

Illegal Dumpsites
Coal Road, and Strip Mine
Glace Bay, and Reserve Mines, Nova Scotia



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This report has been compiled by Dylan Yates, President of Cape Breton Environmental Association on May 23, 2021 for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Solid Waste Management for the purpose of enforcing the CBRM illegal dumping bylaw. The photos in this report were captured on May 20, 2021.

Known to locals as the coal road, and strip mine this area is home to several wetlands, forested areas (maple, spruce, balsam fir, tamarack, alder, birch) and a wide range of wildlife including a healthy population of beavers and waterfowl. The coal road is not being utilized (currently) by the Donkin Mine, but locals have been using this area for recreation for many years. Although this area was once a dump, and strip mine, nature has been slowly rebuilding and restoring the area back to a somewhat natural state. Despite cleanup efforts in 2018 by the CBRMSW, illegal dumping continues to be an issue in this area.

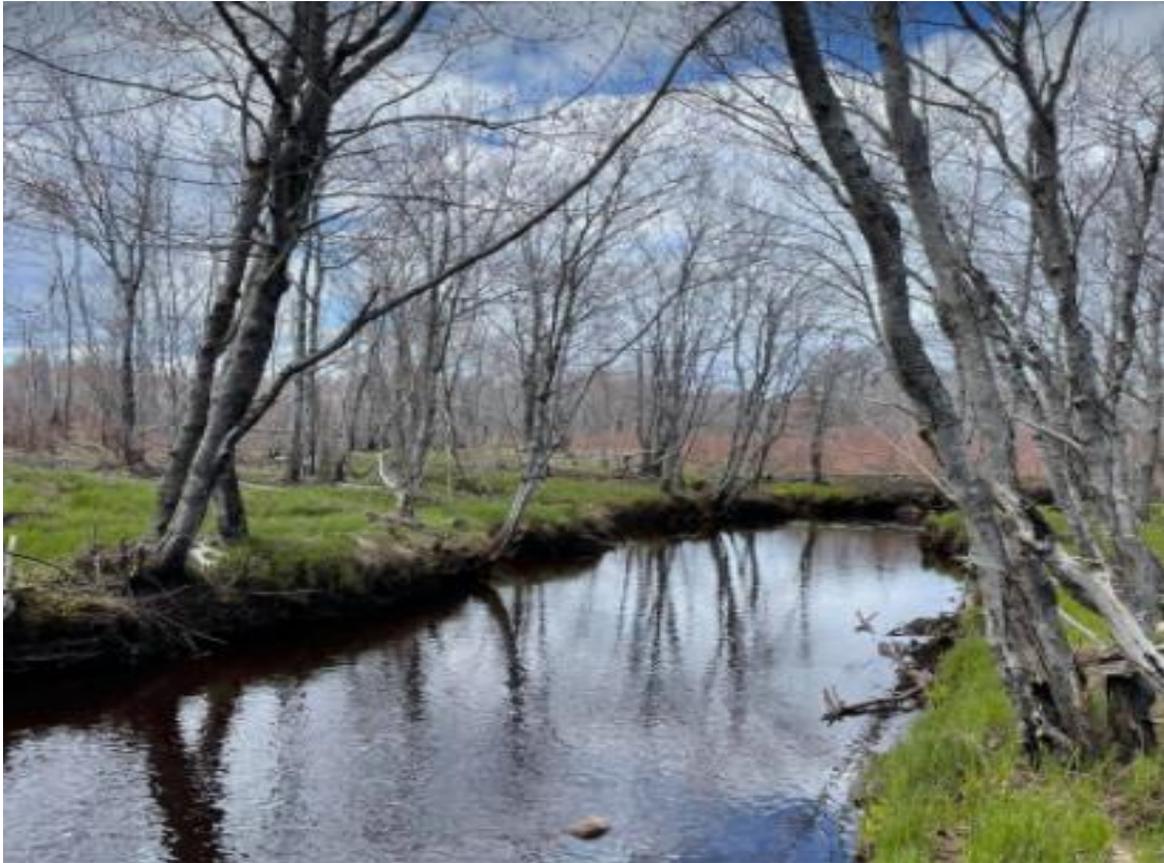
There is a significant dumpsite (**see dumpsite #8 below**) located in Reserve Mines, this site includes two vehicle frames, oil barrels, gas tanks, fridges, stoves, freezer etc. This is an older dumpsite that will take a considerable amount of effort to clean. We have reported this dumpsite to the Department of Nova Scotia Environment due to its size and close proximity to a watercourse, a cleanup order may be issued to the landowner, we will provide further details at a later date.

To learn more about illegal dumping and its impacts on the environment please visit our website: <https://www.cbenviro.org/illegal-dumping>



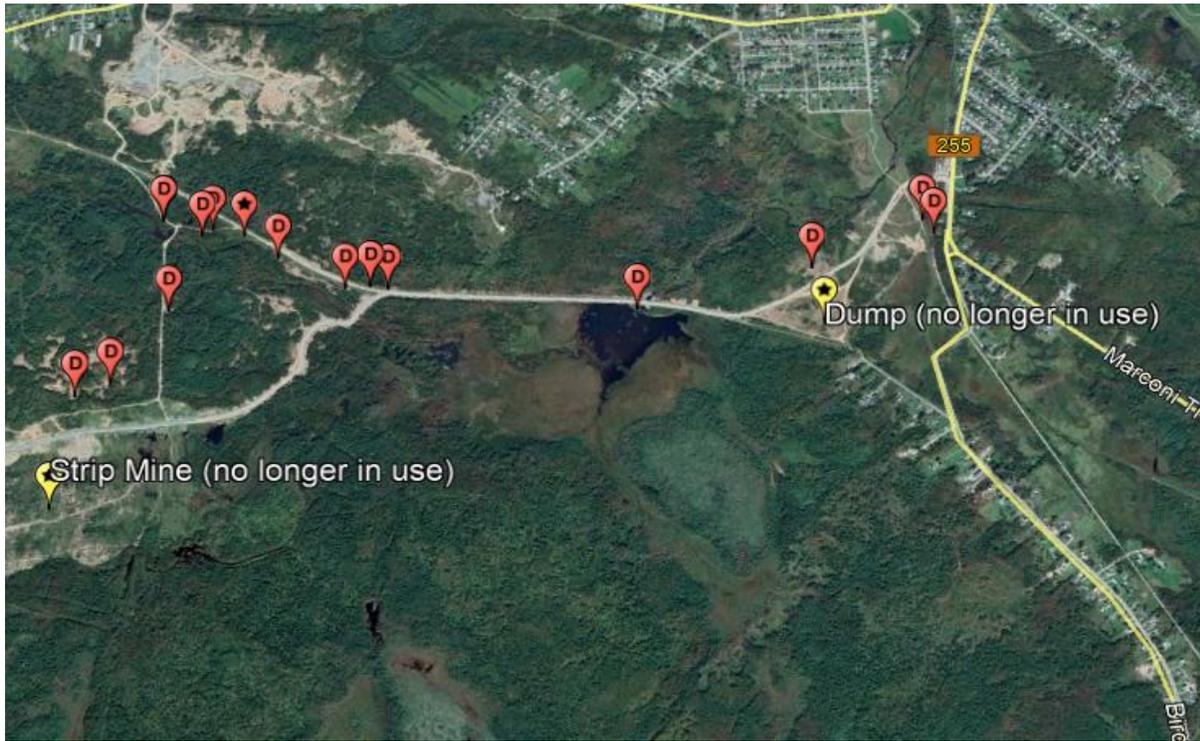
Beaver (Renwick Brook May 2021)

“I walk my dogs there often and have to constantly worry about them walking on broken glass or garbage. I always worry about the impact it has on the environment and animals that call this area home. It is a beautiful and peaceful place close to home that I can enjoy on a regular basis and I am thankful for that. I seen a Redwing blackbird there today and was excited! I pick up what I can but unfortunately it’s beyond me the amount that is there and I noticed a few new items today.” – Glace Bay Resident, Annezita Feldman



Renwick Brook Riparian Area (May 2021)

Illegal Dumpsite Map



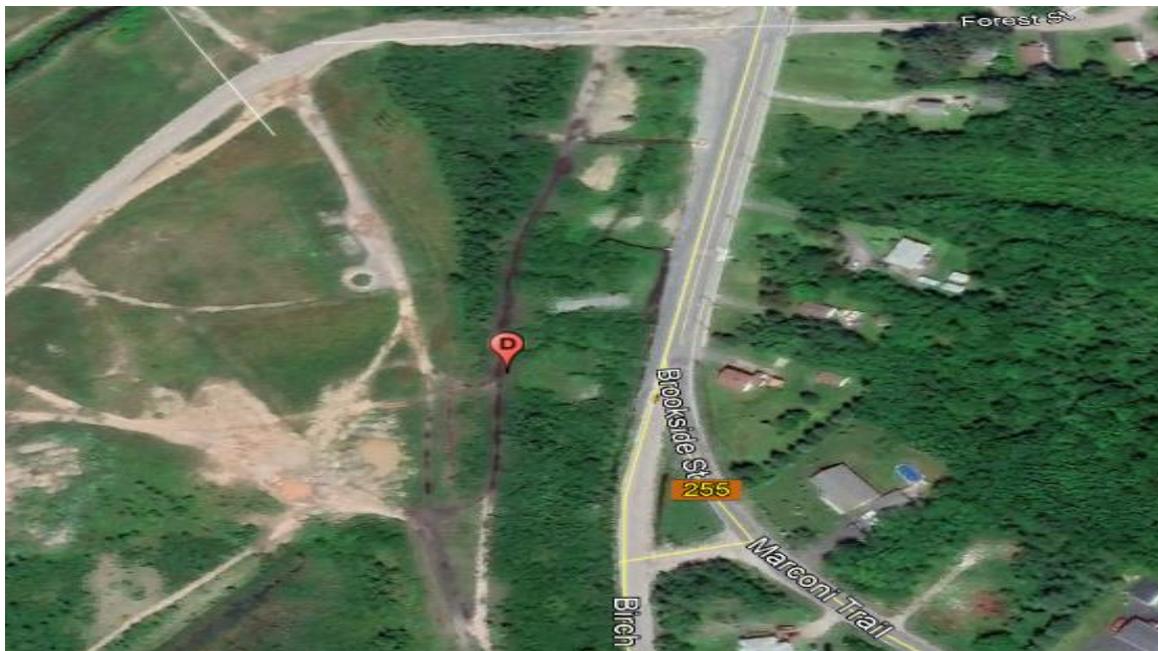
Dumpsite #1



Location

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LON: -59.967517



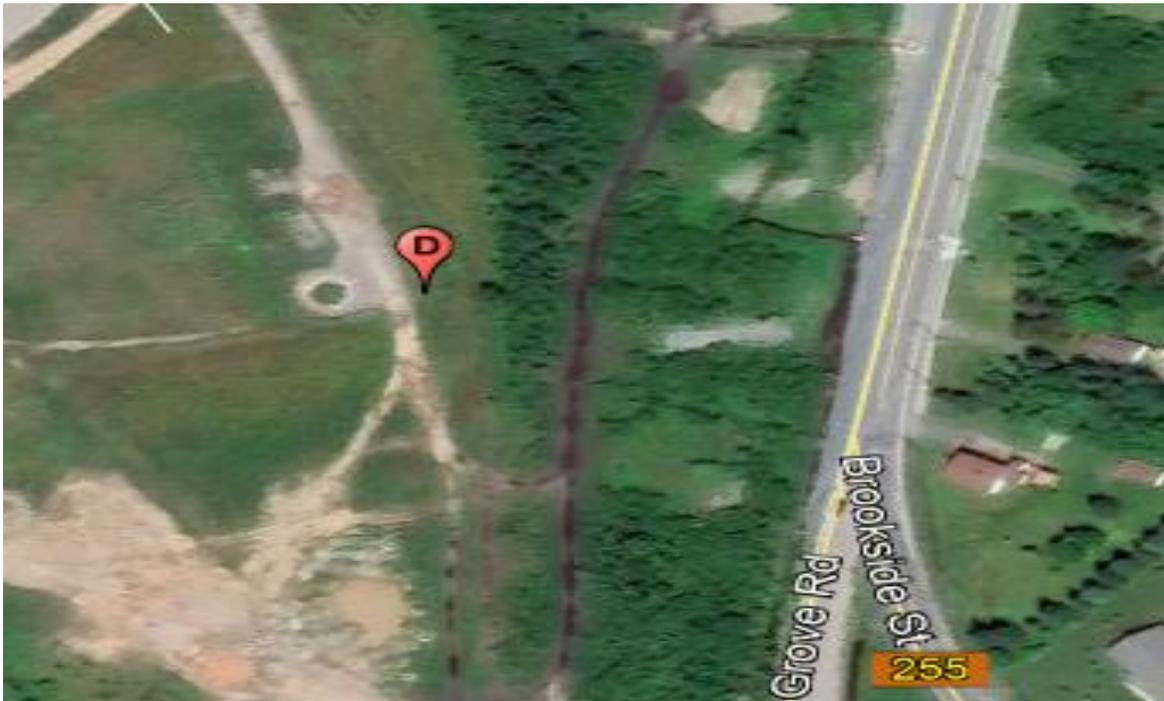
Dumpsite #2



Location

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LON: -59.967892



Dumpsite #3 (several dumpsites in close proximity to one another)

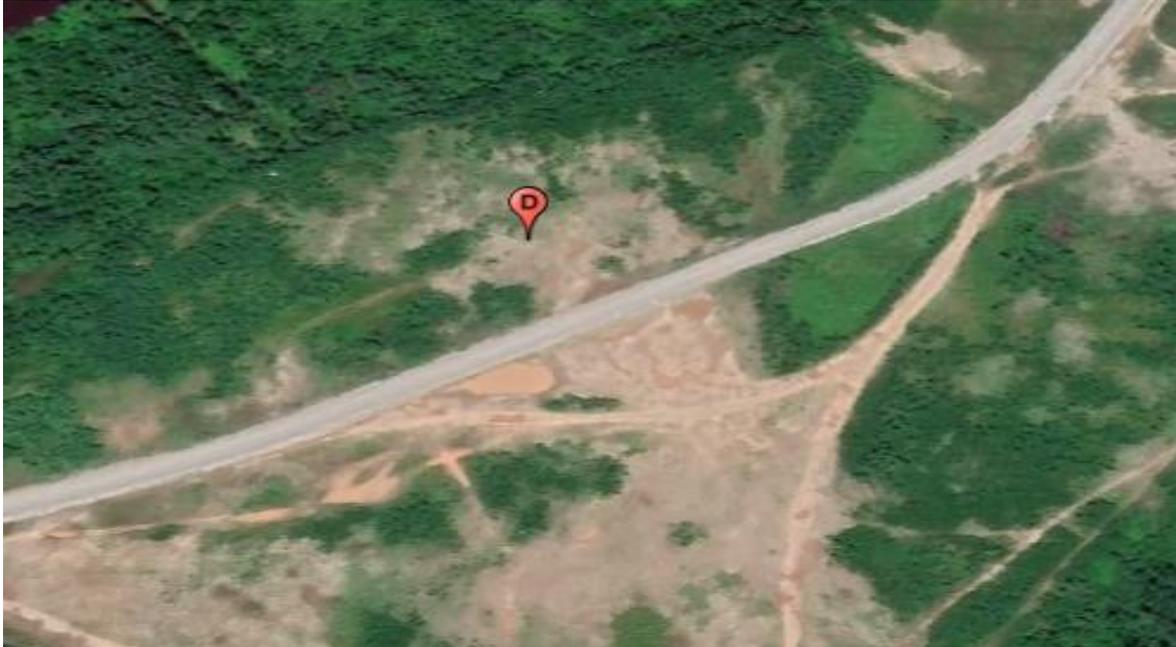




Location

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LON: -59.972628



Dumpsite #4

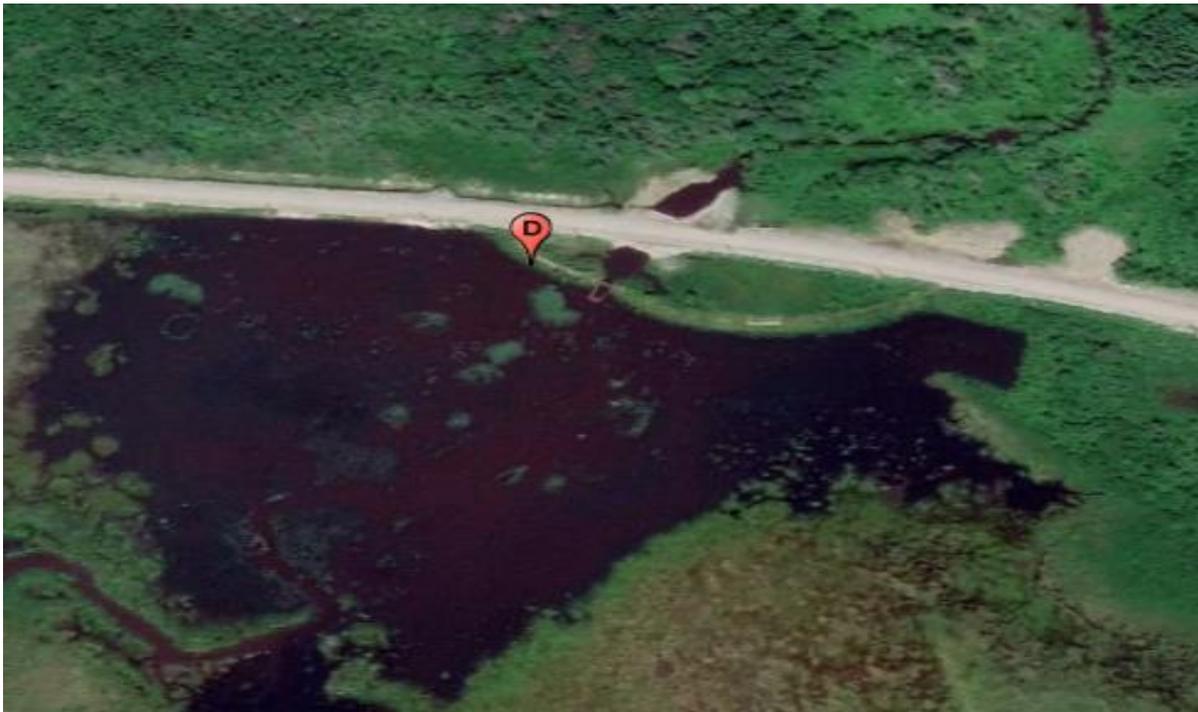




Location

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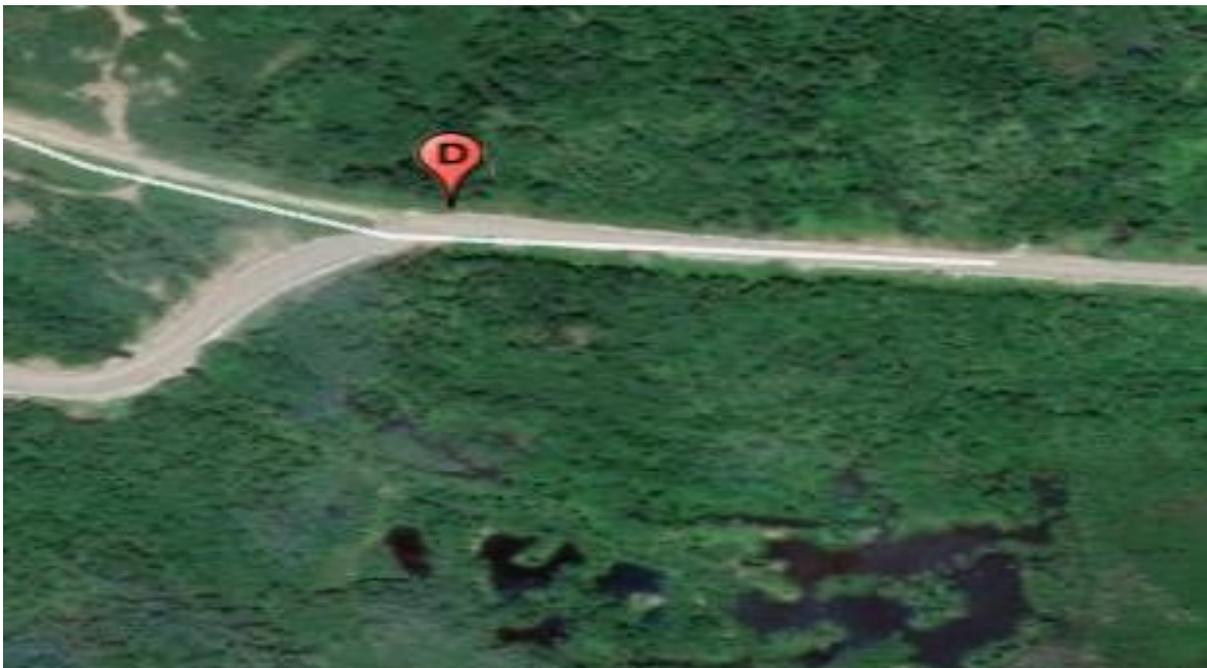
Dumpsite #5



Location

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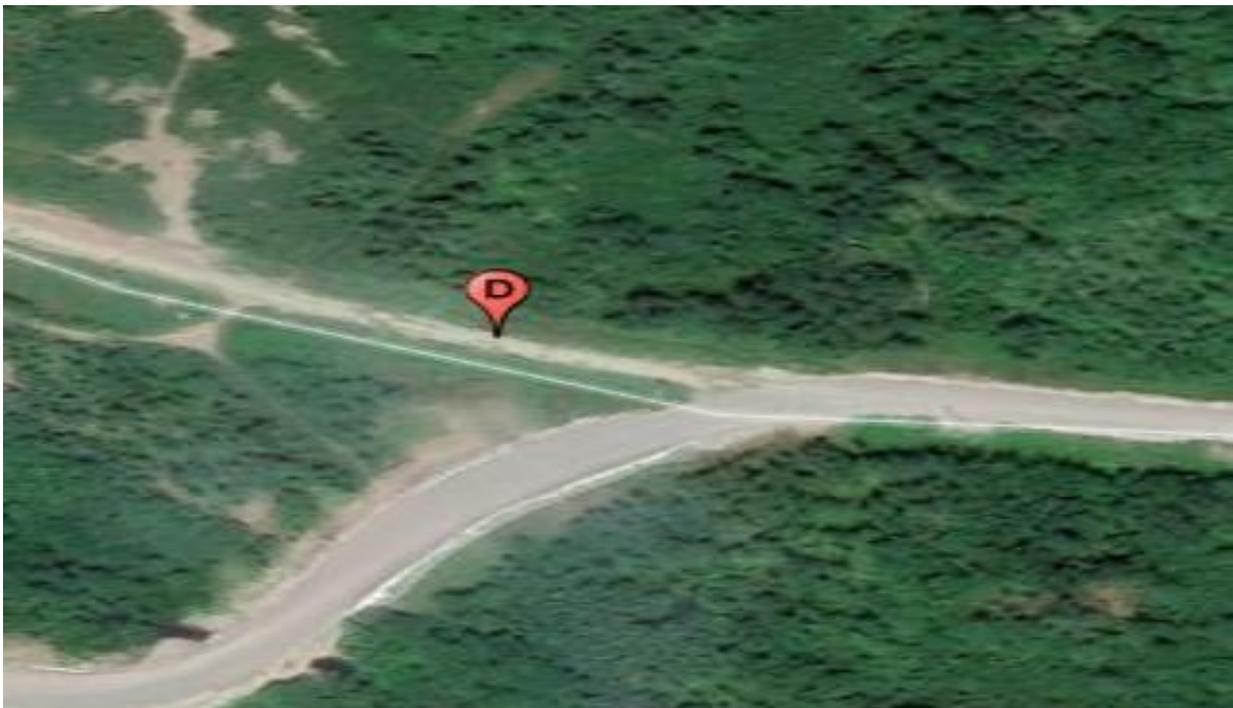
Dumpsite #6



Location

LAT: 46.171714

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Dumpsite #7



Location

LAT: 46.171755

LON: -59.991766



Dumpsite #8









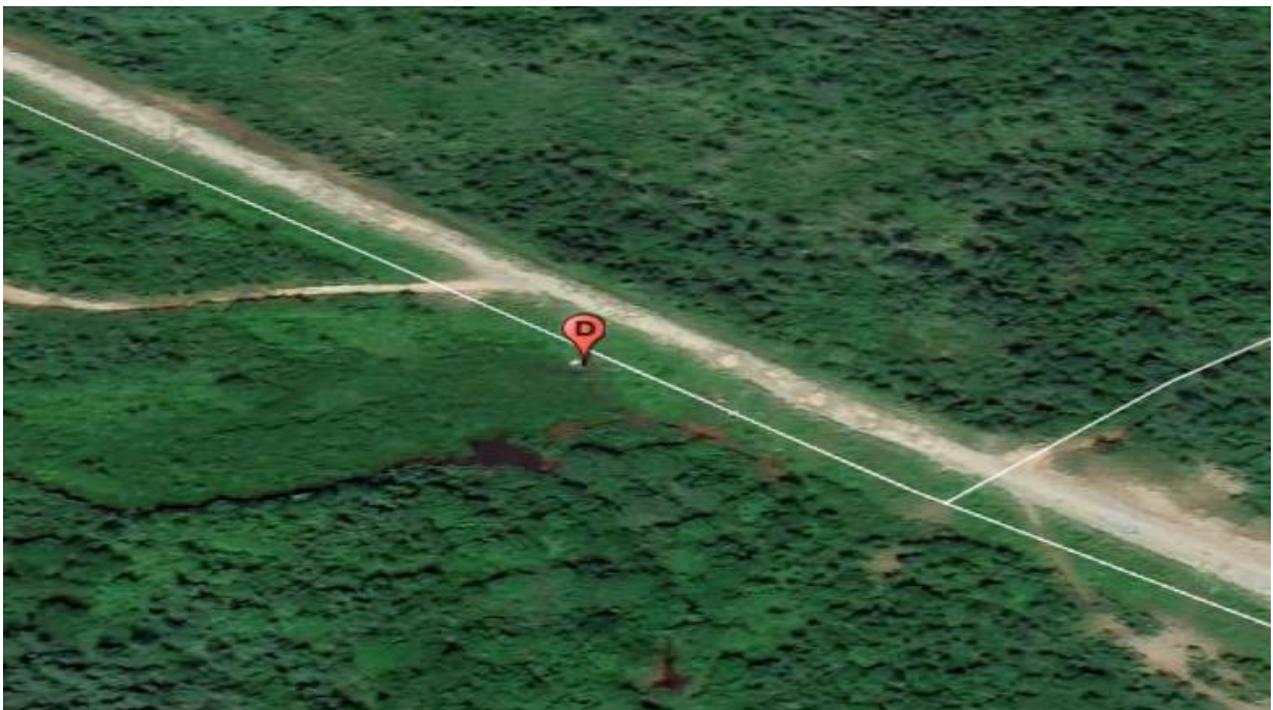


This site has been reported to the Department of Nova Scotia Environment

Location

LAT: 46.173564

LON: -59.995839



Dumpsite #9



Location

LAT: 46.173840

LON: -59.997169



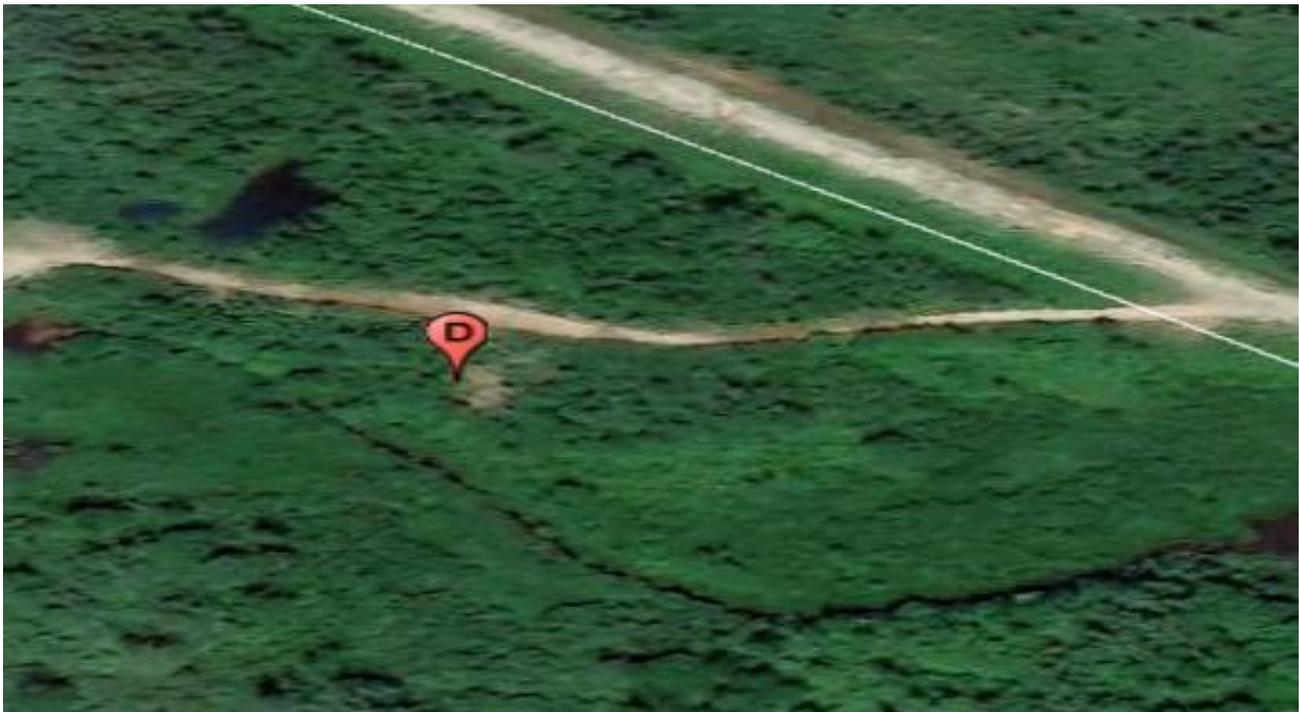
Dumpsite #10



Location

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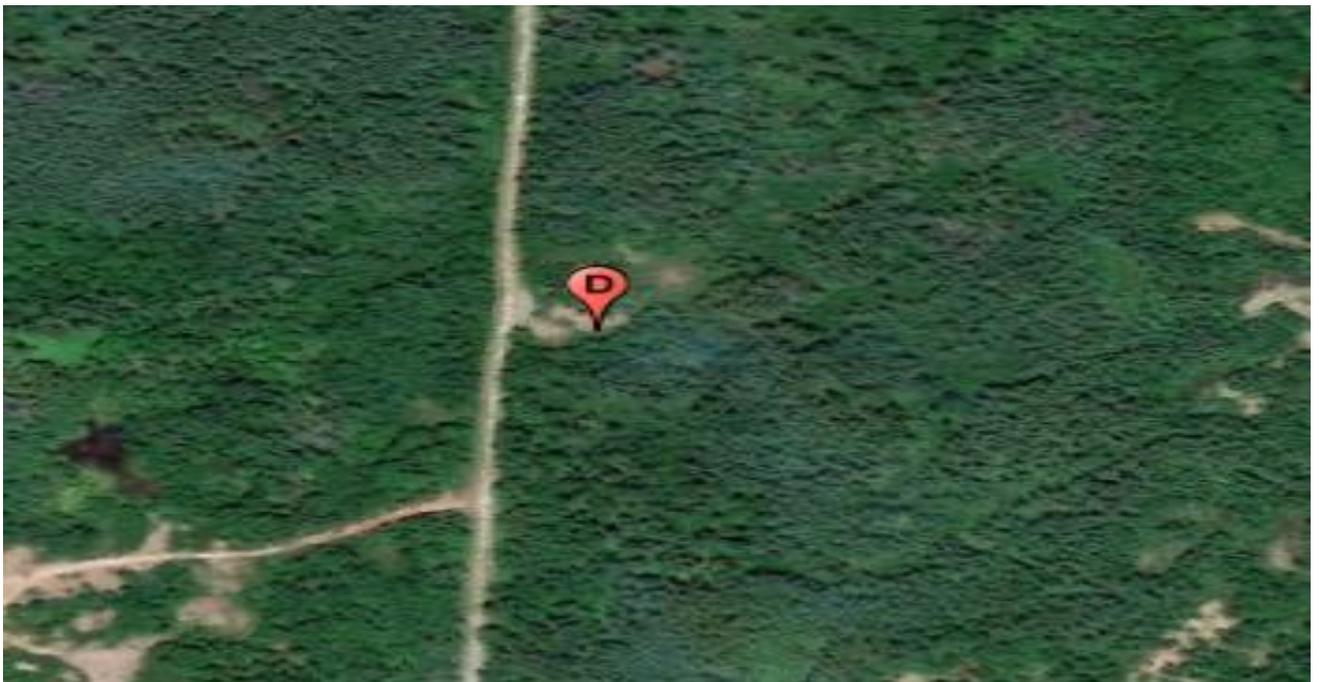
Dumpsite #11



Location

LAT: 46.171316

LON: -59.998704



Dumpsite #12



Location

LAT: 46.168814

LON: -60.002642



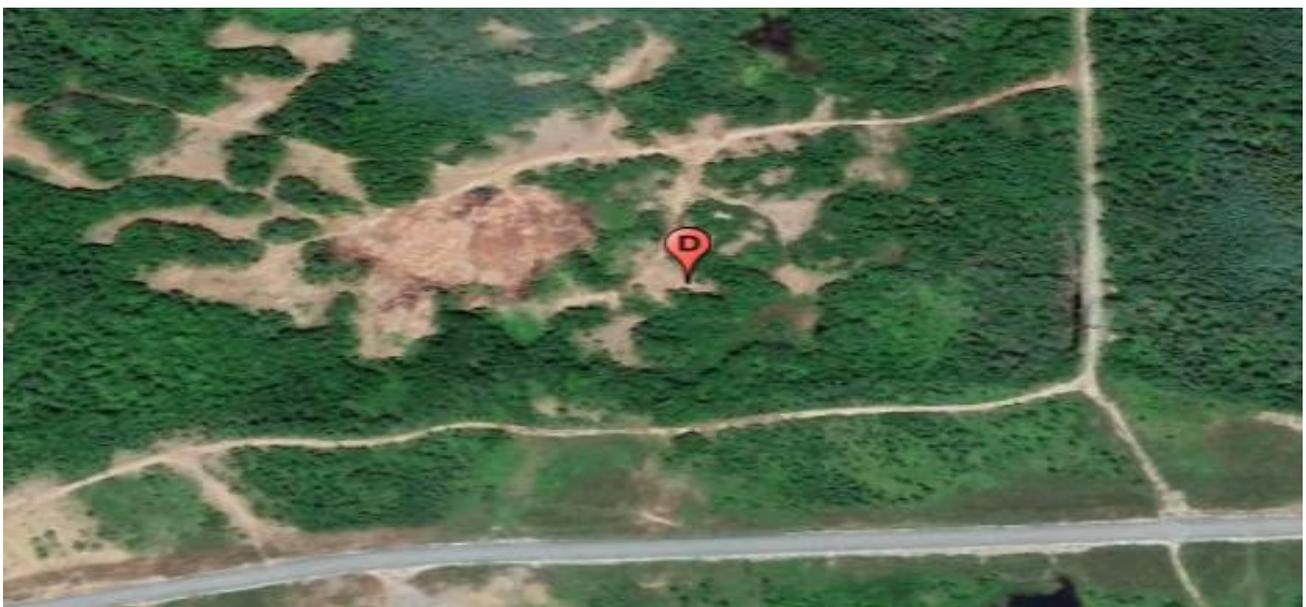
Dumpsite #13



Location

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LON: -60.001177



Dumpsite #14



Location

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LON: -59.999172



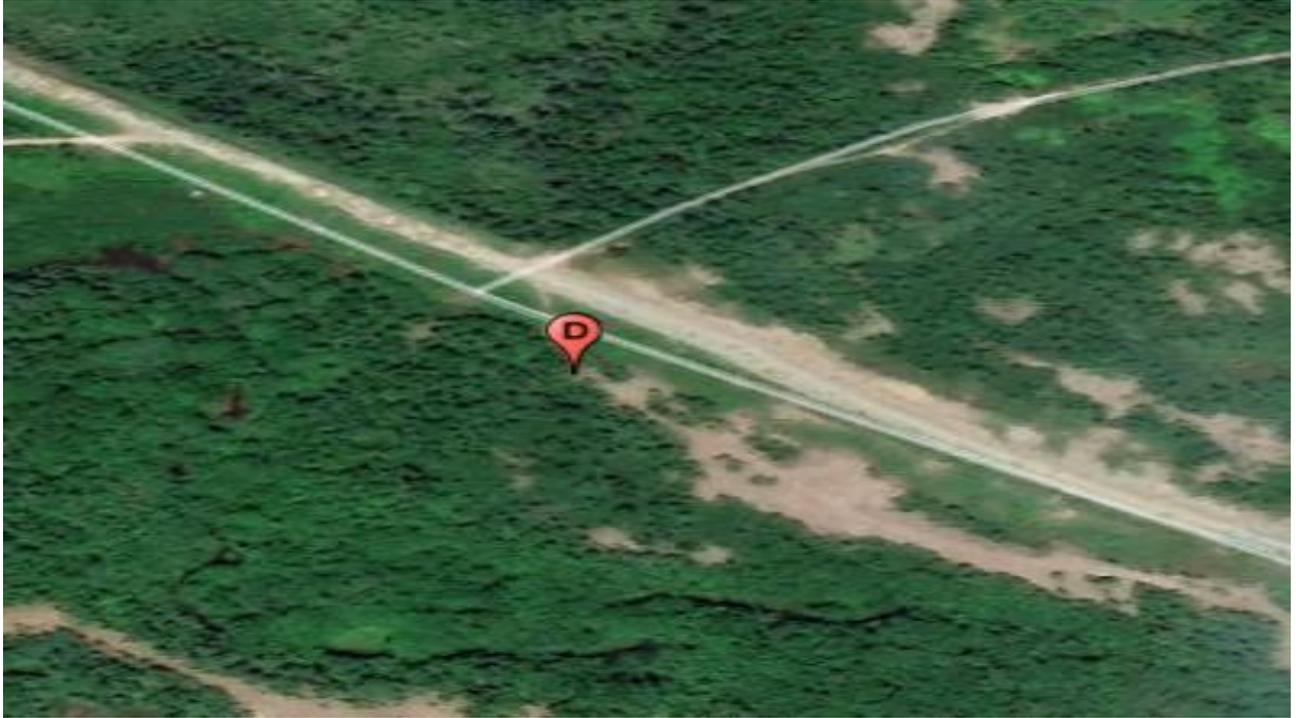
Dumpsite #15



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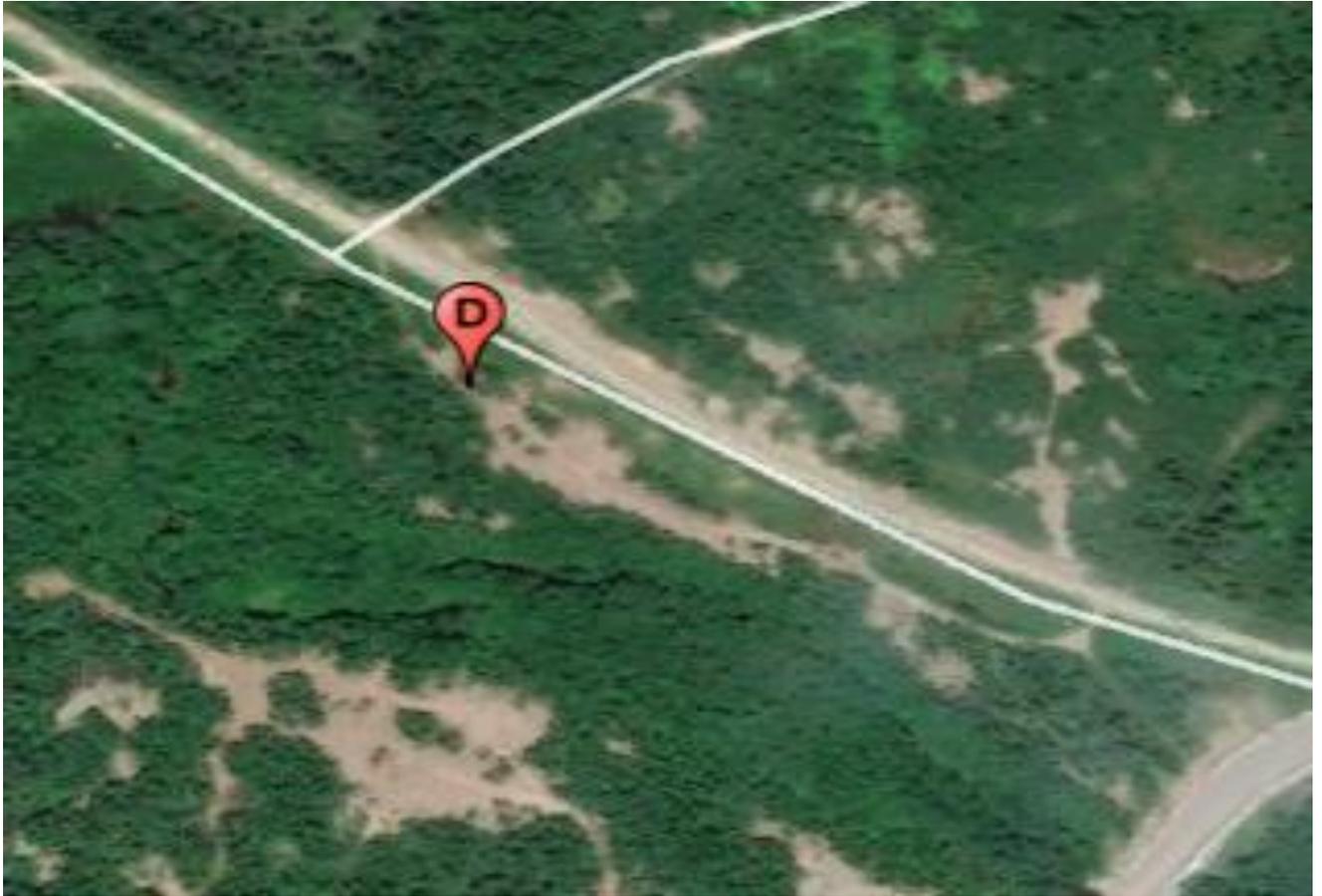
Dumpsite #16



Location

LAT: 46.172649

LON: -59.994259



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