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Mrs. Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
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Washington, DC 2 0001

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: BZA Application No. 16531

Dear Chairperson Reid,

I submit to you and the board, 28 photographs and my statement about the water run-off, soil erosion and overall concern about constructing at Boys Town of Washington, 4801 Sargent Road, NE. Mr. James Glasgow and I are submitting our photos jointly.

My family has resided at 1273 Delafield Place NE for more than 40 years. There has never been the problem of water run-off, basement flooding or soil erosion until the 1980s land fill. Regardless of the temperature, my back yard is wet. The retaining wall outside my basement door has moss growing on it and it weeps where the mortar is supposed to hold the bricks in place. The water problem has been brought to Boys Town's attention many times. We have purchased a new washer, hot water heater and our floor has buckled and the tiling has come up.

Additionally, a basketball court was put up in the spring of 1998. It was taken down last year (1999). I called Boys Town and my ANC Commissioner on Holy Saturday (4/3/99) at **11:30 PM** because a basketball game was in progress and I couldn't sleep. I planned to attend Easter sunrise service. Commissioner Dickey went up there and the noise subsided. In the fall, I was informed the hoop had been taken down. Additionally, the air conditioner and emergency generator make so much noise that I run my television so I don't have to hear the noise.

While I think the work Boys Town does is admirable, I am appalled at their insensitivity to the concerns of their neighbors. It's been nearly seven years. They only made an effort to contact us once they decided to build and apply for another special exception. I don't trust Boys Town to do what they promise. There are major problems here. This requires serious repair, not a band-aid mend.

Thank you for considering this information.

Yours truly,

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Enclosed: 28 photographs

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STAFF WAS UNABLE TO MAKE PRESENTABLE COPIES OF THE PHOTOS REFERENCED IN THIS LETTER. WE ARE THEREFORE REQUESTING THAT BOARD MEMBERS EXAMINE THE ORIGINALS ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.



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Boyston —
facing The back of
1200 block of
Delafield Place NE area

WATER RUNOFF
&
SOIL EROSION

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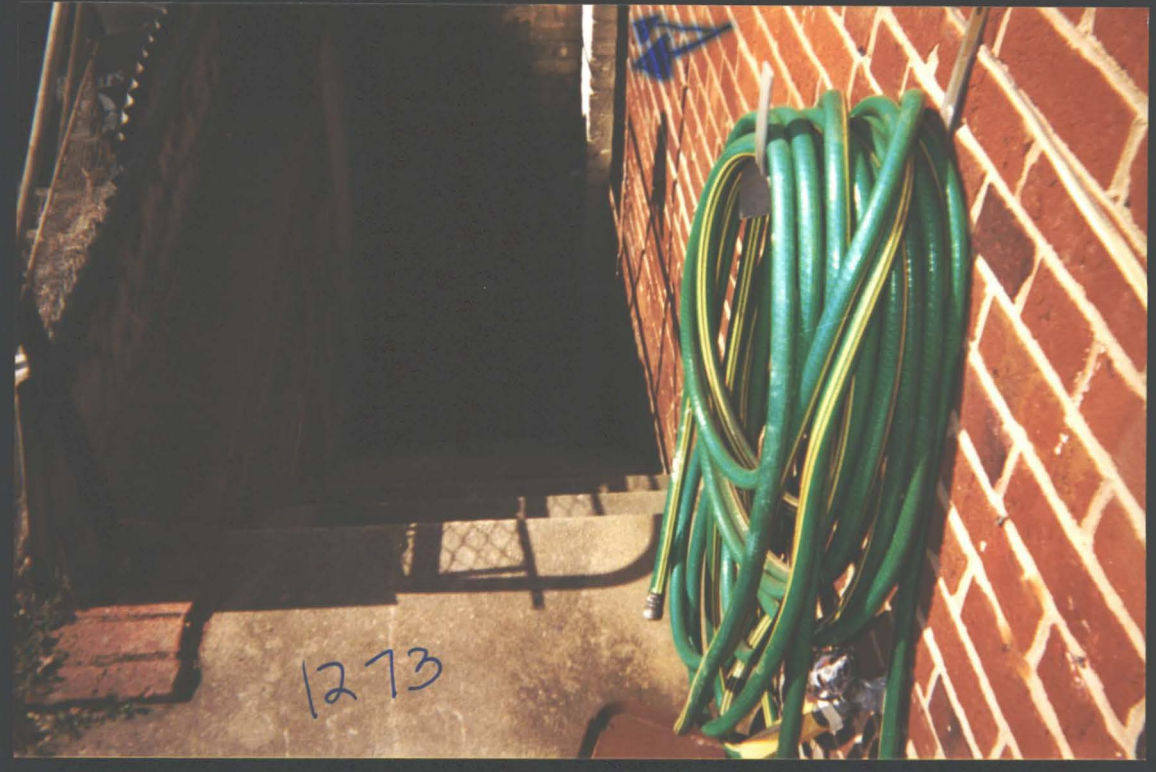

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Moss, sludge, deterioration

Back door

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Retaining Wall
Debris Collects
Constantly

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Back
Door

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Moss & Sludge
1273 Delafield

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Moss, erosion
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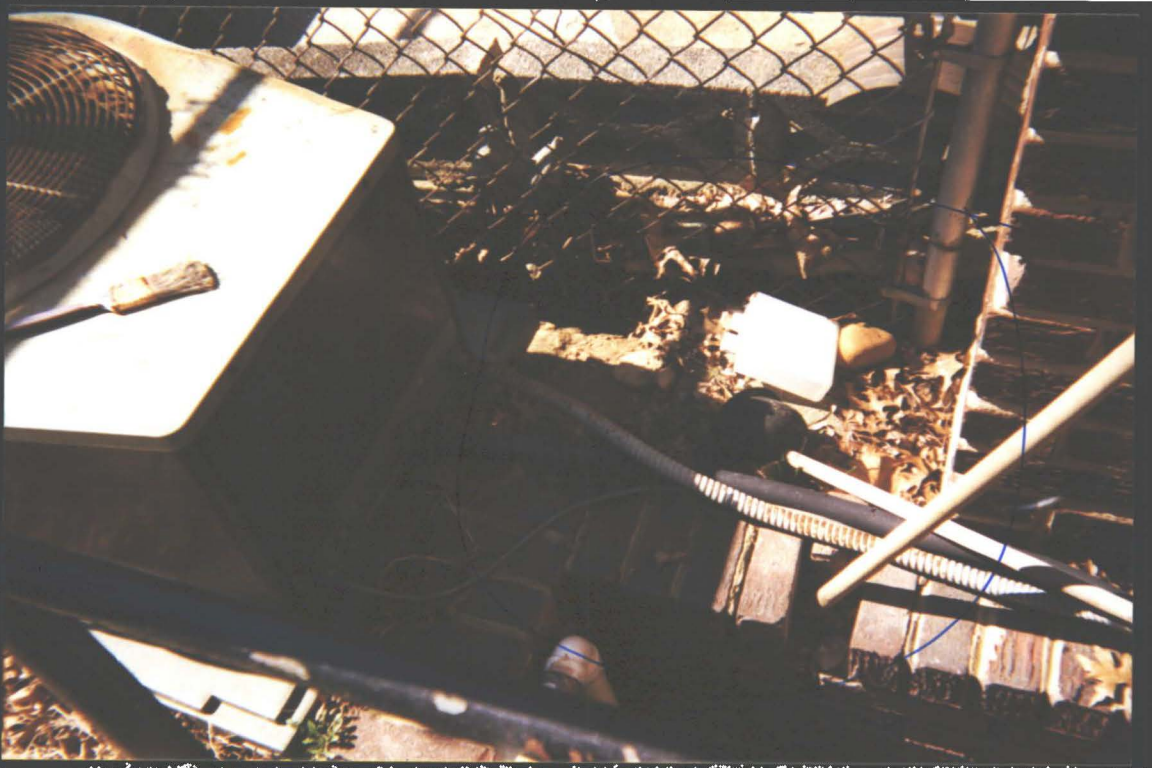

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