

**State of North Carolina**  
**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
**Division of Water Resources**

**Animal Waste Management Systems**

Request for Certificate of Coverage

Facility Currently Covered by an Expiring State Non-Discharge General Permit

On September 30, 2014, the North Carolina State Non-Discharge General Permits for Animal Waste Management Systems will expire. As required by these permits, facilities that have been issued Certificates of Coverage to operate under these State Non-Discharge General Permits must apply for renewal at least 180 days prior to their expiration date. Therefore, all applications must be received by the Division of Water Resources by no later than **April 1, 2014**.

*Please do not leave any question unanswered. Please verify all information and make any necessary corrections below.*

*Application must be signed and dated by the Permittee.*

1. Facility Number: 310286 and Certificate of Coverage Number: AWS310286

2. Facility Name: Gerald's Nursery

3. Landowner's name (same as on the Waste Management Plan): Paulette Knowles

4. Landowner's mailing address: 384 Kirby Quinn Rd  
City/State: Kenansville NC Zip: 283498804

Telephone Number (include area code): (910)296-0995 E-mail:

5. Facility's physical address: 203 Gerald Knowles Ln  
City: Warsaw State: NC Zip: 28398

6. County where facility is located: Duplin

7. Farm Manager's name (If different than the Landowner):

8. Farm Manager's telephone number (include area code): (910)296-0995 (910)298-1336

9. Integrator's name (if there is not an integrator write "None"): Murphy-Brown LLC

10. Operator in Charge (OIC) name: Paulette M. Knowles Telephone Number (910)296-0995 OIC # AWA 17242

11. Lessee's name (if there is not a lessee write "None"): none

12. Indicate animal operation type and number:

**Swine**

Wean to Finish  
Wean to Feeder 2600  
~~Farrow to Finish~~  
Feeder to Finish  
Farrow to Wean  
Farrow to Feeder  
Boar/Stud  
Gilts  
Other

Horses - Horses  
Horses - Other

**Cattle**

Dairy Calf  
Dairy Heifer  
Milk Cow  
Dry Cow  
Beef Stocker Calf  
Beef Feeder  
Beef Brood Cow  
Other

Sheep - Sheep  
Sheep - Other

**Dry Poultry**

Non Laying Chickens  
Laying Chickens  
Turkeys  
Other  
Pullets  
Turkey Poults

**Wet Poultry**

Non Laying Pullets  
Layers

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Mail one (1) copy of the most recent Waste Utilization Plan (WUP) along with the field maps for this facility with this completed and signed application as required by NC General Statutes 143-215.10C(d) to the address below. The WUP must be signed by the owner and a certified technical specialist.

As a second option to mailing paper copies of the application package, you can scan and email one signed copy of the application and the WUP to: [animalpermits@ncdenr.gov](mailto:animalpermits@ncdenr.gov)

I attest that this application has been reviewed by me and is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if all required parts of this application are not completed and that if all required supporting information and attachments are not included, this application package will be returned to me as incomplete. **Note:** In accordance with NC General Statutes 143-215.6A and 143-215.6B, any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any application may be subject to civil penalties up to \$25,000 per violation. (18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides a punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both for a similar offense.)

Printed Name of Signing Official (Landowner, or if multiple Landowners all landowners should sign. If Landowner is a corporation, signature should be by a principal executive officer of the corporation):

Name: Paulette Mills Knowles Title: owner/operator  
Signature: Paulette Mills Knowles Date: 3-16-14

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**NCDENR-DWR**  
**Animal Feeding Operations Branch**  
**1636 Mail Service Center**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1636**  
  
**Telephone number: (919) 807-6464**  
**E-mail: [animalpermits@ncdenr.gov](mailto:animalpermits@ncdenr.gov)**

**Nutrient Management Plan For Animal Waste Utilization**  
**06-16-2009**

**This plan has been prepared for:**

*Geralds Nursery(31286)*  
*Paulette Mills Knowles*  
*384 Kirby Quinn Rd*  
*Kenansville, NC 28349*  
*910-296-0995*

**This plan has been developed by:**

*Billy W Houston*  
*Duplin Soil & Water*  
*PO Box 219*  
*Kenansville, NC 28349*  
*910-296-2120*

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*Billy W. Houston*  
Developer Signature

**Type of Plan: Nitrogen Only with Manure Only**

**Owner/Manager/Producer Agreement**

I (we) understand and agree to the specifications and the operation and maintenance procedures established in this nutrient management plan which includes an animal waste utilization plan for the farm named above. I have read and understand the Required Specifications concerning animal waste management that are included with this plan.

*Paulette Mills Knowles*

Signature (owner)

6-16-09

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (manager or producer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This plan meets the minimum standards and specifications of the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standard of practices adopted by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.**

**Plan Approved By:**

*Billy W Houston*  
Technical Specialist Signature

6-16-09

Date

**Nutrients applied in accordance with this plan will be supplied from the following source(s):**

Commercial Fertilizer is not included in this plan.

|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| S5                                                              | Swine Nursery Lagoon Liquid waste generated 496,600 gals/year by a 2,600 animal Swine Nursery Lagoon Liquid operation. This production facility has waste storage capacities of approximately 180 days. |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
| Estimated Pounds of Plant Available Nitrogen Generated per Year |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
| Broadcast                                                       | 1144                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
| Incorporated                                                    | 1964                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
| Injected                                                        | 2163                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
| Irrigated                                                       | 1243                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |                               |                                    |                                      |
|                                                                 | Max. Avail.<br>PAN (lbs) *                                                                                                                                                                              | Actual PAN<br>Applied (lbs) | PAN Surplus/<br>Deficit (lbs) | Actual Volume<br>Applied (Gallons) | Volume Surplus/<br>Deficit (Gallons) |
| Year 1                                                          | 1,243                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2638                        | -1,395                        | 1,053,526                          | -556,926                             |

Note: In source ID, S means standard source, U means user defined source.

\* Max. Available PAN is calculated on the basis of the actual application method(s) identified in the plan for this source.

## Narrative

This WUP is written based on a wetted acres footprint done by Star Maready.  
All fields have been planted to coastal bermuda. The rates used in this WUP are for grazing, if cut for  
hay  
use 215lbsN/ac.

The table shown below provides a summary of the crops or rotations included in this plan for each field. Realistic Yield estimates are also provided for each crop in the plan. In addition, the Leaching Index for each field is shown, where available.

#### Planned Crops Summary

| Tract | Field | Total Acres | Useable Acres | Leaching Index (LI) | Soil Series | Crop Sequence               | RYE      |
|-------|-------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 3734  | 1     | 1.70        | 1.70          | N/A                 | Blanton     | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons |
|       |       |             |               |                     |             | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons |
| 3734  | 2     | 2.90        | 2.90          | N/A                 | Blanton     | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons |
|       |       |             |               |                     |             | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons |
| 3734  | 3     | 3.30        | 3.30          | N/A                 | Blanton     | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons |
|       |       |             |               |                     |             | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons |
| 3735  | 4     | 1.90        | 1.90          | N/A                 | Blanton     | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons |
|       |       |             |               |                     |             | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons |
| 3735  | 5     | 2.70        | 2.70          | N/A                 | Blanton     | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons |
|       |       |             |               |                     |             | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons |

PLAN TOTALS: 12.50 12.50

| LI              | Potential Leaching                                                                 | Technical Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| < 2             | Low potential to contribute to soluble nutrient leaching below the root zone.      | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| >= 2 &<br><= 10 | Moderate potential to contribute to soluble nutrient leaching below the root zone. | Nutrient Management (590) should be planned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| > 10            | High potential to contribute to soluble nutrient leaching below the root zone.     | Nutrient Management (590) should be planned. Other conservation practices that improve the soils available water holding capacity and improve nutrient use efficiency should be considered. Examples are Cover Crops (340) to scavenge nutrients, Sod-Based Rotations (328), Long-Term No-Till (778), and edge-of-field practices such as Filter Strips (393) and Riparian Forest Buffers (391). |

The Waste Utilization table shown below summarizes the waste utilization plan for this operation. This plan provides an estimate of the number of acres of cropland needed to use the nutrients being produced. The plan requires consideration of the realistic yields of the crops to be grown, their nutrient requirements, and proper timing of applications to maximize nutrient uptake.

This table provides an estimate of the amount of nitrogen required by the crop being grown and an estimate of the nitrogen amount being supplied by manure or other by-products, commercial fertilizer and residual from previous crops. An estimate of the quantity of solid and liquid waste that will be applied on each field in order to supply the indicated quantity of nitrogen from each source is also included. A balance of the total manure produced and the total manure applied is included in the table to ensure that the plan adequately provides for the utilization of the manure generated by the operation.

Waste Utilization Table

Year 1

| Tract                        | Field | Source ID | Soil Series | Total Acres | Use. Acres | Crop                        | RYE      | Applic. Period | Nitrogen PA Nutrient Req'd (lbs/A) | Comm. Fert. Nutrient Applied (lbs/A) | Res. (lbs/A) | Applic. Method | Manure PA Nutrient Applied (lbs/A) | Liquid Manure Applied (acre) | Solid Manure Applied (acre) | Liquid Manure Applied (Field) | Solid Manure Applied (Field) |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                              |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                | N                                  | N                                    | N            |                | N                                  | 1000 gal/A                   | Tons                        | 1000 gals                     | tons                         |
| 3734                         | 1     | S5        | Blanton     | 1.70        | 1.70       | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons | 10/1-3/31      | 50                                 | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 50                                 | 19.97                        | 0.00                        | 33.95                         | 0.00                         |
| 3734                         | 1     | S5        | Blanton     | 1.70        | 1.70       | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons | *3/1-10/31     | 161                                | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 161                                | 64.31                        | 0.00                        | 109.33                        | 0.00                         |
| 3734                         | 2     | S5        | Blanton     | 2.90        | 2.90       | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons | 10/1-3/31      | 50                                 | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 50                                 | 19.97                        | 0.00                        | 57.92                         | 0.00                         |
| 3734                         | 2     | S5        | Blanton     | 2.90        | 2.90       | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons | *3/1-10/31     | 161                                | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 161                                | 64.31                        | 0.00                        | 186.50                        | 0.00                         |
| 3734                         | 3     | S5        | Blanton     | 3.30        | 3.30       | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons | 10/1-3/31      | 50                                 | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 50                                 | 19.97                        | 0.00                        | 65.91                         | 0.00                         |
| 3734                         | 3     | S5        | Blanton     | 3.30        | 3.30       | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons | *3/1-10/31     | 161                                | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 161                                | 64.31                        | 0.00                        | 212.22                        | 0.00                         |
| 3735                         | 4     | S5        | Blanton     | 1.90        | 1.90       | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons | 10/1-3/31      | 50                                 | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 50                                 | 19.97                        | 0.00                        | 37.95                         | 0.00                         |
| 3735                         | 4     | S5        | Blanton     | 1.90        | 1.90       | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons | *3/1-10/31     | 161                                | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 161                                | 64.31                        | 0.00                        | 122.19                        | 0.00                         |
| 3735                         | 5     | S5        | Blanton     | 2.70        | 2.70       | Small Grain Overseed        | 1.0 Tons | 10/1-3/31      | 50                                 | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 50                                 | 19.97                        | 0.00                        | 53.93                         | 0.00                         |
| 3735                         | 5     | S5        | Blanton     | 2.70        | 2.70       | Hybrid Bermudagrass Pasture | 4.5 Tons | *3/1-10/31     | 161                                | 0                                    | 0            | Irrig.         | 161                                | 64.31                        | 0.00                        | 173.64                        | 0.00                         |
| Total Applied, 1000 gallons  |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             | 1,053.53                      |                              |
| Total Produced, 1000 gallons |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             | 496.60                        |                              |
| Balance, 1000 gallons        |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             | -556.93                       |                              |
| Total Applied, tons          |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             |                               | 0.00                         |
| Total Produced, tons         |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             |                               | 0.00                         |
| Balance, tons                |       |           |             |             |            |                             |          |                |                                    |                                      |              |                |                                    |                              |                             |                               | 0.00                         |

Notes: 1. In the tract column, ~ symbol means leased, otherwise, owned. 2. Symbol \* means user entered data.

The Irrigation Application Factors for each field in this plan are shown in the following table. Infiltration rate varies with soils. If applying waste nutrients through an irrigation system, you must apply at a rate that will not result in runoff. This table provides the maximum application rate per hour that may be applied to each field selected to receive wastewater. It also lists the maximum application amount that each field may receive in any one application event.

#### Irrigation Application Factors

| Tract | Field | Soil Series | Application Rate<br>(inches/hour) | Application Amount<br>(inches) |
|-------|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3734  | 1     | Blanton     | 0.75                              | 1.0                            |
| 3734  | 2     | Blanton     | 0.75                              | 1.0                            |
| 3734  | 3     | Blanton     | 0.75                              | 1.0                            |
| 3735  | 4     | Blanton     | 0.75                              | 1.0                            |
| 3735  | 5     | Blanton     | 0.75                              | 1.0                            |

The following Lagoon Sludge Nitrogen Utilization table provides an estimate of the number of acres needed for sludge utilization for the indicated accumulation period. These estimates are based on average nitrogen concentrations for each source, the number of animals in the facility and the plant available nitrogen application rates shown in the second column.

Lagoon sludge contains nutrients and organic matter remaining after treatment and application of the effluent. At clean out, this material must be utilized for crop production and applied at agronomic rates. In most cases, the priority nutrient is nitrogen but other nutrients including phosphorous, copper and zinc can also be limiting. Since nutrient levels are generally very high, application of sludge must be carefully applied.

Sites must first be evaluated for their suitability for sludge application. Ideally, effluent spray fields should not be used for sludge application. If this is not possible, care should be taken not to load effluent application fields with high amounts of copper and zinc so that additional effluent cannot be applied. On sites vulnerable to surface water moving to streams and lakes, phosphorous is a concern. Soils containing very high phosphorous levels may also be a concern.

Lagoon Sludge Nitrogen Utilization Table

| Crop                                   | Maximum<br>PA-N Rate<br>lb/ac | Maximum Sludge<br>Application Rate<br>1000 gal/ac | Minimum Acres<br>5 Years Accumulation | Minimum Acres<br>10 Years Accumulation | Minimum Acres<br>15 Years Accumulation |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Swine Nursery Lagoon Sludge - Standard |                               |                                                   |                                       |                                        |                                        |
| Corn 120 bu                            | 150                           | 13.16                                             | 6.62                                  | 13.24                                  | 19.85                                  |
| Hay 6 ton R.Y.E.                       | 300                           | 26.32                                             | 3.31                                  | 6.62                                   | 9.93                                   |
| Soybean 40 bu                          | 160                           | 14.04                                             | 6.20                                  | 12.41                                  | 18.61                                  |

The Available Waste Storage Capacity table provides an estimate of the number of days of storage capacity available at the end of each month of the plan. Available storage capacity is calculated as the design storage capacity in days minus the number of days of net storage volume accumulated. The start date is a value entered by the user and is defined as the date prior to applying nutrients to the first crop in the plan at which storage volume in the lagoon or holding pond is equal to zero.

Available storage capacity should be greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to the design storage capacity of the facility. If the available storage capacity is greater than the design storage capacity, this indicates that the plan calls for the application of nutrients that have not yet accumulated. If available storage capacity is negative, the estimated volume of accumulated waste exceeds the design storage volume of the structure. Either of these situations indicates that the planned application interval in the waste utilization plan is inconsistent with the structure's temporary storage capacity.

#### Available Waste Storage Capacity

| Source Name | Swine Nursery Lagoon Liquid |                                     | Design Storage Capacity (Days) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Start Date  | 10/15                       |                                     | 180                            |
| Plan Year   | Month                       | Available Storage Capacity (Days) * |                                |
| 1           | 1                           | 178                                 |                                |
| 1           | 2                           | 179                                 |                                |
| 1           | 3                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 4                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 5                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 6                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 7                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 8                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 9                           | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 10                          | 180                                 |                                |
| 1           | 11                          | 179                                 |                                |
| 1           | 12                          | 180                                 |                                |

\* Available Storage Capacity is calculated as of the end of each month.

## Crop Notes

The following crop note applies to field(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Small Grain: CP, Mineral Soil, medium leachable

In the Coastal Plain, oats and barley should be planted from October 15-October 30; and rye from October 15-November 20. For barley, plant 22 seed/drill row foot and increase the seeding rate by 5% for each week seeding is delayed beyond the optimum time. See the seeding rates table for applicable seeding rate modifications in the current NCSU "Small Grain Production Guide". Also, increase the initial seeding rate by at least 10% when planting no-till. Oats should be planted at 2 bushels/acre and rye at 1-1 1/2 bushels/acre. Plant all these small grains at 1-1 1/2" deep. Adequate depth control is essential. Review the NCSU Official Variety "green book" and information from private companies to select a high yielding variety with the characteristics needed for your area and conditions. Apply no more than 30 lbs/acre N at planting. Phosphorus and potash recommended by a soil test can also be applied at this time. The remaining N should be applied during the months of February-March.

The following crop note applies to field(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Bermudagrass: CP, Mineral Soil, Moderately Well Drained.

Adaptation: Well-adapted.

In the Coastal Plain, hybrid bermudagrass sprigs can be planted Mar. 1 to Mar. 31. Cover sprigs 1" to 3" deep (1.5" optimal). Sprigs should be planted quickly after digging and not allowed to dry in sun and wind. For Coastal and Tifton 78 plant at least 10 bu/ac in 3' rows, spaced 2' to 3' in the row. Generally a rate of 30 bu/ac is satisfactory to produce full groundcover in one or two years under good growing conditions. Tifton 44 spreads slowly, so use at least 40 bu/ac in 1.5' to 2' rows spaced 1' to 1.5' in row. For broadcast/disked-in sprigs use about 60 bu/ac. Soil test for the amounts of lime, phosphorus, potassium and micronutrients to apply preplant and for annual maintenance. Apply 60 to 100 lb/ac N in the establishment year in split applications in April and July. For established stands apply 180 to 240 lb/ac N annually in split applications, usually in April and following the first and second hay cuts. Reduce N rates by 25% for grazing. Refer to NCSU Technical Bulletin 305 Production and Utilization of Pastures and Forages in North Carolina for more information or consult your regional agronomist or extension agent for assistance.



Michael F. Easley  
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William G. Ross, Jr., Secretary  
North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Gregory P. Thorpe, Ph.D.  
Acting Director  
Division of Water Quality

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August 23, 2001

Mr. Gerald Knowles  
384 Kirby Quinn Road  
Kenansville, NC 28349

**Subject:** Wetted Acres Status & Notification  
Gerald's Nursery  
31-286

Dear Mr. Knowles:

You were sent a letter on August 9, 2001 requesting that you provide me with the necessary information to complete the evaluation of your facility with respect to a Wettable Acres Determination. The result of this evaluation and the required action to be taken by you is indicated below.

- X Based upon the new information your facility is exempt at this time from undergoing a Wettable Acres Determination. No further action is necessary at this time. However, this is based on using only 75% of available acreage which can be a disadvantage. Thus, I would recommend having a full determination completed in the near future to provide you with the maximum acreage for use and pertinent information about your system's capability. This may be required by DWQ in the future anyway.

Information that was provided was not sufficient to exempt the facility from a Wettable Acres Determination. The Division of Water Quality will notify you at a later date by certified mail detailing the requirements of a Wettable Acres Determination.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Wilmington Regional Office at (910) 395-3900 ext. 219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dean Hunkele', is written over a horizontal line.

Dean Hunkele  
Environmental Specialist

cc: DWQ Non-Discharge Compliance/Enforcement Unit  
Wilmington Files 31-286

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Wilmington Regional Office

127 Cardinal Drive Extension  
Wilmington, NC 28405-3845

Phone: (910) 395-3900  
Fax: (910) 350-2004

# GERALDS NURSERY

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SCALE 1"=400' approx.

