

EXPEDITED
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address:	16501 Norwood Rd., Sandy Springs	Meeting Date:	6/28/17
Resource:	Woodlawn Master Plan Site 28/14	Report Date:	6/21/17
Review:	HAWP - Revision	Public Notice:	6/14/17
Case Number:	28/14-17A	Tax Credit:	None
Applicant:	Julie Mueller M-NCPPC	Staff:	Dan Bruechert
Proposal:	Fence Installation		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC **approve** the HAWP application.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Plan Site
STYLE: Federal
DATE: c.1806-1919

From Places from the Past:

One of the finest estates in the county dating from the early 1800s, Woodlawn includes a handsome brick mansion and a superb collection of outbuildings in a beautifully landscaped setting. The house was probably built either by Richard Thomas or his grandson, Samuel Jr., recipient of the property upon Richard's death in 1806. According to tradition, Samuel and Anna Thomas operated a Quaker boarding school at Woodlawn before 1819. Dr. William Palmer purchased the estate in 1825, moving to Montgomery County from Pennsylvania. Palmer was a founder of the Montgomery Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The symmetrical front façade of the five bay Federal style house features Flemish bond brick and a fanlight transom of the central entrance. William Palmer expanded the house with a kitchen wing. In 1881, his son, Benjamin Palmer, added the northwest wing. In 1832 master stonemason Isaac Holland built an exceptional three-story stone bank barn with four large arched openings on the basement level. The property also includes a combination dairy and smokehouse of stone, a log house, and board and batten tenant house. Grounds include significant mature trees, including an Osage Orange with 11-foot trunk circumference, 100-foot high American Linden, and a 1999 County Champion Norway Spruce. The property, owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is open to the public on special occasions.

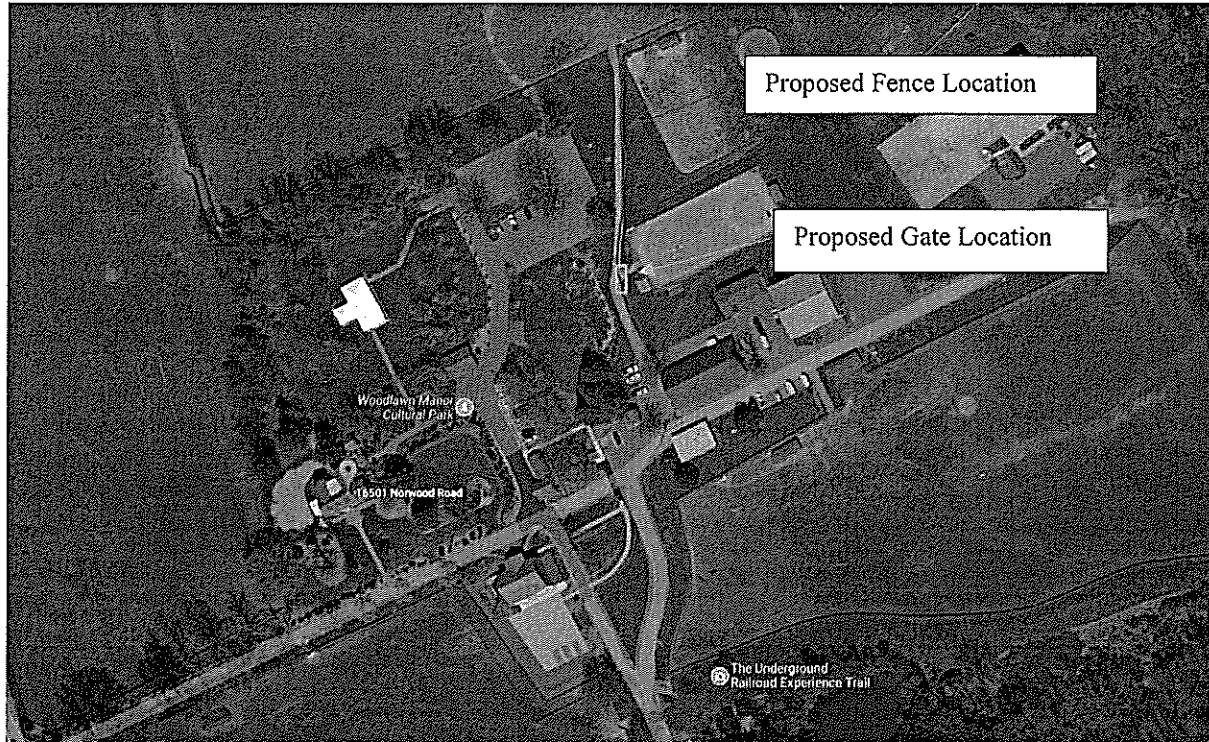
BACKGROUND

In January 2017, the HPC approve a HAWP at Woodlawn to install a 4' (four foot) automatic gate at the boundary between the historic house museum and the adjacent Park Police equestrian compound. After several months, the Park Police has determined that the single gate is not sufficient to keep visitors to the historic house from disrupting the staff and putting the horses at risk.

PROPOSAL:

The applicant is proposing to install a wood fence along the boundary between Woodlawn and the Park Police compound. The fence will be a wooden cross-braced fence matching the design and materials of the fencing already in use on the site for horse enclosures (See Circles ___ & ___). The applicant is additionally proposing to install a metal vehicular gate for access to the paddock area. This steel tube gate matches the design and materials of fences currently on the site (See Circle ___).

The proposed fencing and associated gates will be installed along a gravel drive. This location will not be visible from Woodlawn; and will only have a minimal visual impact on the site from the parking lot and is in keeping with the agriculture character of the Park Police site.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Approval**
- Approval with conditions.

Approval is based on the following criteria from Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, Section 8(b): The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

- 1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district; or
- 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or

3. The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site, or historic resource located within an historic district, in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located, or

4. The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied;
or

5. The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or

6. In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site, or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

*Amendment to
original HAAP
approved 1/25/17.
Julie Mueller
6/4/17*

Contact Email: Julie.mueller@montgomeryparks.org Contact Person: Julie Mueller
 Tax Account No.: _____ Daytime Phone No.: 301-650-4390
 Name of Property Owner: MNEPAC - Mont. Co. Parks Daytime Phone No.: 301-650-4390
 Address: 9500 Brunell Ave Silver Spring 20901
Street Number City State Zip Code
 Contractor: Mont. Co. Parks Phone No.: _____
 Contractor Registration No.: _____
 Agent for Owner: Julie Mueller Daytime Phone No.: 301-650-4390

LOCATION OF BUILDING/STRUCTURE

House Number: 116501 Street: Northwood Rd.
 Town/City: Sandy Spring Nearest Cross Street: Edna
 Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____
 Liber: 4727 Folio: 301 Parcel: 1 (N70)

PLANTING TYPE OF PLANT ACTION AND TIME

1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE

<input type="checkbox"/> Construct	<input type="checkbox"/> Extend	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter/Renovate	<input type="checkbox"/> AC	<input type="checkbox"/> Slab	<input type="checkbox"/> Room Addition	<input type="checkbox"/> Porch	<input type="checkbox"/> Deck	<input type="checkbox"/> Stair
<input type="checkbox"/> Move	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install	<input type="checkbox"/> Wreck/Raze	<input type="checkbox"/> Sider	<input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodburning Stove	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family		
<input type="checkbox"/> Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Revocable	<input type="checkbox"/> Fence/Wall (see plate Section 4)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Gate</u>			

1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ TBD

1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit # _____

PLANTING COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTERIOR ADDITIONS

2A. Type of sewage disposal: 01 WSSC 02 Septic 03 Other: _____
 2B. Type of water supply: 01 WSSC 02 Well 03 Other: _____

PLANTING COMPLETE FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL

3A. Height: 24 feet _____ inches - Gate
 3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:
 On party line/property line Entirely on land of owner On public right of way/ easement

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Julie Mueller
 Signature of owner or authorized agent

Jan. 3, 2017
 Date

Approved: _____ For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission
 Disapproved: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Application/Permit No.: _____ Date Filed: _____ Date Issued: _____

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1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

a. *Description of existing structural and environmental setting, including historic features and significance.* The 105-acre historic environmental setting of the Woodlawn Cultural Special Park includes a historic core group of buildings, a modern grouping of structures which support the Park Police, open fields, and woods. The historic portion of the property carries a period of significance from c. 1806-1919, per the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form. The grounds immediately around the manor house include significant mature trees and a mid-20th century boxwood garden, a 1950s three-car garage, a 2010 tent-pad, and the historic entry driveway from Norwood Road. There are several non-contributing sheds, small storage buildings, and parking lots within the environmental setting.

East of and down slope from the historic core are modern buildings belonging to the Montgomery County Park Police Special Operations Division and the Montgomery County Aviation Division. This non-historic core includes a one-story park police office building, concrete block stable, a large pre-fabricated metal storage building, several small metal storage buildings, an outdoor riding ring, prefabricated wooden run-in sheds in the fields, hay storage facility, and multiple parking areas along driveways adjacent to buildings. Further to the east, near the woods, is a large two-story Butler building and helicopter pad.

Today the historic house and grounds are managed through the Cultural Resources Stewardship Section (CRSS), the Parks Enterprise Division, and the Northern Region. The grounds surrounding the house are used seasonally for weddings and special events. CRSS manages the new Woodlawn Barn Visitors Center located in the historic stone barn and carriage house, and interpretative hikes on the Underground Railroad Experience Trail that originate on the property. The police facilities are occupied and used daily.

b. *General description of project and its effect on the historic resources and environmental setting.* Since the opening of the Woodlawn Visitors Center in June 2016, visitor-ship at this property has increased significantly. Despite signage that directs visitors away from the Park Police compound, both pedestrians and vehicular traffic coming up the driveway from the Ednor Road enter the area regularly, creating multiple daily disruptions for the staff and putting visitors and Park Police horses in dangerous situations. To discourage park users from entering the compound, Park Police would like to install an automatic gate directly in front of the entrance to their compound. The proposed design (attached) is the Aberdeen double swing style AD-1 (highlighted on the attached page). This style was selected for its simple design, relatively transparent appearance, and low height. The gate is composed of two 4-foot-high panels that would swing into the compound after being electronically activated. A small pole with an activation pad would be installed immediately outside the gate at car-window height.

The project will have no adverse effect on the historic resources at Woodlawn. The undertaking will not diminish the integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. There will be no loss of integrity or damage to trees and their root systems. The addition of the gate will allow the police staff and horses to not be disturbed by the increased tourist activity at the site.

6/6/2017 Addendum: In addition to vehicles and pedestrians approaching the Park Police compound from the road, there are even more visitors who approach it from the main visitor parking lot to the north side of the former carriage house. People who park on the eastern half of the lot regularly choose the closest gravel trail as it appears to head in the direction of the museum. Instead, it drops them in the compound where they enter the stables and need to be redirected by Park Police. This is unsafe for both the visitors and the horses. Park Police need to more completely separate their operations from the public museum/event operations.

The proposal calls for a fence from the new vehicular gate (see above) to follow the existing gravel path to the north paddock which is already fenced. The new fence will match existing north paddock fencing. A gate will be added (see site plan) to accommodate horses and park equipment. The gate design matches existing ones already on site.

The added project will have no adverse effect on the historic resources at Woodlawn. The undertaking will not diminish the integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. There will be no loss of integrity or damage to trees and their root systems. The addition of the fence will better separate police functions from the increased tourist activity at the site without affecting the tourist experience while making the shared grounds safer for all.

2. **SITE PLAN:** see attached

3. **PLANS AND ELEVATIONS:** see attached

4. **MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS:** see attached example from a manufacturer. Depending on the manufacturer, the same style and size can be ordered in green, metal (silver), or possibly black.

5. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** see attached

6. **TREE SURVEY:** N/A

7. ADDRESS OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

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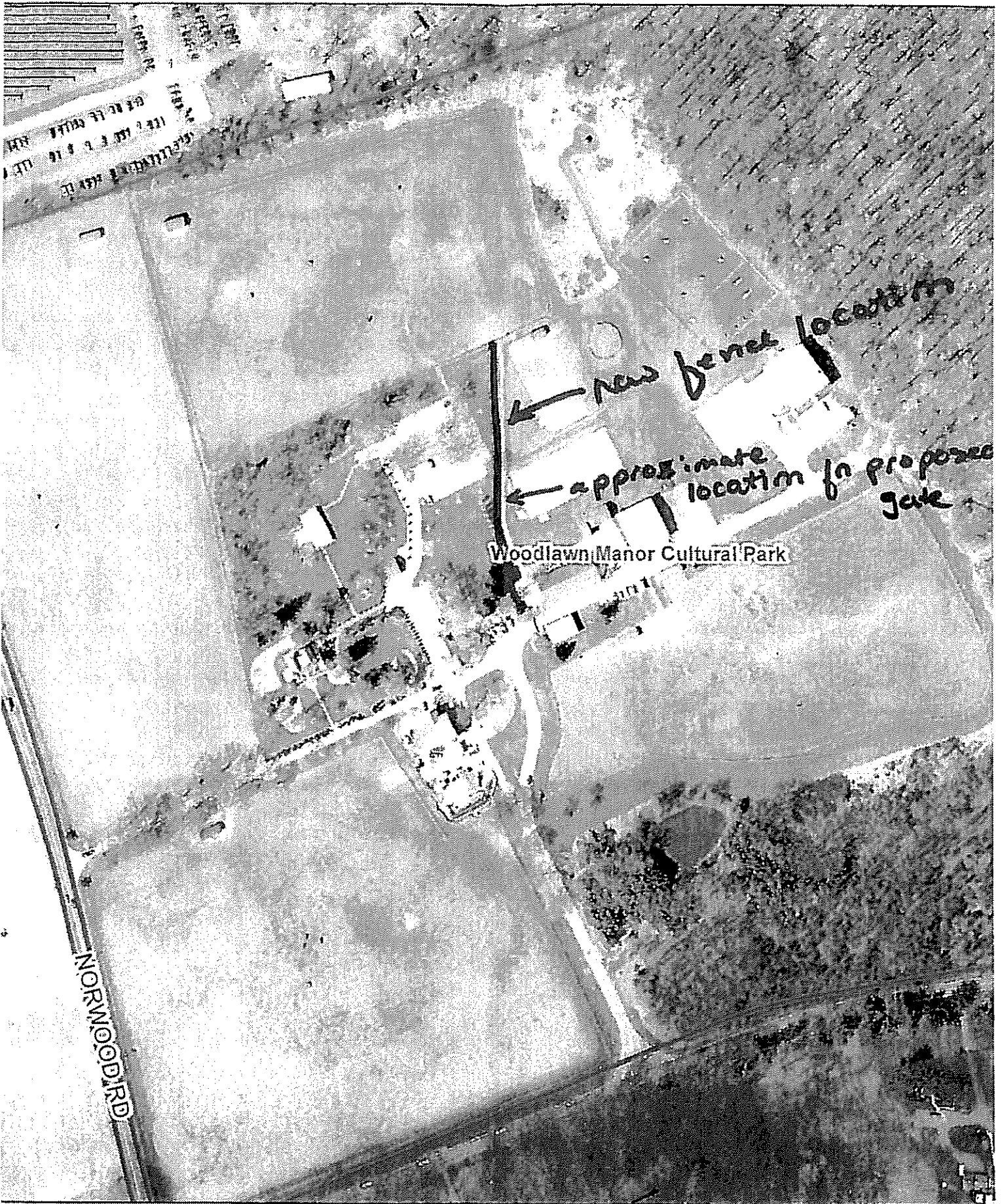
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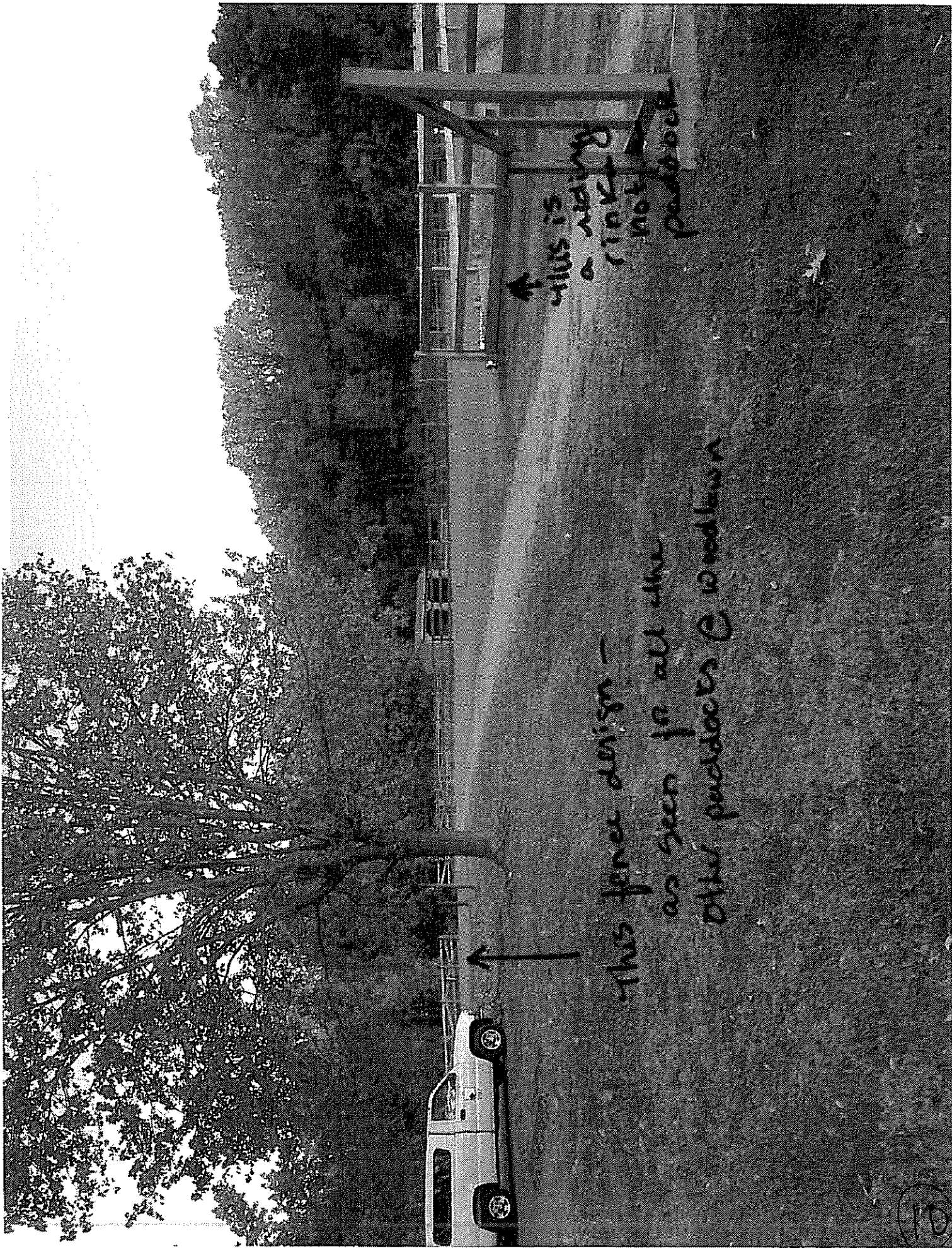
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Mueller, Julie

From: Coe, Jeffrey
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:00 PM
To: Mueller, Julie
Subject: Re: Length of gate



Sample existing gate.
New to match.



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