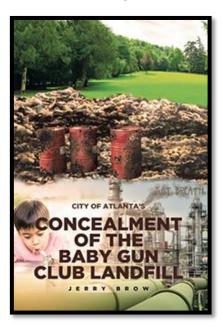
Atlanta Property Owner Takes on Government When He Finds His Land Previously was Hazardous Toxic Dump Site, Discovers Vast Coverup

**Atlanta government offers "Hush money," refuses environmental testing when confronted



Atlanta GA – Jerry Brow's life has been a nightmare since he discovered the properties he purchased for development were previously an illegal toxic waste dump site, covered up and concealed by the city of Atlanta. His new book, <u>*City of Atlanta's Concealment of the Baby Gun Club Landfill*</u>, shines the light on his story and demands accountability from the government in protecting matters of public health and safety.

"Told with the knowledge and passion of one man who became a soldier in the fight for transparency and justice, this book is a call to arms for anyone who wants to ensure a future free of toxic areas in populated neighborhoods on this green Earth."– John J. Kelly, Detroit Free Press

Brow's eight-year continuing journey is a stark reminder to us all of what happens when our government puts monetary concern over public trust. In the Baby Gun Club Landfill case, the government's lack of protection for the public, and it's concealment of toxic landfill waste is indisputable, through uncovered aerial photographs from the 60's and 70's of the

dumping, and internal records documented that waste was dumped on the land for years before strict environmental laws were in place. Estimates are that the area illegally contains more than three hundred thousand cubic yards of hazardous waste, 30-40 feet deep.

"A Fox 5 I-Team investigation discovered the existence of the Baby Gun Club landfill, buried deep in internal city memos, letters, engineering reports and in two lawsuits that were quietly filed and then settled."—Senior Fox 5 News I-Team reporter Dale Russell

"The fraud here is so immense, it's hard to even explain," says Brow. "The city of Atlanta kept repeating that they had never dumped before. Then in December, the city came back and acknowledged, that yes, in fact they were the ones who did the dumping. They were also claiming since 2006, that they were the owner of all the property, even though my wife and I still owned the property."

All five lawyers whom Brow hired have quit due to city pressure, and he and his wife have spent countless hours thousands of dollars in legal fees to no avail.

Even more troublesome are the risks to the surrounding neighbors living in the adjacent properties. The landfill contains leachate and incinerator ash, both hazardous waste materials. The fish in Proctor Creek, which runs through the property and empties into the Chattahoochee River, still contain illegal pesticides that haven't been around since the 1970s. Additionally, Baby Gun Club landfill has a new subdivision at its foot, with upscale \$600,000 homes, and runs behind an additional, much older neighborhood.



"My eight years of investigations reveal extensive ongoing damage to the public and environment," says Brow. "There is not one protective measure. There's nothing that has been done since mediation. There are massive sinkholes, no fence to keep people out, not even a sign. It's more than just a travesty of justice—a lot of people's lives are still put at risk."

Brow says people in the area have been experiencing higher rates of cancer and respiratory illness. "We have no idea what the numbers are, because no one will test," he says.

Brow has reached out to all three levels of government— city, state, and the FBI. In 2017, in a court case, the city of Atlanta decided to condemn his properties and take them. Now that they own them, they are in control of testing and are refusing to do so.

"They dumped on these properties when they belonged to someone else. This whole dump site has been illegal from the beginning."—Jerry Brow



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Atlanta City Councilman Michael Bond, told Fox News *"I'd have to apologize to him for the way his property was handled. That was inexcusable and that should not have happened."* Brow was out of the country when the apology occurred.

Brow, a real estate developer, purchased the properties in 2011. When he hired an inspector to do an environment study for his cell phone tower, the inspector told him, "Your property is toxic. I have a folder of information that I've been saving for twenty years. Here you go."

Brow filed a complaint, then a lawsuit. Then another. He has fought the battle, trying to recoup the \$300-\$400K that he has lost so far. He is hoping for full compensation, his legal fees paid, and protective measures for those living in the area. He has yet to see any of that happen.

Because of harassment, and that he was being followed by the city, his wife and son have left the country to live elsewhere, where they feel safer. Brow splits his time between his battle here in the US, and his family. "I don't want my son to grow up like this," says Brow. "It's a very dark time right now. This has consumed my life, and in the end, what did they do? I would like for them to compensate me for what they did and repay my legal fees. They took my property on a basis of complete fraud."

He is also worried about the lives this continues to affect. In an attempt to gain some national attention and publicly document his battle, Brow published a book. The story of his battle, along with court documents, interviews, and files, are all contained within its pages.

"This is a book that serves as a profoundly important call for transparency and justice. Highly recommended." – Grady Harp, Amazon Hall of Fame Top 50 Reviewer

Unregulated landfill in northwest Atlanta

"These people (government officials) are doing their job for job security and making sure that the city is not going to be held liable, but at what cost?" says Brow. "We (citizens) are the expendable part of this, and it doesn't matter if you are in Detroit, or Flint, MI or Atlanta, Georgia, we are the expendables at the cost for these municipalities and the state."

Here is an abbreviated summary of the timeline of Brow's conflict:

1960s - An Unregulated dump site first appears. The city is dumping municipal waste on private property they did not own.

Dumping continues for two decades, well into the 1970s before environmental regulations are in place. It operates for 20 years before it is closed.

1997 – City hires Mr. Woodham, a contractor. His job is to close down the permitted Gun Club landfill, investigate the waste "limits" of the Baby Gun Club Landfill, and devise an outline to conceal the contents from the public and state, as required under his state license to report public safety and health issues.

2011 - Jerry Brow purchases the property, unaware that his property was an illegal sump site, and that 30-40 feet of now known hazardous waste is under his feet.

2016 - Brow files a lawsuit against the city, accusing them of illegally dumping waste onto private properties.

2017 - EPA comes out and finds that the fish in the creek contain high levels of pesticides that were outlawed in the 1970s. The people in this area fish out of this creek.

2017 – Atlanta condemns the property and takes them from Jerry Brow. They refuse to do environmental testing, and because they now own the properties, they have that right.

2019– Brow hires an inspector to conduct an environmental study for his cell tower. It happens to be Mr. Woodham. Woodham hands over two decades old records of illegal toxic dumping on the property, confirming that incinerator ash is buried there.

December 31, 2019 - Atlanta City Councilman Michael Bond offers a public apology to Brow, but Brow is out of the country at the time when the apology airs on television.

2019 - A sprawling subdivision is built at the base of this landfill, with homes valued around \$600K. Landowners were unaware of the landfill problem, the city denies there is one.

2020 – Moses, a local homeowner whose property backs up to the Baby Gun Club site, sends Jerry Brow a letter. The letter is from the city, sent in 1997, stating there may be health risks from the migration of toxins in the ground. They want to come on his property, but he refuses. This letter is further proof of illegal dumping activities.

2020 - State and Federal Environmental Protection Agencies continue to conceal for the City to and not force them to know exactly what is in the site and allow for the potential continued harm to the public. This, even though the City reveals facts of their illegal activities dating back to the mid-1960s. No crimes committed by the City; No arrests, no termination of employment for committing fraud to the Feds, State and People. Not even a slap on the hand for decades of fraud and criminal concealment.

"Still, at this time, not even one protective measure has been implemented in the Baby Gun Club Landfill site," says Brow. "The contamination pours into Procter Creek every second and toxic methane gases are released every millisecond. Leaching is occurring with no measure to mitigate any leaking. I am just beside myself. It seems like nobody cares."



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Through his non-profit *Our Public Trust*, his mission is to unite the people of our world to speak freely about the dependence on our governments for public air, water and land. His new book The Concealment of the Baby Gun Club Landfill, chronicles his personal journey with government mistrust, and demands transparency from all levels of government in protecting matters of public health and safety. Brow is married and has a twelve-year old son. He divides his time between Mississippi, Georgia, and the country of Peru. He is hard at work on his next book. For more information, visit his website at <u>www.OurPublicTrust.com</u>.