

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
Complete Streets Committee
A G E N D A

August 28, 2023

(Rescheduled from August 25, 2023)

2:30 P.M.

Schaefer Room, Town Hall & Hybrid Google Meets

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**
- IV. MINUTES**
 - 1. July 28, 2023
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapter “Mobility and Transportation”
(Duggal/Kuzsman)
 - i. Meet with Comp Plan Sept 19
 - 2. Wyoming Ave – public hearing for stop sign
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Rivers Ledge Senior Center Building Improvements and Connections
- VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 1. Grant Updates – Crosswalks at St Josephs
 - 2. Plum St Sidewalk Progress Report
 - 3. Complete Streets Demonstration Projects
 - 4. Winnie Road Easement – Audrey Cox
 - 5. Priority Letter Update / Route 7 requests
- VIII. REPORTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING

September 29, 2023 at 2:30 pm

**TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE**

**Hybrid In Person (Schaefer Room) / Remote Meeting (Google Meets)
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2023**

Members Present: William Chapman, Chairman
Karla Duggal
Ben O'Shea
Jim Levy (Virtual)
Theresa Healy (Virtual)

Also Present: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Andrew Millspaugh, Catherine Kuzsman, Elise Corbin were excused today.

III. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mary O'Keefe of 2255 Algonquin Road said she is grateful for the work of Complete Streets. Ms. O'Keefe said she applauds the work of the Complete Street Committee especially trying to make Troy Schenectady Road safer. She said she hopes that something can be done with the stretch of road between Algonquin and Hickory. In the last twelve months there have been 3 serious accidents, two resulting in deaths. She feels this is an emergency. She asked if a big electric sign could be put up until the State does something to make it safer and slow traffic down.

Katherine Miller of Algonquin Road spoke about her concern for the safety of the Route 7 and also her appreciation of all the work of Complete Streets Committee. She is hoping for more crosswalks to make it safer to walk on Troy Road and the adjoining side streets.

With no one else to speak Chairman Chapman closed privilege of the floor.

IV. MINUTES

1. July 7, 2023 (June Meeting)
Chairman Chapman made a motion to approve the 7/7/2023 minutes, seconded by Ben O'Shea. Upon voting the 7/7/2023 minutes were approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

38 1. Grant Writer Assistance – Climate Smart Grants (Hillside & Birchwood Safe Routes to
39 School

40 i. Input from School District

41 Ms. Robertson said the application is being submitted today.

42 Chairman Chapman stated that the grant would be for sidewalks on Cornelius Avenue to Hillside
43 School, on Birchwood Lane up to the crosswalk at Birchwood School and also one block on
44 Palmer Avenue between Story Avenue and Grand Boulevard to help students that walk to Van
45 Antwerp Middle School. Chairman Chapman said that this grant is a fifty percent match. He
46 also stated that it is encouraging to Complete Streets that the Town is willing to use Town money
47 for this project and that they are endorsing and backing it.

48 Ms. Robertson said that if they are awarded the Grant, one of the first things the Town will do is
49 bring in engineers, take a look at the trees, as well as speak with homeowners about their
50 individual issues and concerns. She appreciates the initial outreach but stated it is not a substitute
51 for the substantial outreach that would be done should the grant be awarded.

52 Chairman Chapman said that sidewalks are a good resource for neighborhoods. It's a resource
53 for older people to walk around the neighborhood as well as children getting to school.

54 Ms. Healey is delighted the grant went in and thanked everyone for their hard work.

55 ii. Draft maps (attached)

56 2. Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapter "Mobility and Transportation"
57 (Duggal/Kuzsman)
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59 Ms. Duggal said the Bethlehem Comp plan was very detailed and quite a bit different than
60 Niskayuna's Plan.
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62 Chairman Chapman said using pieces from Bethlehem's plan to guide some of the similar areas
63 in Niskayuna's plan would be a big help. Chairman Chapman stated maybe a good idea would
64 be to look over Balltown Road, Troy Road and State Street to see what improvements have taken
65 place and what is left to improve on. Chairman Chapman said they can also mention the
66 improvements on County roads such as sidewalks as well as push button crosswalks and turn
67 arounds.
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69 It was agreed that September would be better to meet with the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
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71 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

72 1. Hillside Ave. Tree Planting Project – discussion of multi-use path

73 Chairman Chapman listed the remaining pieces needed to complete the side paths for Hillside
74 Ave and said it will be a nice connection for residents. Asphalt side paths are less expensive
75 than a sidewalk.

Ms. Robertson said she will contact the Army Reserve and National Grid and bring up the side path while she is speaking to them about the trees.

Ms. Healey asked if there is a possibility to get a price for the entire project and then let each parcel know how much their section would cost to get it all done at the same time.

Ms. Robertson agreed that the side paths make complete sense and is behind them 100 percent but stated that so much staff time has been taken up on the grants and other projects recently that there isn't always staff time to do everything on the Complete Street's list. Ms. Robertson is asking that they prioritize what they are planning on doing.

2. Wyoming Ave. – public hearing for stop sign

Chairman Chapman said a conversation had taken place about the unsafe corner of Wyoming and Baker Avenue and possibly taking the yield sign down and putting up a stop sign. There will be a Public Hearing on this on August 22.

Ms. Robertson said Complete Streets had already recommended this change and it is nice to see the Town Board is looking at it.

VII. DISCUSSIONS ITEMS

1. Grant Updates – Crosswalks at St. Josephs

Ms. Robertson stated that the cross walk has been painted but no flashing lights have been installed yet. Ms. Robertson believes the lights should arrive around August 3rd and then they just need to get out there again to install them.

2. Plum St. Sidewalk Progress Report

Ms. Robertson is hoping to be able to get that funded at the end of August.

3. Spring Complete Streets Demonstration Projects / Grand Boulevard Discussions

Ms. Robertson said Schenectady County did get funding to put bike lanes on Grand Boulevard. Ms. Robertson stated that Schenectady County may do a demonstration project of its own for this area this fall so it may be worth waiting to see how that goes.

Mr. O'Shea suggested a sub committee to meet in the next week to ten days and come up with a recommendation for the Complete Streets Committee on which project to work on.

4. Winnie Road Easement – Audrey Cox

Chairman Chapman moved Winnie Road discussion to next meeting.

5. Priority Letter Update / Route 7 requests

Ms. Robertson said letters have been sent. She has asked for a timeline on the study that is being done.

108 Chairman Chapman explained to Ms. Robertson that there are many things to discuss with
109 DOT not just the safety issues on Troy Road.

110 Ms. Robertson explained that Complete Streets is not the only people that want to meet with
111 DOT and as long as they meet with the Chief of Police and Town Supervisor, Niskayuna's
112 needs will be brought up to them.

113 **VIII. REPORTS**

114 There were no Committee Reports this meeting.

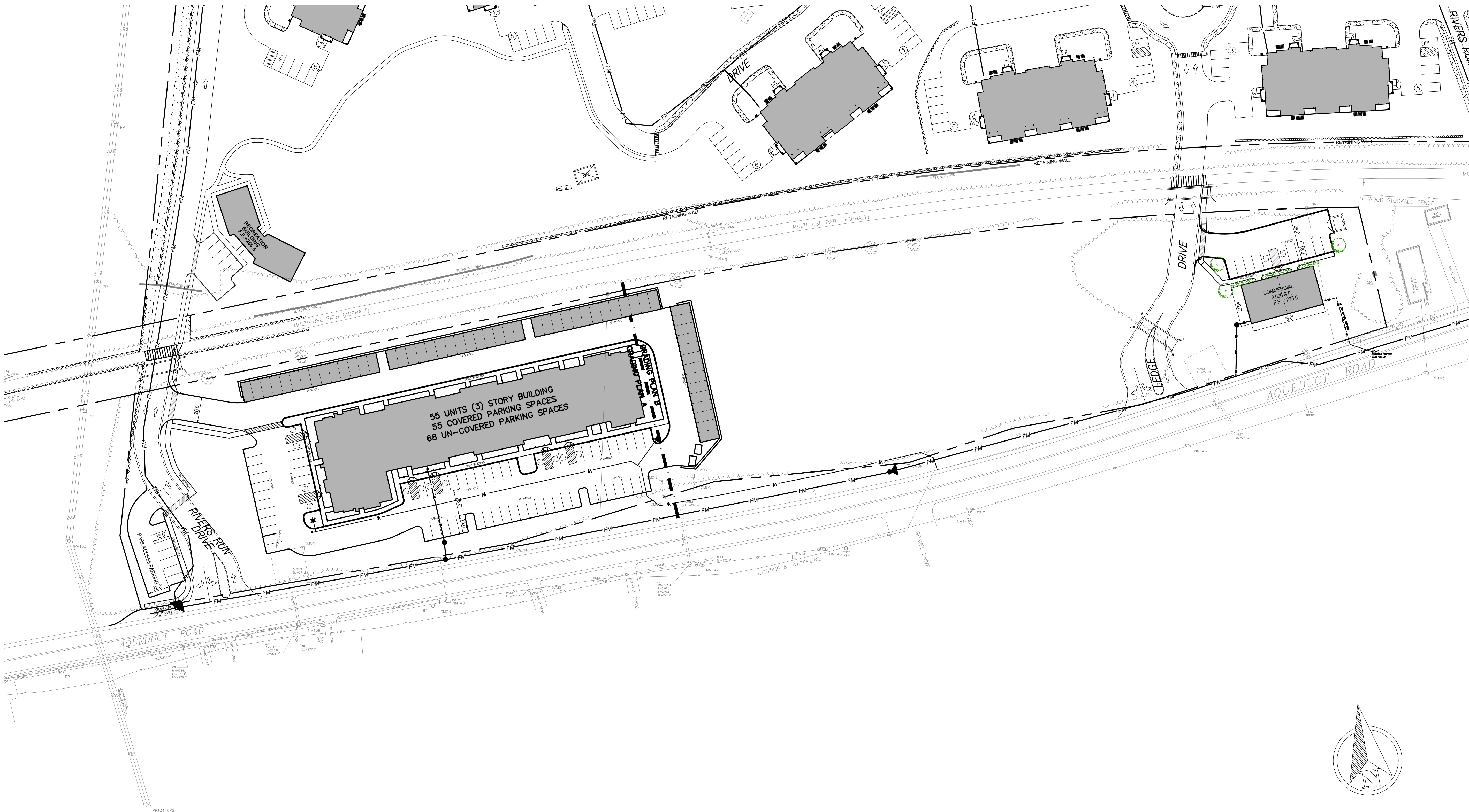
115 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

116 Mr. O'Shea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Duggal. All were in favor.

117 The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

SITE STATISTICS

OWNER: RIVERS LEDGE OF NISKAYUNA
APPLICANT: RIVERS LEDGE OF NISKAYUNA
49 RAILROAD AVENUE
ALBANY, NY 12205
AREA = 5.25± ACRES
USE: SENIOR APARTMENTS AND MIXED USE COMMERCIAL
MAIN BUILDING: 55 SENIOR APARTMENTS + 2,000 S.F. COMMERCIAL
PARKING PROVIDED = 123 SPACES
GARAGE SPACES = 55 SPACES
OUTDOOR SPACES = 68 SPACES
BUILDING HEIGHT - 41'
STAND ALONE COMMERCIAL BLDG = 3,000 S.F.
PARKING PROVIDED = 11 SPACES
BUILDING HEIGHT - 16'



OVERALL PLAN

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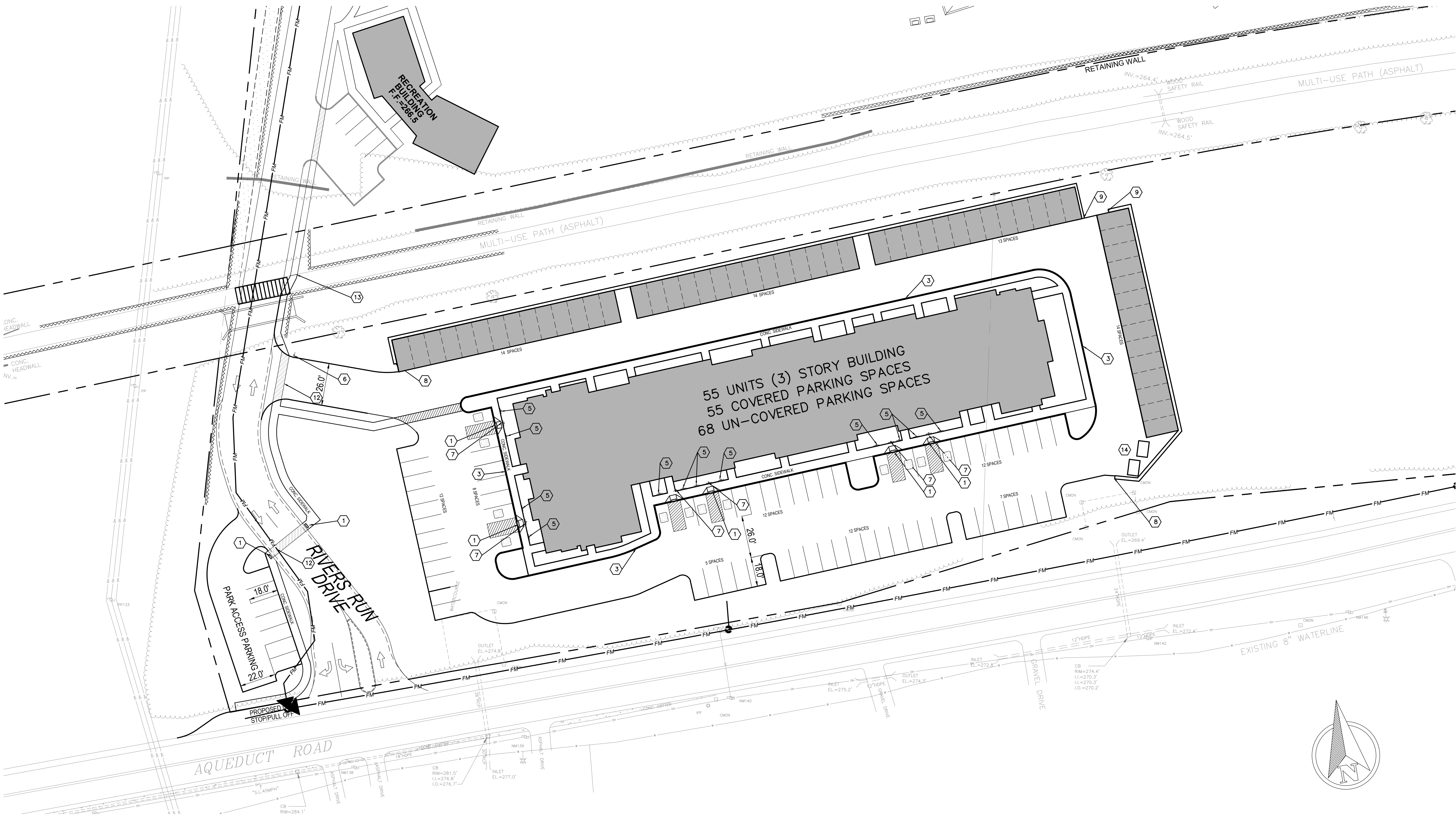
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| 3 | CONCRETE CURB | 12 | CROSSWALK |
| 4 | NOT USED | 13 | CONNECT TO EX. SIDEWALK |
| 5 | HANDICAP PARKING SIGN (MUTCD R7-8 W. R7-8P) | 14 | DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE |
| 6 | STOP SIGN (MUTCD R1-1 MIN. 30" X 30") | | |
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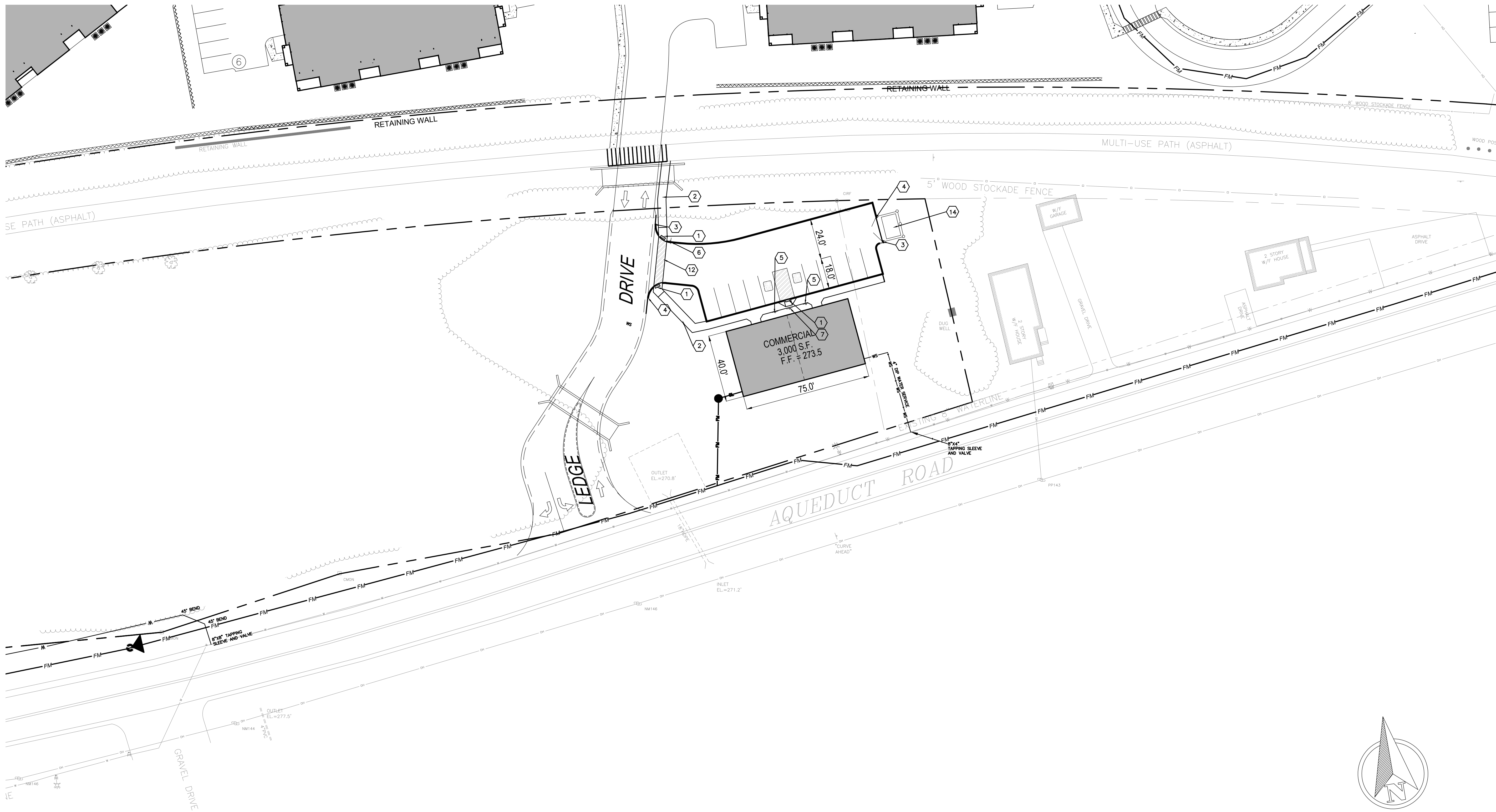
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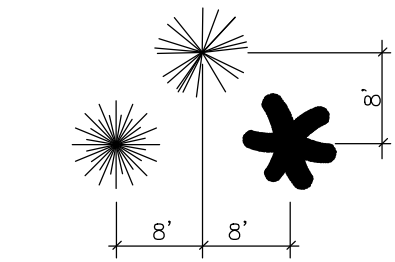


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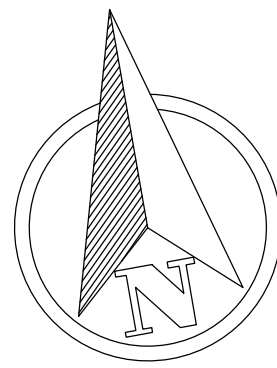
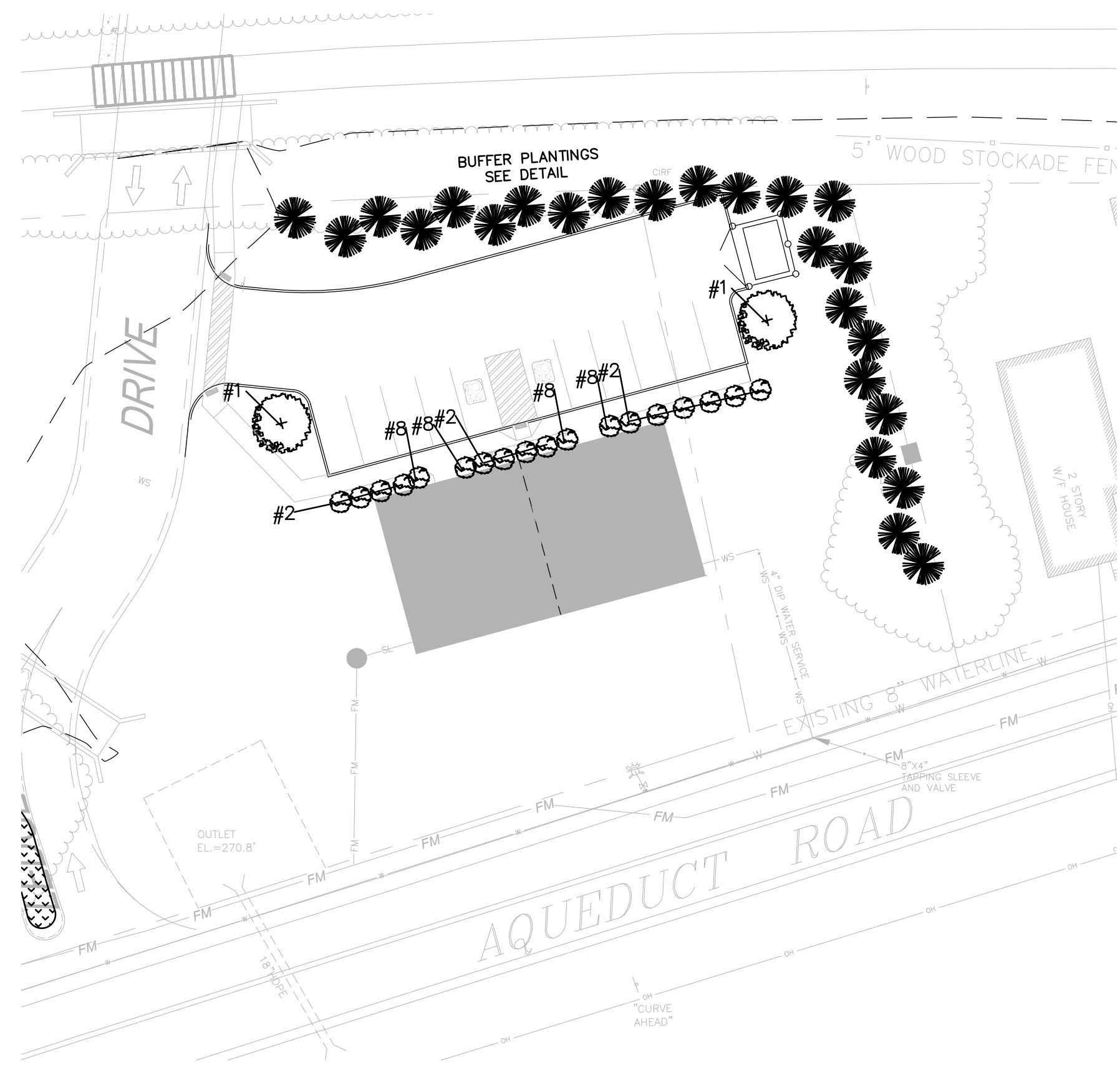
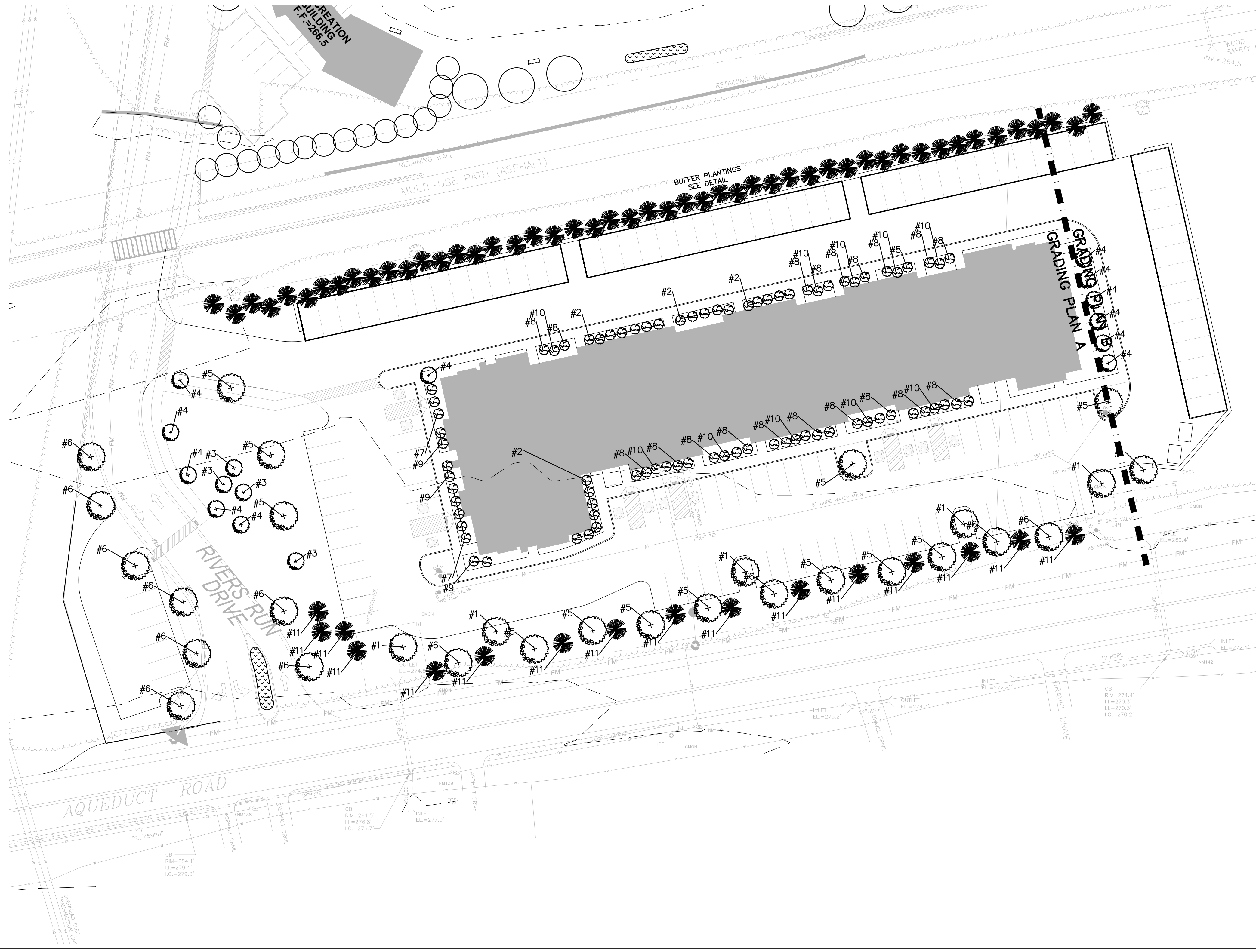
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PLANTING SCHEDULE					
TYPE	ABBREV	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	QUANTITY
LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE	1	RED MAPLE	ACER RUBRUM	3" CAL. B & B	7
DECIDUOUS SHRUB	2	BOXWOOD	BOXWOOD SEMPERVIRENS	5 GALLON	35
MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREE	3	RIVER BIRCH	BETULA NIGRA	3" CAL.	4
MEDIUM FLOWERING DECIDUOUS TREE	4	SARGENT CRABAPPLE	MALUS SARGENTI	3" CAL.	11
LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE	5	BLACK GUM/TUPELO	NYSSA SYLVATICA	3" CAL. B & B	6
LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE	6	AMERICAN SYCAMORE	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	5" CAL. B & B	8
FLOWERING SHRUB	7	DWARF SPIREA	SPIREA BUMALA FROEBELII	3 GALLON	8
FLOWERING SHRUB	8	MOPHEAD HYDRANGEA	HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA	5 GALLON	18
FLOWERING SHRUB	9	ROSE OF SHARON	HIBISCUS SYRIACUS	5 GALLON	6
SHRUB	10	GOLD SWORD YUCCA	YUCCA FILAMENTOSA 'GOLD SWORD'	5 GALLON	11
EVERGREEN TREE	11	NORWAY SPRUCE	PICEA ABIES	6'-8' TALL	41
EVERGREEN TREE	12	WHITE FIR	ABIES CONCOLOR	6'-8' TALL	25
EVERGREEN TREE	13	HINOKI CYPRUS	CHAMAECYPARIS OBTUSA	6'-8' TALL	24

SEEDING MIX

PRIMARY SEED MIX: 130 lbs/acre			
AMT. BY WEIGHT	SPECIES OR VARIETY	PURITY	MIN. % GERM.
55%	KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS BLEND	95%	80%
25%	RED FESCUE	97%	85%
20%	PERENNIAL RYE	98%	90%
100%			
TEMPORARY COVER SEED MIX: 30 lbs/acre			
AMT. BY WEIGHT	SPECIES OR VARIETY	PURITY	MIN. % GERM.
90%	ANNUAL RYE GRASS	98%	90%
10%	ORGANIC MATERIAL	—	—
100%			

- SITE PREPARATION:
- SEEDBED PREPARATION – SCARIFY IF COMPACTED. REMOVE DEBRIS AND OBSTACLES SUCH AS ROCKS AND STUMPS.
 - SOIL AMENDMENTS:
 - LIME TO A PH OF 6.0
 - FERTILIZE WITH 600LBS OF 5-10-10 OR EQUIV. PER ACRE (14LBS/1000 S.F.)
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2	8/29/23	REVISED AS PER THE COMMENTS	







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SITE SECTION ACROSS RIVER

