

**SPECULATIVE SITE EVALUATION FOR  
SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

Property/Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel/Lot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ acres

County Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Description: T - \_\_\_\_\_ R - \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. - \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions (nearest crossroad): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is: ☐ Property Owner ☐ Contractor ☐ Installer ☐ Buyer ☐ Realtor ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name: ☐ Same as Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property: ☐ City ☐ City Impact Area ☐ County

Is city sewer or central wastewater collection system within 200 feet or less to structure? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Send survey results to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Property Owner ☐ Other (see below)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature above, I certify I am the owner, lessee, or authorized representative of the owner, and that all answers and statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the speculative site evaluation only indicates potential suitability of soils for on-site sewage disposal. Approval to construct a sewage disposal system (septic) can only be granted by a valid septic permit and I understand that the speculative site evaluation does not guarantee that a septic permit will be issued. I hereby authorize agents of South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) to access this property for the purposes of conducting a site survey and evaluating test holes. I understand this application is non-transferable between property owners and/or project sites. I understand that the fee is non-refundable once SCPHD has conducted the on-site evaluation. I acknowledge this **application will expire two (2) years** from date of purchase.

**Official Use Only**

**Received Date:**

**Fee Paid: \$**

**Date Paid:**

**Receipt #:**

**Facility #: 14310-**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECULATIVE SITE EVALUATION

### Applications

Speculative Site Evaluation applications must include an accurate legal description of the property along with all requested information as indicated on the form. Once you (property owner) or your agent (applicant) have submitted the application for a Speculative Site Evaluation and have paid the appropriate fees, you/your agent will need to contact the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) to inform of when the test holes will be ready for evaluation or make an appointment with the EHS to be on-site during test hole excavation. SCPHD will not be providing any machinery or labor to complete the excavation.

**Note:** Neither this document nor the Speculative Site Evaluation application is your septic installation permit.

### Test Hole Inspections

- Test Holes are needed to evaluate the soils in the area where the drainfield is to be placed. Test holes are required for all lots and parcels. Additional test holes or deeper test holes may be required if the natural soils are inadequate for sewage disposal. It is the responsibility of the owner or his agent to make the necessary arrangements and have adequate equipment for digging. The EHS does not need be present on-site when test holes are excavated, but arrangements can be made for an EHS to be on site during test hole excavation.
- A minimum of 2-4 test holes must be excavated near the proposed drainfield area to a depth of six (6) to twelve (12) feet. Test holes should be paced between 60-80 feet apart. Additional holes may be required if the native soils are inadequate for sewage disposal or at the discretion of the EHS.
- It is not necessary to make an appointment with the EHS to view the test holes as they are being dug. However, if it is requested that an EHS be present during test hole excavation, please make contact with an EHS and make an appointment. It is recommended that the owner or their agent be present at the time of the inspection, but is not required.
- SCPHD does not require a ramp in order to enter a test hole. The width of the test hole should be sufficient enough for the EHS to evaluate the horizons/layers in the sidewall of each test hole. SCPHD recommends at least a 24-inch or 36-inch bucket be used to dig the test holes.

### Groundwater Monitoring

Groundwater monitoring may be required for a parcel of property not in an approved subdivision. Monitoring may also be required in approved subdivisions when the records search indicates further data is required. Should test holes reveal groundwater or signs of groundwater, the EHS may require temporary monitoring for a specified period. Refer to section 2.4 of the Technical Guidance Manual for more information on groundwater monitoring.

### Speculative Site Evaluation

A Speculative Site Evaluation application, or the subsequent report, is not a septic installation permit. It is an evaluation of the site for subsurface sewage disposal suitability. Once all the steps have been completed and all the criteria has been met, you can apply for a septic installation permit utilizing the site-specific data obtained from the Speculative Site Evaluation. *Having complete, accurate, and necessary documentation will make the permitting process easier and faster.*

**For questions about test holes and septic systems, please contact one of our EH staff.**

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