

ENCLOSURE 8
Integrity Factors Of Antonini Mushroom Building and
Dwelling (N-14127)

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Integrity Factors



The property's setting and the property, itself, are no longer characterized by active mushroom farming operations. However, soil borings indicate that the property area was a heavy disposal area and stripped of natural top soils. This is typical of early and past mushroom operations where bedding and manure was recycled and disposed. Many older mushroom farms of the same region have also evolved or changed with adaptive alterations through ordinance controls, industry progression, and technological upkeep. This specific property has not.

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Most surrounding mushroom houses still extant and/or operable are larger facilities with multiple bays of doubles and supporting building operations and grounds. This is a smaller and isolated property example that is missing many other key elements and supporting buildings that are commonly situated on that same property. Other supporting elements may include garage and storage bays, the main office, compost storage areas, worker/tenant housing, and a central or fully tiered facility layout with access and circulation of the operational grounds and buildings. The Permit Area and building are only a smaller portion of a much larger facility which was later constructed and improved in the late 20th century

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The east side of building is characterized with three step-up concrete block walls to help support the outside wall of the dirt room. Support wall bracing seen at other facilities is typically reinforced concrete and spaced equally throughout the entire side wall. Portions of this step wall are believed to be removed and not replaced when a portion of the building was reconstructed.

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As seen on the the west side of building from SR 7/Limestone Road, most mushroom houses are purposely built into a hillside or constructed with an upper slope graded into the rear of the building. However, grounds are typically clear of all impediments and are characterized with concrete padding and pavement that is sloped for ideal drainage, access circulation, and site operations. The large tree in slope of bank is not ideal. Also, sloping and access site conditions are neglected and are no longer functional.



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Missing fascia and damaged wood trim are evident throughout the building's construction. This is just a sample of missing, deteriorated, or compromised building materials.

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Dirt Room replacement blocks



1992 Inscribed repairs

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In multiple areas, concrete block walls have been replaced by reconstruction.

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Missing, new, or damaged wood doors are evident in the packing room. All doors are missing the majority of their hardware. Also, they are not of the latch type that are commonly used in most mushroom buildings. A typical packing room is constructed as a lean-to addition (not original in older buildings) towards the front of the doubles. A separate central office (sometimes with a dwelling above) is also evident. The central office might have a chimney with windows that are fixed 2 over 2 hung metal. This is representative here and in the packing room, but several in windows are covered, missing, or broken.



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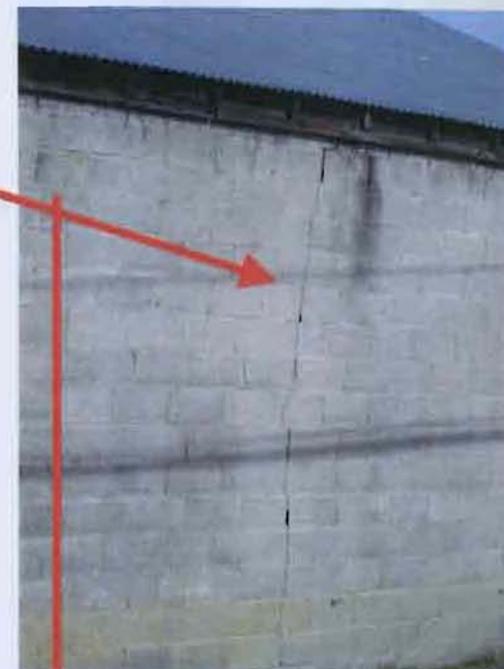


Damage/deterioration.

Chimney and gable end wall alterations and concrete block repair.

Gable end is sheathed with corrugated metal. Wood siding, clapboard pane, or seamless metal strips were noted as more typical throughout the region. Although not seen here, the gable ends of the dirt room are a solid concrete block.

Packing Room addition. Packing rooms were typically added at later stages with the innovation of air temperature control systems.



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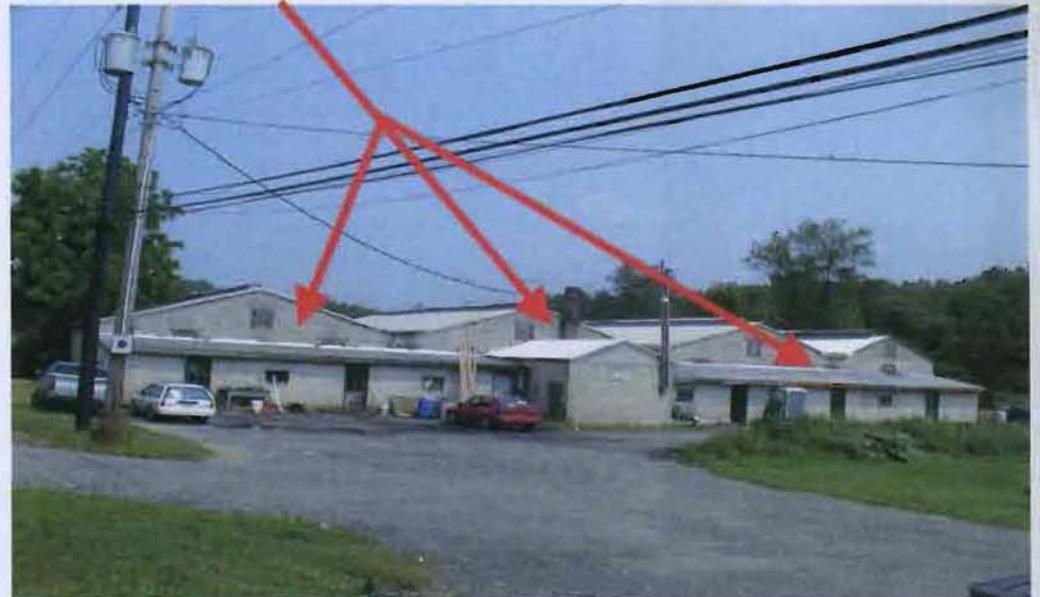
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Wood hatch loft doors and ridge vents are still evident for early ventilation, access function, and temporary light. Most buildings have removed, blocked, and/or filled in their early and exterior loft and access doors, and enclosed ridge vents due to innovation of air temperature control systems and sanitation.

Rear slope construction is ideal for rear access and bedding removal operations.

Packing room with a central office were commonly added during the mid 20th century. Other facility support buildings, such as compost storage, garages, some form of tenant/working or owner housing, and work areas with paved and concrete pad surfaces should be present. Overall conditions are deteriorated and non-functional.



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Within the rear or back of most mushroom buildings, there are two main access doors to each double that are hinged with special hardware latches. Also evident are louvered vents and an upper gable vent which is now typically filled or blocked in. A central HVAC (air control) system is commonly positioned between the two bay doors to each double. Throughout the rear of this building, there are missing, damaged latch doors, retrofitted wall break-in's, missing air control units, covered, damaged, or missing vents. HVAC (air control) units are temporary at best and non-functional.



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Hinged gable wood door – original and not filled in



Doors damaged and removed; hardware missing or non-functional.



Door units have been removed for two smaller units; no central unit. This is not typical and only demonstrates a lack of full operations and missing functions of the building.

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Interior photos in packing room and growing bed shelves. No original bed crates present.



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Property exhibits a loss of setting, feeling, and association as operations cease to exist. When recently operating, the property displayed poor quality of operations, contrary to best practices and recommended guidelines in the mushroom growing culture. Also, according to historical and current accounts, growers of the industry, plant management, or property owners are most likely to be of Italian-American descent – past and actively. This ethnic affiliation is no longer evident.



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Integrity of setting, feeling, and site design elements appear compromised. The property has been subject to past roadway improvements encroaching upon the buildings and property's grounds, which has resulted in proximity and livability issues. Greater setbacks and improved grounds were noted in the region that allow adequate trucking and access operation into the property and around the building(s). Finer examples exist in state and in the region.

