

## Kevin McCollum

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**Subject:** Re: VDH Question SP202300006 ArborLife Professional Tree Care Landscape Contractors

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Good Morning Kevin,

Hope you're doing well. Based on the information you provided and our recent conversation, the options for sewage disposal at the proposed facility are as follows:

1. If the building is plumbed, it can be connected to an **onsite sewage disposal system** (drainfield).
2. If there is no plumbing, a **pit privy** (outhouse) would be an option.
3. Regardless of whether there is plumbing or not, a third option would be a **permanent pump & haul system**, which would need to be authorized by County Administration. The property owner would submit a design by a licensed professional engineer along with an application for the construction permit for the system, but the permit will be tied to the existing Permanent P&H Agreement and General Permit between the State Health Commissioner and the County of Albemarle.

Note that porta-johns would not be an appropriate means of sewage disposal at a permanent commercial facility.

None of this should hold up approval of the current request for special use permit (SP202300006). However, when the time comes to review a future site plan, it will need to show the locations of all proposed sewage disposal system components and our office will also need a copy of the system design to review before we can recommend approval of the site plan.

Thanks,  
Alan



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Good Afternoon,

I have a follow up question for VDH regarding a special use permit we are working on, SP202300006 ArborLife Professional Tree Care Landscape Contractors.

Building inspections has provided that the change of use of the building will require restroom facilities. I've attached their correspondence in full here to this email, but Betty in short provided:

“The 2018 USBC requires restroom facilities for employees and visitors. You may check with the Virginia Department of Health for approval to use portable toilets with potable water or pit latrines.”

So, the question for VDH is that given that this proposed change of use requires a restroom per the building code, does VDH have any comments on the type of restroom facility that is provided? Again, the existing facility was previously permitted as a farm structure and has no restroom, and there is an existing agricultural well on the property. And the proposed change of use, the special use permit application for a landscape contractor, requires a restroom facility, does VDH have comments on what would be needed to fulfill this requirement?

Below are the documents for this application. I've also attached Alan's previous comments. From what I can tell, Alan was providing comment on the proposal which did not provide any additional new restroom facilities.

SP202300006 Arbor Life Professional Tree Care - Landscape Contractors SP

<https://lfweb.albemarle.org/weblink/search.aspx?dbid=3&searchcommand=%7b%5bCDD-Planning%5d:%5bApplicationNumber%5d=%22SP202300006%22%7d>

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Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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