



## **APPENDIX 15-C**

# **Communications Log for Drain Tile Due Diligence**

**From:** [Seider, Mark - NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY](#)  
**To:** [Rivard, Linda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 8:10:05 AM  
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There are 3 separate parcels on the south side of Lake Road associated with 8.00-1-1.2

The historic tile drainage map that was sent to you showed some tile on the center parcel. It appears that a system was planned for the farm but was never designed or installed.

The historic tile map also shows tile at the south end of the west parcel. However, there is no tile at that location. It looks like this tile was sketched in the wrong location on the map.

The west parcel has a tile line crossing the northeast corner of the parcel as shown on the attached map.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: [LocportSWCD@usda.com](mailto:LocportSWCD@usda.com) <[LocportSWCD@usda.com](mailto:LocportSWCD@usda.com)>  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 7:43 AM  
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Please open the attached document. It was scanned and sent to you from Lockport USDA.

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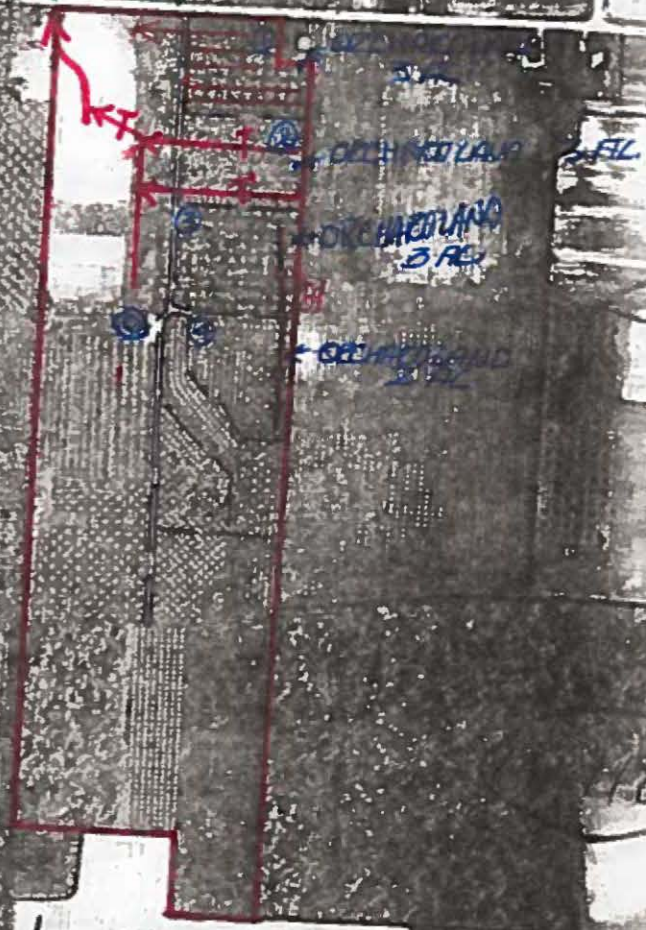
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POTTER RD



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**From:** [Rivard, Linda](#)  
**To:** [Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 12:39:00 PM



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Thanks for the info. Appreciate it.

Linda

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**From:** Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY <[Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdnet.net](mailto:Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdnet.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 11:03 AM  
**To:** Rivard, Linda <[Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com](mailto:Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling

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Good Morning Linda –

Attached is the revised map. Same as last time, it is a rough approximation of where tiling has been done. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Katie

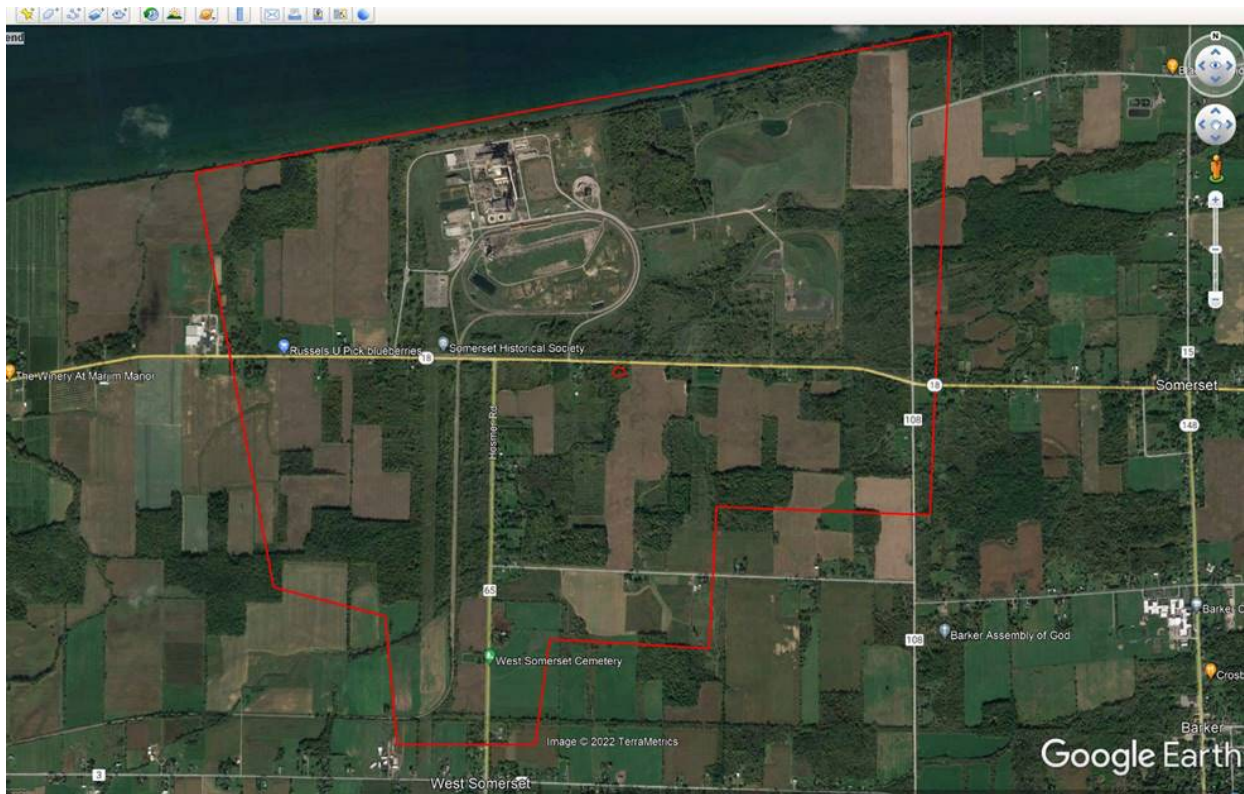
Katie Pfeifer  
District Clerk  
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District  
4487 Lake Avenue  
Lockport, NY 14094  
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**From:** Rivard, Linda <[Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com](mailto:Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY <[Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdnet.net](mailto:Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdnet.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling

Here is an image of my area of interest that should help.



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**From:** Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY <[Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net](mailto:Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:40 PM  
**To:** Rivard, Linda <[Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com](mailto:Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling

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How far? Is the report on the whole County?

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**From:** Rivard, Linda <[Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com](mailto:Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY <[Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net](mailto:Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling

Thank you Katie! Is it possible to get the pages that show the surrounding parts of the image (left, right and bottom)? I am interested in those areas as well.

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**From:** Pfeifer, Katherine - FPAC-NRCS-CD, Lockport, NY <[Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net](mailto:Katherine.Pfeifer@NY.nacdn.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** Rivard, Linda <[Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com](mailto:Linda.Rivard@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling

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Good Afternoon Linda –

Attached please find the map of tiling around the Somerset Power Plant. As we discussed, this is a rough approximation of where tiling has been done. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Katie

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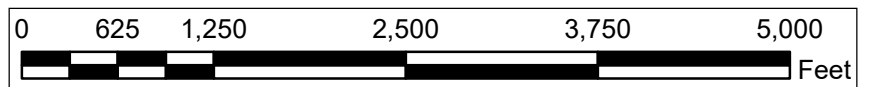
# Lake Road Town of Somerset Historic Tiling

2021 Aerial



**Legend**

- Streams
- Tile Post 2000
- Historical Tiling Drainage
- Niagara County 2022 Parcels





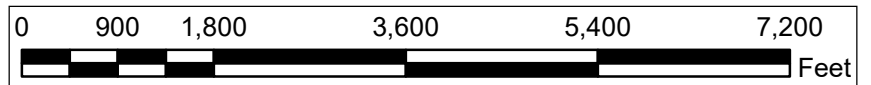
# Lake Road Town of Somerset Historic Tiling

2019 Aerial



**Legend**

- Streams
- Tile Post 2000
- Historical Tiling Drainage
- Niagara County 2022 Parcels





**Tetra Tech, Inc.**

**Communications Log - Drain Tile Due Diligence - Somerset Solar**

Date	Time	To	From	Type of Communication	Duration of Call	Notes of Discussion or Communication
9/8/2022	12:38 PM	Niagara County Water District (716) 349-7043	Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-7168	Phone inquiry	1 min.	Linda inquired as to availability of drain tile information for County; County representative indicated their office does not have this data
9/8/2022	11:29 AM	Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District (716) 434-4949	Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-7168	Phone inquiry	5 min.	Linda inquired as to availability of drain tile information for County; County representative (Katherine Pfeifer) indicated they had some information they could provide; Linda obtained an email address for data sharing and offered to provide location data for which the drain tile data was being sought
9/8/2022; 9/12/2022	1:33 PM - 3:08 PM (9/8); 11:03 AM - 12:42 PM (9/12)	<a href="mailto:linda.rivard@tetratech.com">linda.rivard@tetratech.com</a> <a href="mailto:Katherine.Pfeiffer@NY.nacdnet.net">Katherine.Pfeiffer@NY.nacdnet.net</a>	<a href="mailto:linda.rivard@tetratech.com">linda.rivard@tetratech.com</a> <a href="mailto:Katherine.Pfeiffer@NY.nacdnet.net">Katherine.Pfeiffer@NY.nacdnet.net</a>	email communication	N/A	Katherine and Linda exchanged information over email to identify the area of interest for which drain tile information was being sought; two pdf files were received showing blocks of entire field areas identified as either Historical Tiling Drainage or Tile Post 2000 (see pdf "RE_Somerset Power Plant Area Tiling_Sept 2022_USDA NRCS")
10/20/2022	12:50 PM	Niagara County Water District (716) 349-7043	Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-7168	Phone inquiry	3 min.	Linda inquired as to obtain additional office locations to contact regarding availability of drain tile data; office suggested reaching out to Niagara County Public Works
10/20/2022	12:53 PM	Niagara County Public Works (716) 439-7242	Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-7168	Phone inquiry	10 min.	Linda inquired about availability of drain tile data for the County; office suggested reaching out to Niagara County Public Works; after detailed discussions of what type of data was being sought, Public Works suggested reaching out to the Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District Engineer, Mark Seider, who's office maintains this data for the county
10/20/2022	1:03 PM	Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District (716) 434-4949; ext. 4 Mark Seider (USDA NRCS)	Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-7168	Phone inquiry	7 min.	Linda connected with the USDA NRCS Engineer, who maintains the drain tile data for the county. Linda provided Mark with the parcel numbers of interest, and Mark agreed to look into identifying specific locations where these may be mapped within those parcels
10/21/2022	8:10 AM	<a href="mailto:linda.rivard@tetratech.com">linda.rivard@tetratech.com</a>	<a href="mailto:Mark.Seider@ny.nacdnet.net">Mark.Seider@ny.nacdnet.net</a>	email communication	N/A	Mark provide a review of his research for the parcels against the data their office had previously provided (received from Katherine Pfeiffer), along with a sketch of the location of a drain tile area located with the parcels he had reviewed. Some of the locations previously identified as having potential drain tiles were written off (see pdf "Somerset Drain Tile Data for Specific Parcels_USDA NRCS_Oct 2022")

10/31/2022

2:19 PM

Niagara County Soil and Water  
Conservation District (716) 434-  
4949; ext. 4 Mark Seider (USDA  
NRCS)

Linda Rivard, Tetra Tech, Inc. (207) 205-  
7168

Phone inquiry

4 min.

Linda discussed with Mark the potential availability of additional drain tile data, such that would be identified from a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) filing. Mark indicated he had already provided the information based on the parcel data provided to him on 10/20/2022 and that he was not aware of additional data that he would be able to be provide. Mark confirmed no additional data would be available from the county offices, as his office maintains all drain tile for Niagara County. He wasn't aware of a FOIL form that should be used if it was still our intent to file such a request. If a FOIL request is still needed, just send him the information via email and he would check on this (again).