Appendix D: Ground Penetrating Radar Report (Prepared by Environmental Probing Investigations, Inc.)



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#### SUBSURFACE SURVEY REPORT DATE October 22-24 and 28, 2019 CLIENT Middlesex County Office of Arts and History **Trinity Episcopal Church** WEATHER Sunny 50s - 60s PROJECT NAME **EPI Geophysicist Robert Wiencek & Paul McLeod** PROJECT 650 Rahway Avenue ADDRESS Woodbridge, New Jersey **EQUIPMENT USED** GPR: GSSI SIR-4000 RADAR SYSTEM with 350 HS antenna Х RADIO FREQUENCY (RF) LINE TRACING: VIVAX/METROTECH - vLOCPro2 Х ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION - GSSI EM-PROFILER Х **TRIMBLE Geo7X GPS** Х **FIGURE 1** Legend **Trinity Episcopal Church** 🍰 3D Grid 1 650 Rahway Avenue 🍰 3D Grid 2 Woodbridge, New Jersey 🍰 3D Grid 3 EPI Geophysical Survey - October 22-24 and October 28, 2019 Anomaly STP Grid 1 3D Corner 🗖 EU an Out Sanitary C STP ST 🕹 Feature 1 Anomaly STP Feature 1 Corner Anom 1 3D Cor STP an OuAnomaly Grid 1 3D Corne 🍰 Feature 2 STP Anomaly STP Feature 2 Corner Anomaly 🍰 Gas Anomaly Grave Grid 1 3D Corner rid 2 3D Cor Grid 2 3D Corner D Grid 2 3D Corner ure 2 Corner maly Grid 3 3D Corner re 2 Co 2 Corne Feature Linear Edge of Disturbed Area alyAnom rid 3 3D.Com Grid 2 3D Corne lot A Grid 3 3D Corner hal lot B naly Anomaly Sanitary Clean Out Grid 3 3D Corne Anomaly Anomaly haly Anomaly Anomaly 🍰 Sanitary Line Anomal 🕹 Stone Slab nomaly Anomaly Anomaly STP OGrave 🍰 Water 9 Google Earth

Figure showing the location of the geophysical survey (Plot A and Plot B) within the Trinity Episcopal Church property along with the geophysical findings.

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#### PROJECT SCOPE

Environmental Probing Investigations, Inc. (EPI) was contracted by Middlesex County Office of Arts and History to conduct a geophysical investigation in order to identify any cultural resources located within Plots A and B of the geophysical project area (see Figure 1).

#### Visual Site Inspection

The grounds of Trinity Episcopal Church date from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. Plot A consists of a front and rear lawn area of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Dunham House property. Plot B is a large open field that is adjacent to the Trinity Church's cemetery.

#### **Geophysical Survey Result**

The ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey made use of a GSSI SIR-4000 together with a 350 HS antenna mounted on a cart. The method involves the transmission of microwave-like signals directly down into the ground and reception of those same signals as they reflect back up to the receiver. The method works best in dry, sandy, resistive soils with an approximate depth of penetration of around 8'. In damp, clayey, conductive soils the depth of penetration may be as little as 2'-3'. The soils within the project area allowed a signal penetration down to a depth of about 4'-5'.

An area of disturbance was located within the front lawn of the Plot A project area during the 2D GPR survey. Based on this finding, 3D GPR Grid 1, measuring 60' x 50', was set-up to encompass this area of disturbance. The post-processed 3D GPR data revealed that this area of disturbance is compact and may be a potential buried road or driveway. Future archaeological survey work is recommended within the 3D GPR Grid 1 area.

Two features were located within the Plot B project area during the 2D GPR survey. Feature 1 measures 8' x 8' and Feature 2 measures 11' x 10'. Based on these findings, 3D GPR Grid 2, measuring 60' x 50', was set-up to encompass each of these features. The post-processed 3D GPR data of these features indicate that these features may be potential outbuildings on the property. Future archaeological survey work is recommended within the 3D GPR Grid 2 area.

The 3D Grid 3 survey area was added as an extension of the 3D Grid 2 survey area. No features were located during the 2D GPR survey in this area. However, 3D Grid 3 was placed in order to determine if any other features would become visible in the 3D GPR data after processing. Two areas (see Photo 20) within the 3D GPR Grid 3 survey area would warrant future archaeological investigation.

Line Tracing was undertaken with a Vivax-Metrotech system, specifically the Loc-10Tx (10 Watt) transmitter and a VLocPro2 receiver. The system works on at least two modes including a passive mode where the receiver detects any lines carrying current as well as an induction/conduction mode. In the induction/conduction mode, a specific radio frequency is transmitted into a cable or pipe (either through direct connection or through inductive coupling) and that same frequency is then detected with the receiver to trace the location of the buried pipe or cable. A utility mark out for a gas line in Plot A was confirmed.

Upon completion of the geophysics fieldwork, all located anomalies and features, STPs and EUs, utilities, and the area and corners of the three 3D GPR survey grids and grid corners were surveyed using a Trimble Geo7X. The uncorrected location data from this instrument has an accuracy of approximately 2', but correction with Pathfinder software increases the accuracy to approximately 1'.

### **Limitations**

EPI completes non-intrusive geophysical surveys using equipment and techniques consistent with the standards of the subsurface utility mapping industry. However, there can be no guarantee that every target will be detected at a particular site. Sub-surface conditions may prevent some or all geophysical methods from detecting a particular target. Targets that are non-metallic or deep, as well as areas that are paved or covered with reinforced concrete may difficult to locate.

Every reasonable effort was made to locate all systems of interest whether indicated on records available to us or not, but EPI does not guarantee that all existing utility systems can or will be detected. The results of this investigation should only be used as a tool and should not be considered a guarantee regarding the presence or absence of USTs or piping.



Figure showing the 3D Grid 1 GPR survey area, linear edges of disturbance, anomalies, STPs, EUs. and utilities within the Plot A geophysical survey area.



Photo showing the Plot A geophysical survey area. View east.



EM survey being conducted on Plot A of project area. View east.



An area of disturbance was found in Plot A during the 2D survey. This area of disturbance is shown above and is located between two linear (purple) edges (see also Figure 3 and Photos 7 - 10 for 3D radar findings of Plot A). View east.



Photo showing the Plot A location of the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area (aqua) measuring 60' x 50'. The placement of the grid was based on an area of disturbance found during the 2D GPR survey. View east.



The 3D GPR Grid 1 survey being conducted within area of disturbance found during 2D survey. A portion of the 3D survey grid is outlined in aqua. View northwest.





Figure showing the Plot A geophysical project area overlaid onto a Google Earth image. A post-processed 3D GPR image overlay shows a 1' depth slice of the disturbed area (bright white anomaly between two purple lines) within the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area (aqua) measuring 60' x 50'. The disturbed area (see above) may be a potential buried road or driveway (see Photo 3).



A 3D radar processed image showing the location of a disturbed area (bright white anomaly between red arrows) at a depth slice of 1' within the Plot A 3D survey area measuring 60' x 50' (see above). This disturbed area may be a potential driveway or buried road surface. Linear edges of this anomaly are highlighted by red arrows in the figure. See Figure 3 for placement of this 1' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area.



A 3D radar processed image showing the location of a disturbed area (bright white anomaly between red arrows) at a depth slice of 2' within the Plot A 3D survey area measuring 60' x 50' (see above). This disturbed area may be a potential driveway or buried road surface. Linear edges of this anomaly are highlighted by red arrows in the figure. See Figure 3 for placement of this 2' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area.



A 3D radar processed image showing the location of a disturbed area (bright white anomaly between red arrows) at a depth slice of 3' within the Plot A 3D survey area measuring 60' x 50' (see above). This disturbed area may be a potential driveway or buried road surface. Linear edges of this anomaly are highlighted by red arrows in the figure. See Figure 3 for placement of this 3' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area.



A 3D radar processed image showing the location of a disturbed area (bright white anomaly between red arrows) at a depth slice of 4.5' within the Plot A 3D survey area measuring 60' x 50' (see above). This disturbed area may be a potential driveway or buried road surface. At this depth, the anomaly and its linear edges are barely visible. See Figure 3 for placement of this 4.5' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 1 survey area.



Figure showing the 3D Grid 2 and 3 GPR survey areas, Features 1 and 2, anomalies, graves, and a gas line within the Plot B geophysical survey area



Photo showing Plot B geophysical survey area. View north.



EM survey being conducted on Plot B of project area. View north.



Panoramic photo showing GPR survey being conducted in Plot B of the project area. View northwest.



Figure showing the 3D GPR Grid 2 survey area (pink), measuring 60' x 50', along with two features located during the 2D GPR survey. Feature 1 (blue) measures approximately 8' x 8' and Feature 2 (yellow) measures approximately 11' x 10'. View west.



Figure showing the 3D GPR Grid 2 survey area (pink) measuring 60' x 50' and the 3D GPR Grid 3 survey area (magenta) measuring 60' x 50' and 3D GPR Grid 3 measures 60' x 30'. The two features located during the 2D GPR survey are also shown in Grid 2. The 3D Grid 3 survey area was added as an extension of the 3D Grid 2 survey area. No features were located during the 2D GPR survey in this area. However, 3D Grid 3 was placed to determine if any other features would become visible in the 3D GPR data after processing. View south.





GPR data showing a cross section of Feature 2 (between two red arrows) within the 3D Grid 2 survey area.



Figure showing the Plot B geophysical project area overlaid onto a Google Earth image. A post-processed 3D GPR image overlay shows a 3' depth slice of both Feature 1 (blue) and Feature 2 (yellowish-green) within the 3D GPR Grid 2 survey area (pink) measuring 60' x 50'. The 3D GPR Grid 3 survey area (magenta) is also shown measuring 60' x 30'. Single anomalies were located within both Grids 2 and 3.



A 3D radar processed image showing a 3.5' depth slice of both Feature 1 (blue) and Feature 2 (yellowish-green) within the Plot B 3D Grid 2 survey area (60' x 50'). Both Feature 1 and Feature 2 appear to be potential outbuildings. Feature 1 measures approximately 8' x 8' and Feature 2 measures approximately 11' x 10'. See Figure 4 for placement of this 3.5' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 2 survey area.



A 3D processed radar image showing a 3' depth slice of the Plot B 3D Grid 3 survey area (60' x 30'). No features were located during the 2D radar survey of this area. However, two areas (bright white anomalies indicated by red arrows) warrant future archaeological investigation. See Figure 4 for placement of this 3.5' depth slice image within the 3D GPR Grid 2 survey area.



Figure showing anomalies located in Plot A.



Figure showing anomalies located in Plot B.

| FIGURE 7                    |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Point                       | West Latitude | North Latitude | State Plane Easting | State Plane Northing |  |  |
| Plot A - Grid 1 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 1                    | -74.2727025   | 40.56436708    | 555272.823          | 630578.49            |  |  |
| Plot A - Grid 1 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 2                    | -74.27247836  | 40.56441226    | 555335.05           | 630595.109           |  |  |
| Plot A - Grid 1 - 3D Survey | 74 979 47967  | 10 56105011    | 555006 774          | 620520.224           |  |  |
| Corner 3                    | -/4.2/24/26/  | 40.56425914    | 555336.774          | 630539.334           |  |  |
| Plot A - Grid 1 - 3D Survey | 74 27265007   | 40 56424455    | FFF204 702          | 620522.996           |  |  |
| Dot P Grid 2 2D Survey      | -/4.2/20598/  | 40.30424435    | 555284.782          | 030533.880           |  |  |
| Corner 1                    | -74 27216651  | 40 56392285    | 555422 149          | 630417 047           |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 2 - 3D Survey | 74.27210051   | +0.30332203    | 555422.145          | 030417.047           |  |  |
| Corner 2                    | -74,27219913  | 40,56405758    | 555412,958          | 630466,106           |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 2 - 3D Survey | ,             |                | 0001121000          |                      |  |  |
| Corner 3                    | -74.27198485  | 40.5640848     | 555472.462          | 630476.173           |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 2 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| ,<br>Corner 4               | -74.27195466  | 40.56395102    | 555480.978          | 630427.46            |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 3 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 1                    | -74.27214478  | 40.56384162    | 555428.261          | 630387.471           |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 3 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 2                    | -74.27216615  | 40.56392223    | 555422.248          | 630416.822           |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 3 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 3                    | -74.27193357  | 40.56387071    | 555486.912          | 630398.22            |  |  |
| Plot B - Grid 3 - 3D Survey |               |                |                     |                      |  |  |
| Corner 4                    | -74.2719539   | 40.56395096    | 555481.189          | 630427.442           |  |  |
| EU 9                        | -74.27247961  | 40.56435312    | 555334.758          | 630573.563           |  |  |
| EU 7                        | -74.27247486  | 40.56435607    | 555336.075          | 630574.641           |  |  |
| STP 1                       | -74.27248254  | 40.56441003    | 555333.891          | 630594.293           |  |  |
| STP 2                       | -74.27248284  | 40.56433009    | 555333.881          | 630565.173           |  |  |
| STP 3                       | -74.2725068   | 40.56431417    | 555327.242          | 630559.355           |  |  |
| STP 4                       | -74.27250169  | 40.56426664    | 555328.705          | 630542.044           |  |  |
| STP 5                       | -74.27263172  | 40.56424003    | 555292.607          | 630532.257           |  |  |
| STP 6                       | -74.27266601  | 40.56436949    | 555282.957          | 630579.393           |  |  |
| STP 7                       | -74.27283754  | 40.56433532    | 555235.338          | 630566.822           |  |  |
| STP 8                       | -74.2729955   | 40.56430317    | 555191.482          | 630554.997           |  |  |
| STP 9                       | -74.27296979  | 40.56419312    | 555198.729          | 630514.928           |  |  |
| Anomaly 1 at 2'             | -74.2724987   | 40.5642583     | 555329.544          | 630539.01            |  |  |
| ,<br>Anomaly 2 at 2'        | -74.27297895  | 40.56419832    | 555196.178          | 630516.814           |  |  |
| Anomaly 3 at 3'             | -74.27295006  | 40.56423759    | 555204.168          | 630531.143           |  |  |
| Anomaly 4 at 4'             | -74.27273845  | 40.56425193    | 555262.942          | 630536.515           |  |  |
| Anomaly 5 at 2'             | -74,27252391  | 40.56428649    | 555322.515          | 630549.26            |  |  |
| Anomaly $5\Delta at 2'$     | -74 272788550 | 40 564229356   | 555249 046          | 630528 258           |  |  |
| $\frac{7.000}{2}$           | -74 27192092  | 40 56/19056    | 555473 139          | 630514 706           |  |  |
| Anomaly 7 at $2^{\prime}$   | -74 27202614  | 40.50415030    | 555460 929          | 630500 0/2           |  |  |
| Anomaly 9 at 21             | 74.27202014   | 40.5041504     | 555400.525          | 620160 1             |  |  |
| Anomaly 94 at 4             | 74.2720062    | 40.30400033    | 555452.487          | 620409.4             |  |  |
| Anomaly 8A at 4             | -/4.2/198534  | 40.56410648    | 555472.306          | 030484.072           |  |  |

| Point                    | West Latitude | North Latitude | State Plane Fasting | State Plane Northing |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Anomaly 9 at 3'          | -74.27200584  | 40.56405353    | 555466.661          | 630464.767           |
| Anomaly 11 at 3'         | -74.2720317   | 40.56397721    | 555459.55           | 630436.946           |
| ,<br>Anomaly 12 at 4'    | -74.27199455  | 40.56396421    | 555469.882          | 630432.238           |
| Anomaly 13 at 3.25'      | -74.27208545  | 40.56393641    | 555444.656          | 630422.046           |
| Anomaly 14 at 2'         | -74.27205322  | 40.5638959     | 555453.648          | 630407.311           |
| Anomaly 15 at 2'         | -74.2719848   | 40.56389853    | 555472.652          | 630408.318           |
| Anomaly 16 at 3'         | -74.27216908  | 40.56386242    | 555421.491          | 630395.033           |
| Anomaly 17 at 2'         | -74.27216535  | 40.56382227    | 555422.564          | 630380.407           |
| Anomaly 18 at 2.5'       | -74.27212765  | 40.56381667    | 555433.043          | 630378.396           |
| Anomaly 19 at 2.5'       | -74.2721497   | 40.56379938    | 555426.934          | 630372.082           |
| Anomaly 20 at 2.5'       | -74.27218015  | 40.56381195    | 555418.462          | 630376.638           |
| Anomaly 21 at 2'         | -74.27230838  | 40.56386034    | 555382.793          | 630394.173           |
| Anomaly 22 at 2'         | -74.27220725  | 40.56381874    | 555410.928          | 630379.091           |
| Anomaly 23 at 3'         | -74.2722871   | 40.56377931    | 555388.78           | 630364.673           |
| Anomaly 25 at 2'         | -74.27229597  | 40.56371847    | 555386.375          | 630342.502           |
| Anomaly 26 at 3'         | -74.27201258  | 40.56377658    | 555465.05           | 630363.875           |
| Feature 1 - 3D Corner SW | -74.27211249  | 40.5639794     | 555437.101          | 630437.686           |
| Feature 1 - 3D Corner NW | -74.27211753  | 40.5640017     | 555435.681          | 630445.807           |
| Feature 1 - 3D Corner SE | -74.27208262  | 40.56398412    | 555445.397          | 630439.428           |
| Feature 1 - 3D Corner NE | -74.27208843  | 40.56400479    | 555443.764          | 630446.953           |
| Feature 2 - 3D Corner SW | -74.27205624  | 40.56401701    | 555452.695          | 630451.428           |
| Feature 2 - 3D Corner NW | -74.27206364  | 40.56404359    | 555450.614          | 630461.106           |
| Feature 2 - 3D Corner SE | -74.27201791  | 40.56402139    | 555463.338          | 630453.052           |
| Feature 2- 3D Corner NE  | -74.27202555  | 40.56404991    | 555461.19           | 630463.434           |

GPS Coordinates of 3D grids, anomalies, features, EUs, and STPs.

## **EM SURVEY RESULTS**

Electromagnetic Induction data was collected with the GSSI-EMP-400 multifrequency conductivity meter. The EM data is processed into two kinds of contour maps: In-Phase and Conductivity. These are both derived from the same frequency domain data, but the In-Phase data is given as a ratio of the transmitted signal to the received signal in parts per million (PPM), while the Conductivity data is given in milliSiemens per meter (mS/M). All contour maps were generated using Surfer software. The contour colors are intended to give an indication of signal intensity from low (blue) to high (red). In fact, the overall difference between the lowest and highest values on this project was relatively small; the variety of colors can give a false impression of big differences in electromagnetic response, but in this survey, the differences do not imply dramatic subsurface features. The color contours nevertheless give the ability to highlight subtle features in the surface which may be targets for follow-up study.

Any object in the subsurface that has different electromagnetic properties from the surrounding soil will cause a distortion in the received EM wave form. It is difficult to predict what kind of EM anomaly will result from a particular object or a particular condition, because the algorithms used are affected by so many variables including the conductivity of the object, the conductivity of the surrounding soil, the soil moisture, and the cultural interference. In general, EM contour data is more effective when viewed in a way that breaks out linear, rectilinear, or circular features from the background readings. In addition, EM is more effective at locating buried features that are at least several feet long as opposed to small-scale individual objects. Regardless of whether these anomalies represent higher or lower values than background, they should be viewed as warranting further investigation.

Two separate EM surveys were run, one on Plot A and the other on Plot B. The survey lines on Plot A were run in and east-west direction, while the survey lines on Plot B were run in a north-south direction. The EM survey featured a 3' line spacing in both plots. Tiny dots on the contour maps correspond to the places where data was collected, and these also give an indication of the linear paths in which data was collected. The data was projected into New Jersey State Plane coordinates, and grid lines spaced 5' apart are overlaid onto the contours.

The EM surveys on both plots were relatively quiet, meaning the range of readings was relatively narrow. Buried cultural remains commonly yield a wide range of readings, especially if there are metallic or magnetic materials included in those remains.

#### PLOT A

There are two areas in Plot A with high readings. One area is located at the far east end of the plot close to the parsonage. The second area is located at the far west end of the plot close to Rahway Ave. In both cases, it is likely that contemporary cultural features yield the high readings, namely the metal fence on the west end of the plot and a possible buried tank adjacent to the parsonage on the east end of the plot. Most of the grassy area shows very little EM activity.

#### PLOT B

The north-south orientation of the lines in Plot B was chosen specifically to be able to cross any graves perpendicular to their long axes. The high readings at the south end of Plot B are clearly related to the interference of the church building, garage building, and trash dumpster. The curved greenish area at the north end of the plot is clearly reflecting the asphalt pavement of the driveway. The only significant EM anomaly in Plot B corresponds closely to a couple of burials which are marked by gravestones. These are in the southcentral part of the plot and labeled as "Graves" in Map 6. There are no other significant EM anomalies anywhere else in Plot B suggesting neither the presence of historic structures nor burials. There are two square areas (labeled Feature 1 and Feature 2 on Map 6) which yielded GPR anomalies near the center of Plot B, and it is significant that neither of these two features has any sort of EM signature. That shouldn't affect any decision to investigate these features in future archaeological field work.







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EM data (In Phase, 15K frequency) overlayed on Google Earth imagery for both Plots A and B. The GPR findings are included in this overlay as are the outlines of the three areas where EPI collected 3D GPR data.