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Kittitas County Community Development Services
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Dear Mr. Carlson,

I am concerned regarding the proposed application for the Currier Heights Planned Unit Development, Project File Number PD-16-00001 and the accompanying application for the long plat, project file number LP-17-00004 MDJ Plat. That area, as has been previously noted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife during the application for development of Currier Creek Estates, has a large swale running through it (please see attachments). To my specific knowledge, the swale on this property, which has run into the neighboring properties of Currier Creek Estates, has flooded during the Spring thaws for at least the past two years. I question how the builder will mitigate flooding of the proposed development and how the builder will divert the water so that it does not cause any flooding to the neighboring Currier Creek Estates properties, specifically at 2115 W. Creeksedge Way. I am attaching maps and photographs taken by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and myself showing the extent of the swale as well as the impact the swale has had on the Currier Creek Estates properties causing massive flooding for the past two years. I am also attaching an email to me from County Engineer Mark Cook stating that the flooding at the Currier Creek Estates properties is the result (in his expert opinion) of the natural swale.

Based upon the information that I have received from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife as well as my conversations with county officials, I believe that an environmental impact statement is warranted and I strongly urge you to consider that this be undertaken. Alternatively, a full hydraulic analysis of the area would also be beneficial, especially in response to the current flooding issues and how the applicant plans to mitigate these effects for the proposed property and surrounding areas. It is imperative that the hydraulic model shows that my property at 2115 W. Creeksedge Way and any newly developed properties in this area will not be impacted by the proposed development and that the current flooding issues that have been evidenced over the last few years will cease.

I thank you for your time and look forward to the answers to these questions.

Best,


Dr. Nicole A. Jastremski

RE: March flooding at 2115 W Creeksedge Way

Mark Cook <mark.cook@co.kittitas.wa.us>

Wed 5/3/2017 1:54 PM

To:'nikki jastremski' <njastremski@hotmail.com>;

Cc:Karen Hodges <karen.hodges@co.kittitas.wa.us>;

I did meet with Jennifer Nelson and I personally visited the site last week. I believe Jennifer is correct, the flooding is likely not from the ditch, but from property owned by Mike Jackson proximate to your home. I now think your best flood fight is to construct an interior berm along your fence line. Nelson has photos of the homes under construction and they clearly show water all around the foundation.

Jackson is proposing a development on the property across from you and we are watching the process to ensure that flooding issues are adequately addressed in his proposal.

With higher than normal temperatures this week and the onset of irrigation, I would keep the sandbags up until the end of the month. Please let me know if you would like to meet at your home in the near future for a follow up discussion. Regards, Cook.

From: nikki jastremski [mailto:njastremski@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 9:53 AM

To: Mark Cook

Cc: Lucas Huck

Subject: March flooding at 2115 W Creeksedge Way

Hi Mark,

I was just following up on our meeting last month regarding the flooding that occurred at my property in Currier Creek Estates. The last time we spoke you and Luke Huck had mentioned that you spoke with Michael Jackson about filling in the ditch behind my property. I was also wondering if you had spoken with Jennifer Nelson and if you or one of your associates would be coming out to look at the property? Lastly, do you think that the flooding is over with, or should I continue to keep the sandbags around my house?

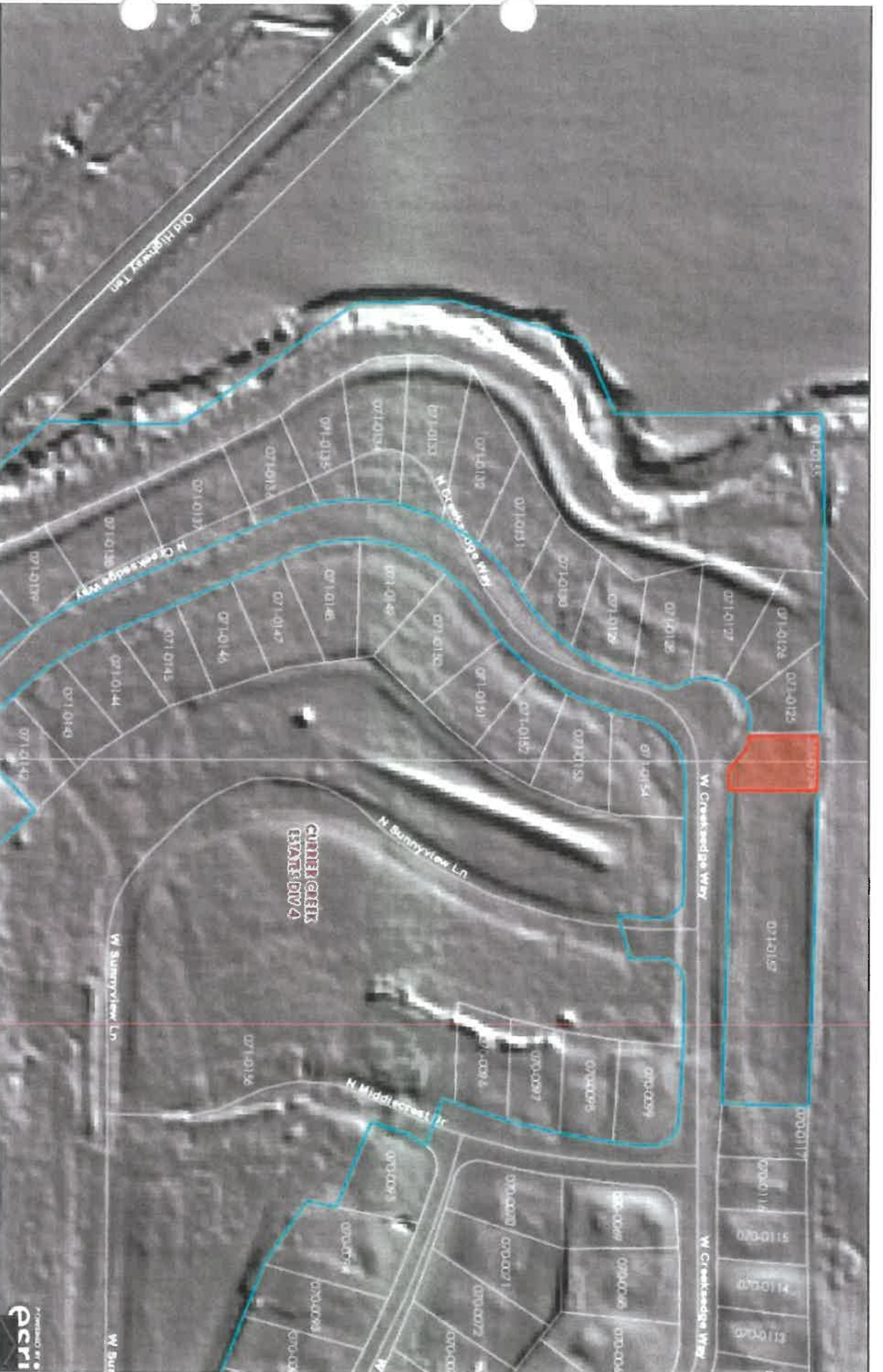
Sorry to barrage you with all of these questions. Thanks for your time.

Best,

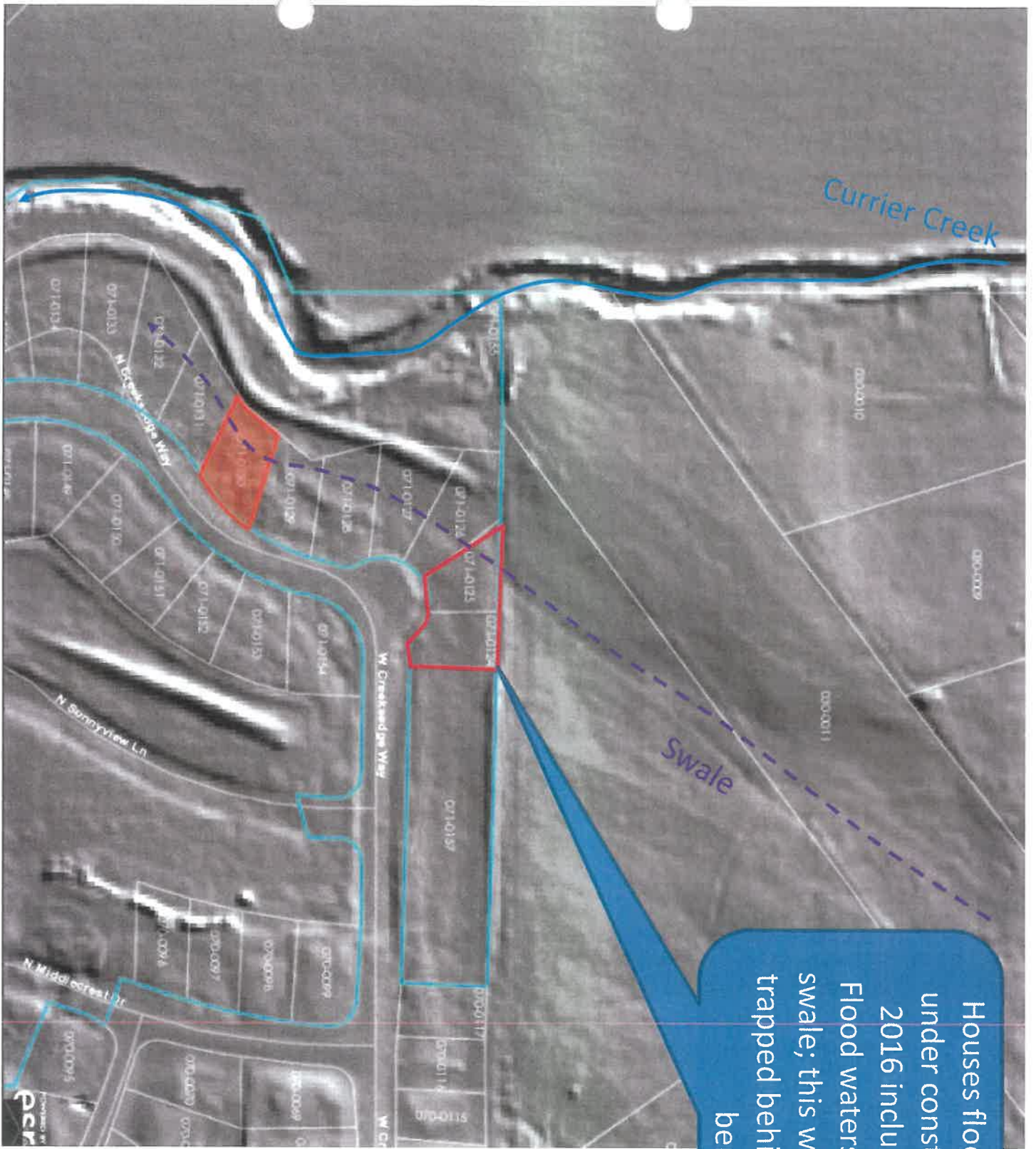
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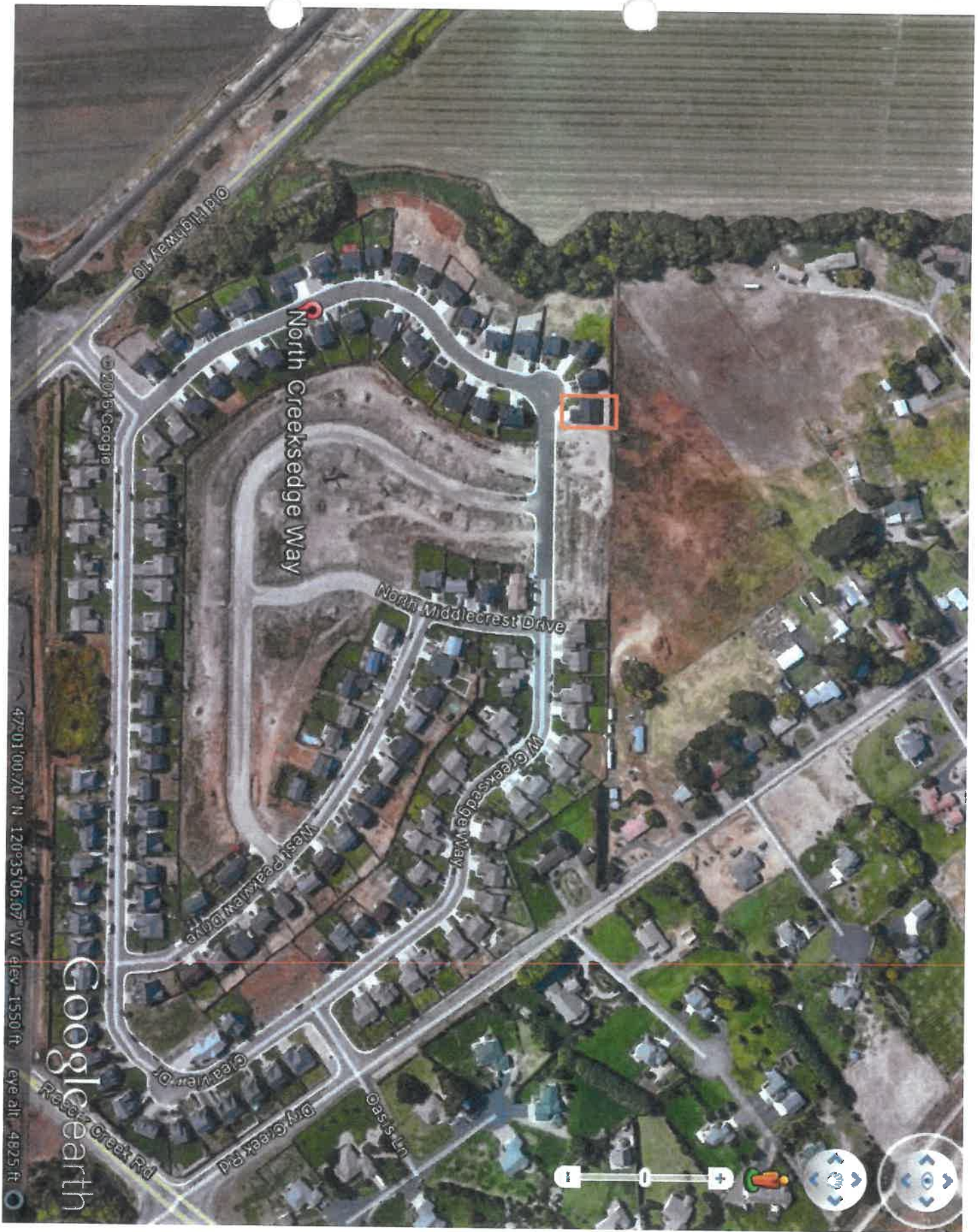
Your parcel is highlighted in orange. The community parcel along the east bank of Currier Creek has a non-permitted levee constructed prior to homes being built in this portion of the development.



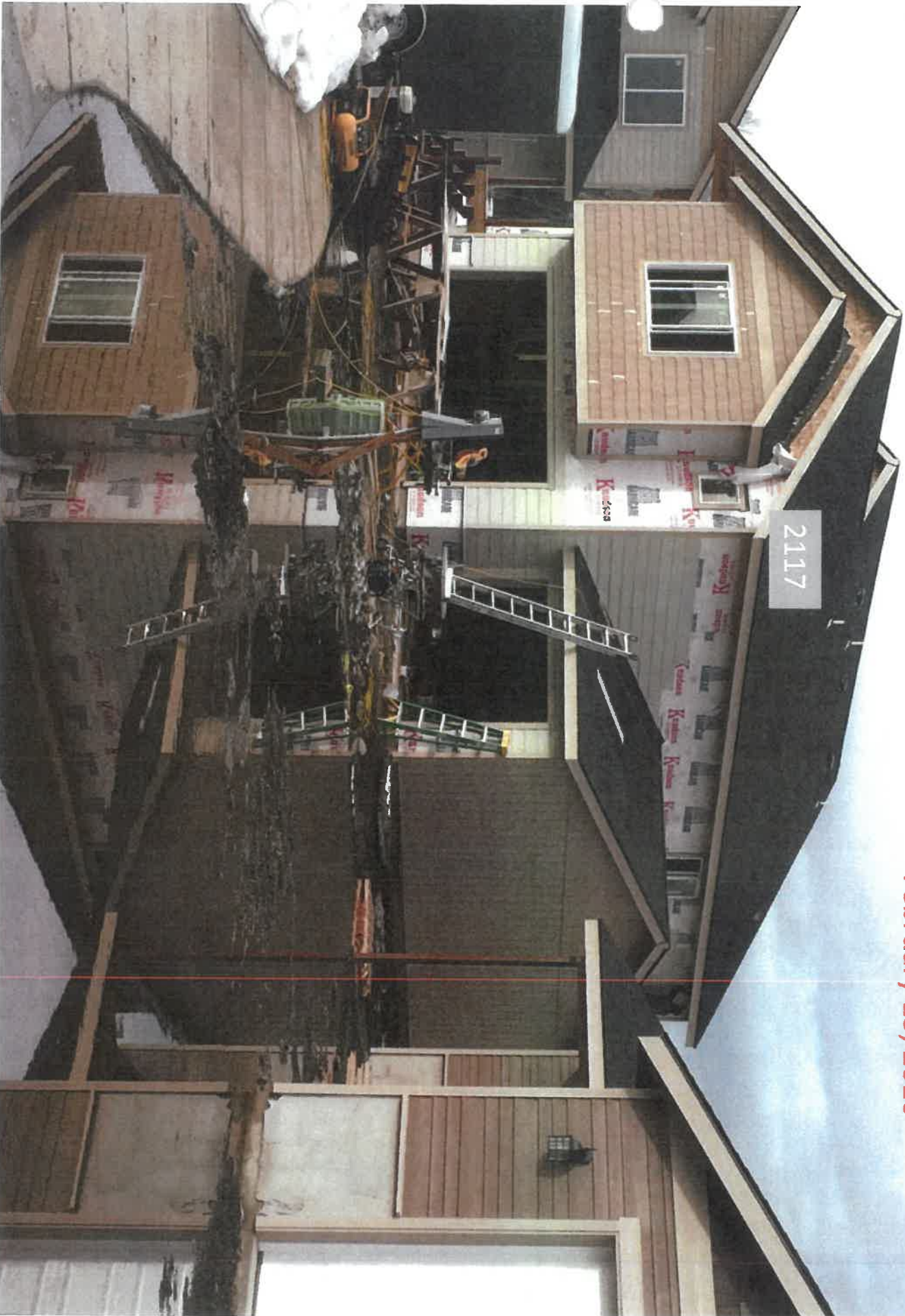
Houses flooding while under construction Feb 2016 including yours. Flood waters were in the swale; this water could be trapped behind the illegal berm.

County website shows possible wetland areas. Your parcel is highlighted in orange as connected to the swale shown earlier in the LIDAR.





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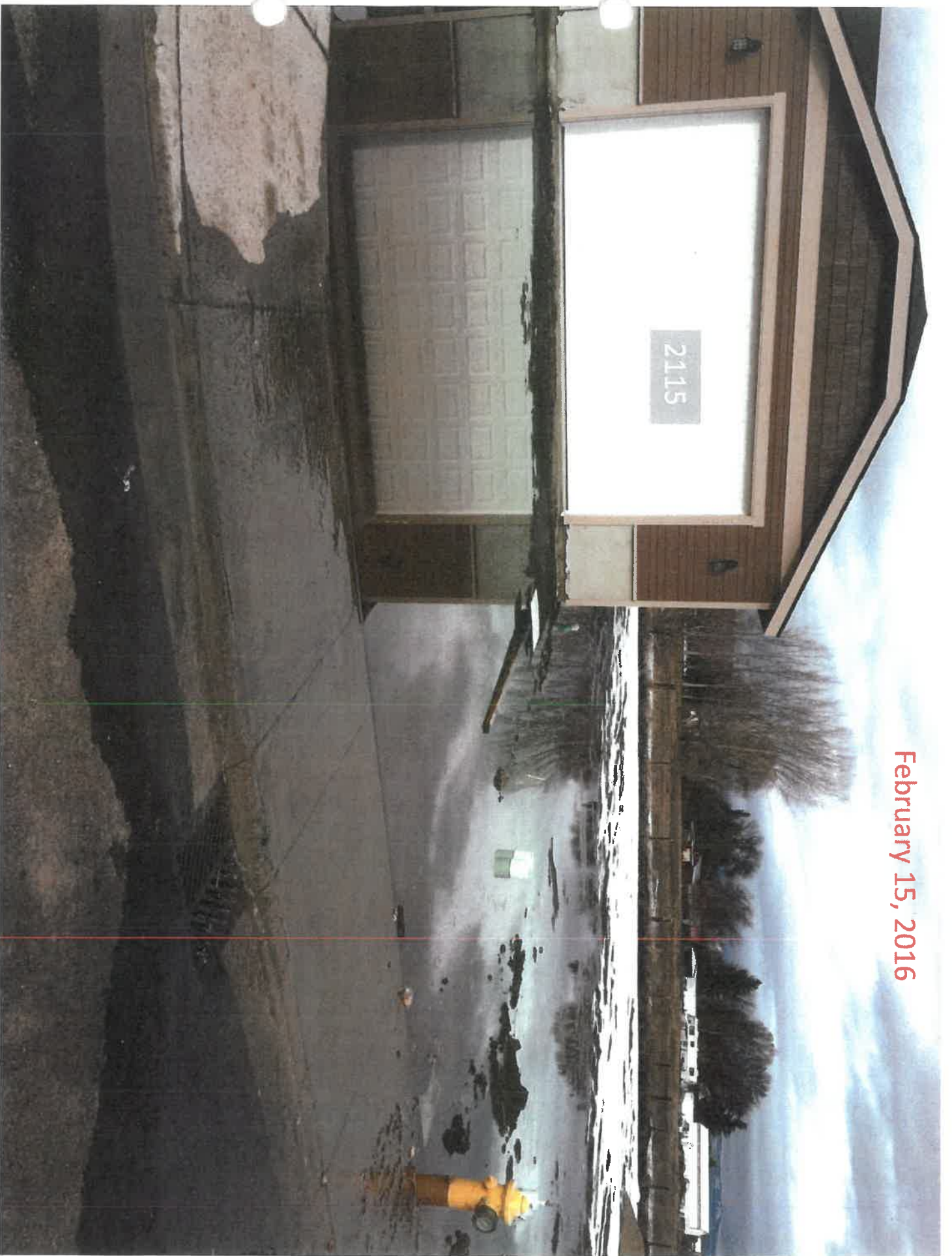
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Trench behind
homes running
perpendicular to
Currier Creek and
Swale