## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA Conservation Advisory Council A G E N D A September 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID IN-PERSON (TOWN BOARD ROOM) & VIRTUAL (GOOGLE MEETS)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1. August 2, 2023

#### IV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

#### V. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM REFERRALS

- 1. EAF 2023-06: Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna, Phase II (2837 Aqueduct Road)
- 2. EAF 2023-07: 2890 River Road, 4 Lot Subdivision

#### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### VII. REPORTS

- 1. Climate Smart Communities Task Force
  - GHG Inventory, Climate Action Plan
- 2. Bethlehem Conservation Easement Program
- 3. Natural Resource Inventory
- 4. Pesticide Outreach Update
- 5. Low Mow / Biodiversity Initiatives Update
- 6. Quiet Niskayuna
- 7. Composting Initiative

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

### Next Meeting: October 4, 2023 7pm, Town Board Room, Hybrid Format

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3			Meeting Minutes
4			August 2, 2023
5			(Virtual) Google Meet
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7	Members	s Present:	Dart Strayer, Chairperson
8			Ellen Daviero
9			Vicki Michela (virtual)
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11	Also Pres	sent:	Clark Henry, Assistant Planner (virtual)
12			Laura Robertson, Planner
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14	I.	CALL TO ORDER	
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25	IV.	PRIVILEGE OF TH	E FLOOR
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36 legislator.

#### CAC Meeting

- 2. Natural Resource Inventory
- Ms. Robertson said they were approved for the Grant just waiting to receive the contract.
- 39 3. Pesticide Outreach Update

Ms. Daviero said she was at the Farmer's Marker with a table a few Saturdays and talked about the Pesticide Outreach, Low Mow, Natural Resource Inventory, Quiet Niskayuna and the Composting Initiative. Ms. Daviero said Ms. Vysohlid joined her last Saturday and they did get a few people signed up for the Pesticide Outreach. She said they also talked to residents to inform them that pesticides are not healthy for the environment.

Ms. Daviero also mentioned that there is a QR Code for the CAC now which is helpful for people
 to get to all this information on the Town website.

Ms. Daviero said she has a meeting scheduled for September with the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor to discuss a place at the Transfer Station set up for residents that want to compost but do not have space at their residence.

50 4. Low Mow / Biodiversity Initiatives Update

51 Chairperson Strayer would like some guidelines or official policy in the Town with reference to 52 people leaving part of their lawn long.

Ms. Robertson said the inspectors are not really sighting residents as long as they mow around the driveway and edges and only leave a patch of un mowed grass. Ms. Robertson said she thinks code should be examined and not just make exemptions for No Mow May but consider promoting pollinator habitat.

- 57 5.Quiet Niskayuna (discussed earlier)
- 58 6.Composting Initiative (discussed earlier)
- 59 7.Climate Smart Communities Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Action Plan

Ms. Robertson said this grant was applied for to add more sidewalks to help alleviate vehicle trips to schools and other high traffic areas by making a safe way for people to walk to these destinations. Less vehicle trips make a healthier environment.

Ms. Robertson asked if it would be possible to move the Climate Smart designation to the CAC
 being as the CAC is already doing the working on it.

<sup>65</sup> Chairperson Strayer said he doesn't have any objection to that.

Ms. Robertson said that she needs to show that the Climate Smart is meeting regularly in order to

be compliant for future grant writing. If the Climate Smart is attached to the CAC and some passionate people get on board to make a sub-committee, then they can meet when it works for

69 them.

CAC Meeting

- Ms. Robertson said there will be a consultant from the Government coming in to do a Greenhouse
- Gas Inventory. This will show every source of emissions for the Town and give us an inventory of

that to see where we can improve.

#### 73 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairperson Strayer asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Daviero made a motion to adjourn the
- August 2, 2023 meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Michela. All were in favor. The meeting was
- <sup>76</sup> adjourned at approximately 7:32 PM.



## TOWN OF NISKAYUNA PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION

## AGENDA STATEMENT

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. VI. 1

MEETING DATE: 9/6/2023

**ITEM TITLE:** EAF 2023-06: 2837 Aqueduct Rd. (Rivers Ledge) – Phase II site plan app for a building containing 55 senior apartments and 2,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use commercial space.

PROJECT LEAD: Genghis Khan & Chris LaFlamme

**APPLICANT:** Chuck Pafundi, agent for the owner

SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

REVIEWED BY:
 ■ Planning Board (PB) ■ Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) □ Town Board
 ■ OTHER: ARB (in process)

#### ATTACHMENTS:

EAF ESite Plan Map Report Other:

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Chuck Pafundi, Project Manager for the River's Ledge development project, submitted an Application for Site Plan Review for a Rivers Ledge Senior Center building. The design includes a building containing 55 senior apartment units and 2,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use commercial space near the west end of the River's Ledge Phase I property line and a second 3,000 sq. ft. commercial building located approximately 380' to the east at the River's Ledge site off of Aqueduct Road. The originally proposed underground parking has been replaced with several detached parking garages.

Revised versions of a 13-page site plan and photo renderings of the proposed Sr. Center building and 4 covered parking garages were provided on 8/13/23. The majority of the PB's requests have been addressed in the new revision of the design, however a few action items remain unaddressed. A list of these items is included at the end of this Agenda Statement.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The lot at 2837 Aqueduct Road, known as Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna, received approval as a Planned Unit Development with 2 phases – the first phase was the 16 ten-unit apartment buildings and club house (& Rec Center) that is under construction now and the second phase was 100 senior living apartments and commercial space.

#### Phase 2 – Revision 1

The initial, Rev 1, version of a proposed Senior Center building is included in a drawing entitled "Overall Layout Plan 2837 Aqueduct Road" by Arico Associates dated January 2017 with a most recent revision status of 1 dated 4/14/17. The specific details of the 100 unit proposed building Page 1 of 9 are not included on the above referenced drawing however the water and wastewater impact of the Senior Center were included in relevant design calculations.

#### Phase 2 – Revision 2

The Rev 2 proposal includes a building containing 60 senior apartment units and 2,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use commercial space with 60 below grade garage parking spaces and 65 outdoor parking spaces. A proposed standalone 3,000 sq. ft. commercial building including 11 parking spaces is also included.

The Rev 2 version of the design was reviewed at the 11/3/21 Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting, the 11/3/21 Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting and the 11/8/21 Planning Board (PB) meeting. A brief summary of salient points from those meetings is included below.

<u>11/3/21 Architectural Review Board (ARB)</u> – The Planning Office presented the initial version of the site plan drawing and elevation drawing for the proposed buildings. A very general overview of the project was provided and it was noted that a more formal review will be held at a future meeting.

<u>11/3/21 Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)</u> – The Planning Office presented the initial version of the site plan drawing and elevation drawing for the proposed buildings. It was noted that the building was proposed as a 100-unit apartment building during the initial approval process for the Planned Utility District (PUD) but the presence of wetlands necessitated the reduction in the size of the building to its current size. Army Corps of Engineers approval will be required. The visibility of this building from Aqueduct Road was acknowledged and the need for appropriate facades and screening is required to keep the rural character of Aqueduct Road.

<u>11/8/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> -- Staff's initial thoughts are the reduction in disturbance to the wetlands is good, and a standalone commercial building could lend itself to a sit down restaurant or something that can complement the Mohawk Hudson bike hike trail's recreational use – but the height of the mixed use building is a problem and the mixed use commercial space could benefit from facing the bike path and having an outdoor seating and tables feature (originally discussed in the PUD concept). Niskayuna zoning code Section 220-17 Height Regulations does not allow buildings over 35 feet high. As proposed, the 3-story apartment building is 44' 4''. Therefore, a variance of 9' 4'' (44' 4'' - 35' = 9' 4'') would be required from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The rural character of the road is not incorporated into the façade, the public parking has been reduced, and the sidewalk connection is not yet shown.

#### Phase 2 – Revision 3

A Rev 3 version of a proposed Rivers Ledge Senior Center was submitted to the Planning Office on 5/19/22. This version includes a building containing 66 senior apartments and 2,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use commercial space. The plan includes 66 below grade and 78 grade level parking spaces. A small parking area containing 7 parking spaces is also included to provide access to nearby Aqueduct Park. A second building consisting of 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space with 11 nearby parking spaces is also included.

The following documents were provided as part of the Rev 3 proposal.

1. A 12-page drawing set entitled "Overall Plan – Phase 2" by Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E., PLLC dated 5/11/22 with no further revisions.

- 2. A 24-page drawing set intended for the Niskayuna Architectural Review Board (ARB) with the first page entitled "Exterior Perspective View from Aqueduct Road" by HCP Architects dated 5/3/22 with no subsequent revisions.
- 3. A 1-page drawing entitled "First Floor Plan East Wing" by HCP Architects dated 5/11/22 with no subsequent revisions.
- 4. A 144 page "Sewer Report" entitled "Addendum to the Project Narrative for Sanitary Sewer District #1 Extension #123" by Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E. PLLC dated February 3, 2020 with no subsequent revisions.
- A 706-page "SWPPP Report" entitled Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan for the Development of Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna" by Arico Associates Engineers, Land Planners & Consultants dated April 2017 with a most recent revision of January 2018.
- A 59-page "Water Report" entitled "Addendum to the Engineers Report Sanitary Water District #1 Extension #168" by Brett L. Steenburgh, P.E. PLLC dated December 11, 2020 with no subsequent revisions.

#### SUMMARY FROM THE PLANNINED UNIT DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN APPROVAL

# Condition 3 of the Rivers Ledge Planned Unit Development Site Plan Approval (last amended 9/27/2021 via PB Resolution 2021-31) required the following:

The following general site plan improvements and requirements shall be addressed for Phase II of Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna.

- a) The Developer shall work to preserve and protect the rural character of Aqueduct Road through the facades and landscaping of the properties along Aqueduct Road. The building designs shall remain the same height and character as those renderings presented to the Conservation Advisory Council on May 3, 2017.
- b) A landscaping design should be established to mitigate the loss of any wetlands and forests, with special attention to the Aqueduct Road corridor. The Tree Council shall survey the trees to be removed and approve the replanting plan. The developer shall work with the Town to preserve the Northern Long-Eared Bat habitat trees wherever possible, and replace and replant similar species if they must be removed.
- c) Where applicable, the Developer shall work with the Planning Board to reduce impacts to wetlands wherever possible. Mitigation for the wetlands shall be local first, in place and in kind and the Developer shall go to great lengths in a good faith effort to mitigate any wetland impacts within the local watershed area.
- d) The applicant shall be responsible for the construction of a public parking area between Aqueduct Road and the Mohawk Hudson Hike Bike Trail. Prior to final PUD approval, all access easements necessary for the public parking shall be granted to the Town of Niskayuna.
- e) Phase II includes the construction of senior living apartments. Transit has not been addressed in the previous site plans. The Developer shall contact CDTA and explore the possibility of extending service to Phase II of the Rivers Ledge PUD.
- f) The Developer shall be responsible for the parkland, sewer trunk and water trunk fees as outlined on a per unit cost in Town Board Resolution #2016-218.
- g) The applicant shall strive to meet the objectives of the Planned Unit Development Code, Section 220-34 and all multi-family dwelling regulations outlined in Chapter 220-26 of the Town of Niskayuna Zoning Code.

h) The applicant shall install a sidewalk from the edge of the Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna property line down Aqueduct Road to the entrance to the Aqueduct Park on Aqueduct Road.

<u>5/23/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Pafundi attended the meeting and presented the Rev 3 version of the proposed Senior Center. He noted that since they last appeared before the PB (11/8/21) their design team completely redesigned their approach. One of their primary goals was to break up the long length of the building with the use of a row house look and a variety of façade depths, colors, etc. He noted that they were able to maintain the requirement of 1 parking space for each apartment unit in the building. PB members noticed and commented on the height of the building being 41' (35' is max. allowed per zoning code) and would therefore still require a variance. The PB suggested that Mr. Pafundi utilize a mixture of roof lines – dormers, gable, mansard roof, etc. to soften the building appearance.

Mr. Pafundi stated that he can have his architects and civil engineers work together to create a rendering of how the building will appear with the existing trees and vegetation around it. Mr. Pafundi noted that he is working with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding wetlands.

The PB established the following action items.

- Applicant work with design team regarding the PB's façade comments
  - Create a rendering showing proposed building with exiting trees around it to help w/scale
  - Explore ways to shorten the height of the building and also make it appear shorter
- PO schedule a review with the ARB
- PO provide pictures of Notts Landing to Mr. Pafundi

On Monday June 6, 2022 Mr. Pafundi emailed the Planning Office stating that he and his design team evaluated the following 3 design options.

- 1. Reduce the height of the building to comply with the 35' maximum zoning code height.
- 2. Employ design features such as dormers, gable roofs, mansard roofs, etc. to reduce the visual impact of a building that is taller than 35'. (Make the building appear <= 35').
- 3. Proceed with the design as it was presented at the 5/23/22 PB meeting and request a variance for building height from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

In the email Mr. Pafundi stated that they would like to proceed with option 3. A scaled rendering of the 41' high building and the surrounding trees was also provided.

<u>6/8/22 Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting</u> – the Planning Office described the details of the Rev 3 version of the proposed Senior Center Building to the CAC. After an engaged discussion the CAC members concurred on offering the following suggestions.

- They would like to see what a 2-story rendition would like that complies with the 35' height requirement because they are concerned about the height.
- They asked for green energy practices to be utilized solar, EV charging stations, etc.
- They asked the Planning Board to require pesticide free maintenance of the building grounds, especially with all the wetland around
- They asked for a path or walkway to connect all of the buildings, including the small commercial building, to the bike path.

- They requested outdoor seating and outdoor recreation space for the senior center building and outdoor seating for the commercial building.
- They appreciated the reduction in wetland impacts.

<u>6/13/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Pafundi attended the meeting and explained that the developer would like to pursue approval of the 41' high building as shown in the "Rev 3" design. He noted that their design team believes the extra 6' (41 - 35 = 6) of building height allows for a more residential looking pitched roof design. He requested that the Planning Board proceed with the "Rev 3" design and make a recommendation either for or against the design so that he could pursue an area variance for 6 additional feet of building height with the ZBA. Ms. Robertson displayed the colored rendering that was included in the PB meeting packet that showed a scaled side elevation view of the building including the nearby trees. After discussion the PB requested the following additional detail for the 7/11/22 PB meeting and agreed to make a recommendation on the ZBA application at that meeting.

<u>6/15/22 Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting</u> – the ARB reviewed the most recent images of the building and discussed the upcoming ZBA meeting.

<u>7/6/22 Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting</u> – Mr. Pafundi attended the meeting and repeated the presentation he made to the Planning Board at their 6/13/22 meeting. He responded to each of the CAC's requests from their 6/8/22 meeting and explained why some could be implemented and why others could not. Mr. Pafundi and the CAC discussed several potential additions to the site plan including the following.

- Add a sidewalk and cross walk that connects the small commercial building that is part of the Senior Center site plan to the bike path.
- Add an outdoor seating and potentially dining area between the Senior Center and River Run Drive.
- Add more landscape screening between the Senior Center building and Aqueduct Road
  - o Utilize a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees
  - Retain as many existing trees as possible
- Utilize pesticide free landscaping practices

Mr. Pafundi noted that he is working with his team to produce architectural renderings of the Senior Center as viewed from the Rexford side of the Mohawk River. The Planning Board previously asked for renderings that show where the air conditioning units will be located on the buildings.

<u>7/11/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Pafundi attended the meeting and addressed the questions that were raised at the 6/13/22 PB meeting. He confirmed that the HVAC units will not be visible from the sidewalks, streets or anywhere outside and around the building. He noted that the design team is still working on preparing renderings of how the proposed Senior Center building will appear when viewed from the Alplaus side of the Mohawk River. He expected to have the renderings in time for the 8/24/22 ZBA meeting. He also noted that the final package has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and that the first comments from the Town's TDE were received on 7/7/22. The PB inquired about how the "barbell" ends of the building connect with the main building roofline. Mr. D'Arpino requested an aerial roof plan. Mr. Pafundi agreed to provide the plan. The PB discussed the effect on the comprehensive plan, the suitability of use and then recommended with a vote of 7-0 that the ZBA grant the requested area variance for building height.

<u>8/3/22 Schenectady County Planning and Zoning Coordination Referral</u> – The Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning received the Town's referral and approved the proposal on 8/3/22.

<u>8/17/22 Architectural Review Board (ARB)</u> – The ARB reviewed the most recent documents and renderings of the proposed Senior Center at their 8/17/22 meeting. The Planning Office had prepared a Power Point presentation of several existing "row house" type buildings in the Capital District for reference. The presentation includes buildings in Ballston Spa, Saratoga, Green Island as well as generic "row house images" that were obtained with a simple Goggle search. The ARB still has concerns regarding the mass and scaling of the buildings. They agreed that a roofline plan is necessary to assess how the building would be constructed and how it would appear from various viewing angles. The ARB agreed to schedule a follow up working session with Mr. Pafundi and HCP Architects.

<u>8/24/22 ZBA meeting</u> – The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed the application for an area variance for 6 additional feet of building height and granted the variance at their 8/24/22 meeting. They requested that the applicant work with the Planning Board to remove white siding from the proposed new building (per Alplaus resident request at meeting).

<u>8/29/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Pafundi was not able to attend the 8/29/22 PB meeting. Chairman Walsh and Ms. Robertson updated the Board regarding the ZBA's granting of the area variance for building height. The PO and PB discussed the next steps for the project and the outstanding action items from the 7/11/22 PB meeting.

Mr. Pafundi and his engineer Mr. Steenburgh submitted a "site section view" drawing to the Planning Office on 9/8/22. The drawing shows a cross section view of an elevation view of the Alplaus side of the Mohawk River, the Mohawk River, and the Niskayuna side of the Mohawk River. The drawing shows the general elevation differences between the homes on the Alplaus side of the river and the Rivers Ledge site. The Planning Office reviewed their notes from previous meetings and complied the following list of open action items for review at the 9/121/22 meeting.

- 1. Add a sidewalk and cross walk that connects the small commercial building to the existing bike path.
- 2. Add outdoor seating / dining area between the Sr. Center and River Run Drive.
- 3. Add more landscape screening between the Sr. Center building and Aqueduct Rd.
  - a. Utilize a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees.
  - b. Retain as many existing trees as possible.
- Per resolution 2021-31 Condition 3 (h) install a sidewalk from the edge of the Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna property line down Aqueduct Road to the entrance to the Aqueduct Park on Aqueduct Road.
- 5. Remove white siding from the proposed buildings.
- 6. Provide a roof plan for the Sr. Center building.
- 7. Meet with the ARB to continue to refine the façade design of the building.

<u>9/12/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Steenburgh attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Robertson informed the PB that the area variance for a building height of 41' (6' variance) was approved by the ZBA at their 8/24/22 meeting. Ms. Robertson noted that nearby residents had requested that white siding not be used on the Senior Center building due to the high level of reflectiveness and brightness. Mr. Steenburgh agreed. He also noted that a roof plan will be provided for the 10/3/22 meeting.

A roof plan drawing was received and is included in the meeting packet.

<u>10/3/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – There were no representatives on behalf of the applicant at the meeting. The PB briefly discussed the roof plan. Mr. D'Arpino explained how the HVAC system will be stored and concealed. The Planning Office noted that the Weston and Sampson engineering firm has been selected as the TDE for the project. The PB requested additional information and details for the smaller 3,000 sq. ft. building.

On 1/10/23 Mr. Steenburgh emailed the Planning Office stating that construction costs associated with the underground parking have made the project cost prohibitive. The email includes a revised sketch plan that includes 55 car port parking spaces to meet the one covered space per unit as required in the Town zoning code. The revision status of the drawing was not changed but a hard copy version is stamped "Received Jan 10 2023 Planning Office Niskayuna, NY" and saved in the paper folder archives. The sketch plan now includes 55 covered parking spaces and 69 uncovered parking spaces.

A new 23-page design package entitled "Exterior Perspective – View from Aqueduct Road, Rivers Ledge Development Senior Building, Aqueduct Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309 by HCP Architects dated 12/12/22 was also included with the email. The design package includes renderings of the exterior of the revised building, window and siding specifications, interior floor plans and manufacturer's spec. sheets for several other key components of the proposed design.

While the Planning Office does not object to changing the parking to above ground, the Board should explore the visual change/impact to the Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail, what the materials for the proposed garages would be, whether the main building height can be lowered as a result of the loss of the underground parking, what the impact is to landscaping and screening. The PO notes the conditions for Phase 2 of the PUD includes:

- 1. Preserving and protected the rural character of Aqueduct Road
- 2. Mitigate the loss of wetlands with landscaping and protect northern long-eared bat trees
- 3. Reduce impacts to wetlands (as proposed one building reduces impacts)
- 4. Construct a public parking lot (shown in proposed plan)
- 5. Explore transit opportunities / bus stop on premises
- 6. Meet multi-family dwelling regulations wherever possible
- 7. Install a sidewalk from the edge of Rivers Ledge property line down Aqueduct Road to the entrance to Aqueduct Park on Aqueduct Road (not shown)

The Board should review and discuss the revised design.

<u>2/23/2023 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Steenburgh, engineer for the applicant, attended the meeting and presented the new design on the applicant's behalf. The Board expressed dismay that the underground parking that was included in the original proposal was not included as part of the most recent proposal for the senior center building and asked the applicant to look into several alternative designs to keep the feel of the PUD. Some of the considerations were:

- 1. Look at underground parking again
- 2. Look at moving underground parking adjacent to building
- 3. Look at breaking up the sea of asphalt around this building
- 4. Consider less covered parking only covered parking to one side of building
- 5. Consider inside of building entrances and exits are not conducive to walking to covered parking consider covered entry or walkway to parking

<u>2/27/2023 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – Mr. Chuck Pafundi, applicant for the project and Project Manager for the Rivers Ledge development, attended the meeting to discuss some of their findings following the last Planning Board meeting and discuss options to pursue for approval. The Planning Board discussed that if the project had to move to detached garages, they would want to ensure one covered space per unit (55 total). They requested the following information:

- 1. Renderings of the garages to review the aesthetics
- 2. An elevation profile of the site which included the garages and their relation to Aqueduct Road, the main building and the bike path.
- 3. Setbacks labeled for the garages
- 4. Height dimensions for the garages
- 5. Landscape buffering to bike path
- 6. A reconfiguration of the building with entrances that face the parking garages

<u>3/1/23 Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) meeting</u> – The project was a Discussion Item at the 3/1/23 CAC meeting. The CAC discussed that it would be difficult for residents to have to clean the snow of their cars without a covered spot.

<u>3/3/2023 Complete Streets</u> – The Complete Streets recommended the applicant incorporate covered bike racks for the commercial area (as well as bike rack storage or outside covered storage bike rack for residents) into this proposal and locate a free bike maintenance station similar to several that have been installed in nearby communities. They also requested that since more trees and brush were being removed along the bike path – more should be put back to screen he garages. They did not want the garages to look like a long wall along the bike path.

<u>3/9/2023 Tree Council</u> – Tree Council briefly reviewed the site plan changes and agreed to be ready to review additional landscaping plans and screenings.

Mr. Pafundi provided the Planning Office with colored renderings of proposed garages on 3/7/23 and asked to be on the agenda for the 3/13/23 PB meeting.

3/13/23 Planning Board (PB) meeting – Chuck Pafundi attended the meeting on behalf of the developer and presented and explained the new site plan drawing and colored renderings of the proposed parking garages to the Board. The Board discussed the project and requested the following additional items.

- A relative height rendering showing the Senior Center building, the garages and grade level for Aqueduct Rd, the bike path, the Mohawk River and the bank of the river.
- A rendering of the back entrance of the Sr. Center building.

The Board also commented on a few design aspects of the proposed parking garages and requested that the ARB review and provide feedback on them.

<u>8/13/23</u> – Brett Steenburgh P.E., engineer for the developer, provided the Planning Office with an updated site plan drawing for the Senior Center dated 8/2/23, a 3-page photo rendering package consisting of a relative height rendering requested by the Board dated 3/21/23 and colored renderings of the proposed parking garages dated 3/20/23.

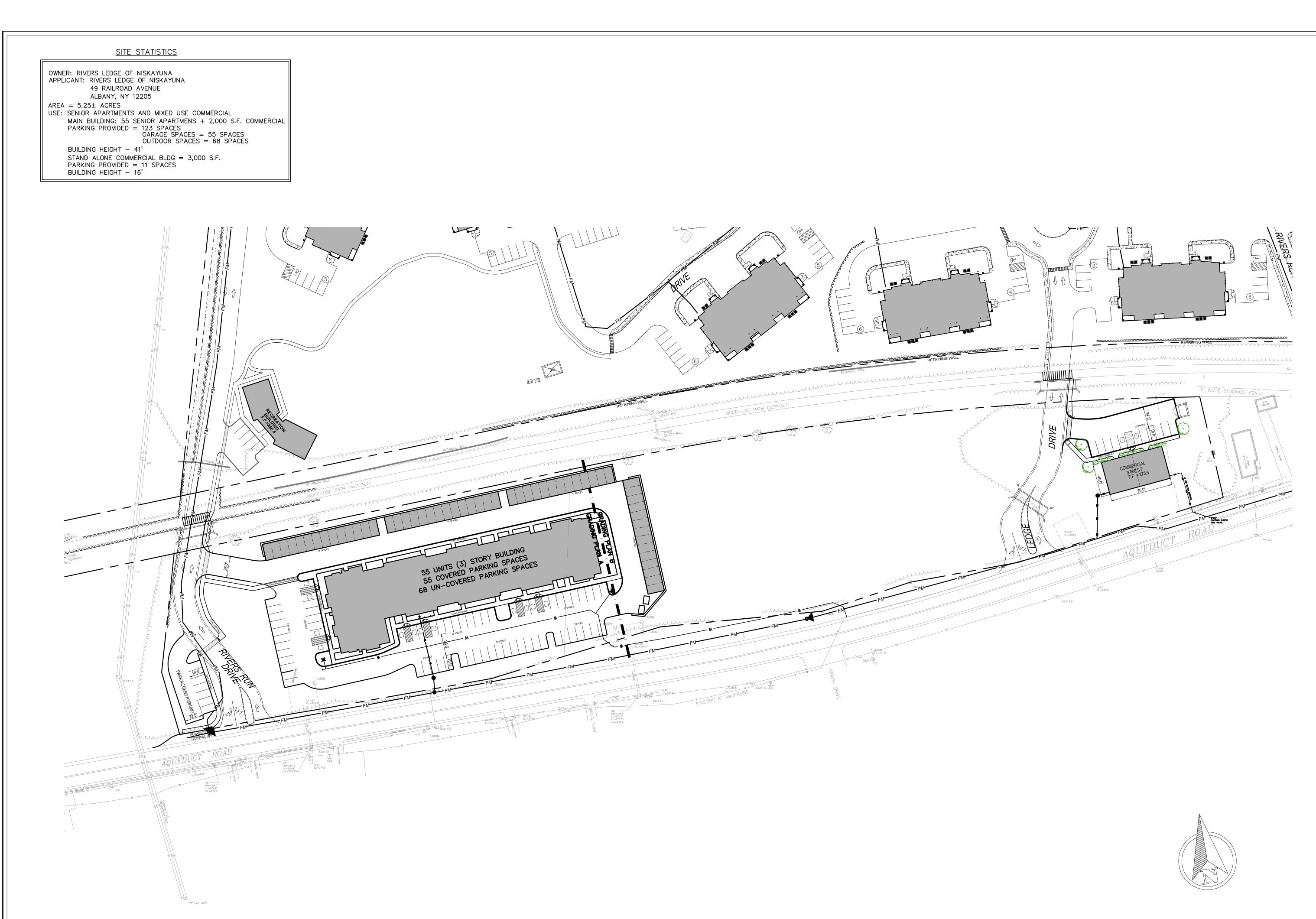
<u>8/16/23 Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting</u> – The ARB reviewed the new files and documents. They were pleased with the overall appearance of the buildings and the surrounding landscaping. They provided Mr. Steenburgh with a marked up rendering and recommended

removing the courses of shingles under the gable roof portion of the garage. They also recommended that the gable feature be carried over to the back of the building.

The PB should carefully review the new site plan drawing and photo renderings relative to the design requests that have been made by the PB, CAC and ARB at previous board meetings that include but are not limited to the following.

- 1. Add an outdoor seating / dining area possibly between the Sr. Center Building and River Run Drive.
- 2. Explore transit opportunities / bus stop on premises.
- 3. Break up the sea of asphalt around the Sr. Center building
- 4. Show that the inside includes entrances and exits that are conducive to walking to the covered parking garages. Consider covered walkways from the building to the garages.
- 5. Include setback dimensions from the proposed garages to the property lines.

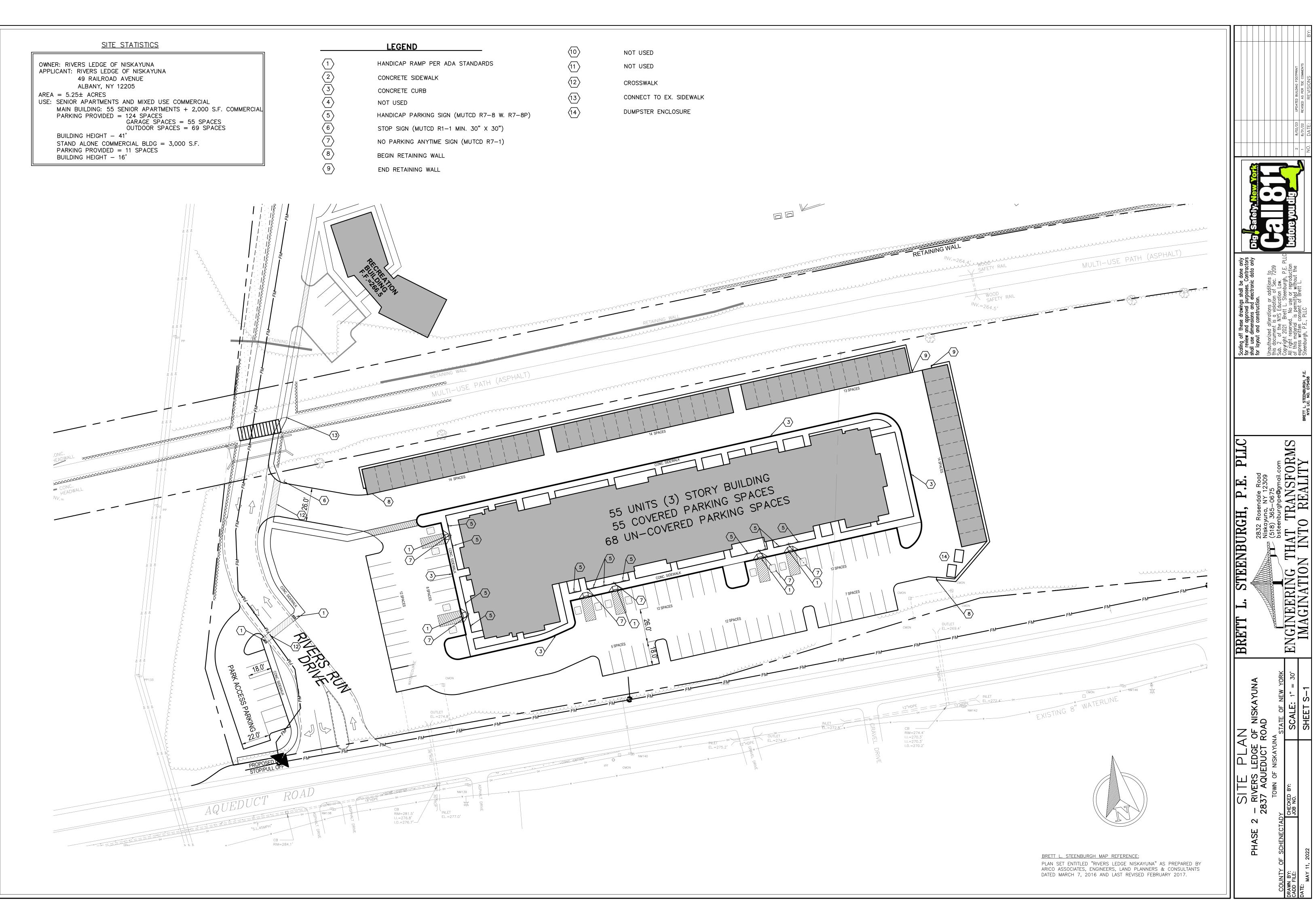
The PB reviewed the project with the developer on 8/28/2023. It has been referred to the CAC for a full recommendation for potential action on the project on September 11, 2023.



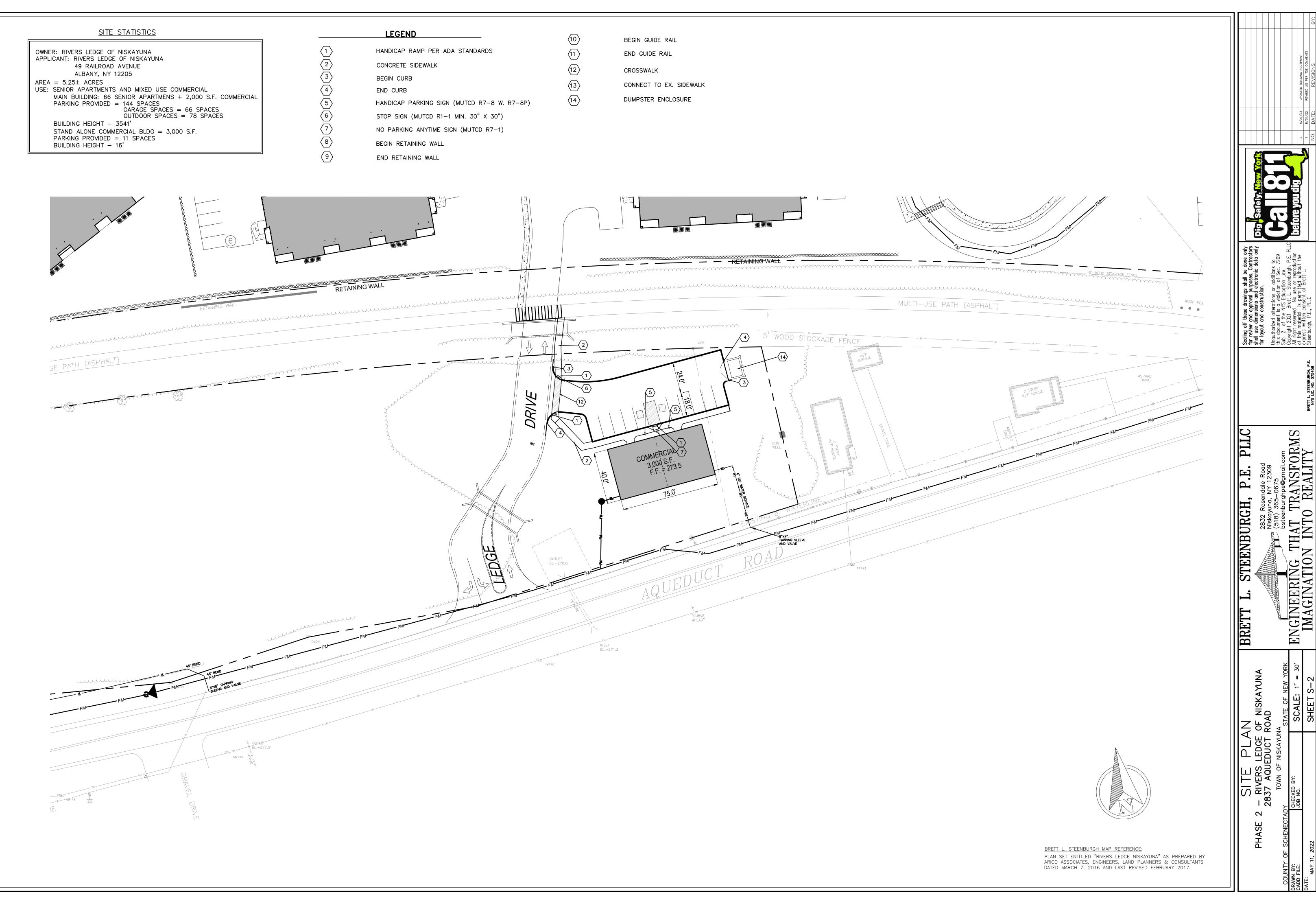
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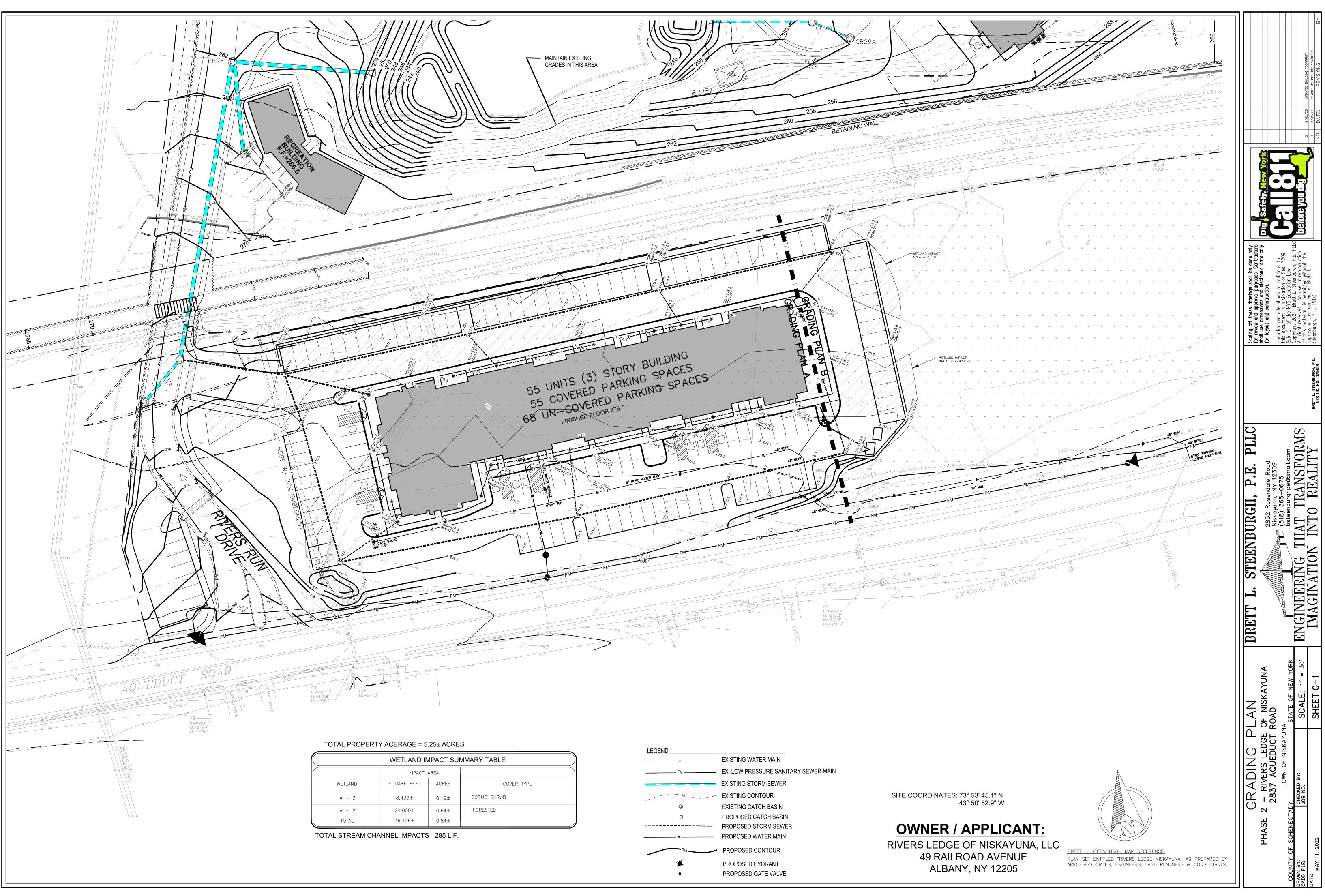


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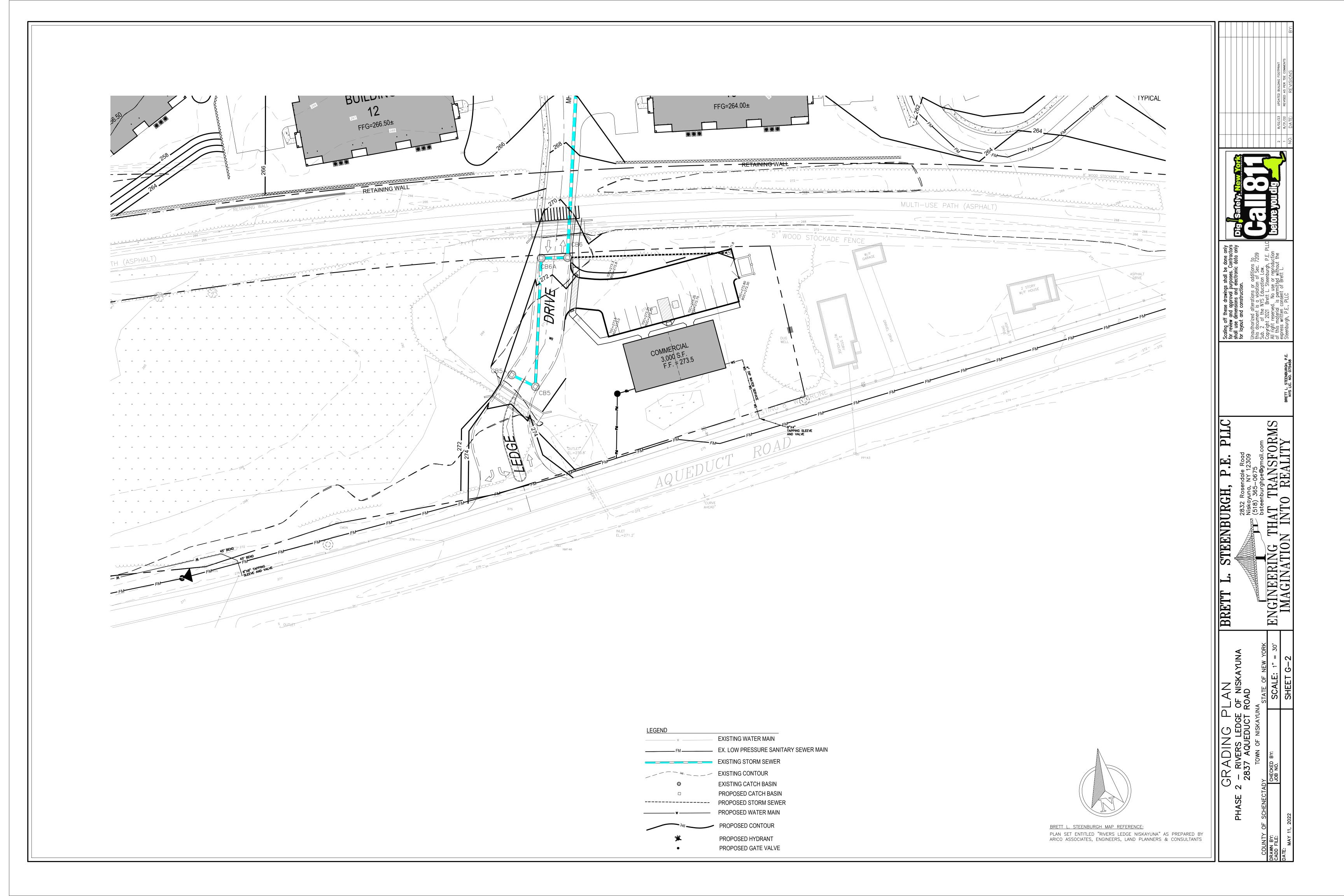
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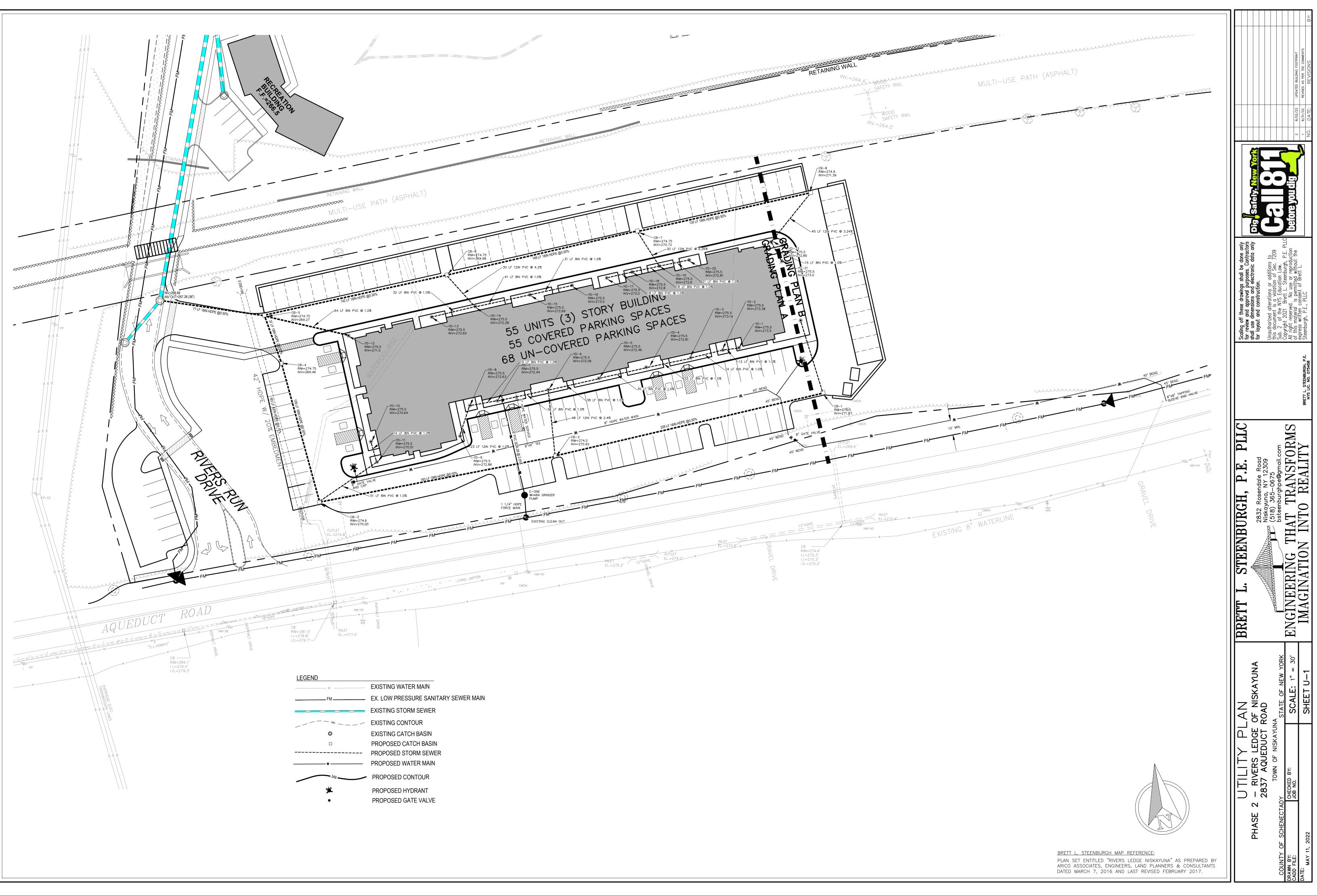
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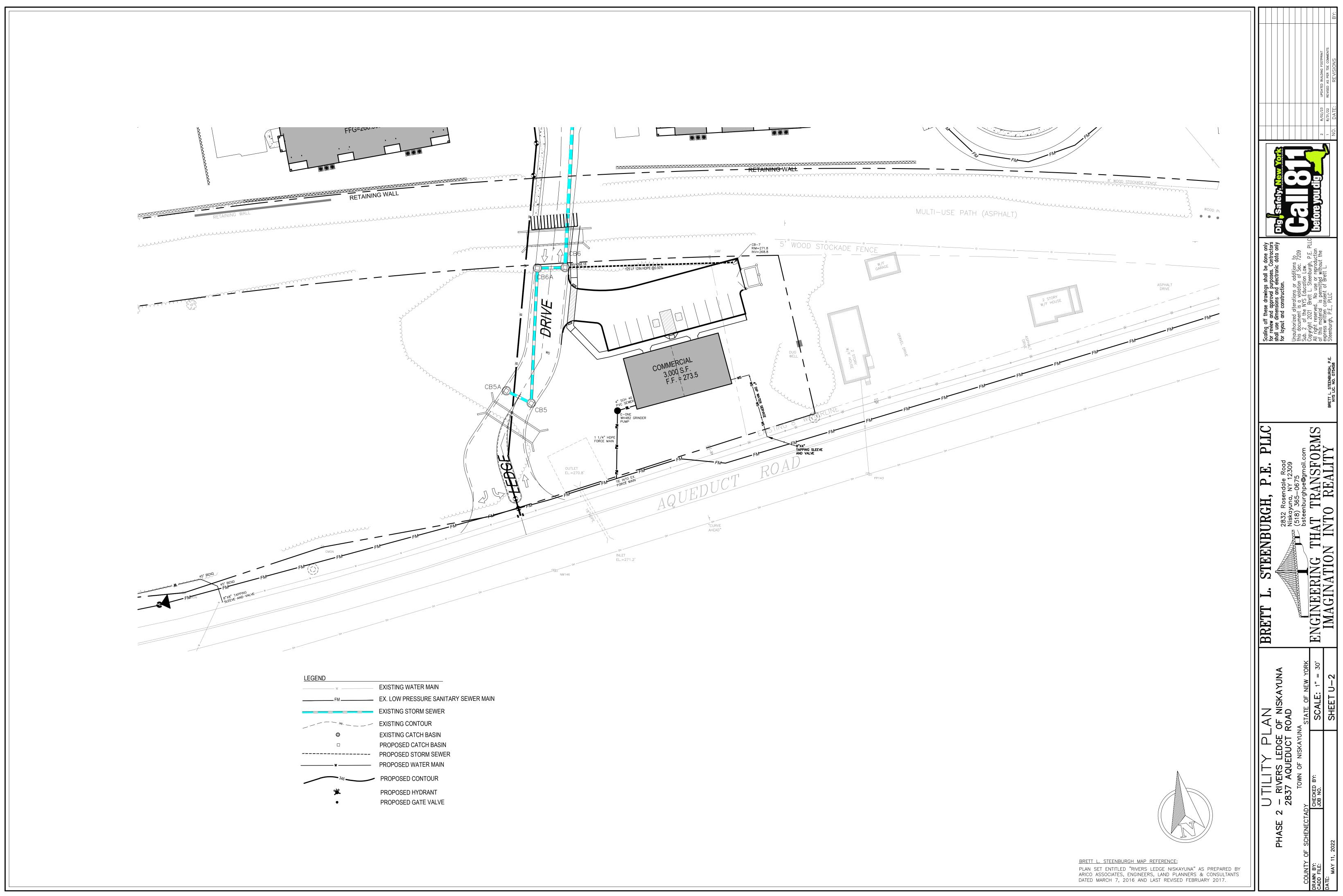
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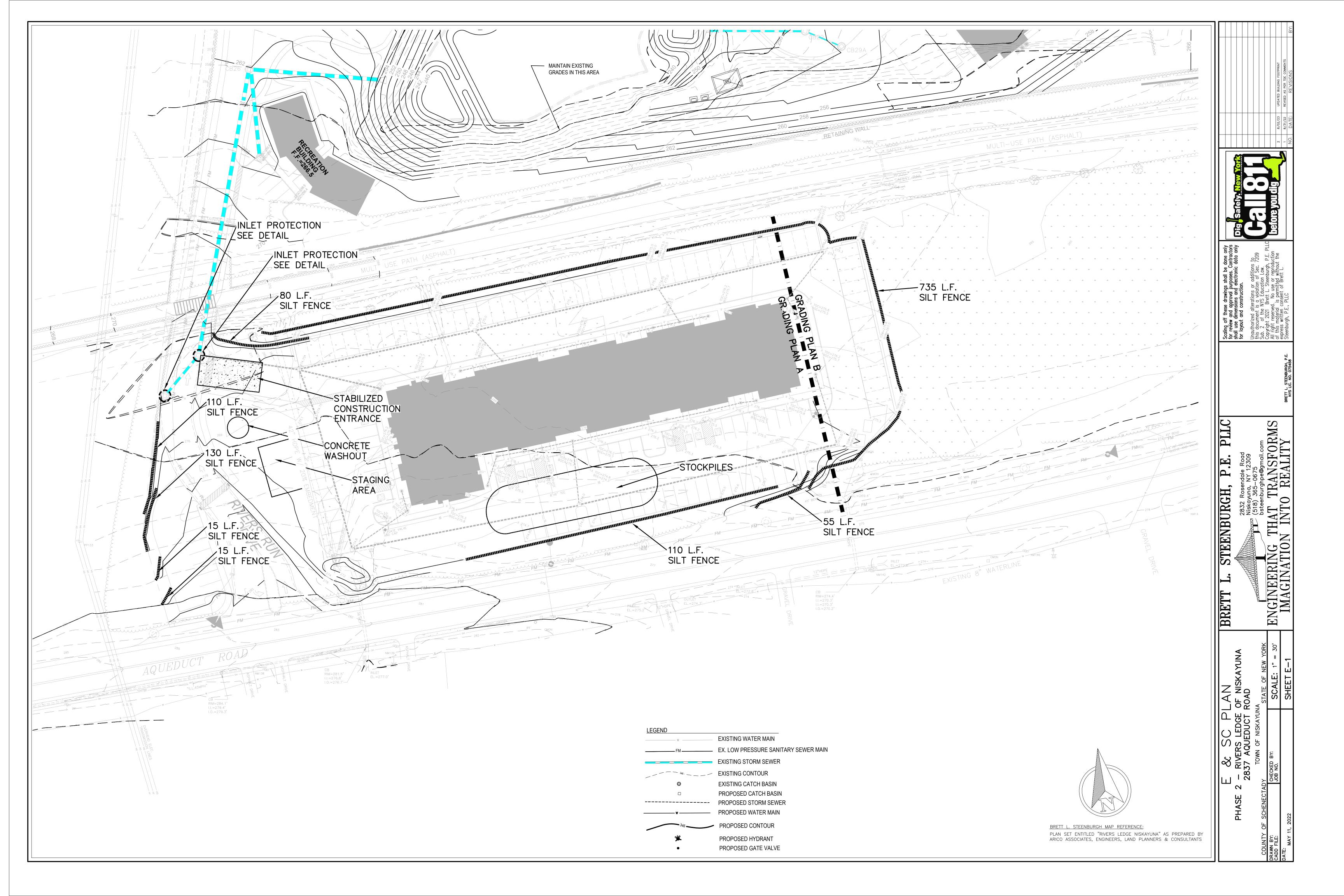


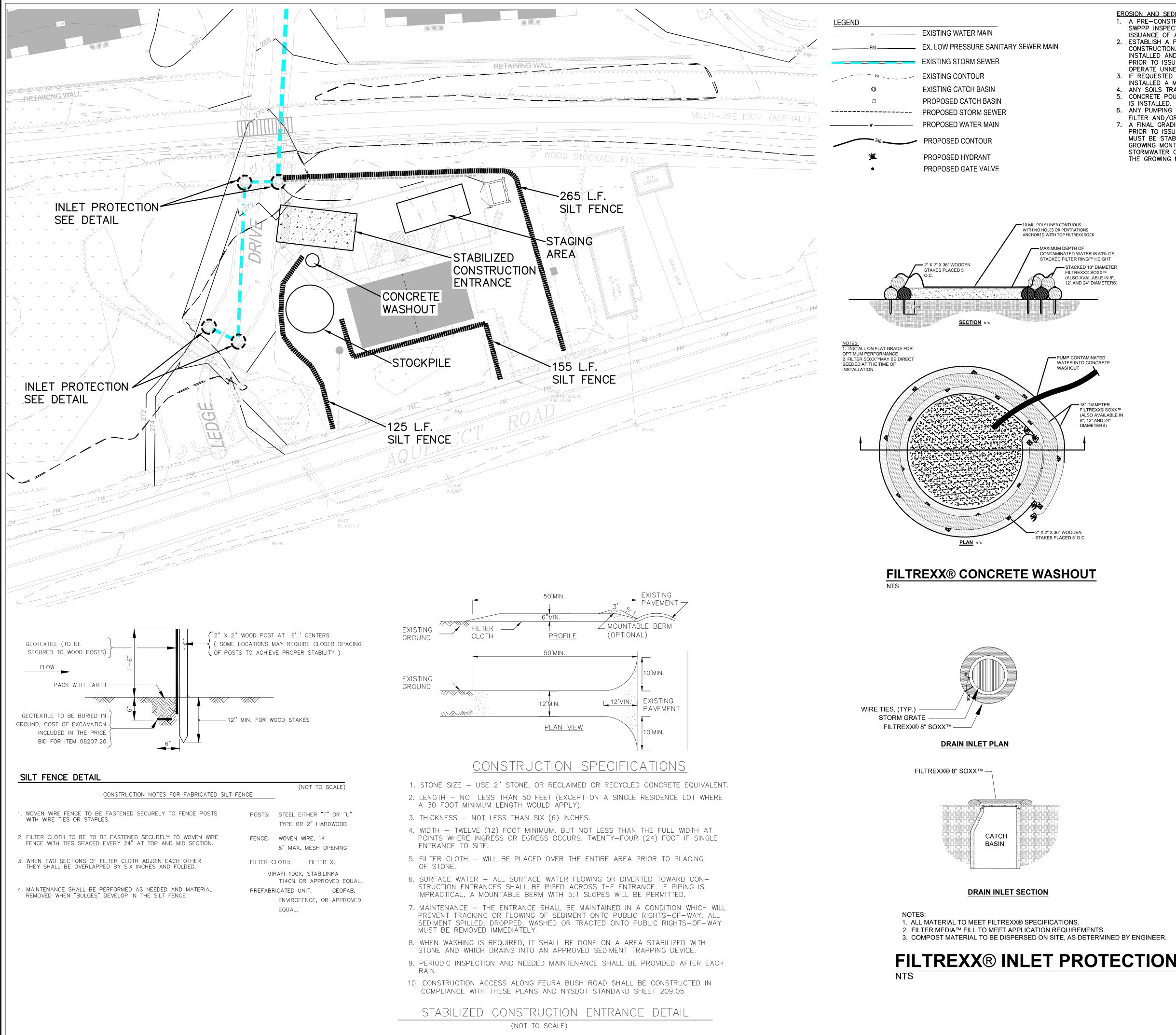
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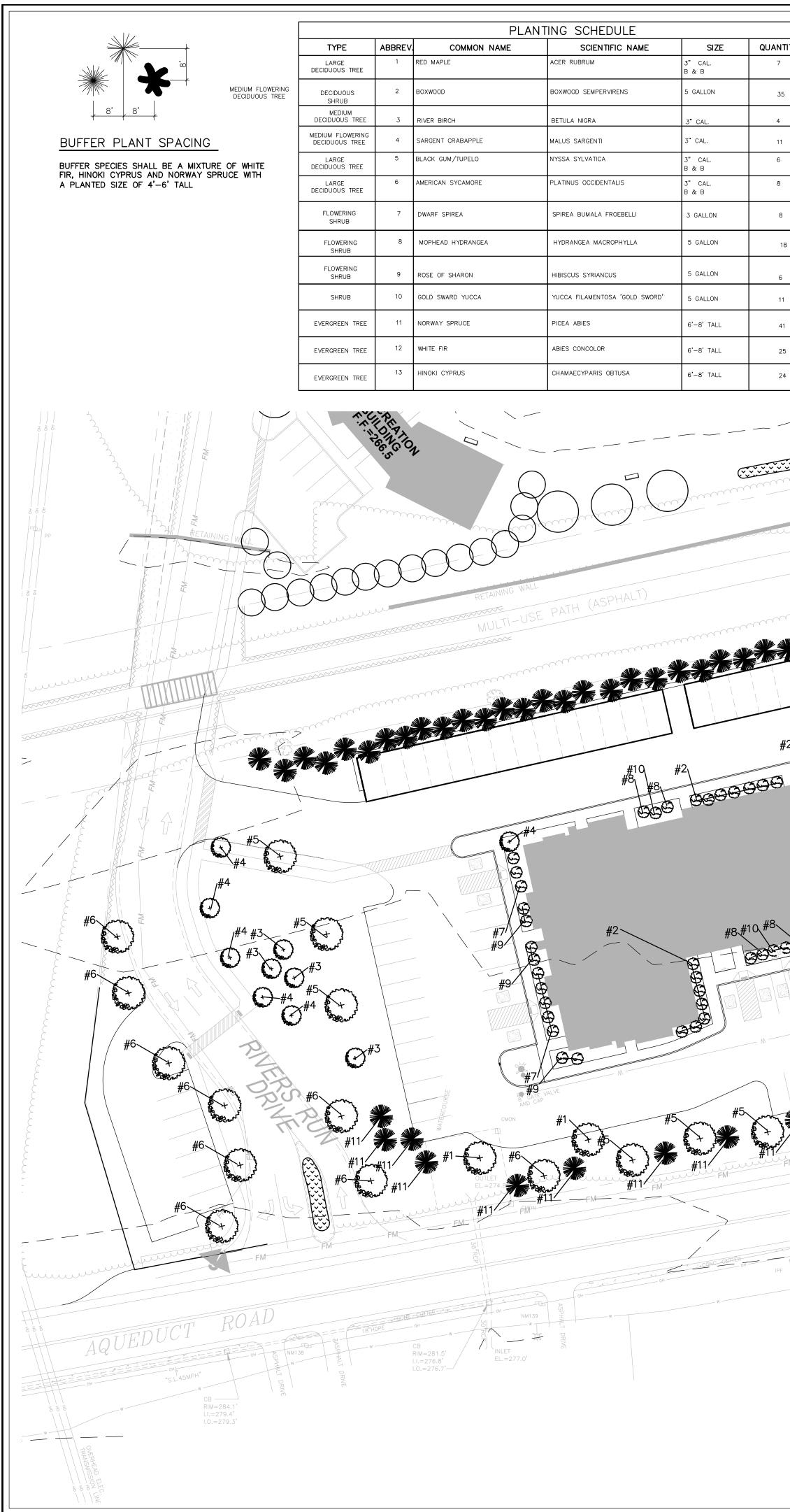




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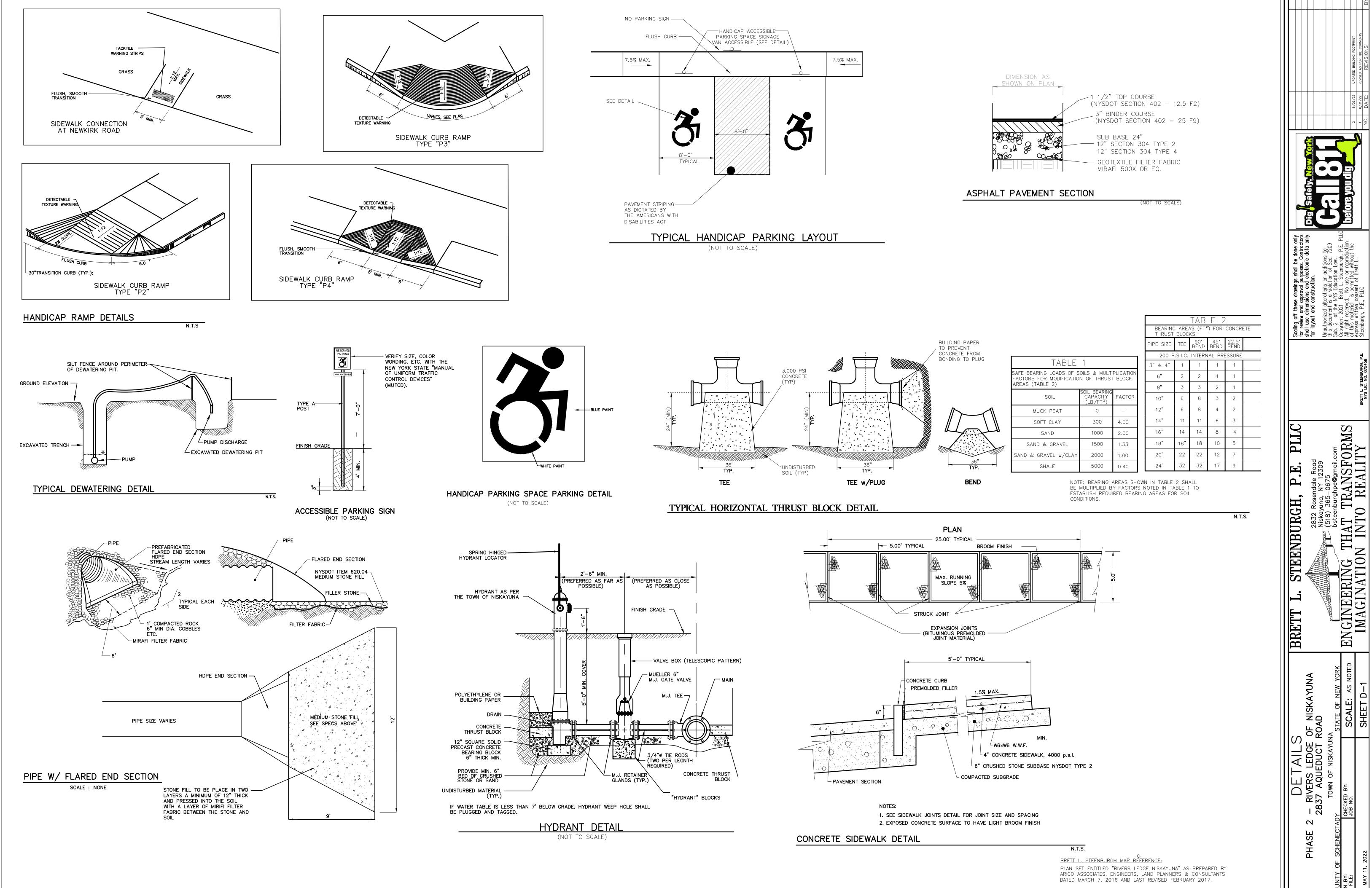
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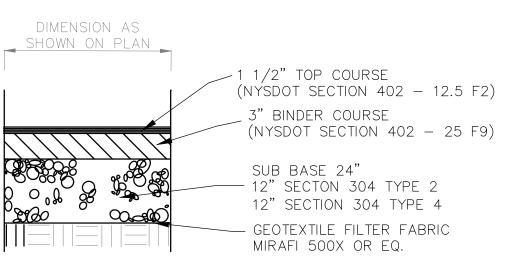


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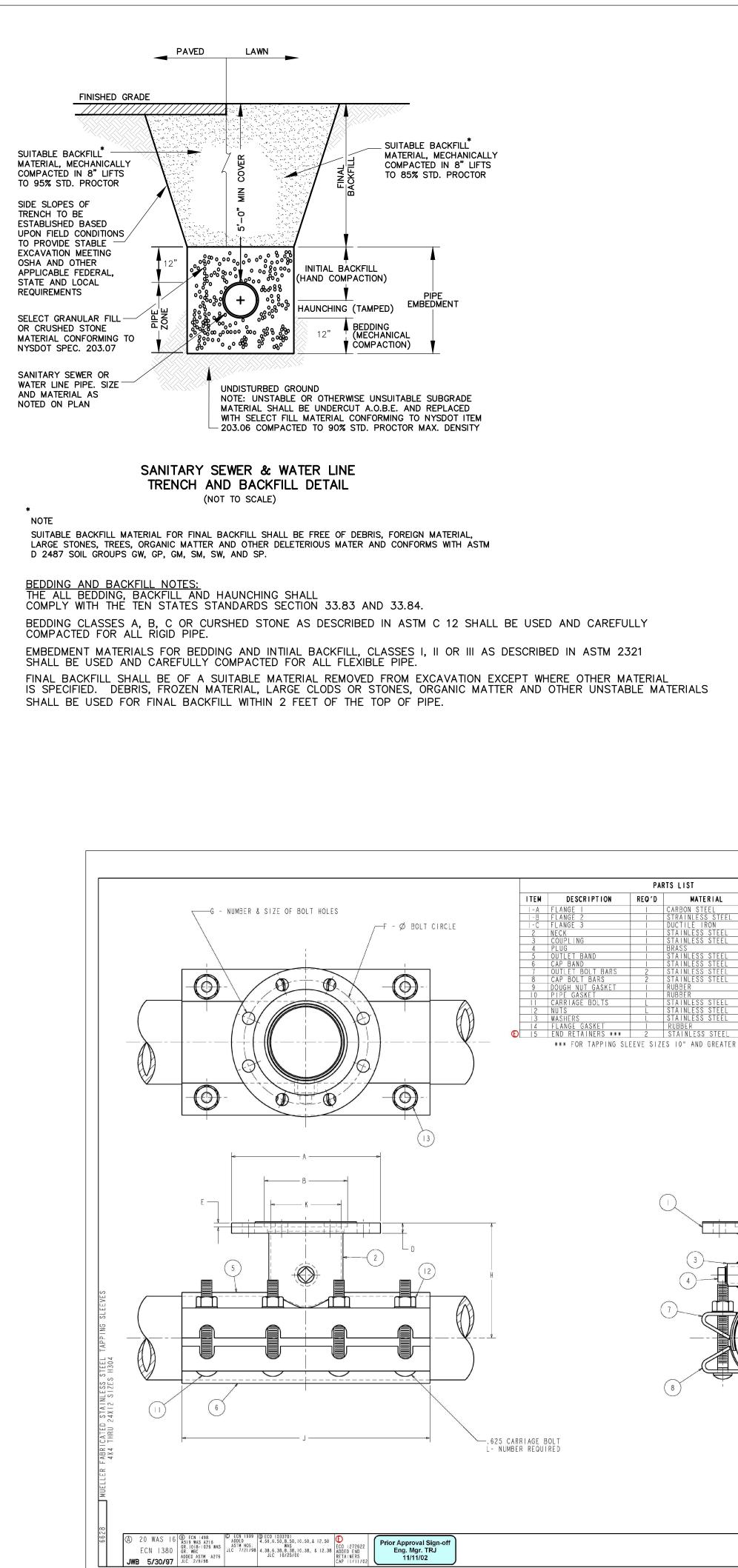


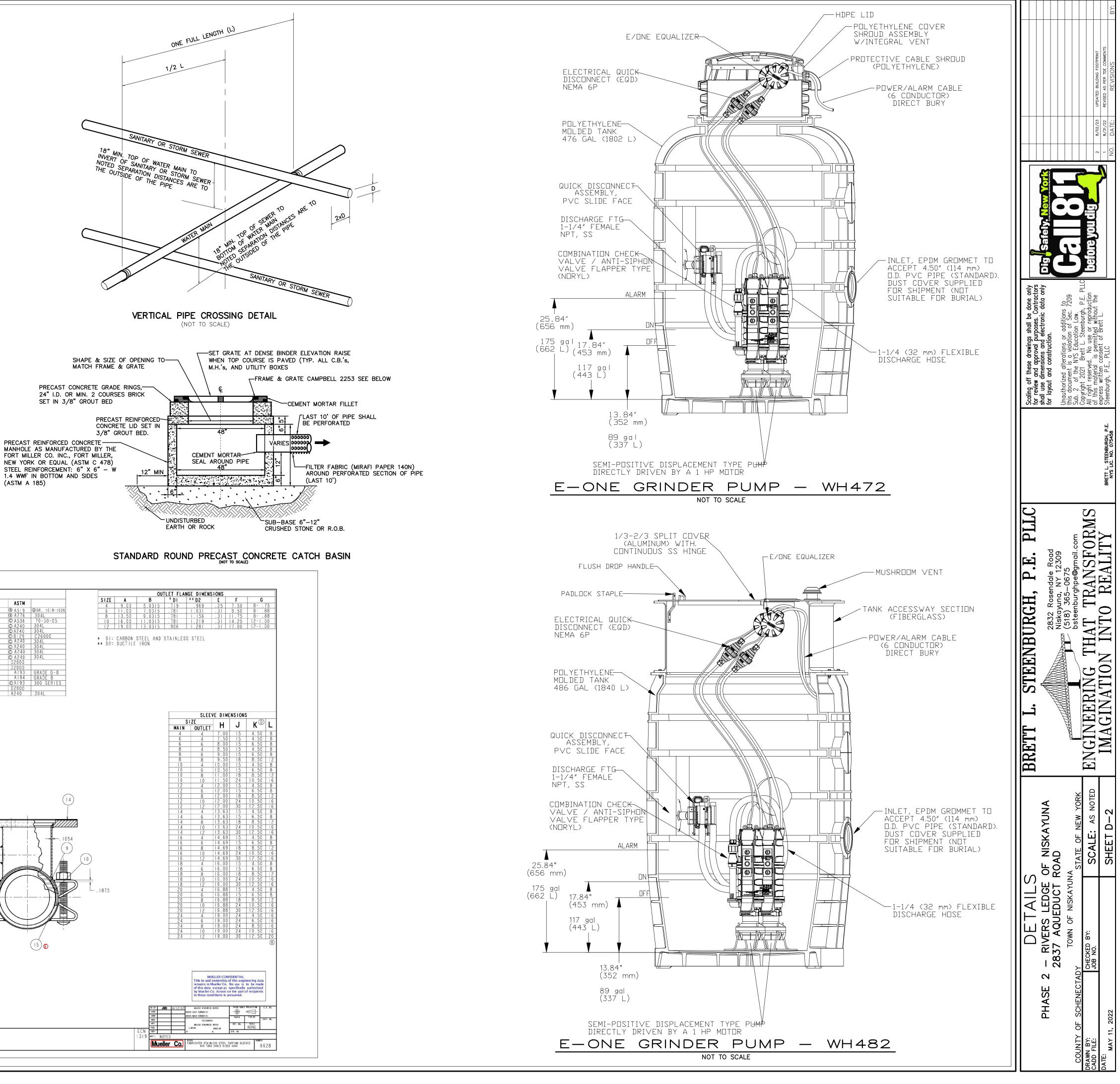
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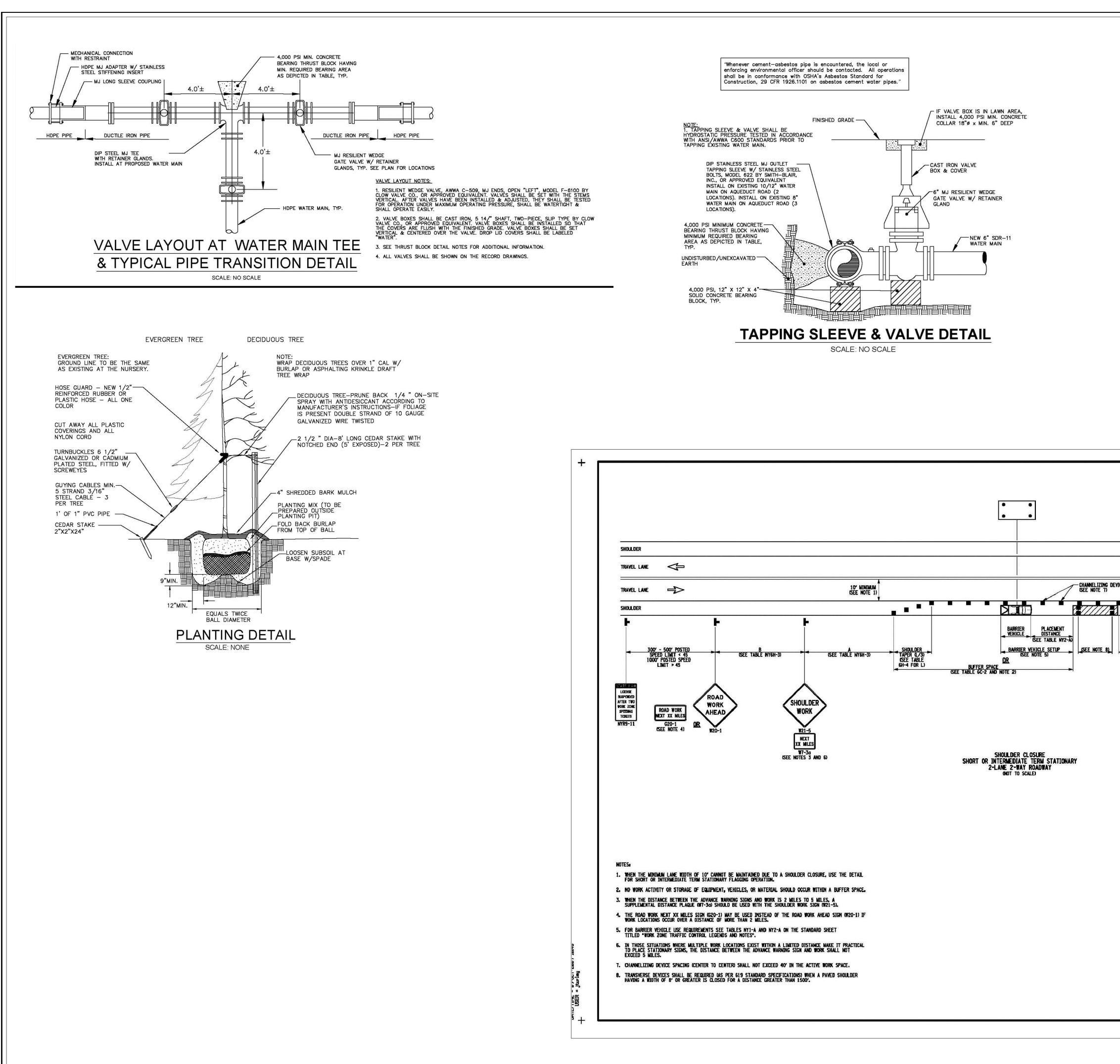
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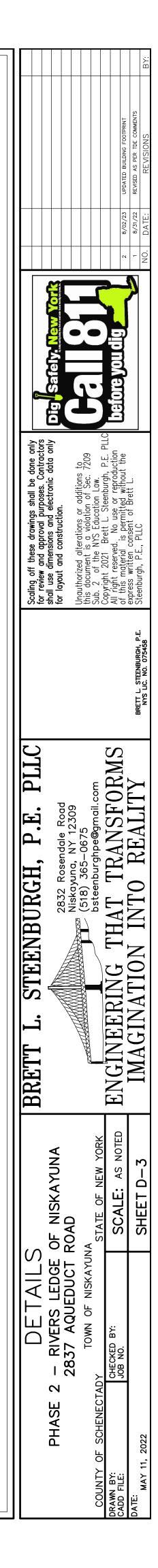
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Exterior Perspective - View from Aqueduct Road Rivers Ledge Development: Senior Building Aqueduct Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309

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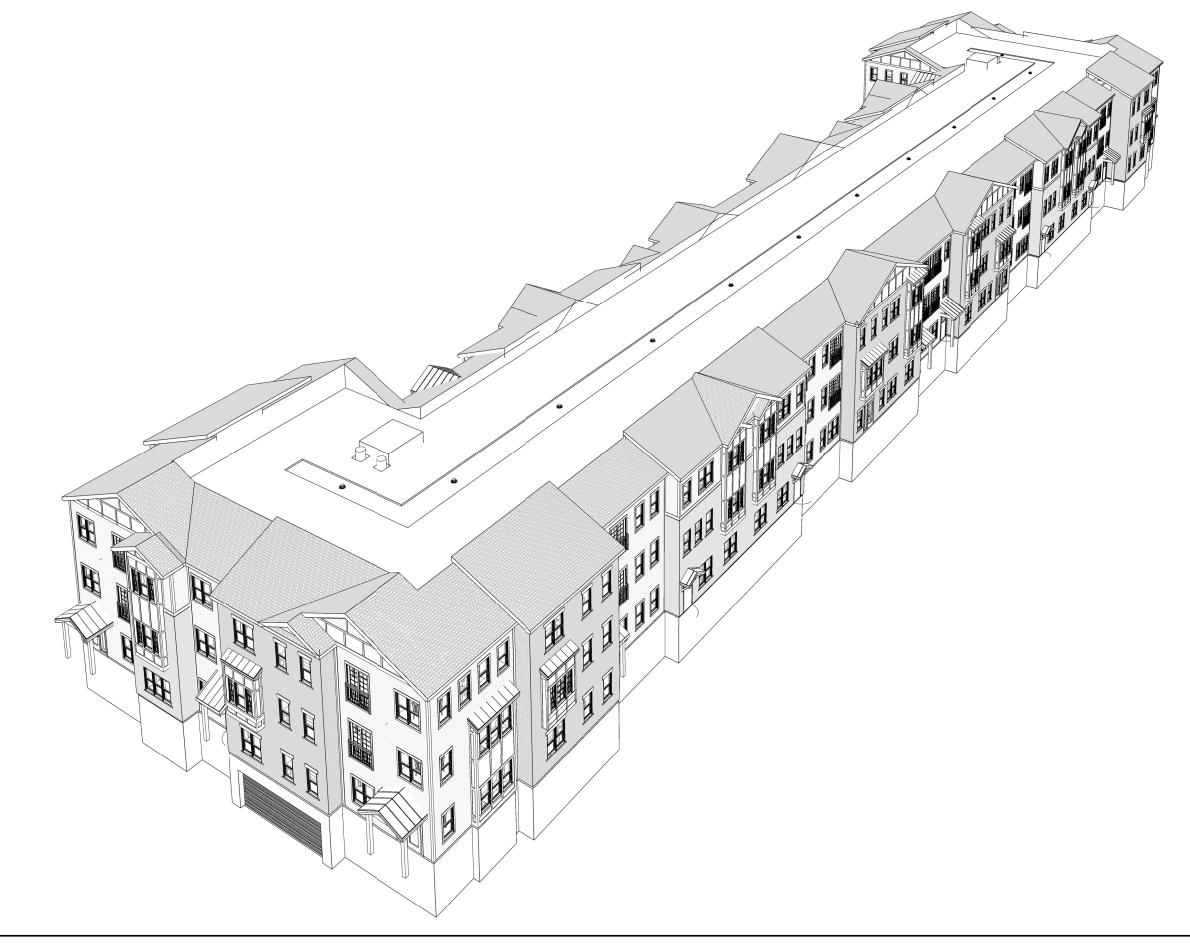


## Proposed Building Elevations

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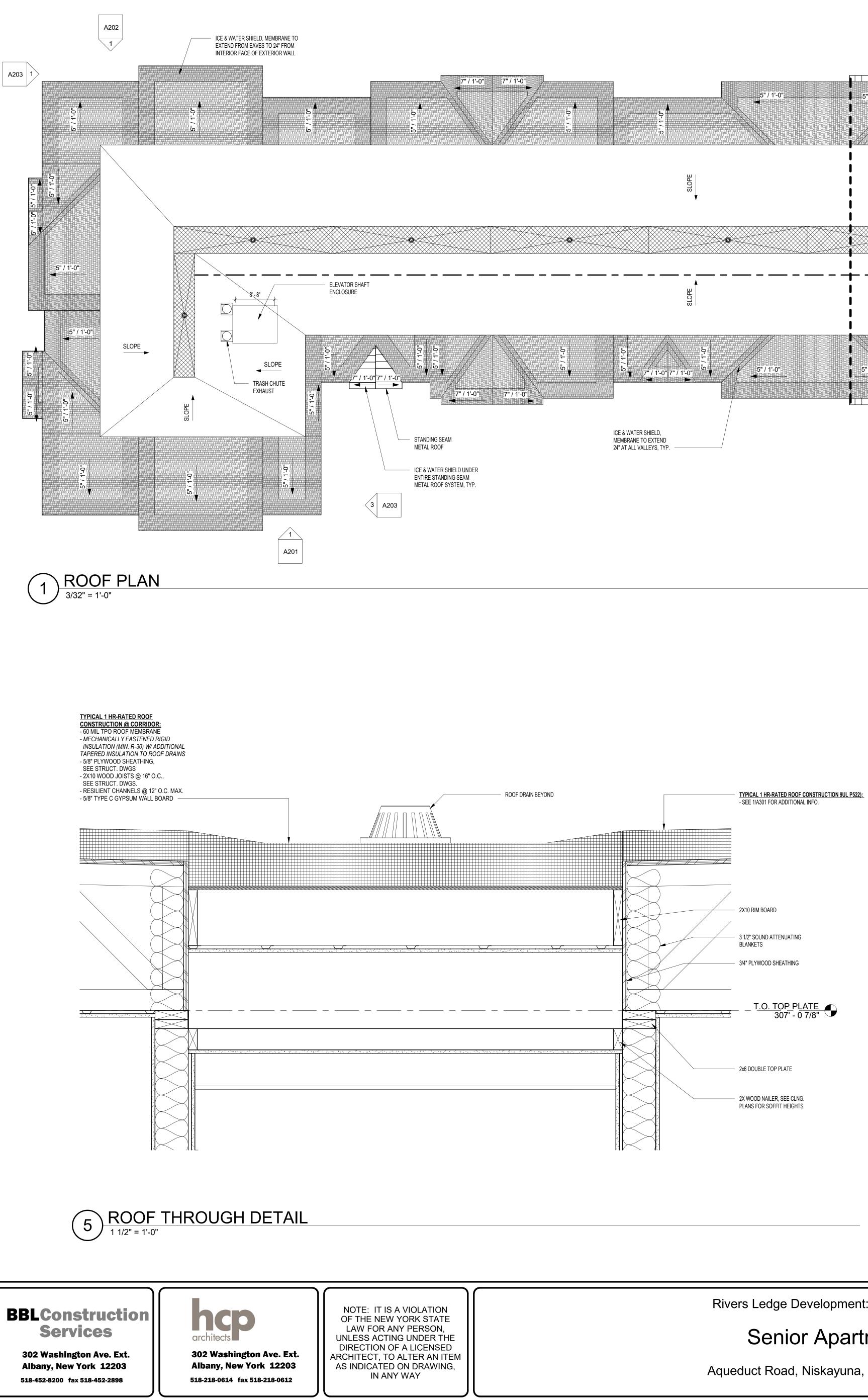


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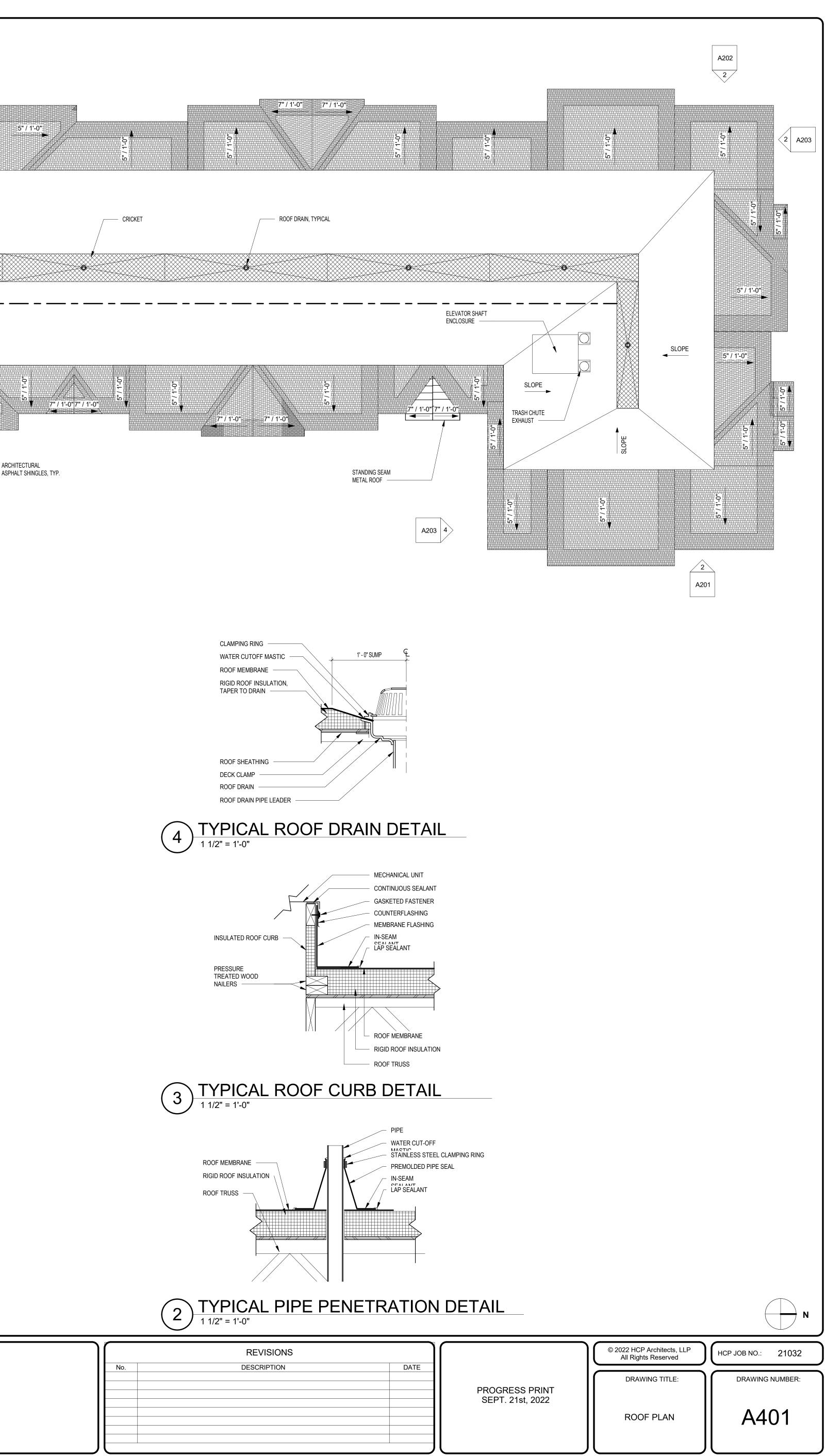
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## FRONT VIEW FROM DRIVEWAY

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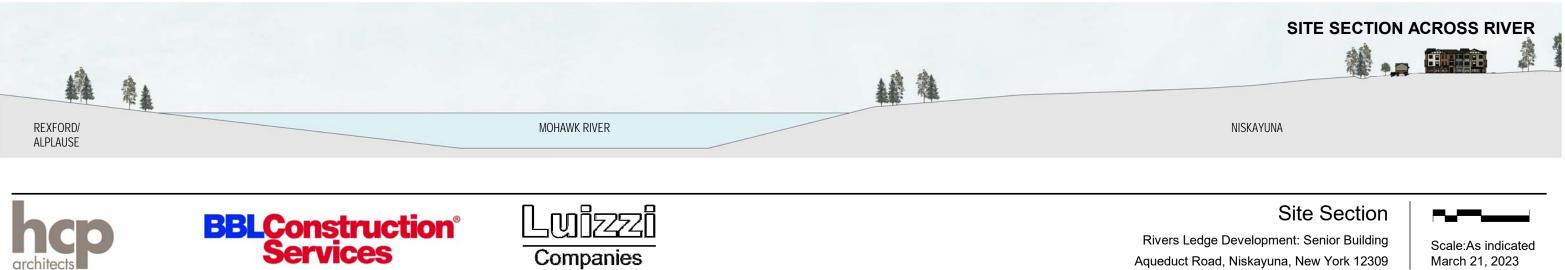
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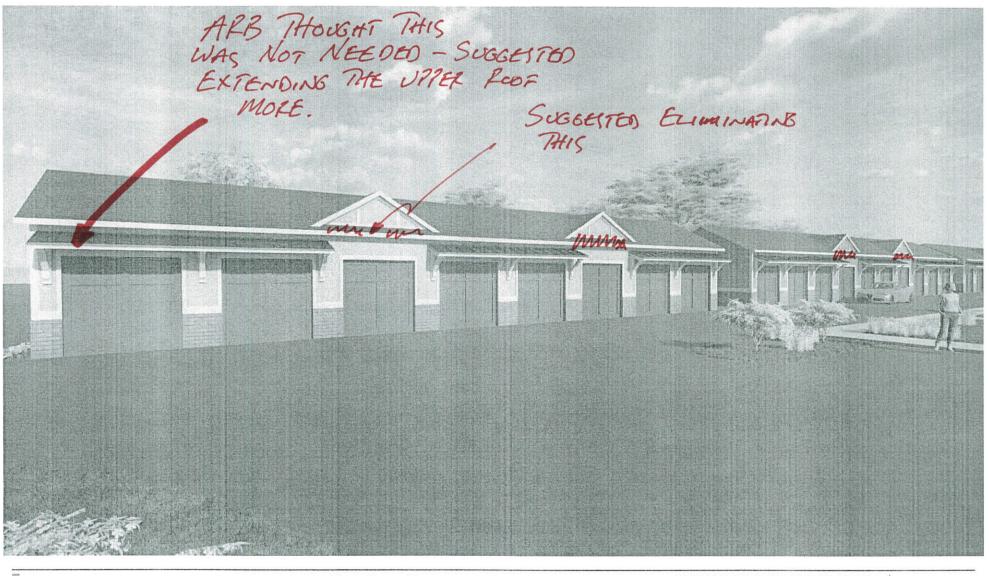


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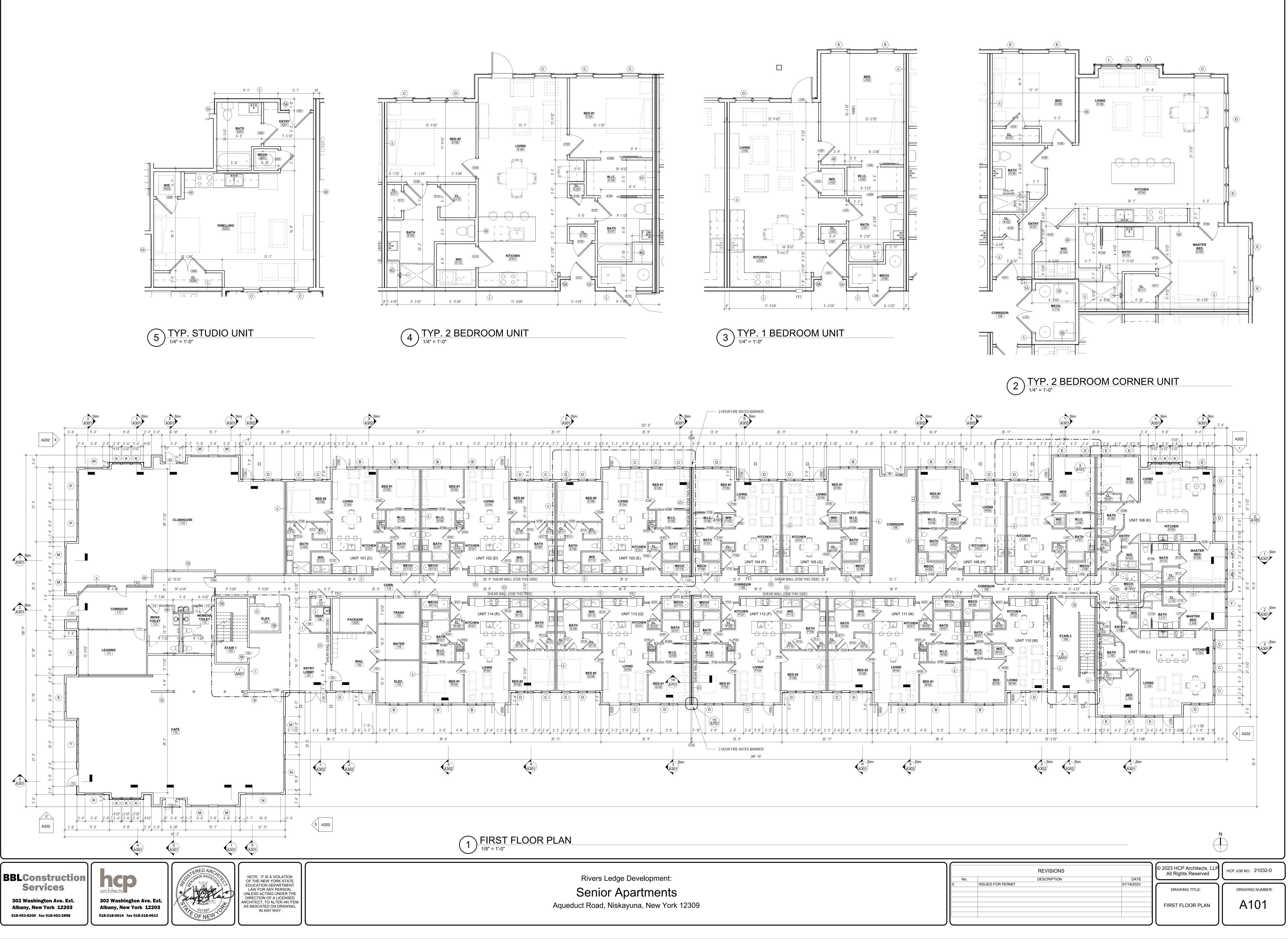
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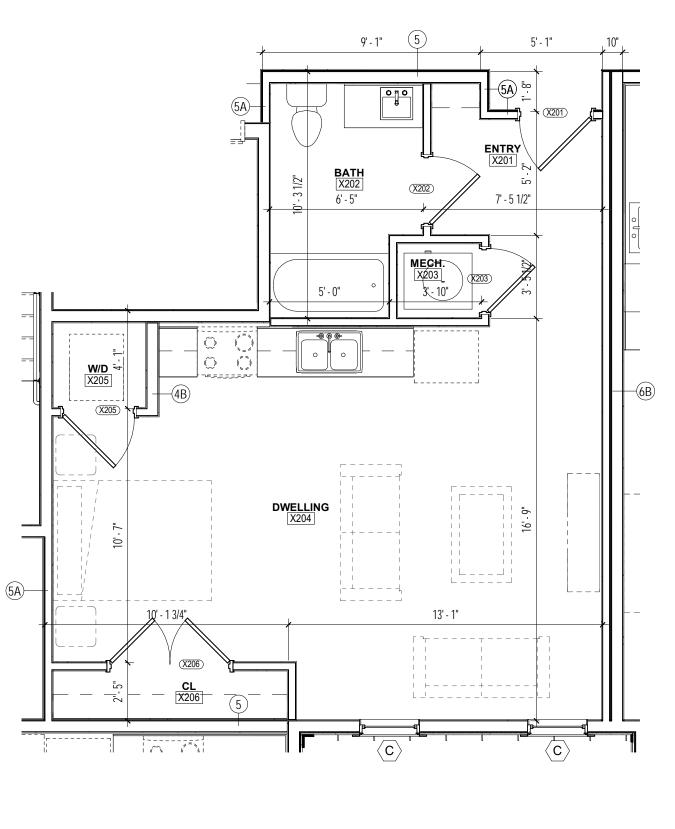
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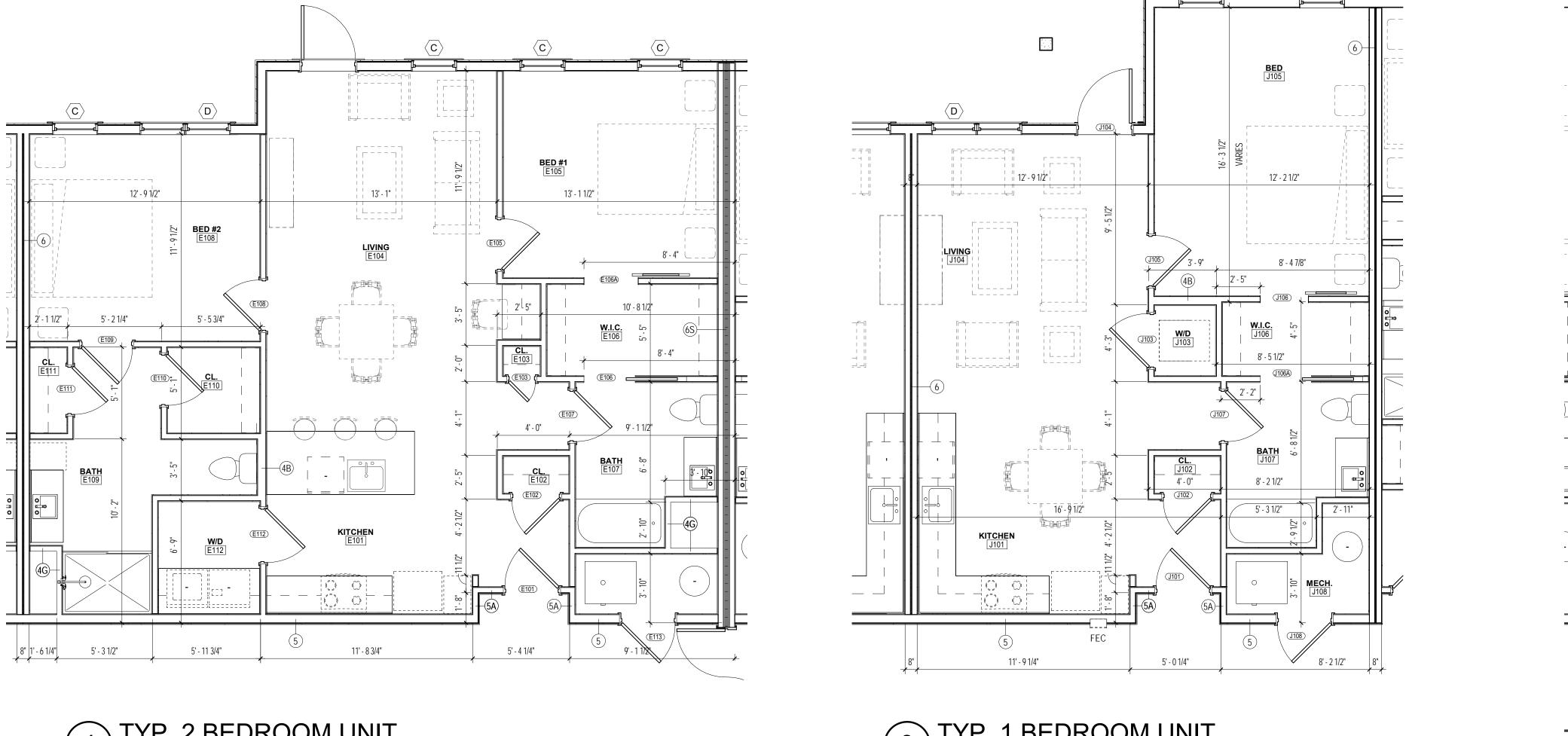
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**TOWN OF NISKAYUNA** 

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. V.2

MEETING DATE: 9/6/2023

**ITEM TITLE**: EAF 2023-07: 2890 River Rd. – An application for Sketch Plan Approval – 4 Lots or Less for a 4-lot subdivision

PROJECT LEAD: TBD

APPLICANT: Michael Dussault, P.E., agent for the owner

SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

**REVIEWED BY:**Planning Board (PB)
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
Town Board
OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

□ EAF ■ Site Plan □ Map □ Report □ Other:

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Michael Dussault, P.E., of Engineering Ventures, P.C. and agent for Ryan Lucey, property owner, has made an application for Sketch Plan Approval – 4-Lots or Less for a 4-lot subdivision at 2890 River Rd. The proposed subdivision will divide the existing 5.26 Acre property at 2890 River Rd and the 0.83 Acre property contiguous to it along Seneca Rd into 4 lots of 0.46, 0.46, 2.64 and 2.53 Acres, respectively. The existing home at 2890 River Rd is in very poor condition and will be demolished.

The property is located within the R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The property owner, Ryan Lucey, met with Department Heads of the Niskayuna Planning, Water, Sewer & Engineering and Highway Departments to discuss a proposed 4-lot subdivision as shown in the drawing entitled "Subdivision Plan 2890 River Rd." by Engineering Ventures, P.C. dated 6/23/23 with no subsequent revisions. At the time Mr. Lucey owned the 5.26 Acre property at 2890 River Road and was in the process of purchasing the 0.83 Acre property contiguous to it along Seneca Rd. The utility review performed by the Town representatives identified the project area as being susceptible to flooding during heavy rain events. It was noted that a thorough storm water review will be required. Mr. Lucey was informed that for his proposed subdivision to come before the Planning Board he would need to demonstrate site control by obtaining signature approval of the application from the current owner of the 0.83 Acre portion of land or wait until the sale of the land to him was completed.

On 8/23/23 Mr. Lucey provided with Planning Office with the following documents.

- A sketch plan application for a minor subdivision of 4-lots or less
- A "Contract For Purchase and Sale of Real Estate" dated 8/16/23 indicating that Mr. Lucey owned the 0.83 Acre parcel of land.
- A 1-page survey drawing entitled "Survey Lands of RPL Family Trust #2890 River Rd." by Gilbert VanGuilder Land Surveyor, PLLC dated 12/1/2022 with no subsequent revisions.
- A 1-page subdivision site plan entitled "Subdivision Plan Proposed 4-Lot 2890 River Rd." by Engineering Ventures P.C." dated 8/23/23 with no subsequent revisions.
- A Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1 dated 6/22/23.

#### 6/23/23 Subdivision Drawing

This drawing includes 4 lots. Two (2) of the lots front River Road, one (1) lot fronts Seneca Road near its intersection with River Road and one (1) lot fronts Seneca Road near the cul-de-sac at the northeast end of the road.

#### 8/23/23 Subdivision Drawing

This drawing includes 4 lots. Three (3) of the lots front River Road, the one (1) lot near the intersection of Seneca Rd and River Rd has been eliminated and the one (1) lot that fronts Seneca Rd. near the cul-de-sac at the northeast end of the road remains.



#### **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

**Planning Department** One Niskayuna Circle Niskavuna, New York 12309 Phone: (518) 386-4530 Fax: (518) 386-4592

#### Application for Sketch Plan Approval – 4 Lots or Less

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Section – Block - Lot: 511-7.1 and 51.9-2	-1.1

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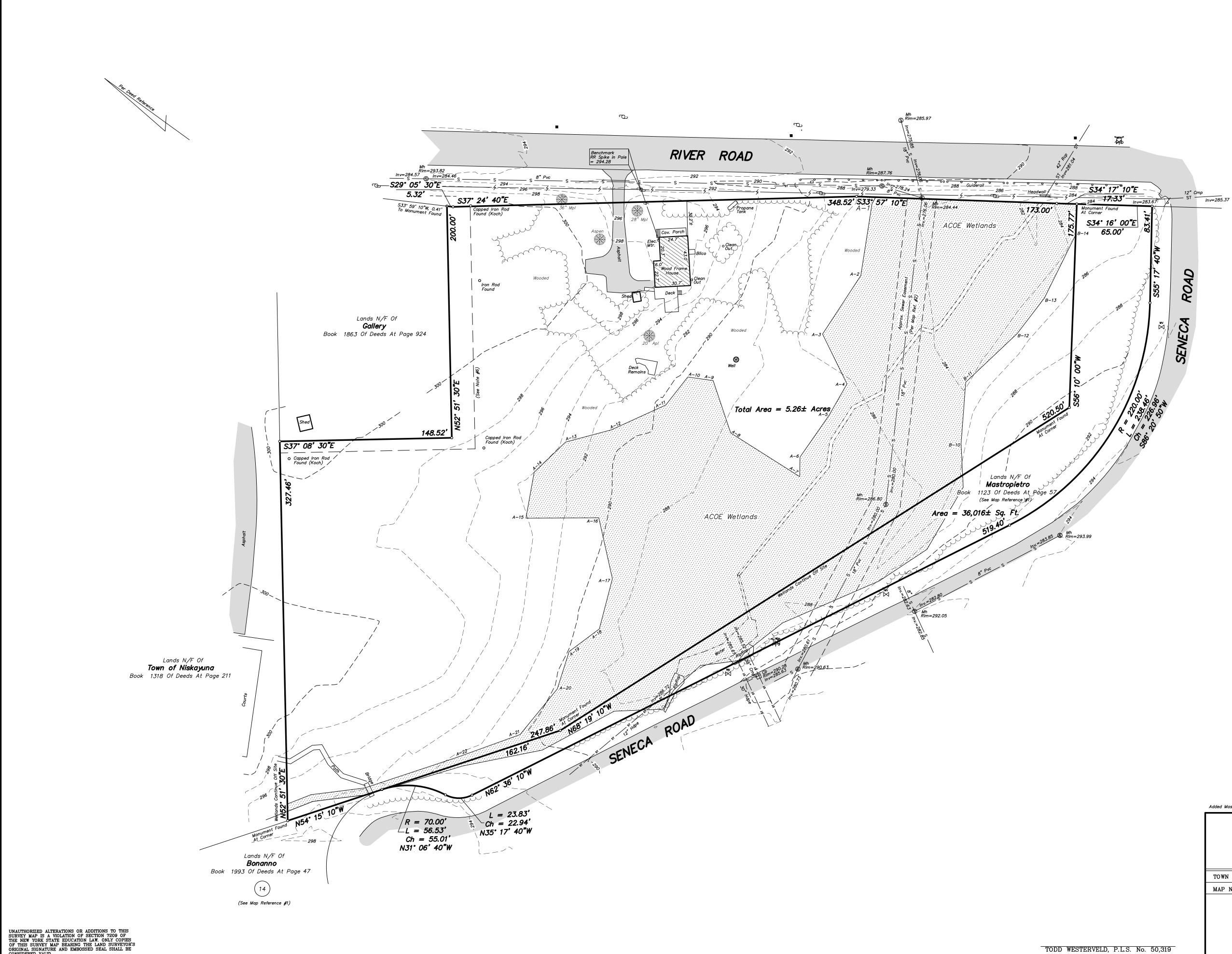
- 1. A digital copy, three (3) full size copies and thirteen (13) 11x17 copies of any large scale plans or maps.
- 2. Administrative Fees: An application for Sketch Plan Approval shall be submitted to the Planning Department at least ten (10) days prior to a regular meeting of the Planning Board. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100. Fees are payable to the Town of Niskayuna.
- 3. Consulting Fees: The cost incurred by the Town for the review of an application by the Town Engineer, consulting engineering firm or other consulting fees, in connection with a Board's review of a proposed application shall be charged to the applicant. The Board to whom the application is made shall obtain an estimate from any designated consultant of the amount sufficient to defray the cost of such services and shall collect from the applicant the estimated charges. Any portion of the estimated charges so collected, which are not expended by the Town, shall be returned to the applicant. Any such costs incurred by the Town beyond the estimated charges initially collected from the applicant, shall be collected from the applicant prior to final action upon the application.

Date: 6/22/2023 Signature of applicant:

Signature of owner (if different from applicant):

#### **Upon approval of Sketch Plan:**

An Application for Approval of Plat Plan must be filed along with all appropriate documentation.



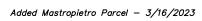
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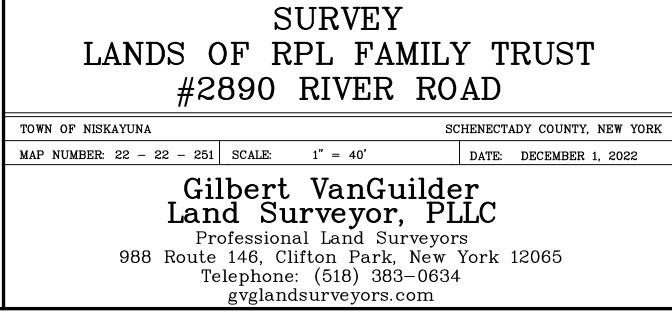
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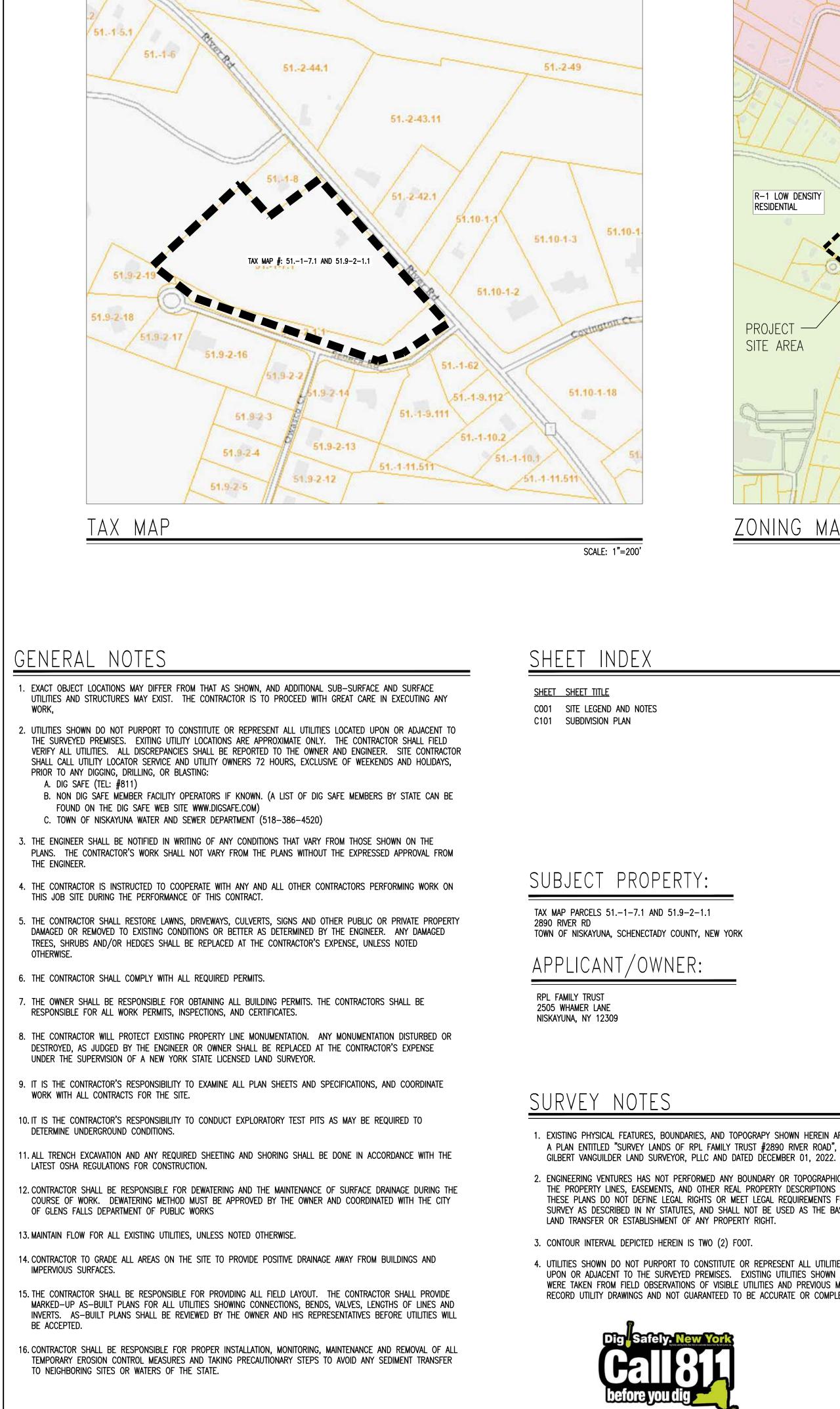
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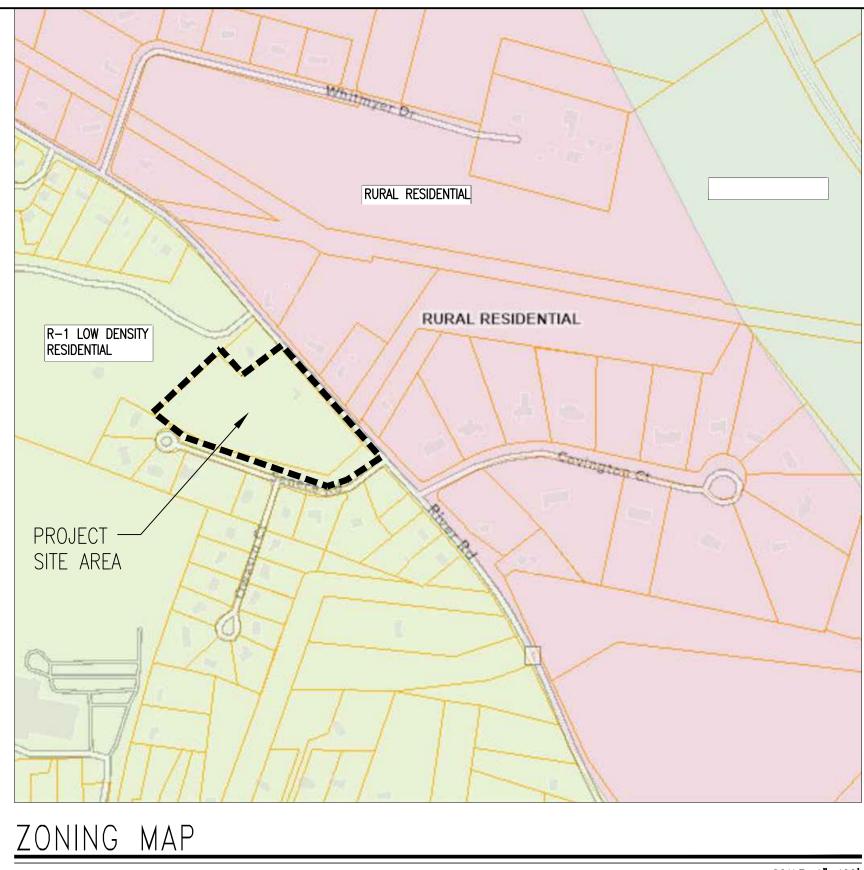
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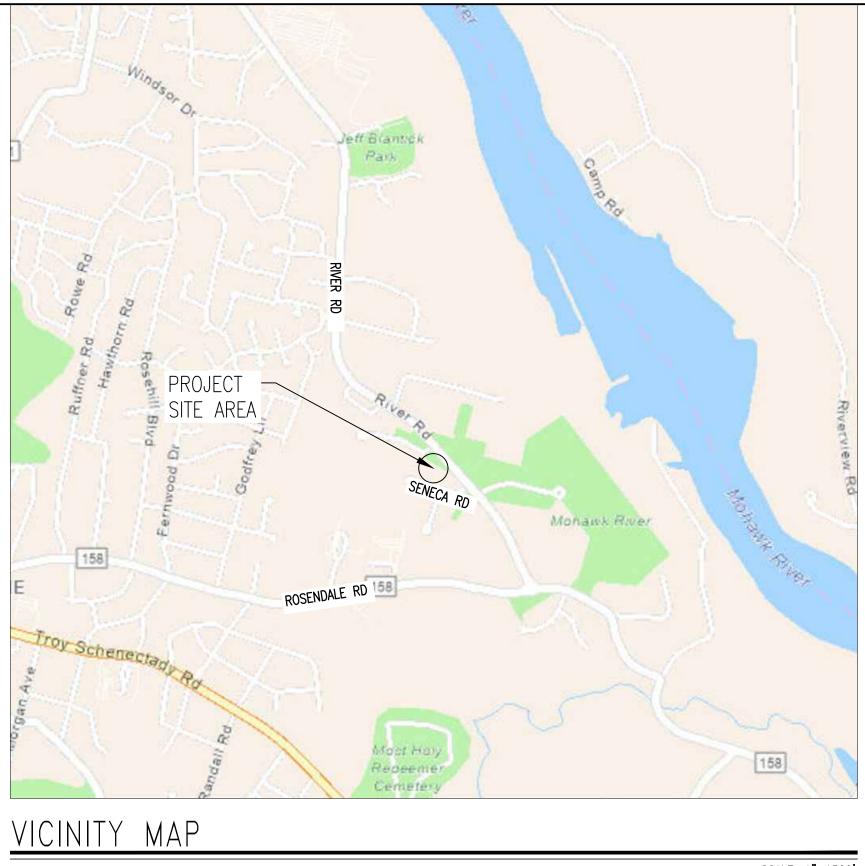
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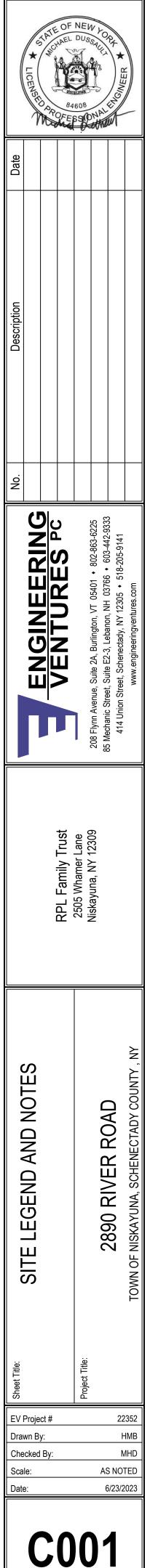
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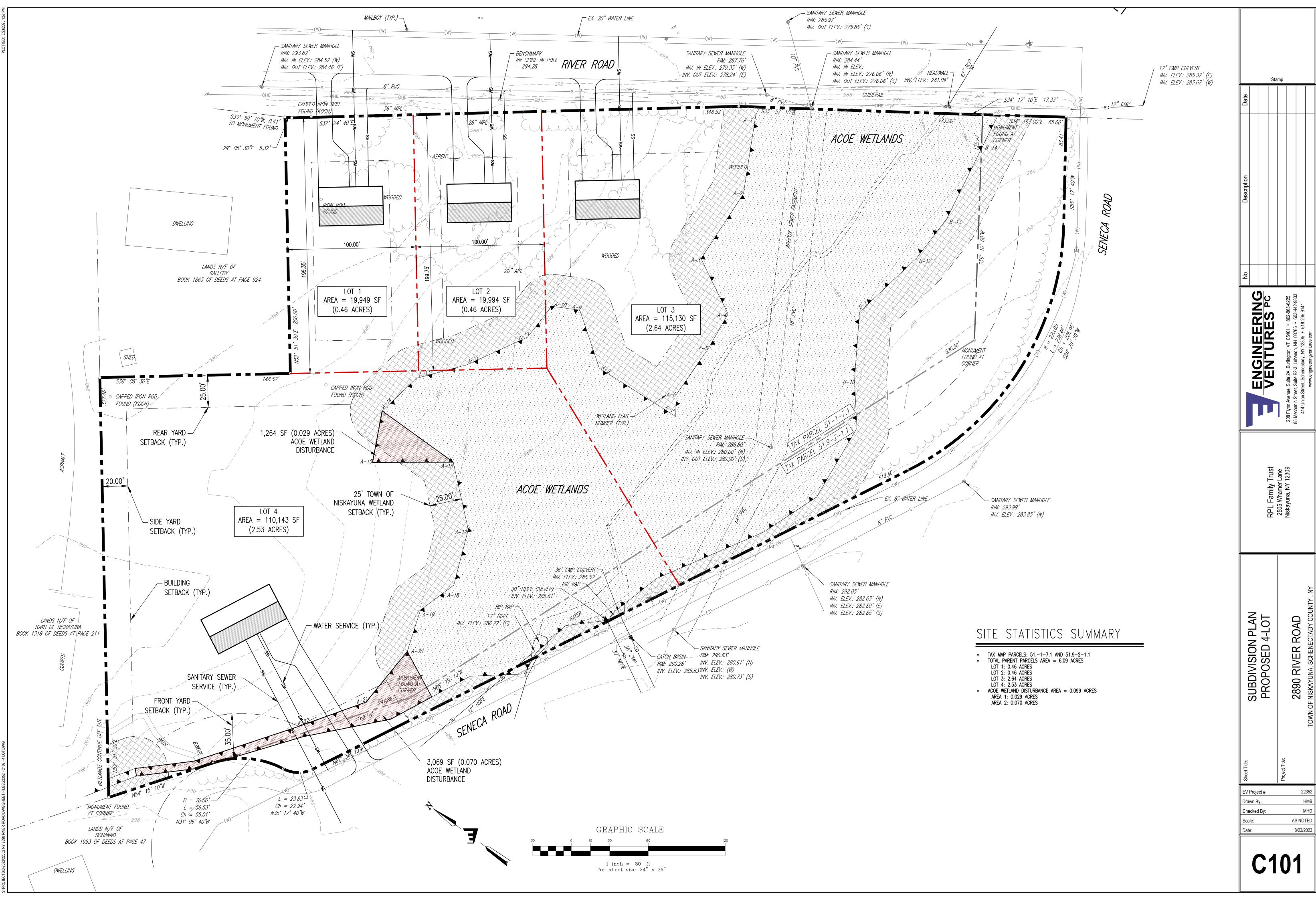
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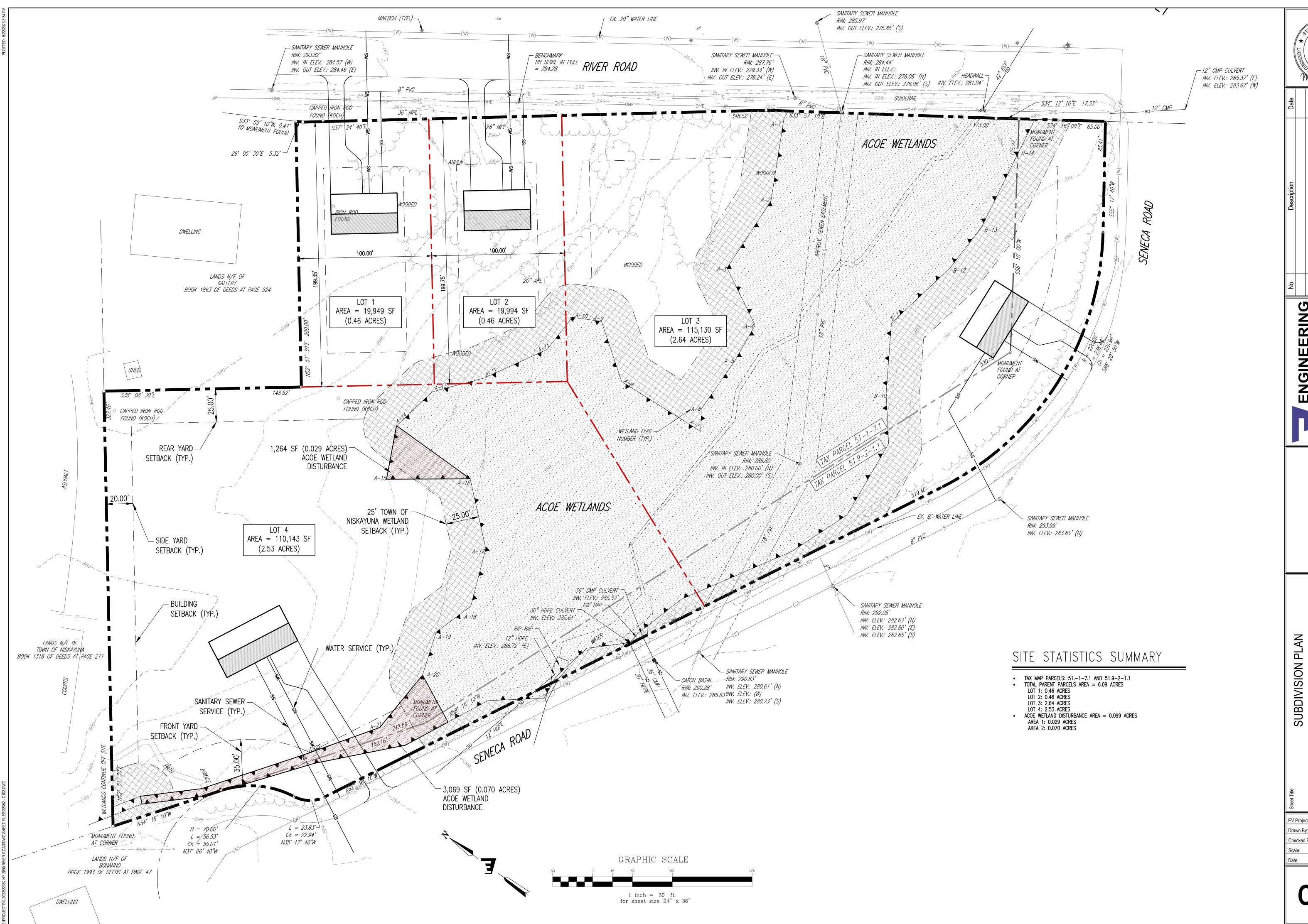
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#### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

#### **Instructions for Completing**

**Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1.** Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

#### Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:

2890 River Road Subdivision

Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):

2890 River Rd, Niskayuna, New York 12309

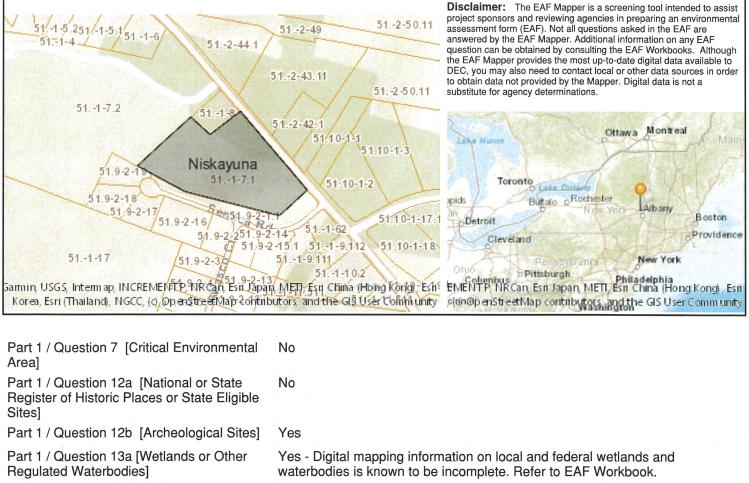
Brief Description of Proposed Action:

The Applicant proposes a 4-lot subdivision of Town of Niskayuna tax parcels 51.-1-7.1 and 51.9-2-1.1. Each new lot will have a single family residence per lot. The proposed dwellings will be serviced by public water and sanitary sewer systems.

Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Telephone: 518-374-1461				
RPL Family Trust E-Mail: ryan@midstateltd.c	com			
Address:				
2505 Whamer Lane				
City/PO:State:Zip CodNiskayunaNY12309				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?	NO	YES		
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.				
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? NO YES				
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: US ACOE Nationwide Permit #29 for disturbance to freshwater wetlands.				
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?       6. Cares         b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?       2.00 acres         c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?       6.09 acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
5. 🗌 Urban 🗌 Rural (non-agriculture) 🗌 Industrial 🔲 Commercial 🗹 Residential (suburb	oan)			
Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other(Specify):				
✓ Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		✓	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		✓	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO	YES
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		✓	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
		$\checkmark$	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<b>\</b>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:			
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or distric			TIPO
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the		NO	YES
Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	1		
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	5		
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
The proposed action does not plan to exceed 0.1 acre of freshwater wetland disturbance.			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
✓ Wetland Urban ✓ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?		
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,		$\checkmark$
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?		
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:		
Site storm water will be directed through roadside ditches and pipe conveyance systems to public storm sewer.		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	YES
management facility?	NO	IES
If Yes, describe:		
20.Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BE MY KNOWLEDGE	STOF	
Applicant/sponsor/name: RPL Family Trust - Ryan Lucy Date: 6/22/2023		
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No

Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]

Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain] No

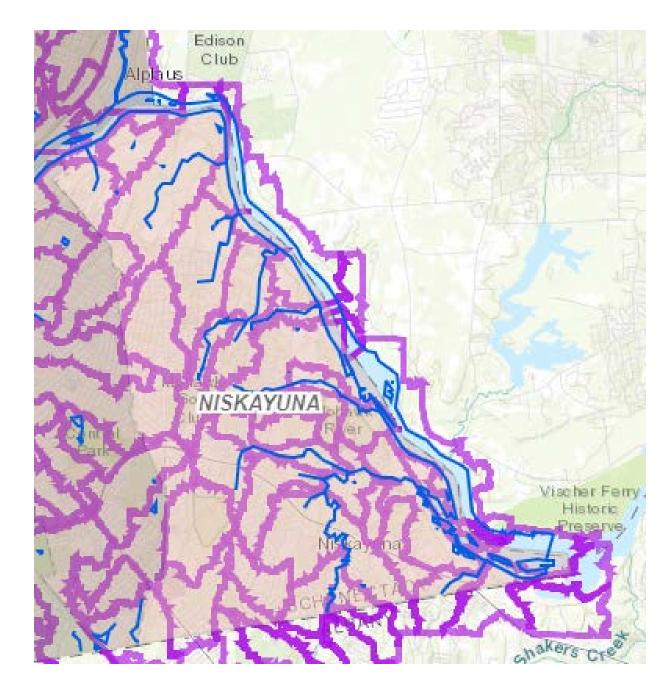
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Short Environmental Assessment Form - EAF Mapper Summary Report

# Town of Niskayuna Storm Water System

August 2023

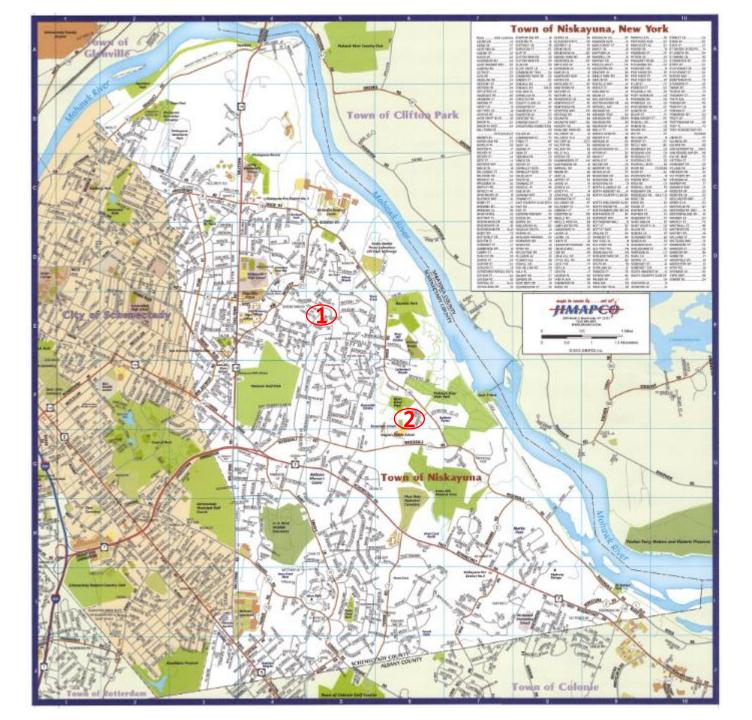
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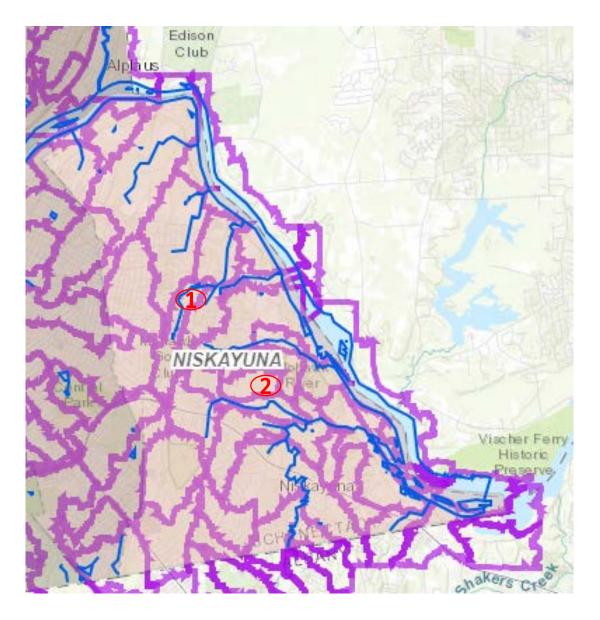
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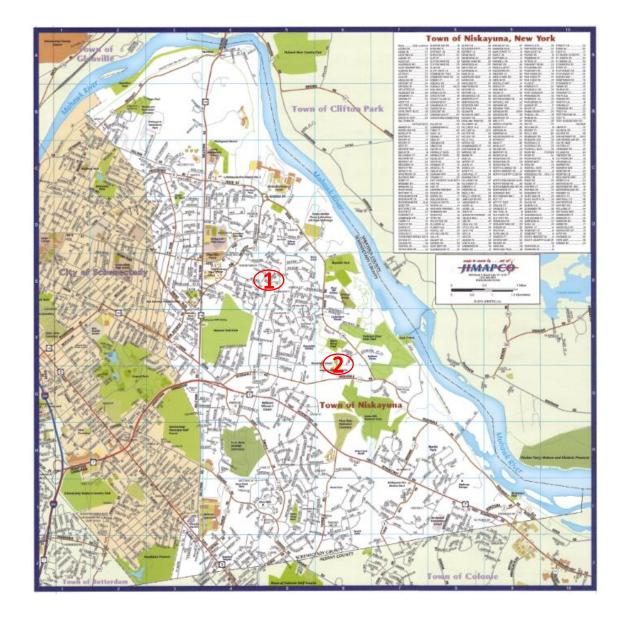
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Rowe Rd.
 Seneca Rd.



### Drainage Challenged Areas: (1) Rowe Rd. (2) Seneca Rd.





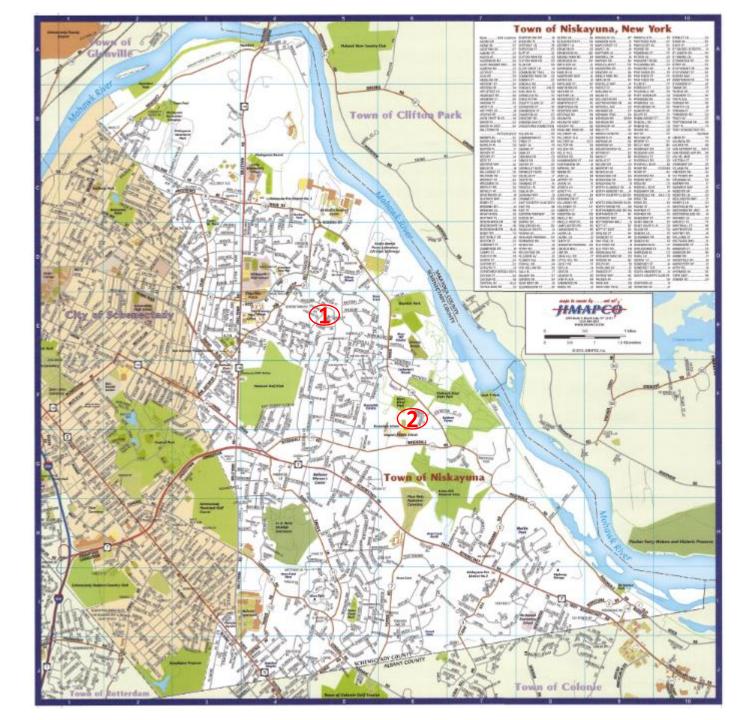
## July 30, 2023



- Niskayuna received 2.1" of rain in much less than 24 hrs.
- The high intensity short duration storm revealed challenged areas in the existing storm water system
- The 2-lot subdivision at Polsinelli Dr. was recently designed to the following 24 hr. storm events.
  - 1 yr. storm of 2.18"
  - 2 yr. storm of 2.57"
  - 10 yr. storm of 3.65"
  - 100 yr. storm of 6.07"
  - 100 yr. Cornell upper limit storm of 7.44"
- Goals for today
  - Provide background on our storm water system
  - Review images from the 7/30/23 storm
  - Discuss / prioritize possible next short and long term steps

### Drainage Challenged Areas

Rowe Rd.
 Seneca Rd.



### Niskayuna Storm Water System

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Comprised of a network of closed pipes (of varying diameters), at-grade open trenches and wetland areas

#### Storm Water System From Denise Dr. to Angelina Dr.

- 42" dia. closed pipe near Denise Dr.
- Discharges into grade level open creek that flows towards Rosehill Blvd.
- Grade level open creek spills into a double entry path grate into a closed pipe near 1435 Rosehill Blvd.
- Stormwater accumulates in the backyards along Rowe Rd. during high intensity rain events.





View of the discharge of the 42" dia. closed pipe storm sewer main near Denise Dr. (see red dot in the image to the right)





View of 1 of the 2 storm water entry grates at the transition from grade level open creek flow to closed pipe near backyard of 1435 Rosehill Blvd.





View of both storm water entry grates at the transition from grade level open creek flow to closed pipe near backyard of 1435 Rosehill Blvd.





Sharp angle of closed pipe storm water line at Rosehill Blvd.

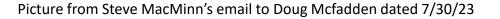


(2.1" of rain 7 am 7/29/23 – 7 am 7/30/23)



"Mouth of culvert at the foot of Rowe Rd."

42" dia. discharge from closed pipe storm water pipe to grade level open creek near Denise Dr.





(2.1" of rain 7 am 7/29/23 – 7 am 7/30/23)



Backyard of Steve MacMinn 1404 Rowe Rd.



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Backyard of Norm Shilling 1400 Rowe Rd.



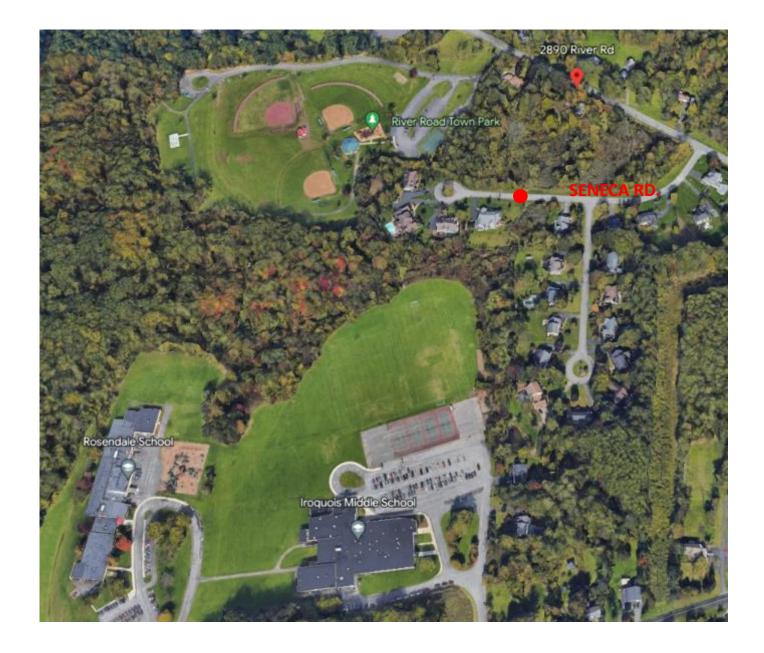
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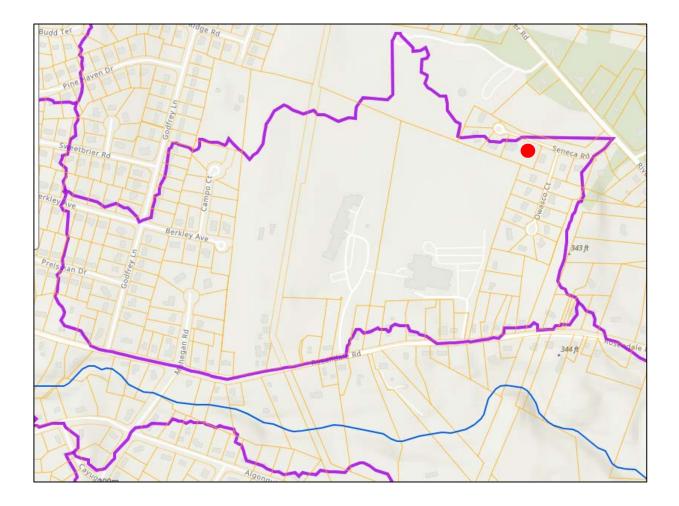
Backyard of Doug Mcfadden 1388 Rowe Rd.





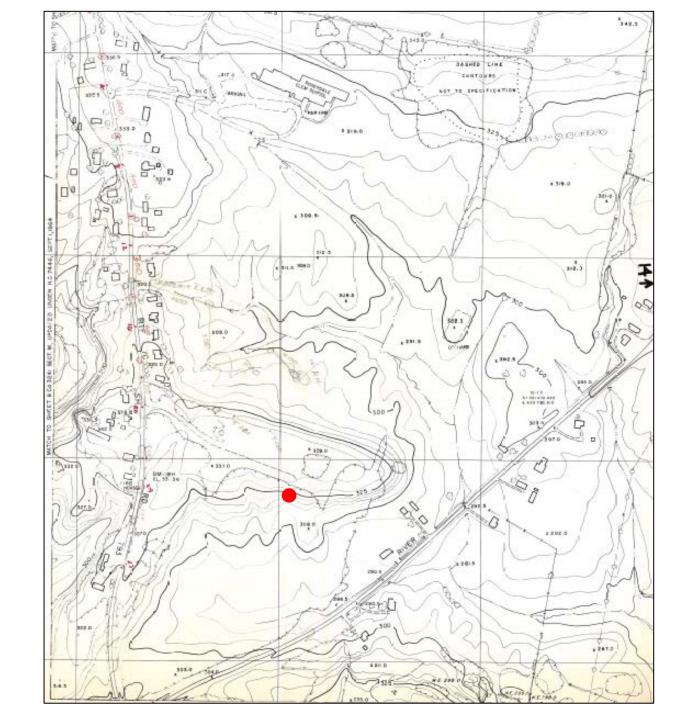
#### Sub-watershed Boundaries

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#### Old Topographical Map

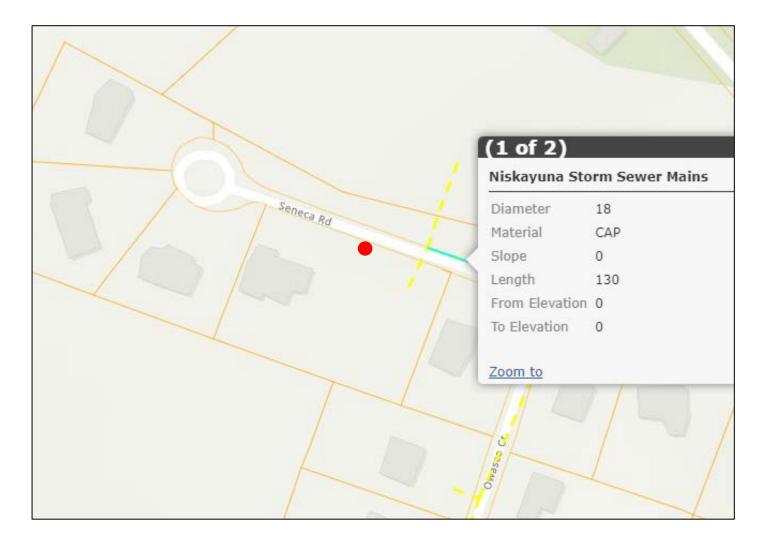
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   Elementary School
- Note River Rd.
- Land slopes to the bottom left of the page





#### Storm Sewer Mains

- 18" dia. pipe parallel to Seneca
- Not sure of the dia. of the line that goes under Seneca



(2.1" of rain 7 am 7/29/23 – 7 am 7/30/23)





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### **Potential Grant Funding**



### River Rd. / Seneca Rd. – Proposed 4-Lot Subdivision





Driving down Seneca from River Rd.

• Ponding water at low spot of road

Looking up Seneca back towards River Rd.

• Note catch basins

### River Rd. / Seneca Rd. – Proposed 4-Lot Subdivision



Looking up Seneca back towards River Rd.

• Ponding water at low spot of road



#### Closer view of water on Seneca

• River Rd. is to the left

### River Rd. / Seneca Rd. – Proposed 4-Lot Subdivision





Driving down Seneca from River Rd.

• Ponding water at low spot of road

Closer view of water on Seneca

• River Rd. is at the top of page

All pictures taken at noon on 7/10/23 following heavy rain the night before