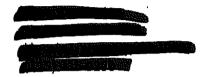
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rom: Sent: Fo: Subject:	Friday, December 2, 2022 5:48 PM ACRE Shared Mailbox [EXTERNAL] ACRE Act Complaint
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To Whom It May Concern,	
am writing to request an investi pertains to the ACRE Act.	gation into the zoning office of Franklin Township (Chester County), Pennsylvania, as it
On January 24, 2022. The property has an existing five stall barn, multiple pastures and had an overgrown outdoor riding arena. The primary reason for the purchase was for the existing facilities, but especially the riding arena. Prior to settlement we contracted the services of the existing facilities whose specialty is equestrian arenas the began rehabilitation work on the arena the morning of January 25, 2022. Estimated timeframe for the project was one week. Due to the weather, was only able to work on 1/25 and was not able to resume work until 2/10/22.	
based on a complaint he received weeks and gave a verbal cease a provided. I met with only required a permit, but we we township engineer driveway leading back to our bar on this information we hired a co	Zoning Officer, stated that he had been watching the construction for two and desist. We ceased all work immediately based on the information that we had been the Franklin Township office where he informed me that the work we were doing not would also need to provide a stormwater management plan. This was reinforced by also and employee of the Both men insisted that the arena and a pre-existing mere "new work", not pre-existing, and would require permits and SWM plans. Based ompany to develop a plan to satisfy the zoning officer and engineer requirements on that we make additions to the SWM plan for any future work that we might want to through the process again.
driveway and arena were pre-ex required to have a topographica	pe architect decided by questioned the need for SWM, not only because the isting, but we were also an equestrian property. In order to develop a plan we were I survey (\$5,000) and perk testing (\$3,300) completed before the could develop any estion the need for the plan, but was advised by that it was necessary.
operating under the cease and d 2022 Franklin Township assigned met with separately at existing and we are deemed as a	lieved of his duties in Franklin Township, but remained employed by the Were still esist order given by while while continued to develop our SWM plan. In July from as the new zoning officer for the township. Both my wife and I the township offices his informed us that the arena and driveway were both prenequestrian property gave us verbal permission to resume the work, as well ney, stating that the work in question was pre-existing and the cease st.
with changes that need	and submitted to the township for approval. The township engineer responded to ed to be made to our plan. After receiving this information, we decided to rescind our work that we wanted to complete was finally deemed not necessary to have a SWM

plan. To date we have incurred approximately \$40,000 in bills for the survey, testing and plan, which never needed to be done in the first place.

We have since had the work on the arena completed, however, due to the delay we also incurred approximately \$4,000 in additional expense of the arena because of price increases in diesel fuel and materials. It is our feeling that our civil rights were violated, primarily by and their representative, Due to poor decision making, lack of communication and alleged going outside of the scope of his job, we incurred unnecessary debt and well as a delay in the use of our arena.

Sincerely,



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