Environmental Health Permits Required for Future Development on the Property

System Repair
vs.
System Maintenance

Permits are required to repair your system

Repair Permits are FREE!!

Repair Activities Requiring A Permit

- Replacing line to repair failing septic system

- Replacing septic tank

- Replacing pre-treatment system

- Alteration of pre-treatment system from one process to another

Maintenance Activities That Do NOT Require A Permit

- Pumping the septic tank

- Replacing a pump with exact same pump model

- Repairing broken cleanout or turn-up for LPP

- Routine maintenance on Type IIIb, IV, V, and VI systems

If you are unsure if you need maintenance or a repair permit call Environmental Health

Choosing a Septic Contractor

- All septic contractors are required to be certified by the NCOWCICB. Verify contractor certification by visiting www.ncowcicb.info

- Ask for at least 3-5 references

- Contractor should be able to furnish proof of liability insurance and workers compensation

Setback Compliance Approval

Changing foot print of house without adding bedrooms
i.e. Decks, Porches other rooms besides bedrooms

Adding garage or outbuilding

Adding a swimming pool

Improvement Permit/ Construction Authorization for Expansion

- If adding bedrooms to house

- If adding full bathroom to garage; this is considered a bedroom

- Adding any activity that creates wastewater other than domestic sewage (toilets, sink, laundry)
  - Art studios (pottery, metal work etc.)
  - Film developing
  - X-Rays

Operation Permit Revision

- If changing lot lines

- If changing the use of a septic system
  - Changing system from home use to business use
  - As long as water usage is not increasing and remains domestic (toilet, sink, laundry)

Locating your septic system

- **To obtain a copy of the septic and/or well permit on file, visit:** http://chathamgis.com/

HOW TO SEARCH FOR SCANNED SEPTIC PERMITS

1. To obtain a copy of the septic and/or well permit on file, visit: http://chathamgis.com/

Click on the map:
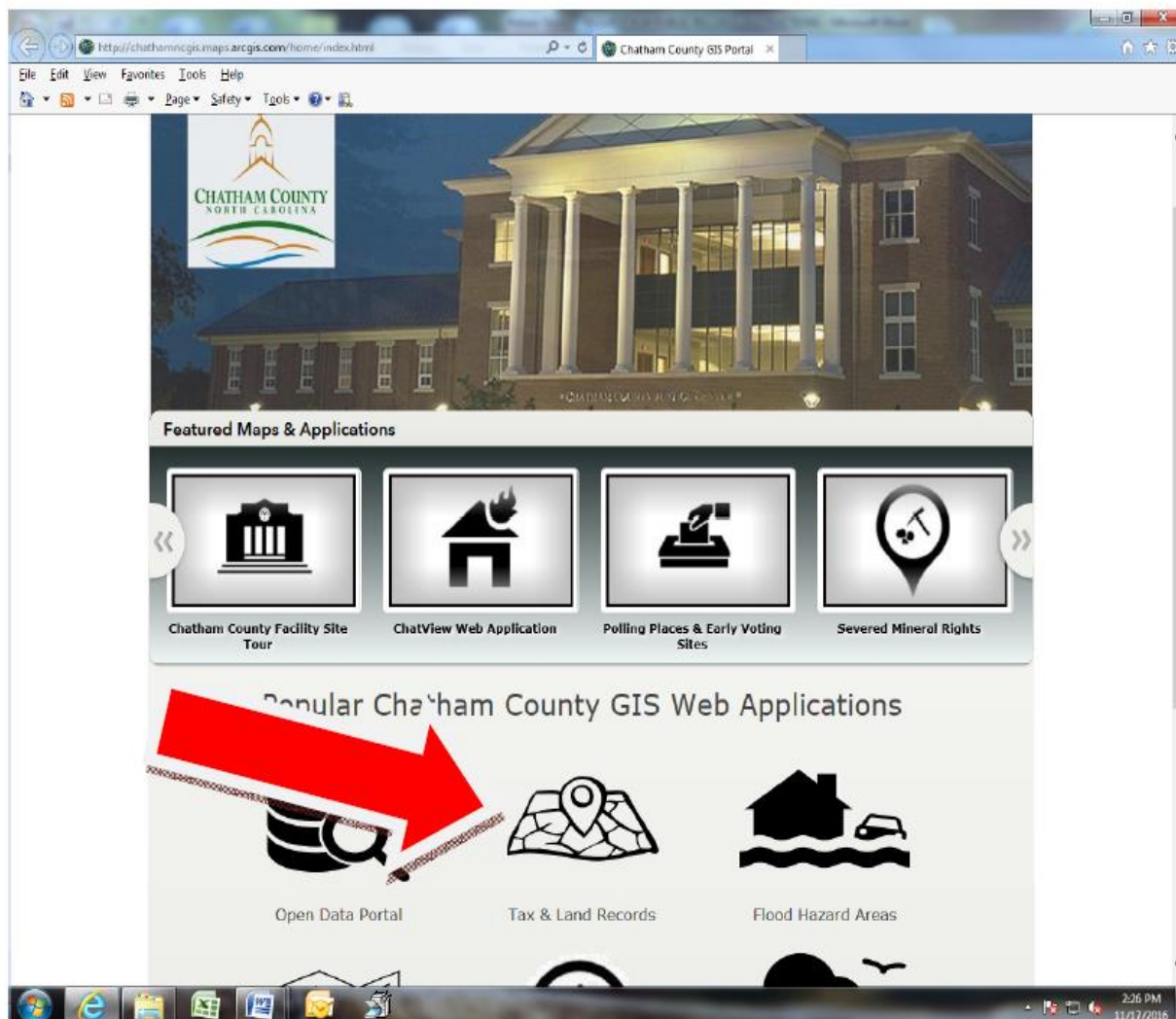
2. **Search for the property** *(by Address, Owner, Parcel Number or Subdivision)*
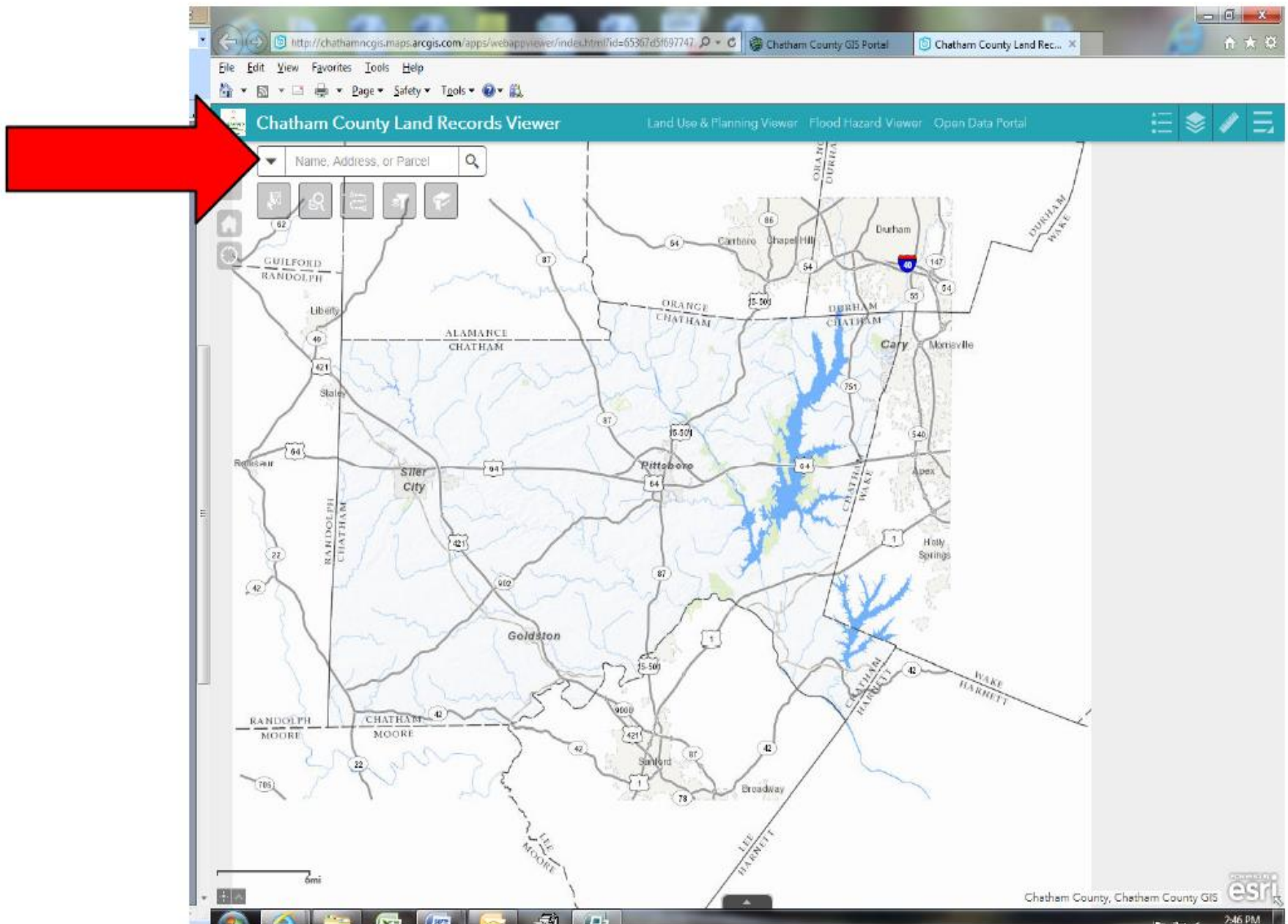
3. Make a selection from the dropdown box

4. Click on the parcel you are searching and a window will open up.

5. Click on, "Well/Septic Permits"
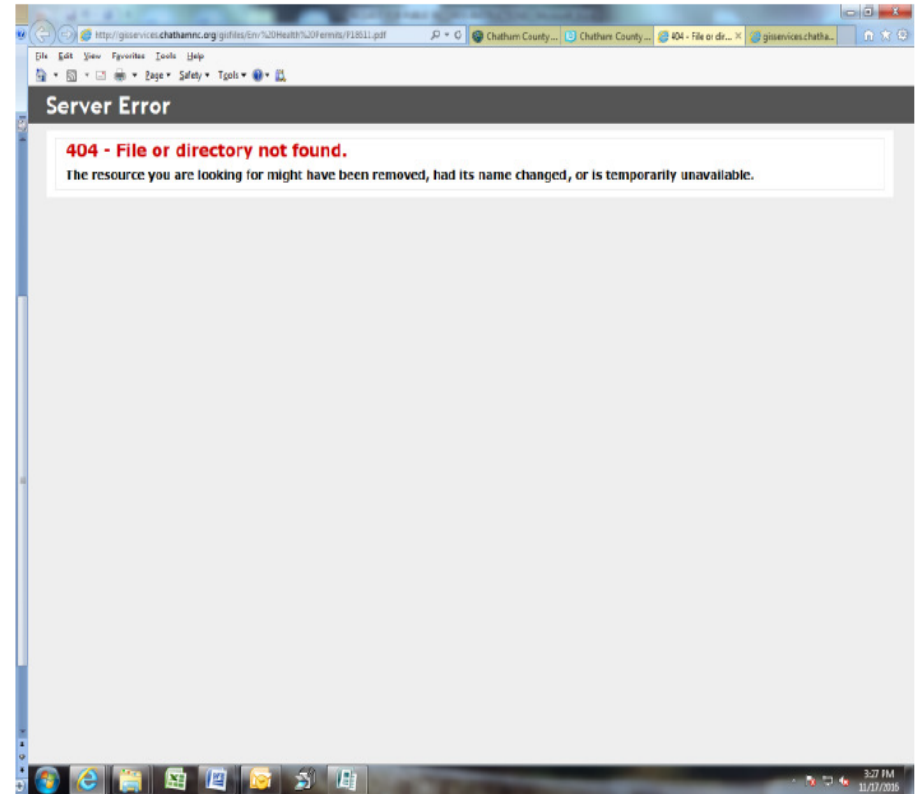
If a Well/Septic Permit is available, it will open up in a new window. If no permit is available at this time, you will get an error page
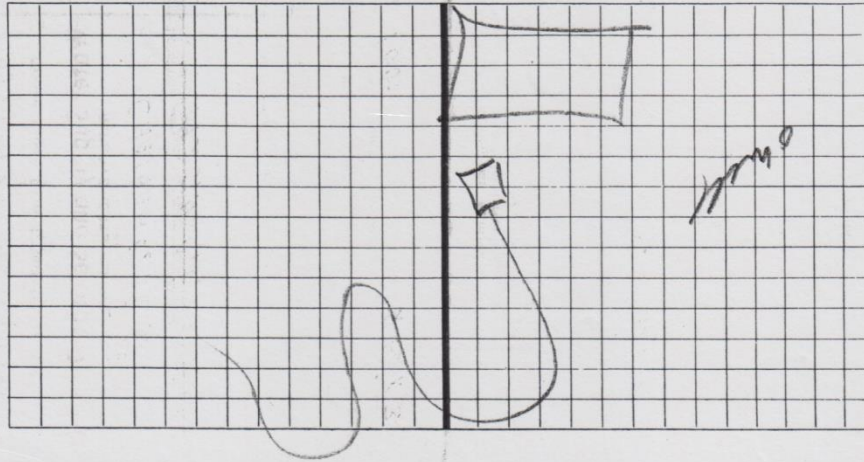

If no permit is available on GIS, contact our office.
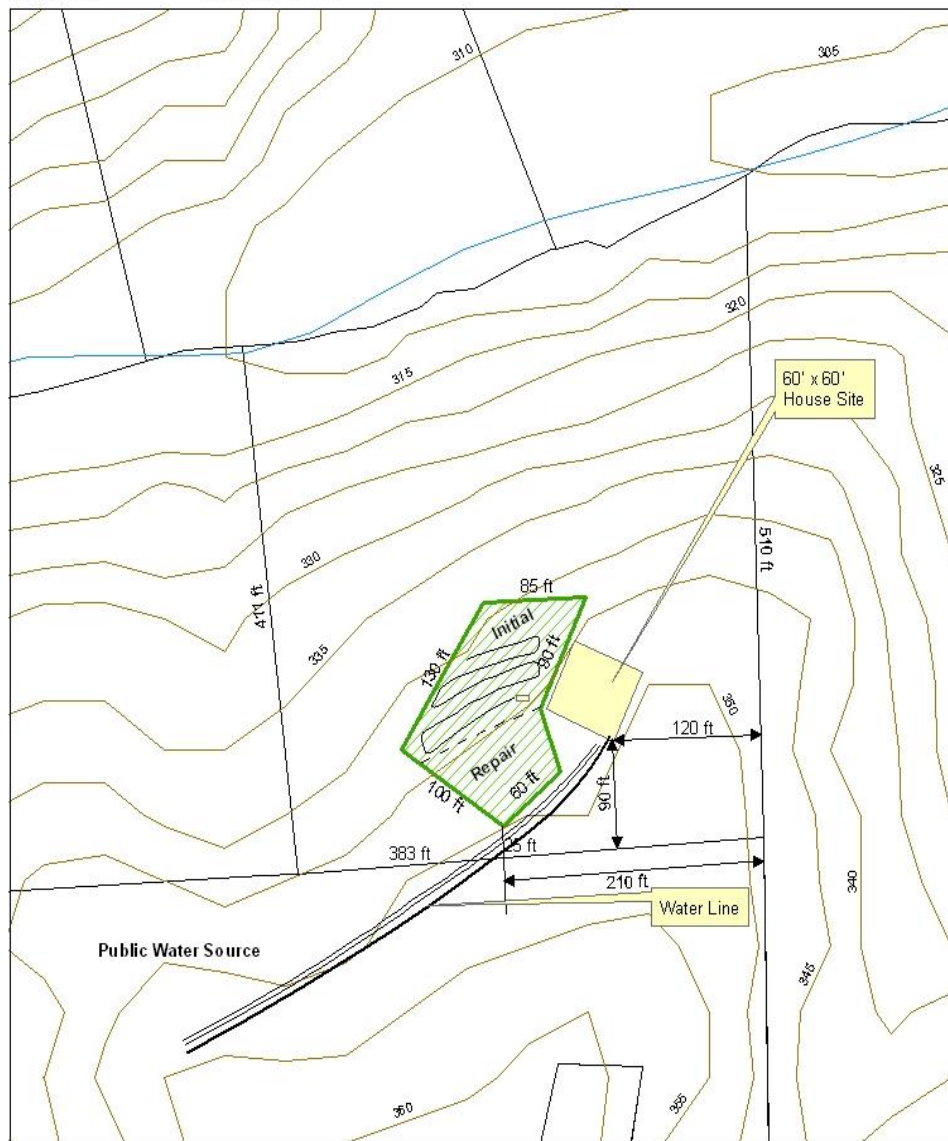
GPS

NOTE: Make sketch of installation showing lot size and shape, location of house, septic tanks, privies, water supplies, etc. Note special problems existing on lot. Write in measurements in order that installations may be located at later date. Note location of water supplies on adjacent lots.

Old permits

If no permit or older permit found

- Check under the house for the wasteline, follow line to 5-15' from house
- In the summer:
    - The grass over the septic tank will be brown
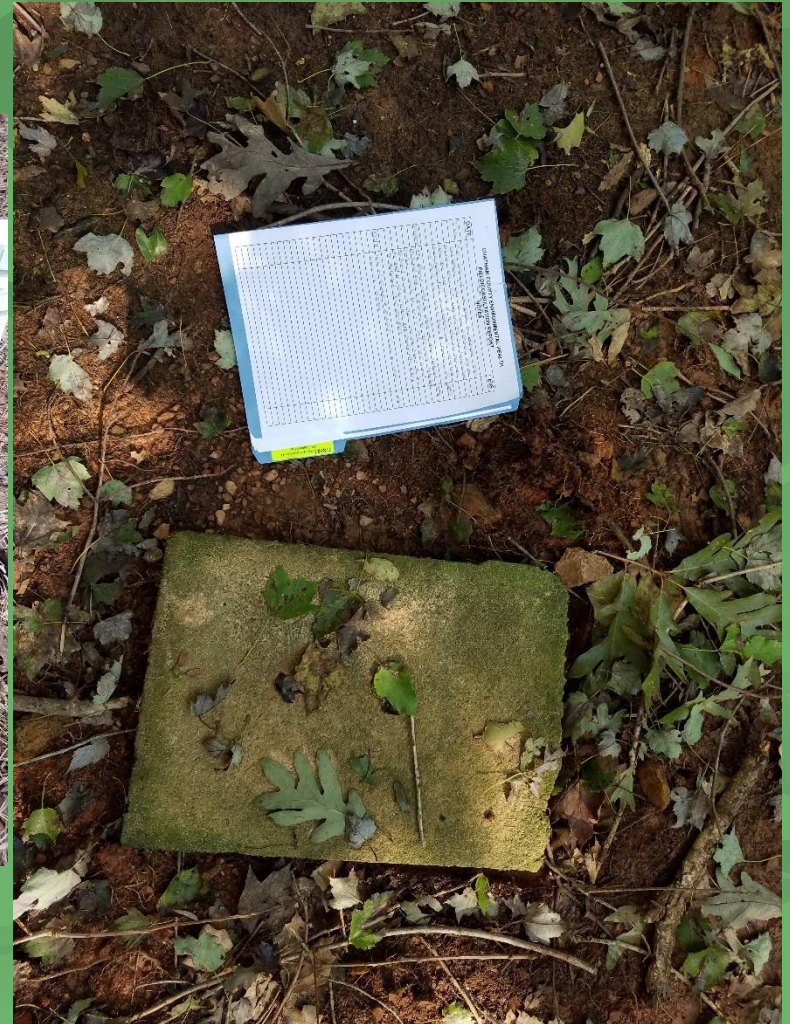   - The grass of the drainfield will be greener

Tank Risers

Cleanout/Observation Port

Distribution

Stripes over gravity drainfield

Vegetative growth over chamber trenches

Vegetative growth over drip emitters indicating equal distribution

Questions?