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Donahue, Patricia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:22 AM
To: Shade Tree Commission
Cc: Hastrup, Erik
Subject: Tree [REDACTED]

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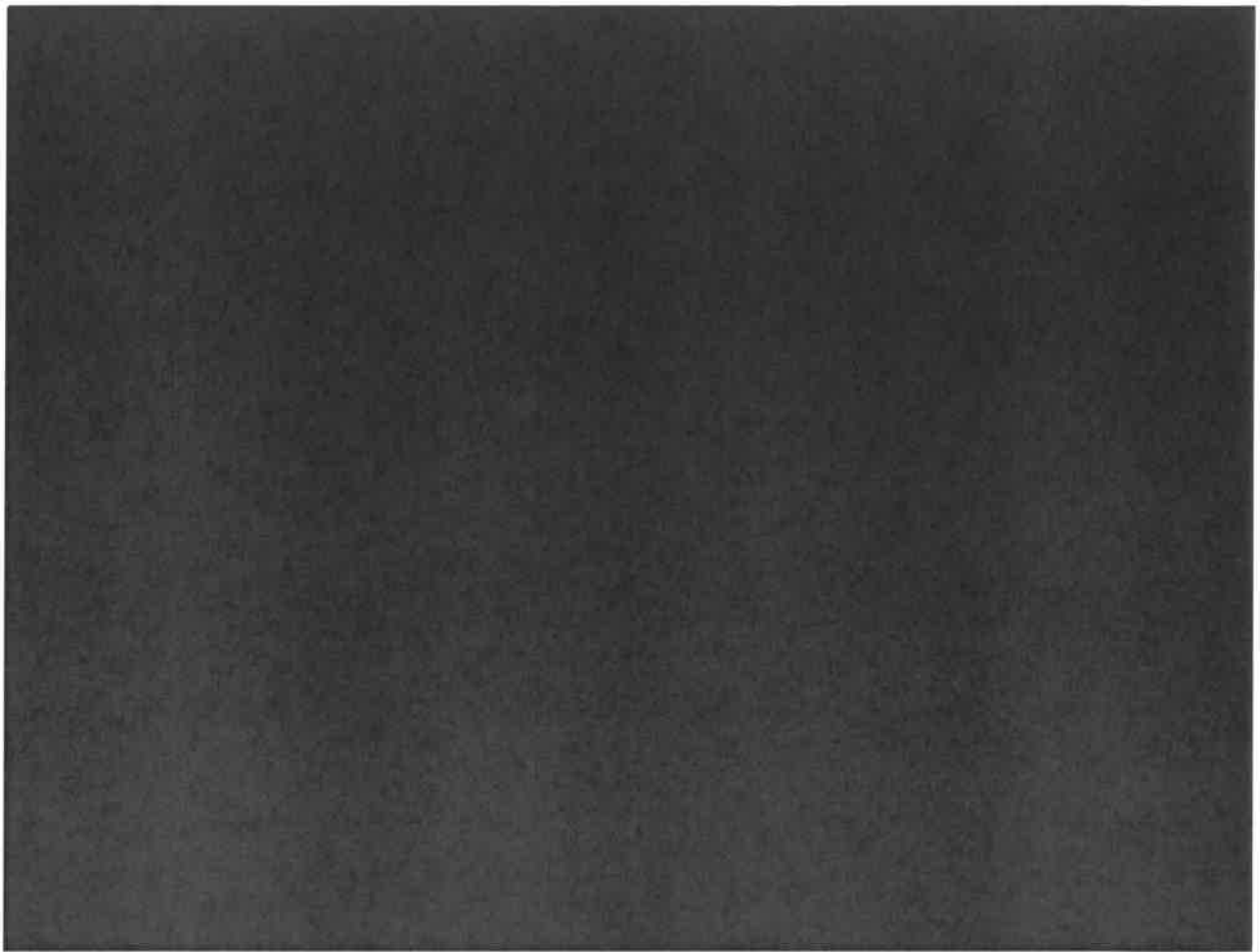
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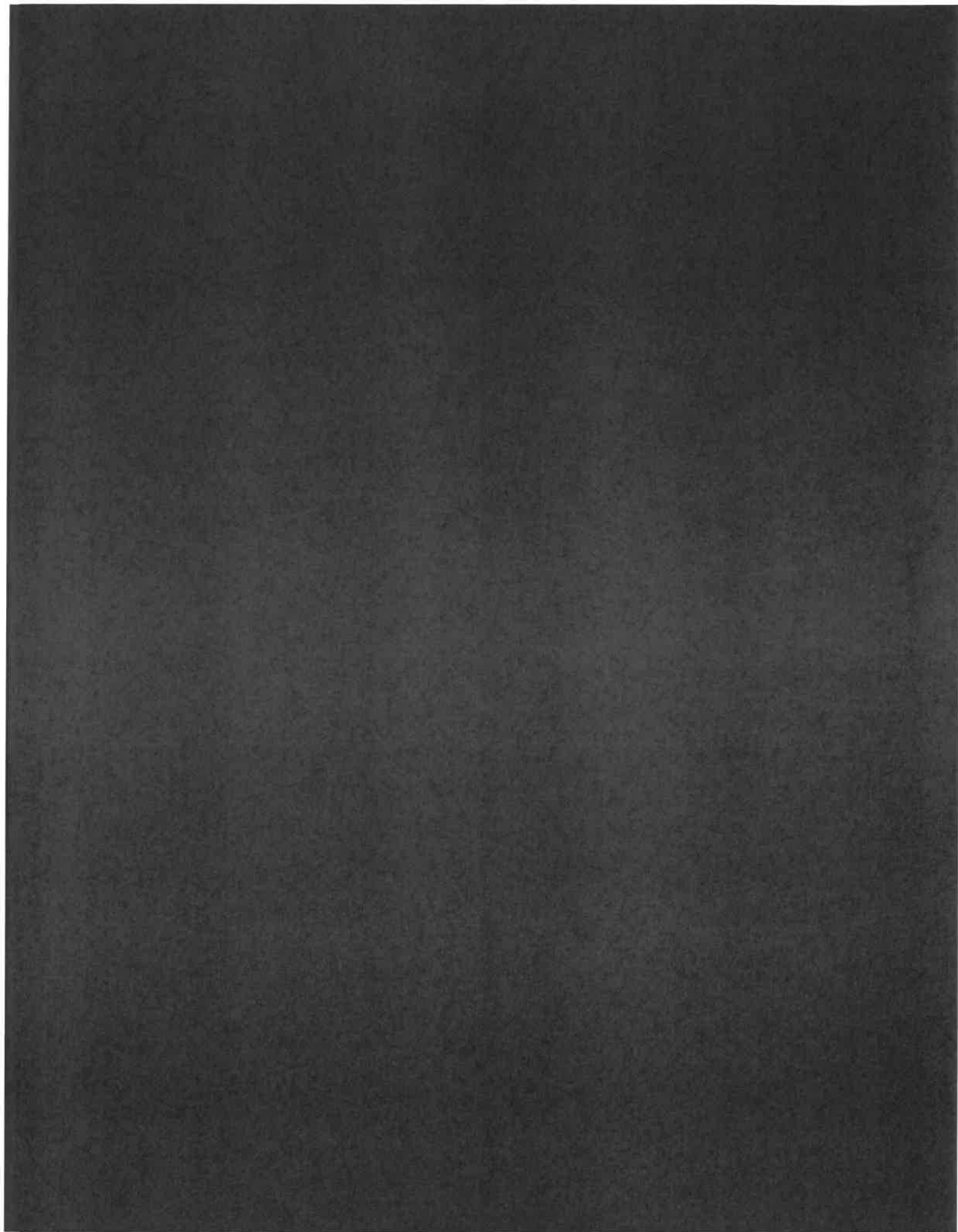
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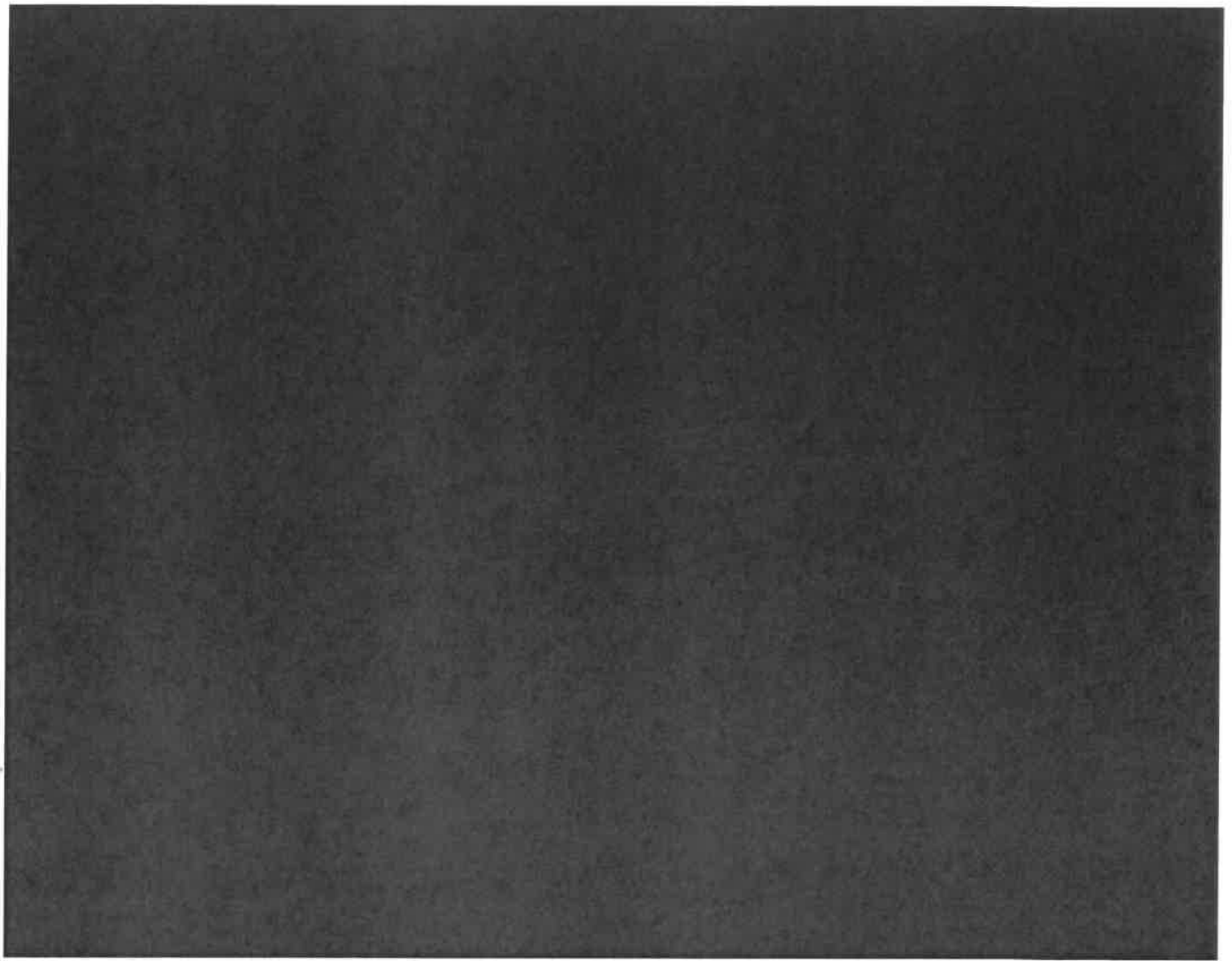
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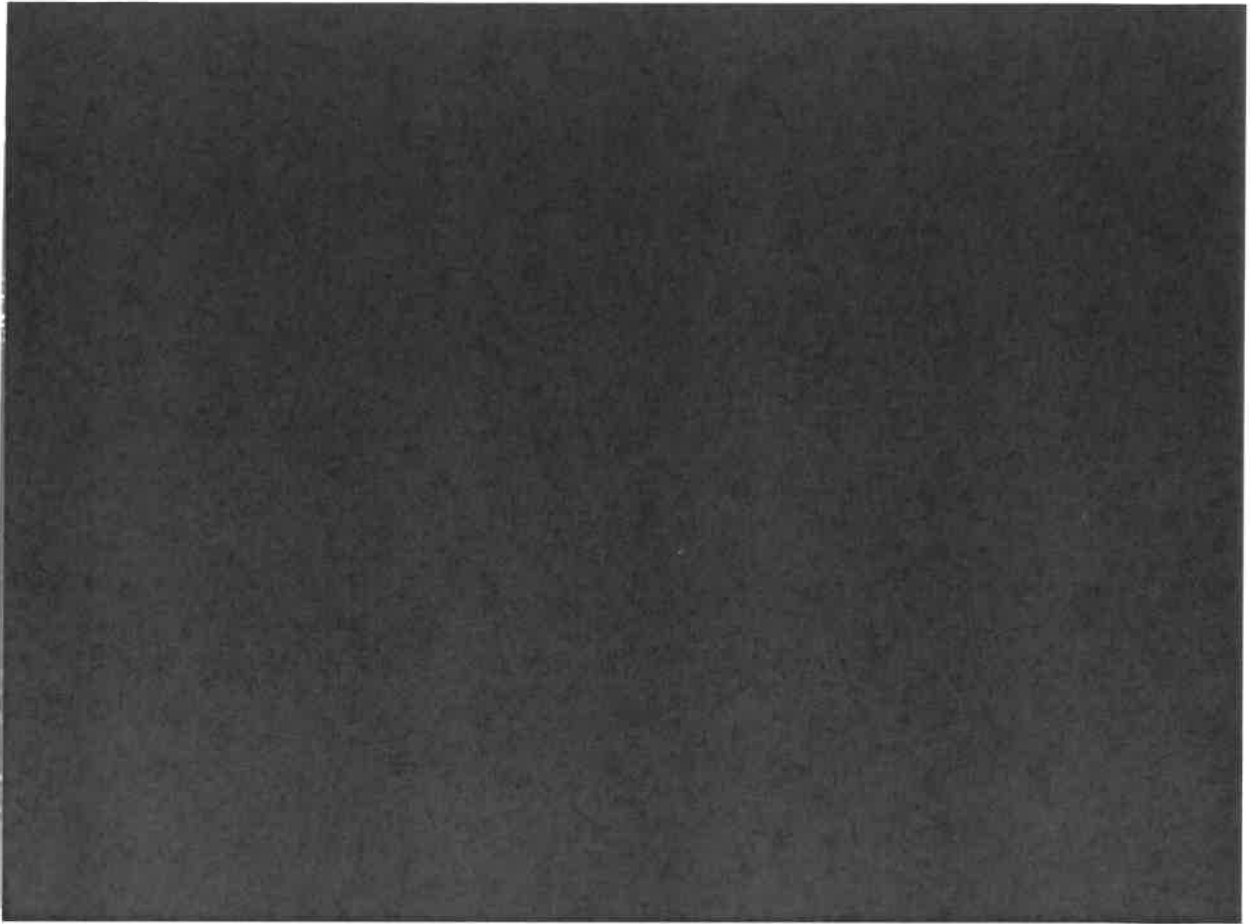
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Filename: SR - Tree
Inspection -

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From: SDL Portal <no-reply@sdlportal.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 11:18 AM
To: status@sdlportal.com
Subject: SR - TREE INSPECTION - 6 SAMOSET RD

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rd

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Service Request - TREE INSPECTION

Service Request at 6 SAMOSET RD has been assigned to **Erik Hastrup**

Received	03/16/2026 12:00 AM
Tracking Number	DPWSR-26-029
Location	6 SAMOSET RD
Repair Code	TREE INSPECTION
Priority	
Assigned To	Erik Hastrup
Department	PublicWorks

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SDL Portal - Spatial Data Logic 2026

Filename: SR - Tree Removal -

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From: SDL Portal <no-reply@sdlportal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 9:15 AM
To: status@sdlportal.com
Subject: SR - TREE REMOVAL -

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Service Request - TREE REMOVAL

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Received	04/21/2026 12:00 AM
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Location	
Repair Code	TREE REMOVAL
Priority	
Assigned To	Erik Hastrup
Department	PublicWorks

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File name: April 20th Packet

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 11:53 AM
To: Benjamin Cohen
Cc: Hastrup, Erik; Pat Vogler; Eileen Martines; Denise Alvarez Shade Tree Commission; Annette Diamantopoulos; Amy Arato; David Raymond; Laurie Beck; Terrence Curran
Subject: Re: April 20th Packet

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Hi all,

As I discussed in last night's meeting, we need STC people for two tasks -

1. one Commissioner to work with Mario Cunho, the Cranford Schools Director of Buildings & Grounds, to ensure the successful maintenance of the trees through the Trees for Schools grant.
2. at least one commissioner to work with me on confirming the process for the distribution of our new "Trees" document approved at last night's meeting as well as to work on the revisions of permits that impact trees.

Please let me know what you would like to take part in.

Thanks.
mylissa

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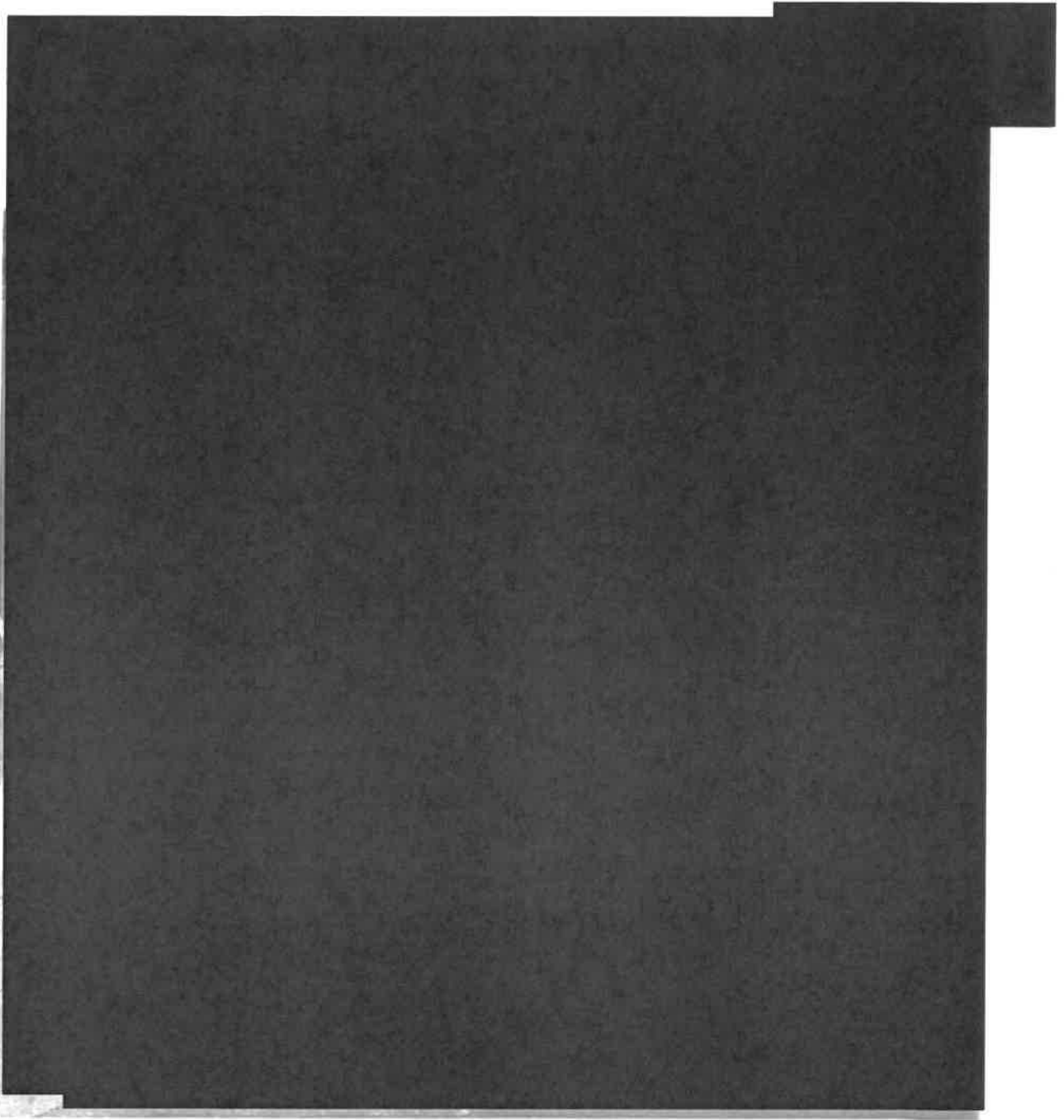
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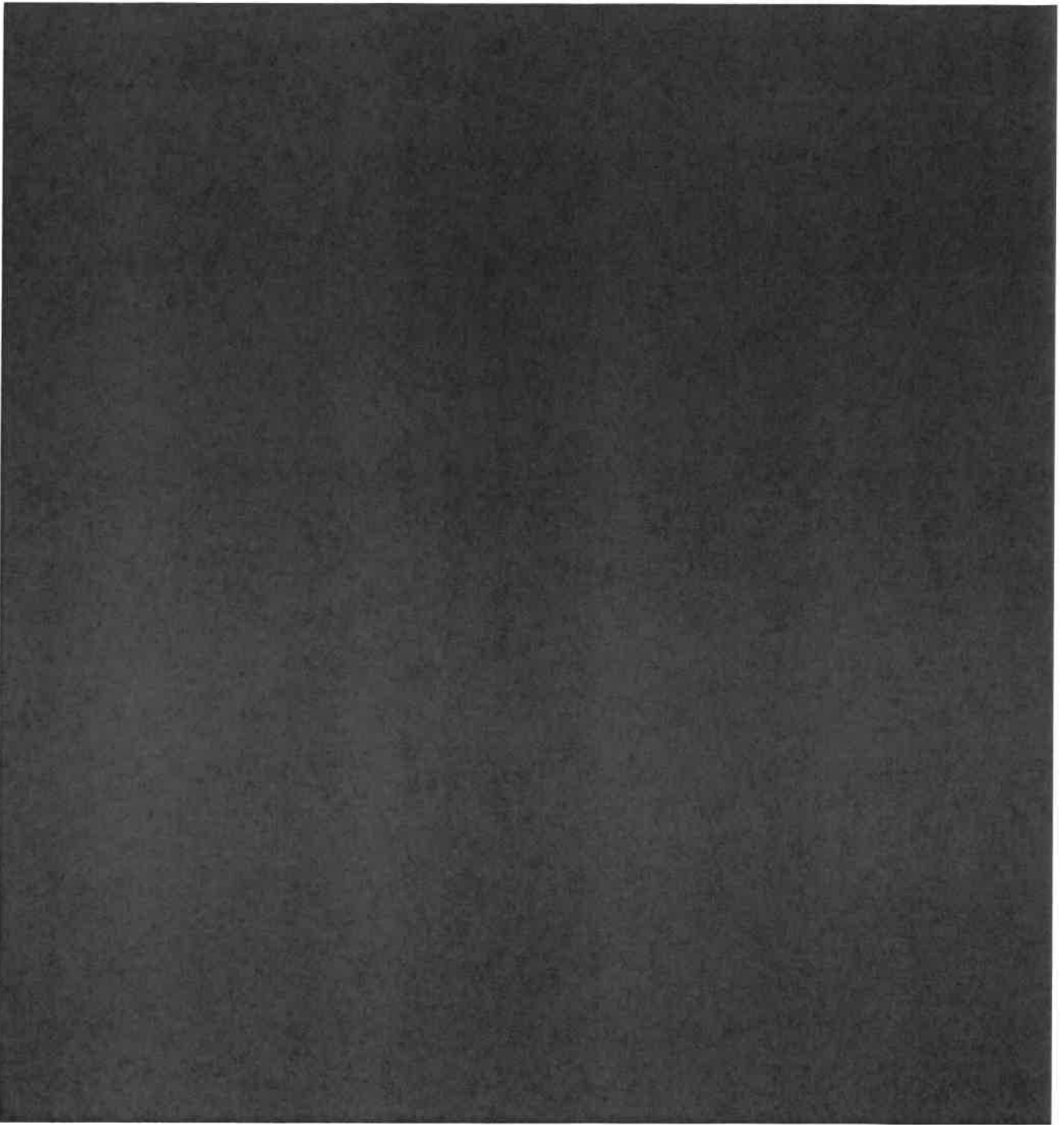
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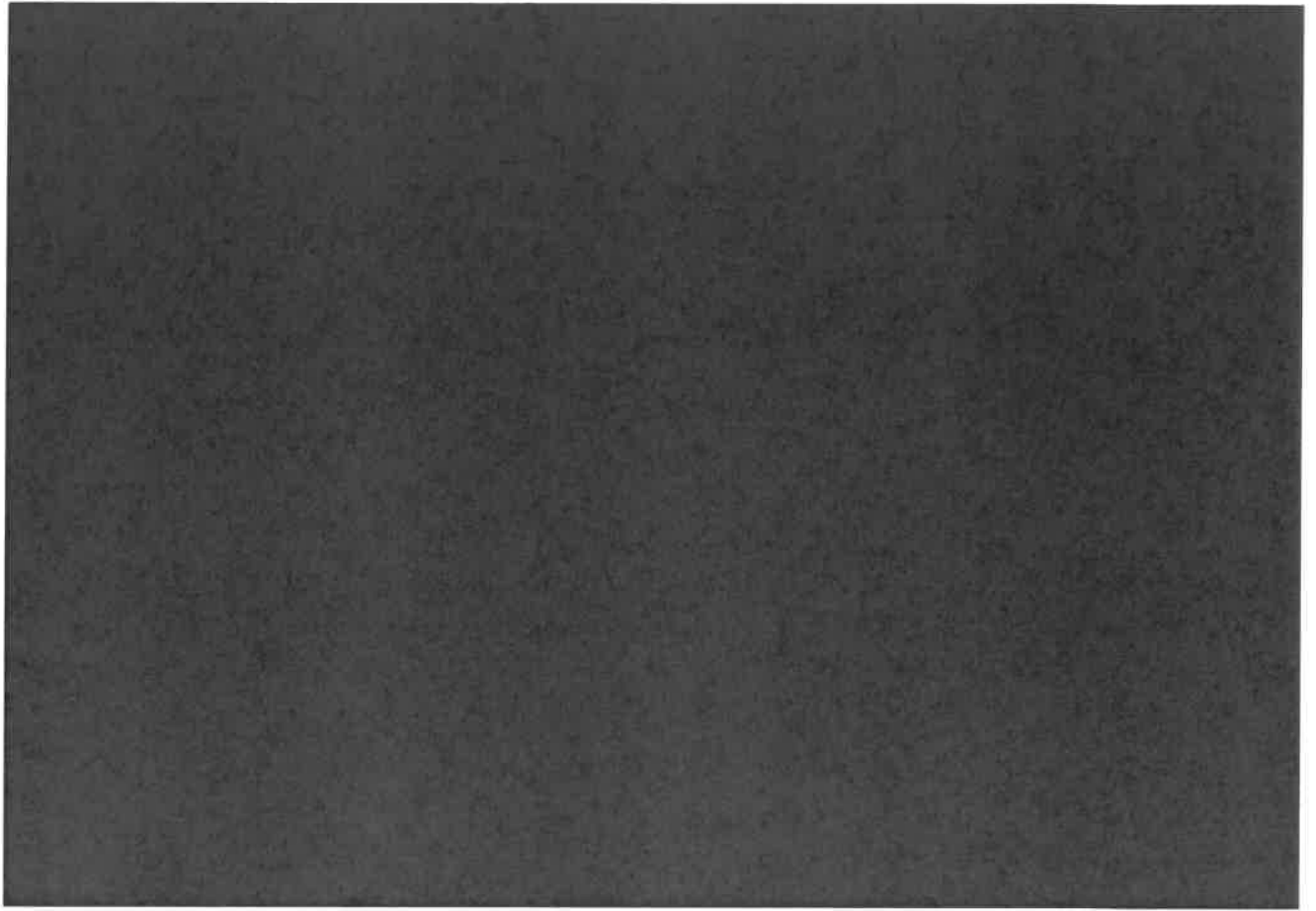
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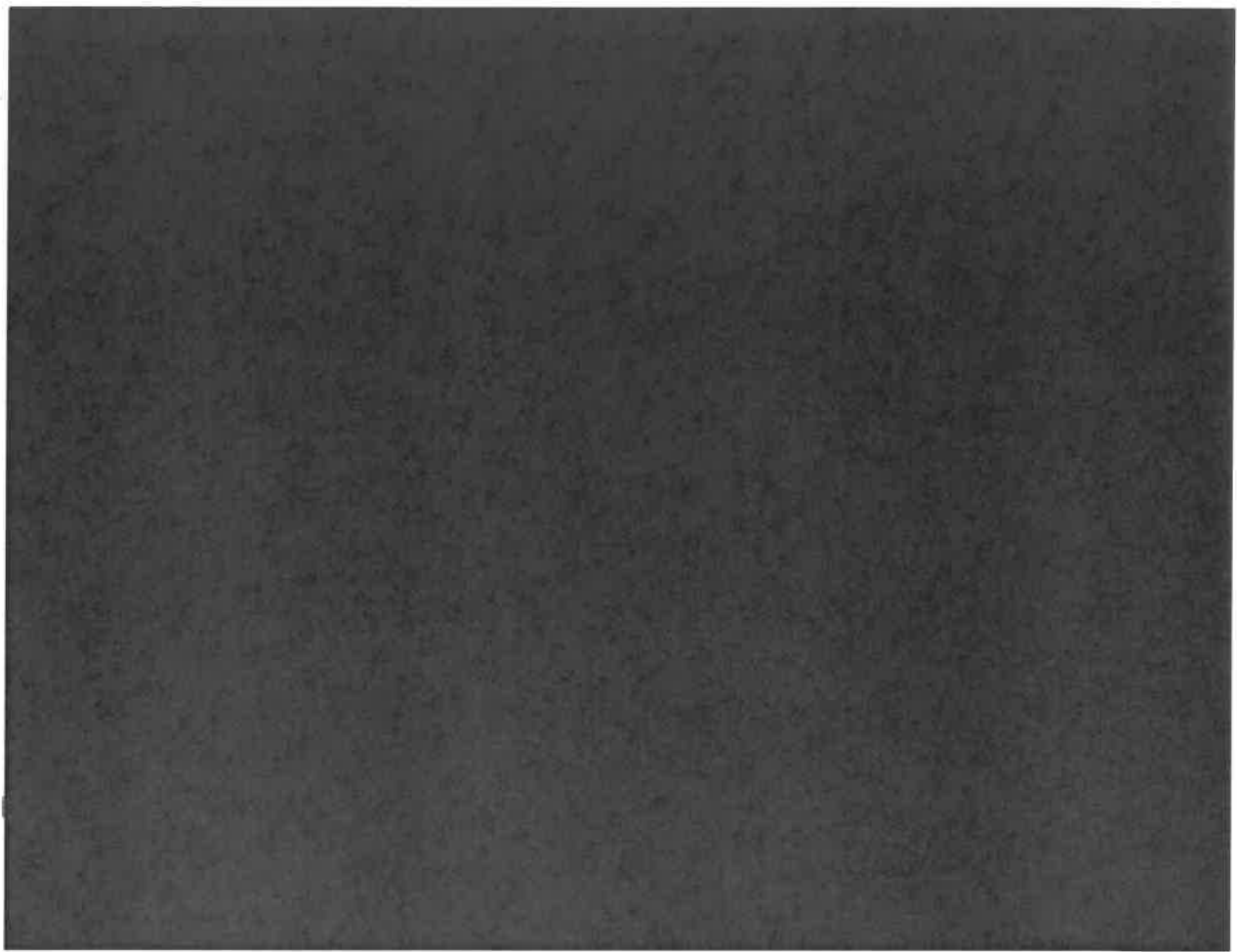
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Attachments: So we hear you have questions about a tree.pdf

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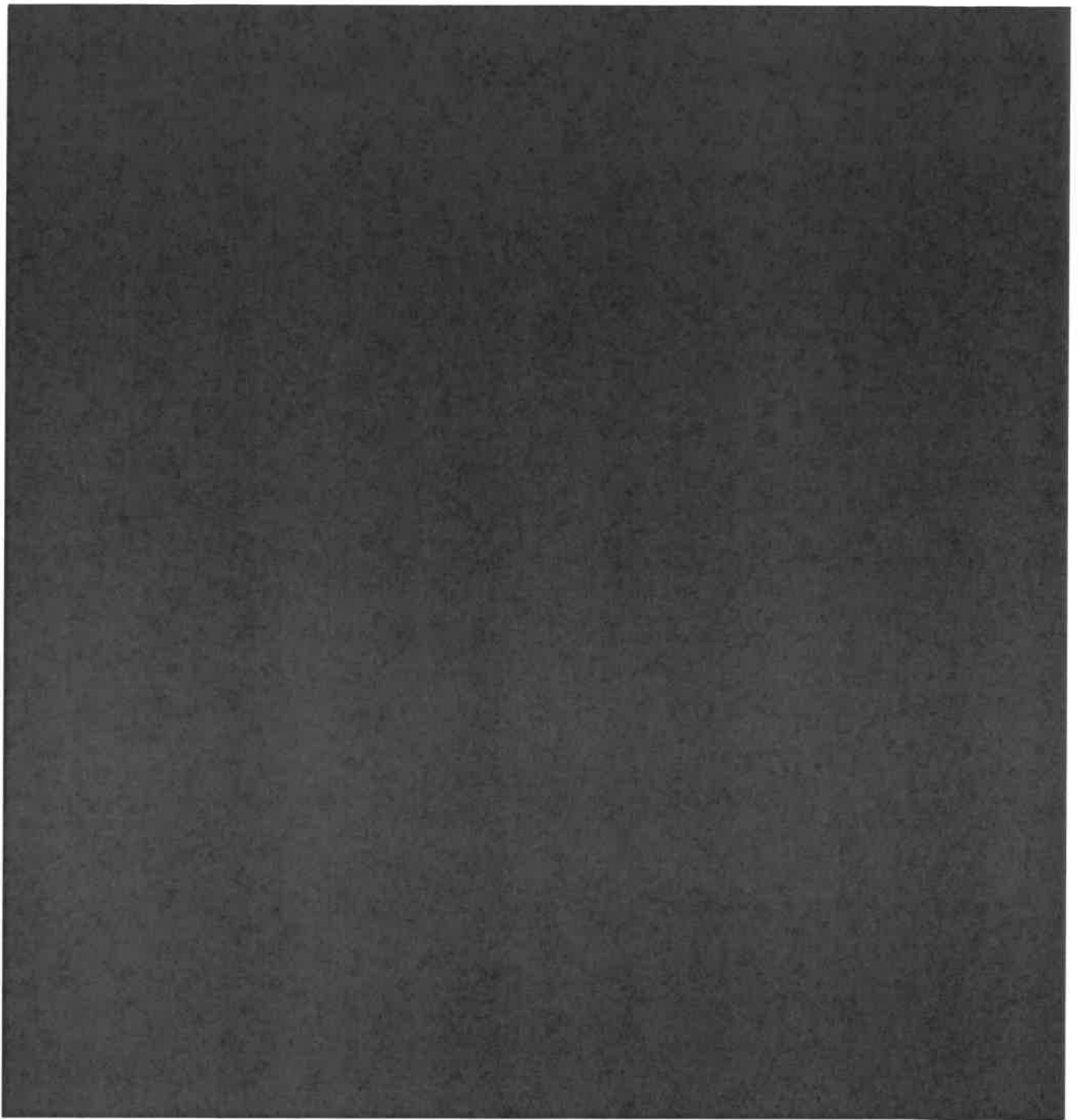
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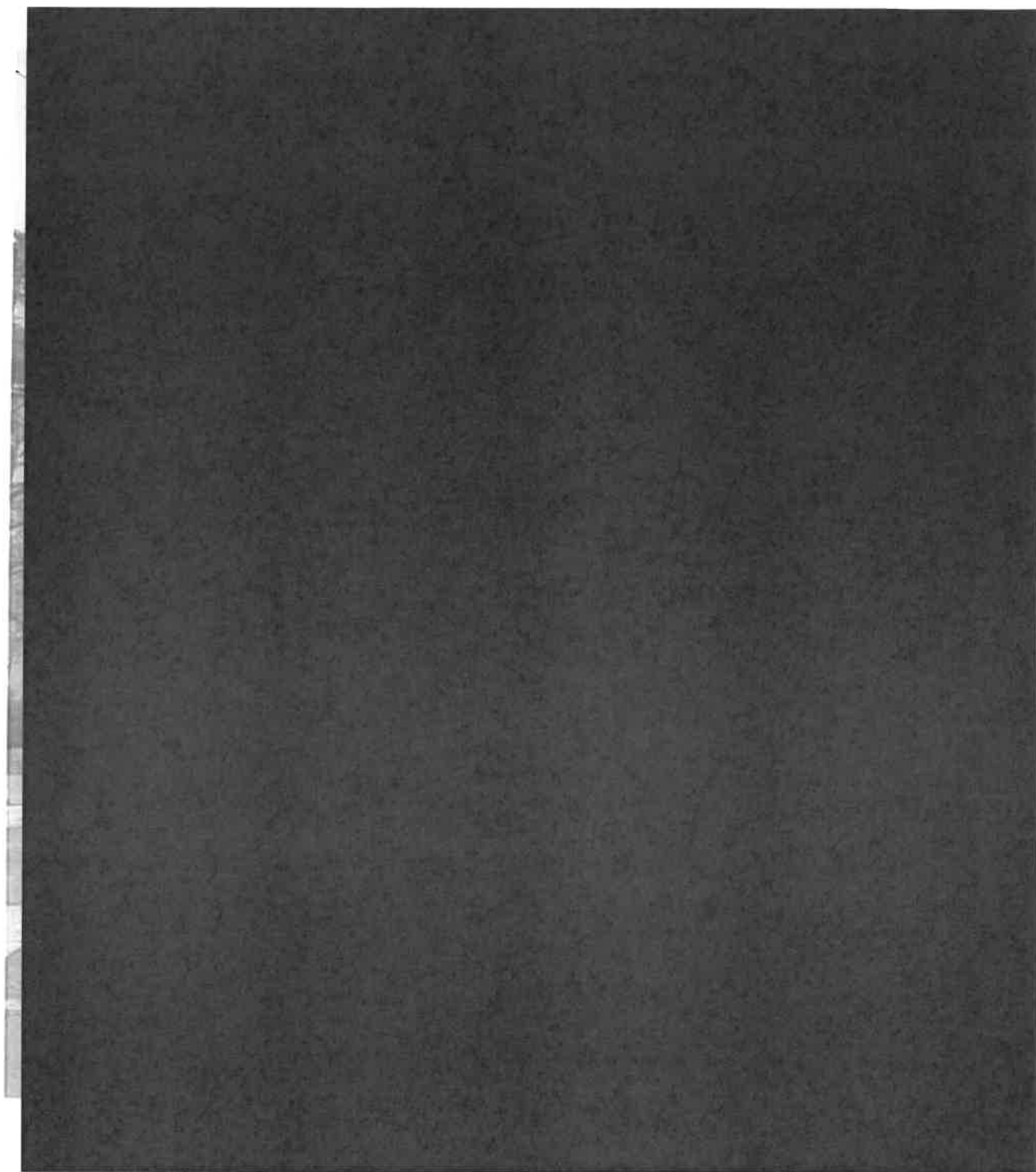
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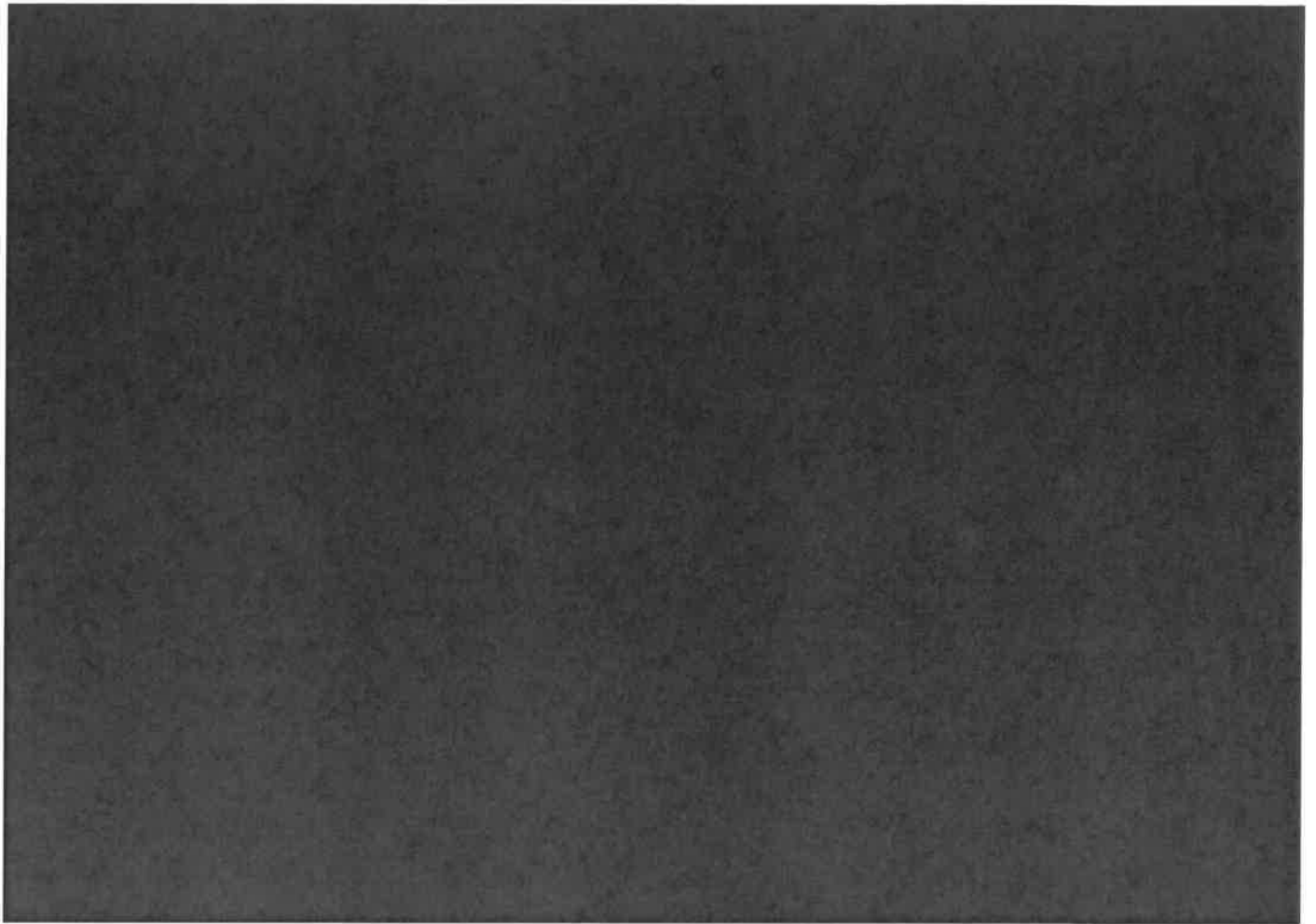
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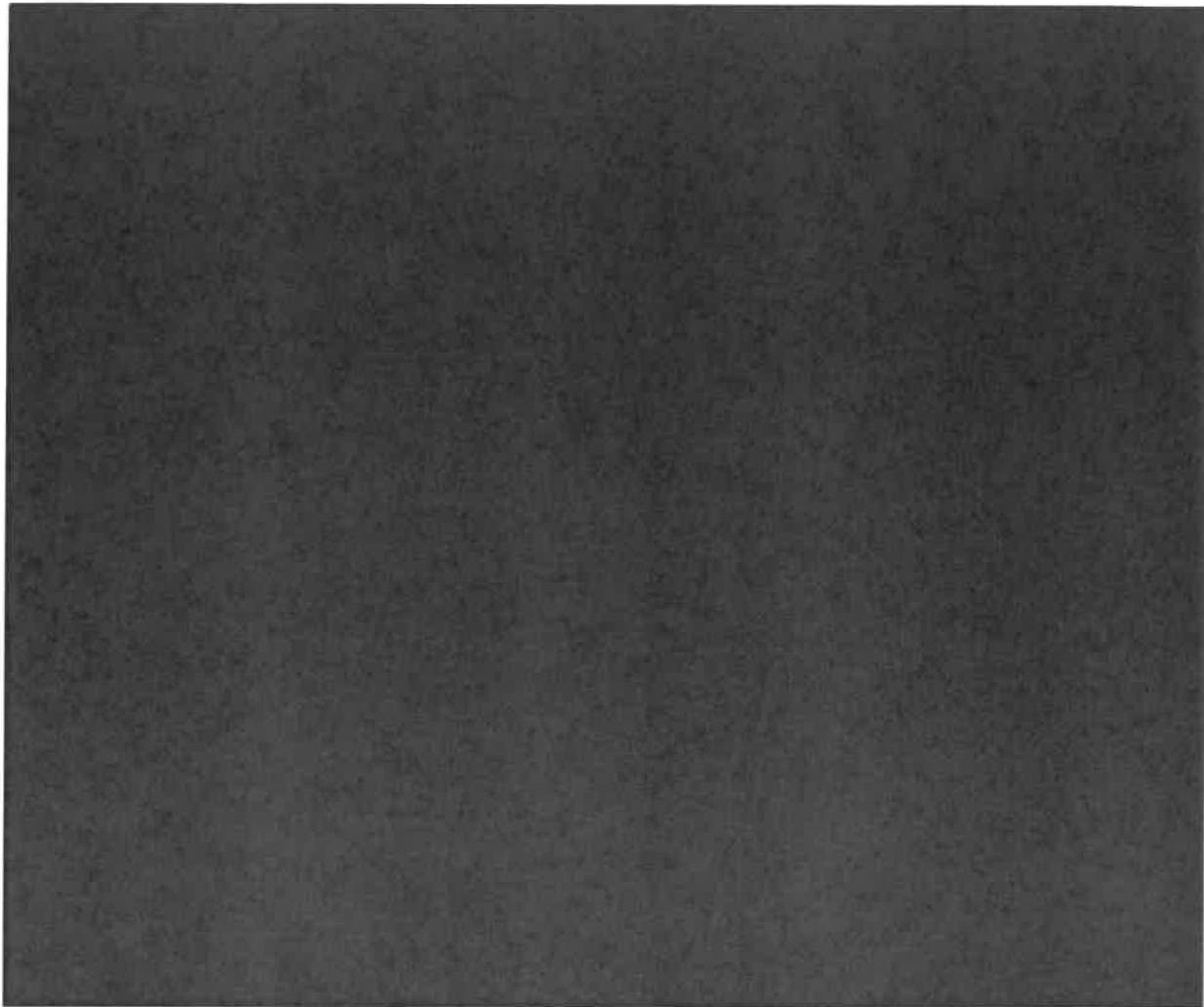
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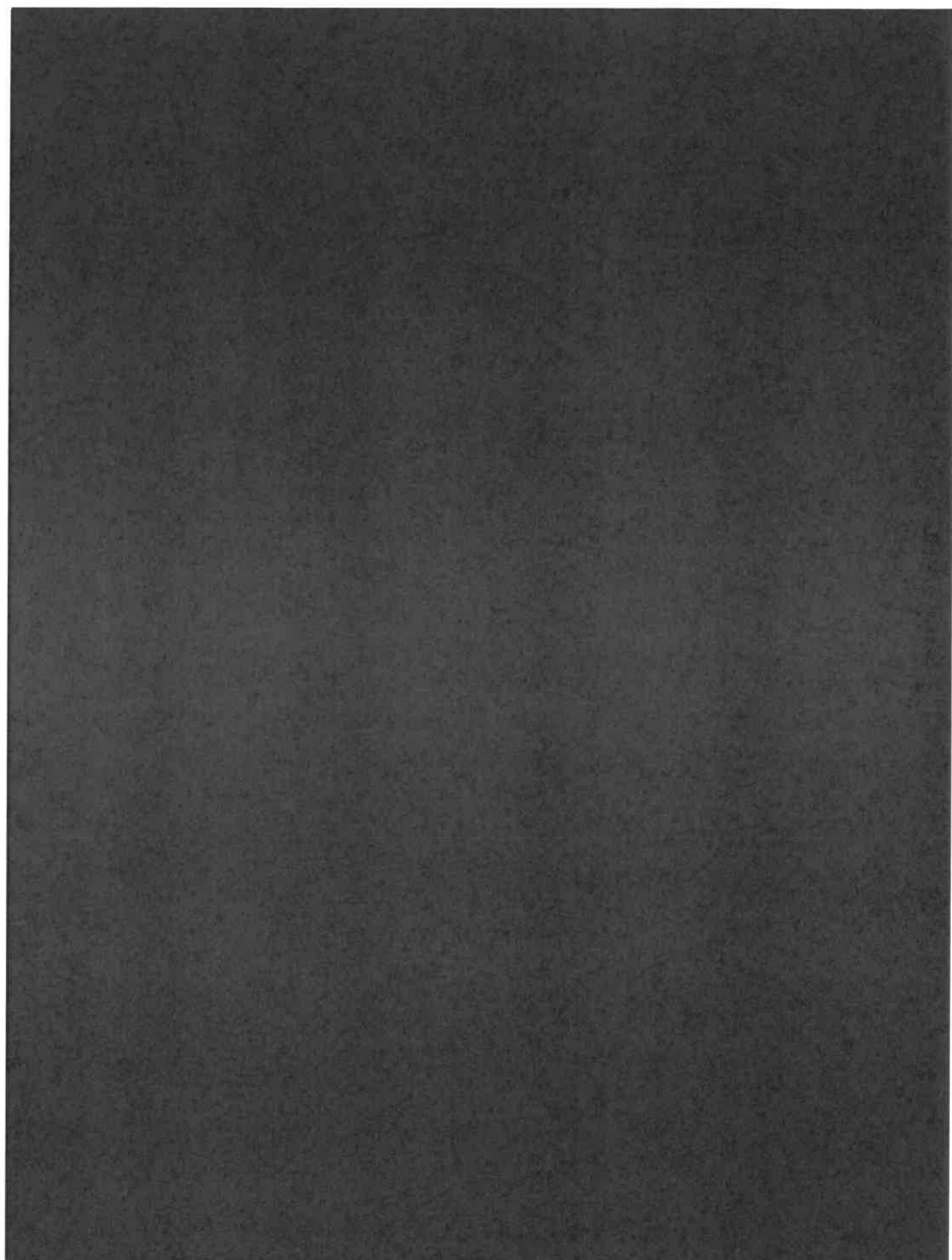
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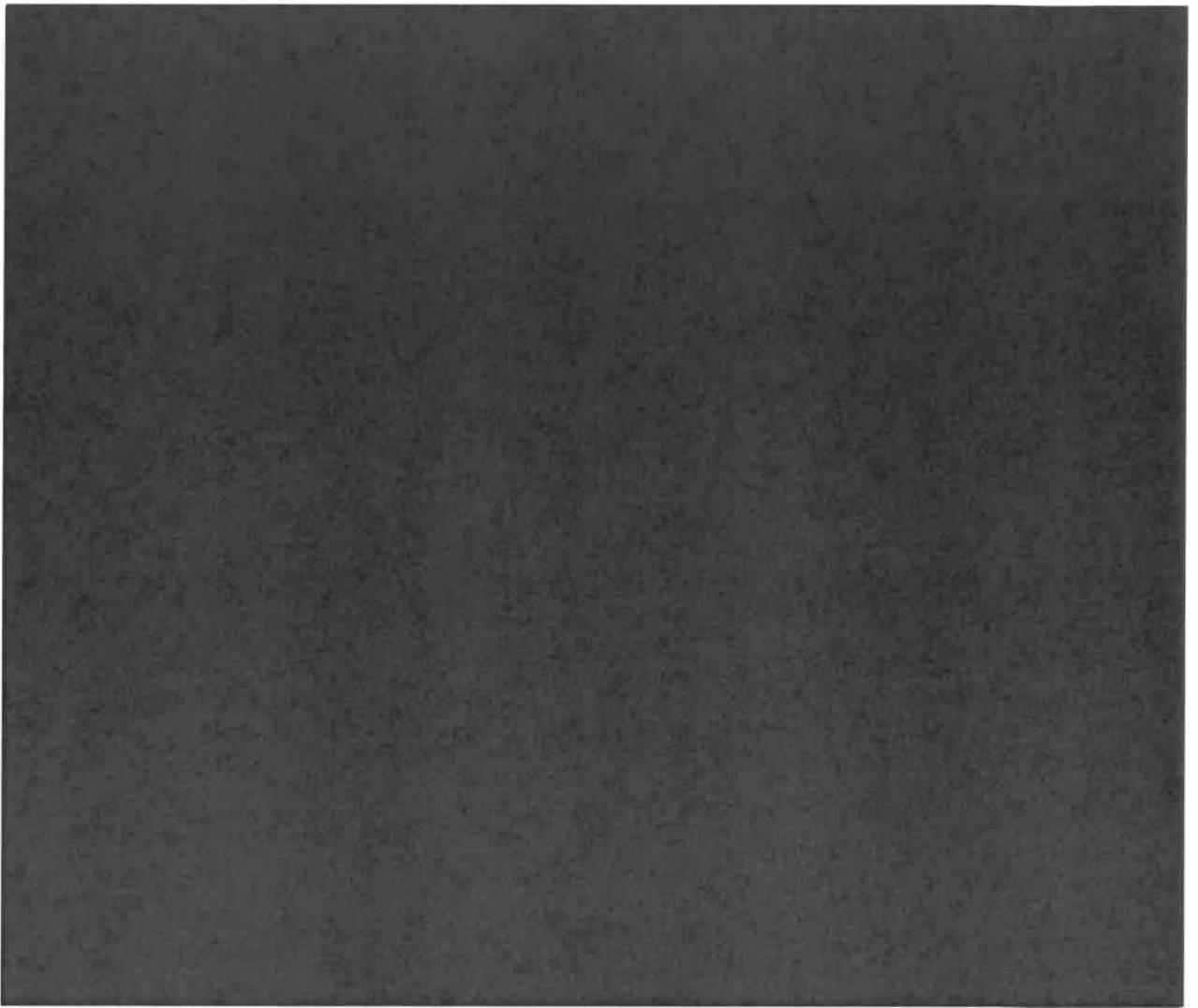
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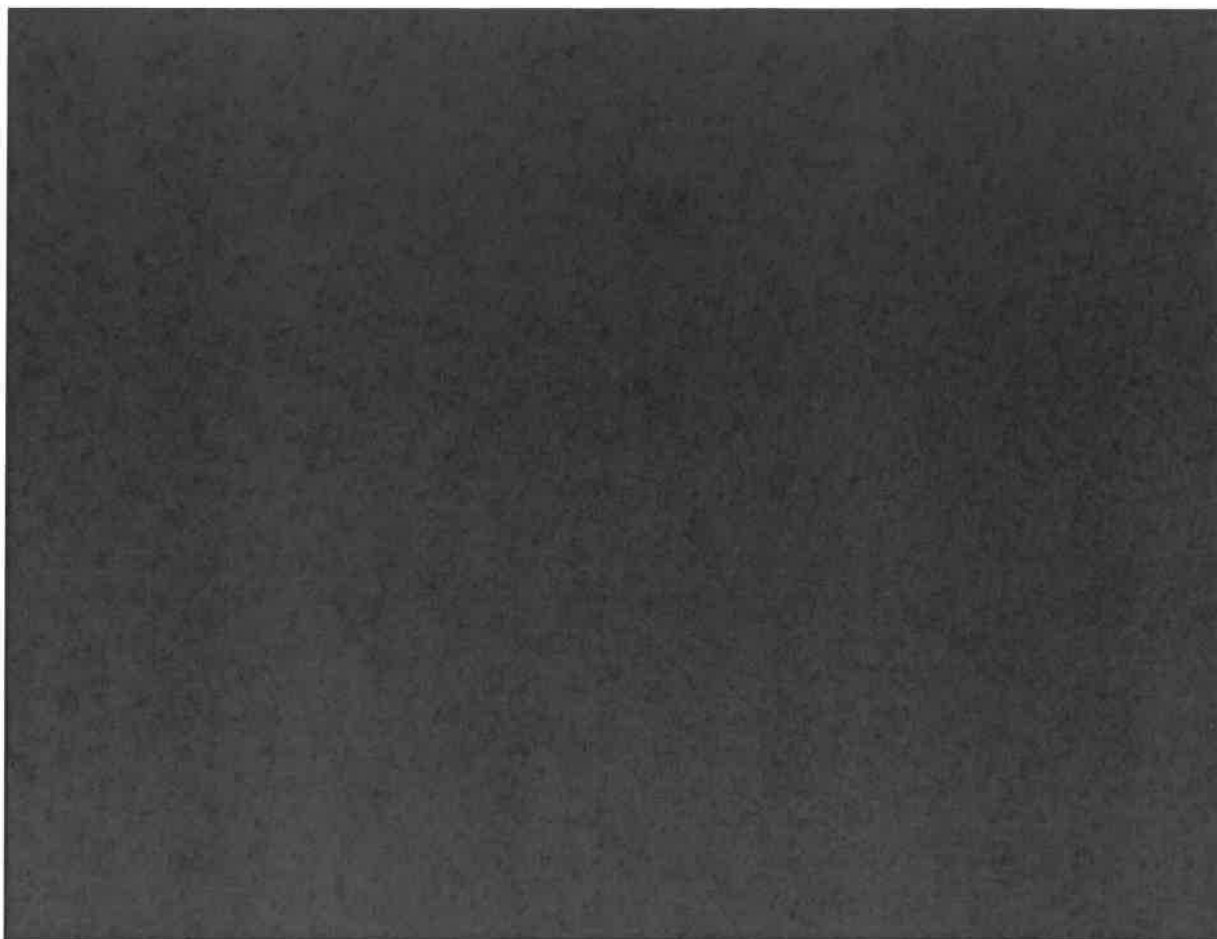
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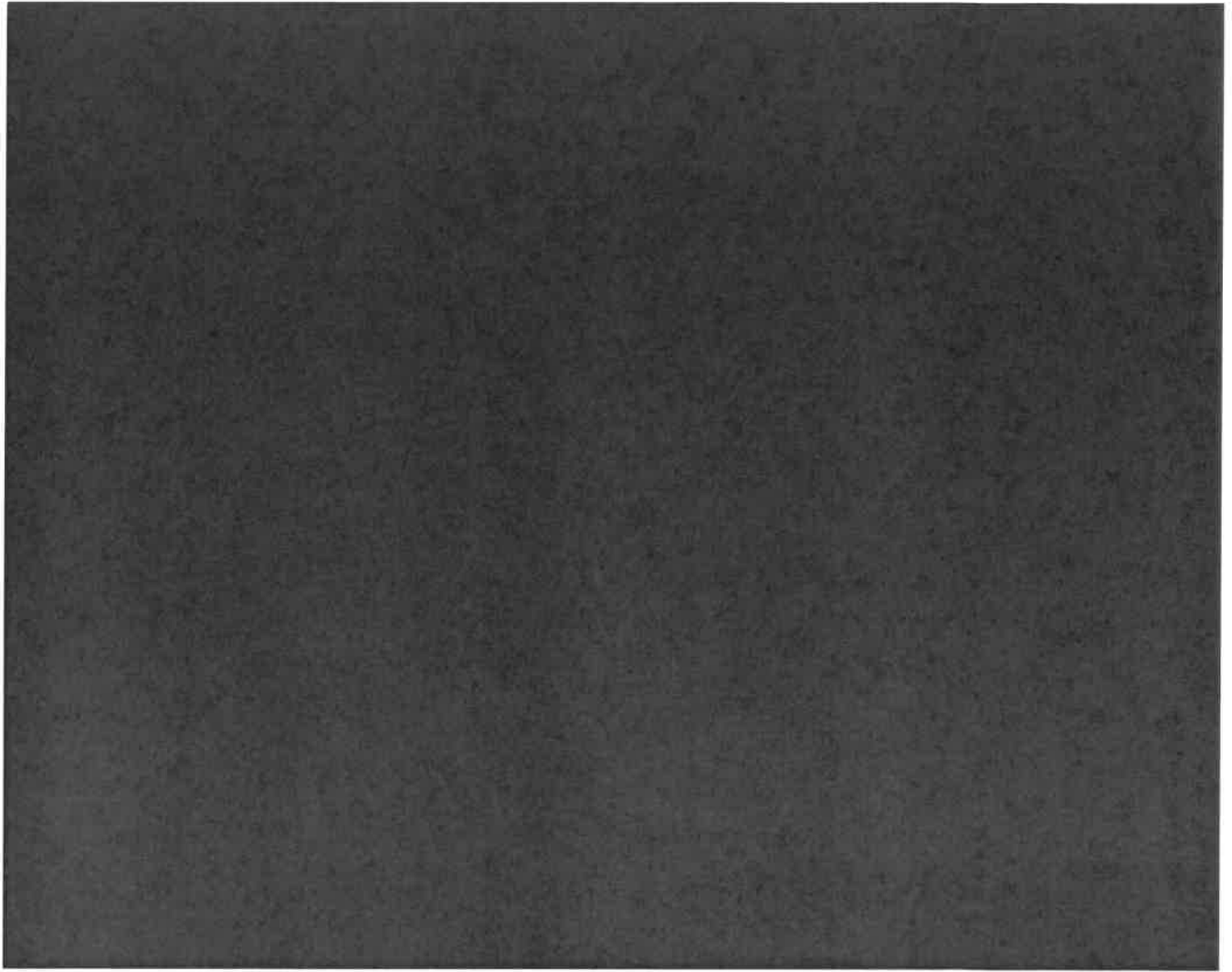
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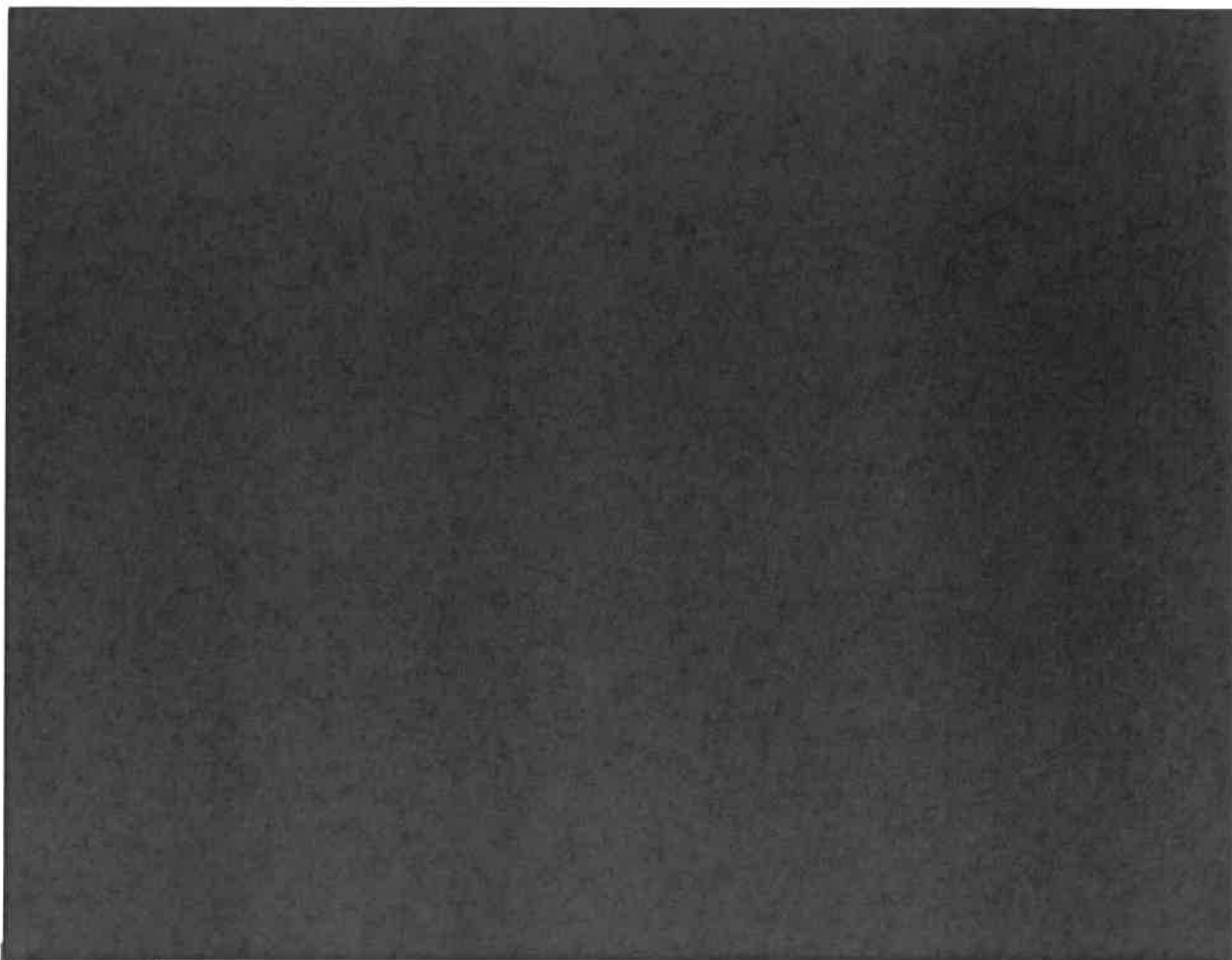
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Public Works Department
364 North Avenue, East
Cranford, NJ 07016
(908) 709-7217 X2

Service Request Form

Tracking Number: DPWSR-26-063 Date Received: 4/21/2026
Department Origin: PublicWorks Time Received: 9:12:00 AM
User Origin: Erik Hastrup Method Received: Phone
Assigned to Department: PublicWorks Action By: _____
Assign to User: Erik Hastrup Work Date: _____
Work Time: 12:00:00 AM

Service Request:

Repair Code: TREE REMOVAL
Status: Pending Priority: _____
Date of Completion: _____
Instructions: _____

18" Elm tree position # 1
Excessive root damage, single phase primary trimming occurred on street side of tree. Roof leader pipe damage, causing Asphalt sidewalk to raise, tripping hazard. Arborist recommends removal and replant a native species tree for under wires. TAKEDOWN
STC was made aware at April meeting.

Action Taken:

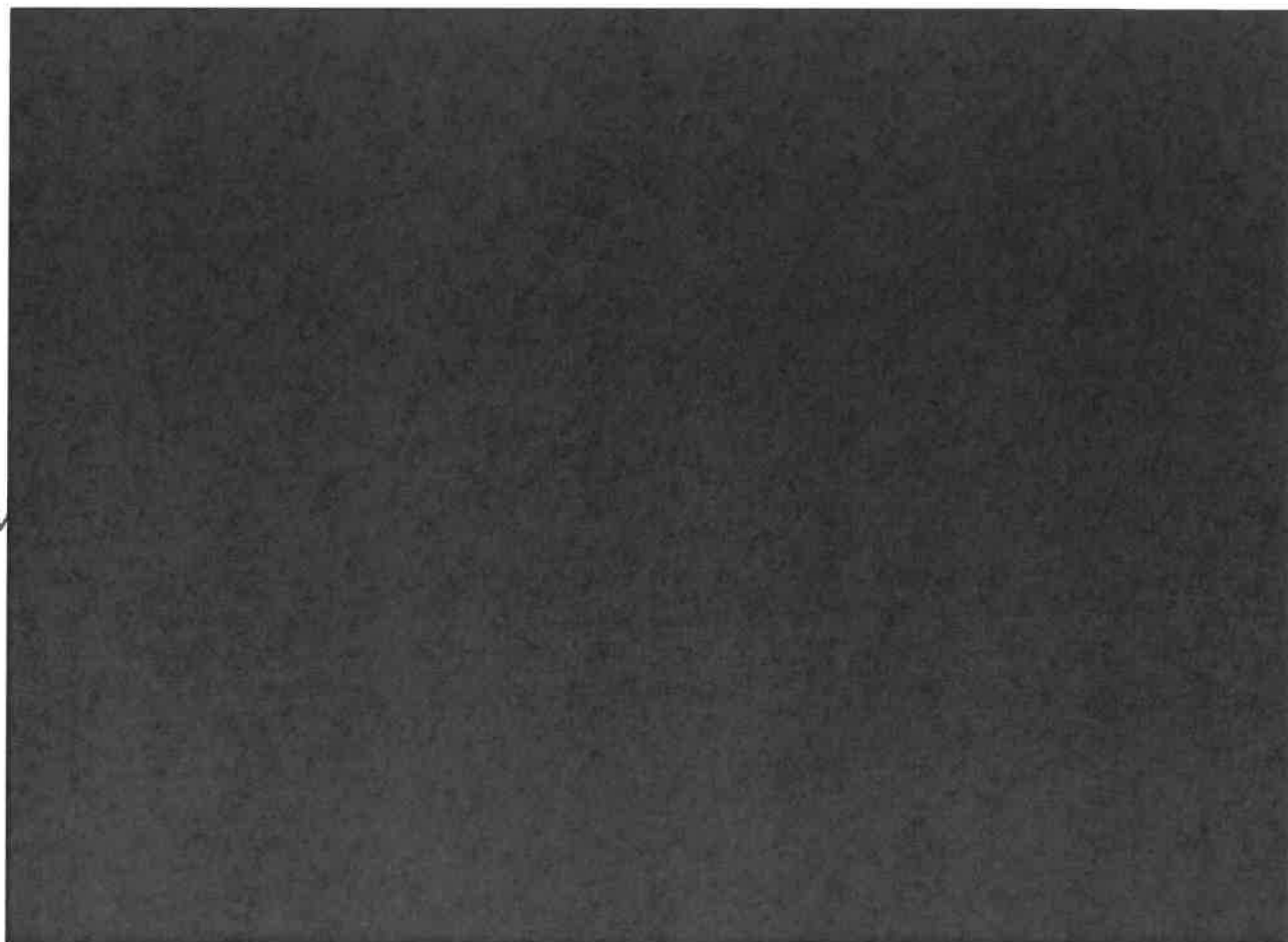
HOREB TREE REMOVED TREE AND STUMP
5-8-26
EH

Description of Location

Location: Fronting
Address 1: _____
Address 2: _____
City: Cranford State: NJ Zip: 07016
Block: _____ Lot: _____

Complainant / Client:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address 1: 8 Springfield Avenue
Address 2: _____
City: Cranford State: NJ Zip: 07016
Telephone: _____



**704 Bound Brook Rd,
Middlesex, NJ 08846**



Bill to: Cranford Twp
8 Springfield Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016

Date: 5/13/02

Salesperson: Henry Allen

Customer Signature

Tel: 908-205-1095



OPWSR-26-029

Township of Cranford

Tree Removal Application for Permit

8 Springfield Avenue - Cranford, NJ 07016

Phone: (908) 709-7213 | Fax: (908) 276-7664

www.cranfordnj.org

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HOMEOWNER

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CRANFORD, NJ

CRANFORD
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Since 2024

NAME OF HOME/PROPERTY OWNER: Jack Walsh

ADDRESS OF TREE REMOVAL: 68 Samoset Rd. Cranford

HOMEOWNER EMAIL:

HOMEOWNER PHONE:

Block # 610 Lot # 10 FLOOD ZONE: YES / NO REPLACE TREES: YES / NO / UNKNOWN

TREES TO BE REMOVED BY: (Check One)



Property Owner:



NJ Licensed Tree Service Provider Name: Horeb Tree Services Inc.

Address of Tree Service Provider: 304 Bwind Brook Rd

Tree Service Town, State: Middlesex, NJ

Tree Service Phone: 908 705 1095

Business License (NJTC) Number:

768439

(Required)

*LTE, LTCO or ISA Certified Arborist (CA) Number: 786

*Per NJ Law N.J.S.A. 45:15C-11 (2017), all tree companies in NJ must employ at least one licensed tree expert.

A \$50 application fee will be determined upon inspection by the Township representative.

TREES TO BE REMOVED

Total number of trees requested to be removed: Dead: 1 Living: 0 = Total: 1

QTY	SPECIES (IF KNOWN)	TRUNK DIAMETER	CONDITION (LIVING/DEAD/ DISEASED)	REASON FOR REMOVAL (include written statements, photos, reports, or testimony from a licensed tree expert)
1	Oak	4 ft	Diseased	Fungus growth - signs the tree is dying/rotting

- Trunk Diameter = Trunk Circumference (distance around with tape measure) at 4' height, divided by 3.14
- List additional trees on back of this form.

Identify all trees requested to be removed with ribbon or colored plastic tape (spray painting or other permanent marking, damaging or defacing of trees is prohibited).

Total Tree Count on Property (approx.): Date: 3/12/2026

TREE REMOVAL PLAN

- Submit a copy of existing survey or a sketch of property. Sketch should include house, driveway and accessory buildings.
- Identify the location of all trees to be removed with an X (with species and diameter if possible).

APPLICANTS AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application and accompanying plans (if applicable) is true to the best of my knowledge. I further attest that any tree destroyed or removed in violation of the Township of Cranford's Tree Preservation Ordinance shall be replaced with another tree of the same species or from the preferred tree list and shall meet the requirements of the tree replacement table. In the event it is not possible to replace the required number of trees within the existing lot, a contribution to the Cranford Tree Planting and Preservation Fund of \$450.00 per tree will be submitted.

☒ Applicant will replace the required number of trees.

☐ Applicant requests to pay Tree Bank Fund for tree replacement in lieu of planting trees on property.

J. Walsh
Applicants Signature

3/12/2026
Date

I certify that _____ trees to be removed are dead.

PROCESSING

Resident can expect contact by the Shade Tree Superintendent within 15 business days to arrange a site visit.

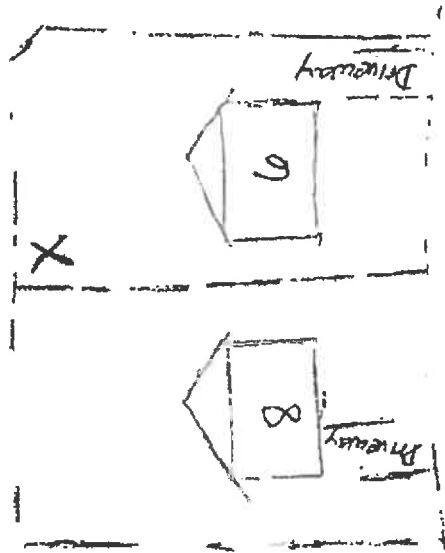
Challenges to tree condition evaluation require resident to secure the services of a Township approved, licensed arborist (ISA Certified or NJ Licensed Tree Expert) at resident's expense, and submit their written report.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$750 or the amount of the required replacement tree(s) and cost of planting, whichever is greater.

6 Samoset Rd, Crandford
Horeb Tree Services Inc.

X = oak is marked with
yellow tape



--- Samoset Rd ---