## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

# Planning Board and Zoning Commission <u>Agenda</u>

February 28, 2022 7:00 PM

#### REGULAR AGENDA MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 1. February 14, 2022
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- V. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. RESOLUTION: 2022-06: A Resolution for site plan approval including a special use permit to locate a daycare, Capital Kids Care after school and summer camp, within an existing place of worship at the Indian Orthodox church at 1930 Hillside Ave
  - 2. RESOLUTION: 2022-07: A Resolution for site plan approval for tenant fit up and occupancy of additional medical office space within the existing building at 3140 Troy Rd.

#### VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. One Research Circle – General Electric Global Research and Development Campus -- Site plan review for the construction of a new 16,000 sq. ft. building.

#### IX. REPORTS

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2. Planning Department Updates
- 3. COVID 19 Updates
- X. COMMISSION BUSINESS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2022 at 7 PM To be Held in the Town Board Room & via. Remote Software

1	TO	WN OF NISKAYUNA		
2	Planning and Zoning Commission			
3	Hybrid Meeting			
4	Meeting Minutes			
5		February 14, 2022		
6	Members Present:			
7		Kevin Walsh, Chairman		
8		Chris LaFlamme (virtual)		
9		Genghis Khan		
10		David D'Arpino (virtual)		
11		Daci Shenfield		
12		Leslie Gold		
13	Also Present:	Laura Robertson, Town Planner		
14		Alaina Finan, Town Attorney (virtual)		
15		Clark Henry, Assistant Planner (virtual)		
16	I. CALL TO ORDER			
17	Chairman Walsh called the hybrid mo	eeting to order at 7:00 P.M.		
18	II. ROLL CALL			
19	Mr. Skrebutenas and Mr. McPartlon	were absent / excused from the meeting tonight.		
20	III. MINUTES			
21	January 24, 2022			
22	Ms. Gold made a motion to appre	ove the minutes and it was seconded by Ms. Shenfield.		
23		ining from voting on the minutes due to his absence at the		
24		change is needed to the minutes. A small name change was		
25	needed to change from Mr. Clark to Mr. Henry. Upon voting, the minutes were approved			
26	unanimously.			
27	Mr. LaFlamme	AYE		
28	Mr. Khan	AYE		
29	Mr. D'Arpino	AYE		
30	Ms. Shenfield	AYE		
31	Ms. Gold	APETAIN		
32	Chairman Walsh	ABSTAIN		

## IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

34 There were no public hearings.

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#### 35 V. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- No residents provided comments for privilege of the floor by email, videoconference or in-
- 37 person participation.

#### 38 VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

#### 40 VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### 42 VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. 3140 Troy Rd. site plan application for buildout of an existing medical office space building from the current 4,100 sq. ft. to a proposed 13,400 sq. ft.
- Ms. Shenfield (project lead) provided some updated information on the applicant's proposal for
- additional parking for the proposed expanded office space.
- 47 Mr. Trotta, the representative for the applicant, provided additional background information
- provided by the applicant and owner of the building. He walked the PB through his required
- 49 parking space calculations based on the Gross Floor Area of the building
- He stated that through his calculations, he has 56 existing parking spaces and could identify 14
- more could be added after that.
- The applicant and Planning Board discussed the possibility of establishing a parking agreement
- with the neighboring property.
- Ms. Robertson clarified for the Board that the Special Use Permit was not conditioned on the
- square footage but based on the usage of the building. The usage was for office/medical.
- Ms. Finan stated her agreement with Ms. Robertson and stated she would draft a memo
- 57 memorializing her position.
- 58 Chairman Walsh summarized Section 220-19 of the zoning code to allow up to 25% of the
- required parking to be left unpaved and in bond for 3 years from the date of the waiver. The
- 60 Planning Board called for a resolution for site plan approval at the next meeting on 2/28/2022.
- The resolution will need to clearly identify the steps that should be taken if additional parking is
- 62 required.
- The applicant will need to update the site plan to show a layout that includes 12,224 sq. ft. of
- office space and identify 14 banked parking spaces...
- 65 Chairman Walsh asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he thanked the
- applicant for attending the meeting.
- 2. 2764 Troy Road Niskayuna Animal Hospital -- site plan application requesting an
- extension of the previously approved site plan for the construction of an 890 sq. ft.
- 69 addition.

- 70 Doctor Gaegan was present at the meeting. She stated she purchased the practice from Doctor
- Scharf and is requesting an extension to complete the work for the variance he previously
- applied for the 890 sf addition. She explained that Covid 19 and staffing changes impacted the
- business and that she would need more time to complete the project. Mr. D'Arpino (project lead)
- stated his support for the extension and added that many other projects were similarly affected
- due to the pandemic.
- The Planning Board stated they were in favor of a 2 year extension for Doctor Gaegan. This
- would need to include key milestones to be met over the next 6, 9 and 12 months to verify the
- project is progressing. The Board asked Dr. Gaegan to work with the Planning Board project
- lead to help define a path forward for the project. The Board called for a resolution to be drafted
- so for the 3/28/2022 meeting.

# 3. 1 Research Circle – GE Global Research and Development -- site plan review for a new building.

- Ms. Robertson briefly described the proposed new building. She described the key issue, that the
- proposed building height would require a variance from the ZBA. Ms. Robertson stated she did
- not believe there would be sight line issues of the building from the Mohawk River. She stated a
- possible timeline for the applicant based upon their proposed build date.

#### 87 IX. REPORTS

#### 1. Comprehensive Plan Update

- Mr. D'Arpino discussed the work he was doing in preparation for the Comprehensive Plan and
- discussed a meeting with the Chairman of the CAC, Dart Strayer.

#### 91 **2. Planning Department Updates**

- Ms. Robertson stated that River's Ledge Senior Center is expected to return for discussion to the
- 93 Planning Board on 2/28/2022.

#### 94 **3. COVID 19 Updates**

- 95 Ms. Robertson stated the mask mandate has been lifted but the thermometer and Covid
- attestation machine will still be in place in the front foyer of the building.

#### 97 X. COMMISSION OF BUSINESS

There was no commission of business tonight.

#### 100 XI. ADJOURNMENT

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- 101 Chairman Walsh asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Khan made a motion and it was seconded
- by Ms. Gold. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

#### PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION

#### AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII. 1 MEETING DATE: 2/28/2022

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION: 2022-06: A Resolution for site plan approval including a special

use permit to locate a daycare, Capital Kids Care after school and summer camp, within an existing place of worship at the Indian Orthodox church at 1930 Hillside Ave. PROJECT LEAD: TBD **APPLICANT:** Katlyn Brownell SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner **REVIEWED BY:** ☐ Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) ■ Town Board ☐ OTHER: **ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution Site Plan  $\square$  Map  $\square$  Report  $\square$  Other:

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Katlyn Brownell, applicant for the owner, has submitted a site plan application and special use permit application to operate an after school and summer camp in the basement level of the Indian Orthodox Church located at 1930 Hillside Ave. 1930 Hillside Ave, lies within the R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning district. Article IV Use Regulations Section 220-10 District Regulations lists child-care centers operated within a school or place of worship as a special principal use.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Ms. Brownell included a dimensioned interior floor plan drawing of the space and a letter of approval authored by Father Alex Joy, Vicar / President, of the Indian Orthodox Church with her applications.

The site plan application lists the proposed hours of operation for the child-care center as follows.

Monday – Friday 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM until June Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM July - Labor Day

The Board requested additional information regarding the number of students and faculty. proposed traffic routing for student drop off and pick up, survey drawing of the property and plans, if any, regarding use of the grounds outside of the building.

The applicant addressed these questions in an email to the Planning Office dated 12/19/21.

- 1. Proposed number of students and faculty
  - --- Expect 3 to 10 staff members (depending on the number of students and time of year)
  - --- The license capacity will be determined by OCFS during the licensing process
  - --- The program will not include more than 50 children during the school year or summer periods
  - --- The school will maintain a 1:10 adult to child ratio plus additional staffing
  - --- The program will employ additional staff during summer camp because of the extended hours
- 2. Proposed traffic routing for drop off and pick up
  - --- A drawing displaying the traffic routing was provided
  - --- Entrance & Exit will be via Hillside Ave
  - --- Parents and busses will enter through the "South Entrance" and exit through the "North Exit"
  - --- Parents will park in the portion of the lot closest to Hillside Ave.
  - --- Busses will stop on the driveway near the sidewalk leading to the basement entrance
  - --- Cap Kids staff will escort kids from the bus doors to the entrance of the building
  - --- Children and parents will enter the building through the basement doors
- 3. Survey drawing of the property was provided
- 4. Anticipated use of any grounds outside of the building
  - --- The backyard space will be used as a gross motor/play space
  - --- Parking lot sections will be coned off, per OCFS regulations, and sued for play including chalk, basketball, hopscotch, etc.

1/10/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting – Ms. Brownell appeared before the PB and explained the proposed project. After a general discussion the PB voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to be held at the 1/24/22 PB meeting. The PB called for a tentative resolution at the 1/24/22 meeting to make a recommendation to the Town Board to approve the special use permit.

1/24/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting – The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding the proposed project. Ms. Robertson read an email from one resident who expressed concerns regarding the potential for increased traffic. The PB passed Resolution 2022-03 making a recommendation to the Town Board to grant the special use permit.

2/22/22 Town Board (TB) meeting – The Town Board passed Resolution 2022-72 granting the special use permit.

A resolution for proposed final site plan approval is included in the meeting packet for tonight.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE NISKAYUNA TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, ONE NISKAYUNA CIRCLE, IN SAID TOWN AT 7:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON:

HONORABLE: KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN

**GENGHIS KHAN** 

MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS

CHRIS LAFLAMME

PATRICK MCPARTLON DAVID D'ARPINO

DACI SHENFIELD LESLIE GOLD

One of the purposes of the meeting was to take action on a final site plan approval.

The meeting was duly called to order by the Chairman.

The following resolution was offered by	
whom moved its adoption, and seconded by	

WHEREAS, Katlyn Brownell, has made an application to the Planning Board for site plan review and special use permit stamped "Received Dec 6 2021 Planning Office Niskayuna NY" for a tenant change to operate an after school and summer camp at 1930 Hillside Ave., Niskayuna, and

WHEREAS, the site plan is shown on an untitled drawing showing the 1930 Hillside Ave property stamped "RECEIVED Dec 06 2021, Planning Office Niskayuna, NY", and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification of the property is R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning district, and

WHEREAS, Town Zoning Code "Section 220-10 District Regulations C, R-2 Medium Density Residential District (3) Special principal uses includes (j) Child day-care center operated within a school or place of worship qualifies as a special principal use for this zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board referred this application to the Town's Superintendent of Water, Sewer and Engineering, the Fire District Chief and the Chief of Police and there were no objections to the proposal, and

WHEREAS, this application was referred to the Schenectady County Planning Department, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2022 to consider the application for site plan approval and special use permit, and

WHEREAS, at their regularly scheduled meeting on 1/24/22 the Planning Board passed Resolution 2022-03 making a recommendation to the Town Board to grant a special use permit, and

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the Niskayuna Conservation Advisory Council and on February 2, 2022 they made a recommendation for a negative declaration regarding the project's environmental impacts, and

WHEREAS, at their regularly scheduled meeting on 2/22/22 the Town Board, via Resolution 2022-72, determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, directed the Town Planner to file a negative declaration, and granted a special use permit to operate a daycare within a place of worship at 1930 Hillside Ave, and

WHEREAS, this Board has carefully reviewed the proposal and by this resolution does set forth its decision hereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board and Zoning Commission hereby grant final site plan approval to locate Capital Kids Care after school and summer camp within an existing place of worship at the Indian Orthodox church at 1930 Hillside Ave, as shown in the site plan sketch received Dec 06 2021 and a traffic routing map stamped Dec 19 2021 subject to final site plan approval and the following conditions:

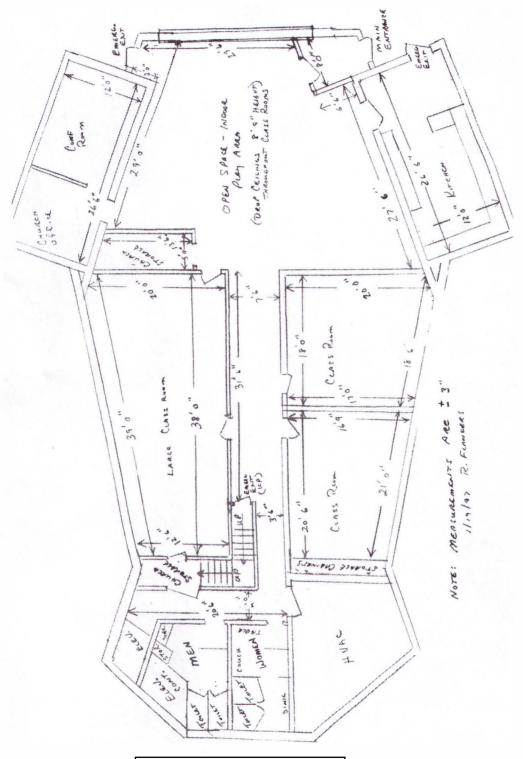
1. The Planning Office will review and approve any proposed code compliant signage.

Upon roll call the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN

GENGHIS KHAN
MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS
CHRIS LAFLAMME
PATRICK MCPARTLON
DAVID D'ARPINO
DACI SHENFIELD
LESLIE GOLD

The Chairman declared the same \_\_\_\_\_.



1930 Hillside Ave. Capital Kids Care Site Plan

To whom it may concern,

Subject to the final lease agreement, Capital Kids Care has preapproval from myself, Father Alex Joy, as well as the Indian Orthodox Church Board, to run their afterschool and summer camp program in our basement space located at 1930 Hillside Avenue, Niskayuna, New York 12309.

Their daily operation times for afterschool are Monday through Friday 1:30pm-6pm from the first week of September through the last week of June. Then their operations change for summer camp to Monday through Friday 7:30am-5:30pm from the first week of July through the last week of August.

We are granting them access to three classroom spaces, main gathering space downstairs as well as all bathrooms in basement. The backyard and side yard green space will also be available for Capital Kids Care to use. The full parking lot is available for all employees, busses dropping off, and parents picking up and dropping off.

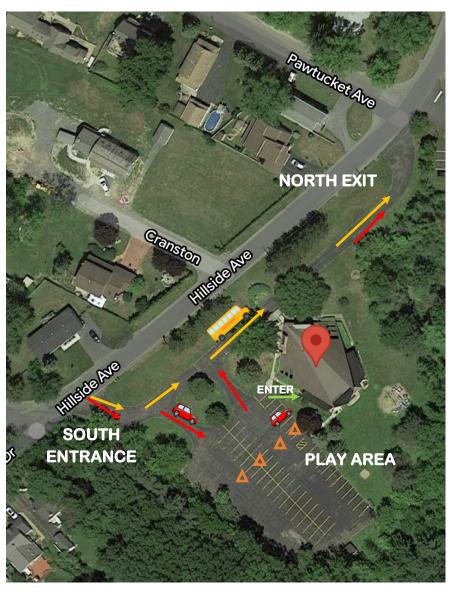
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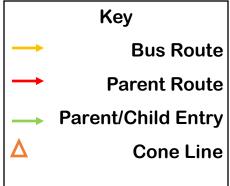
Father Alex Joy
Vicar/President

St. Paul's Indian Orthodox Church 1930 Hillside Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309



# Proposed traffic routing for drop off and pick up: Capital Kids Care 1930 Hillside Ave







## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

#### PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION

#### AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII. 2	MEETING DATE: 2/28/2022
ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION: 2022-07: A Resolution for site p occupancy of additional medical office space within the existing	• •
PROJECT LEAD: Daci Shenfield	
APPLICANT: Ray Trotta, agent for the owner	
SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner	
REVIEWED BY:  ☐ Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) ☐ Zoning Board of A☐ OTHER:	Appeals (ZBA) $\square$ Town Board
ATTACHMENTS:  ■ Resolution ■ Site Plan □ Map □ Report □ Other:	

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Ray Trotta, of the Holland Trotta project and agent for the owner, submitted an application to build out the currently unutilized portion of the medical office building at 3140 Troy Rd. as an additional 9,300 sq. ft. of medical office space. The 1.243 acre property is located within the R-P Residential and Professional Zoning district. Medical offices are special principal uses in this district per the Town Zoning Code.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Planning Office reviewed the Building and Planning archives regarding 3140 Troy Rd. and assembled the following highlights.

- **Town Zoning Code** Section 220-10 District Regulations K, R-P Residential and Professional District 3 (b) includes medical offices as a special principal use.
- **Town Board** Resolution 2004-39 adopted on 1/20/04 granted a special use permit for the construction of an 8,000 sq. ft. professional / medical office building as proposed in a drawing entitled "Concept Plan, Proposed Office Building, 3140/3144 Troy-Schenectady Road," prepared by C.T. Male Associates, P.C. dated November 12, 2003.
- Planning Board Resolution 2004-26 adopted on 1/7/04 granted site plan approval for the construction of an 8,000 sq. ft. professional / medical office building located at 3140/3144 Troy Road. The site plan is described as being shown on "a set of plans entitled "Niskayuna Professional Office Development, Town of Niskayuna, Schenectady County", prepared by Lansing Engineering. P.C. dated May 11, 2004".

Building Permit # 07040405 approved on 1/24/08, submitted by applicant David G. Lloyd, stamped "Received Apr 04 2007", is for a 12,524 sq. ft. of usable / rentable medical office building at 3140/3144 NYS Route 7.

Mr. Fitzgerald's Application for Site Plan Approval indicates there will be no change to the exterior of the existing building and the existing site. The application describes the following proposed development of the interior of the existing building.

- 4,100 sq. ft. of office space on the main floor is currently occupied / used.
- 2,800 sq. ft. of office space on the main floor is to be built out
- 6,500 sq. ft. of office space on the lower floor is to be built out
- 13,400 sq. ft. of total office space at the completion of the project

1/24/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting – The applicant described the proposed project to the Board and provided some insight into the discrepancy between the 8,000 sq. ft. of floor space approved in the special use permit and site plan approval and the 12,524 sq. ft. of floor space referenced in the building permit. It was difficult during the meeting to follow how the buildings square footage values were being determined so the Board requested a color coded version of the site plan and floor plan drawing. The number of available parking spaces (56) relative to the number required per code (77) was discussed. The Board requested a revised site plan drawing showing where an additional (21) parking spaces could be located on the lot to comply with code.

As follow up to the 1/24/22 PB meeting and preparation for the 2/14/22 PB meeting the Planning Office has researched how the Town Zoning Code establishes the area of a building. Section 220-4 Definitions of the Zoning Code includes the following: Floor Area, Gross: The sum of horizontal areas of the floors of a building, excluding unenclosed or unheated porches, unenclosed decks, unfinished basement areas or garages, measured from the exterior face of the exterior walls. Therefore, the potential gross floor area for the existing building is 15,770 sq. ft. (7,885 sq. ft. 1st floor + 7,885 sq. ft. lower level).

The <u>Gross Floor Area</u> is an important parameter for proposed Planning Board projects. The Town zoning code uses the Gross Floor Area of proposed buildings to calculate the number of parking spaces that are required to service the building.

On 2/10/22 Mr. Trotta provided the Planning Office with a new 11-page drawing set entitled "3140 Troy Schenectady Road Medical Office Tenant Layout" by the Holland Trotta Project and Fitzgerald Engineering dated 020/9/22 with no subsequent revisions. The package includes the following.

- Sheet 1 Existing site conditions
- Sheet 2 Site design charrette in parking expansion possibilities
- Sheet 3 Lower level leasable square footage
- Sheet 4 1<sup>st</sup> Floor leasable square footage
- Sheet 5 National design guidelines medical office for reference only
- Sheet 6 Existing building elevations south and west elevations
- Sheet 7 Existing building elevations north and east elevations
- Sheet 8 Existing building sections
- Sheet 9 Overflow / employee parking expansion exercise
- Sheet 10 Lower level gross footprint square footage

Sheet 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – gross footprint square footage

The 11-page drawing set includes values and calculations for Option 1 <u>Leasable Area or Square Footage</u> (the square footage of the building that is proposed to actually be rented out) and values and calculations for Option 2 <u>Gross Floor Area</u> (GFA) (the square footage of the building as defined previously and in the Niskayuna zoning code).

The applicant has worked with the Planning Office to make sure they are clearly answering the questions raised by the PB at the 1/24/22 meeting.

PB Request 1 – color code the site plan drawing to show the currently occupied and additional areas of the building that the applicant would like to build out and rent.

#### OPTION 1 – all area used – THIS OPTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

Sheets 3 & 4 of the drawing package include the following proposal based on *Leasable Area*.

Sheet	Level	Description	Leasable	Notes	Total Area
			Area (sq. ft.)		(sq. ft.)
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Area 1 - green	4,040	Currently occupied	4,040
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Area 2 – tan	2,800	Proposed	6,840
3	Lower level	Area 3 – blue	3,780	Proposed	10,620
3	Lower level	Area 4 - pink	1,564	Proposed	12,184
3	Lower level	Unfinished basement		1,578 sq. ft	

#### PARKING SPACES REQUIRED

220 Attachment 22 Schedule I-H R-P District Column 6 lists the minimum required off-street parking for professional medical offices as 1 space per 175 sq. ft. of gross floor area.

The Town zoning code based parking space requirement for this option is:

- ((GFA 1<sup>st</sup> Floor + GFA Lower level) / 175 (sq. ft. / parking space)) =
- GFA 1<sup>st</sup> Floor = 7,885 sq. ft.
- GFA Lower level = 7,885 all unfinished basement & storage areas including....
  - Storage Area = 897
  - Storage Area = 115
  - Storage Area = 119
  - Storage Area = 46
  - Mechanical Room = 125
  - Mechanical Room = 82
  - Sprinkler Room = 67
  - Utility Room 1 = 86
  - Utility Room 2 = 41
  - o TOTAL = 1,578
- (7,885 + 7,885 1,578) / 175 = 81 parking spaces required

# OPTION 2 – some unfinished storage remains – THIS OPTION WAS MOVED FORWARD FOR FURTHER REVIEW BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Sheets 10 & 11 of the drawing packet include the following proposal based on *GFA*.

Sheet	Level	Description	Gross Floor	Notes	Total Area
			Area (sq. ft.)		(sq. ft.)
11	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Area 1 - green	7,885	Proposed	7,885
10	Lower level	Area 2 – blue	4,072	Proposed	11,957
10	Lower level	Stair 1 & 2	267	Proposed	12,224
10	Lower level	Unfinished basement		3,546 sq. ft.	

The Town zoning code based parking space requirement for this option is:

- ((GFA 1st Floor + GFA Lower level) / 175 (sq. ft. / parking space)) =
- GFA 1<sup>st</sup> Floor = 7,885 sq. ft.
- GFA Lower level = 4,072 + Stairways 1 & 2 to access the lower level
  - Note: all other area is unfinished basement & storage area
  - o Stair 1 = 124
  - o Stair 2 = 143
  - o STAIR TOTAL = 267
  - o GFA LOWER LEVEL TOTAL = 4,339
- (7,885 + 4,339) / 175 = 70 parking spaces required

# PB Request 2 – provide a revised site plan drawing showing where additional parking spaces could be located on the property.

Sheets 2 and 9 of the 11-page drawing set display the available and possible future parking spaces on the lot.

Itemized Spaces	Description	Total
56	Existing spaces	56
3	Easy adds to main lot	59
11	Difficult adds to main lot	70
7	Remote lot	77

#### PROVISIONAL PARKING BOND

Section 220-19 Off-street parking; driveways E construction of parking area includes "If, in the judgement of the Planning Board, the required parking would be excessive, the Planning Board may allow up to 25% of the required to be unpaved, under bond, to allow extra landscaped area. The Planning Board may require paving of the area left unpaved if it is deemed necessary at a later date. The bond shall be retained for three years."

Applying this provision to the 70 parking space requirement of the  $\underline{\text{Option 2}}$  proposal described on sheets 10 & 11 of the drawing package results in a parking space requirement of 53 spaces (70 \* .75 = 53). The applicant already has 56 paved parking spaces on the lot at 3140 Troy Road and can create a total of 70 spaces on the lot. Therefore if the Planning Board thinks the 70 parking space requirement is excessive in this case they can allow 75% of the parking spaces to be paved and allow the applicant to "bank" the additional 25% of the parking spaces as described in the code.

2/14/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting – the applicant explained their revised presentation package dated 2/10/22. Mr. Tratta explained that the Leasable Area proposal represented their original request but they are now comfortable with the Gross Floor Area proposal that would limit the requested medical office space to 12,224 sq. ft. As calculated above, this approach

requires 70 parking spaces per code. It is also noted above that Section 220-19 states the PB may allow up to 25% of the required parking to be unpaved and under bond for a three year trial period. If the PB feels additional parking is required they may require that the applicant pave some or all of the banked parking spaces. Mr. Tratta showed the PB that the revised presentation included a drawing documenting a potential 70 parking spaces. Ms. Robertson noted that some setback relief to right of ways may be required. After additional discussion the PB requested a revised site plan drawing from the applicant documenting the final request and called for a resolution for site plan approval for the 2/28/22 PB meeting containing conditions for options to bridge the gap from the current 56 parking spaces to the code required 70 spaces. Mr. Tratta provided an updated site plan drawing dated 1/15/22 which was stamped "Received Feb 18 2022 Planning Office Niskayuna, NY".

The Planning Board identified the following waivers/issues that may apply to the banked parking as proposed:

#### Front Yard:

Section 220-19 H (1) states "Parking in front yards. Off-street parking shall not be permitted between the front building line and the street line except in the driveways of residential lots.

#### Distance to Lot Line

Section 220-19 D states: In all commercial and industrial districts, parking areas shall not come closer than five feet to any side or rear property line or a distance equal to 20% of the side or rear setback distance whichever is greater.

#### Greenspace

Schedule I-H Column 8 states: "There shall be a minimum 25% of the total land area of the site reserved as landscaped open space. At the discretion of the Planning Board, a portion of this open space shall be used to provide landscaping internal to required off-street parking areas.

#### Screening:

Section 220-21 (B) states "Unenclosed uses. Any use which is not conducted within a completely enclosed building, including but not limited to junkyards, storage yards, lumber and building-materials yards, parking and loading areas and which is in, abuts or is adjacent to a residential district or fronts on a public right-of-way shall be obscured from view from such residential districts and public rights-of-way in an effective manner, which shall include, but not be limited to, landscaping and screening, including the installation of berms and/or plantings."

#### Storm water

Storm water would need to be provided for.

Additionally, the Town of Niskayuna reached out to the Town of Colonie, and their planner, Sean Maguire, AICP, had the following comments/concerns with the proposal:

"If the parking at the site is not sufficient to support the proposed use, overflow parking could impact the private VIy Pointe Drive between our towns. I also note that the overflow parking option (not preferred by the applicant) on Sheet 9 would not be permitted in Colonie – this area is zoned single-family residential.

A tentative resolution for site plan approval is included in the meeting packet that outlines the waivers and limits any additional leasable space in the future due to the parking restraints of the site. Actual construction of the parking lots, if warranted, would require further site plan review.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE NISKAYUNA TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, ONE NISKAYUNA CIRCLE, IN SAID TOWN AT 7:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON:

HONORABLE: KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN

**GENGHIS KHAN** 

MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS

CHRIS LAFLAMME PATRICK MCPARTLON

DAVID D'ARPINO DACI SHENFIELD LESLIE GOLD

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whom moved its adoption, and seconded by	

WHEREAS, Ray Trotta, of the Holland Trotta project and agent for the owner, has made an application to the Planning Board and Zoning Commission for site plan approval for tenant fit up and occupancy of additional medical office space within the existing building at 3140 Troy Rd, and

WHEREAS, the site plan is shown on a drawing entitled "Site Plan 3140 Troy-Schenectady Road" dated 1/15/22 with no subsequent revisions and stamped "Received Feb 18 2022 Planning Office Niskayuna, NY", and the medical office tenant layout is shown in an 11-page drawing set entitled "3140 Troy Schenectady Road Medical Office Tenant Layout" by the Holland Trotta Project and Fitzgerald Engineering dated 2/10/22 with no subsequent revisions, and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification of the property is R-P Residential and Professional zoning district, and

WHEREAS, a professional medical office, qualifies as a special principle use for this zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board referred this application to the Town's Superintendent of Water, Sewer and Engineering, the Fire District Chief and the Chief of Police and there were no objections to the proposal, and

WHEREAS, Niskayuna Town Board Resolution 2004-39 adopted on 1/20/04 granted a special use permit for the construction of an 8,000 sq. ft. professional medical office building as proposed in a drawing entitled "Concept Plan, Proposed Office Building, 3140/3144 Troy-Schenectady Road," prepared by C.T. Male Associates, P.C. dated November 12, 2003, and

WHEREAS, Niskayuna Planning Board and Zoning Commission Resolution 2004-26 adopted on 1/7/04 granted site plan approval for the construction of an 8,000 sq. ft. professional/medical office building located at 3140/3144 Troy Road proposed in a set of plans entitled "Niskayuna Professional Office Development, Town of Niskayuna, Schenectady County", prepared by Lansing Engineering, P.C. dated May 11, 2004", and

WHEREAS, sheets 10 and 11 of the aforementioned office tenant layout documentation package dated 2/10/22 propose a total of 12,224 sq. ft. of gross floor area medical office space and approximately 3,546 sq. ft. of unfinished basement area, and

WHEREAS, Zoning 220 Attachment 22 Schedule I-H R-P District column 6 states that 1 parking space is required for each 175 sq. ft. of gross floor area. Therefore the Building, at approximately 12,224 sq. ft. of gross floor area, requires 70 parking spaces (12,224/175=70). As proposed, the site plan depicts 56 parking spaces, and

WHEREAS, Section 220-19 (E) of the Code states that "If, in the judgment of the Planning Board, the required parking would be excessive, the Planning Board may allow up to 25% of the required parking to be unpaved, under bond, to allow extra landscaped area. The Planning Board may require paving of the area left unpaved if it is deemed necessary at a later date. The bond shall be retained for three years, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that 70 parking spaces for this proposed site plan is excessive and the applicant has shown in the aforementioned site plan drawing dated 1/15/22 and stamped "Received Feb 18 2022 Planning Office Niskayuna, NY" that 14 additional parking spaces could be added to the site with zoning code relief for setback from existing right of ways if the Planning Board determines that some or all 14 spaces are required over the next 3 years, and

WHEREAS, this Board has carefully reviewed the proposal and by this resolution does set forth its decision heron,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board and Zoning Commission has determined that the required parking may be excessive and is allowing the landowner to bank 22% of the required parking as unpaved, with the following conditions:

If during the 3-year evaluation period the Planning Board determines that up to 14 additional parking spaces are required, for a maximum of 70 total parking spaces, the following options or conditions are available and may be employed either individually or in combination.

- 1. Most preferred: A shared parking agreement may be established with neighboring lots. The number of shared spaces shall not exceed the number of parking spaces neighboring lots contain in excess of their required parking based on their gross floor area and per applicable code (use).
- 2. Preferred: Up to 3 parking spaces may be added by replacing the 3 existing landscaped areas within or directly adjacent to the currently constructed parking lot, identified in the aforementioned site plan drawing with the label of "land banked parking spaces".
- 3. Not preferred: Up to 11 parking spaces may be added by replacing the 2 greenspace areas to the side and front of the existing building in the aforementioned site plan drawing with the 11 spaces labeled "land banked parking spaces". The construction of these parking spaces, while technically feasible, would require additional Planning Board review and potentially include (but not be limited to) the following items for Planning Board discussion:
  - a. Section 220-19 H (1) states "Parking in front yards. Off-street parking shall not be permitted between the front building line and the street line except in the driveways of residential lots.
  - b. Section 220-19 D states: In all commercial and industrial districts, parking areas shall not come closer than five feet to any side or rear property line or a distance equal to 20% of the side or rear setback distance whichever is greater.
  - c. Schedule I-H Column 8 states: "There shall be a minimum 25% of the total land area of the site reserved as landscaped open space. At the discretion of the Planning Board, a portion of this open space shall be used to provide landscaping internal to required off-street parking areas.
  - d. Section 220-21 (B) states "Unenclosed uses. Any use which is not conducted within a completely enclosed building, including but not limited to junkyards, storage yards, lumber and building-materials yards, parking and loading areas and which is in, abuts or is adjacent to a residential district or fronts on a public right-of-way shall be obscured from view from such residential districts and public rights-of-way in an effective manner, which shall include, but not be limited to, landscaping and screening, including the installation of berms and/or plantings."
  - e. Storm water management shall be addressed..

And be it hereby

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board and Zoning Commission finds the above referenced site plan meets the requirements of the Zoning Code and previous site plan approvals, and therefore, hereby approves this site plan with the following conditions.

- 1. If the Planning Board determines that additional parking spaces are required under Section 220-19 (E) of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna, the landowner shall be required to file for site plan review to construct said spaces so that the Planning Board can review and approve the aforementioned options and potential waiver requirements prior to any construction.
- 2. No additional gross or leasable floor area can be added to this building beyond the 12,224 square feet referenced. There shall be no future conversion of any Unfinished Storage / Basement space.
- 3. All proposed new occupants of the additional medical office space approved via. this resolution and any future change in tenant occupancy shall require site plan approval by the Planning Board and Zoning Commission.
- 4. Signage: Prior to issuance of a building permit the Planning Office will review and approve any proposed code compliant signage.

Upon roll call the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN GENGHIS KHAN MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS CHRIS LAFLAMME PATRICK MCPARTLON DAVID D'ARPINO DACI SHENFIELD LESLIE GOLD

The Chairman declared the same		•
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NOTES:
CHAPTER 220. ZONING ARTICLE V. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS § 220-19. OFF-STREET PARKING; DRIVEWAYS.

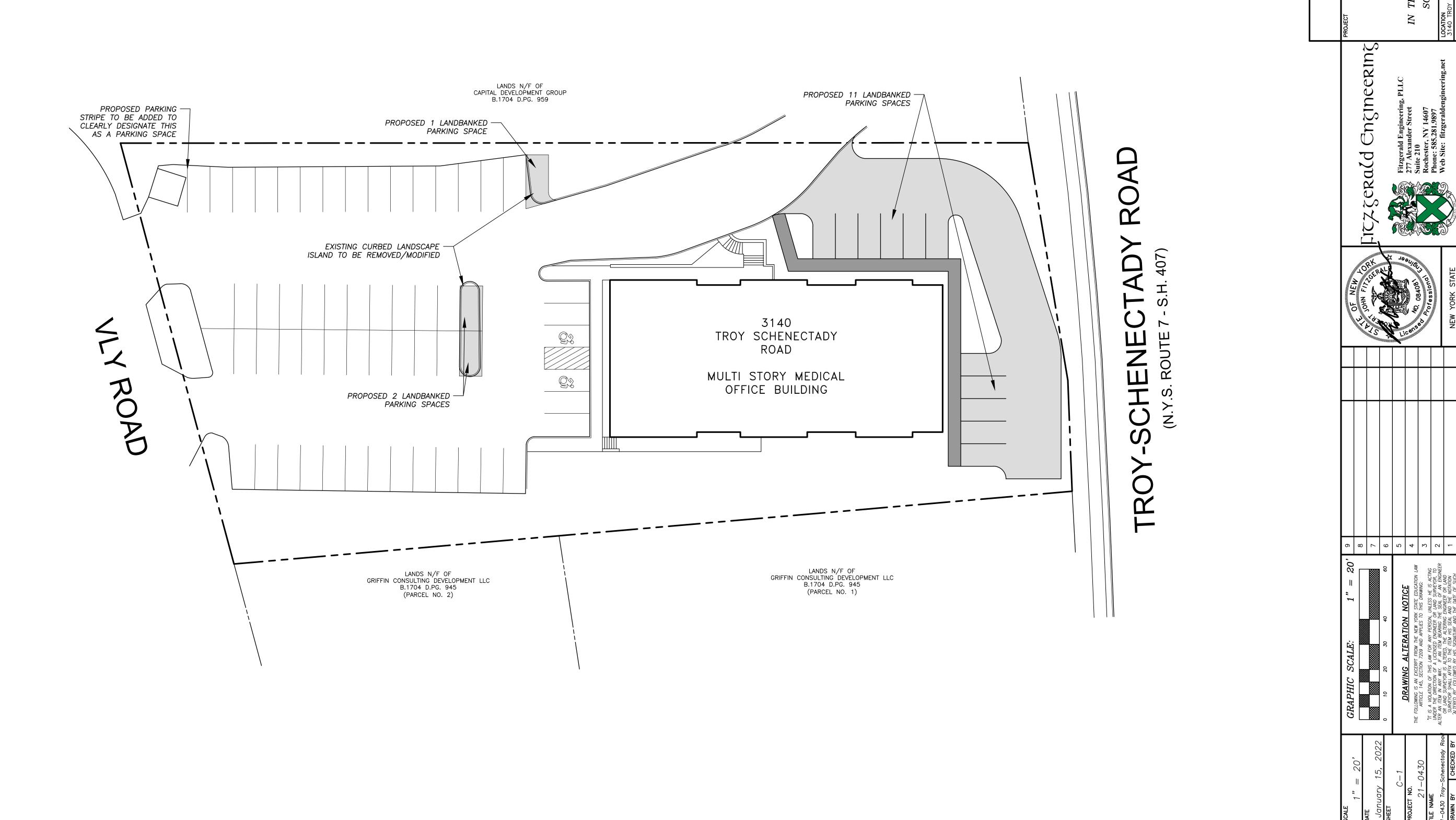
E. CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING AREA. ALL OPEN PARKING AREAS SHALL BE PAVED AND SHALL BE PROPERLY DRAINED. IF, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE PLANNING BOARD, THE REQUIRED PARKING WOULD BE EXCESSIVE, THE PLANNING BOARD MAY ALLOW UP TO 25% OF THE REQUIRED PARKING TO BE UNPAVED, UNDER BOND, TO ALLOW EXTRA LANDSCAPED AREA. THE PLANNING BOARD MAY REQUIRE PAVING OF THE AREA LEFT UNPAVED IF IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE. THE BOND SHALL BE RETAINED FOR THREE YEARS.

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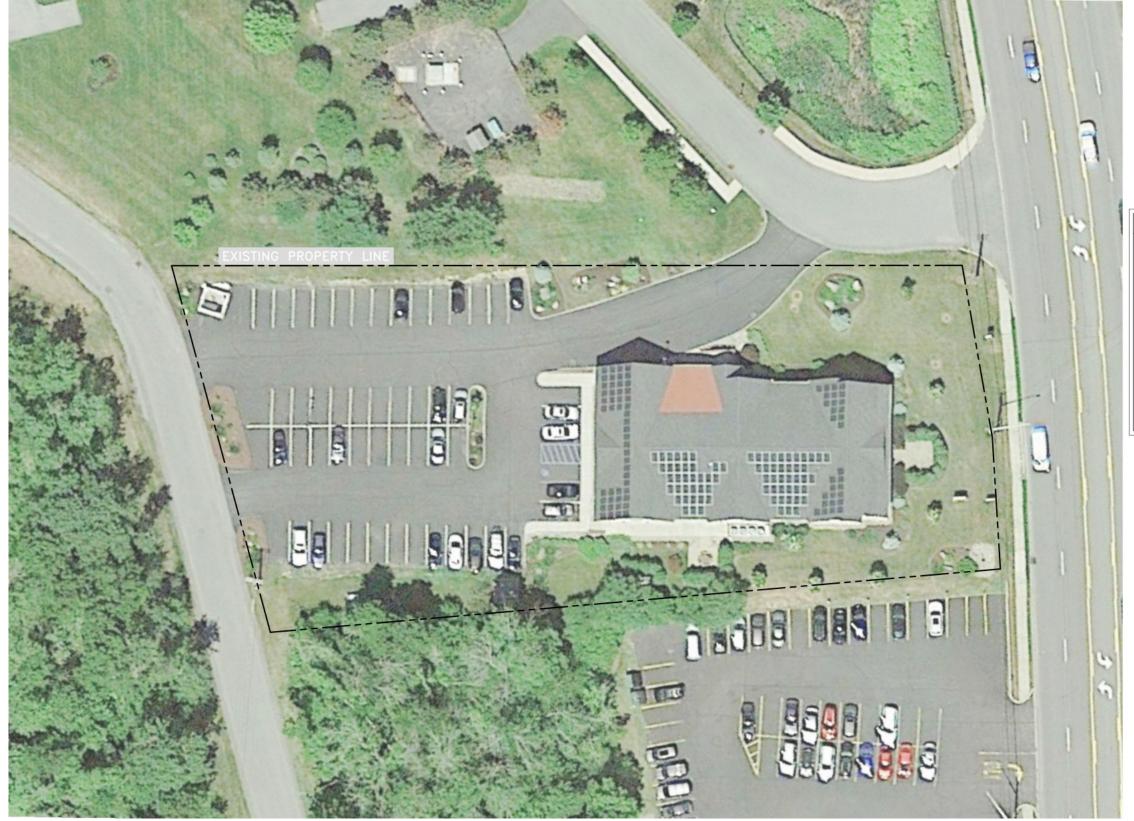
THERE ARE 56 EXISTING PARKING SPACES ON SITE. IF THE PLANNING BOARD ALLOWED THE SITE TO HAVE THE 25% ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES, THE SITE COULD ACCOMMODATE FOR 70 PARKING SPACES.

THE SITE PLAN BELOW PROPOSES 14 NEW LANDBANKED PARKING SPACES. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL PARKING SPACES TO 70.

BASED ON THE PROPOSED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND TOTAL GROSS SQUARE FEET WITHIN THE BUILDING, THE SITE MUST ACCOMMODATE FOR 70 PARKING SPACES WHICH IS WHAT THE SITE PLAN BELOW IS PROPOSING THUS THE SITE IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE TOWN ZONING CODE.



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#### PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

THE FOLLOWING PARKING DATA IS BASED UPON THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING CODE AS PER TOWN CODE, REQUIRED PARKING IS BASED UPON THE PROPOSED USE.

AS PER THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING CODE FOR THE R-P ZONING DISTRICT, 1 PARKING SPACE IS REQUIRED PER 175 SQUARE FEET OF GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL OFFICE SPACE. THE EXISTING BUILDING WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE +/-13,400 SQUARE FEET OF MEDICAL OFFICE SPACE THEREFORE, 77 PARKING SPACES ARE REQUIRED ON SITE. THE EXISTING PARKING COUNT ON SITE IS 56 SPACES THEREFORE, A VARIANCE IS REQUESTED.

# Fitzgerald Engineering, PLLC



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277 Alexander Street
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Rochester, NY 14607
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# Existing Site Conditions Not to Scale - For Reference



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Site Design Charrette in Parking Expansion Possibilities Not to Scale - For Reference



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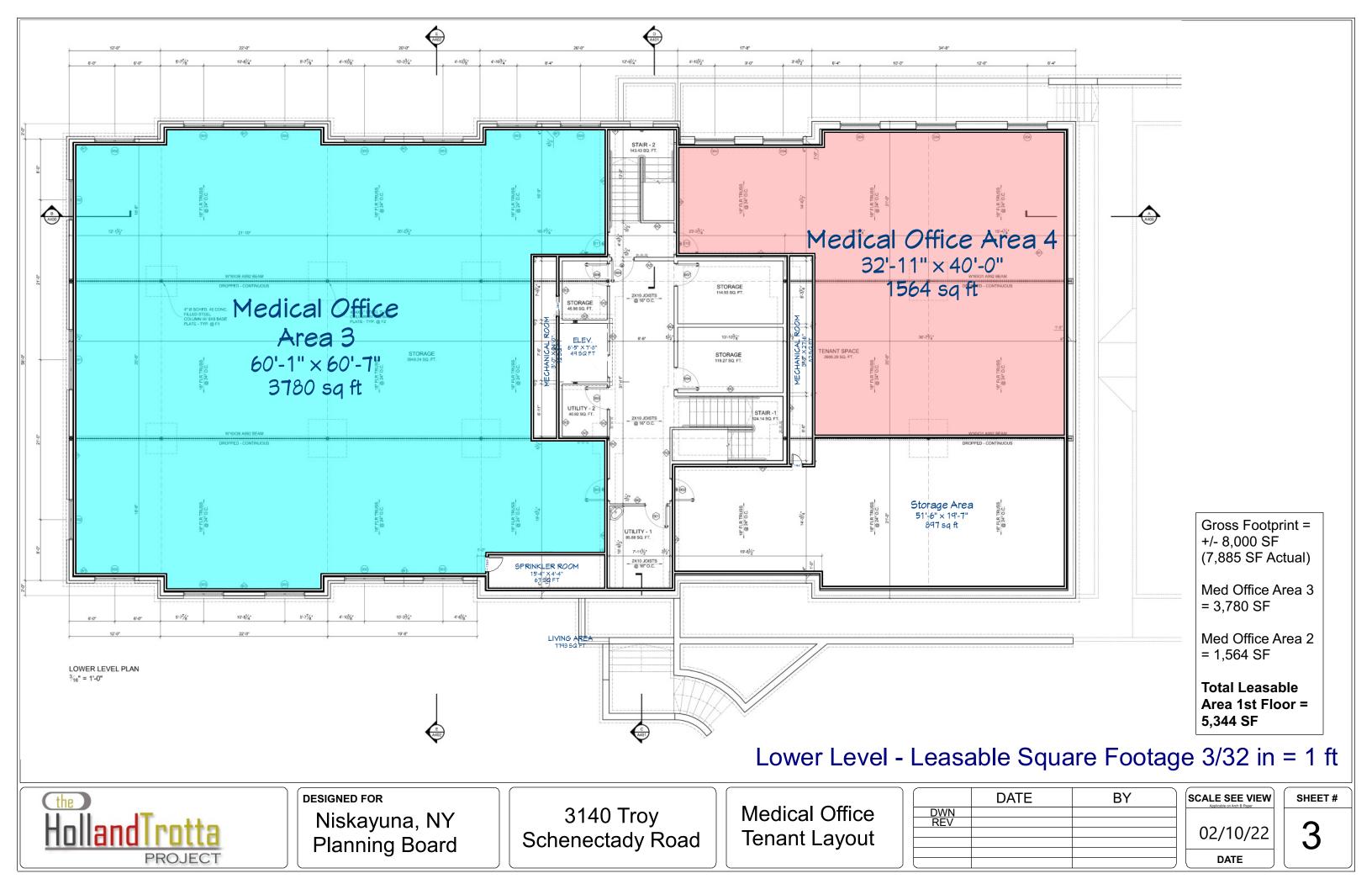
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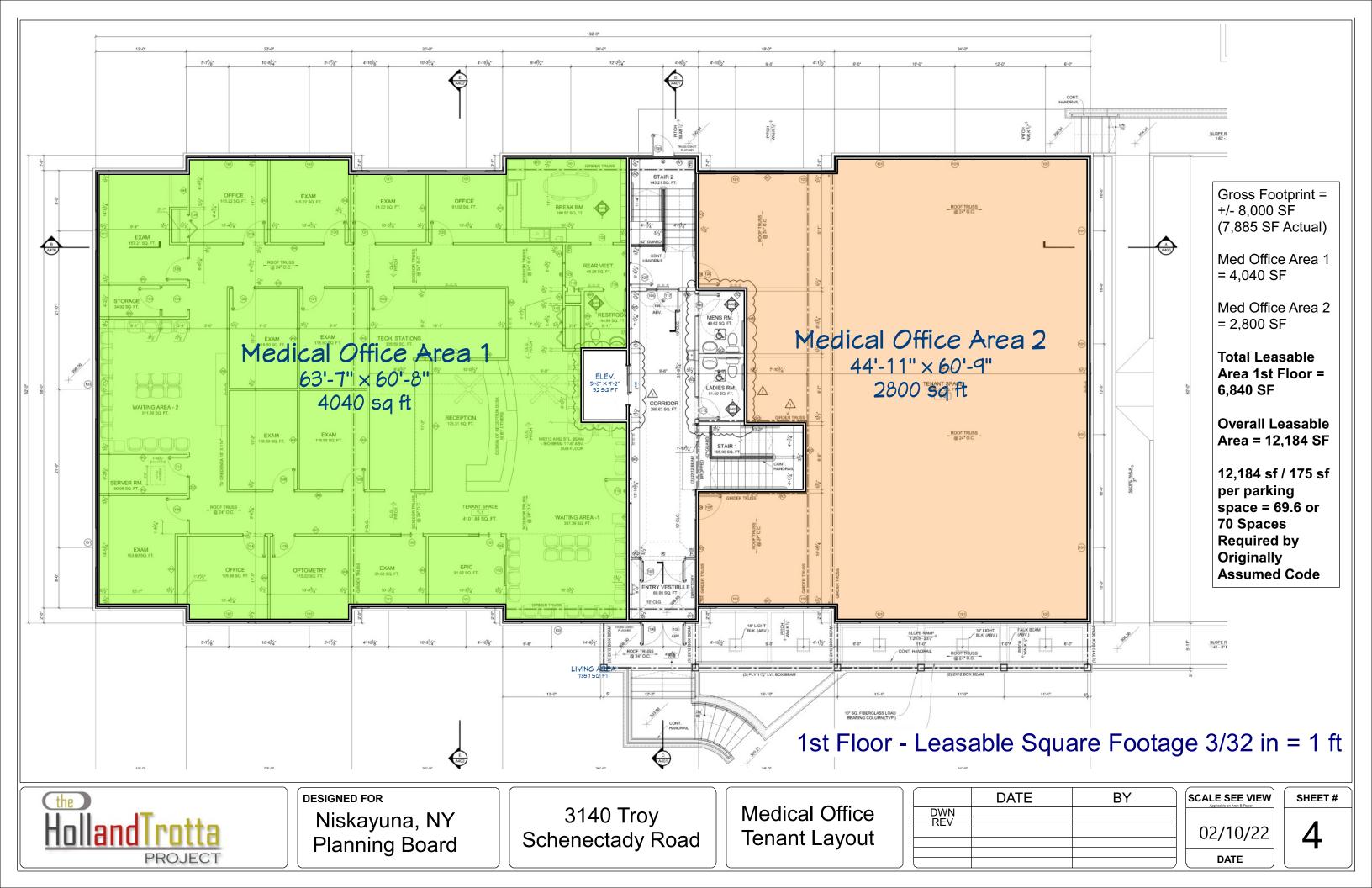
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Overall Leasable Area = 12,184 SF

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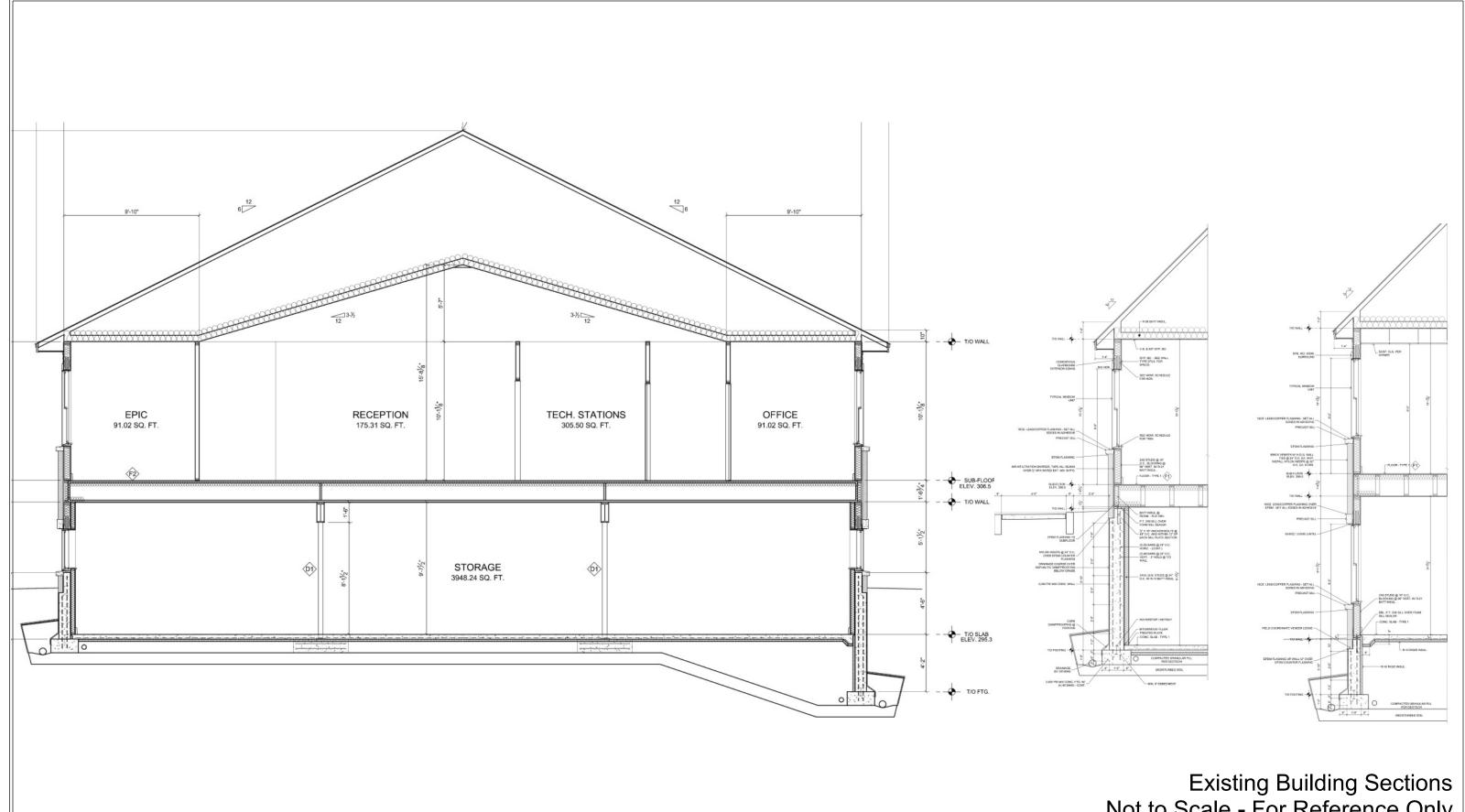
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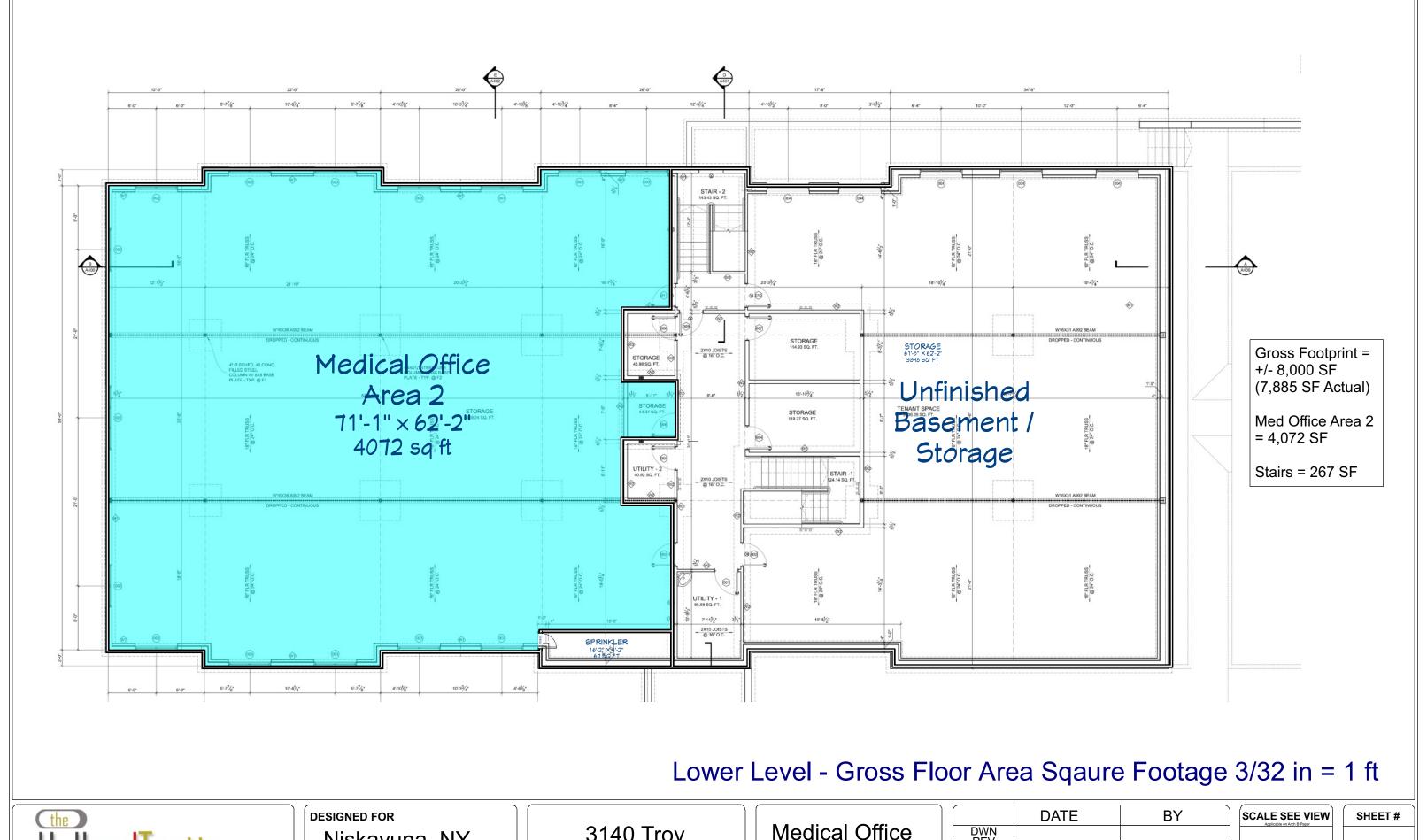
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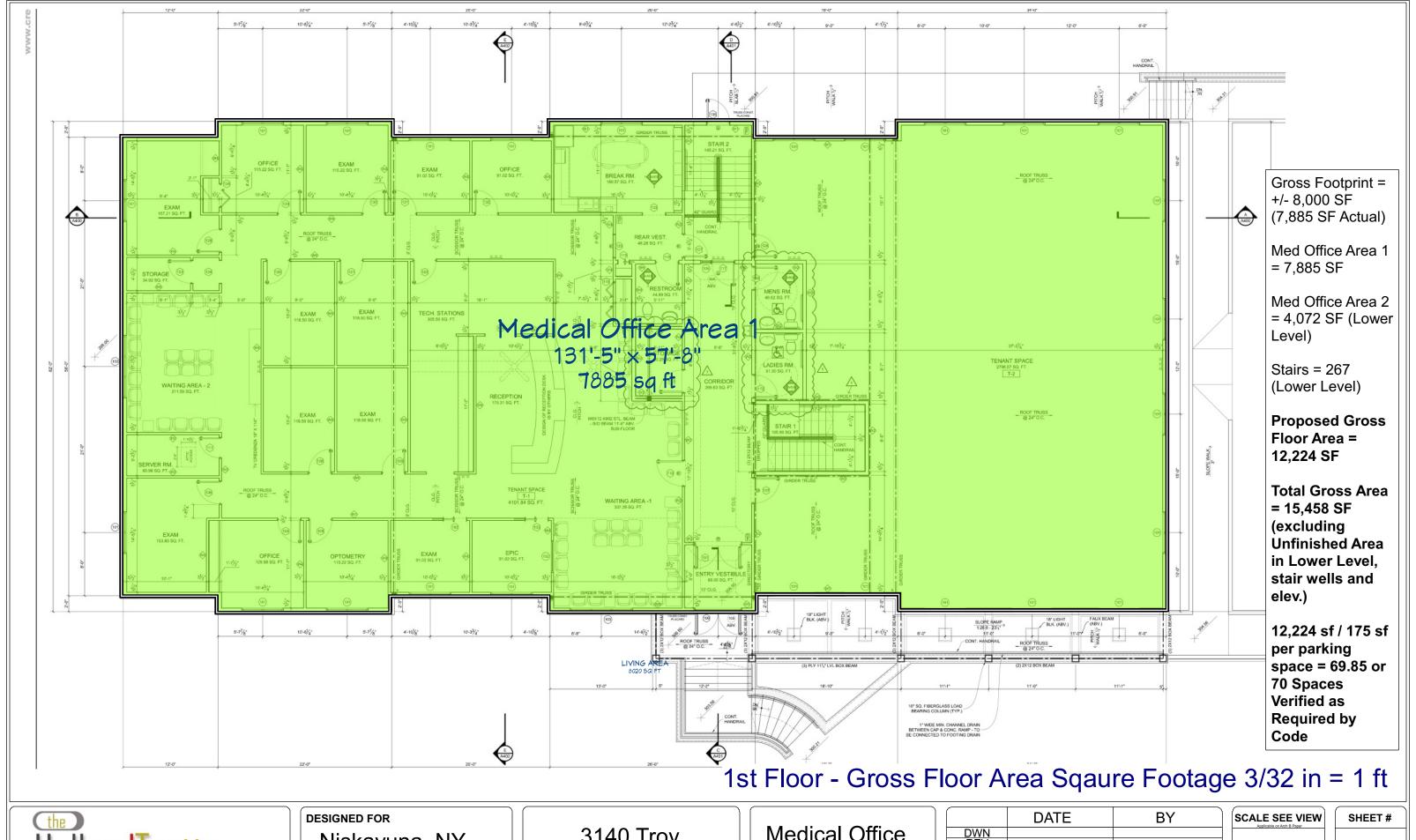
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## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

#### PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION

#### **AGENDA STATEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII. 1 MEETING DATE: 2/28/2022

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION: One Research Circle – GE Global R&D Center – site plan application for the construction of a new building.

PROJECT LEAD: TBD

APPLICANT: Corrie Whalen, employee / agent for the owner

SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

REVIEWED BY:

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Town Board OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution Site Plan Map Report Other:

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Corrie Whalen, acting on behalf of the General Electric Company, submitted an Application for Site Plan Review for a proposed new building on the campus at the intersection of KW Rd. and Discovery Drive. The proposed building is approximately 16,000 sq. ft. with a footprint of 80' wide x 220' long x 55' high.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The 522 acre property at 1 Research Circle lies within I-R Research and Development zoning district.

A 12-page document package was submitted with the application. Eight (8) of the pages were entitled "GE Cryo Schenectady, NY" by American Buildings Company dated 2/21/22 with no subsequent revisions. All 12 pages were stamped "Received Feb 23 2022 Planning Office Niskayuna, NY".

Mr. Whalen stated that the proposed new building will replace two existing buildings currently on the site. One of the existing buildings contains a piece of special equipment. The special equipment will be relocated to the proposed new building and the existing building will be demolished, along with one other additional building.

Niskayuna Zoning Code Section 220-10 District Regulations H Research and Development District (1) Permitted principal uses includes: (a) Research, experimental and testing

laboratories. The main Global Research and Development building is therefore a permitted principal use in the I-R zoning district.

Schedule I-F Part 1 C-S and I-R Districts Schedule of Supplementary Regulations Column 8 Additional Use Regulations, Prohibitions, Notes, Other Provisions and Requirements 1 states: "Other portions of this chapter not withstanding for lot areas of 5 acres or larger, at the discretion of the Planning Board, 1 principal use may be contained in more than 1 principal building on the lot". Therefore the Planning Board may consider the proposed new building that is intended to contain a special piece of research and development equipment an additional building of the research, experimental and testing laboratories permitted principal use.

Niskayuna Zoning Code Section 220-17 Height regulations A states: "No building or structure shall exceed a height of 35 feet above the average finished grade adjoining the building unless otherwise specified in this chapter....."

As proposed the new building has a maximum height of 55 feet above finished grade. Therefore a variance of 20 feet (55 - 35 = 20) of building height is required.

The applicant is appearing before the Planning Board and Zoning Commission this evening to present the project and answer any questions that arise.

The Planning Board is to review the project and consider calling for a recommendation to be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at the next Planning Board meeting (3/14/22).



## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381

Phone: (518) 386-4530

# **Application for Site Plan Review**

<u>Applicant (Owner or Agent</u> ):	<u>Location</u> :
Name <u>CE RESEARCH</u>	Number & Street   RESEARCH GRUE
Address   RESEARCH CIRUE NISKAYUNA, NY 12309	Section-Block-Lot 157 - 1 - 2
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BUILD NEW RESEARCH BU	11 WIHG ON CAMPUS.
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### Each site plan application shall be accompanied by:

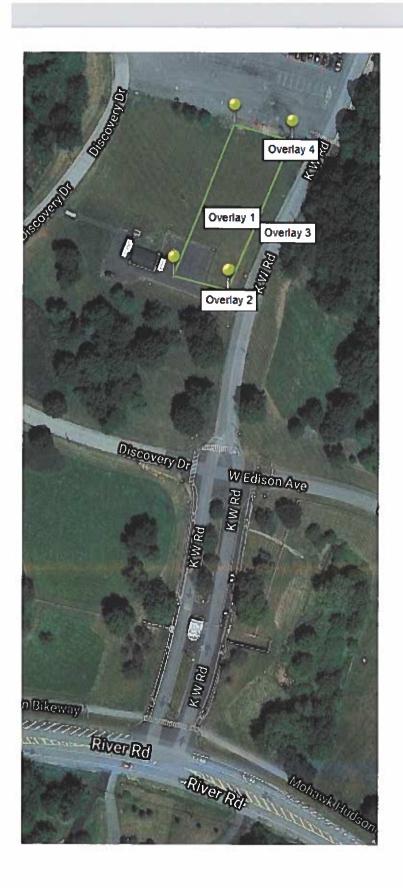
- $_{\tau}$ / 1. Digital copies in pdf format of all application forms and supporting documents.
  - 2. A digital copy in pdf format and three (3) full size copies of any large scale plans or maps prepared by a licensed engineer, architect or surveyor.
    - a. The site plan shall include the following: the title of the drawing, including the name(s), address(es), phone and fax numbers of the applicant and the name address, phone and fax number of the person, firm or organization preparing the map.
    - b. The North point, date and scale.
    - c. Boundaries of the property.
    - d. Existing watercourses and direction of existing and proposed drainage flow.
    - e. The location of all proposed site improvements; proposed water and utility facilities; a description of the method of sewage disposal and location of such facilities; the location of all proposed signs; and location of proposed areas of vegetation.
  - 2. A digital copy in pdf format of a lighting plan showing the lighting distribution of existing and proposed lights, specifications, photometric data, and catalog cuts of the proposed fixture(s) which meet the requirements of Article VIIIB of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna entitled "Guidelines for Lighting of Outdoor Areas under Site Plan Review".
  - 3. One (1) copy of the short or long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), as required by 6NYCRR Part 617, "State Environmental Quality Review", and Chapter 95, "Environmental Quality Review" of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna.
  - 4. If the application is being made by someone other than the current property owner, the applicant or the agent for the applicant must provide proof that they are authorized to pursue this site plan approval. Such proof may be in the form of a contract for sale or letter by the current owner that the applicant/agent is authorized to proceed with this application.
  - 5. Administration Fees: An application for site plan approval shall be submitted to the Planning Board at least ten (10) business days prior to a regular meeting of the Planning Board. Each petition shall be accompanied by a minimum fee of \$200.00 plus an additional fee based on the square footage of new building construction. Fees are payable to the Town of Niskayuna.
  - 6. 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.

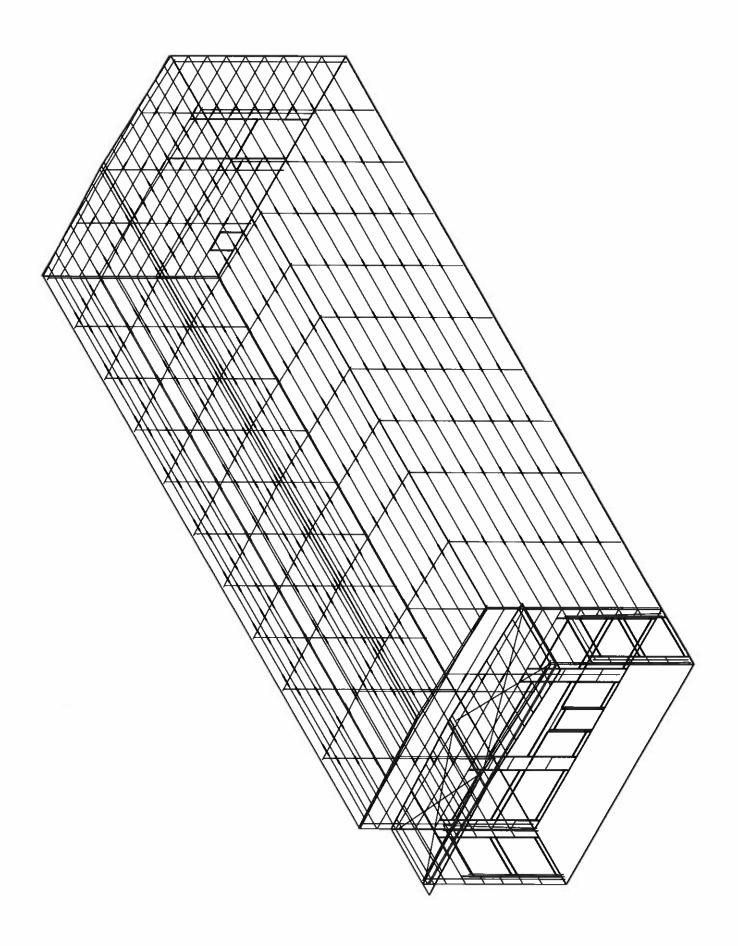
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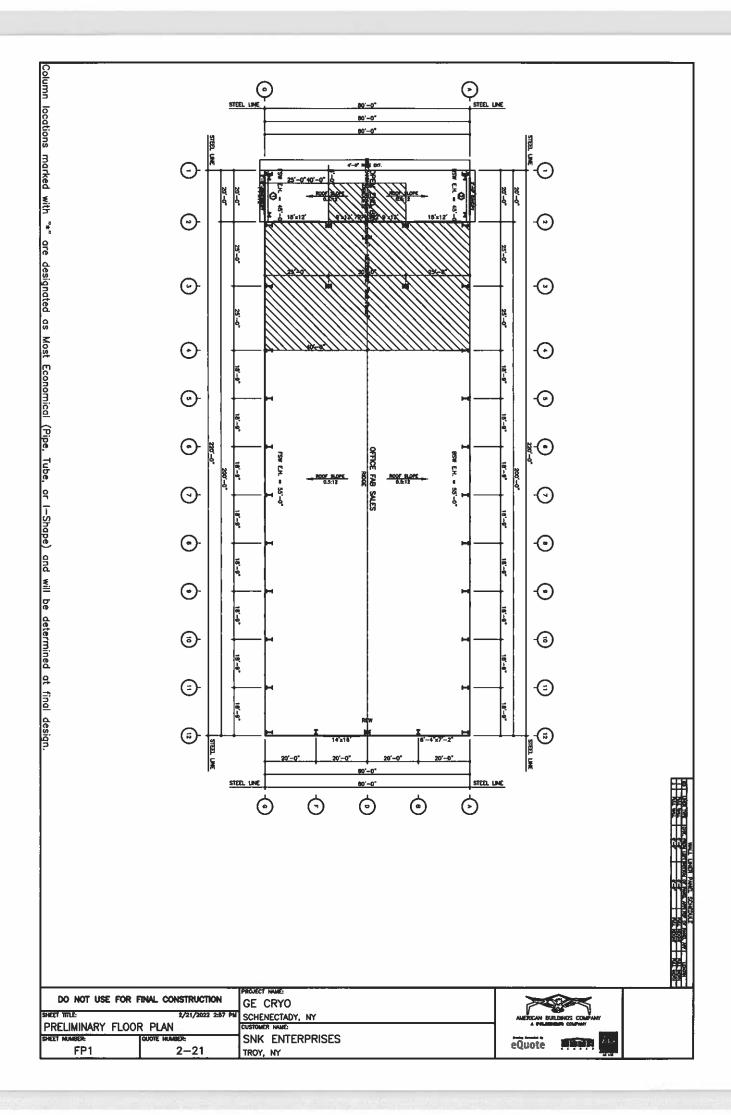
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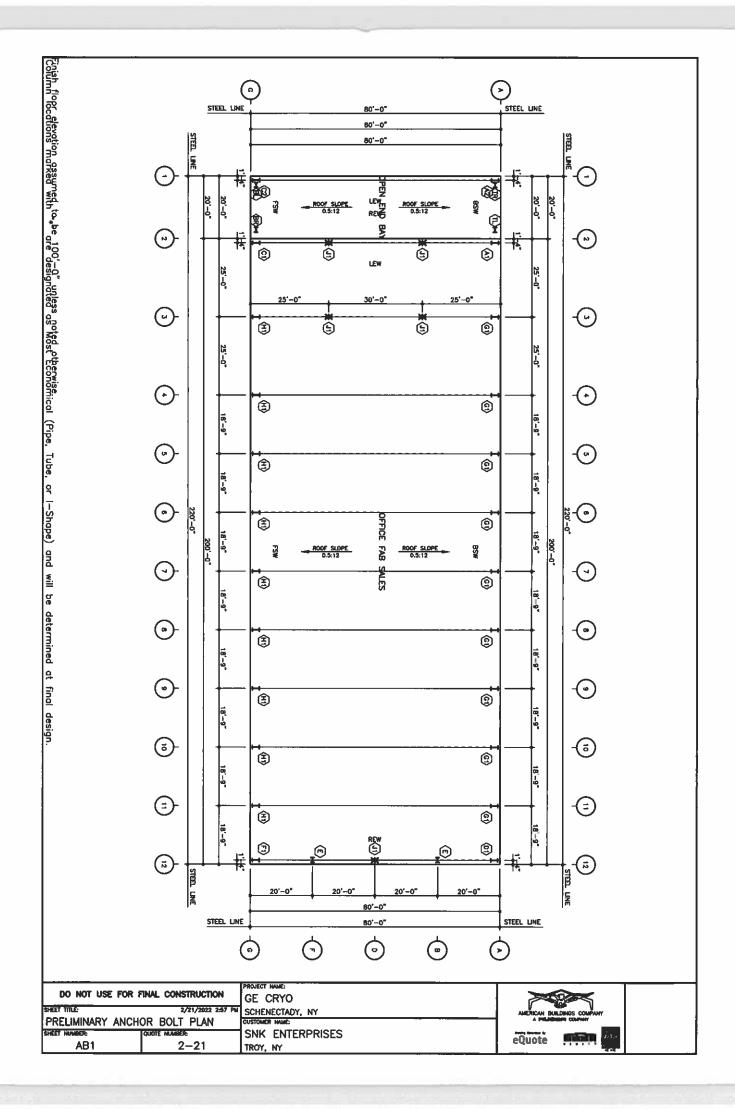
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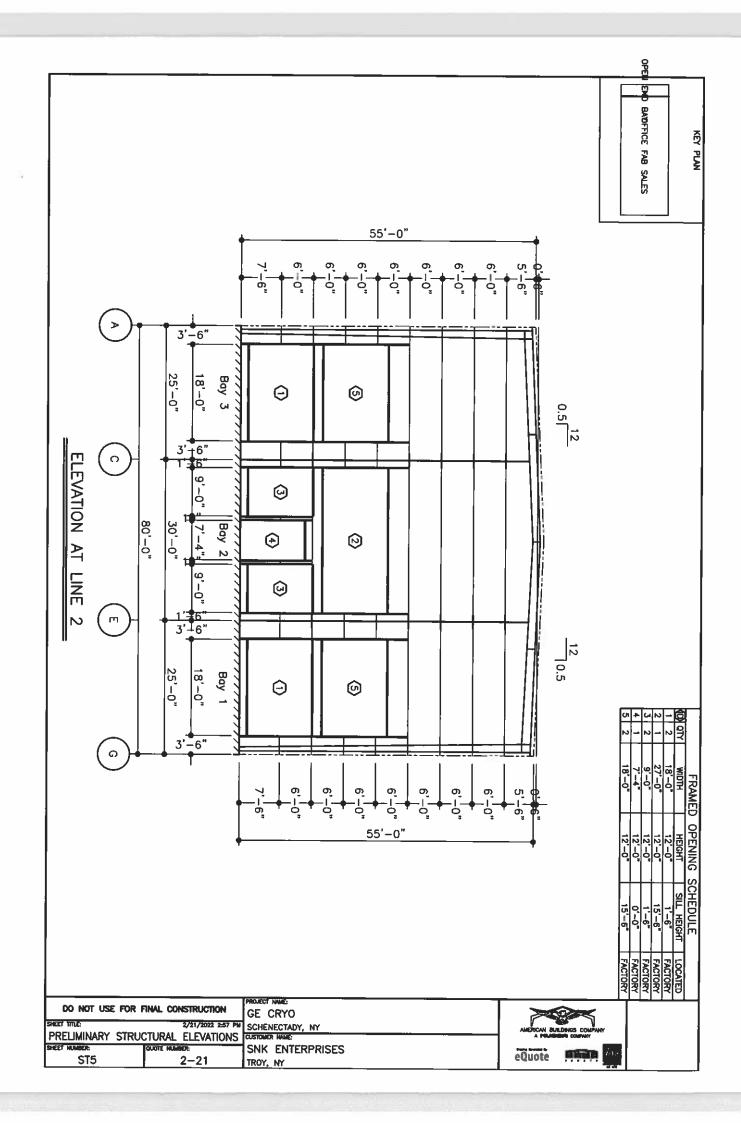
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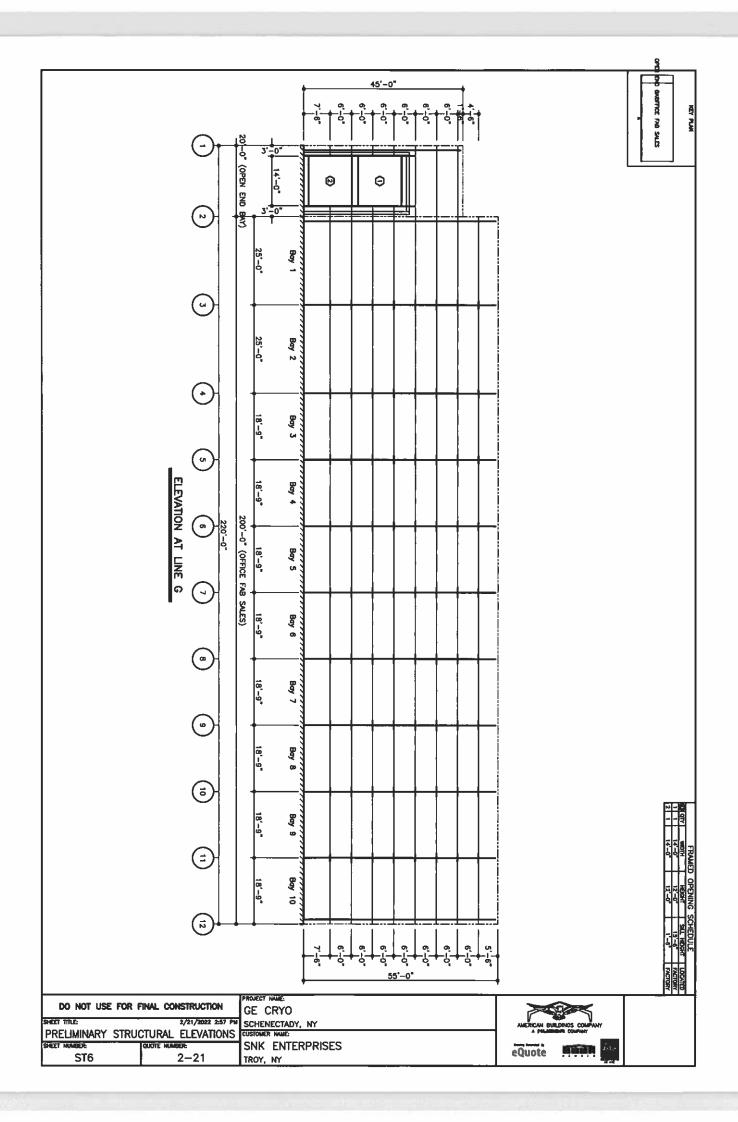


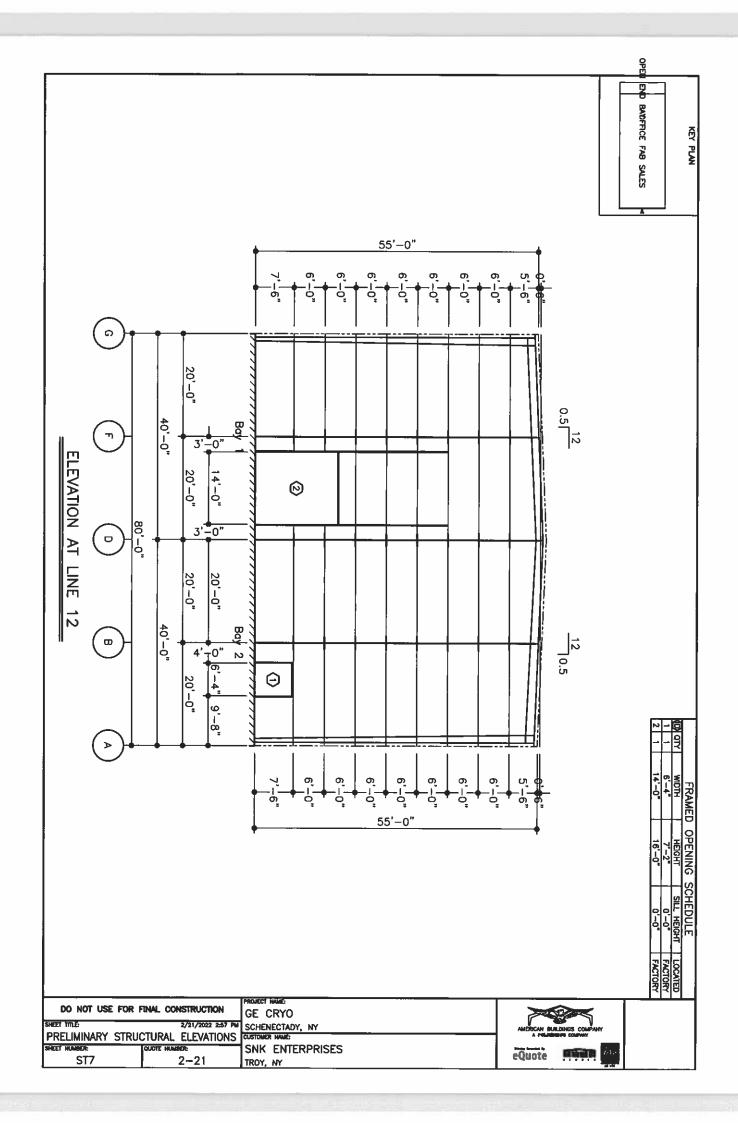


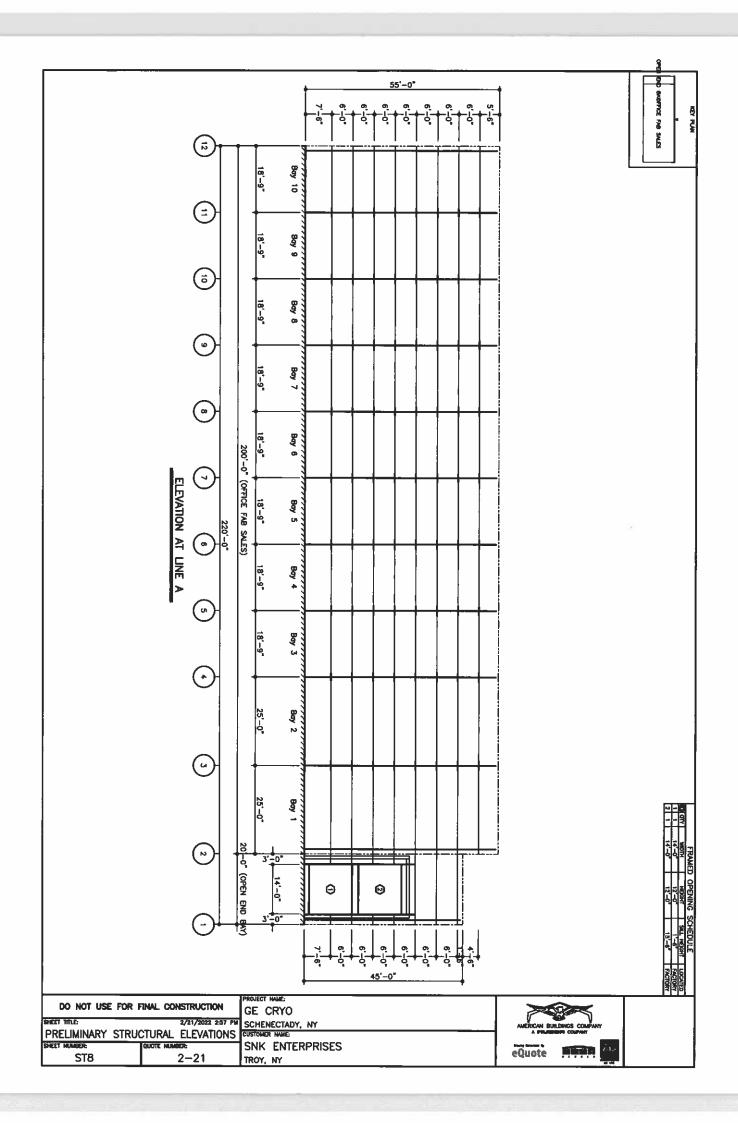


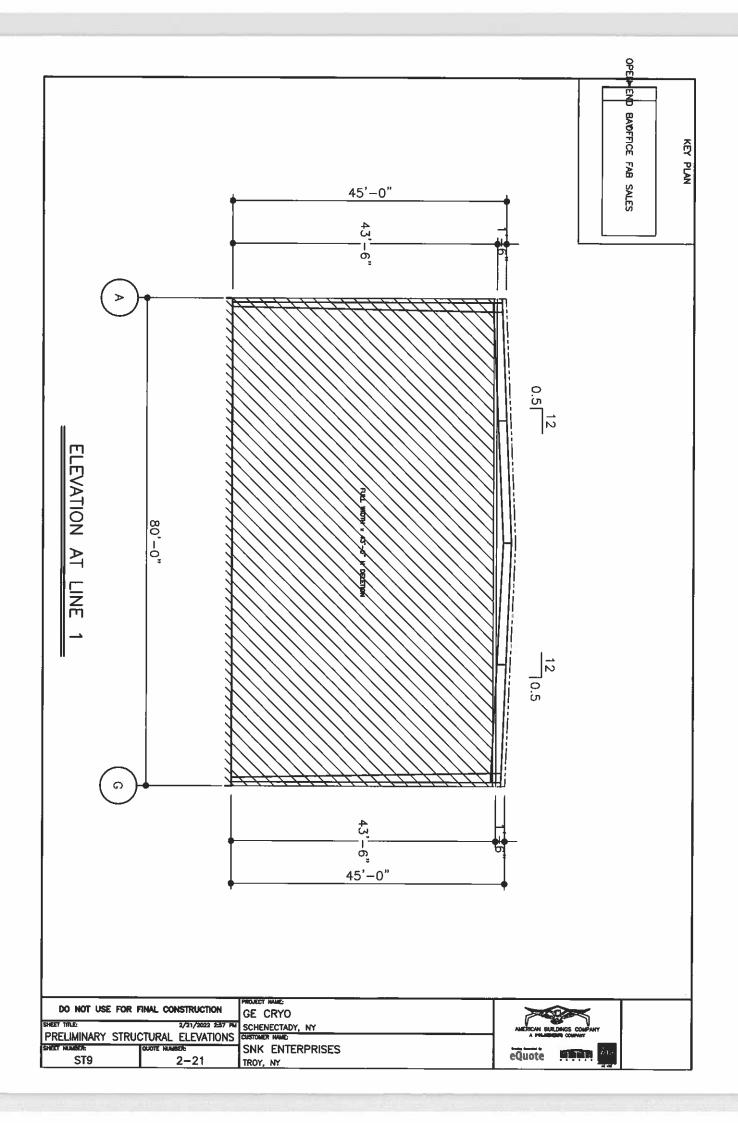


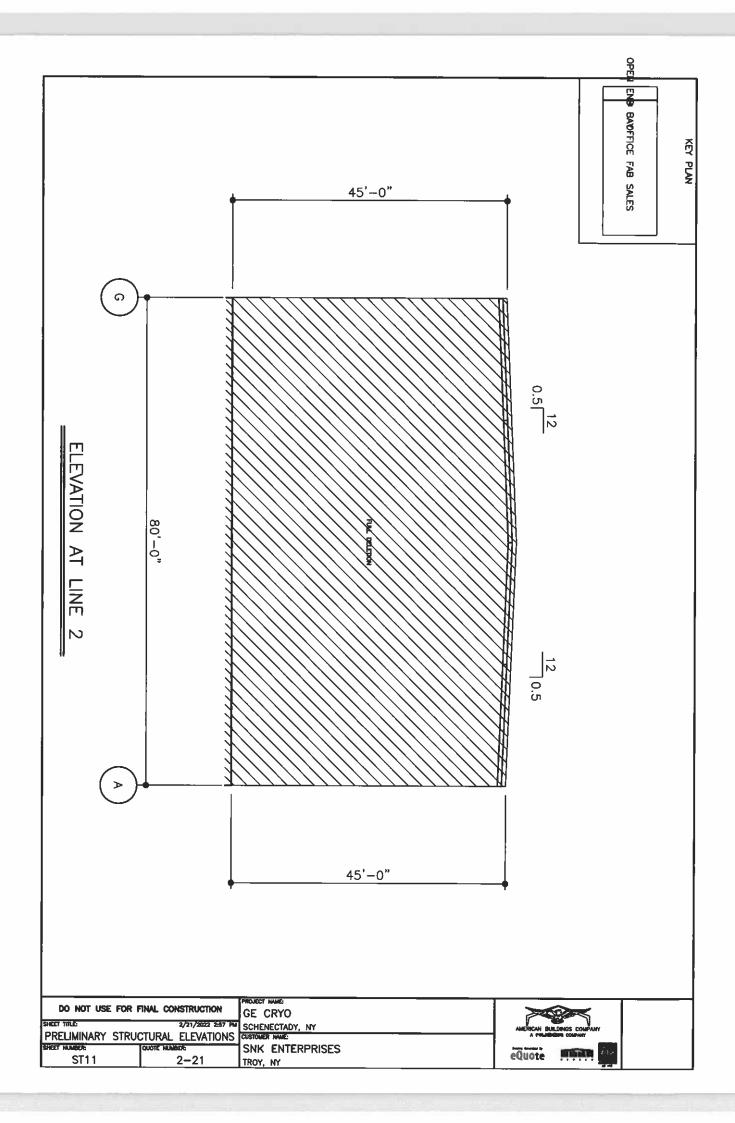


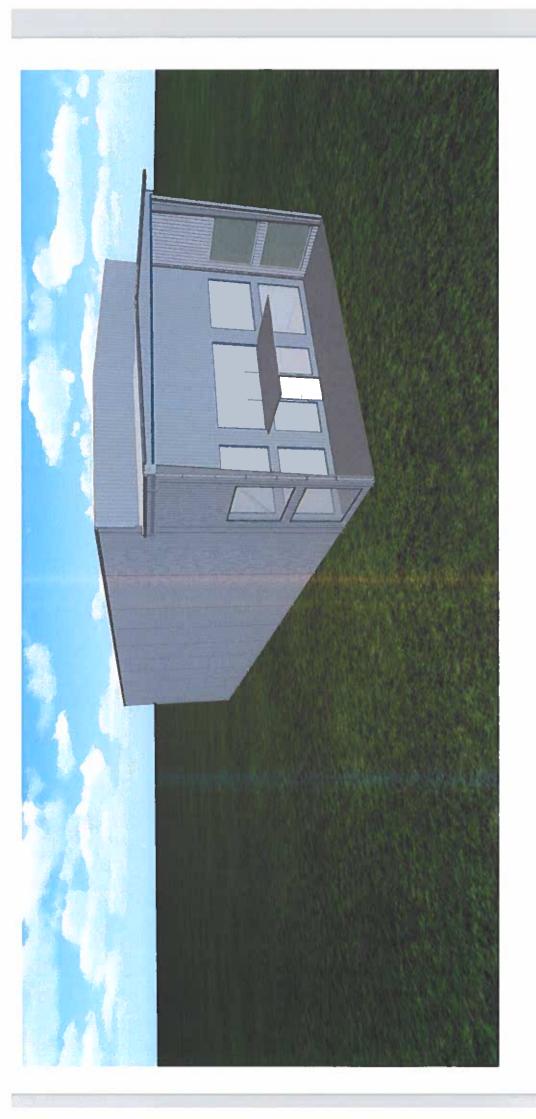


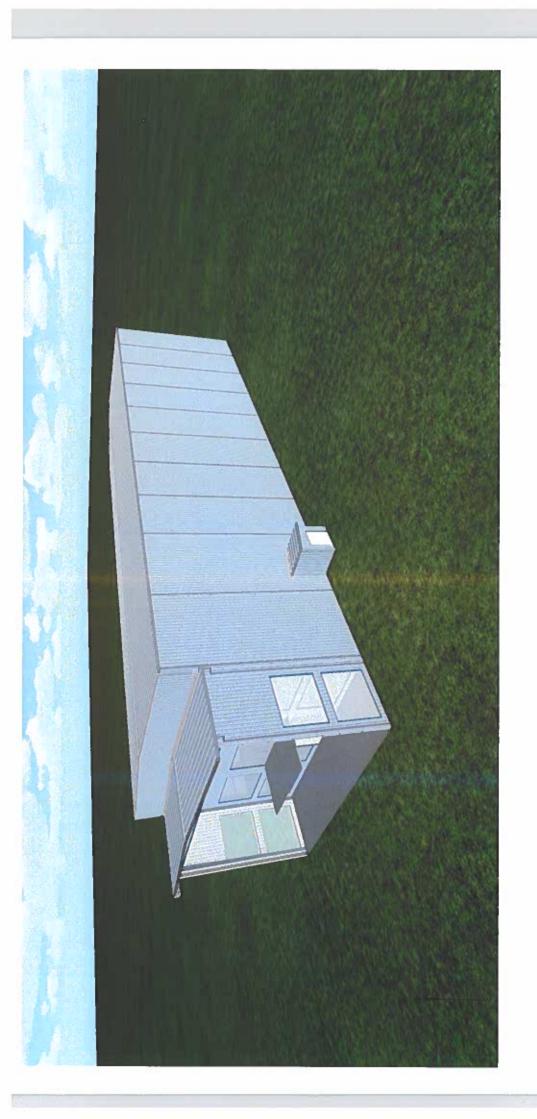












#### **ZONING COORDINATION REFERRAL**

#### SCHENECTADY COUNTY DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Recommendations shall be made within 30 days after receipt of a full statement of the proposed action.

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TO: Schenectady County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Schaffer Heights, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 303

Schenectady, NY 12308

(tel.) 386-2225 (fax) 382-5539

**ACTION:** Zoning Code/Law Amendment

Zoning Map Amendment Subdivision Review Site Plan Review Special Permit
Use Variance
Area Variance
Other (specify)

#### PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING DATE:

#### SUBJECT:

REQUIRED

- 1. Public hearing notice & copy of the application.
- **ENCLOSURES:** 2. Map of property affected. (Including Tax Map I.D. number if available)
  - Completed environmental assessment form and all other materials required by the referring body in order to make its determination of significance pursuant to the state environmental quality review act.
  - 1. This zoning case is forwarded to your office for review in compliance with Sections 239-I, 239-m and 239-n of Article 12-B of the General Municipal Law, New York State.
  - 2. This material is sent to you for review and recommendation because the property affected by the proposed action is located within 500 feet of the following:

the boundary of any city, village or town;

the boundary of any existing or proposed County or State park or other recreation area;

the right-of-way of any existing or proposed County or State parkway, thruway, expressway, road or highway;

the existing or proposed right-of-way of any stream or drainage channel owned by the County or for which the County has established channel lines;

the existing or proposed boundary of any County or State-owned land on which a public building or institution is situated;

the boundary of a farm operation located in an agricultural district, as defined by Article 25-AA of the agriculture and markets law. The referral requirement of this subparagraph shall not apply to the granting of area variances.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

Name:	Title:	
Address:		
E-mail:	Phone:	
	Date:	
Signature		



## **TOWN OF NISKAYUNA**

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309-4381 (518) 386-4522 FAX: (518) 386-4592

**Application Date: 2/23/22** 

#### **BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT DENIAL**

Address: One Research Circle GE Global Research

Niskayuna, NY 12309

GE Global Research One Research Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309 corrie.whalen@ge.com

Dear Mr. Whalen:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your Application for Site Plan Review for a proposed new building on the GE Global Research campus at One Research Circle has been denied by reason of failure to comply with the provisions of Niskayuna Zoning Code Section 220-17 Height regulations. The property is located in the I-R Research and Development Zoning District.

A 12-page document package was submitted with the application. Eight (8) of the pages were entitled "GE Cryo Schenectady, NY" by American Buildings Company dated 2/21/22 with no subsequent revisions.

Your application is denied based upon the following requirements of the Zoning Ordinance:

Niskayuna Zoning Code Section 220-17 Height regulations A states: "No building or structure shall exceed a height of 35 feet above the average finished grade adjoining the building unless otherwise specified in this chapter. The finished grade of artificial berms or similar earthen structures created for insulation or other purposes adjacent to the building shall be disregarded in the determination of average finished grade".

As proposed in the aforementioned document package the new building measures 55' high. Therefore a 20' (55' - 35' = 20') area variance for the height of the building is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

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Laura Robertson, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	Date