

Septic and Well Permits SITE PLAN GUIDANCE AND EXAMPLES

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Why is an accurate site plan important?

A site plan shows where the septic and wells are located in reference to other important and relevant features on and near your property.

Before issuing a permit, the Health Department has to evaluate whether your proposal meets local and state regulations; a good site plan helps us do that efficiently and accurately. If you submit an incomplete or unreadable site plan with your application, it slows down the process and requires more work for both the reviewer and the applicant. Ultimately, we want to make sure that the system or well will meet regulations when we come out to do the inspection. As you might guess, it's expensive to make changes once a well or septic system has been installed. A good site plan is key to ensuring that the system will ultimately pass the inspection and be able to be put into service.

Does my property already have an approved site plan?

Properties that have gone through Sanitation in Subdivision review usually have approved site plans. We can give you a copy of the approved site plan, and you can draw in your house and driveway location. If you want to put your well or septic system in a different location than what has already been approved, you'll need to go through the Site Modification Process.

If a DEQ site plan doesn't exist, you will have to create one.

Can I draw my own site plan?

Site plans can be hand drawn or computer generated. They **cannot be drawn on aerial photographs**. They can be created by an applicant or a professional engineer or architect. If the site plan is not drawn to scale, it needs to include enough measurements to accurately depict where everything is on the property. A site plan must be on 11" x 17" or smaller paper.

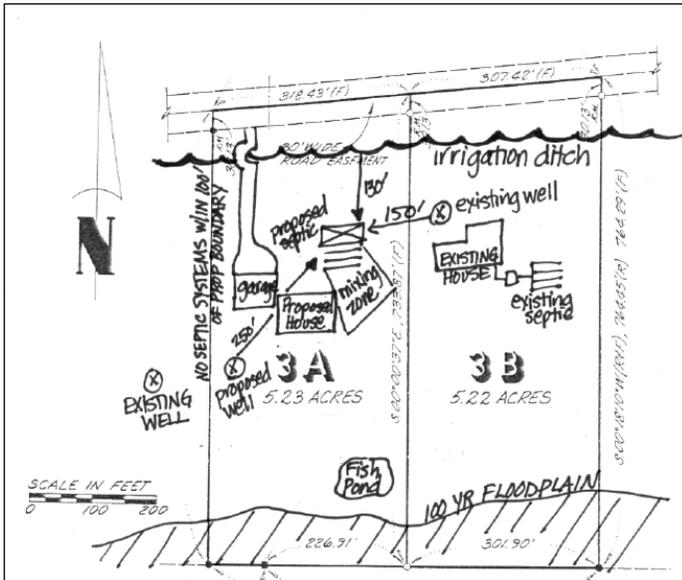
What has to be on my site plan?

Your site plan needs to show all the following features (as applicable to your property):

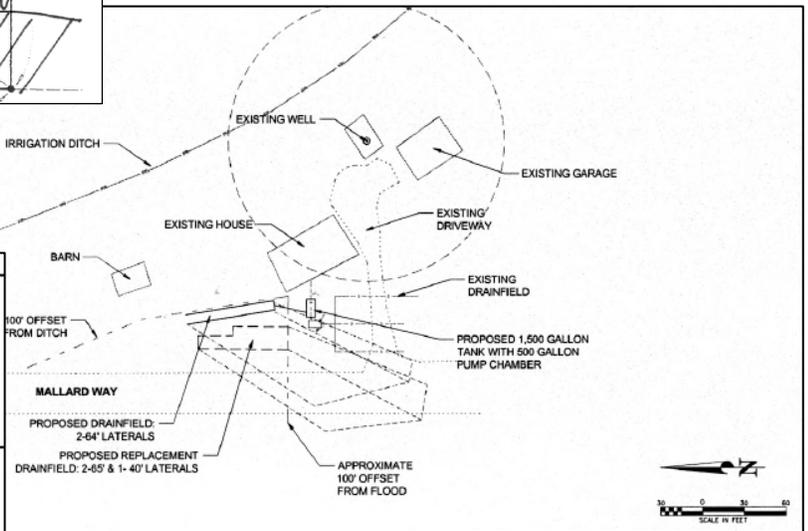
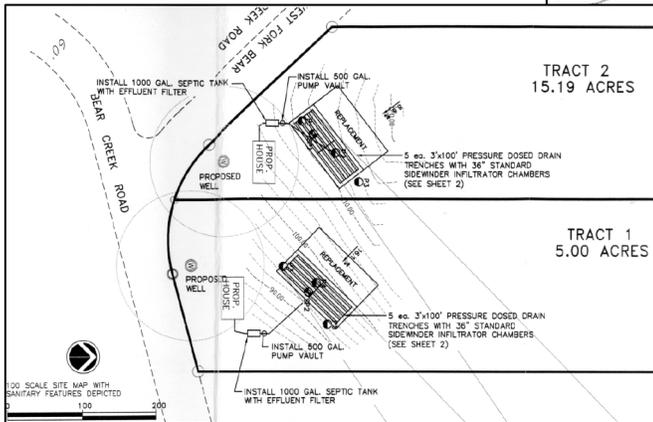
- * Property Lines
- * Buildings
- * Roads & Driveways
- * Wastewater Systems
- * Mixing Zones
- * Floodplain & Floodprone Areas
- * Surface Water
- * Water Supplies (wells)
- * Easements and No Build Zones
- * Wells and Wastewater Systems within 100 feet of your property

Site Plan Examples

Good Site Plans



These site plans show where everything will be located on the property. They reflect distances by either using a scale or including measurements. They identify irrigation ditches and other important features on and near the property.



Inadequate Site Plan

This site plan doesn't show property lines, how far apart the well and the septic system are, or if there is floodplain on the property. It also doesn't give any information about neighboring wells and septic systems.

