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TO:

Home Builders and General Contractors

FROM:

Heidi H. Miller; Director

RE:

Permit Information for Single Family Homes

We look forward to working with you as you build your home in Grundy County.

As we are a service organization, we would like to provide you with as much information on the steps to obtain a permit.

Submittal:

Please make sure that you have the following items:

- 1) One set of 2 x 3 plans that are stamped and signed by an IL Registered Architect
- 2) Plans need to show compliance to the 2021 International Residential Code, 2020 National Electric Code, 2018 II Energy Code, and the current II State plumbing Code.
- 3) ResCheck and a Manual J need to be provided.
- 4) Survey showing location of the home and the distance (setbacks) of the foundation to the property lines.
- 5) Floodplain compliance (if applicable)
- 6) Approved well and septic permits.

Process:

Once obtained it will take approximately 10 business days to review the plans. During that time, please make sure that all the contractors listed on the application are getting or are licensed.

Once the plans are approved, a permit will be issued if:

- All contractors are licensed.
- School Site donation is paid.
- Building Fee of \$1500.00 is paid.

Inspections Call Beth Skoff Executive Assistant at 815-941-3228 24 hours in advance:

Building inspections:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings

Plumbing inspections:

Monday and Thursdays after 4:00 PM

Please feel free to call or email my office if you should have any questions regarding this process.

Thank you.



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8/4/2023

TO:

General Contractors

FROM:

Bob Pazely; Building and Zoning Officer Heidi H. Miller; Director/Plan Reviewer

RE:

2021 International Residential Code/2020 National Electric Code Update

To keep current with the life safety and changes in construction, we updated the building codes for Grundy County through the adoption of the 2021 ICC Codes, and the 2020 NEC.

To aid in this transition, we will institute that all plans that are completed after the date of this letter and turned in for September processing comply with the newest code editions.

Below is a listing of new requirements that we felt would be helpful in this transition:

International Residential Code significant changes from the 2018 to the 2021 code years are listed below:

- R-202 Update of the definition of the height for the emergency escape window to be measured from. No longer sill but actual opening.
- R301.2 Wind Speed has now increased such that it is now 107 mph instead of the 90 mph.
- R301.3 Story height increased to 13 foot 7 inches if framing is engineered for that height.
- R302.3 Townhome dwelling unit separation by a firewall is required regardless of where the lot line may be on the parcel. Fire protection.
- R307.3 Decorative girders may extend into the total height of the room such that the height is a minimum of 6 foot 6 inches in main areas and 6 foot 4 inches in the basement.
- R307.3 & R307.4 Blocking 36 inches above the floor for water closet locations in at least one bathroom on the main floor. This will allow for handrails to be easily installed in the future to convert into an accessible bathroom.
- R308.4.5 Glazing areas within 60 inches of a hot tub, shower, etc. needs to be safety glazing to protect residents.
- R310 Emergency Escape areas for the residents now need to be at least 36 inches in width.
- R314.3 Smoke alarms are now required where there is a change in the ceiling height between the hallway and an adjacent room that is more than 24 inches. If so, a smoke detector is required on the higher ceiling also.
- R315.2.2 Carbon Monoxide Detectors are exempt now renovation projects for existing homes when those homes are not provided with fuel fired appliances.
- R317.1 For the construction of decks, pavilions, or other exterior structures wood will need to be preservative treated when within a specific height from grade. This will protect these members from deleterious decay.
- R323 Storm Shelter language has been added to the code with a requirement that these structures meet the ICC 500 standard.
- R324.3 PV Systems that do not carry the risk of electric shock for roof placements do not need to comply with the setback requirements of three feet for fire fighters.
- R507 Decks are now required to be designed for both live and snow loading.
- R609.4.1 all garage doors should be labeled for the manufacturer and the wind pressure rating and should include a reference to the installation instructions drawings and test standard.

- = R704 new requirements are listed for the wind pressure for soffits based on whether the pressure is 30 psf or greater.
- R905.4.4.1 metal roof shingle wind resistance was added as new section.
- N1102.4 Blower door testing values for a house to pass shall be not greater than 5 air changes per hour.
- N1104 the amount of efficient light fixture has been increased from 90% to 100% except for specific areas such as kitchen appliance lighting fixtures. The code goes on to also include dimmers be installed for all lights except for bathrooms, hallways, exterior, and security lighting. If exterior lighting is greater than 30 W, that lighting needs to have controls that automatically shut off when daylight is present.
- M2101 hydroponic heating systems shall now follow this section for the materials, manufacturer installation instructions etc. As this section is new, all these sections were applied for these systems to ensure that the system properly function as it was intended by the manufacturer and was tested for.
- M2427.8 for through wall venting now includes a complete table based on the gravity intake that the vent is adjacent to.
- = E3601.8 All single-family homes that are newly constructed are now required to have an emergency disconnect for their electric service into the entire house. This will now be located at the location of the pedestal for the electrical meter.
- E3606.5 Surge protection for the whole house will now be required at the electric service location off the panel box.

International Swimming Pool & Spa Code significant changes from the 2018 to the 2021 code:

- 305.4.4 Construction fencing shall be put in place during installation and excavation of the pool from beginning to end for protection of children.

International Building Code Significant changes from the 2018 to the 2021:

- 414.2.3 Fire walls for control areas is not included in the code. Control areas are for high hazardous materials where are stored.
- 422.7 Domestic use of commercial cooking appliances is allowed if new specific requirements are followed.
- Table 504.4 and 506.2 Allowable height and area for specific uses and types of construction allowing more heavy timber assembly uses to extend in height/area. Buildings that are constructed with sprinklers are also allowed a larger modification for certain uses.
- 506.3.2 Allowable area increases based on frontage is now simplified based on the percentage of the building perimeter, and open space with one multiplier. No equation needed.
- Section 6 multiple areas there is know a second heavy timber designation that provides a higher fire
 resistance rating and therefore allows greater height/area based on use. Mass timber is constructed to allow
 for this higher life safety protection and the code recognizes this.
- 907.2.10 requires that self-storage units that are three stories or higher require a pull station fire alarm unless a full sprinkler system is installed.
- 1008.2.1 illumination is required in exit stairways and exit access corridors and shall be a minimum of 10 fc.
- = 1010.1.3 doors opening forces changed to include doors that are not used for fire rated assemblies to have a minimum amount to operate and open.
- Chapter 11 Accessibility requirements are expanded to include more facilities and requirements for different types of options such as heights of thermostats, water bottle refill dispensers, and electric car chargers. The size has increased for wheelchair consideration and includes uses such as nursing homes, hospitals, and homes.
- = 1606 fixed service equipment shall be included (if not already by the BC) for the load calculation for the roof assembly. This would include but is not limited to hvac equipment, mechanical rooms, and solar arrays.
- 1610.2 uplift loading from hydrostatic pressure from soil is included as another loading that the foundation and flooring will need to be designed for.
- = 1611 rain loads are increased to require that twice the 100-year rain fall should be used for the design of the supporting structural members of that roof assembly.
- 1809.5.1 Frost protection is now required outside of the exit doors to prevent doors from not being

functional.

- 2304.10.1 requires that mass timber (new construction type) that is used in a fire-resistant rated assembly be tested with all connective material.
- 3310 Allows for cargo containers to be used for other than conveyance of materials by ship. This code provides the standards and requirements for these uses. However, Grundy County has historically turned down any use of cargo containers for other than storage uses under specific requirements. Therefore, this section is removed.

Please let me know if there are any questions at either (815) 941-3229 or email hmiller@grundycountyil.gov.

Thank you for your time.

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SINGLE FAMILY HOME BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Owner:			
Owner Address:			
Cell Phone:			
Email Address:			
Construction Address:		*	
Property Index Number:			
General Contractor:			
Email:List all of the c	Phone #:_ontractors on the second page of	this application.	
Estimated Cost of Improvement			
Dimensions of Home (width, ler	gth, height):	Stories:	
Bedrooms:	Bathrooms:	Fireplace: Y/N	
(Circle one): Basement - Cra	awl – Slab		
Signature of Owner:		Date:	
Signature of General Contractor		Date:	
Office Use Only:			
Approved:	Date:	Expiration Date:	
Additionally Approval Dates: EH	: Fire Department	t: Floodplain:	
Total Cost of Permit:			
Payment: Cash Check#;	Courtmoney #:	Date:	
School Site Donation Paid:	Receip	ot #:	e:
Cash, Check#:	Courtmoney#:	Date:	- :

Contractor Listing:

(If there are changes to any of the contractors the GC must contact 815-941-3228, Thank You)

GENERAL Contractor:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
EXCAVATOR:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
CARPENTER:		
Phone Number:		
ELECTRICIAN:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
ROOFING:		
Phone Number:		
CONCRETE:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
PLUMBING:		
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HVAC:		
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OTHER:		
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Receipt: _____



Application for Contractor License

Company I	Name:						
Street Add	ress (No PC	O Box):		E			-
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Concrete Cold Weather Requirements

The Grundy County Land Use Department enforces the 2021 International Code Council (I.C.C.) building series of codes.

Cold weather is defined as when conditions are such that the outdoor ambient temperature is less than 40 degrees F for four days.

The following requirements will be employed for cold weather concrete pours:

Subgrade:

- 1) Excavations shall not be left open for greater than twenty-four hours (24) hours.
- 2) All excavations for concrete pours shall be protected from frost migration immediately after excavation with the use of thermal blankets.
- 3) Subgrade shall be free of any ground water, ice, or frost prior to pouring.

Footings:

- 1) Footings are allowed to be poured when the temperature is 20 degrees F and rising with the following stipulations enforced.
- Concrete shall be maintained at a temperature of 50 degrees F for a period of three consecutive days after the placement of the concrete.
- Protection in the form of thermal blankets shall be provided in place for the period of three days following the pouring.

Foundations:

- 1) Foundation walls may be poured when the outside ambient air temperature is 40 degrees F or above. ACI 318-08 requirements will be applied if the outside ambient air temperature is below 40 deg F.
- Concrete shall be maintained at a temperature of not less than 50 degrees F for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days.
- 3) Insulated blankets need to be provided for the entire height and width of the poured walls and shall be left on for curing for a period of 3 days or greater.

Flatwork:

- 1) The minimum air temperature shall be 32 deg F and rising for the pour.
- 2) The excavated site, stone subgrade shall be free from frost or water, and shall be protected with thermal blankets prior to the pour.
- Thermal blankets shall be used after the pour and maintained in place for a period of 5 days after pour.
- 4) Concrete contractors may use high strength concrete with a minimum of a 6-bag mix with the condition that the temperature of the concrete is maintained at 50 deg F for a period of three (3) days following the pour with the use of a thermal blanket.

Admixtures:

- 1) The use of Calcium Chloride is prohibited.
- 2) Any admixtures that are used for water reduction and setting time modification shall conform to the requirements of standard ASTM C494.
- 3) Any admixtures for use in producing flowing concrete shall conform to ASTM C1017.
- 4) Air-entraining admixtures shall conform to ASTM C260.

By signing as the General Contractor/Owner, I understand that the cold weat	her requirements will be followed:
General Contractor/Owner	Date

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Inspections Required for a Single Family Home

All inspections shall be phoned in 24 hours in advance to (815) 941-3228 to the Land Use Secretary to ensure that the expect inspection date can be met.

The following are the inspections that are required for all single family homes:

- 1) Location to ensure survey was followed
- 2) Pre-pour for the footing
- 3) Pre-pour for the foundation
- 4) Backfill once damp proofing, insulation, and the drain tile are in place
- 5) Underground basement plumbing inspection ladder must be provided
- 6) Basement pre-pour
- 7) Garage floor pre-pour
- 8) Electrical Service shall have the meter socket open, three legs in, and rod properly grounded.
- 9) Rough framing, electric, and hvac. This inspection will include all firestopping that will not be seen during insulation.
- 10) Rough plumbing
- 11) Insulation/firestopping
- 12) Driveway/porch/patio pre-pours
- 13) Final plumbing
- 14) Final building the blower door test results should be provided to the inspector

If any of these inspections fail, please call when they are completed. All reinspections have a charge of \$75.00/inspections and it is expected that they are paid for prior to the next inspection.

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SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMES

The setbacks for the location of a home are dependent on the zoning and location of your property. Setbacks are measured as the minimum distance from the property line to the foundation of the home. The following is a table showing the setbacks for your use:

Setbacks based on Zoning District:

Zoning District	Front yard	Side yard	Rear yard
A - Agricultural	50 feet	30 feet	50 feet
AR- Ag Residential	50 feet	50 feet	50 feet
R – Residential	The setback for the		
	front, side and rear is		
	dependent on the		
	other setbacks for		
	the existing		
	subdivision.		
PR – Planned	The setbacks are		
Residential	going to be approved		
	as a full subdivision.		

Setbacks when adjacent to a main thoroughfare:

If the lot or parcel is adjacent to a main thoroughfare (federal, state road) such as I47 the setback shall be as follows:

Total Setback = 40 feet from the center line of the road + 40 feet for frontage road plan + Zoning setback

Submittal:

The setbacks are required to be shown on the plat of survey for the parcel and submitted with the single-family home permit packet.

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SCHOOL SITE DONATION

The Grundy County Code Land-Cash Ordinance requires that a fee be collected for each new single family home that is constructed in the unincorporated areas of Grundy. The fee is to be used by the schools that are located in the area in which the home is proposed.

If a lot is within a subdivision, the fees are set. If a lot is not within a subdivision, the school site donation is determined based on the cost of the lot, number of bedrooms, and the estimated cost of the septic and the well.

Please take this sheet and complete all items in Yellow. Then take this form to the Assessor's office at the Grundy County Courthouse located at 111 E. Washington St, Morris.

The Assessor will forward the form completed and send it to our office for final determination of your school site donation amounts. You may call our assistant at (815) 941-3228 for that amount.

Name:			
Property Index Number (PIN#):			
Number of Bedrooms:	Well Cost:	Septic Cost:	
Fair Market Value of unimprov	ed Land:		
Verification:			
Grade School Donation:			
Middle School Donation:			
High School Donation:			
Total School Site Donation	Amount:		
For Office use: Sent to Treasurer:	Initials:		

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GRUNDY COUNTY CULVERT PERMIT

This form shall be completed by the Township Road Commissioner in your Township. It shall be turned in as part of your submittal for a single family home building permit.

This approvals verifies that the culvert that was installed has met with the approval of the Road Commissioner.

A sheet is attached that provides you with the name and contact information for the Road Commissioners in Grundy County by Township.

Name(s) of Owner(s):	2
PIN# of the parcel:	
Name of the Road:	
City:	
Length, diameter, and materials for the culvert:	
Installation of the culvert and entrance location approved by:	
Signature Date	!

Print Name and Title

2023 Road Commissioners

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Occupancy Requirements and Owner/General Contractor Understanding

Homes may be occupied when the following occurs:

- 1) Environmental Health Department approves the water from the well and also the septic system
- 2) The plumbing final inspection passes
- 3) The building final inspection passes
- 4) All re-inspection fees are paid if applicable.

As the homeowner and general contractor for this construction of the new home, we ask that you read the following and sign below:

I understand as the future homeowner/general contractor that occupancy of the home will not occur until all of the four items listed above have been met.

Homeowner	Date
General Contractor	

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FARMLAND PERSERVATION POLICY

The majority of land that is located in Grundy County is used for agricultural use. Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 5, paragraph 1101 et. Sq. (1989) provides farmers with the statutory defense against nuisance suits where a farm has been in operation for more than one year and operation according to the established standards.

It is the official stated policy of Grundy County to encourage development within the county to occur in such a fashion as to minimize conflict between farming and other land uses. This policy is expressed in the current zoning regulations of the Grundy County Unified Development Ordinance and shall be incorporated into any new plan prepared by the County.

As there is also a balance of residential within the county, those that are constructing a residential home within an agriculturally used area need to be understanding of the normal functions of rural areas.

Living within the rural areas, you may encounter a number of practices that the area farmers will be carrying out as part of their normal agricultural function.

Some of those functions that residents will need to be cognizant of is the following:

- Wide, slow moving farm equipment on the roads, the fields at different times of the day and night.
- Dust and odors from the operation of machinery as well as herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, and manure.
- Wind-blown debris such as corn stalks, soybean residue, husks, etc.
- Airplanes applying herbicides, pesticides, or other materials
- Odors from livestock operations or stray livestock
- Drainage problems and flooding may occur during heavy rainfall

As a future resident of the unincorporated area of Grundy County, please acknowledge that you have read and understand this policy of Grundy County regarding the protection of agricultural operations.

Signature of Owner	Date
Printed Name of Owner	

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Grundy County Fire Service Driveway Specifications and Approval

If a new driveway is being installed for a construction project that is equal or greater than 200'-0" in length, a Fire Department approval is required. The Fire Department having jurisdiction may provide a waiver from any of the requirements that are listed below.

This application is to be completed by the property owner, and approved by the Fire Department having jurisdiction.

The following are specifications which all of the Fire Departments within Grundy County accepted:

- 1) Unrestricted height shall be a minimum of 14'-0" and must be maintained by the owner of the parcel.
- 2) Unrestricted width shall be a minimum of 16'-0" and must be maintained by the owner of the parcel.
- 3) Driveways hall be completed prior to any combustible materials being brought on site.
- 4) Gates:
 - Shall be a minimum of 16'-0" in width
 - Shall be recessed off of the right of way a minimum of 48'-0" for turning radius abilities of the trucks.
 - May require a Knox Box if the Fire Department requires. Knox Box is required to be installed at the owner's expense.
- 5) Culvert to be installed in accordance with the private road standard or requirements set forth by the Road Commissioner shall have the following:
 - Minimum turning radius of 45'-0"
 - Culvert shall be galvanized
 - Culvert depth and size shall be approved by the Road Commissioner
- 6) At the end of the driveway there shall the following:
 - An unrestricted area that has the dimensions of 60'-0" x 60'0" which will allow the Fire Department to operate.
 - The unrestricted area shall be within 75'-0" from the structure.
- 7) Provide and include the following attachments:
 - Plat of survey showing the location of the driveway
- 8) A reflective numerical sign shall be installed at the entrance of the driveway in accordance with the requirements of the Fire Department.

Property Owner Name:		==
Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	
Email Address:		
Cell Phone:		
Property Pin#:		
The information that was provided to the Fire with any additional requirements for the Fire		
Signature of Fire Chief or Designee	**************************************	
Date	_	

2023	Fire	Department	Contacts
Fire Department	Chief / Depaty Chief	E-Mail Address	Phone or Fax number
Allen Fire Protection District 102 S. Lincoln St. Ransom, IL 60470	Virgil Siebert – Chief	siebert5a)yahoo.com allentepfiredepta)gmail.com	815-586-4421 815-586-4421 (fax)
Braceville Fire Protection District Main & Mitchell Street P.O. Box 286 Braceville, IL 60404	Nathan Basham - Chief Mike Nicola - Deputy Chief	bracevillefzdDgmail.com	815-237-8682 815-237-8720 (fax)
Braidwood Fire Department 275 w. Main Street 7.0. Box 309 Braidwood, IL 60408	Chris Jude– Chief Wike Pemble– Deputy Chief Wike Shorkey – Captain	cjudeadraidwoodfire.org mpembleadraidwoodfire.org mshorkeyadraidwoodfire.org	815-458-2000 815-458-3636 (Fax)
Channahon Fire Protection Dist. Station 1 24929 S. Center St. Channahon, IL 6041 Station 2 23341 W. McClintock Road Channahon, IL 60410	John Petrakis – Chief Jeff Toepper – Deputy Chief Jacque Arnold – Executive Assistant Vacant - Inspector	ipetrakisachannahonfire.com itoepperachannahonfire.com jarnoldachannahonfire.com inspectorachannahonfire.com	815-467-6767 - admin 815-467-5081 (fax) 815-467-2666 -Fire Prevention
Coal City Fire Protection Dist. 35 S. Dewitt Place P.O. Box 219 Coal City, IL 60416	James Seerup – Chief Nick Doerfler– Deputy Chief	jseerupacefire.net ndoerfleracefire.net	815-634-4700 815-634-4069 (fax)

Gardner Volunteer Fire Dept. 206 N. Depot St. P.O. Box 181	Chnef/Deputy Chief Brian Jensen – Chief	E-mail Address bjensen Dgardner fpd.com	815-237-880¢
Gardner, IL 60424 Mazon Fire Protection District 700 Park St. P.O. Box 267 Mazon, IL 60444	Mark Brookman II -Chief Mark Brookman Sr Deputy Chief	Mazonfd 3400ayahoo.com	815-448-5460 815-448-5670 (fax)
Minooka Fire Protection District 7901 East Minooka Road PO Box 736 Minooka, IL 60447	Al Yancey Jr Chief Brad Sprague - Deputy Chief Matt Feinberg - Inspector	yanceyaDminookafire.com spraguebDminookafire.com feinbergDminookafire.com	815-467-5637 815-467-5453 (fax) 815-467-5637 Ext. 113
Morris Fire Department 121 West Main Street Station 2 2301 Ashton Road Morris, IL 60450	Tracey Steffes – Chief Jeff Wilson – Deputy Chief Dave Wiechen – Asst. Chief	tsteffesa)morrisfd.org jwilsona)morrisfd.org dwiechena)morrisfd.org	815-942-2830 815-416-0452 (fax)
Reddick Fire Department 206 East 'Main St. 70 Box 80 Reddick, IL 60961	Andrew Kelson – Chief Jen Zalud	akelsonrfpd@gmail.com	815-922-0062 24 Hr. Hotline – 815-933- 3324, this is Kankakee's non-emergency line
Seveca Fire Protection & Ambulance District 121 West Armour Street P.O. Box 985 Seveca, IL 61360	Rob Howe – Chief Nick Roseland- Deputy Chief	rhoweDsenecafire.org nroselandDsenecafire.org	815-357-1600 815-357-6247 (Fax)

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330 Lake St. P.O. Box 285 South Wilmington, IL 60474	David Walkling – Asst. Chief	SWY IN DOUGO WATER COM	015-237-8034 (Fax)
Verona – Kinsman Fire Dept. 405 Division St. / P.O. Box 132 Verona, IL 60479	James Dunning – Chief Cory Coop – Asst. Chief	Veronakinsmanfiredepartmentagmail.com 815-228-2320 815-228-2320	815-228-2320 815-228-2320 (fax)

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Complete Below:

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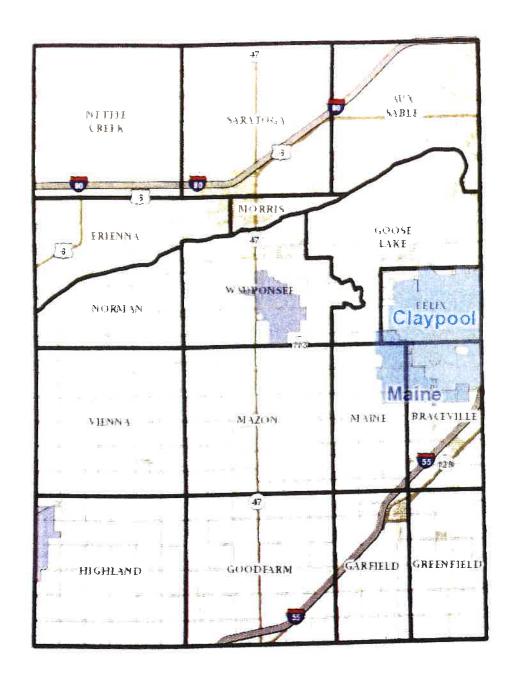
Drainage District Effected: _____



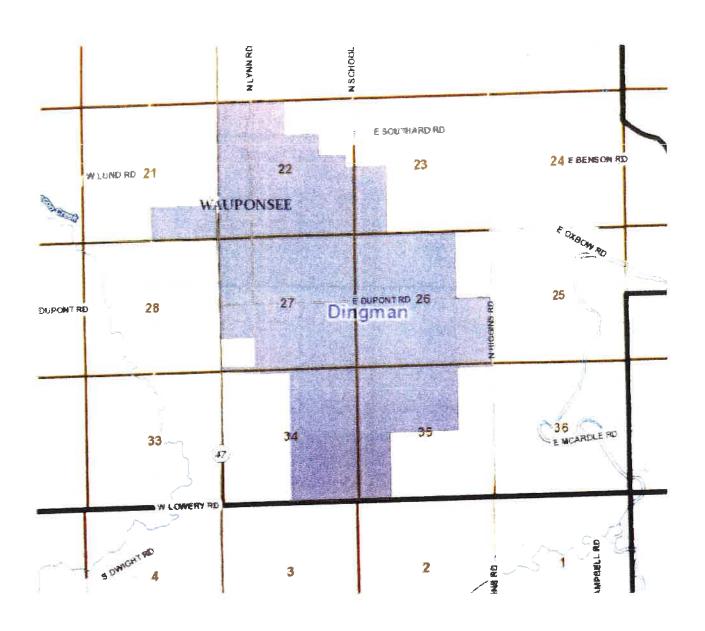
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTIFICATION

Complete and mail this form to the Drainage District that is charge of storm water regionally for your parcel. The drainage district is listed on your tax listing for the parcel. A map of the locations of the Drainage Districts is provided.

Name of Ow	ners of Parcel:		
Phone Numl	ber:		
Email:			
Location PIN	l#:		
Improvemer	nt:		
Send this sho located in.	eet to the Drainage District r	noted on your t	tax bill or the region in which the structure will be
Please Mail 1	to:		
Claypool:	Robert Koerner	Maine:	Mark and Rita Wills
	113 E. 3 rd Street		205 Jugtown Road
	Coal City, IL 60416		Coal City, IL 60416
Dingham:	Andrew Hunt	Allen:	Rich Burton
	2300 E. McArdle Road		227 W. Madison Street
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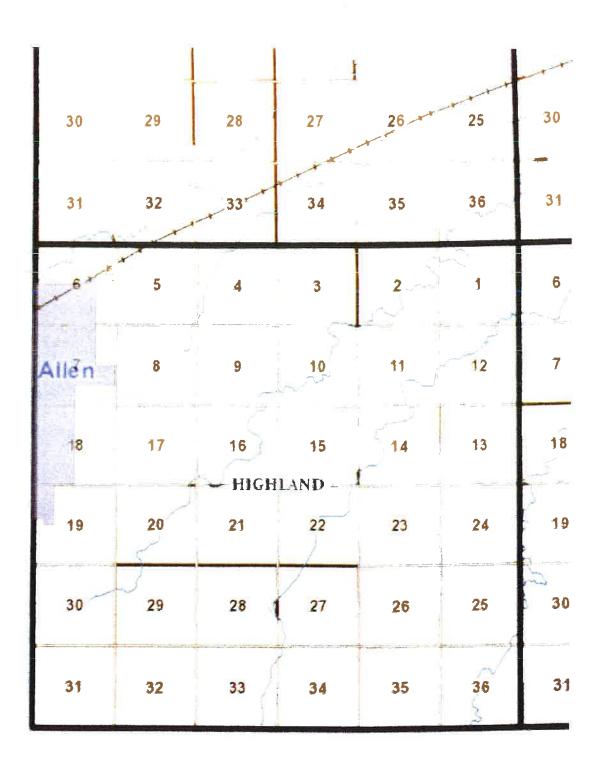


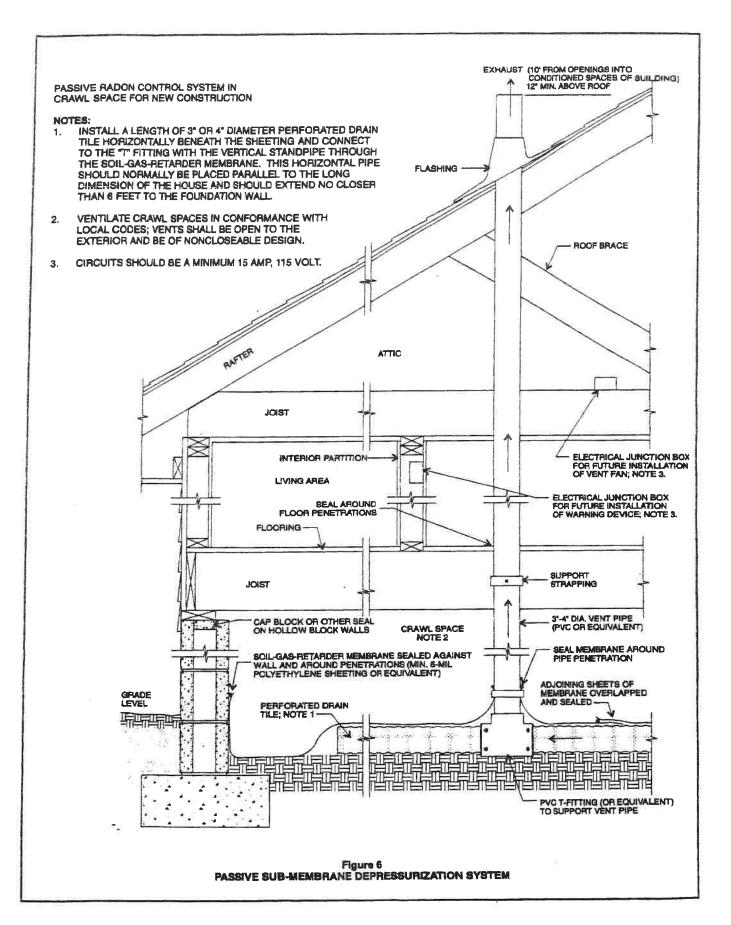
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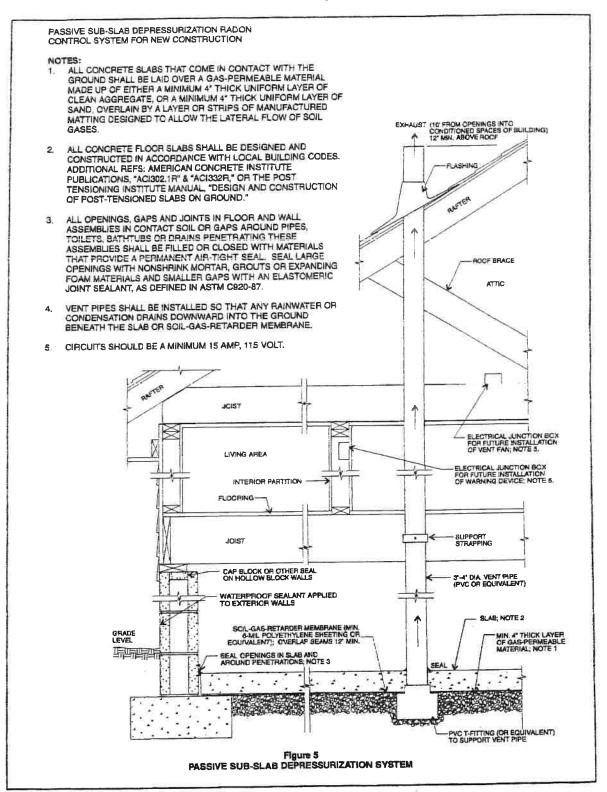


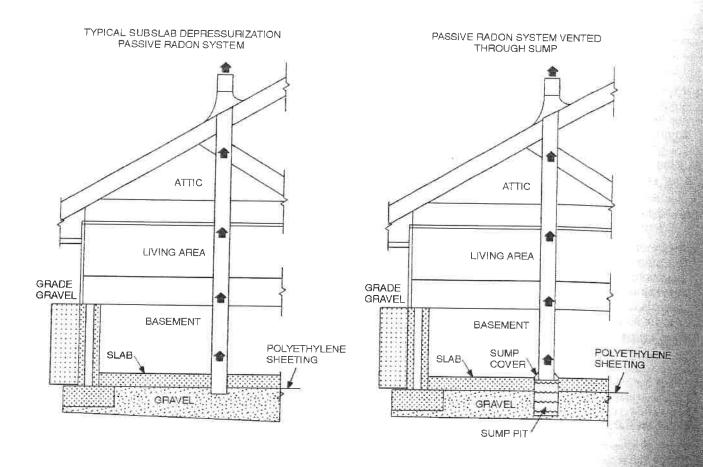
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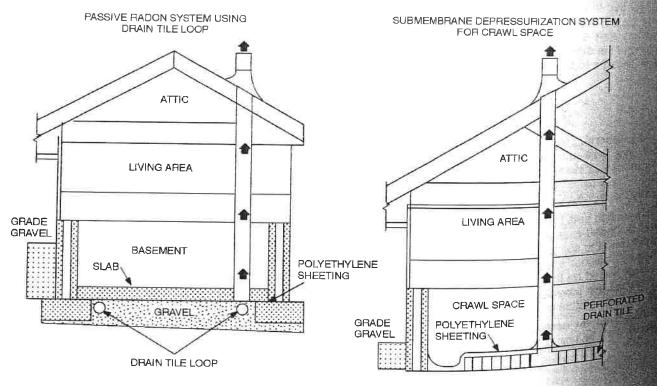


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RADON-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR FOUR FOUNDATION TYPES

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THE POWER OF SMART PLANTING

A GUIDE TO PLANTING NEAR POWER LINES





Dear ComEd customer,

This Power of Smart Planting booklet is a cooperative effort between ComEd and The Morton Arboretum. It's a resource for you when landscaping near power lines. With a little knowledge and some direction, you can play a part in limiting power outages.

Trees play a valuable role in our communities—they provide shade, wildlife habitat, and many other environmental benefits. However, tall trees that exist near power lines can threaten our ability to provide safe, reliable electric service. Approximately 92% of tree-related interruptions are caused by seemingly healthy tree branches that have been broken and come into contact with power lines running from pole to pole. High winds and storms can cause tree branches to break and fall onto lines, utility poles and other equipment, causing damage and service interruptions.

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