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Steven Somick
Business Administrator
North Bergen Board of Education
7317 Kennedy Boulevard
North Bergen, NJ 07047

Re: Green Acres Pre-K Classrooms

Dear Mr. Somick:

I was hired to provide an independent opinion as to whether trees were removed to provide a location for the installation of portable class room units.

OBSERVATIONS

Upon visiting the site, a number of portable classroom units were observed. These classrooms were lining the outside of the playing field, outside of the fence. In looking throughout the site, surface roots were observed from trees growing from the abutting woods. These were adventitious roots, located near the surface of the ground. I concluded that these roots were that shallow to take advantage of the field's irrigation system.

Upon walking the site, no tree stumps were observed, nor were there any evidence of stump grindings.

In examining the photographs of the park taken prior to 2001, this area (outside of the fence) was used as a staging area for equipment, ballfield clay soil and parking. There weren't any trees depicted in the pictures. The site would not lend itself to have trees planted either since the area was needed access to maintain the field.

CONCLUSION

In my opinion, based on field observations and the photographs supplied by your office, the portable classrooms were installed in an area void of trees and consequently none had to be removed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Richard S. Wolowicz
NJ Approved Forester
NJ Certified Tree Expert #281