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May 18, 2016

Ms. Laura Vaught
Associate Administrator for Congressional
and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Room 3426 ARN
Washington, DC 20910

Dear Ms. Vaught:

Enclosed is correspondence from my constituent, (b) (6) [redacted].

(b) (6) [redacted] has asked for my assistance regarding an drainage issue in (b) [redacted]s local community. (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (6) [redacted] states in (b) [redacted]s letter that there has been an ongoing drainage issue in (b) [redacted] community and as a result, the water backs up into crawl spaces and alleys. Mr. Watts has tried to reach out to the Virginia Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) but they have not been responsive and (b) (6) [redacted] would like for the Environmental Protection Agency to assist.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and responding to my Legislative Assistant Christina Ingram at 400 N. 8th Street Suite 430 Richmond, VA 23219.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Member of Congress

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Constituent Consent and Information Form

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Name: (Please p[redacted] (b) (6) [redacted]

Social Security Number: (b) (6) [redacted]

Home Address: (b) (6) [redacted]

Home of Record: [redacted]

Home Teleph[redacted] (b) (6) [redacted] Telephone (b) (6) [redacted]

Agency Involved EPA

Do you have an attorney? No ✓ Yes ___

If Yes, Attorney's Name & Number: ___

(b) (6) [redacted] hereby request and authorize Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, Representative of the Third Congressional District of Virginia, and/or his staff, to make an inquiry on my behalf in regards to the information provided on this form.

(b) (5) [redacted]

Date: 5/10/2016

Request of the Congressman (Summary):

ATTACHED

5/2/2016

We have an ongoing drainage issue in my community in easter(b) (6) [redacted]h [redacted] issue is being caused by storm water runoff from a county owned alley that is not being maintained by the county which owns it. The result is water backup in the crawl spaces on the properties which border the county alley. The only individual solution is sump pumps in the crawl spaces which pump the water back into the alley from where it came. There is a storm sewer inlet at one end of the alley but the county will not spend the resources to divert the water to the inlet. Lack of planning when the subdivision was developed is the cause of the problem.

The state DEQ has been unresponsive. Is there any assistance that can be received from the EPA?

(b) (6) [redacted]s

[redacted]4

I had a phone call from a contractor for the EPA on my answering machine today who said they might have some idea how to soak up the water.

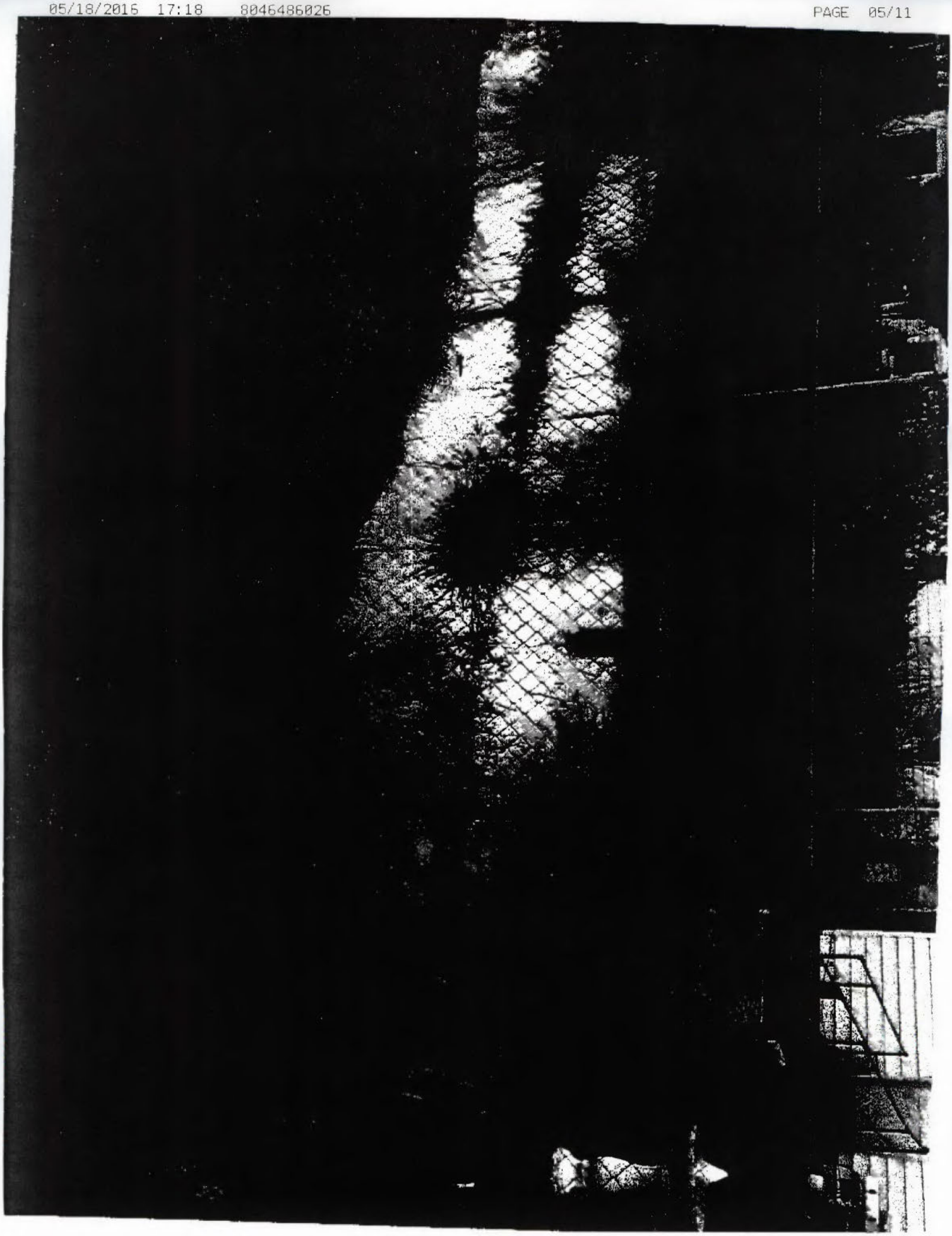
Can I forward you some pictures of the problem we are facing?

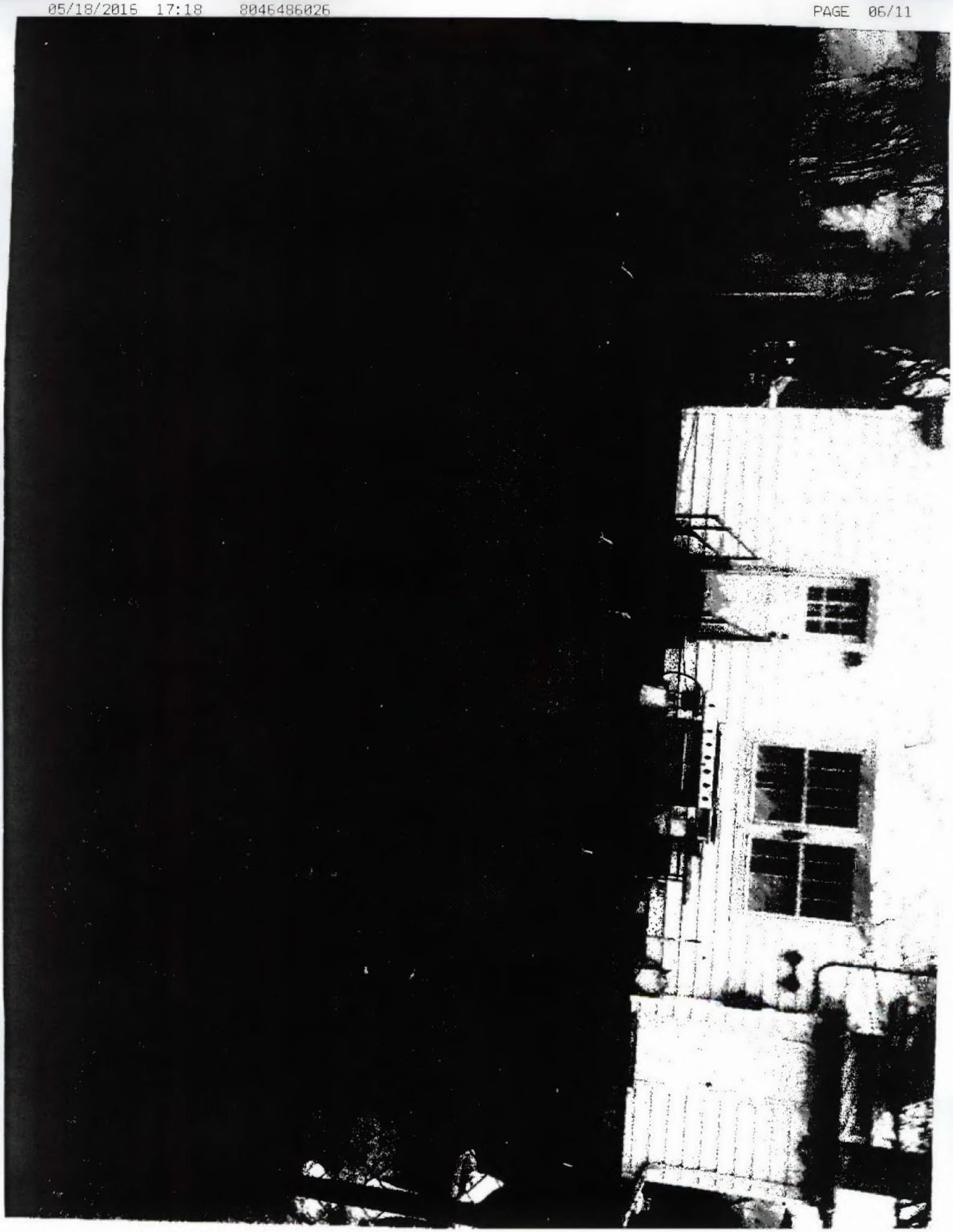
5/10/2016

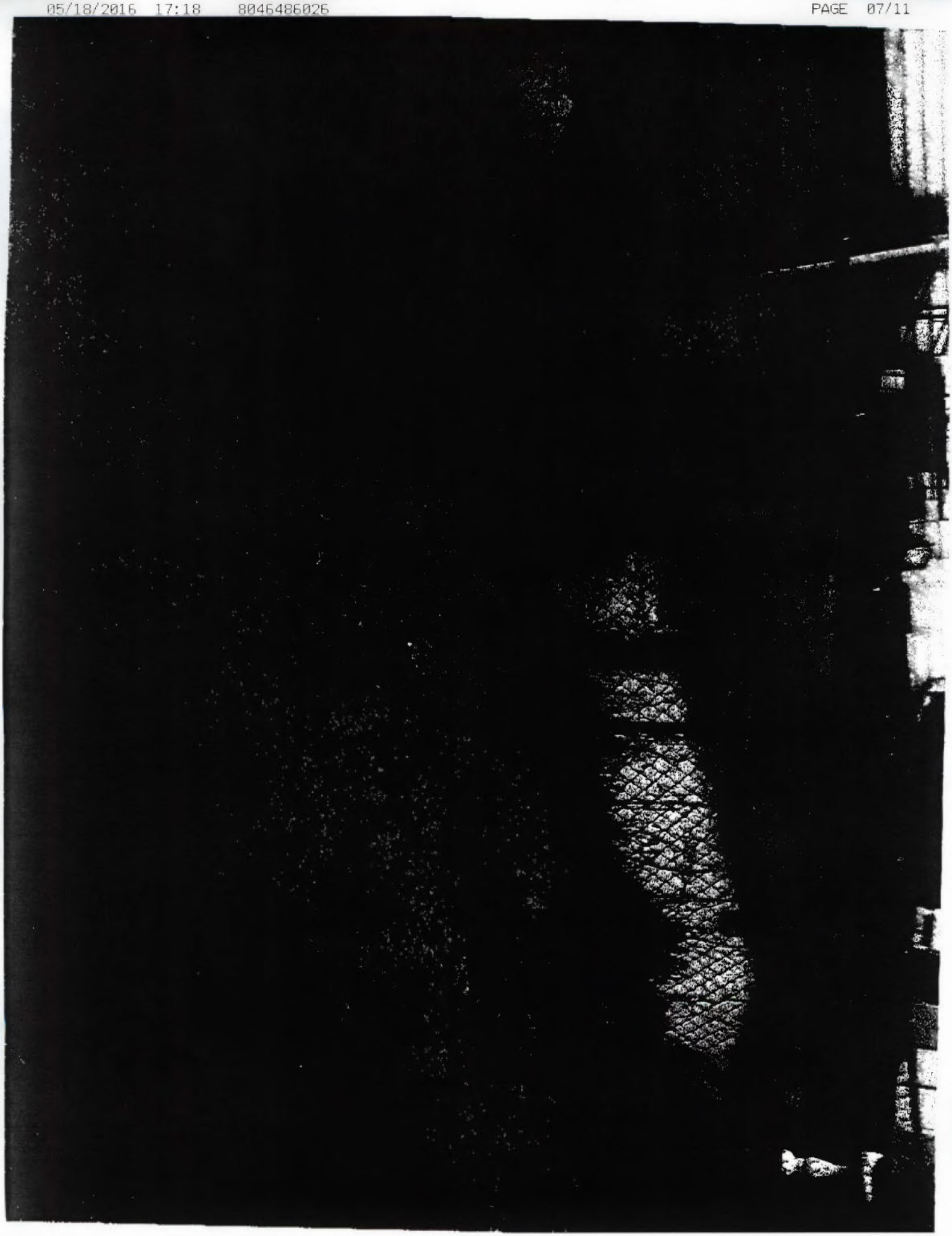
This morning I had a phone call from(b) (6) [redacted] and they restated their position that they will not even cut the grass and the overgrowth on their own property which is impeding the drainage.

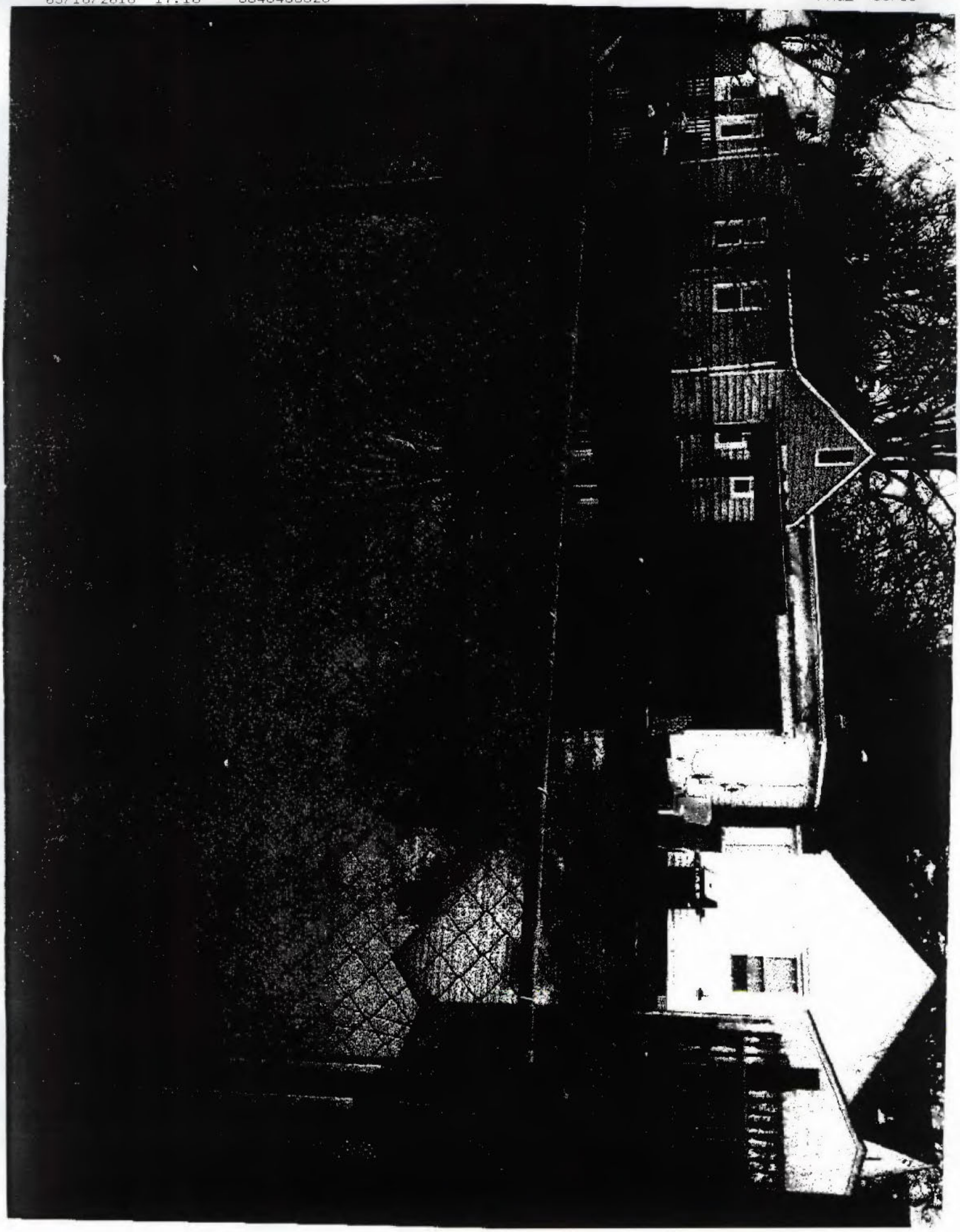
The reason given was lack of funding for maintenance of alleys.

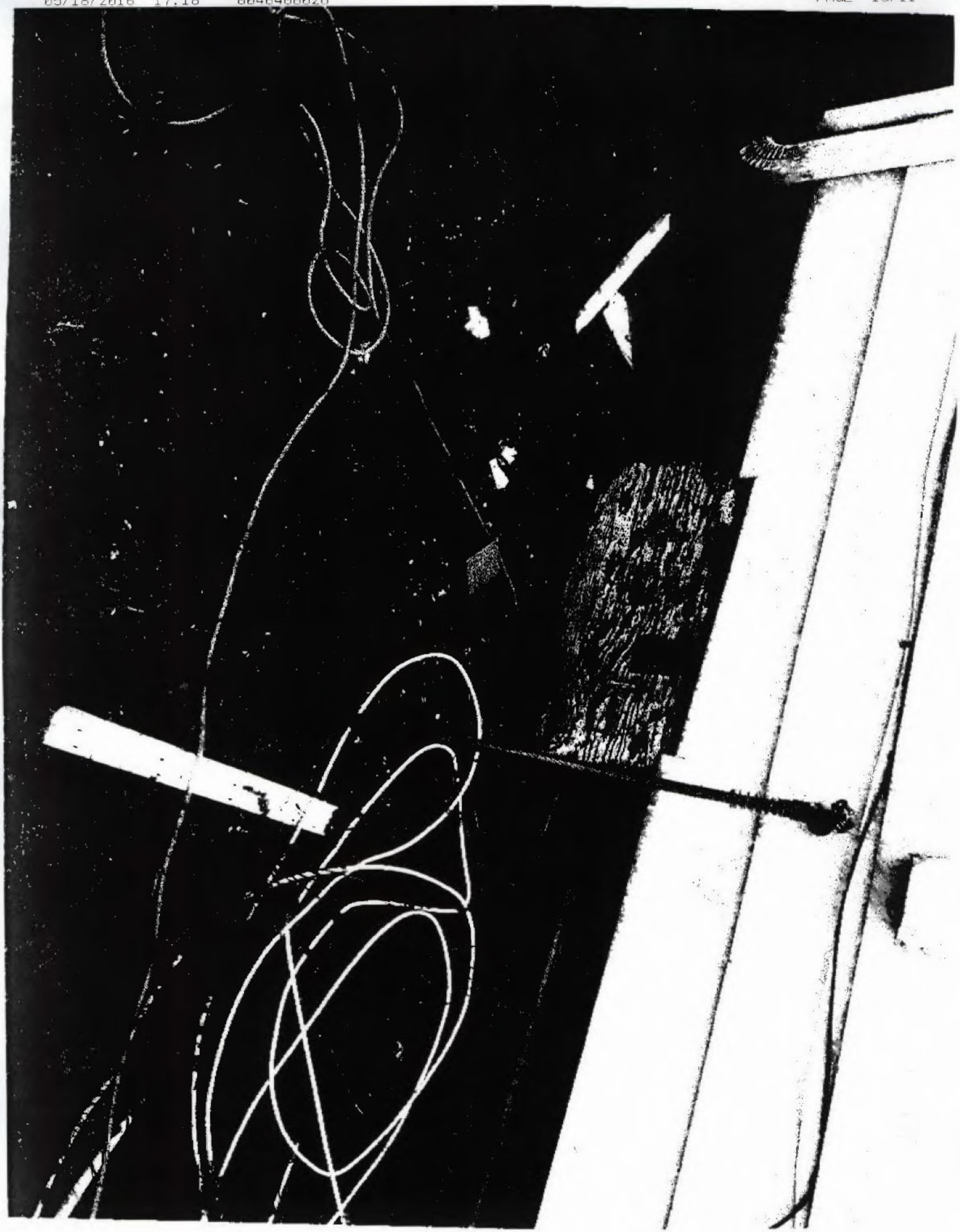
There is a health issue for this immeadiate area and an elementary school a block away due to the seasonal standing water.

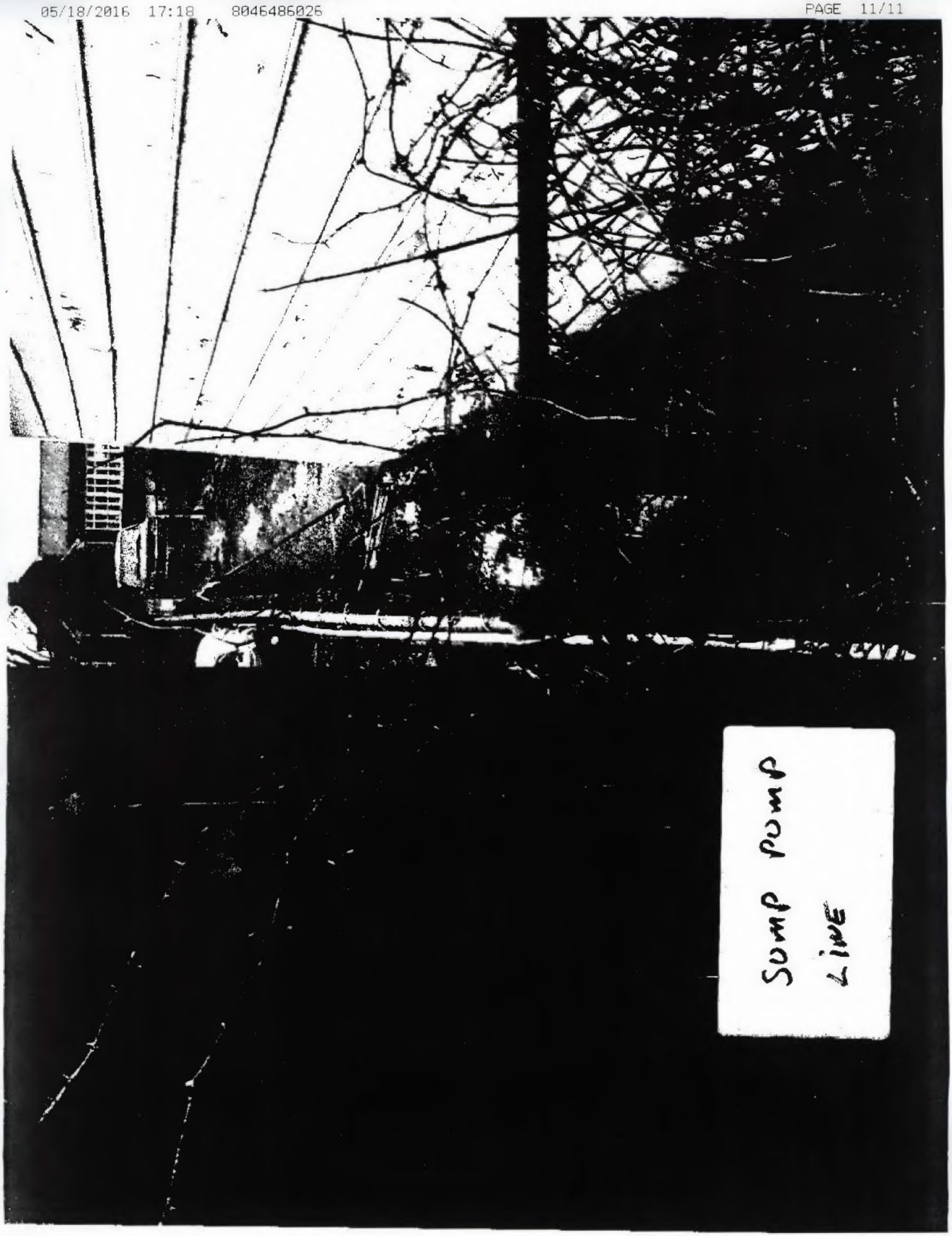











Sump pump
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COMMENTS: Please look into case

Thank You!

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