflow map marked RCH-5 for
12 identification.)

13 Q The next sheet is 100 year storm.
14 (100 year storm map marked RCH-6
15 for identification.)

16 A This overlay shows all of the swamp lands.
17 This overlay shows the seasonal highwater table.

18 (Swamp lands overlay and seasonal
19 high water table overlay marked RCH-7 and
20 RCH-8, respectfully, for identification.)

21 A This overlay shows the land that is suitable
22 for construction with basements.

23 (Overlay showing land suitable for
24 construction with basements marked RCH-9 for
25 identification.)

1 A And the last overlay, which was submitted by
2 Louis Goodfriend -- I mean, the information shown
3 ~~on this map~~ is in Louis Goodfriend's report, and
4 ~~this~~ shows the major areas impacted by environmental
5 noise; that is, the noise that results from the traffic
6 on 287 and the Morristown Airport.

7 (Overlay showing major areas impacted
8 by environmental noise marked RCH-10 for
9 identification.)

10 Q Now, Mr. Catlin, we've marked a number
11 of overlays and your report exhibits RCH-2 through
12 RCH-10. Do these materials constitute your work
13 product on behalf of the defendant, Township of
14 Hanover, in this litigation?

15 A Yes. I have another map which we have prepared
16 which is an existing development pattern which shows
17 the various land uses in land use category.

18 (Map showing land uses by land use
19 category marked RCH-4 for identification.)

20 ~~There~~ There are two other maps that were
21 ~~prepared~~ prepared as part of this project. This is an existing
22 development pattern which is another way of showing
23 the same land use as shown on the existing development
24 map.

25 Instead of showing the land use by symbol, it shows

1 the land use pattern by color as is indicated on this
2 legend on the bottom corner of the map.

3 (Existing development map marked RCH-11
4 for identification.)

5 A The last exhibit is the map showing the soils
6 classifications of all lands in the township. It's --
7 the source of information is from the Soils Conservation
8 Service study.

9 Those exhibits through 12 represent all the
10 exhibits that we have prepared as part of this study.

11 (Soils Classification map marked RCH-12
12 for identification.)

13 Q Why don't we discuss these exhibits
14 briefly in order starting with RCH-5, your stream
15 overflow overlay.

16 MR. DORSEY: How about reverse order
17 since he now has them on reverse order on
18 the table?

19 A I don't think so because you can put anyone
20 on the base map first, but you have to put on one
21 at a time.

22 MR. DORSEY: Okay.

23 A All right. This is the stream overflow.

24 Q Now, what I'd like to know about this
25 first is is this exhibit completed as of now?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Could you elaborate briefly on what
3 reports to depict?

4 I believe the report itself, starting on page
5 five, describes each one of these maps and exactly
6 what it depicts and what it means. If you want, I
7 can read what's in this report for the record, but
8 it is pretty much explanatory itself.

9 Q We don't want to burden the record.
10 What is the source for the material as shown on
11 this overlay?

12 A The Soils Conservation survey report.
13 as numbers are concerned, that are reflected in the
14 table of environmental constraints of the 1,227.40
15 acres of vacant land in Hanover Township, there are
16 614.23 acres or over 50 percent fall within the
17 stream overflow category as shown on this exhibit.

18 Q Now, directing your attention to page
19 five of your September 27 report, you do indicate
20 that the frequent stream overflow map is intended to
21 show those areas that are likely to flood and/or
22 pond with a given frequency. What frequency are
23 we talking about?

24 A Well, as far as the Soils Conservation Service
25 is concerned, if the category is frequent stream overflow

1 which this map depicts, they indicate that flooding
2 is likely more than once in two years.

3 That doesn't mean you have to wait on an average
4 of two years for each one of these parcels to flood.
5 Some may be flooded, you know, much more frequent
6 than that, but presumably, all of these parcels are
7 flooded more than once in two years.

8 Q Have you done any field investigation
9 to verify the flooding frequencies as detailed by
10 the Soils Conservation survey data which you utilized?

11 A We have not made any field examinations, but
12 I understand that Converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon
13 actually taken tests, field tests of a number of these
14 various parcels; and I understand that Killam
15 Associates has also made studies to verify the accuracy
16 of what the Soils Conservation Maps show.

17 Q Now, I show you this document which is
18 entitled Soils Survey of Morris County, New Jersey.
19 Is that the data source that you're referring to for
20 this stream overflow?

21 A Yes. This, and we also referred to the one
22 that was put out just prior to this one, but the
23 information is basically the same.

24 (Document entitled Soil Survey of
25 Morris County, New Jersey marked RCH-13 for identi-

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1 fication.)

2 Q This was issued in August of 1976;

3 is that correct?

4 A This particular book was, yes.

5 Q Do you recall the date of issue of
6 the prior one which you referred to?

7 A This has a date of October '74. I believe the
8 '76 document is merely a refinement of the '74, but
9 as I say, the information is 99 percent the same
10 on all documents.

11 Q Now, is it your position, Mr. Catlin,
12 that the lands which are within the yellow colored
13 areas of RCH-5 are so constrained as to be inappropriate
14 for residential development?

15 A I believe they should not be developed unless
16 something is done to alleviate the problem that you
17 find with the soils that are -- fall within this
18 category. It is physically possible to develop
19 any kind of land if you want to spend enough money

20 to do so.

21 These problems or these soils, these lands
22 that have this soil characteristic certainly can be
23 developed as is anything, but there are problems
24 that are inherent with this category that is going to
25 result in some real development costs.

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Q What problems would you envision occurring should development go forward without mitigating factors in these properties on these properties?

Well, there's going to be problems with putting in infra-structure, putting in impervious materials such as parking lots and streets, the construction of buildings themselves without doing something with that soil. I believe this is best illustrated in the converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon report which indicate that you could build log houses on this property, but to do so can result in some tremendous problems in the future unless that soil is dug out and replaced with some compacted fill that is not going to result in these problems.

I'm now talking about just the physical construction problems. You also have the environmental problem of some of this land, much of this land as shown in this exhibit acting as natural retention basins for watersheds that go way beyond Hanover Township; and if you do alleviate the problems of construction, the physical problems of building impervious material and homes and so forth by mucking out the bad soil and bring in new soil, you are reducing some of the natural retention basins that may result in potential problems downstream.

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1 Q Well, then what are the mitigating
2 measures that you would recommend as appropriate for
3 reducing or eliminating the environmental concerns
4 you have just outlined as far as development in these
5 areas?

6 A I believe the best solution to much of this
7 problem is to prohibit any kind of development, and
8 a lot of the soil and acquire some of these properties,
9 particularly this very large area in the northwestern
10 quadrant where it abuts Parsippany-Troy Hills and
11 to some kind of a natural conservation reserve; because
12 as you see, when we go to some of the subsequent
13 overlays, this particular area which is many, many
14 acres is impacted not only with stream overflow soils,
15 but impacted with all of the other environmental
16 constraints.

17 I think to a certain extent you find the
18 same problem over in the eastern section of the township
19 around the Morristown Airport where that land is
20 not only stream overflow impacted but has a high
21 water table. It's swampy. It's mucky. It's a
22 natural retention basin and so forth, and I think
23 that much of that land should also be acquired perhaps
24 through Green Acres or conservation areas.

25 Q Now, in addressing the two specific

1 parcels which you have just mentioned, the one in
2 the northwest corner abutting the Township of Par-
3 ~~shippany~~ Troy Hills, what water course traverses
4 that tract of land?

5 A The name -- that is not on this map, so I'll
6 have to refer to some other information.

7 That water course as referred to as Malpardis
8 Brook. This is Malpardis Brook and what we're
9 talking about is the area shown on the base map,
10 including parcel 75 through 79. I'm sorry. It's
11 basically parcel 78 through 83, and that is approximately
12 290 acres, and the brook that traverses that
13 is Malpardis Brook.

14 Q What is the present zoning applicable
15 to that tract?

16 A Present zoning is office building and research
17 laboratory.

18 Q Are there any development controls
19 which would be consistent with the environmental
20 protection needs that you have previously outlined
21 applicable to the tract?

22 A Well, again, the development controls would
23 be that they must comply with all the provisions of
24 the land use ordinance; and also, I believe that
25 this parcel of land is also -- much of it is within the

1 flood plain as regulated by the flood plain ordinance.

2 Q Have you performed any study or
3 analysis of what the environmental impacts would
4 be of a development at this location consistent
5 with all the zoning and land use controls and
6 what the consequences of such a development would
7 be?

8 A We have not, but I understand that Mr.
9 Salzman from Killam Associates has, and I believe
10 that -- Mr. Platt from Killam Associates and
11 Mr. Salzman from Converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon
12 have addressed that problem in their report.

13 We have not made any kind of study as to
14 what development problems would occur other than
15 recognizing, as I said before, that this land is
16 impacted with just about every kind of an environmental
17 problem that you can imagine.

18 Q Now, in regards to the other large
19 tract of vacant land impacted by the overflow soils,
20 which I believe you indicated was in the southeast
21 portion of the township adjacent to the Morristown
22 Airport, could you identify that by the tract number
23 system which you have previously discussed?

24 A This land consists mainly of parcels 46 through
25 56 and parcels 122, 123 and 58.

1 Q And is there a particular water course
2 which traverses those lands?

3 A Well, some of this land abuts the Black Brook,
4 and also the Whippany River runs through some of this
5 property at the northerly end.

6 Q Now, what is the current zoning applicable
7 to those parcels?

8 A All of that land with very few exception
9 is either in the industrial zone or the industrial
10 park zone. The exception being the land running
11 along Route 10, which is an industrial busin[redacted]
12 zone in a very small part in the OBRL zone.

13 Q Are you aware of the maximum square
14 footage of buildings that can be constructed in these
15 industrial zones under the current zoning ordinance?

16 A You mean the maximum -- maximum size building by
17 regulation or that you could physically construct?

18 A The regulalation. What land use limitations
19 there are as to the density of buildings and other
20 pervious surfaces that could be placed on those

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22 A The maximum at the present time is 30 percent
23 floor area ratio.

24 The Planning Board at the present time is
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1 considering an amendment to the zoning ordinance
2 which indicates that there must be an open space
3 left on the property after full development that
4 would vary between 30 and 35 percent, that would
5 include lands that could not be covered by building,
6 parking lot, sidewalks or any other impervious
7 material.

8 Q Now, have you performed any analysis
9 or study of the environmental impacts which would
10 occur were these lands to be developed at the maximum
11 densities that we've just discussed?

12 A We have not attempted to quantify what the
13 impact would be on the environmental, either on the
14 site or downstream, other than to recognize that
15 this land is environmentally impacted with several
16 of these constraints.

17 Again, I think that Killam Associates and
18 Converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon have addressed that
19 problem in their reports.

20 Q I believe the next exhibit overlay is
21 the 100 storm overlay; is that correct, RCH-6?
22 Am I correct in saying that RCH-6 depicts, through
23 use of a blue coloring, those areas in the municipality
24 which come within the 100 year storm elevations?

25 A That's correct.

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Q And is this exhibit complete as of now?

A As far as I'm concerned it is.

Q What way the source for delineations as depicted on this overlay?

A This was the map that was provided by the Township engineer.

Q Now, on page five of your report the statement appears, and I quote:

"Development of any structure for any use within this zone should be prohibited."

Is that the position as adopted by the municipality

A I'm not sure. Again, as I told you earlier, I have not examined the flood plain ordinance. I'm not sure if they prohibit development within the area shown on this map, or if they regulate it, it's possible that if it's regulated by requiring that anyone that wants to develop this property to do something with the land to raise the elevation of any structure one foot above the 100 year storm level, but I just don't know.

Q Could you briefly elaborate on the basis for your recommendation on a total prohibition of any structural development?

1 A This land, as I mentioned also before, is land
2 that has soils and it's located in areas that act as
3 natural retention areas, natural retention basins;
4 and again, it is possible to muck out the soil and
5 replace it with compacted fill to comply with the
6 provisions that would minimize danger to public health
7 and so forth, and safety on the site; but by doing
8 so, you're filling in natural retention basins in
9 water shed areas. That, I believe, would be best
10 left undeveloped and that's why I believe the proposal
11 to acquire some of the very environmentally sensitive
12 areas for natural resource areas on the master plan
13 makes a lot of sense.

14 Q To your knowledge, has the municipality
15 adopted or implemented any type of a program to
16 acquire these areas as you have recommended?

17 A Well, they certainly have acquired property
18 that we have recommended through the years as being
19 acquired for public open spaces, yes.

20 I don't believe they have started any kind of
21 program for acquiring these areas because this information
22 has only been recently developed; but it will be a
23 proposal in the master plan that's presently under
24 consideration.

25 Q Now, your recommendation as to a total

1 prohibition on construction within 100 year storm
2 elevation, are you aware of any other governmental
3 agency which has responsibilities for flood protection
4 which has similarly adopted a recommendation against
5 any development within these areas?

6 A I think there are a number of municipalities
7 which have adopted regulations that prohibit development
8 within certain parts of those flood plain areas.
9 I don't know of any municipality that has an outright
10 prohibition for development within entire limits
11 of the flood plain areas.

12 Q Are you aware of any State Department
13 of Environmental Protection regulation on this
14 subject?

15 A They certainly regulate development within
16 those flood plains.

17 Q As opposed to prohibit it?

18 A Part of it is prohibited and part of it on
19 the fringe is regulated. Anything that falls within
20 the floodway of that 100 year storm, I understand
21 development is prohibited. Anything within the
22 fringe of the 100 year storm is regulated.

23 I'm really not sure how much of this you see
24 on this overlay is within the floodway and how much
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1 is within the fringe, because it's all one category
2 and this is the information given to us by the
3 Township engineer.

4 Q Are you aware of any other mitigating
5 measures which a developer can implement as part
6 of this development to retain flood water retention
7 levels to the same degree as would have been available
8 had the premises been left vacant?

9 A They can build retention basins, but to a
10 great extent, much of this is already a natural
11 retention basin for much larger area.

12 Q Now, I believe your next exhibit
13 RCH-7, an excessive slope and swamp land overlay,

14 Now, I believe RCH-7 depicts excessive slope
15 with a purple coloration and swamp lands with a brown
16 color; is that correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Is this exhibit complete?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What were the data sources for the
21 two delineations which appear on this exhibit?

22 A This information was taken from the topographic
23 map prepared -- for the Township by the aerial
24 photograph method.

25 The 15 percent or greater category was
computed by our office and the swamp lands were taken

1 from the map, topo map of the township which shows
2 these areas as being swamp lands.

3 Q Now, you indicated that aerial photographs
4 had been prepared for the municipality. Do you know
5 the date of that aerial survey?

6 A I'm not sure, but I think it was soemtime
7 in -- the '60s. I just don't know the exact date.

8 Q Do you know who performed that aerial
9 survey?

10 A No. If that information is important, I can
11 tellyou in three minutes by looking at the map in the
12 drafting room.

13 Q Possibly during a break we'll take a
14 look at it. It wouldn't be worth it to do it now.
15 Thank you anyway.

16 In regards to, I believe, your report of
17 September 27 indicates 20.36 acres of vacant land
18 subject to excessive slope constraint which you have
19 delineated on this overlay; is that correct?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q Do any of those areas fall on parcels
22 of land which are so impacted as to your mind lose
23 their ability to be developed for residential purposes?

24 A Well, the areas themselves are relatively
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2 small and I think you could probably devise a plan
3 for the development of any vacant land, whether it's
4 residential or nonresidential, that would accommodate
5 these vacant lands so that the land would not have
6 to be disturbed. In other words, what I'm saying
7 is that all of these 20 acres should be and could
8 be left in its natural site and still developed in
9 most instances a balance of vacant land that are
10 impacted by these.

11 Q On my examination of your overlay
12 it would appear that one particular parcel, which
13 is numbered 41, would seem to be substantially
14 encompassed within this excessive slope category.

15 A Yes. It looks like perhaps 50 percent of it
16 would be impacted by that.

17 Q One thing that I haven't figured out.
18 I probably should have asked this question previously.
19 What was the numbering system that you used? How
20 was it that the various parcels are numbered as they
21 appear on your base map?

22 A These numbers are, as I mentioned before,
23 only for identification and I simply started at the
24 top of the map and gave each vacant parcel a number.
25 There's no other significance to that numbering

1 system other than to identify it.

2 Q Now, the parcel 41, what is the present
3 zoning applicable to that property?

4 A That's in the business zone.

5 Q Are there any land use controls applicable
6 to that property which would limit or in another
7 way regulate the development, the business use of
8 that part of the tract which is subject to excessive
9 slopes?

10 A As far as I know, there is no environmental
11 impact statement required as is required in so many
12 municipalities; but the one control that would regulate
13 that would be the processing of an application pursuant
14 to the land use ordinance, and that would have to be
15 detailed engineering submitted to the planning board
16 to indicate that the development of that would not
17 run -- run into a problem of storm drainage runoff
18 and also access, building any kind of road across
19 that slope would be looked at very carefully.

20 As a practical matter, there would be no
21 need nor desire on the part of the applicant as far
22 as I can see for running such a road, because this
23 property abuts the property owned by the Board of
24 Education and you would not have to build a road
25 across this property to get to the school property.

1 Q Now, in regard to adverse environmental
2 consequences which would occur as a result of a develop-
3 ment on that property, I believe you mentioned storm
4 damage problems. Would you foresee any other adverse
5 environmental impacts from the development of those
6 sloped lands?

7 A That seems to be so far the only environmental
8 impact that affects that parcel 41; that is, the
9 excessive slopes of about 50 percent of the land.

10 Q Now, in addition to parcel 41, I believe
11 parcel 115 seems to be substantially impaired with
12 your excessive slope designation also; is that correct?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q What is the present zoning applicable
15 to that piece of property?

16 A That's in an R-15 zone. That particular
17 property is a very narrow sliver of land that abuts
18 a proposed Route 24.

19 Q Can you give us an approximate estimation
20 of the acreage located at parcel 115?

21 A This is 600 scale. I think it would average
22 100 foot in width and perhaps 700 feet in length.
23 That's 70,000 square feet and that's less than
24 two acres. Approximately 1.6 acres, very roughly.

25 Q Now, pursuant to the present zoning,

1 what type of residential development could take place
2 on that land?

3 A That is zoned for single-family detached
4 homes requiring a minimum lot size of 15,000 square
5 feet.

6 Q And what controls are incorporated
7 in the land use ordinances of the municipality
8 which relate to the excessive slopes designation
9 which you have delineated pertaining to that land
10 in regards to development, which could take place
11 under the zoning ordinance?

12 A To the best of my knowledge, there is no controls
13 per se that regulate land over a certain slope.

14 There are general provisions in the ordinance
15 that indicate that the development of the land will
16 only be permitted after the applicant can show
17 that he complies with all the minimum required provisions,
18 and that the development of the land is not going to
19 result in an adverse impact on the surrounding
20 property.

21 Q Now, if development did take place
22 on that land, would you envision any adverse environmental
23 consequences occurring as a result of such a
24 development?

25 A Well, if you look at the geometry of the

1 property, the only access it has is off from approxi-
2 mately 400 feet of frontage on Horse Hill Road, and
3 it would probably be developed into two or three
4 building lots that would front on Horse Hill Road;
5 so that other than the location of a house, a
6 single-family detached house on, let's say three
7 lots, the land would not have to be disturbed by
8 running in roads or other site improvements.

9 If we're talking about some form of development,
10 residential development other than single-family
11 detached, which is permitted in R-15 zone, it would
12 be extremely difficult to develop that land; 
13 again, if you try to run in any kind of access road
14 on the property, the property is so shallow
15 that you'd take up most of the property with
16 improvements.

17 Q Well, discounting access problems, as
18 far as the construction of dwelling units, you don't
19 foresee any adverse environmental impacts then?

20 A Only disturbing a slope that has over 15
21 percent.

22 Q Which results in what?

23 A Which results in then destroying natural
24 water retention.

25 There are trees on that property that now

1 absorb a lot of the runoff, and the minute you go in
2 and disturb any part of that land, even for the
3 construction of a single family home, is going to result
4 in some serious storm water runoff problems.

5 Q Now, I believe there's at least one
6 other parcel which appears to be substantially impacted
7 by excessive slopes, which would be an adjoining
8 tract labeled 116; is that correct?

9 A That's correct. This property is also abutting
10 and coincidental to the proposed Route 24.

11 My records indicate that this is a land-locked
12 piece of property with no access other than the
13 which abuts Route 24, unless the owner of Lot 15
14 also owns Lot 16. I don't know that.

15 Q Now, what is the present zoning applicable
16 to that particular piece of property?

17 A That's in an industrial zone. These parcels
18 we're talking about, 116 and 115, are really left
19 over parcels after the Route 24 right-of-way was
20 acquired. For all I know, that property may be
21 owned by that highway department.

22 Q Your vacant land, I believe that is
23 colored vacant is not limited to privately owned
24 then?

25 A No. This is every parcel of land, whether

1 it's private ownership or public ownership.

2 Q Now, as regards parcel 116, what is the
3 maximum density development that could take place
4 on that land?

5 A This is in an industrial zone which is presently
6 regulated by a maximum 30 percent floor area ratio.

7 Q And what environmental consequences
8 would you envision for this parcel to be developed
9 at the maximum density permitted under the present
10 zoning ordinance?

11 A The same environmental consequences as were
12 discussed on 115, that it appears as if, other than
13 the question or problem of access which I've outlined,
14 is that of excessive slope; and again, the property
15 is relatively small in-area.

16 If there is access, either through abutting
17 lot 115 or perhaps 117, you would have a problem of
18 disturbing the natural environment, the natural ground
19 cover and vegetation on that steep slope.

20 Q Now, you mentioned that was a relatively
21 small tract of land. Could you give us a rough
22 estimate of the size of parcel 116?

23 A I believe that's about three and a half
24 acres.

25 Q Upon the construction of New Jersey Highway

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24, would the access problem to that property be possibly eliminated?

A You mean would Route 24 provide access to the property?

Q That's correct.

A I don't believe so. I understand that that has limited access through that area. There will be a proposed interchange where Route 24 will intersect 287. I'm not sure if there's an interchange at Horse Hill Road, but it doesn't appear as if there will be any access to that parcel from Route 24.

If you look at this map, you will see that all the other parcels of property in that area back on to that highway and there's no access provided.

Q Now, the other environmental category depicted on RCH-7 is swamp lands, and your report indicates that they comprise 298 acres: is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q In what manner was this acreage so delineated?

A This was simply taken off from the arterial

1 topographic maps prepared by the Township.

2 Q Was any field verification work done?

3 A By my office?

4 Q By your office.

5 A None by my office, but there was verification
6 made by Mr. Salzman in his report.

7 Q Now, in regards to where these areas
8 are located, would it be accurate to say that the
9 main tracts of land so impacted are the large
10 200-plus acre tract at the northwest corner which
11 we discussed previously at some length in regards to
12 the stream overflow problems and also the tracts
13 of land in and about the Morristown Airport?

14 A That certainly takes up the bulk of the
15 swamp land category.

16 There is another small area along Stoneybrook
17 that runs through the large vacant parcel abutting
18 Route 10 and the railroad.

19 Q The parcel which you have just identified
20 I believe is noted on your base map as parcel 34?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Do you know the acreage involved at
23 that location?

24 A Parcel 34?

25 Q That's correct.

1 A Again, I can estimate it very roughly by
2 scaling it.

3 It's such an ordinary shape. If it was
4 rectangular, I could tell you almost exactly what
5 it is. I would guess, and it's strictly a guess on
6 my part without actually putting a pelimeter on that,
7 that it would be in the neighborhood of 50 acres.

8 Q And out of those 50 acres, would it be
9 fair to say that not more than 30 percent are
10 impacted by the environmental constraints you have
11 so far delineated; the stream overflow, the 100 year
12 flood area, the swamplands and excessive slope?

13 A I believe that's a reasonable approximation.

14 Q Now, pursuant to the current zoning
15 ordinance, what type of development is allowed on
16 tract 34?

17 A That's in an R-25 zone?

18 Q And that would be single-family residence
19 on 25,000 square foot lots?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Are there any provisions in addition
22 to the flood plain ordinance which control or otherwise
23 regulate the development that could take place in that
24 area?

25 A Again, the only local controls I'm aware of

1 as a flood plain ordinance and the land use ordinance.
2 I believe those are the limitations.

3 Q Now, would you envision any unusual
4 environmental problems occurring were that tract of
5 land developed in a manner clustering residential
6 development outside of those environmentally sensitive
7 areas as substantial densities?

8 A Well, there is a problem of access there.
9 Route 10 is a divided highway. There is frontage
10 on Route 10. You would only be able to get into
11 that property in the westerly direction.

12 It's my understanding that that property is owned
13 by the Paper Mills. Much of it is presently being
14 used as a sanitary landfill.

15 Q Okay. As far as environmental impacts
16 in addition to potential access problems, would you
17 foresee any other adverse consequences of a high
18 density residential development which respected your
19 environmental delineations and left those as open
20 spaces?

21 A As far as we have gone so far, I would see
22 no other environmental impacts as it is shown in
23 these Soils Conservation Services environmental
24 studies; but again, if that property is used for a
25 sledge deposit or sanitary landfill for the paper

1 mills and so forth, there may be tremendous environmental
2 problems that wouldn't show up on the kind of studies
3 we're making here.

4 That would require detailed on-site inspection
5 to see what, if anything, is happening on that property
6 that would impact that soil and so forth.

7 Q Are you aware of the existence of any
8 such studies?

9 A Again, I think if there have been any made,
10 it may possibly show up in Salzman's report or
11 Fletcher Platt's report. We have not made an on-site
12 studies.

13 Q I believe your next overlay is your
14 seasonal high water table.

15 Now, RCH-8 is an overlay which I believe de-
16 lineates those areas with a high water table at
17 two and a half feet, or less below the surface by a
18 green coloration; is that correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q And in what manner was this delineation
21 done?

22 A This was made by taking the Soils Conservation
23 Service soils' classifications and taking the information
24 out of the Soils Conservation Report and these soils
25 that you see in the green shaded area here fall within

1 that category of having a seasonal high water table
2 within two and a half feet of the surface of the
3 ground.

4 Q And did you perform any field investigation
5 to verify the Soils Conservation data?

6 A I did not, but Mr. Salzman did.

7 Q Now, in regards to those areas so impacted
8 as delineated on this exhibit, would it be accurate
9 to say that the large 200-plus acre tract then at
10 the northwest corner of the municipality abutting
11 the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, and again,
12 the industrial zones in the southeastern portion of
13 the municipality abutting the Morristown Airport,
14 are major areas so impacted as you've delineated
15 and we've discussed before in regards to the other
16 environmental constraints in your other exhibits?

17 A Those are the two major areas, but there are
18 several other areas throughout the township that are
19 also impacted with this high water table.

20 Q Now, in regards to development limitations
21 which a property is impacted with as a result of high
22 water, what are the main concerns that these cause
23 as far as you're concerned for the development of a
24 property?

25 A Well, I think the main concerns are the same things

1 that I mentioned earlier; and that is, you have problems
2 of development infra-structure.

3 Many times infiltration of sanitary sewer
4 lines with water table or water from the highwater
5 table. You also have the problem in a number of
6 instances, and I think it would best be illustrated
7 by this area that we're talking about, OBRL zone,
8 where these areas are natural retention areas; and
9 again, as I mentioned before, you can muck out this
10 soil and physically develop it; but by done so you're
11 reducing the natural retention basins and retention
12 areas. Physically, as I said before, you can
13 develop all of this land if you want to spend enough
14 money to do so. But there are problems that are going
15 to result in developing this property.

16 I believe Mr. Salzman in his report points this
17 out very pointedly where he indicates that this land
18 can be developed if you want to spend enough money
19 to put it in shape to develop it; but from a practical
20 standpoint, it's questionable. From a physical
21 standpoint, it's possible to develop it.

22 Q Now, in respect to certain other areas
23 of vacant land which are delineated as impacted with
24 high water table. I believe there's a tract at the
25 very northern tip of the municipality which encompasses

1 the parcels numbered 1 through 6, which you have
2 delineated on your base map; is that correct?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q What is the current zoning applicable
5 to those vacant lands?

6 A Much of it is in the R-40 zone, which is a
7 single-family detached residential zone requiring a
8 minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet. Some of
9 it is in the industrial park zone, which is that
10 land lying closer to Interstate 287.

11 Q Now, in regards to the parcels, I believe
12 it would be three through 6 which are in the R-40
13 zone, are there any municipal land use controls
14 regarding the development of these lands in relation
15 to the environmental concerns you have expressed
16 pertaining to the high water table?

17 A No. I believe the only one would be the land
18 use ordinance. I don't believe that that land is
19 impacted in any other way other than on a stream
20 overflow, which would indicate that the soil makeup
21 is such that it has subsurface problems.

22 Q But as regarding the high water table,
23 the municipality would not require a developer to
24 take any mitigating steps in regards to the development
25 pursuant to the current zoning ordinance; is that correct?

1 A Well. it depends upon what he's proposing to do
2 there. If he plans on building structures, single-
3 family detached structures that are going to have
4 full basements, I'm sure that the Planning Board
5 and the construction official would want to be
6 informed as to how he would intend to solve that
7 potential problem of building where water tables
8 that sometimes within two and a half feet of the
9 ground.

10 Q So the elimination of basements would be
11 one mitigating measure that would reduce the potential
12 problems as a result of this high water table condition?

13 A If that was the only problem. Yousee, there's
14 high water tables in all kinds of soils. If that
15 has a high water table and the soil has no other
16 problems for development, then I would think that
17 that would certainly minimize a problem by building
18 on a slab. Whether or not the soil characteristics
19 are such that you could put a slab on that property,
20 I don't know. This would depend upon you know, on
21 the detailed soil studies.

22 Q One other fact which appears to have
23 some substantial high water table delineation is
24 I believe, site 36.

25 A That s correct.

1 Q What is the current zoning at that
2 location?

3 A That s in a designed shopping center district.

4 Q And what type of development can take
5 place in that zone?

6 A A shopping center.

7 Q With what density of impervious and
8 coverage and buildings. if you know?

9 A I don't know. I'm not sure that there is a
10 floor area ratio. I'm sure there is one in the
11 industrial zone, but I don't know that there is a
12 limitation on the size of the structure that goes in
13 there.

14 Q So conceivably, all vacant land could
15 be covered up either with buildings or --

16 A No. becasue there are certain setback requirements
17 and buffer strips that are required, even though
18 there is no regulation as far as the maximum floor
19 area ratio is concerned.

20 Q To your knowledge, would such setback
21 and-buffer requirements limit the coverage to less
22 than say 30 percent or --

23 A I don't know what that would be. The only way
24 to quantify that would be to take the zone and look
25 at all of the various cross-reference requirements and

1 theoretically try to compute what that number would
2 be, but I don't have any idea.

3 As you know, that property is traversed by a
4 zone district boundary line that separates the
5 designed shopping center zone from the R-15 zone
6 and there very well could be restrictions that would
7 prohibit any kind of development within a certain
8 distance from that zone district boundary line
9 but I just can't give you that answer without making
10 an analysis.

11 Q One other substantial tract of land
12 which appears to be delineated with your high water
13 table is in the southwestern corner and encompassing,
14 I believe, properties 111 through 114: is that correct?

15 A Correct.

16 Q What are the zoning provisions applicable
17 to those properties?

18 A Much of that land is in an industrial zone.
19 There is a corner of the tract which includes parcel
20 112 that is in an R-15 zone, residential zone.

21 Q And in regards to, I guess it would be
22 parcels 111, 13 and 14, those are found in the
23 industrial zone?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And they are subject to what development

1 limitations in respect to high water table, if any?

2 A There's no mention made of a high water table
3 per se in the land use ordinance. They would be
4 subject to all of the restrictions of the land use
5 ordinance as far as -- maximum coverage, the required
6 parking access, traffic, all of these other land
7 use controls; but nothing in that ordinance refers
8 to water table.

9 Q So to your knowledge, there wouldn't
10 be any provision in the municipal land use controls
11 prescribing development over those lands which are
12 subject to high water table: is that right?

13 A Not high water table per se, but as you can
14 see on some of the previous impacts that land is
15 impacted with other environmental constraints. Some
16 of that land has a stream overflow. Some of it --
17 much of it is within a 100 year storm and much of it
18 has a high water table.

19 If you're just taking a high water table
20 by itself, again, there's nothing that would per
21 se regulate that particular factor. It would be
22 regulated by looking at some of these other things,
23 perhaps in the flood plain ordinance. Much of that
24 land is in the flood plain.

25 Q One other parcel I would direct your

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attention to would be 119. That also appears to have a portion of its land area delineated as high water table area; is that correct?

A ... Correct.

Q And that is also found within the industrial zone?

A Correct.

Q Are there any other environmental constraints applicable to property 119 to your knowledge?

A None that I have found from the Soils Conservation study up to this point. I don't know whether the next overlays are going to show anything or not up to this point. I don't know of anything else that comes out of that Soils Conservation study.

Q What other overlays do we have to go? My records reflect we've got a basement suitability.

A That's correct.

Q So discounting for the moment any concern for suitability of this land for development which would encompass basements, you wouldn't foresee at this time based upon the analysis you performed, any other environmental constraints on the development of tract 119 beyond the high water table that you've delineated?

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1 A None that I have seen so far. That's right,
2 sir.

3 **EMM** Is it also correct that pursuant to
4 ~~the present~~ zoning, there is no prohibition on the
5 development of that tract as regards to leaving
6 those areas impacted by high water table, prescribing
7 development on those? The present zoning ordinance
8 is not prescribed development in this area impacted
9 by high water table; is that correct?

10 A When you say prescribed development, what do
11 you mean?

12 Q Prohibited.

13 A Oh. Is there anything in the ordinance that
14 would prohibit that land from being developed?

15 Q That's correct.

16 A Not that I know of.

17 Q Now, would it be possible to develop
18 this property for say high density residential
19 development in such a fashion to cluster the development
20 ~~outside~~ of the areas impacted by high water table and
21 ~~leave~~ these areas as open spaces?

22 A Physically, you can do anything on that land.
23 That's not impacted by high water table, but again,
24 if we're only looking at the environmental constraints
25 that we have attempted to quantify, my records indicate

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that that is vacant land in an industrial zone that has no environmental impact that we have attempted to quantify other than a high water table.

Q Now, would it be more consistent with the environmental protection goals that you have outlined to develop that in a cluster manner away from the high water table impacted areas than developing it in such a fashion that those areas were built upon?

A Cluster for what?

Q Cluster -- would it matter as consistency with the environmental protection

A Sure, it would matter if it's in an industrial area. I don't think it should be developed for anything other than industrial use. If you want to cluster the industrial use, by all means I think it makes a lot of sense from a planning standpoint to try to locate the industrial operation away from those areas that are impacted by any kind of environmental constraints.

Q Are there industries presently operating in the adjacent properties to tract 119?

A Oh, yes.

Q And do you know what type of operations are located at those sites?

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1 A Well, there are a number of industrial areas
2 there, and I think directly across the street is
3 ~~the large~~ Mennen plant, but in the township itself
4 there is an industrial plant both on either side of
5 this property. There is an industrial office laboratory
6 on the corner of Horse Hill Road and Hanover Avenue.

7 In fact, all along Horse Hill Road as you would
8 go north from Hanover Avenue, there are all industrial
9 and office research laboratory plants as is along
10 this industrial park that runs north of the property and
11 abuts this property we're talking about; so ~~this~~
12 particular area, this tract, 119, is completely ~~de-~~
13 scribed by either the Interstate highway or existing
14 developed industrial parcels, not only in Hanover
15 Township but also in the Township of Morris.

16 Q Now, in regards to those adjacent
17 industrial uses, what public health and safety con-
18 siderations do you view as significant in not developing
19 that tract for residential purposes?

20 ~~I~~ am not sure I understand your question.

21 ~~I~~ You seem to indicate that it would be
22 incompatible use to develop tract 119 for residential
23 purposes.

24 A Yes.

25 Q What are your reasons for that opinion?

1 A The proximity -- the use in the neighborhood.
2 It would be like developing a hole in the donut for
3 residential and the meat of the donut for industry.

4 Q What would be the public health and
5 safety interests that you would see adversely affected
6 by such an inconsistent development?

7 A I don't think it's a very attractive natural
8 environment for residential development, even low
9 or least cost housing. I don't think you necessarily
10 want to take all of your vacant land that's completely
11 circumscribed by industrial development and put your
12 least cost housing in there. Just because p
13 don't have as much money as they would like to have,
14 doesn't mean that they shouldn't have an attractive
15 place to live and you don't stick them in an industrial
16 area.

17 MR. ONSDORFF: Okay. Thank you. We'll
18 take our lunch break here.

19 (Deposition proceedings resume after
20 luncheon recess.)
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23 G A R Y S. S A L Z M A N,

24 91 Roseland Avenue. P.O. Box 91, Caldwell,

25 New Jersey, having been duly sworn by the reporter.

1 testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR ONSDORFF:

3 Q Mr. Salzman, I'm Mr. Onsdorff, counsel
4 for the plaintiffs in the litigation in the Morris
5 County Fair Housing Counsel versus the 26 municipalities
6 in the County which are subject to this suit, and presently
7 we're going to focus on Hanover Township. I'm going
8 to ask you a series of questions and endeavor to produce
9 a record here which may be used in later stages of
10 this litigation; and if I ask any question which you
11 don't understand, please let me know and I'll endeavor
12 to clarify it. If your counsel for the township
13 poses an objection, please withhold your answer until
14 that objection is resolved. Is that okay?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Have you ever been deposed before in
17 litigation situations?

18 A Yes.

19 Q I show you this document and ask if
20 you can identify it.

21 A Yes. It is my professional resume as prepared
22 by Converse, Ward, Davis & Dixon. It is slightly
23 out of date. It indicates my title as Principal
24 engineer. My title is now vice-president, and there
25 are other projects which would tend to be appropriate

1 for addition to my experience list, such as increase
2 in the Federal Dam Safety Inspection Program to the
3 State of Connecticut, the Exxon research and engineering
4 facility in Clinton, New Jersey, a high dam in
5 San Carlos, Arizona and other projects.

6 Q Okay. Why don't we just have this marked
7 as GSH-1 for identification.

8 A I'm sorry. There's another item that does
9 show up on the newer resume, and that is after hours
10 I put on my other hat as chairman of the Randolph
11 Township Municipal Utilities Authority at a salary
12 of \$1 a year.

13 Q Would you be in a position to have a
14 copy of an updated resume to simplify matters?

15 (Mr. Salzman's resume marked GSH-1
16 for identification.)

17 Q Now, on your resume which we just
18 marked as GSH-1, it indicates that you received a
19 civil engineering degree from the Cooper Union in
20 1948. Is that correct?

21 Yes

22 Q What areas of academic discipline were
23 incorporated in this degree program?

24 A The program included mathematics, the basics
25 of the science of physics and chemistry, a full humanities

1 program, physical education, structural engineer,
2 fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, highways, hydraulics,
3 soils engineering, photogrametry; and I'm certain
4 there were other courses, but it's been many, many
5 years now and I don't specifically recollect them
6 all. Geology is one.

7 Q In regards to this soil engineering,
8 what specifically did this encompass?

9 A Well, the textbook used was authored by Taylor
10 and it was a basic soil mechanics and foundation
11 engineering text course where there was five class
12 hours per week of program covering the physical
13 properties of soil, testing, evaluation of soil
14 properties and foundation systems, laboratory was
15 part of that program.

16 Q Now, subsequent to graduation from
17 Cooper Union you pursued a number of graduate programs,
18 apparently specializing in soil; is that correct?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Could you elaborate briefly on the
21 nature of these graduate studies?

22 A I received a Master of Science degree from
23 the University of Illinois in 1959, studying under
24 Dr. Ralph Peck and having attended a lecture by
25 Carl Ticksogney (phonetic), who is known as the founder

1 of the field of mechanics. My course work at that
2 time included fundamental soil mechanics, once more
3 ~~engineering~~, geology as taught by Dr. Dere, who was
4 one of the most eminent rock mechanic specialists
5 in the United States. It included hydrology from
6 Dr. Chow, who was one of the most eminent hydraulic
7 engineers in the United States, if not the world.
8 It included a series of courses in advanced soil
9 mechanics from Dr. Peck, including retaining structures,
10 deep foundations and many other courses of that nature.

11 There was also an aerial traffic terms ~~given~~
12 given and there was a highway soils course given ~~at~~
13 I believe at that time I also took a course in
14 public health engineering.

15 The other course work -- if I may borrow this
16 for a second -- and other programs included post
17 graduate studies of soil mechanics and foundations
18 at Columbia University studying under Dr. Donald
19 Burmister, which dealt primarily with the properties
20 ~~of~~ soils; studies at Newark College of
21 ~~Engineering~~. There was Raamot, Raamot which were
22 involved primarily in theoretical, sheer strengths
23 and plastic materials.

24 There was post graduate studies in hydrology
25 and hydraulics at Rutgers Univerisyt. Several courses

1 taught by Dr. Al Pagan (phonetic) who was one of the
2 leading experts in the State on hydrology and hydraulics,
3 and then courses in soil erosion and sediment control
4 at the University of Wisconsin and at Rutgers University.

5 There were other miscellaneous seminars and
6 programs of continuing education which I have not
7 listed.

8 Q Now, it indicates that you received
9 your master's degree in 1959 and pursued subsequent
10 post graduate studies. Was this in a doctorate program
11 that you were pursuing these subsequent unive
12 studies?

13 A No, they were not. They were courses that
14 where I wished to receive additional knowledge
15 pertaining to certain areas, and so I did. They were
16 not part of a doctoral program.

17 Q Subsequent to your educational program
18 which you were pursuing, I would assume on a full-time
19 basis, what was your first professional position?

20 My first professional position following my
21 master's degree was with Joseph S. Ward Incorporated,
22 which is the predecessor firm to Converse, Ward,
23 Davis & Dixon, my present employer.

24 Q And that was in 1960?

25 A 1959.

1 Q And could you just briefly explain your
2 responsibilities when you joined Joseph Ward Incorporated
3 in 1959?

4 A When I first joined the firm, I went through a
5 training program on soil sample identifications, on
6 field procedures for explorations and field procedures
7 for construction observations, and then for an approximate
8 period of two years I was essentially a full-time
9 field inspector, observing borings, construction
10 operations, such as pile driving foundations, footings,
11 caissons, piers, mats, compacted fill.

12 Q Was this period of time spent in
13 Jersey or where were you physically located?

14 A The office has always been located in Caldwell,
15 New Jersey and the work occurs around that area.

16 Our office does work all over the country
17 and all over the world, but the bulk of the work is
18 in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area.

19 Q Subsequent to this initial two-year
20 period, what was your next professional position?

21 It was actually a gradual occurrence where
22 I might say I graduated from being a full-time field
23 inspector to being a part-time field observer and
24 part-time office engineer, and that transition I
25 don't know how long that transition was; but it evolved

1 to the point where I was assisting in the design,
2 foundation design of different structures and then
3 eventually to managing projects in full with a
4 staff of assistants working for me; and recently
5 that position has changed again.

6 I am now both a manager of projects with a
7 team working for me and I am special consultant to
8 the engineering department and to the geology department
9 within my firm.

10 Q Have you published any material in your
11 field in any periodicals or other learned journals?

12 A I have presented to Gilbert Associates a
13 paper on ground water control and seepage. I have
14 also presented to the New Jersey Society of Municipal
15 Engineers a paper on the geotechnical aspects of
16 sanitary landfill design. I don't know if you can call it
17 a paper, but I have prepared the excavation standards
18 for the National Bureau of Standards in Washington,
19 D.C. and I will be preparing a paper on seepage
20 and ground water control for the United States Navy
21 for their design manual known as NAVDOCKS, which is
22 their soil mechanics and foundation engineering
23 handbook for their design purposes.

24 My office has the contract for rewriting that
25 document.

1 Q Now, in regards to the paper for the
2 Gilbert Associates, I believe it was on ground water
3 control and seepage, what was the date of that?
4 Do you recall?

5 A Not exactly. It was about five years ago.

6 Q '74-75, around there?

7 A Roughly.

8 Q If I wanted to obtain a copy of that, how
9 would I go about doing that?

10 A We have a copy in our office, and if Mr.
11 Dorsey says okay, I'm sure I can duplicate it.

12 MR. ONSDORFF: Sure. The easiest
13 way would be to ask you that.

14 Q Is that a request now?

15 MR. DORSEY: You're going to send him
16 an updated resume. You're going to send him
17 a copy of that. Just make a note.

18 A When you see that publication, you might notice
19 the form is a little unusual because it is presented
20 in a slide presentation and so you will see a series
21 of reduced slides representing the report.

22 Q Now, with regard to the subjects that
23 we have just been discussing, have you at any time
24 given testimony in any legal form in the State of
25 New Jersey or elsewhere?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Could you indicate on what occasions
3 you did so and what was the subject matter of that
4 testimony?

5 A I represented Lenape Valley Regional High
6 School in presenting testimony concerning the value
7 of land in a condemnation proceeding, and the land
8 in question is the land that Lenape Valley Regional
9 High School now sits upon.

10 I was involved - I didn't present testimony,
11 but I did present deposition and was present in the
12 courthouse on the environmental suit brought by
13 the Public Advocate against AT&T in the matter of
14 Basking Ridge Development and Highway.

15 I'm certain there were others, but they just
16 don't come to mind right now.

17 Q Now, I believe the two occasions you have
18 just mentioned, one involved in the value of land
19 and the other was environmental impact on certain
20 structures and roadway.

21 A No. There was -- the suit was brought by a
22 woman whose name escapes me at the moment, joined by
23 the Public Advocate charging AT&T with certain
24 environmental damage in the construction of an
25 entry road to their Basking Ridge facility, and I was the

1 geotechnical or soils and foundation expert for AT&T
2 in that manner. As a matter of fact, for the entire
3 project.

4 Q -Well, in regard to the environmental
5 impacts that were the subject matter of the suit in
6 regard to this Basking Ridge facility, what were the
7 alleged adverse impacts that were the concern in
8 that matter?

9 A The destruction of a swamp. That was the
10 claimed impact.

11 Q And your analysis of that roadway
12 construction led you to what conclusion regarding
13 that allegation concerning destruction of the swamp?

14 A That the land was not pristine. That in
15 fact there was a septic tank in the zone that was
16 socalled undisturbed and that the procedures being
17 used by AT&T were recreating the natural swamp
18 conditions; and as a matter of fact, that was my design.
19 An adjacent area was reexcavated to reduplicate the
20 ground water condition. The stream overflow circumstances
21 were duplicated to match the original overflow in
22 the original swamp, and the swamp deposits themselves
23 were bodily picked up with construction equipment
24 and laid down vegetation and all in their relocated
25 position; and therefore, the swamp was not being destroyed

1 It was simply moved, and the Judge saw fit to agree
2 with the AT&T case in that matter.

3 Q So then would it be correct to say that
4 you have not presented any testimony regarding
5 construction of residential dwellings at any time;
6 is that correct?

7 A That's correct.

8 MR. DORSEY: In court.

9 A I have presented testimony pertaining to
10 residential dwellings before Planning Board and
11 Board of Adjustment.

12 Q Could you relate on which occasion
13 you did that, say in time period since 1975?

14 A Well, last week I was in Ridgewood, New Jersey
15 preparing testimony in the matter of Skrogs Hills
16 Estates before the local Planning Board where they
17 were -- where the Planning Board was concerned about
18 the soil conditions within the property as it affects
19 development and where the Planning Board was concerned
20 about the stability of an adjacent rock slope.

21 I was called in by the developer to evaluate the
22 soil conditions and the stability of rock slope.
23 I presented that testimony to Ridgewood and next month
24 I will be presenting a similar testimony to Hohokus,
25 because the subject property happens to fall on a

1 municipal border and the property is within both municipal
2 borders.

3 Recently I think it was about a year or so
4 ago, I presented testimony before the Mine Hill
5 Township Board of Adjustment in the matter of a
6 proposed residential development over reported iron
7 mines, and presented the restrictions that could and
8 should be provided in that development and how the
9 development could go forward with certain restrictions.

10 Q This was development over an abandoned
11 iron mine; is that correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q What type of restrictions to that
14 development did you deem appropriate?

15 A The full delineation of the openings of the
16 mines and a prohibition of development within those
17 opening zones, but since the opened zones could be
18 thoroughly defined, the remaining area would be come
19 available for development.

20 Q Are there any other occasions you can
21 recall in regards to providing testimony to either
22 local planning boards or boards of adjustment?

23 A Not offhand.

24 Q Based upon your educational background,
25 professional experiences which we have just discussed,

1 how would you characterize your area of expertise?

2 A I consider myself an expert in the field of
3 ~~mechanics~~ mechanics and foundation engineering with a
4 ~~strong~~ strong knowledge of geology, hydrology and ground
5 water geology.

6 Q Now, on behalf of the defendant, Hanover
7 Township, what professional services were rendered.

8 A I was asked to evaluate the sale conditions in
9 the existing open lands within Hanover Township
10 and to comment concerning potential soils, water
11 and foundation limitations. Specifically, ~~we~~
12 to Mr. Catlin's terms from the SCS maps by ~~performing~~
13 sampling the soils so that a firsthand knowledge and
14 information could be gathered; and we went through
15 many different steps to accomplish that purpose.

16 Q Why did you deem it appropriate to get
17 a firsthand knowledge of the soils as delineated
18 by the Soil Conservation Service?

19 MR. DORSEY: Wait a minute. I think you
20 ~~have~~ have to rephrase that question. I think the
21 ~~answer~~ answer to the question you've asked is that
22 I, as counsel of the Township of Hanover,
23 decided that it was important to have him do
24 that.

25 Q Well, in regard --

1 MR. DORSEY: He did not make that initial
2 determination. In other words, we gave him --

3 MR. ONSDORFF: I understand. Okay,
4 I'll rephrase it.

5 Q What was the purpose of the field
6 examination? What additional information or what
7 information at all was deemed would be obtained by
8 such field examination in respect or in regards to
9 what the Soils Conservation Service had provided
10 already?

11 A Well, again, the Soils Conservation Service
12 is traditionally an agricultural firm. They are
13 subheading of the United States Department of
14 Agriculture and they do not always look at soils
15 with an engineering eye; and so, having engineering
16 and geologic review with a specific hand on running
17 the soil through one's fingers and physically examining
18 the sites, one can gain much more information which
19 would either verify or modify what the SCS has reported,
20 and in fact, a lot of information that we gathered
21 augmented SCS data.

22 Q In what respect was that information
23 augmented?

24 A Well, things such as -- let me just see if I
25 can find some. Rotted and fallen trees on a parcel

1 which would influence developmental costs and illustratio
2 considerable filling having been formed on the property
3 which would adversely impact the construction, the
4 existence of a pond on a parcel of land, depth un-
5 determined with excavation material stockpiled, which
6 did not show up on SCS map. It has now been brought
7 to our attention. I don't know if it's appropriate
8 or not, but the presence of Great Blue Heron on one
9 of the sites we examined was of interest.

10 Other items included things, organic soil,
11 which is a very weak deposit and makes development
12 quite costly, marshy surface conditions not
13 reported by Mr. Catlin, but yet found from one of
14 our sites, a site being three to four feet lower than
15 the roadway which would mean the site would probably
16 have to be filled to be useable, which was not
17 reported in any other document. Sites sloping down
18 to ten feet below the roadway, again, probably requiring
19 substantial fill for development; for visible ponded
20 water but not indicated as a swamp by Mr. Catlin.

21 Other topographic depressions. Again, site being
22 three feet lower than a proposed road with ponded water
23 on the site, but not indicated as a swamp by Mr. Catlin.

24 The presence of shallow ground water in an
25 area plotted as having no shallow ground water. Isolated

1 concentrations of boulders on a parcel indicating
2 indications of potential prior filling. A border
3 swamp condition being found where no swamp was
4 indicated. Site filling having occurred where filling
5 had not been indicated. Another site with filling.
6 Just a general note that one soil type mapped as
7 PS where the SCS indicates highly variable soils
8 and suggests specific sites investigation. Another
9 site where water was not expected to be shallow, but
10 we found water in a depth of two foot one inch. That a
11 site not indicated as swamp showed ponded water after
12 a rainfall, and that is the type of additional information
13 I mean when I suggest so augmenting the SCS documentation.

14 Q Now, the documents that you've just been
15 referring to, are those your field notes?

16 A These are notes prepared specifically for today
17 to summarize the differences found and are not field
18 notes. They are interpretive notes taken from the
19 field records.

20 Q So those notes in essence are a summary
21 of the relevant portions of what were found out in
22 the field which are not consistent with the SCS survey
23 material, is that, in essence?

24 A It's not consistent or inconsistent. It's
25 an augmentation where -- for the most part, it's an

1 augmentation where SCS may say that the site condition
2 consists of shallow ground water and some other type of
3 items which we found; but then we also found other
4 things which we then reported and it's those other
5 things that I've just mentioned.

6 Q Would it be possible to make copies of
7 those notes available for our inspection?

8 MR. DORSEY: Sure.

9 A There is a color code on them which will not
10 reproduce.

11 Q Fine.

12 A Now, the date of that I just discussed to
13 large degree is summarized on pages B1 through B6 of
14 our report dated December 12, 1979, where that is
15 just a tack mark summary, while what I read to you
16 is a narrative of a similar condition.

17 Q Could you just explain a little bit
18 further because I've inspected the material you've
19 just referred to and I am not sure I understand
20 not any augmentation is reflected by the various
21 tack marks shown over the 124 sites which were analyzed.

22 A The old fills would not have been represented
23 on any other document that I know of.

24 MR. DORSEY: Specifically, SCS, you
25 mean?

1 THE WITNESS Yes. I am not sure
2 about all the urbanized land. The poor surface
3 drainage, basically, our terms with the --
4 including the SCS data, so it's a compilation,
5 a combination. The weak soil, again, is our --
6 it's a combined effort, so the old fills are
7 the primary ones with weak soils also in there,
8 but I did mention some other items in my
9 discussion which were details which would,
10 to some degree, be available from reading the
11 probes.

12 Some other data may have been ~~available~~
13 via daily field reports.

14 Q Now, if I can direct your attention
15 to what we've already marked today as RCH-13 for
16 identification, which purports to be a copy of the
17 soil survey, Morris County, New Jersey, is that the
18 document which you utilized in your efforts?

19 A Yes. I was checking the date.

20 Q Now, based upon your experience which
21 you have just related concerning the augmentation of
22 the Soils Conservation Service materials which was
23 obtained through this field verification and inspection
24 work, what conclusions have you reached, if any,
25 pertaining to the appropriate methodology for determining

1 the actual development potential of specific parcels
2 of vacant land?

3 A ~~There~~ There are various restrictions of different
4 parcels of land as established by our specific field
5 explorations, and by correlating those expirations
6 with existing mapping such as the SCS map and also
7 the Rutgers soil survey maps.

8 When combined with other determinations and
9 evaluations, such as terms of stereo pairs of aerial
10 photographs, the general geological literature, and
11 I believe it is something like ll prior soils and
12 foundation studies that my office has performed
13 Hanover Township where the soil data is available
14 that was used in this investigation. From all that,
15 we conclude that a great majority of the open land
16 in the Township has remained vacant because it is
17 relatively extensive to develop, that most sites
18 will require dewatering and/or filling to compensate
19 for high ground water condition and/or poor surface
20 drainage and many require soft soil and/or utilization
21 of deep foundation. Development without these
22 necessary site alterations are very likely to incur
23 damage to building frame and slabs from settlement
24 to utilities, roadways, parking lots, et cetera, from
25 frost heaving and to landscaped areas from the muddy

1 conditions.

2 Q I'm sorry. I guess you didn't really
3 understand or see what I was actually driving at
4 with that question. I was speaking in general as
5 to a planning methodology or a manner in which a
6 developer would be able to obtain sufficient data
7 to reach a reasonable judgment as to the development
8 potential of a specific parcel or tract of vacant
9 land. Would it be sensible in your view to rely
10 upon the Soils Conservation Service, or would it be
11 necessary to obtain certain additional materials and
12 analyses prior to submitting a site plan to a
13 Planning Board, or making a developmental decision
14 as to whether it be worthwhile to prepare such
15 materials for specific tracts of vacant land.

16 A In my opinion, a developer could use the SCS
17 maps for preliminary planning purposes. However,
18 if he is intending to construct a building on a certain
19 piece of land, he should do specific field explorations
20 such as borings and/or test pits under the direction of
21 a geotechnical engineer to establish what his site
22 development costs would be and what his foundation
23 system would be and I would urge as a developer
24 to do that before he made any substantial, financial
25 commitment to any parcel of land and as a matter

1 of fact, a large portion of my company's business and
2 a large portion of my work is doing just that.

3 **HEW** Now, this is what I want to get a
4 ~~cleaner~~-picture on. I believe you've mentioned
5 several times as to some work your firm has done
6 and some work you have done in Hanover Township.
7 Specifically, in just limiting all your testimony
8 to work that you've personally done, what has been
9 your experience in addition to the work on this
10 litigation that you have done for Hanover Township?

11 A I hate saying that, but all I've prepared
12 was a list of project numbers and I would have ~~gone~~
13 back into my files to get the specific names of
14 specific sites that we've worked upon.

15 Q Well, I'm not really concerned with,
16 you know, what the firm has done or what specific
17 sites you have looked at. I just want to have you
18 characterize for the record projects, the nature of
19 the projects that you have done for various entities
20 ~~in~~ ~~land~~ areas found within the Hanover Township
21 ~~boundaries~~.

22 A I can't specifically point to a specific project.
23 Well, perhaps one.

24 There was a project in the vicinity of the
25 airport where we performed a study some years ago,

1 and again, I must apologize for having a very vague
2 recollection on it, because I am involved normally in
3 hundreds of projects per year, and without having
4 access to my files to recheck, I could not put a
5 specific project tunnel within Hanover Township on
6 there. However, whether I personally worked on the
7 project or not is, I believe, not the vital point
8 in the study of the Township; but the point is that
9 the loggings of the borings and the test pits that
10 were performed were available to me in putting together
11 the picture of the municipality, and that data was avail-
12 able and was used.

13 Q Now, the previous projects done by
14 the firm in Hanover, I believe you referred to
15 page C1 of your report of December 12, 1979.

16 A That is correct, and if you refer to drawing
17 Number 1A, the locations of those projects are
18 shown by a triangular symbol.

19 Q Now, by my count, you have listed
20 11 separate projects within the municipality that were
21 undertaken by your firm?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Do you know the period of time when
24 they were undertaken?

25 A I can, from the project number, because there's

1 a chronological tie to it. The earliest dates April,
2 1965 and the latest, 1978.

3 Q And out of those 11, would you be in a
4 position to state how many you personally worked on?

5 A Not specifically, but I would think I per-
6 sonally worked on three or so.

7 Q In regard to those three since, I believe
8 the earliest was 1965, would you have done any of
9 the field work in regard to any of these projects
10 yourself?

11 A I would have been on the site sometime during
12 the course of the work, but I don't know what you mean
13 by field work. I doubt if it was the spector of the
14 drilling.

15 Q Making any of the test borings or other
16 sampling?

17 A They would be done by a member of my staff under
18 my supervision, but I doubt if I was personally on
19 the site to watch the drilling be performed.

20 Q Now, why don't we take one moment to mark
21 your summary of the augmentation work that your field
22 inspection did when compared to the material found
23 within the soils conservation service. I believe you
24 have identified these as 1 of 5, 2 of 5, 3 of 5,
25 4 of 5 and 5 of 5, indicating five total pages of

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1 summarized material.

2 A Yes.

3 Q In light of that for identification,
4 I think it would be appropriate just to mark the first
5 page as Exhibit GS-2, I believe, as an exhibit
6 comprising these five pages.

7 (Mr. Salzman's summary of augmentation
8 work marked GSH-2 for identification.)

9 Q In respect to this present project
10 on behalf of the Township of Hanover, at what period
11 did your work begin?

12 A Our work began in August of 1979.

13 Q Now, the first report I have is dated
14 the 1st of November, 1979. I'd like to show you that
15 document at this time.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Was that one of the reports that you
18 submitted in the course of this project?

19 A Yes, that is an interim progress report
20 that has been superseded by the report of December 12,
21 1979.

22 That report was made without having the
23 benefit of specific field explorations augmented
24 for this study, and so in some ways would tend to be
25 more general and less specific than I would have liked

1 at that time.

2 Q You have indicated that it's been
3 superseded. Specifically, what do you mean by that
4 statement?

5 MR. DORSEY: Could I just go off
6 the record to explain that so you know what
7 happened?

8 (Whereupon, an off-the-record discussion
9 takes place.)

10 MR. ONSDORFF: I guess the question is
11 still pending.

12 Would you read it back?

13 (Whereupon, the reporter reads back the
14 last question.)

15 A I mean that subsequent to November 1, 1979 a
16 series of tests holes were excavated throughout the
17 Township and the information from those test holes
18 was incorporated into our study, and all the data
19 utilized to present a more complete product and
20 everything that had gone before, plus the results
21 of those new explorations and their evaluation
22 are included in the December 12, 1979 issue. Therefore,
23 the reports before that which stem -- stand both
24 incomplete and possibly slightly inaccurate.

25 Q Have you made a comparison between your

1 your December 12th report and this November 1, 1979
2 report to ascertain in any specific areas where
3 the field exploration may have rendered any of
4 the material shown in the November 1 report to be
5 inaccurate?

6 A I have not made that specific evaluation.
7 I would suspect, however, that the augmentation data
8 on the five pages that were previously marked would
9 not have been indicated in any manner in the November
10 1, 1979 submission because that data was simply
11 not available.

12 I would think that there would be some
13 somewhat superseded but I would not think it would be
14 terribly severe.

15 Q Now, the first page of your November 1,
16 1979 report makes reference to a progress report
17 dated August 29, 1979 containing tentative findings
18 and conclusions. Is that report available?

19 (Report dated August 29, 1979 marked
20 GSH-3 for identification.)

21 (Report dated November 1, 1979 marked
22 GSH-4 for identification.)

23 (Report dated December 12, 1979 marked
24 GSH-5 for identification.)

25 Q All right. The witness is going to describe

1 some of the words placed upon Exhibit GSH-2, which
2 on our copy didn't come through in a legible manner.

3 A On sheet 5 of 5 it reads out of 26, referring
4 to 26 probes, that 7 check out as mapped, 16 poorer
5 than mapped, two may be better than mapped, but could
6 be water other times -- and by that I mean that water
7 was not encountered within the two and a half foot
8 depth, however, at other times of the year the water
9 could very well be there, and the last comment on
10 this sheet is one part better, one part worse, and
11 there was one probe that had that designation.
12 That was P-20.

13 Q Now, in regard to this exhibit again,
14 one other significant change that I would point out
15 for the record in light of the copy not reflecting
16 the color code used in the original, we have used
17 the symbols DB and R to take the place of the color
18 code: G representing the site conditions, R as
19 mapped, B for site conditions better than as mapped,
20 and R for site conditions worse than as mapped;
21 is that correct?

22 A Yes, that is correct.

23 Q Now, directing your attention again
24 to your report GSH-4, November 1 report, you indicate
25 that the data that was collected and reviewed in pre-

1 paring this report on page one. I think we've discussed
2 a number of these items, but very briefly, the geologic
3 ~~data~~ from your files, could you elaborate on what
4 ~~data~~ comprised?

5 A The geologic data from our files would include
6 the prior studies that we've performed. I don't know
7 without looking at whether that was referring also
8 to the SCS mapping and to the Rutgers soil survey
9 mapping, plus it would refer to any general geological
10 maps that we maintained in our geologic files in the
11 office.

12 There is geologic data covering the entire
13 State of New Jersey and we had mapping and documentation
14 concerning that in the standard geologic literature
15 which we did utilize.

16 Q The number of other materials you've
17 indicated are listed here apparently as separate
18 categories. My only question was pertaining to geologic
19 data from your files. Would that have been generated
20 ~~in response~~ to specific development proposals for
21 ~~certain~~ tracts of land within the township?

22 A Yes, it would. That I assume is the 11 projects
23 within Hanover Township that we've previously discussed,
24 in addition to standard geologic literature on soil
25 and rock conditions in the vicinity.

1 Q And in examining those 11 projects that
2 your firm had previously undertaken in the Township
3 do you recall the nature of the data which was
4 generated for each of those projects? Could you
5 summarize what it is those files contain?

6 A Unfortunately, I did not bring the files with
7 me. I didn't know they'd be needed, but for the most
8 part they would include borings or test pits to
9 depths of 10 or more feet or proposed new construction.
10 They may have involved construction observation as
11 well.

12 I'm simply not certain at this time. 

13 Q Could you define very briefly and
14 distinguish a boring from a test pit?

15 A A boring is a drilled hole normally between
16 two and a half inches and four inches in diameter,
17 which is advanced by a drilling rig, where periodically
18 in the advancement of the hole, one secures a soil
19 sample by the standard penetration test, which is
20 the driving of a spoon sampler into undisturbed earth
21  now where the hole had been advanced. When rock is
22 reached, that rock can be drilled and brought to the
23 surface, again, in relatively small diameters.
24 One and three-eighth inches diameter to two-eighths
25 selected undisturbed soil can be secured for purposes of

1 comprehensive laboratory tests; that these drilled
2 holes now can go to basically any depth that you wish.
3 If one wished to drill several hundred feet, one
4 could put, again, one is looking at a small diameter
5 section. This is the standard way for exploring ground
6 conditions.

7 A test pit is just a hole excavated with a
8 backhoe, where an excavation is performed, typically,
9 to a depth of 10 to 12 feet and an observer can log
10 and record the soil conditions by examining the sides
11 and bottom of the excavation.

12 You can also secure samples of the soil
13 that exist, so one is a big hole in the ground and
14 the other is a tiny drilled exploration.

15 Q Did you specify as to the depth of the
16 borings that you had in these files? You indicated
17 that the test pits, I believe, go to 10 to 12 foot?

18 A I wouldn't know from recollection how deep the
19 borings went, but I would assume they were in the 20
20 foot depth range.

21 Q Why would they be to that depth range?

22 A Well, if data was only needed to a depth of
23 10 feet, we probably would have used-test pits;
24 and since borings were used, it meant it was necessary
25 to obtain information at greater depths, probably because

1 of the potentiality of soft soil conditions and
2 heavy structure requiring a potentially deep foundation
3 that may have to penetrate to greater depth.

4 Also, the heavier a structure, the deeper one
5 has to explore; because the stresses from that
6 structure would go deeper into the ground and could
7 adversely impact to a greater depth.

8 Q What would be the shallowest bore hole
9 that you would have examined for any development
10 project for the Township of Hanover that you would
11 have worked on, meaning your firm?

12 A Probably 15 feet, but potentially 20 feet
13 more.

14 Q And do you recall what type of development
15 project would be the 15 to 20-foot range?

16 A Not offhand. I'm not sure if Apollo Chemical --
17 is that Hanover or East Hanover? I don't recollect
18 right now, but I do recollect the Apollo Chemical
19 job where the exploration range from 20 to 50 feet
20 and the soil conditions are typical of what
21 finding in this site. Geologically, that's
22 pretty representative.

23 Q Now, you also indicated the data
24 provided by Robert Catlin and Associates was material
25 that you relied upon. Do you recall specifically what

1 data that referred to?

2 A Yes. The municipal mapping.

3 Q I'm sorry. What municipal mapping,
4 specifically?

5 A The maps of the municipality, what lands were
6 open, what were the undeveloped parcels.

7 MR. DORSEY: He is referring to what
8 I think has already been marked as RCH-4 and/or
9 RCH-11.

10 As a matter of fact, before he did
11 anything, he met with -- he met here with
12 Catlin and reviewed those basic maps
13 order to determine that.

14 Q My understanding of the scope of
15 your work as you've outlined, as Mr. Dorsey has
16 just confirmed, dealt with the open or vacant tracts
17 of land within the Township; is that correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you have any knowledge regarding
20 the soils in those areas of the municipality which
21 have already been developed?

22 A Yes.

23 Q In regards to their suitability for
24 residential construction, would you have knowledge
25 of the soil types and areas that have been devoted to

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1 residential construction previously?

2 A Most of our work is not involved in residential
3 ~~construction~~ construction, so I don't know how many of the projects
4 ~~are~~ involved with residential work. I would
5 assume that our studies -- that most of our studies
6 within the municipality in the past were for non-
7 residential purposes; and therefore, our programs
8 were aimed in that direction. I'm confident that
9 given the data, it could be evaluated in light of
10 the proposed residential development, because the --
11 there is information still there, but we haven't
12 done that.

13 Q Specifically, what I would be interested
14 in is finding out -- and I don't know, based upon
15 that answer whether you'd be in a position to give
16 me that information. You've identified, based upon
17 my review of your several reports, a number of areas
18 that or within the municipality where the soils
19 present considerable problems to residential development
20 ~~proposals~~ that might be put forward for the utilization
21 ~~of~~ open tracts. Are you aware of whether or not
22 these same soils affect areas which have already been
23 devoted to residential development within the Township
24 of Hanover?

25 A I have not performed that study, but I would

1 assume to some degree that they have.

2 Q Are you aware of any problems regarding

3 residential developments within the Township of

4 Hanover as a result of constructions on soils

5 which you have identified as presenting development

6 problems due to their soil types and consistency?

7 A Since I have not attempted to make that
8 determination, I'd know of no such circumstances.

9 Q Are you aware of any situations in the

10 Township of Hanover involving nonresidential con-

11 struction where the soils types have created [REDACTED] al

12 based upon their nature and quality in the nonresidential

13 development which took place?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Could you specify the sites and what

16 the problems were which you identified?

17 A The only one that -- well, there are two that
18 come to mind.

19 One is Apollo Chemical where a shallow water

20 excavation and a swampy surface necessitated excavation

21 and filling under difficult circumstances, and

22 placement of foundations under water which increased

23 the construction costs of the project.

24 In the Morristown Airport vicinity, there was

25 another deep swamp deposit.

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1 MR. DORSEY: Wait a minute. I think he
2 wants you to identify where Apollo Chemical

3 [REDACTED]
4 Before we move on to the next one,
5 you're now referring to RCH-12, the Apollo Chemical
6 site. Could you, for the record, identify that with
7 regards to certain landmarks depicted on this exhibit?

8 A South Jefferson Road. I assume it's in the
9 vicinity of Apollo Drive.

10 MR. DORSEY: Halfway between Route 10
11 and Cedar Knolls Road.

12 A It would probably be in the zone design[REDACTED]
13 as PK on the map.

14 Q And this may have been stated before,
15 but could you briefly refresh my memory as to what
16 the source was for the delineation depicted on
17 this map?

18 A This was -- had been prepared by Robert Catlin
19 & Associates, and I understand from Mr. Catlin that
20 [REDACTED] duplication of the soil conservation
21 [REDACTED] it appears in the soil survey of Morris
22 County, New Jersey.

23 Q And the PK designation listed from the
24 soils conservation survey mapping standards for
25 what, if you know?

1 A Parsippany Silt Loam.

2 Q You seem to be referring to a specific

3 page in the Soils Conservation Survey; is that

4 [REDACTED]

5 A Yes.

6 Q What page is that that you're --

7 A Immediately precedes the maps and it is entitled
8 Guide to Mapping Units. It's two pages.

9 Q Now, are you familiar with the nature
10 or qualities of the Parsippany Silt Loam soils?

11 A I'd have to refresh my recollection by turning
12 to page 98 of the report and seeing that the [REDACTED]
13 frequent flooding potential.

14 Q In other words, you're just referring
15 to the material as --

16 A Listing, yes.

17 Q Are you aware of the date of the Apollo
18 Chemical development at this location?

19 A The latest development is 1979. That's
20 [REDACTED] it is so fresh in my mind. I believe that
21 [REDACTED] construction is not yet completed on their latest
22 building.

23 Q Now, you indicated that they endeavored
24 to resolve the soil problems by excavation and fill,
25 and were there other mitigating measures that implicated

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1 at that site?

2 A There was a major dewatering operation that
3 occurred, and I believe that there was an importing
4 of select quality sand and gravel.

5 Q Fill, in other words?

6 A Select fill.

7 Q Are you aware of the success that
8 they experienced with these efforts?

9 A I really wouldn't like to answer that question.
10 This is between, I think, Apollo Chemical and
11 our office. I don't know. This is information that
12 they own the data that I generated for this
13 project and I would prefer having their permission
14 to release the answer to the question that you've
15 just asked. This gets into a matter of professional
16 responsibility that we have.

17 MR. DORSEY: When you asked the
18 question, what success they incurred, did
19 they complete the building?

20 THE WITNESS: The building is being
21 completed now.

22 Q Let me see if I understand your concern.
23 Was there a contract which you executed with them
24 concerning maintaining certain information confidential?

25 A On every project that we perform for any client,

1 that client owns all of the data that we generate
2 and we should receive the permission of that client
3 ~~to~~ our releasing of any data concerning it.

4 ~~Now~~ Now, items of a general nature as to what
5 the soil conditions are, I have no problem with or
6 the general construction procedures, fine; but
7 when it gets down to specific contractual items,
8 I think I would prefer having Apollo Chemical's
9 consent before that information becomes public.

10 Q Well, I think we can work around
11 that. That's why I asked the question, because I
12 am not interested in any specific data. My ~~concern~~
13 is, obviously, the construction is going forward
14 as you've indicated; therefore, the municipality
15 must have been satisfied and issued appropriate
16 building permits. Are you aware of any general
17 adverse environmental impacts which will flow as a
18 result of this construction to the injury of the
19 public in any regard from activities at this site?

20 A No, I am not.

21 Q Okay. You mentioned another site, I
22 believe

23 A Work in the Morristown Airport. My recollections
24 are more vague about that one, but I do recollect a
25 substantial thickness of organic soil necessitating

1 expensive foundation construction; and I don't recollect
2 whether the building or potential building that we
3 ~~the~~ investigating at that time was actually built.

4 ~~(b) (7) (D)~~ I guess my only question would be sub-
5 stantial thickness of organic soils, I believe, you
6 testified was experienced during the encounter there.
7 Could you be more specific or elaborate on what you
8 mean by the thickness you encountered and what is
9 meant by the terminology organic soil?

10 A Well, the thickness encountered; again, this
11 is from recollection of something that occurred
12 years ago -- was, I think, in excess of five

13 Now, organic soils are soils made up not of
14 silica particles as we normally think of sands and
15 gravels and loams; but they have as their predominant
16 constituent organic matter. Where, when one considers
17 an upland area where there is vegetation growing
18 and the vegetation dies, rots and eventually becomes
19 mixed with upper formulations to create a top soil,
20 then think of a lowland area that receives runoff
21 from the upland area; and over enough period of time
22 the surface organic materials from the upland area
23 wash down into the lowland area creating this layer
24 of organic soil, and it is exceedingly soft. It is
25 exceedingly compressable. It is exceedingly weak

1 in many places. It is too soft to walk on.

2 A classic example of organic deposits is
3 [REDACTED] Muckensack Meadowlands. That is the traditional
4 [REDACTED] that happens to be a salt water organic
5 deposit where it is washed by the tides of similar
6 circumstances occur in fresh water environment such as
7 the vicinity of Mroristown Airport.

8 Q Okay. Since the depth that you
9 indicated had the substantial thickness was in excess
10 of five feet, I would assume then that you had to go
11 considerably deeper than that to find stable foundation
12 materials. Would that be correct? [REDACTED]

13 A Yes, it would.

14 Q Do you recall the depth of the borings
15 that were done at that location?

16 A I'm afraid I don't.

17 Q I guess I should ask that same question
18 about the Apollo Chemical site. What was the depth
19 of concern in that construction project that you had
20 [REDACTED] me?

21 [REDACTED] From recollection, about -- between 50 and 60
22 feet.

23 Q Directing your attention again to the
24 GSH-4 document on page two, you also indicate that
25 certain aerial photographs were examined. Do you

1 recall what photographs those were?

2 A I don't remember the company that we obtained
3 from, but the entire State of New Jersey has
4 been flown by several aerial survey firms and with
5 the presence of key maps which we have, we can
6 call these firms, and for a very small fee get
7 copies of stereo pairs of aerial photographs covering
8 any portion of the State. As a matter of fact,
9 much of the United States is covered that way, and
10 we, therefore, can call, or an assistant can call
11 one or more air photo firms and secure copies of
12 photographs of the municipality at the scale
13 indicated.

14 Now, those were stereo pairs, which meant that
15 they're each two photographs that had a 60 percent
16 overlap, which means every point on the ground is
17 shown on not less than two photographs, sometimes
18 three.

19 One can then look at those photographs through
20 a stereo viewer to bring the conditions up in
21 three dimensions, and by evaluating what is seen,
22 one can generate certain judgments concerning the
23 shallow soil conditions.

24 As an illustration, darker soils generally
25 indicate shallow water, where lighter soils generally

1 indicate deeper water. That was one thing.

2 One can also look at the land form and reach
3 certain geologic conclusions of this data if used
4 in conjunction with points of noninformation to
5 allow judgments to be made about a larger area
6 without having to physically make a hole at every
7 point.

8 Q Now, in respect to the updated findings
9 and evaluation shown on pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 of your
10 report, number four, by my count there are -- there
11 appears to be 18 separate parcels which were selected
12 for analysis. Do you recall if that's correct?

13 A That number is approximately correct. If you
14 would like to count them --

15 Q My main area of concern is in what
16 manner were these individual sites selected for
17 analysis?

18 A At that time what we did was take what looked
19 like the 18 big pieces of open land. We were working
20 under significant time constraints such that we
21 were not able to evaluate each of the 124 parcels
22 designated for Mr. Catlin. Therefore, we selected
23 large ones and representative ones, or ones that
24 we thought would be typical from the available
25 data and chose those for evaluation.

1 Q In other words, you selected probably
2 what was felt to be the more likely quadrants for
3 development if a choice had to be made in the time
4 frame you were dealing with? Is that --

5 A Not necessarily. We threw out tiny ones
6 basically, but I don't know whether or not they would
7 be available for development or not. I don't know
8 what size considerations are, but we did generally
9 take the bigger ones and the ones we would consider
10 rather typical.

11 Q In regards to size then, do you recall
12 what your cutoff point was, if any?

13 A I'm afraid I don't, but I'm certain that on the
14 record, by going to block and lot, one could get
15 from the municipality what the acreage is or Mr.
16 Catlin may have a tabulator somewhere. I don't know.

17 MR. ONSDORFF: Off the record for a
18 moment.

19 (Whereupon, there is a discussion off
20 the record.)

21 MR. ONSDORFF: We have located a map
22 which was referred to as drawing number one,
23 property location plan, included with the November
24 1, 1979 report.

25 The map itself is dated October 31, 1979,

1 and it depicts via shading -- if I'm correct --
2 vacant parcels and is their lot and block
3 number from the tax maps. In certain instances,
4 appearing to be the 18 parcels which were
5 examined as part of this November 1 report.
6 Is that correct, Mr. Salzman, my character-
7 ization?

8 A Yes, it is.

9 Q Why don't we mark this for identification
10 as GSH-6.

11 (Map dated October 31, 1979 marked
12 GSH-6 for identification.)

13 Q In order to move through this as
14 expeditiously as possible, why don't we start
15 with the first tract you examined, Lot 1, Block 6202,
16 and locate that with reference to one or two landmarks
17 as shown on GSH-6.

18 A That parcel is immediately east and west
19 of the north end of Morristown Airport.

20 Q Based upon your analysis as reflected
21 upon your November 1 report, what is your opinion as
22 to the development potential for this piece of
23 property?

24 A As I said before, anything is developable.
25 However, that parcel has exceedingly poor soil conditions

1 and the cost of development would be very substantial.
2 In addition, because it is a swamp series, the
3 analysis muck is one of the designations of the
4 area. It probably has an adverse impact concerning
5 ground water recharge and downstream flooding as
6 well.

7 Q I can then refer you to the later
8 report numbered parcels site.

9 MR. ONSDORFF: Off the record.

10 (Whereupon, there is a discussion off
11 the record.)

12 Q Now, based upon the further work
13 as reflected in your December report, have you obtained
14 any additional data which would in any way alter your
15 analysis as to the development potential for this
16 tract?

17 A From the tabulation on page B-3 for sites
18 48 through 50, I would not alter that. I would,
19 however, also like to make a third correlation if
20 possible, and that is, by noting a probe has been
21 performed on site 50 referring to -- now referring
22 to the sheets 1 of 5 through 5 of 5 to indicate a
23 confirmation; so there is now agreement.

24 Q Moving right along to the next parcel
25 identified in your November report as Lot 1, Block 3401,

1 could you locate that for us on the exhibit 6 --

2 A Lot 13401.

3 -- with reference to landmarks on that
4 exhibit

5 A Northern end of town. I don't have the
6 street designation here. North of the Power and
7 Light eastment, west of 287. Let's see if I can
8 find it on the -- I believe that is parcel number
9 83, or thereabouts.

10 Q What was your opinion as to the soil
11 conditions and their relevance to any development
12 proposal for this tract of land?

13 A Based on the November 1, 1979 report.
14 there was a perched water table condition and some
15 streams, sedimented material which would have a
16 potential for adverse impact. Well, the high water
17 table would have an adverse impact on the cost of
18 development.

19 Q Now, from my reading of your description
20 here, you indicate that the soil conservation survey
21 indicates the site is underlying by Parsippany
22 silt loam and the Rutgers' soil survey indicates a
23 contact between shallow Alluvial over greying glacial
24 lake bed sediments and glacial marine deposits.

25 Are these two reports consistent, or how do they

1 compare?

2 A They're saying different things.

3 Parsippany silt loam refers again to a
4 somewhat agricultural type description of what the
5 surface formulations are, and the SCS mapping invar-
6 iably only carries you to a maximum depth of five
7 feet- The Rutgers' soil survey mapping alternatively
8 treats the area geologically with what formulations
9 were formed when, by what geologic process and what
10 the nature of the soil is; so a glacial lake bed
11 sediment is nonmaterial of alternating layers of
12 clay and silt, while a Parsippany silt loam description
13 is perhaps a little more vague.

14 Q Would it be fair to say then that
15 the Rutgers' is generally dealing with the subsurface
16 materials at a greater depth than the soil conservation
17 material?

18 A Well, Rutgers treats the material from the
19 surface on down and invariably identifies the soils
20 to greater depth.

21 Q And in considering the appropriateness
22 of a particular vacant site for development, you found
23 that it is necessary to get depth found in addition
24 to this soil conservation survey, those which are
25 discussed in the Rutgers' material?

1 A Yes. It also aids in understanding the
2 geologic process to evaluate the subsurface conditions.

3 Q Now, in evaluating the Rutgers' material,
4 I believe the sentence just following the one I
5 quoted a minute ago, you state the former may consist
6 of a thin veneer, et cetera, and then you indicate
7 in the next sentence the latter may consist of
8 an unassociated and heterogenous.

9 Your evaluation seems to be qualified opposed
10 to being given indefinite terms. Is that correct?

11 A Well, by qualified all we can do is
12 what somebody else's mapping has said. We
13 again being the secondhand party in this discussion,
14 where this is a standard way of evaluating things
15 by using other people's experience to reach conclusions.
16 However, where specific data is available, that
17 specific data would always take precedence.

18 Q Have you obtained in regards to this
19 site any firsthand analysis of the soils which would
20 provide a more definite evaluation of their actual
21 characteristics?

22 A Yes. We have performed in parcel number
23 83 probe number P-14, which appears on Page A-17 of
24 our later report. That's the report of December 12,
25 1979, and that shows a shallow water table as anticipated

1 but it also shows one foot eight inches of a dark grey
 2 organic silt, a very soft surficial formation which
 3 would require excavation before construction is
 4 considered. It is totally unsuitable material to
 5 build upon.

6 Q The next lot appearing in your report
 7 on page three is number 6 Block 9001. Could
 8 you endeavor to locate that on your exhibit?

9 A That is also identified as parcel number
 10 34, which has also probe number P-11 within it.

11 Q Now, at parcel number 34, what was
 12 the soil characteristics that you found and described
 13 in your November report?

14 A The November report from the SCS maps indicate
 15 a seasonally high water table and the Rutgers
 16 soil survey map indicates underlying formulations
 17 of glacial lake bed sediments and sands with a
 18 perched water table near the surface; so the two
 19 maps do appear consistent and we had a little bit
 20 of surprise when we did the probe at that location.

21 Q Before we get on to that fieldwork,
 22 I'd like to ask you one or two other questions.

23 In regards to the soil type, Haledon silt
 24 loam, I believe you indicated is what the SCS found.
 25 How does that stack up as far as a soil suitable

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1 for construction activities?

2 A I believe it's the Haledon silt loam is
3 discussed on page 6 of our report of December 12,
4 1979 lumped together with other mapping units with
5 similar characteristics, and they have seasonally
6 high water tables as the specific factor that causes
7 limitations on the property.

8 Q Well, discounting the work you did
9 subsequent as of your November report, had you reached
10 any conclusions as to the development potential
11 of the Haledon silt loam soils?

12 A Yes. With the Haledon silt loam, the
13 water table imposes restrictions on the development
14 in that there is potentiality for cutoff, the ground
15 water recharge. There's potentiality of development
16 generating downstream flooding, and there is also
17 the potentiality of other damaging conditions such as
18 floor slab subject to dampness, subjecting the area
19 to local flooding, potential floor subsidence, paved
20 parking lot, sidewalk service lines and other amenities
21 would be subject to potential frost heave; and that
22 was inundated by runoff. There will be wet and
23 muddy conditions.

24 Q Let me stop you at that point.

25 I think you've made your point. My concern is

1 discounting for the moment the water aspects, as
2 far as the characteristics of this soil itself,
3 as far as its compactness or its odd physical nature,
4 do you see that as being an impediment to development?

5 A Other than the impact of the shallow water
6 condition, according to the mapping, it would not be
7 an impediment. However, that was modified by our
8 subsequent work.

9 Q Now, before we get to that again,
10 as far as high water tailing conditions at this
11 site, are they susceptible to mitigation to vari-
12 construction techniques?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Now, you indicated --

15 A However, those construction techniques do
16 represent a certain cost factor.

17 Q Certainly. You indicated that certain
18 field work was done at this location. Could you
19 enlighten us as to what was ascertained?

20 Yes. That was probe number P-11, which
21 indicates that there was two feet of a very soft
22 organic soil at the surface. That material is not a
23 suitable founding material and would have to be
24 removed before development could be considered.

25 Q To what depth?

1 A At this location -- at the depth of the probe
2 it is two feet.

3 Q Now, this is test logs found at
4 page A-14: is that correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q I believe it's reflected on that
7 page that there was a refusal at three foot ten
8 inches. What does that terminology indicate?

9 A There were two young men who were turning
10 a screw auger into the ground and that represented
11 the depth at which their muscles could penetrate, and
12 not more. The soil got further and they co
13 auger further.

14 If we had other techniques such as a boring
15 rig, some mechanical device, we could have gone
16 much deeper. However, with just hand tools, that
17 was the maximum practical depth.

18 Q Were you at this site to witness
19 their physical limitations?

20 A No, I was not.

21 Q Then what is the basis for your
22 opinion that the utilization of mechanical tools would
23 have permitted the boring to go to a deeper location?

24 A My experience with working in the area that
25 the only thing that would inhibit a boring rig would

1 be rock, and even rock could be drilled; and on this
2 site rock is not expected for significant depth based
3 on the November report, page three, discussing the
4 augers' soil survey findings.

5 Q Now, the next site that you address
6 is a lot 1, block 301. Can we locate that?

7 A That's parcel 80 where we have probes P-5
8 and P-6.

9 Q Very briefly, could you share with us
10 your evaluation of the development potential at this
11 location?

12 A I will refer to the logs of P-5 and P-6
13 to begin with; and note that on P-6 there is two
14 feet six inches, minimum of two feet six inches of
15 soft organic soil, and that the probe penetrated
16 to four foot three inches, but the auger stopped at
17 two foot six inches, which means the organic could
18 easily be deeper than two feet six inches at that
19 location; and going to the back of the report to parcel
20 I note there are substantial restrictions because
21 of poor surface drainage, and high ground water
22 condition and soft surface soils, so this site appears
23 to be quite unsuited for development without sub-
24 stantial cost.

25 Q The next parcel you evaluated is identified

1 as lot 7, block 3002. Could you locate that on
2 Exhibit 6?

3 A I believe that is parcel 77 which also includes
4 probe P-7.

5 Q Now, based solely on your November
6 report, what was your analysis of this location?

7 A We identified the Biddeford and Parsippany soils
8 with Rutgers indicating glacial Moraine.

9 I'd have to double-check Biddeford and Parsippany.

10 Q Page 6, I believe, is the discussion at
11 the top.

12 A Biddeford and Parsippany. Those formulae
13 are seasonally high ground water table and frequent
14 flooding which will adversely impact on proposed
15 development and there's also indications of surface
16 zones of soft soils and rotted trees.

17 Q How do you distinguish between
18 Biddeford soil and Parsippany soils?

19 A I would have to go back into the SCS maps
20 to get the specific differentiation, however, both
21 the soils were lumped together together with the
22 Preakness soils, because they all indicate certain
23 characteristics in common.

24 Q I believe you did some probe at this
25 location?

1 A That was probe number P-7, which showed one
2 foot of a soft soil underlaid by one foot of a firm
3 clay material, and although we did not encounter
4 water in that probe, we found a modeled material,
5 and a modeled material means that there is a seasonal
6 water taken that does influence it, that causes the
7 modeling; so if we had done those probes at a
8 different time, we would have found water.

9 Q In regards to the soil types found at
10 this location in these two probes, did they confirm
11 the data found in the soil conservation survey?

12 A There was one probe performed there, P-7.

13 Q I thought P-8 also was on there?

14 A I don't know where P-8 -- P-8 was on parcel
15 109. P-7 was on parcel 77, which I believe is the
16 parcel under discussion now.

17 Q That did not directly verify the
18 water condition, but indirectly did by the color of
19 the soil; and I note on my exhibits here of sheets
20 1 of 5 through 5 of 5 that there was considerable
21 filling done on the south end of this parcel and a
22 large pond, about 200 feet was excavated. Material
23 had been stockpiled into a large mound about 30 feet
24 high. Other areas had been moderately filled.

25 Now, this adds the additional limitation of

1 having filled ground and that filled ground creates
2 all sorts of other problems because it fills later
3 in an uncontrolled manner. There are a series of
4 questions that come up. One does not know the
5 nature of the soil that they are covering, so
6 there is that uncertainty, plus the uncontrolled
7 fill could contain voids. It could contain material
8 that will generate gases over a period of time.
9 It could have things like an oil drum which could
10 collapse under a new load, and as such becomes
11 highly unreliable for construction to construct
12 pond.

13 Q Then you've made a distinction between
14 uncontrolled fill and properly engineered fill?

15 A Oh, yes. Very much so.

16 Q Based upon your observations or your
17 firm's observations at this site, have you reached
18 an opinion as to whether this fill activity which
19 was observed was uncontrolled or properly engineered?

20 From the random nature of the filling, it
21 appears to be an uncontrolled fill operation.

22 Now, we have another problem with the presence
23 of fill these days; and that is, the NJDEP has
24 imposed significant restrictions on where fill can be
25 relocated, and therefore, now substantial numbers of

1 environmental assessments that have to be performed
2 in order to pick up fill from one area and put it
3 down somewhere else, where one is talking about
4 building debris, or let's say, unnatural material
5 other than soil.

6 Q Are there any other indications of
7 uncontrolled fill in addition to what you described
8 as random nature of the activity, which would indicate
9 the true nature of this activity?

10 A Well, it was stockpiled in mounds and the
11 general procedure to create a mound is to take a
12 machine and throw the soil from the hole being
13 dug toward the mound. You simply bull doze it
14 up. There would have been no reason on the part of
15 whoever was doing it to perform a controlled fill
16 operation, so it is exceedingly unlikely that any
17 engineering control at all was exercised.

18 Q And these observations were your field
19 inspectors' and not your own; is that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q The next location in which you examined
22 I believe, is lot 9, block 2104. Possibly you could
23 locate that with reference to the map exhibits.

24 A There's parcel number 109 which also includes
25 probe number eight.

1 Q Which is found along Frederick Place
2 and the Morris and area railroad?

3 [REDACTED] Yes, that is the way it's mapped.

4 Q And your November report describes
5 this parcel as being suburban land?

6 A The block and lot again on that?

7 Q Block 9, 2104.

8 A Yes, and by urban land we mean that has
9 modified the surface so that the SCS could not make a
10 strong determination of what the soil conditions
11 were. It has been masked by man's activities.
12 The Rutgers' soil survey maps indicate the [REDACTED]
13 glacial lake bed sediments.

14 Q Now, since the alterations by man
15 essentially render the SCS as not applicable,
16 what do the Rutgers' University surveys indicate
17 as far as development potential for this tract?

18 A Glacial lake bed sediments as an underlayment
19 is not a severe restriction in itself except it
20 [REDACTED] normally associated with a shallow ground water
21 [REDACTED] condition; so one would then have to go to other
22 sources to see what has happened.

23 Q Now, we're going to get to that,
24 so in respect to the analysis you had done as of
25 November, you were not in a position to say what

1 the development, actual development potential was
2 for this site. Would that be correct?

3 A Not fully, because when man has disturbed
4 the land, the strong potentiality exists that man
5 has filled the land perhaps, and in doing so may have
6 really fouled it up and made it tough for the next
7 guy to come in.

8 Q Or conversely, he may have filled
9 it in preparation for proper development. Is that
10 not also a possibility?

11 A It's a possibility, but far more remote,
12 because if it were prepared for development of land,
13 it would be unlikely that the man would have developed
14 it and then walked away.

15 Q Filled it and then walked away,
16 right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right. Did you endeavor to make
19 further analysis as to the actual suitability of
20 this particular parcel of land for development?

21 A Yes, we did. We performed probe number 8 in
22 that specific location designated as site 109, and
23 that probe indicates a poor surface drainage condition,
24 a high ground water condition in an Alluvial land zone.
25 It shows a burrowed layer of soft organic soil indicating

1 that the material above it could possibly be a
2 fill too two to four inches; and in reading my
3 ~~field~~ notes, the organic material here could very
4 ~~well~~ be deeper than the four feet indicated because
5 the probe, according to our field notes, refused
6 on routes, so we could have actually had a significantly
7 thicker organic deposit making this a very suspect
8 site for development

9 Q Now, the next parcel you examined
10 is identified as lot 6, block 8001. Could you endeavor
11 to locate that site with reference to our exhibit

12 A Here we go. That is shown as parcel ~~number~~
13 18, which includes probe number 4. According to
14 our November report, it is again the Parsippany
15 soils and the Rutgers' soil survey indicates glacial
16 moraine.

17 Q Your opinion, based upon your overall
18 work as to the development potential for this
19 particular piece of land?

20 ~~Q~~ Based on the November study and the Parsippany
21 ~~soils~~, it has ~~those~~ restrictions relating to frequent
22 flooding and seasonably high water table and potentiality
23 for marshy conditions.

24 Q And was this verified through your
25 field work?

1 A Probe number P-4 indicated a shallow water
2 table two foot three inches below the ground surface,
3 which verifies the water condition; and basically,
4 it was a full verification of what had been previously
5 indicated.

6 Q Now, at page A-7 where your lot P-4
7 is shown, the notations for, I believe, density are
8 shown as firm and hard. How is that consistent
9 with the marshy or swampy condition which you have
10 described?

11 A The potentiality for marshy or swampy conditions.
12 There were none found at that location.

13 Q The next site that you examined is
14 identified as lot 23, block 2903, I believe.

15 A Did you skip one, 6001?

16 Q I'm sorry. You're correct. We did.
17 Three, 6001.

18 A Here it is. That is also indicated as
19 parcel number 47, which includes probe number 10.

20 That is characterized as muck, shallow over
21 clay.

22 Q Did your field work verify these
23 conditions?

24 A We did find soft materials and a foot of dark
25 brown organic material, and we, in addition, noticed

1 ponding water on the surface. We saw a gas line
2 running north-south on/or near the west side of
3 the parcel with the parcel being three to four
4 feet lower than the road and the surface soils being
5 very soft and such filling having occurred to a
6 depth of three to four feet on the east side of
7 the parcel. All of those represent limitations
8 in different ways.

9 Q That brings us then to lot 23, block
10 2903.

11 A I believe that is parcel number 89, which
12 includes probe number 12

13 Q Now, based upon your analysis in
14 November, what were your preliminary conclusions
15 as to the development potential of this particular
16 site?

17 A Based on our November paper study, we again
18 saw the Parsippany soils, which is the shallow water
19 and potential flooding condition, which would generate
20 the same type of discussed limitations.

21 Q And based upon your subsequent work,
22 what were your ultimate conclusions in regards to this
23 location?

24 A Well, we verified the presence of shallow water
25 condition by finding water level one foot down.

1 We found two foot five inches of a soft modeled silty
2 clay in the surface, and including vegetation. A
3 poor surface drainage condition. There was ponded
4 water visible on that site.

5 Q Now, your log at A-12 -- I'm sorry.
6 Is it probe 12?

7 A Probe 12 on page A-15, so that's soft surface
8 soil. It would take additional evaluation to see
9 whether or not that material could remain.

10 Q As opposed to being removed and replaced
11 with selected fill?

12 A Right. It may very well have to be. It was
13 a quite soft density.

14 Q The next parcel we'd want to look at
15 would be lot 11, block 8901.

16 A Parcel number 34, and includes probe 13.

17 Q What were the preliminary conclusions
18 that would be elicited from the paper study you
19 performed in November of '79?

20 We found the Boonton series soils with a
21 variable seasonally high water table, so it was a
22 little difficult to reach any firm conclusions
23 concerning that parcel, except maybe one might say --

24 Q Well, what do you know about Boonton
25 soils? I believe that's a new soil category that

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we haven't discussed previously.

A The Boonton series falls in the same category as the Haledon, which we have discussed before.

It has the same general characteristics which is the seasonally high water table, which has with it the associated limitations.

Q Do you know the basis for having a Boonton, being a different soil type than the Haledon if they have similar characteristics?

A Not offhand. I'm certain there are certain characteristics that do vary between them, but that the seasonally high water table isn't common.

Q Now, directing your attention to the soil survey, RCH-13 which we've just discussed previously as one of your source documents, I direct your attention to page 90. The last soil category shown on that page, I believe, is the Boonton soils. Would that not be correct?

A That's correct.

Q Now, in describing those soils, what is the analysis as to their suitability for construction as reflected in this document?

A I'm reading. It depends on -- it depends on the subheading of the, as I remember, BOB, BOC or BPC; so it's a variable.

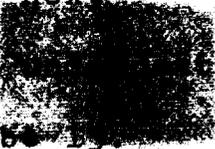
1 Q In the BOB and BOC, what are the --

2 A In the BOB and BOC, they say moderate limitations;
3 but they also say seasonal high water table.

4 Q Now, that is in regards to dwellings
5 with basements. Is that not correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And if dwellings without basements
8 were constructed, the limitations are found to be
9 slight. Is that not also correct?

10 A According to the SCS for conditions BOB
11 and BOC, yes; but not for BPC, which is the next
12 page; and we'd have to go to the Catlin map 
13 to see, or I might have it right here. Prob 
14 No. I'm not sure there. That may have actually been
15 refined. I believe that one has been refined now.
16 It's preliminarily the PK soils that exist at that
17 location, which are the Parsippany silt loams.

18 Q You say that has been refined. How
19 did that occur?

20  I don't recollect. I'm talking now from
21  memory, and I can't do a quick verification of it.
22 One can see on the map.

23 Q Referring now to RCH-12.

24 A A lot of these soil types come in and out in a
25 very short distance, and in going in from one to another.

1 it is conceivable that there could have been a
2 scaling change and this has now been adjusted.

3 Q What you're saying is that soil types
4 don't respect property boundary lines?

5 A Absolutely, and what we try to do is where
6 we could get the probes so that we could see what
7 the actual soil conditions were.

8 Q And if a site was underlaid by several
9 soil types varying in suitability for development,
10 the location of your probe might in fact be the
11 key determinant in what type of analysis you would
12 render as to the overall site suitability. Would
13 that not also be correct?

14 A Again, this is general because in order to do a
15 study of each and every square foot, one has to do a
16 very, very substantial number of explorations;
17 and what we were attempting to do is get the general
18 picture of the parcels.

19 Q Well, for purposes of determining,
20 say, in making a recommendation to a developer, if you
21 had a particular site in mind, would not the appropriate
22 and reasonable course of action be to examine the
23 delineation from the soil conservation survey as
24 to the several soil types that were found, if several
25 were found on that specific site?

A If their characteristics were expected to change

1 such as if we would expect glacial lake bed sediment
2 deposits from the Rutgers' soil survey, we would not
3 necessarily be interested in secondary nuances in
4 the top soil growing characteristics of the surficial
5 soils; but would simply take a representative
6 condition, which is what we've attempted to do
7 for this study.

8 Q For example, in this specific occasion,
9 we're discussing lot 11, block 8901. If you've
10 got one portion of tract along, say one corner
11 impacted by the Parsippany soils which we've
12 at some length as having rather severe deve
13 limitations and the vast majority of tract is actually
14 Boonton soils, and those can run from moderate to
15 slight development limitations, you would want to know
16 before doing probes as to whether you were going to
17 hit Parsippany or the Boonton, would you not?

18 A Not, not really because the Boonton does indicate
19 seasonally high water conditions.

20 Now, with those seasonally high water conditions
21 we're expecting a probe, and that probe is consistent
22 wherever seasonally high water conditions are en-
23 countered independent of what the Morris County Soil
24 Survey says. They have defined a condition. We
25 have attempted to form our independent evaluation

1 of the physical condition to delineate ramifications.

2 Q Now, with that seasonal high water
3 table presenting a problem; that is, in terms of
4 what aspects of the development proposal that
5 the problem is encountered?

6 A Well, there are items such as -- well, basements
7 become very difficult, if not impossible. It means
8 that foundations, excavations will encounter water
9 and dewatering during construction will be needed.
10 It normally means that grade has to be raised to
11 avoid freezing of amenities such as pavement, ~~lifting~~
12 of sidewalks and the like.

13 Also, with seasonally high water table
14 it's invariably associated with muddy conditions
15 unless grade again is raised; so we're talking about
16 incurring expenses. We're also talking about the
17 potentiality and varying from site to site of
18 perhaps eliminating ground water recharge and
19 the potentiality of increasing downstream flooding.

20 Now, you mentioned the problems with
21 foundations and basements. so it actually would be
22 a cost reducing factor in that case to just eliminate
23 your basements and build on a slab, would it not?

24 A Yes, but that still has its cost influencing
25 factors because the foundations for structure

1 would still have to penetrate the ground and will
2 encounter water.

3 Also, the slabs would have to be raised
4 enough above the present grade to get out of the
5 water potential situation.

6 Q Now, in regards to this lot 11, block
7 8901, your report of November indicates the seasonal
8 high water table of between one and one-half foot
9 to six feet below the surface. At what depth does
10 ground water become not really a concern or a problem?

11 A It depends on the nature of the construction.
12 If one is placing a foundation, one would prefer
13 not to have place that foundation into water.

14 Normally, a foundation will penetrate a
15 minimum of three feet below grade to get below
16 any frost potential, so once one gets below -- well,
17 even in digging down to that, if the water level
18 is close on the founding leveing the vibration caused
19 by construction activity could cause capillary water
20 rise -- and that potential is over 20 feet, by
21 the way -- and cause some softening of the foundation,
22 subgrade materials; but in general, if the water
23 level is at least two feet or so below designed
24 founding level, it would normally be a significant
25 problem. However, as far as amenities are concerned

1 such as roadways, sidewalks and the like, if the
2 soil is such that water can pass through from a
3 capillary point and if the water level is within
4 20 feet of the surface, the area is subject to frost
5 heave. Significant frost heave, I should say.

6 Q 20 feet below the surface?

7 A That's approximately the practical suction pressure
8 that can be exerted by capillary soils.

9 Q Are you aware of any areas in Morris
10 County which water is normally found, the depth below
11 20 feet below the surface?

12 A I'm sure there are. Nothing specific
13 comes to mind.

14 Q Anything in Hanover Township where
15 water was found below that depth?

16 A I would doubt it, but it's possible.

17 I am not familiar and have not studied the
18 entire municipality.

19 Q Now, the next parcel you've identified
20 is lot 16, block 6301.

21 which is again near the airport, and I believe
22 it is parcel number 54, which includes probe number
23 3.

24 Q Now, what were your preliminary paper
25 study evaluations in November of '79 of this particular

1 tract of land?

2 A That that area is part of the Carlisle series
3 which is a muck or soft organic soil condition with a
4 shallow water condition; and therefore, would impose
5 limitations on construction because of the high
6 water level and the softness of the soil.

7 Q Did your subsequent field investigation
8 confirm this preliminary analysis?

9 A Yes, it did. At the location of probe number
10 3 we found one foot six inches of soft soil. We
11 found a water level at the surface. Let's
12 I have any other notes. We noted some rotted
13 fallen trees, poor surface drainage, ponded and
14 wet surface conditions seen after a rain. Obvious
15 swamp.

16 Q What depth was firm soil struck?

17 A On this side we encountered firm soil at a
18 depth at the probe location where we encountered
19 firm soil of one foot six inches.

20 Lot 17, block 4402, I believe, would be
21 the most particular parcel that was analyzed.

22 A That is also identified as parcel number 68,
23 which includes probe number 17.

24 Q Now, based upon your preliminary
25 analysis in November you identified this site as being

1 underlain by Riverhead, gravely, sandy loam; is that
2 correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And what does that soil type indicate
5 as far as development?

6 A In general, I believe that's favorable,
7 the Riverhead and the Rockaway series includes -- let
8 me just double-check something out. According to
9 the literature, they should generally be suitable
10 for development.

11 There are few, if any, restrictions according
12 to the paper.

13 Q That includes the soil of the [redacted] ion
14 survey?

15 A That's correct.

16 There's a however on that one. However, the
17 probe taken within there shows a shallow water
18 condition, and from that we conclude that even though
19 sites indicated as potentially favorable such as the
20 Riverhead do need specific evaluation, because here
21 we encountered this -- the surprise of finding what
22 we did not expect, and that is a shallow water
23 condition; and therefore, all the restrictions
24 relating to shallow water condition would apply.

25 Q In other words, based upon this
surprise water condition that was located via probe

1 17. you would want to do further analysis to determine
2 with more specificity the actual development potential
3 of this tract?

4 A. What I have attempted to say so far is that
5 although the SCS indicates that this is a generally
6 favorable site, we would, from the information we
7 found, see that we have a problem location at this
8 specific parcel.

9 Now, if that problem location is at parcel
10 68, which we had on the limited restrictions, then
11 the remainder of the parcels plotted as limited restrictions
12 would also need verification; so we cannot categorically
13 say that just because the SCS indicates parcels
14 as being favorable for development or of limited
15 restrictions, that that automatically means that
16 that is the case; because here on this specific
17 parcel we have found the opposite to be the case.

18 Q Based upon one probe?

19 A Based upon one probe.

20 Is there any other explanation for
21 the probe finding, isolated water, for instance?

22 A It could be a localized condition, but the
23 only thing I can swear to that it happened there.

24 Q Exactly. So, in order to make a
25 comprehensive or ultimate conclusion, would not the

1 appropriate action be to take additional probes?

2 A Well, additional explorations would certainly
3 be appropriate.

4 Q The next parcel which you have examined
5 is identified as lot 12, block 3101, I believe.

6 A That is also identified as parcel number
7 3, which includes probe number 18.

8 Q This is situated at the northern
9 tip of the municipality along North Jefferson and
10 the border of the Township of Parsippany Troy
11 Hills. Is that not correct?

12 A Yes, it is.

13 Q Now, your preliminary analysis
14 November indicated that the site was underlain by
15 Parsippany and also Haledon soils; is that correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you know in which soils the probe
18 was placed?

19 A No, I do not, not offhand. It would take a
20 detailed plotting in order to make that determination.

21 Q Would that be relevant to the formulation
22 of your opinion as to the actual development potential
23 of this tract?

24 A Not particularly, because both formulations
25 do show the shallow ground water condition, and that

1 shallow ground water condition was verified by the
2 probe number 18.

3 Q So as far as the soil characteristics
4 themselves, you see no difference in their quality
5 as far as suitability for foundation, support and
6 these other considerations in a development proposal?

7 A There could very well be a very minor
8 shade of differentiation, but nothing that would be
9 particularly relevant toward development.

10 Q The next site is identified as lot
11 1A, block 0601, I believe.

12 A That is parcel number 119, which includes
13 probe number 19.

14 Q Now, this is indicated in your November
15 report as urban land?

16 A Yes, which means it has been reworking according
17 to the mapping.

18 Q Therefore, you would have to withhold
19 any opinion as to its suitability for development
20 if you had the opportunity to examine what the
21 history of the land had transpired at this site;
22 is that correct?

23 A Yes. The Rutgers soil survey indicates
24 that a stratified drift which is not a particularly
25 negative condition, and the ground water table was

1 not expected to be shallow.

2 Q When your field investigation was under-
3 taken, what were the results of that analysis in
4 regards to this site?

5 A At this site we did find the shallow water.
6 We did find the absence of shallow water condition.
7 We did not find a water condition, but then again, we
8 only probed two feet and we were not expecting a
9 shallow water condition; so aside from those areas
10 which have been disturbed, we did not see the tendency
11 for severe restrictions on this site.

12 Q But in order to reach an actual 
13 recommendation to give to an actual developer, you
14 would want your probe to go to a depth of in excess
15 of 20 feet, if I understand your prior testimony?

16 A Yes. We'd like to know just where he is
17 developing this building and we'd probably want
18 borings, perhaps one per 5,000 square feet of building
19 area; so we might be talking eight holes per acre
20 for a specific building.

21  But at this point in time, based upon
22 the analysis you've undertaken, you cannot at this
23 time foresee any unusual development limitations at
24 this site; is that correct?

25 A That is correct to a point, and we know that

1 within this site is urban land, which means disturbed
2 land. and we have not fully defined it; but other
3 than the disturbed land, we do not find any
4 restrictions.

5 Q Do your field notes and summary indicate
6 any further information as to the nature of that
7 disturbed urban land?

8 A Our notes do not so indicate. I do note,
9 though, that our notes say that this is industrial
10 and office building surrounding this site.

11 (Deposition proceedings resume after a
12 short recess.)

13 Q I think we're on lot 1002, if I'm not
14 mistaken, which we located as being in the far corner
15 west corner abutting the boundary with Parsippany-Troy
16 Hills.

17 A That's correct, and that shows up as parcel
18 84, which also includes probe number 20.

19 Q Now, based upon your November work,
20 what preliminary conclusions had you reached in
21 regards to development at this site?

22 A Well, the Haledon were identified at that
23 location. As such, we were expecting a shallow
24 water condition.

25 Q What did you find?

1 A We did not encounter water to a depth of three
2 foot two inches; so the water may or may not be
3 ~~there~~. It would take a reexamination; and perhaps
4 ~~there~~ where the water level would tend to be higher.
5 We did see on that parcel a concentration of boulders
6 which could indicate it had served as a filling or
7 dumping ground in the past. We did not have sufficient
8 information to make a positive determination in that
9 matter.

10 Q Would this analysis, I believe it was
11 lot 17 of block 4402, where you had the River ~~land~~
12 soils, which indicated the absence of water ~~there~~
13 your probe found water; and my question was whether
14 that might have been an isolated incident and this
15 situation you didn't find water. Could that again
16 be just a quirk of where the probe was located?

17 A It could be one of two things. It could be
18 one of three things. It could be an isolated instance
19 of water table purely being deep, or it could be that
20 ~~water~~ level was actually just several inches
21 ~~below~~ where we probed, and at a different time of
22 year it will be up near the ground surface; so those
23 are the potentialities.

24 When we find the water, we know the water is
25 there. When we don't find the water, we cannot be

1 certain the water will not be there. If our explorations
2 were done in November, which is a time near the low
3 water mark; where June is the time of high water; so
4 these -- an exploration at this same location duplicated
5 and repeated in June could very well show a shallow
6 water condition within the depth that we probed.

7 Q So therewould be two additional things
8 you would do to make an ultimate development decision.
9 You'd do additional probes and do them in a different
10 time of year?

11 A That's corect, because in this area, in general,
12 one can have seasonable variations in water of several
13 feet very easily.

14 Q Now, the next partel was lot 22, block
15 1502.

16 A Correct. That was identified as parcel
17 number 112, which included probe number 21.

18 Q Now, your November report indicated
19 this was urban land?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Again, necessitating a withholding of a
22 development opinion as a result of man's actions
23 at this site; is that correct?

24 A Yes, and for that parcel, old fills are indicated
25 but again, for this specific parcel we did not

1 encounter the expected ground water to a depth of
2 two feet six inches, which means at another time of
3 year we may or may not see that shallow ground water
4 that is expected from the SCS maps.

5 Q I'm sorry --

6 A And by the way, from the Rutgers' soil
7 survey mapping as well, which indicates glacial
8 lake bed sediments which normally does have associated
9 with it shallow water conditions.

10 Q In the case of the SCS, you indicated
11 the site was mapped as urban land, and my understanding
12 that was not associated with high water. The
13 associated with man's disturbance?

14 A Yes, but we also -- we would tend to expect
15 to find a shallow water condition, glacial lake beds.

16 Q This was not found?

17 A This was not found, but then again, the probe
18 was only two foot six inches and in a different time
19 of year could very well be up there.

20 Q At this time your opinion, however,
21 primarily it maybe would be that there would be
22 now no identified limitations due to soil conditions
23 on development of this site?

24 A Not quite. Based on the one probe, there was
25 nothing found in the one probe that would tend to
limit development conditions. However, the land was

1 identified as urban land. Therefore, it would need
 2 additional investigation to see whether or not what
 3 man has done to the land that may have fouled it
 4 up.

5 Also, additional explorations would be
 6 needed at another time of the year. As of this
 7 instant, based on everything in front of me, there
 8 is no conclusive evidence of adverse condition.

9 MR. DORSEY: Could you just point out
 10 for me where this particular parcel is?

11 THE WITNESS: 21, which is site 112

12 It might be easier finding it on site 112

13 Q Now, your field notes summary, did that
 14 reflect any on-site observations of your inspectors
 15 regarding the nature of this urban land?

16 A No.

17 Q Were your inspectors under instructions
 18 to note any unusual site conditions which might have
 19 a bearing on the suitability for development?

20 A Yes, they were, but that doesn't mean they
 21 would walk the entire parcel. They would attempt
 22 to get in to perform the probes and whatever they
 23 could observe from that location, fine; but not
 24 to trespass to any significant degree.

25 Q But based upon the absence of field note

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1 observations to the extent that they observed the
2 site from doing the probe work, that would reflect
3 their not observing any unusual inhibitions to develop-
4 ment; so would that be correct?

5 A That's correct, but that does not mean that
6 there are no inhibitions to development.

7 Q That just means they didn't see any?

8 A Correct.

9 Q The next site is lot 9, block 0701.

10 A Okay. That's identified as parcel number
11 117, which is probe number 22.

12 Q And in your November report you identified
13 this as having Rockaway stony, sandy loam soils.
14 What preliminary development evaluation did that
15 indicate?

16 A The Rockaway series is generally a series
17 with few inhibitions where there's generally a
18 deep water table according to SCS, and therefore,
19 one would expect to find few, if any limitations
20 on parcels so mapped.

21 Q Now, the site was subsequently
22 inspected?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What was the analysis that was made
25 as a result of that site inspection?

1 A Well, the site inspection indicated and the
2 probe indicated a water level at a depth of four
3 inches below the surface. It indicated a border
4 swamp condition and with a wet surface at the
5 lower elevations within the parcel and one foot
6 eight inches of soft swamp deposits at the surface;
7 so at the location of this probe there are severe
8 limitations.

9 Q You're reading from probe number 25;
10 is that correct?

11 A No. Probe number 22 on page number A-25.

12 Q Which indicates that contrary to
13 soil conservation service map as opposed to being
14 an excellent site for development, what is found is a
15 site with severe limitations; is that correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q How would you account for this disparity
18 of evaluations?

19 A The SCS mapping is approximate and one need
20 not sites specific. One could use SCS as a guide
21 and say in general this soil type generally means
22 this; however, on any particular parcel, it could be
23 a complete turnaround.

24 Q To what extent is error factor anticipated?
25 Is an error factor anticipated in SCS mapping? Is

1 there any standard division which is experienced
2 as shown normally than found in mapping techniques?

3 A No.

4 Q Now, in regards to the one probe that
5 was done at this site, could another explanation
6 be that the entire site might be along a border, and
7 a border of soil types and the Rockaway could pre-
8 dominate and the probe could have been placed just
9 across the border in a separate soil type?

10 A I would think that the probe was placed in
11 the soil mapped as Rockaway; however, it would take
12 an investigation across the parcel to see if
13 better conditions occurred elsewhere.

14 Q Do you know the approximate size
15 of this parcel of land?

16 A Number 117?

17 That parcel is roughly 400 by 600 feet in
18 dimension.

19 Q Now, it appears to be contiguous with a
20 number of small lots?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Which are not colored in indicating
23 that they have been developed; is that correct?

24 A I don't think I understand. I'm sorry. I was
25 looking at the wrong map.

Q The vacant lands are shown in the

1 coloration. These other lots appear to be developed.
2 Are you aware of any problems consistent with the
3 soil types identified by the probe in any of those
4 developed properties?

5 A I did not investigate them. therefore, I have
6 no knowledge or information about it.

7 Q The final parcel of land you identified
8 as substantial in size and worthy of detailed examination
9 identified as lot two, block 6401, I believe.

10 A That is parcel 58, probes 23 and 24.

11 Q Is that the only site on which you had
12 multiple probes?

13 A I don't believe so. There was, I believe,
14 another site elsewhere. I simply don't recollect.

15 Q As far as the ones, the 18 we have discussed
16 today, is my recollection correct that that was the
17 only one that had a multiple probe?

18 A I think so, yes.

19 Q Do you know the reason for multiple
20 probes?

21 A A big parcel where we had access to more
22 than one location along it.

23 Q And what was your analysis of this
24 site's development potential. potential in November?

25 A In November it was identified as the Carlisle

1 muck, which means swamp deposits and the Rutgers
2 soil survey indicated deep swamp deposits.

3 Q Your probes indicated what actual
4 site conditions?

5 A Those were probe numbers 23 and 24. In
6 probe 23 there was fill on the surface and we
7 could not penetrate the fill to get below -- we
8 cannot get to the fill and we had to stop the probe
9 at eight inches.

10 Probe 24 shows five feet of organic soil
11 in the auger, but we were able to probe to ~~the bottom~~
12 so I would suspect that we have at least seven ~~feet~~
13 a half feet of soft organic soil there; and although
14 we did not encounter water, I'm sure it was, because
15 the hole wasn't open long enough and the water was
16 really there and we would tend to have a surface
17 water condition at certain times.

18 Q Now, probe 24 indicates firm soil
19 reaches approximately five foot depth?

20 A Well, firm is as a relative term. It was
21 harder to dig, but it was still black organic soil,
22 which in general would still be an unsuitable
23 material for founding; and since the probe was
24 able to penetrate to 7½ feet, I suspect in the
25 organic soil which would be unsuitable for founding

1 continues to at least a depth of 7½ feet.

2 We also found that most of the site had been
3 filled with stone, cement, tar paper and other
4 miscellaneous type materials like that.

5 Q Which sounds consistent with uncontrolled
6 fill?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Now, based upon your years of
9 experience with construction in northern New Jersey,
10 are you familiar with residential construction that
11 has gone on soils identified within Biddeford
12 on any occasions?

13 A My certain types of studies normally will not
14 relate to a certain SCS formation condition and
15 construction over it, because invariably when I form
16 an evaluation, I will use the SCS simply to give me a
17 starting point, rough idea of what might be there;
18 and then I would do a site specific evaluation;
19 so as far as I am familiar with construction over
20 a specific SCS soil type, I would be unable to
21 respond. If you ask me with certain soil water
22 conditions, that I could certainly respond to.

23 Q Now, directing your attention to your
24 report of December 12, identified as GSH-5, on
25 page one of that document you state that the purpose

1 of this analysis to be an investigation to assess
2 the subsurface condition and undeveloped sites within
3 the Township and to evaluate potential foundation
4 constraints and the general economic consequences
5 of the constraints on costs of development; is
6 that correct?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Does this study in fact support with
9 that purpose as stated therein?

10 A Yes, it does. The economic consequences
11 are treated qualitatively and not quantitatively
12 but yes, it does.

13 Q Now, with regard to the development
14 constraints pertaining to foundations, what was
15 your overall conclusion?

16 A As far as foundations that there are areas
17 where that will be difficult in providing a
18 conventional foundation, and that certain sites will
19 require specialized foundation systems; and by
20 that, it is implied that the costs go up.

21 Q -Now, with regards to aid environmental
22 impacts which might be implicated by certain resi-
23 dential development, are they incorporated into
24 this study also?

25 A Yes, they are. We discussed the affect of

1 urbanized lands, or rather than that, we discuss
2 the ramifications of the presence of poor surface
3 ~~of these~~, of high ground water table and perch water
4 ~~table~~, of the presence of soft or weak soils and
5 the presence of filled sites. We do that with
6 respect to the different soil series which we
7 lump together and then reach our conclusions concerning
8 the development of the site and the restrictions
9 and limitations pertaining to development.

10 Q Now, were any quantitative analyses
11 done to describe the environmental impacts that
12 would occur from the development of these various
13 vacant parcels in accordance with the provisions
14 of the current zoning ordinance in the Township of
15 Hanover?

16 A No such evaluation was made by us.

17 Q So you would not be in any position to
18 compare those environmental impacts which are
19 presently permitted under the current zoning ordinance
20 ~~to~~ would relate to environmental impacts that could
21 ~~be expected~~ if certain vacant parcels were developed
22 pursuant to a multi-family, high density housing
23 types. Would that be correct?

24 A That's correct. I did not perform that
25 study, so I could not comment in that regard.

1 Q On page one of your study, numbered
2 paragraph four, this indicates that you performed
3 a geologic site evaluation of selected parcels.
4 Again could you briefly indicate the basis for the
5 selection of parcels that were so investigated?

6 A We generally attempted from the available
7 geologic literature to have the larger pieces of
8 undeveloped land and representative pieces to try
9 to get a spread throughout the municipality to
10 an extent that we would be reasonably confident that
11 once we investigated those parcels, that we would
12 be able to project our findings to other parcels
13 that had not been investigated in detail.

14 Q Now, how many parcels in total were
15 examined?

16 A We've already discussed, I believe, 18, but
17 I know -- what I should do is go to the probes
18 and listed on the probes is the site number; so
19 unless there's a duplication of probe number, they
20 would tend to be investigated.

21 Q Let me rephrase rather than take up
22 time, because we're running-very short here.

23 A One report, it does state how many parcels
24 were investigated somewhere. I just have to see if
25 I can find it.

1 Q Don't spend your time doing it now.

2 Appendix B1 appears to list the number of
3 vacant parcels in the municipality as 124 separate
4 sites and we've discussed 18 sites, and that incorporated
5 27 probes.

6 A 27 probes would be more than 18 sites.
7 24 sites were represented.

8 Q Out of 124?

9 A In probes, yes.

10 Q Were additional field investigations
11 done on sites not probed?

12 A Aerial photographic review was performed
13 for the entire municipality, so the other sites
14 would be included and we used our boring data from
15 prior studies for general determinative and correlative
16 purposes, so that without making a hole on each of
17 the 120 some odd parcels, we were able to extrapolate
18 the data secured to reach conclusions about the
19 others as well.

20 Now, on page eight of your December
21 report there appears to be what I would characterize
22 as a disclaimer of sorts indicating the purpose of
23 the study being limited to use in this litigation;
24 is that correct?

25 A That is correct.

1 Q Is that intended to limit the application
2 of these materials at litigation is not a development
3 proposal? In other words, you would not intend the
4 materials to be placed in the hands of a developer,
5 and say, based upon my analyses of these selected
6 sites, you could at this point in time go forward
7 with a development proposal. Is that in essence
8 what the import of this statement is?

9 A Basically, yes. What we have in mind is
10 that we do not wish a builder to take this data and
11 say, "Oh, I now have everything and can construct
12 a building on this site, because the report [REDACTED]
13 are no limitations to go out and build it. And because
14 it takes a detailed investigation in greater detail
15 than what we have performed here in order to be
16 ready to prepare a set of plans for construction,
17 and we wished everybody to be aware that an additional
18 step would be necessary before plans for construction
19 could be prepared.

20 Now, on page A-1 of your December
21 report, the third paragraph, last sentence in that
22 paragraph states, and I quote:

23 "The exploration location should be considered
24 accurate only to the degree implied by the methodology
25 used."

The preceding sentence indicates that these

1 locations were determined by pacing from landmarks
2 shown on aerial photographs and map references.
3 ~~Could you~~ elaborate on the degree of accuracy of
4 ~~probe~~ locations as indicated by that pacing methodology
5 that was used to locate these probe sites?

6 A Yes. We knew where we were on the street
7 from municipal maps and had landmarks which we were
8 able to see on the street, and also be able to see
9 on the photographs and we paced it in.

10 Now, our personnel are experienced in pacing
11 and one has a pace of known dimension after a period
12 of experience, but the angle of entry and the ~~distance~~
13 is not an exact number; so I would say that we are
14 plus or minus some number of feet from the plotted
15 location. However, within accuracy of the mapping
16 which is a one-inch equals 500 scale. The thickness
17 of X is a fair number of feet to begin with, and
18 so the locations shown are generally correct, except
19 that if you would ask is this location correct to
20 the nearest foot, the answer is no.

21 Q From what you've just told me as regards
22 to the scale of a map in addition to the imprecise
23 nature of the pacing, you have two factors working
24 in conjunction as far as being able to indicate
25 precise locations; the map factor and the actual

1 pacing fact: is that correct?

2 A Yes, but we are within the parcel designated
3 in the vicinity of the location plotted, so there
4 is no need for this study for a greater degree of
5 accuracy.

6 Q To the extent that soil types as mapped
7 on various documents you used traverse various
8 parcels without respect on the boundaries of the
9 parcels, would that not make a relevant factor in
10 regards to determining what soil types you were
11 actually probing as to getting the exact location
12 order to correspond to the maps showing or [REDACTED]
13 that soil type?

14 A I can say that is extremely unlikely.

15 Q Why?

16 A Because we are able to get a reasonable degree
17 of accuracy to begin with, and the different soil types
18 you have certain items in common and it is -- I would
19 suspect it to be highly unusual for different soils
20 with different characteristics showing up. Like
21 invariably, within a parcel, all of the soil types
22 mapped would tend to have the seasonally high ground
23 water condition; so it really wouldn't matter whether
24 the probe was in one or the other. However, the probes
25 are of sufficient accuracy, or I would not expect to be

1 hundreds of feet off and move from one soil type to
2 another.

3 Q Are there more exact locating methodologies
4 that your firm uses on other types of studies?

5 A Yes, they are methods where transit and
6 tape could be used to tie the locations down, and if
7 a proposed building were to be located or were
8 proposed at a specific location on the site, we would
9 certainly not wish to be off by 20 or 10 feet; and
10 so we would come in by precise survey and we might even
11 hire a professional land surveyor to come in and locate
12 that work for us.

13 However, that degree of accuracy is not needed
14 for the purpose of this study.

15 Q Now, directing your attention to page
16 B1 of your December report, the description of material
17 at the top of the page appears to indicate that in
18 the circumstances where the soil conservation service
19 delineated the soil types of one classification,
20 and at a particular parcel your probe found a different
21 characteristic, you classified in the material for
22 the entire 124 sites, vacant sites in the Township
23 the characteristics as ascertained by your probe
24 on all these sites in addition to the one where the
25 probe actually found that material as opposed to

1 what the soil conservation service delineated; is that
2 correct?

3 ~~Not~~ Not exactly. We did take into account other
4 ~~features~~ features such as we identified one soil type before
5 as not having a high ground water condition, and even
6 though we found it on a specific parcel, we would
7 tend to indicate it as such for that parcel;
8 but we would not have extrapolated other areas where
9 SCS; so we gave the benefit of the doubt to other
10 areas.

11 I can trying to find an illustration ~~of~~
12 if you wish.

13 Q Before you said sites not field
14 investigated but mapped as the same soil type as
15 the sites visited in the field are considered to
16 display similar site conditions as observed in the
17 field. That is the sentence I was getting at which
18 I'm not clear on.

19 A Right. If a soil is mapped as a Carlylse
20 ~~to~~ to take an illustration, and we perform probes,
21 ~~series~~ series of probes in the Carlylse series, and
22 those probes indicated the presence of a such
23 deposit of weak soil and a high ground water condition
24 and a poor surface drainage condition. we would --
25 which SCS indicates is occurring and our probes indicate

1 as occurring, we then feel confident in extrapolating
2 all the Carlisle muck mapped in the municipality
3 as having those characteristics. However, where we
4 get to the Riverhead series, perhaps, I believe
5 it's the Riverhead where the conditions are not
6 expected to be severe. Let me double-check that
7 to be sure. Yes. Riverhead and Rockaway series.
8 We did not extrapolate that circumstance, not
9 necessarily extrapolate that circumstance.

10 The columns are off on page B4, so this
11 would be --

12 Q When you say they're not lined up
13 correctly on B4, it's just that they're shifted
14 over as opposed to being otherwise directly underneath
15 so all we have to do is draw our lines at an
16 angle. On my B4, the first set appears between
17 the Alluvial and Boonton.

18 A I'm trying to make that determination by seeing
19 that site has all old fill. I'm not absolutely certain.

20 Q In light of that observation of possibly
21 clerical error on B4, I think it would be fair to
22 ask that you just double-check for all the pages
23 to make sure that we have all our columns aligned.
24 I'm sure some just on initial observation will prove
25 they are aligned properly, but maybe you better

1 verify that and let us know. I appreciate that.

2 Thank you.

3 ~~Let's~~ Let's see. We were still trying to clarify
4 your extrapolation methodology.

5 A We did not say since one series everything
6 dotted in that series has the same negative condition.

7 If you'll notice, I'm turning to page B5.
8 Parcels 95 through 98 are plotted are Riverhead
9 series, which would indicate, according on paper,
10 a deep water condition; but in a couple of illustrations
11 there was a shallow water condition, and for
12 97 that was probably a probe that was plotted
13 parcels 95, 96 and 98. We did not extrapolate that
14 and assume that since we found it in one case, it was
15 universally true; so we used that with professional
16 judgment in making the determination of what is happening
17 elsewhere in performing our extrapolations.

18 Q Now, the final descriptive sentence
19 on B1 indicates, and I quote:

20 "Where more than one soil type per site was
21 referenced, the poorer condition was considered."

22 I guess my concern in regards to that quality,
23 if I remember, would be the situation where you had
24 a particular site sloping. For instance, say the site
25 was quite large, 40 acres, and at its one extreme edge

1 it might dip down in the last 100 feet into a swamp
2 and you would have to pain a swamp or muck condition
3 and reference that for a 40-acre site in which it was
4 only the boundary or tip which was so impaired.

5 A That did not occur. Where there was more
6 than one condition, it had to be a substantial part
7 to be considered.

8 Q Now, would you define substantial?
9 What was the cutoff point for that type of a situation?

10 A I honestly don't recollect. I'd have to go
11 through piece by piece.

12 Q Even if it was a substantial condition,
13 say you had a 40-acre tract again, and 20 acres
14 contiguous to say the eastern half were impaired and
15 the 20 acres on the western half were unimpaired.
16 Would not the 20 acres of unimpaired land constitute
17 a substantial piece of vacant, developable land that
18 would not be lumped in with the 20 acres that you
19 would want to prepare as open space?

20 A Yes. That could best be established by going
21 to Catlin's drawings which would make that differentiatio
22 and using ours for correlation purposes.

23 Q But as far as your delineations reflected
24 in B-1, that type of differentiation between two
25 portions of a contiguous tract would not be shown;

1 is that correct?

2 A Yes. The impact of that I would suspect to
3 be relatively small.

4 (J) (E) That would have to be determined,
5 however?

6 A It would have to be determined.

7 Q I believe my last question would be
8 that you indicated that your field work was done by
9 others in your firm; at any time did you accompany these
10 field crews in these work projects?

11 A I did not. I did drive through the area
12 so I could get a feel for the work, but I did not
13 accompany the field crews.

14 MR. ONSDORFF: Thank you.

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