

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
TSEP / DNRC GRANT HEARING TESTIMONY
UPPER LOWER RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

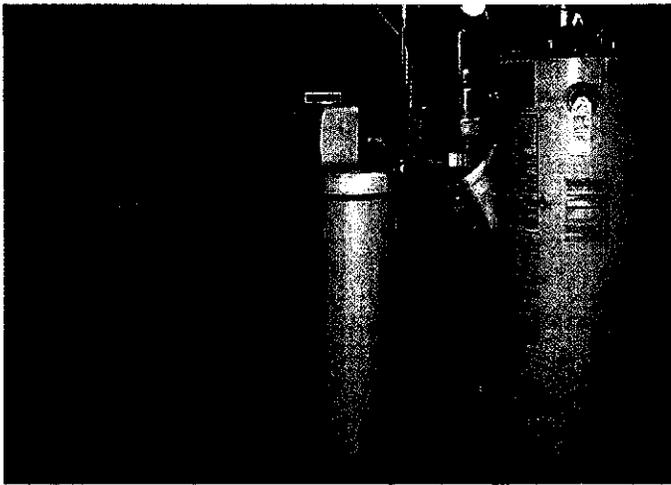
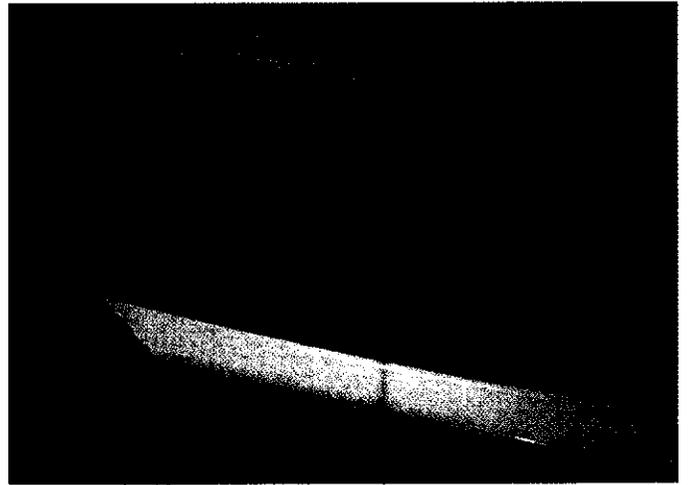
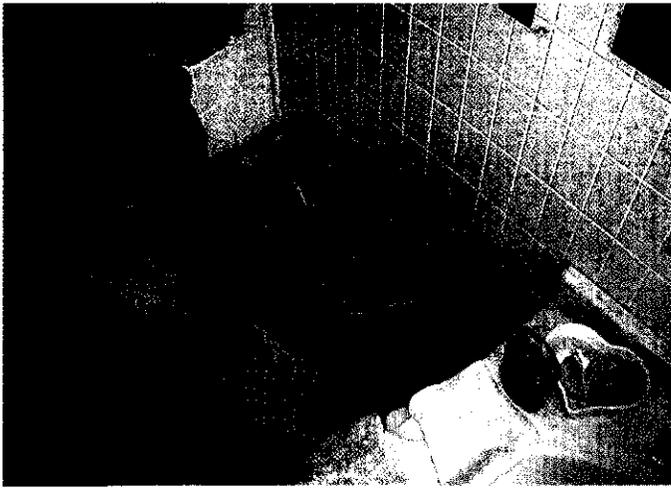
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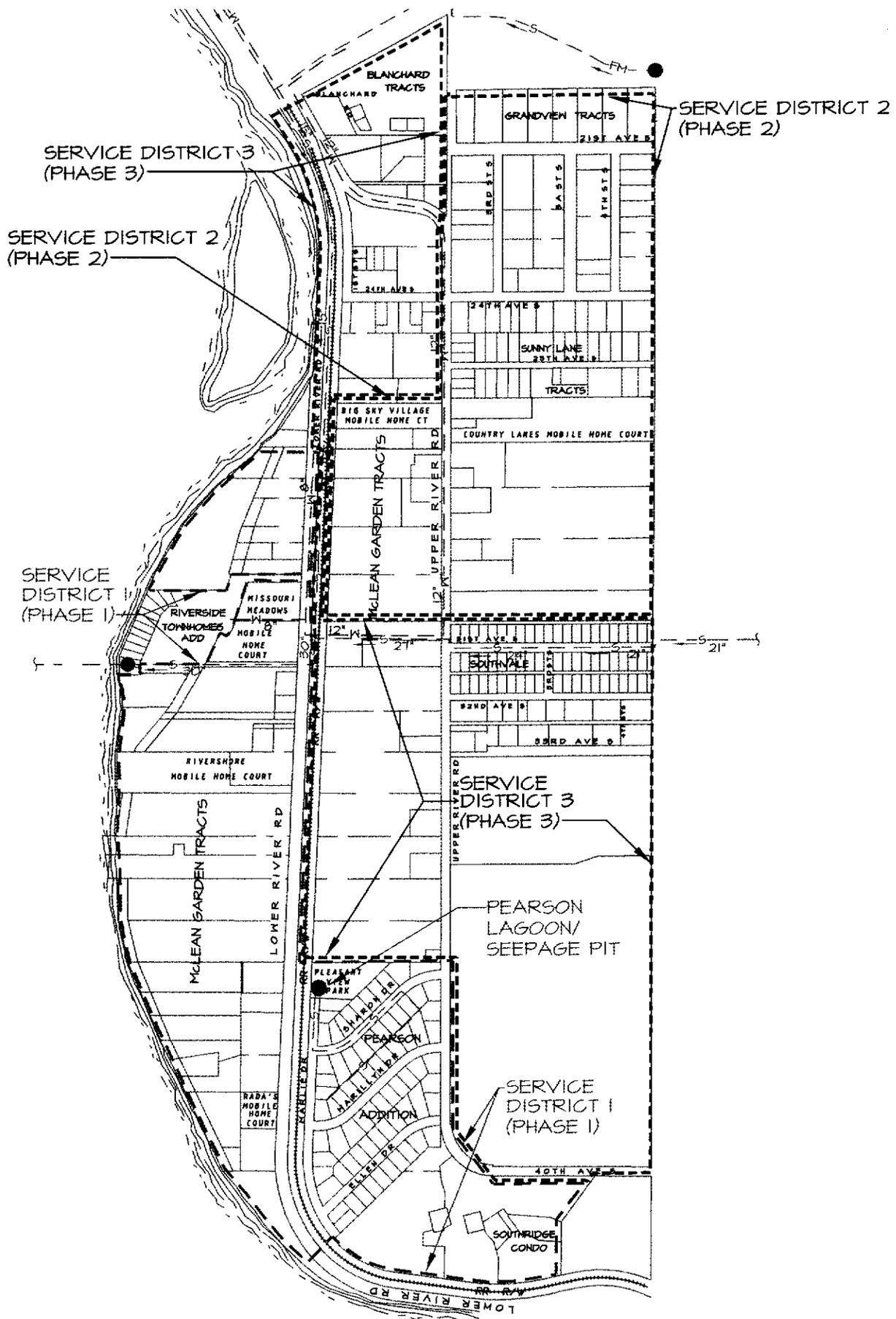
PROJECT HISTORY:

- 1998 Groundwater Study found high levels of nitrates and ammonia in study area wells, indicating influence of drain fields on water quality. Drinking water is of generally poor quality, without considering drain field impacts. See attached photos.
- A moratorium exists for new drain fields. None are allowed.
- Water and Sewer District was created in 2001
- District contains 58 % Low and Moderate Income residents
- Project will build centralized public water and sewer systems, connecting to City of Great Falls Utilities, on a phased program.
- Initial concept was to build project in two phases, district wide sewer in first phase and district wide water in second phase
- Phase 1 project held up due to failure of initial bond issue.
- District reconfigured Phase boundaries, break project into 3 phases to improve affordability.
- Phase 1 water and sewer project passed via successful bond issue in August 2004. Phase 1 will be constructed this year at cost of \$2.8 million

CURRENT PROJECT:

- 2005 TSEP and DNRC Grant Funds will go to fund a Phase 2 project located as shown on attached map.
- Phase 2 will leverage funds from numerous sources, including City of Great Falls, MDOC CDBG, TSEP, and DNRC. Cost is \$2.5 million dollars.
- This project will install water meters to all users, will alleviate public health and environmental concerns, and will open land up for infill development.





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MAP OF WATER & SEWER
SERVICE DISTRICT #1

DRAWING #
EXHIBIT A

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