

March 28, 2009

Mr. S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 372 Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 631 Orange Ave. Milford

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Included with this letter are sketches regarding the alternate location (black balloon) of a Cell Tower at the Milford-Orange YMCA

One sketch details the corner of the properties that come together at the approximate location of the present baseball back stop, which is shown. It shows the approximate distances to the page fence along the Stubby Plains Brook, and the brook location as well, from the easterly post of the backstop.

Another sketch shows the Cell Tower layout placed in an approximate location where a corner is formed by three property corners that come together at that point. The clearances for this location, against two of the abutting parcels, may have to be determined with the City of Milford which presently owns these two parcels. A discussion with the city may have to ensue to determine if the tower must be further into the "Y" property to assure its falling distance will be within the "Y" property. However, seeing as both of the city parcel corners are adjacent to wetland areas, perhaps this can be negotiated so that setback requirement might be waived, so that less of the "Y" recreation areas are lost to the tower placement.

This sketch also shows a roadway of open type tiles that will make up a "Green" type pavement surface that will run from the front "Y" area toward the south and then turn and run easterly to the Cell Tower location, a distance of approximately 450 feet as shown. This green road surface is sketched out at about 18 feet wide and located about 15 feet off the boundary along the south side. This strip between the property line stonewall to the "Green" surfaced roadway will provide for an open cleared area to be kept green and clear of trash trees and oriental bittersweet. Then later it can be planted with trees of medium growth habit in height that will be sturdy and able to withstand the wintry winds and full sun exposure and can be mowed around, while providing a tree line to replace the trash growth that has moved into this area over the past 25 years.

Also included is an additional small print that is copied from a City of Milford photographic map G-05. The photography is dated 6 April, 1996. This map shows the

locations of some of the homes in this area of the alternate tower site. The distances to the closest homes are as follows:

- To the Telep home on Peddlers Lane it is about 400 feet, and the distance to the open Telep lot across the lane hill from the small pond is about 350 feet. To the edge of the lot containing the pond it is 250 feet.
- To the closest home at the end of Julia Court, the distance to the tower is about 450 feet.
- To the Rotman's home and others along that block of Gibson Road it is a distance of about 450 feet.

As the abutting property to the southern side of the "Y" property is slated to be used in the future for athletic fields, and the closeness of residential neighbors, the tower backup power source should be of an extremely "green" source. With the open fields and prevailing winds, noise carries easily as does the smell of diesel engine exhaust. Examples of this have been construction equipment that was used in the area in recent years, the emergency generator that used to be at the "Y" to serve the pool cover with inflation air, and the emergency diesel generator located at Platt Technical School. It is possible to have a diesel powered generator that will be completely unheard by people in the area with proper exhaust treatment and sound attenuation for the radiator fan, as well as special mufflers and a catalytic converter.

Very truly yours,



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HDR THOUGHTS
About the proposed Cell Tower
and
Neighborhood Contacts

Since researching and laying out sketches with maps and plot plans available to me, I **have spoken with several folks** about this, some who have contacted me. I have shown Charles Clifford of the "Y" these sketches and the layout on the "Y" property. He is the only one I have shown the sketches to so far and I would not leave any copies with him as I am a bit wary of liability exposure.

I have discussed this with **Ruth Telep**, who feels that the tower should not be at the "Y" at all, based on the closeness to her properties, as well as possible radiation of radio waves and the affect on children enjoying the "Y".

I was called by one of the **families on Julia Court** and I offered to sit and talk with them and their neighbors about this tower and cell towers in general, but no one has called me back some two weeks later.

I have talked with the **former Mayor's Assistant, John O'Connell**, as he is familiar with our former ownership of the city property, and we have had a congenial relationship with him and the city as I continue to care for and watch the property. I asked him if he could put together a group with himself and the new Mayor's Assistant, Lisa, and also Dave Sulkis, the City Planner, to discuss the fall zone for the proposed tower and how this might affect the alternate tower location if adjacent to the wetland areas along Stubby Plains Brook. Likewise, I have had no return calls on this.

I have spoken with **Kenneth Baldwin**, attorney for the cell tower folks, and asked him about feed back from their environmental rep, Mike Libertine. I had given Mike a picture of a deciduous tree camouflage for a tower, which he said he had never seen and he was going to get to me a picture of a "wolf tree" camouflage for a tower. I have had no feed back from the environmentalists in the group.

During this time one neighbor a block or so farther away asked me if I was aware that some folks were **attempting to organize and demonstrate** against the tower, on a special day at the "Y" when they were having a special program. I asked if she was participating and suggested that this might not be a recommended practice. I since have let Charles Clifford know of this situation. Since then our neighborhood has had a two page flyers stuffed into mailboxes. (We did not receive a copy. It wasn't signed.) Since then, we have heard little more on this, but in talking with Charles Clifford I learned that one of the neighbors on Julia Court was scheduled to meet with him regarding the proposed tower.

In thinking about this situation and the fallout from the hearing, I have the following to offer:

- First, people do not like nor do they easily accept change.
- Two, the proposal was not just about the original location, but the alternate site as well, which was confusing to some. I was not aware, until the last minute, what the Intervener's roll was, or could be, so rather than asking questions of the cell tower group I attempted to give my qualifications to the group. And then there was not sufficient time to ask questions of the Cell tower group.
- Three, I am about the only neighbor who will try to meet with the "Y" to discuss problems that the neighbors may have within this close proximity. I often offer equipment and time to assist with situations that I feel are important to me as well as the "Y". For example, the "Y" has been under pressure for about four years with Ruth Telep and a neighbor on Julia Court, asking about some relief from strong lights from the rear of the property that light up their homes all year long and especially in the winter. The parking area lights along the north side need to be updated to match the newer ones along the new front parking areas. The pool lights radiate too much light outside the structure. The light pollution is very heavy, but no real contact with a lighting specialist has ever been accomplished, to my knowledge.

When the YMCA and Platt Tech School construction were originally proposed, there were many constraints put on both in order to be located in this prime one acre residential zoned area. Today there are few of us left who recall these agreed upon restraints and have tried to keep these them enforced. If the "Y" and Platt Tech were more interested in placating the neighborhood, they would have fewer problems with the surrounding residents. Likewise, if the neighbors participated in some of the programs and volunteered their time, perhaps they would be happier to support the programs.

And now they have a Cell Tower to contend with, with what appears to them as little advance warning and information. I, personally, know about utility construction and the data that is collected on costs for different types of construction nationwide. I know that the various regulatory agencies do studies to be certain that the "as built" costs are in line with the norm for the area. I also know that we have a couple of towers in the area that are "bare bones" towers. One of these is at the intersection of Grassy Hill Road and the Wilbur Cross Parkway. It is located within a wetland with a gravel road through the wetlands and it is but about 60 feet off the edge of the pavement of this "Scenic Highway". The building for equipment is little more than a sheet metal "chicken coop" structure. In my opinion, this tower location and construction along Route 121 together with its negative type tower is a desecration of wetlands, and also of the scenic roadway.

In the case of The Milford-Orange YMCA, apparently the installation of a tower in this area is important. This proposal ought to be well designed, and environmentally acceptable to show consideration for the site and the surrounding neighbors. I would like to see a thorough study of the site for any existing radio waves and electrical fields

prior to the tower installation, to be continued periodically after the tower is in place. This testing would again be performed every time a change is made that might affect the gauss loading in the air about the property and the neighborhood. This should be of no problem if what is stated in the literature holds true about the tower loading, and is affirmed by departments of the US Government.

I believe that we must work together with the neighbors to build some positive degree of confidence between the Cell Tower folks and the "Y" and gun shy neighbors. We all must surely understand why the neighbors want their peace and quiet, safety for their children, and preservation of their woodland views.



Henry Dana Rotman
March 23, 2009

Postscript on Friday, March 27, 2009. The environmental team for the cell tower proposal was on site to place **three stakes from which they flew a red balloon**. They then took some photos from various locations surrounding the "Y". There are three stakes still remaining, located along the south side of the "Y" property line.

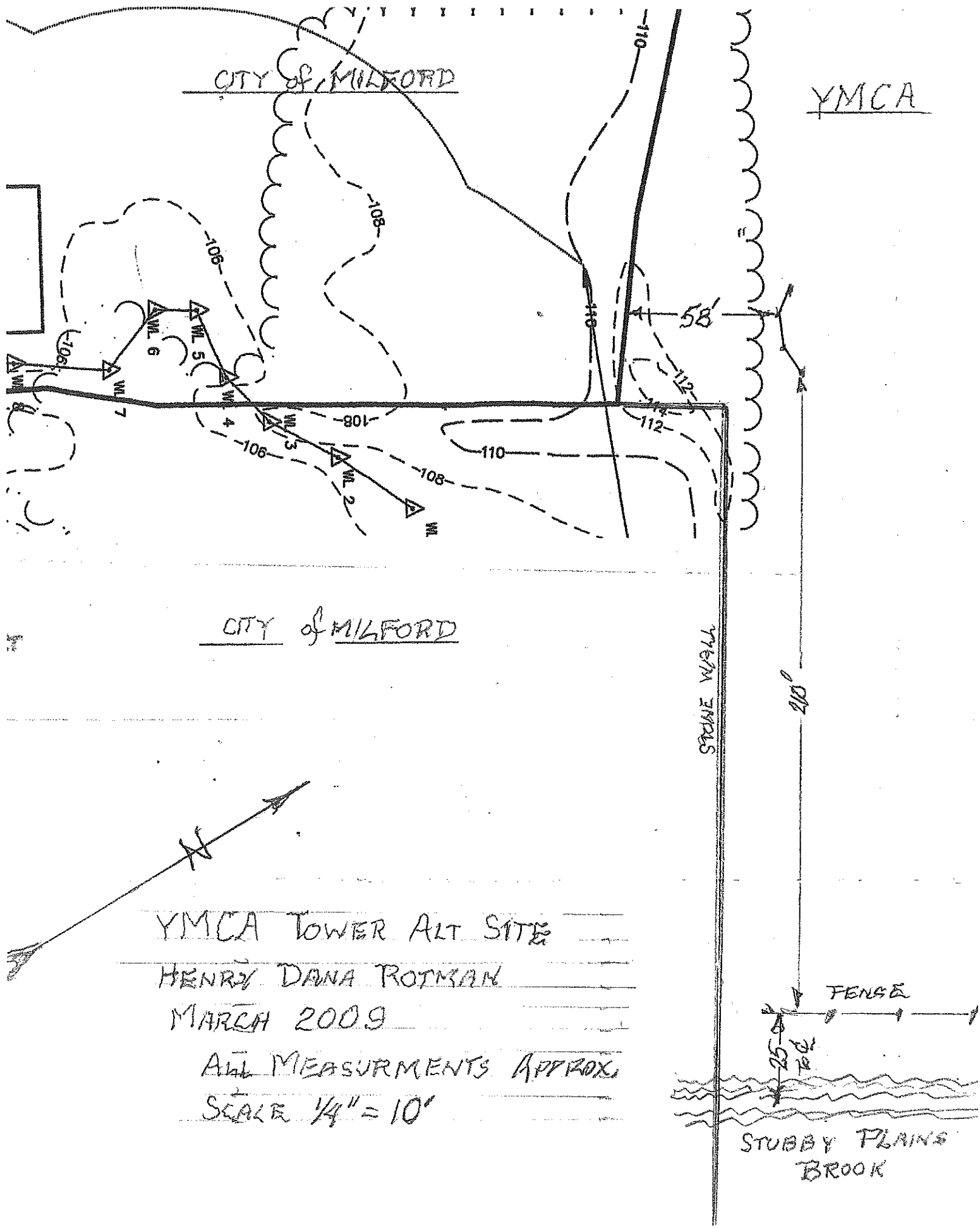
1. One stake is nearest the baseball diamond back stop alt location "B".
2. One stake is about 200 feet west of this along the south sideline and is labeled location "A".
3. One stake is about 200 feet still farther west, almost at the old property line between the former Rotman farmland and the former Novelli farmland. This is location "C".

The locations that I would prefer the tower to be placed would be at "A" or "B", or somewhere in between. It kind of evens out the distances to the affected homes with some tree cover, and would ease visual pollution especially if was combined with a dressed tower to look like a deciduous tree.

The location "C" puts too much visual impact on several homes along Gibson Road and might even be seen down Mansfield Road looking north toward the "Y", thereby creating more unhappiness in the area.



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March 28, 2009



CITY OF MILFORD

YMCA

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STONE WALL

210'

FENCE
25-0'
STUBBY PLAINS
BROOK

YMCA TOWER ALT SITE

HENRY DANA ROITMAN

MARCH 2009

ALL MEASUREMENTS APPROX

SCALE 1/4" = 10'

0° 51' 34" E - 355.45

Mon. 558° 12' 41" E - 188.82

552° 49' 44" E 100.86

845° 57' 03" E 80.11

551° 57' E 82.97

531° 49' 45" W - 154.76
stone wall

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HENRY D. AND NANCY L. ROTMAN
AREA: 3.315 Ac.

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GREEN SPACE

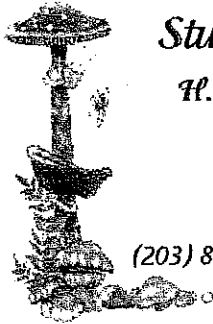
15-18 FT
GREEN PAVED
ROADWAY

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Facility
50' x 60'

SCALE 1/4" = 10'

Wire on 5' tie

541° 22' 45" W
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Stubby Plains Acres

H. Dana and Nan Rotman

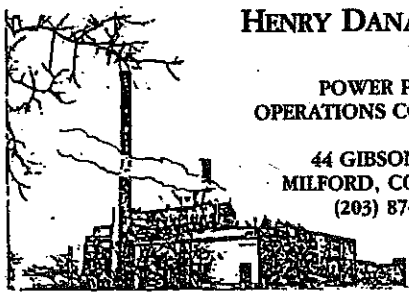
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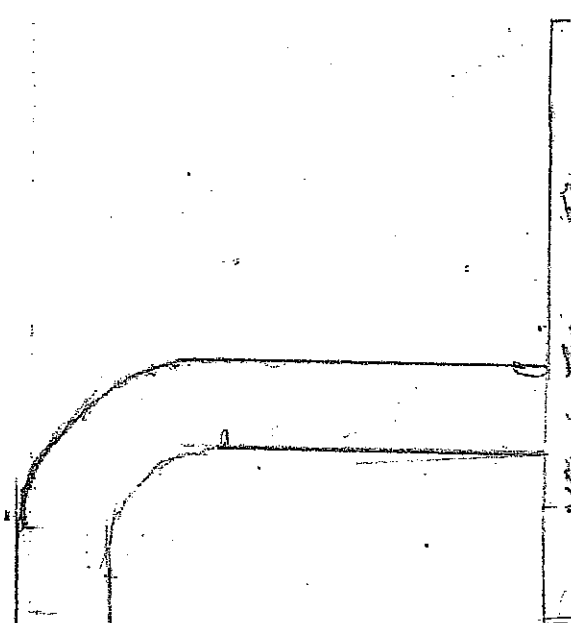
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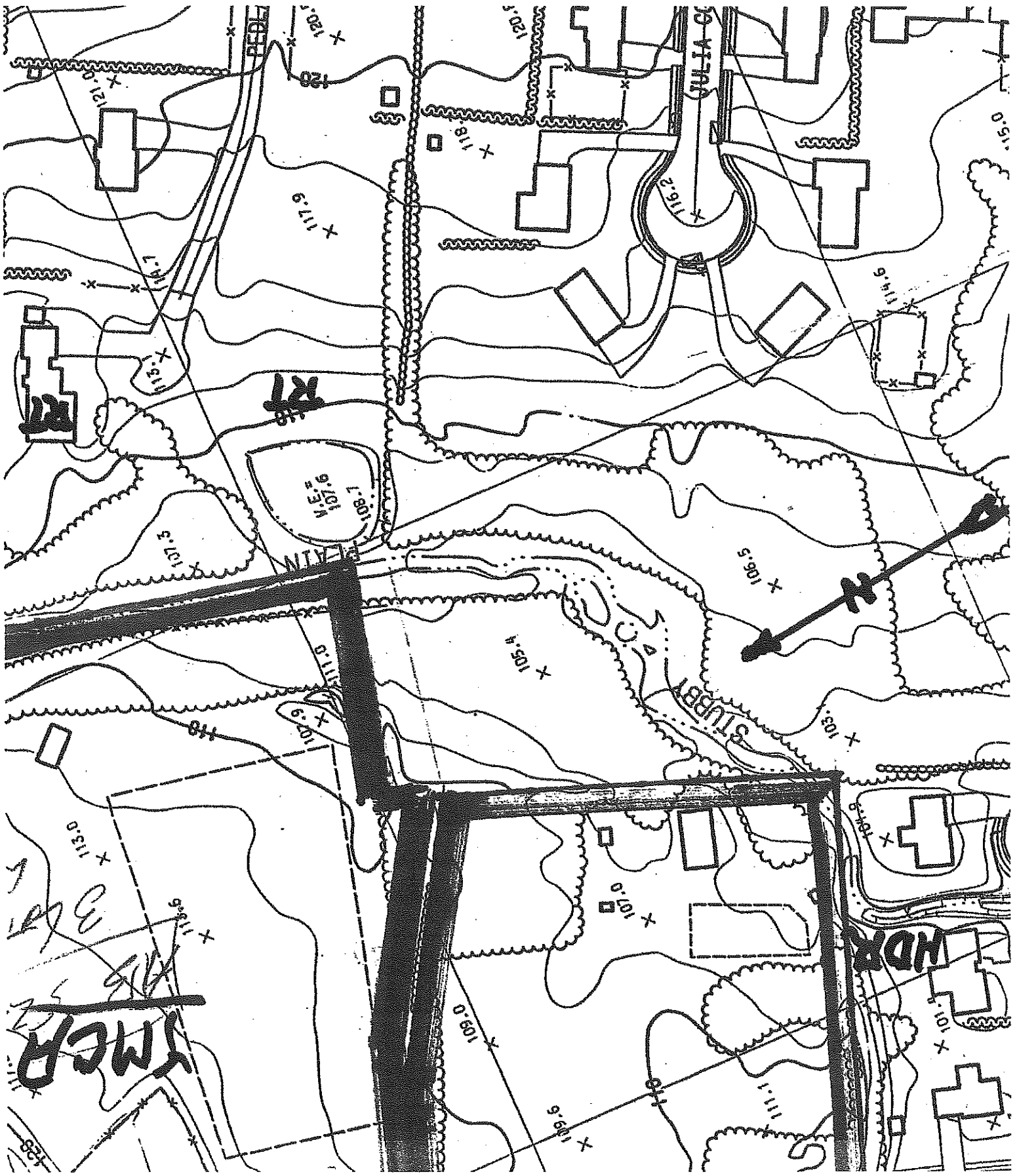
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Scale 1" = 100'