WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA Thursday, September 4, 2025

Worcester County Government Center One West Market St., Room 1102 Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

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I. <u>Call to Order</u> (1:00 p.m.)

II. Administrative Matters

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 7, 2025
- **B.** Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda September 11, 2025
- C. Technical Review Committee Agenda September 10, 2025

III. Site Plan Review

A. Pocomoke Storage, LLC – Major Site Plan Review and Landscaping Irrigation Waiver Request

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Approved Private Roads Request – The Elms Minor RPC

V. Adjournment

Meeting Date: August 7, 2025

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: Worcester County Government Office Building, Room 1102

Attendance:

Planning Commission Staff

Jerry Barbierri, Chair Jennifer Keener, Director, DRP

Phyllis Wimbrow Kristen Tremblay, Zoning Administrator, DRP

Betty Smith Ben Zito, DRP Specialist, DRP

Marlene Ott Robert Mitchell, Director, Environmental Programs

Kathy Drew Mary Knight Ken Church

I. Call to Order

II. <u>Administrative Matters</u>

A. Review and approval of minutes, July 3, 2025.

As the first item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed the minutes of the July 3, 2025, meeting.

Following the review, a motion was made by Ms. Drew to approve the minutes as written with an amendment, Ms. Knight seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of minutes, July 10, 2025.

As the first item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2025, meeting.

Following the review, a motion was made by Mrs. Knight to approve the minutes as written, Ms. Drew seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Board of Appeals Agenda, August 14, 2025.

As the next item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed the agenda for the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for August 14, 2025. Ms. Tremblay was present for the review to answer questions and address concerns of the Planning Commission.

Following the review, the following comments were provided to the Board:

- Case No. 25-43: Mr. Barbierri believed the 45' variance was excessive.
- Case No. 25-46: Ms. Drew believed the 132' variance was excessive.

D. Technical Review Committee Agenda, August 13, 2025.

As the next item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed the agenda for the Technical Review Committee meeting scheduled for August 14, 2025. Ms. Tremblay was present for the review to answer questions and address concerns of the Planning Commission.

No comments were forwarded to the Committee.

III. Site Plan Review

A. Crepe Myrtle Court - RPC Step II Master Plan Approval

As the next item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed a Step II Master Plan for the Crepe Myrtle Court RPC.

Hugh Cropper, IV, Kathy Clark, and Keith Iott approached the table. Mr. Cropper provided an overview of the project and its history. Mr. Iott provided an overview of the site plan, parking layout, and entrance from Old Bridge Road. Mr. Cropper clarified that the proposed 4' wide do not meet the 5' standard that is required in the Design Guidelines, and this would need a waiver from the Planning Commission.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Knight to grant the waiver from the Design Guidelines to allow for 4' sidewalks. Ms. Ott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Knight to approve the Step II Master Plan as submitted. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. WO27 Solar – Major Site Plan Review and Landscaping Irrigation Waiver Request

As the next item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed a site plan and landscaping irrigation waiver request for WO27 Solar.

Nick Leffner of Kimley-Horn and Franny Yuhas of Turning Point Energy approached the table. Ms. Yuhas presented an overview of the project and the need for a landscaping irrigation waiver, and Mr. Leffner provided an overview of the site plan and future construction phasing.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Knight to grant the landscaping waiver. Ms. Ott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Wimbrow to approved the site plan as submitted. Ms. Ott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. WO60 Solar – Major Site Plan Review and Landscaping Irrigation Waiver Request

As the next item of business, the Planning Commission reviewed a site plan and landscaping irrigation waiver request for WO60 Solar.

Nick Leffner of Kimley-Horn and Franny Yuhas of Turning Point Energy remained at the table. Ms. Yuhas presented an overview of the project and the need for a landscaping irrigation waiver, and Mr. Leffner provided an overview of the site plan.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Wimbrow to grant the landscaping waiver. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Following a review, a motion was made by Ms. Ott to approved the site plan as submitted. Ms. Wimbrow seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Rezoning

A. Rezoning Case No. 451 - Request to rezone approximately 150 acres out of a 232.12-acre parcel from E-1 Estate District to A-1 Agricultural District, Tax Map 65, Parcel 48, Tax District 2, Richard and Elizabeth Smithson, property owners; Hugh Cropper, IV, attorney for the applicant.

Applicants: Hugh Cropper, IV, attorney; Doug Smithson, property owner; and Chris McCabe, environmental consultant.

Mr. Cropper provided an overview of the property, which is a working farm consisting of 231 acres. They are seeking a rezoning of the approximately 150 acres that is zoned E-1 Estate District. The remaining lands would remain in the RP Resource Protection District. Submitted as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 was a copy of the E-1 District regulations from the Zoning Code. Submitted as Applicant's Exhibit No. 2 was a Google Earth aerial photograph taken from the south. Mr. Cropper identified the property as the farm below Scarboro Creek. Mr. Cropper's argument for the rezoning is based on a mistake, albeit a good faith mistake, and that the property should have been zoned A-1 Agricultural District during the comprehensive rezoning process in 2009. At the time that the new maps went into effect on November 3, 2009, the property had already been subjected to a conservation easement, dated June 22, 2009. Page 1 of the recorded Deed of Conservation Easement was submitted as Applicant's Exhibit No. 3. Mr. Cropper stated that the easement precludes any subdivision activity for the property. Therefore, he said that it was a good faith mistake made during the time of the comprehensive rezoning process.

Mr. Chris McCabe testified that he was employed as the Natural Resources Administrator for Worcester County in 2009, and he is familiar with the terms of the easement. He concurred that the property was in an easement as of June 22, 2009, and subdivision activity is precluded. He said that Worcester County did not adopt the septic tier maps, therefore the petitioned area would not be eligible for a major subdivision (which is allowed in the E-1 District) on private septic. Mr. McCabe concurred that as the former Natural Resources Administrator, and now environmental consultant, it was and is a mistake for the property to be zoned E-1 District. The

land is and has historically been used agriculturally, is designated as Agriculture on the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Map and should be similarly zoned.

Mr. Cropper noted that his argument was based on a mistake, and therefore they have not defined the neighborhood. The zoning would be more conforming with its current use. The property has great soils and was originally approved for on-site septic systems as part of the former subdivision application. He stated that the A-1 Agricultural District allows many more agricultural uses than the E-1 Estate District.

Mrs. Drew asked what the goal was for the overall property. Mr. Smithson purchased the farm five years ago. They treat it as a family compound as they live full-time in Cape May, New Jersey. Mr. Cropper noted that Mr. Smithson purchased Grandview Farms, which is the property on the southerly side of Public Landing Road in late 2024. It is similarly zoned E-1 Estate District, with 100 tillable acres. The long-term plan is to rezone Grandview Farms based on a change in the character of the neighborhood, using this rezoning case as the justification for the change. Mrs. Wimbrow mentioned waiting until the next comprehensive rezoning, but that will be several years in the future. She also noted that it wouldn't be feasible to argue mistake on the Grandview Farms parcel, because the lots were platted and the roads installed at the time of the comprehensive rezoning in 2009 before its own conservation easement was recorded.

Circling back to the specific petitioned area, Mr. Cropper stated that they were not intending to buy out the easement. He then went through the findings of fact that the Planning Commission must make as outlined in his application.

The Planning Commission reviewed and commented upon each of the findings. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Church, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried unanimously, to find the proposed amendment to rezone the petitioned area from E-1 Estate District to A-1 Agricultural District consistent with the Comprehensive Plan based on a mistake, and forward a favorable recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners.

V. Text Amendment

A. Solar Energy Systems

Mrs. Keener presented a proposed text amendment that was prepared at the request of the Worcester County Commissioners. While the request from the County Commissioners was specific to decommissioning, many of the definitions and review procedures are outdated and need to be amended. Broadly, the bill proposed to do the following:

- Align the definitions.
- District regulations have been updated to reflect the new definition/title.
- Modifying the lot requirements for major and utility systems to be consistent with state law
- Modifying the utility review process to be consistent with current practices and state law.
- Create local decommissioning and restoration plan requirements and local bonding.
- Adding a nuisance provision to the Public Health Article for abandoned projects.

In addition, the Planning Commission made the following amendments to the original draft bill:

- Enhanced the landscape buffer provisions for major systems between 200 kW and one MW.
- Require all major systems to provide for decommissioning plans and bonds (200 kW and greater) whether for on-site consumption or sale to the grid.
- Revise the district regulations for major and utility systems that are listed as special exceptions to be permitted uses. Currently, systems over one MW would not be subject to special exception provisions due to state law.

Following the discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Wimbrow, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously to provide a favorable recommendation to the bill with amendments.

VI. Adjourn

Ben Zito, DRP Specialist

On a motion made by Ms. Ott and seconded adjourned.	by Ms, Smith, the Planning Commission
Mary Knight, Secretary	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of the Worcester County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in-person before the Board of Zoning Appeals for Worcester County, in the Board Room (Room 1102) on the first floor of the Worcester County Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland. Audio and video recording will take place during this public hearing.

The public is invited to view this meeting live online at - https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live

6:30 p.m.

Case No. 25-51, on the lands of Christina and Jeffrey Lank, on the application of Kristina Watkowski, requesting an after-the-fact variance to the side yard setback from 20 feet to 18.5 feet (to encroach 1.5 feet) for a detached garage and an after-the-fact variance to the side yard setback from 20 feet to 7.7 feet (to encroach 12.3 feet) for a shed in the A-1 Agricultural District, pursuant to Zoning Code §§ ZS 1-116(c)(4), ZS 1-201(b)(5) and ZS 1-305, located at 7109 Ayres Lane Road, Tax Map 72, Parcel 101, Tax District 2, Worcester County, Maryland.

6:35 p.m.

Case No. 25-50, on the lands of Build Pines, LLC, on the application of Hugh Cropper, IV, requesting a special exception to allow contractor shops in the A-2 Agricultural District, pursuant to Zoning Code Sections §§ ZS 1-116(c)(3), ZS 1-116(c)(4) and ZS 1-202(c)(13), located at 10529 Flower Street, Tax Map 25, Parcel 275, Tax District 3, Worcester County, Maryland.

6:40 p.m.

Case No. 25-39, on the lands of Donald D'Aquila, on the application of Hugh Cropper IV, requesting two (2) variances to reduce the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Buffer (1) from 100 feet to 51.76 feet (to encroach 48.24 feet) for a proposed dwelling; and (2) from 100 feet to 12.83 feet (to encroach 87.17 feet) for a proposed driveway in the A-2 Agricultural District, pursuant to Zoning Code §§ ZS 1-116(m), ZS 1-202(b)(5) and ZS 1-305 and Natural Resources Code §§ 3-104(d)(4) and NR 3-111, located at 8718 Grey Fox Lane, Tax Map 33, Parcel 206, Tax District 3, Worcester County, Maryland.

6:45 p.m.

Case No. 24-71, on the application of Maryland Coastal Bays Program, on the lands of the State of Maryland, Ruark Family LP, and Assateague Island National Seashore, requesting a modification to extend four (4) waterfront structures in excess of 125 feet by 18 feet, 25 feet, 29 feet and 150 feet for construction of a proposed living shoreline project extending to a maximum of 275 feet channelward, pursuant to Natural Resources Code §§ NR 2-102(e)(1) and Zoning Code §§ ZS 1-116(n)(3), located at 7000 Rum Pointe Road, Tax Map 42, Parcels 8, 36, and 40, Tax District 10, Worcester County, Maryland.

Administrative Matters

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WORCESTER COUNTY TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
Worcester County Government Center, Room 1102, One West Market Street,
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Site Plan Review (§ ZS 1-325)
 - A. <u>Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department South Station– Major Site Plan Review</u>
 Proposed site development for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. Development includes proposed firehouse, indoor bays, and parking. Located at 911 Ocean Parkway, Berlin, MD 21811. Tax Map 16, Parcel 18, Tax District 3, C-2 General Commercial District, Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department & Ocean Pines Association, Inc, owner

/ Vista Design, Inc., surveyor/engineer.

III. Adjourn

WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE: September 4, 2025

PURPOSE: Major Site Plan Review

DEVELOPMENT: Pocomoke Storage, LLC

PROJECT: Development of a parking lot for RV and boat storage – 70 spaces.

LOCATION: Located at 1757 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, MD 21851. Tax Map 84, Parcel 59, Tax District 1.

ZONING DESIGNATION: C-2 General Commercial District.

BACKGROUND: The property is located on the corner of Groton Road and Worcester Highway (US Route 113) with an existing home on the parcel.

The project proposes to construct a gravel parking lot that will be used to store RVs and boats for patrons.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION: The site will be accessed from Groton Road via a 30' wide gravel access drive.

§ZS 1-320(f)(1) requires all parking areas and vehicular travelways to be constructed of materials that provide a hard and durable surface that precludes or limits particulate air pollution. A waiver to this code requirement is being requested.

LANDSCAPING: A landscape plan has been prepared in accordance with §ZS 1-322. A landscaped buffer has been proposed along the entire perimeter of the project area, including on Groton Road and Worcester Highway. The project will also retain existing Forest Conservation area abutting the westerly parcels.

An automatic drip irrigation system has proposed for landscaping as required by §ZS 1-322(b)(7).

FENCING: A six (6) foot-tall aluminum picket fence is proposed along the perimeter of the driveway and parking lot. A six (6) foot-tall aluminum automated gate will also be installed for security.

FOREST CONSERVATION LAW: An acceptable Forest Conservation Plan has been provided for the project.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/ SEDIMENT EROSION CONTROL: The project has received Stormwater Development Plan approval.

PROPERTY OWNER: Pocomoke Storage, LLC

APPLICANT/DEVELOPER: Pocomoke Storage, LLC

ENGINEER: Wilkins-Noble, LLC

PREPARED BY: Ben Zito, DRP Specialist

WAIVERS REQUESTED

According to §ZS 1-320(f)(1), all parking areas and vehicular travelways shall be constructed of materials that provide a hard and durable surface that precludes or limits particulate air pollution.

A waiver to this code requirement is being requested.



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMITTING

Worcester County

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

August 28, 2025

Re: Pocomoke Storage, LLC, Tax Map 84, Parcel 59.

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Department has completed a review of the site plan dated August 12, 2025 associated with the above referenced project. The plan has been reviewed in accordance with the pertinent sections of the Worcester County *Zoning and Subdivision Control Article*. The following code requirements have yet to be addressed:

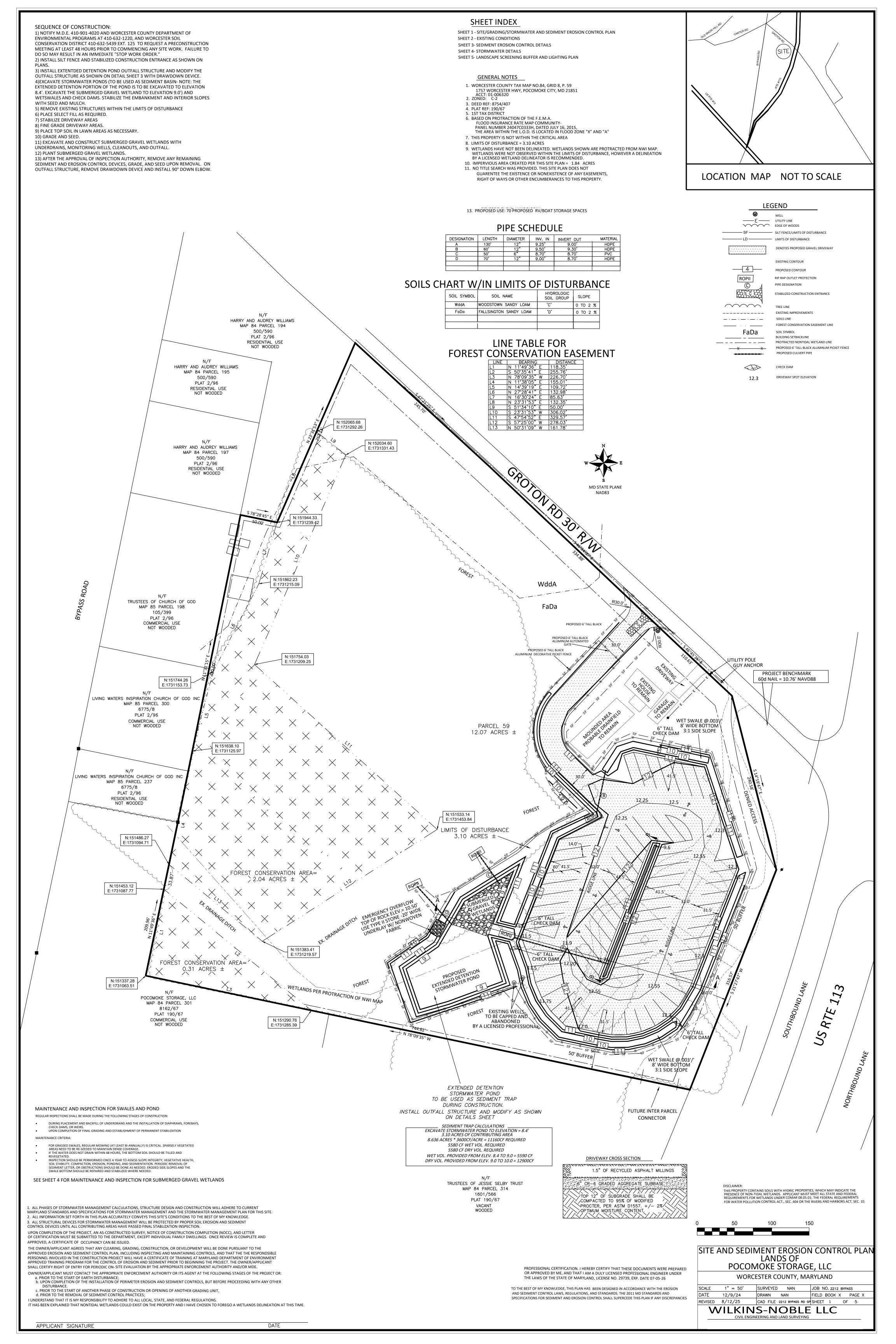
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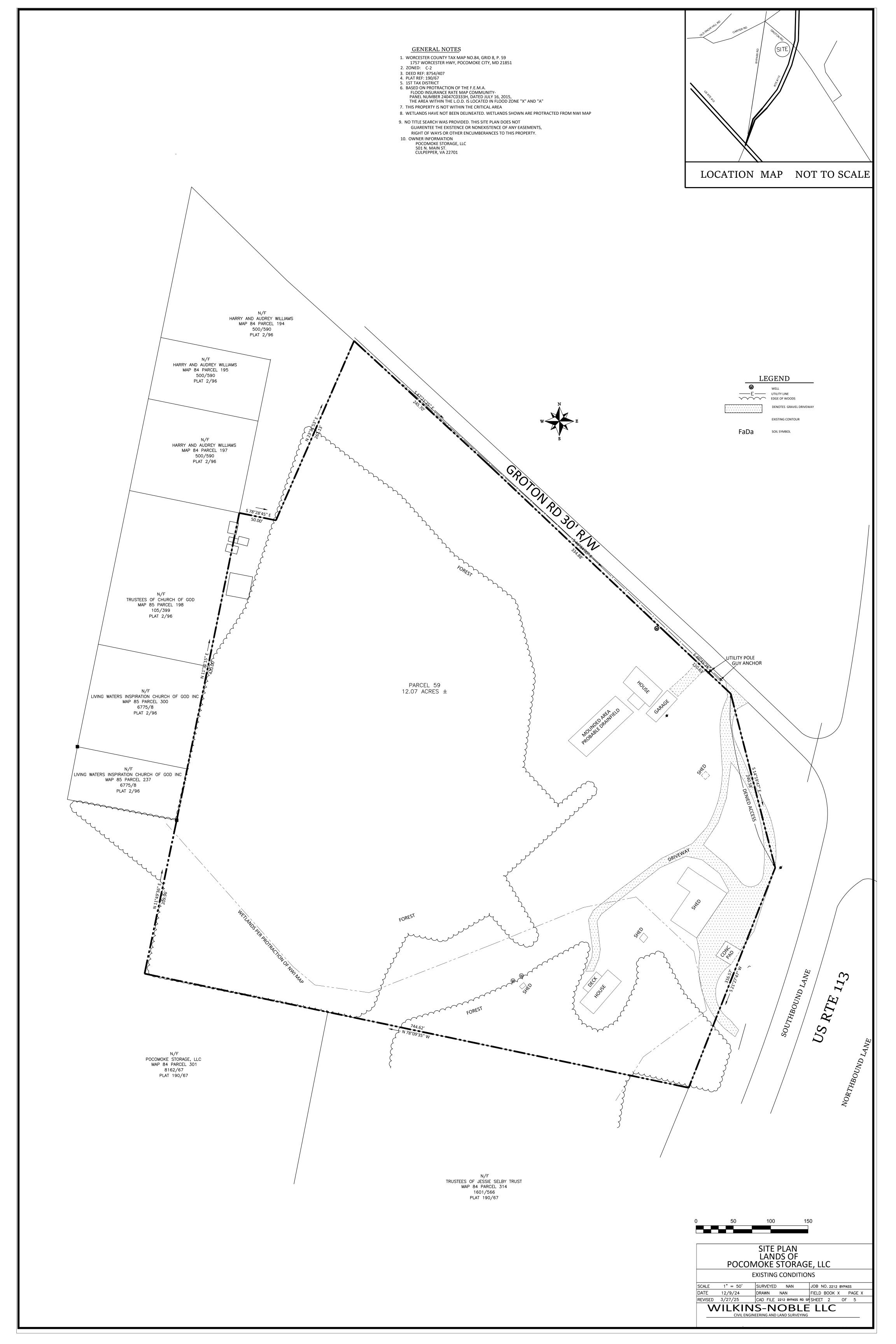
- 1. Sheet #1: Under general notes #11, guarantee is spelled incorrectly. Please correct.
- 2. Sheet #2: Under general notes #9, guarantee is spelled incorrectly. Please correct.
- 3. Sheet #2: Please demarcate which structures will be removed.
- 4. Sheet #5: Under general notes #11, guarantee is spelled incorrectly. Please Correct.
- 5. Sheet #5: There is a small landscaping gap between the existing dwelling on the parcel and the proposed parking lot (the area located directly south of the existing dwelling). Please add additional landscaping to ensure the house does not have to view the boat storage.
- 6. Please add a typical for the proposed 6' tall black aluminum decorative picket fence.
- 7. Please add a typical for the proposed 6' tall black aluminum automated gate.

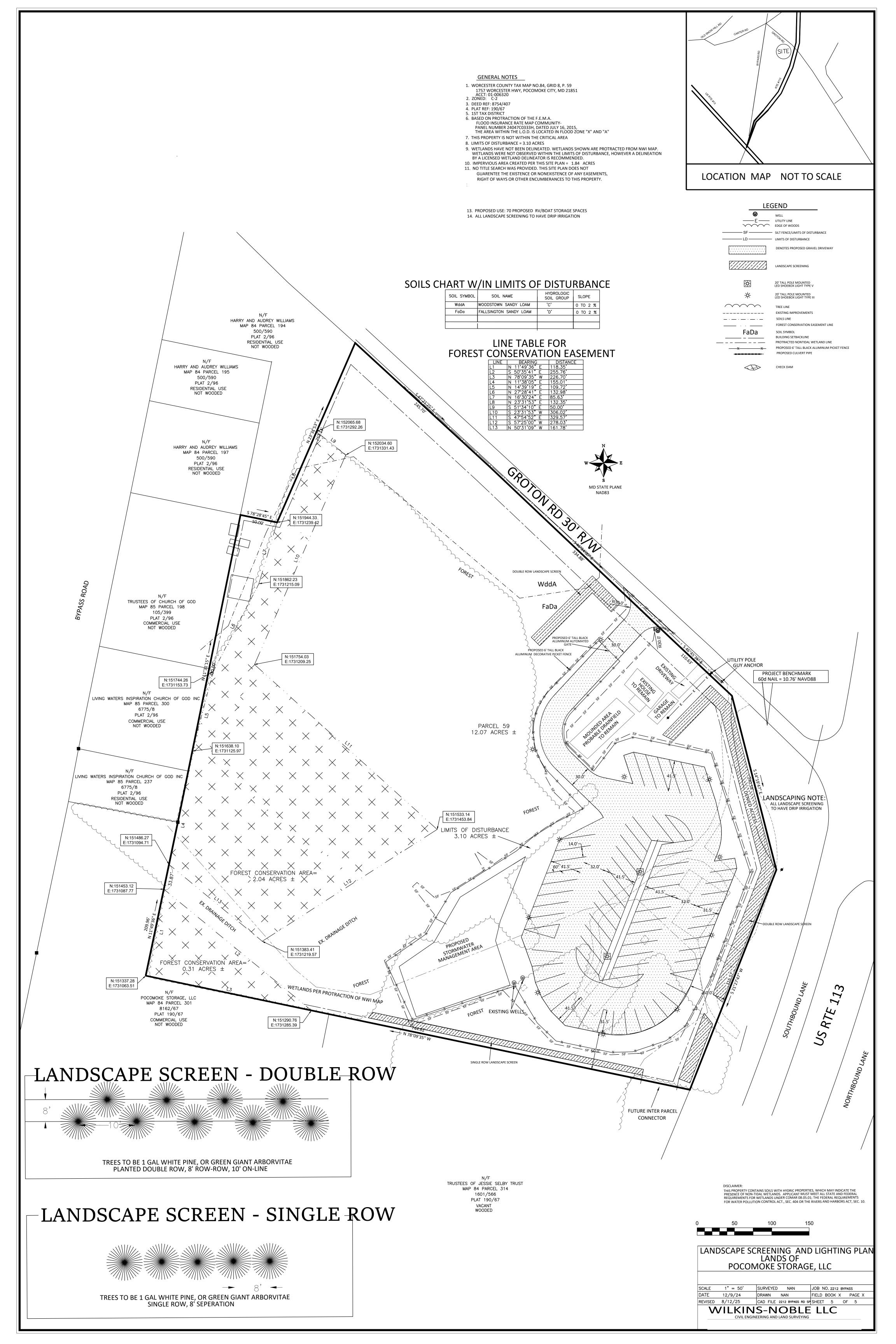
A copy of the Staff Report associated with this project is attached for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-632-1200 ext. 1134 with any questions or comments you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DRP Specialist III









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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION **CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Worcester County Planning Commission FROM: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director

DATE: August 26, 2025

RE: Approved Private Road Request – The Elms RPC, West Ocean City

The Department has received a request from Steve Engel, Vista Design, Inc., on behalf of his client, Ocean 8 Group, LLC, to establish approved private roads within the proposed Elms Residential Planned Community (RPC), Tax Map 26, Parcel 445, Lot 1B, to be identified as Alm Lane, Orme Lane and Aria Lane in West Ocean City Maryland. The project is located on the easterly side of MD Route 611 (Stephen Decatur Highway), immediately south of the Green Turtle restaurant. To develop the project as fee simple lots, the internal driveways must be designated as approved private roads pursuant to § ZS 1-123.

The Planning Commission has previously reviewed this project consisting of twenty townhouse units as a minor RPC under the Step I Concept Plan review on November 2, 2023. The project is currently in the construction plan and final plat stage of review.

The roads are proposed to be built to a proposed road standard which is illustrated on Sheet C 201 of the attached construction plans associated with this subdivision. The right-of-way of all roads is 38', with 24' wide paving surface. Sidewalks are proposed on both sides of the lane, within the right-ofway. Alm Lane, Orme Lane and Aria Lane consist of approximately 430 linear feet, 335 linear feet and 309 linear feet respectively. The developer shall be responsible for all construction and inspection costs, and all future maintenance costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner's association.

This information was provided to the Roads Division, Department of Public Works; Department of Emergency Services; Worcester County Fire Marshal; and the local fire departments. No formal comments were received. Overall, staff supports the proposal as requested.

Before this request is forwarded to the County Commissioners, the Planning Commission must provide a recommendation, either favorable or unfavorable. As always, I will be available to discuss the matter at your upcoming meeting.



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMITTING

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Lynch, County Roads Superintendent, DPW

Matt Owens, Worcester County Fire Marshal/ Director, Dept. of Emergency Services

Jay Jester, Fire Chief, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department

Andrew Grunden, Fire Chief, Berlin Fire Company

FROM: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director

DATE: August 4, 2025

The Department has received a request from Steve Engel, Vista Design, Inc., on behalf of his client, Ocean Group 8, LLC, to establish approved private roads within the proposed Elms Residential Planned Community (RPC), Tax Map 26, Parcel 445, Lot 1B, to be identified as Alm Lane, Orme Lane and Aria Lane in West Ocean City, Maryland. The project is located on the easterly side of MD Route 611 (Stephen Decatur Highway), immediately south of the Green Turtle restaurant. To develop the project as fee simple lots, the internal driveways must be designated as approved private roads pursuant to § ZS 1-123.

I am requesting your feedback on the attached road design, which are illustrated on Sheet C 201 of the attached construction plans associated with this subdivision. The right-of-way of all roads is 38', with 24' wide paving surface. Sidewalks are proposed on both sides of the lane, within the right-of-way. Alm Lane, Orme Lane and Aria Lane consist of approximately 430 linear feet, 335 linear feet and 309 linear feet respectively.

The developer shall be responsible for all construction and inspection costs, and all future maintenance costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner's association.

Please provide comments by **Friday**, **August 22**, **2025**, so that this can be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their meeting of Thursday, September 4, 2025. Before this request is forwarded to the County Commissioners, the Planning Commission must provide a recommendation, either favorable or unfavorable. Your feedback is helpful in their decision-making process.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach me at (410) 632-1200, ext. 1123 or via email at jkkeener@worcestermd.gov.

Subtitle ZS1:I. General Provisions

§ ZS 1-123. Approved private roads.

- (a) Application. Proposals for approved private roads shall be made by petition to the County Commissioners. The petition must be signed by all record owners of all lands to be served by the proposed road. In the event that the proposal is in conjunction with a map amendment or residential planned community application, the petition may accompany the map amendment application, residential planned community application or application for public easement road designation. Every petition shall be in a form prescribed by the County Commissioners and shall be accompanied by a plat, drawn to scale, showing property lines, the existing and proposed district boundaries, the general location of the proposed private road, the construction and maintenance standards of the proposed private road and such other information as the County Commissioners may deem appropriate in order to properly review the petition. The petition shall include information as to the proposed method of payment for maintenance of the road and assurances to the County Commissioners that such road shall be properly maintained so long as necessary.
- (b) <u>Planning Commission review.</u> The County Commissioners shall refer the petition to the Planning Commission for its review and report. The Planning Commission shall review the petition at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall provide the applicant with an opportunity to be heard.
- (c) <u>Planning Commission report.</u> After receipt of the Planning Commission's report, the County Commissioners shall schedule a meeting with the applicant, at which time the applicant shall have the opportunity to provide additional information or to answer questions with regard to the proposal. The County Commissioners may but shall not be required to hold a public hearing with respect to the application in such cases where the County Commissioners determine that the approval of the private road shall have an impact on the public generally.
- (d) <u>Criteria.</u> The County Commissioners shall, in making a determination as to whether or not to approve the private road, consider the following:
 - (1) Its relationship to existing and planned public roads of the County.
 - (2) The nature of the area to be served by the road.
 - (3) The desirability or necessity of public access to the areas to be served by the road.
 - (4) Whether or not the construction and maintenance of the road is financially feasible.
 - (5) Proposed construction and maintenance standards.
 - (6) The proposed maintenance plan.
- (e) <u>Determination</u>. The County Commissioners shall, by resolution, approve or disapprove the proposed private road. In the event that the road is approved, the resolution shall be recorded among the land records of Worcester County, Maryland, and be indexed at the expense of the applicant under the name of all property owners served by the road.
- (f) Plats and covenants. Any plats showing an approved private road shall contain an appropriate notation indicating that the road is an approved private road and the date or recording reference of the resolution. The County Commissioners may, as a condition to approval, require a recorded deed covenant running with the land, in such form as may be satisfactory to the County Commissioners, indicating and acknowledging the existence of the approved private road and establishing a procedure for collection of fees for maintenance thereof.
- (g) Construction and maintenance standards. The County Commissioners may, by resolution, establish or adopt construction and maintenance standards for approved private roads.

August 1, 2025

Mrs. Jennifer Keener, AICP
Director
Dept. of Development, Review and Permitting
One West Market Street, Room 1201
Snow Hill. MD 21863

Ref: The Elms, Request for approval for Private Roads

At the request of Ocean 8, LLC we hereby submit this letter and attached construction documents to request County Commissioners approval for the non-standard private roads within "The Elms" Residential Planned Community (RPC) located along Maryland Route 611 in West Ocean City.

All roads within the RPC have been designed with 12' travel lanes (24' wide total wearing surface), 24' wide roll curb and gutter with 5' wide sidewalks. The travel lanes designed exceed the 10.5' wide travel lane set forth within the private road standards of Worcester County. There is a single state highway entrance from Maryland Route 611 with a second connection off the commercial entrance to the Green Turtle Restaurant to the north.

All private roads within the community will be maintained by the homeowner's association, and as stipulated as part of the site plan approval, there shall be "no parking" along the private lanes.

The private lanes are described as follows and as shown within the attached construction documents.

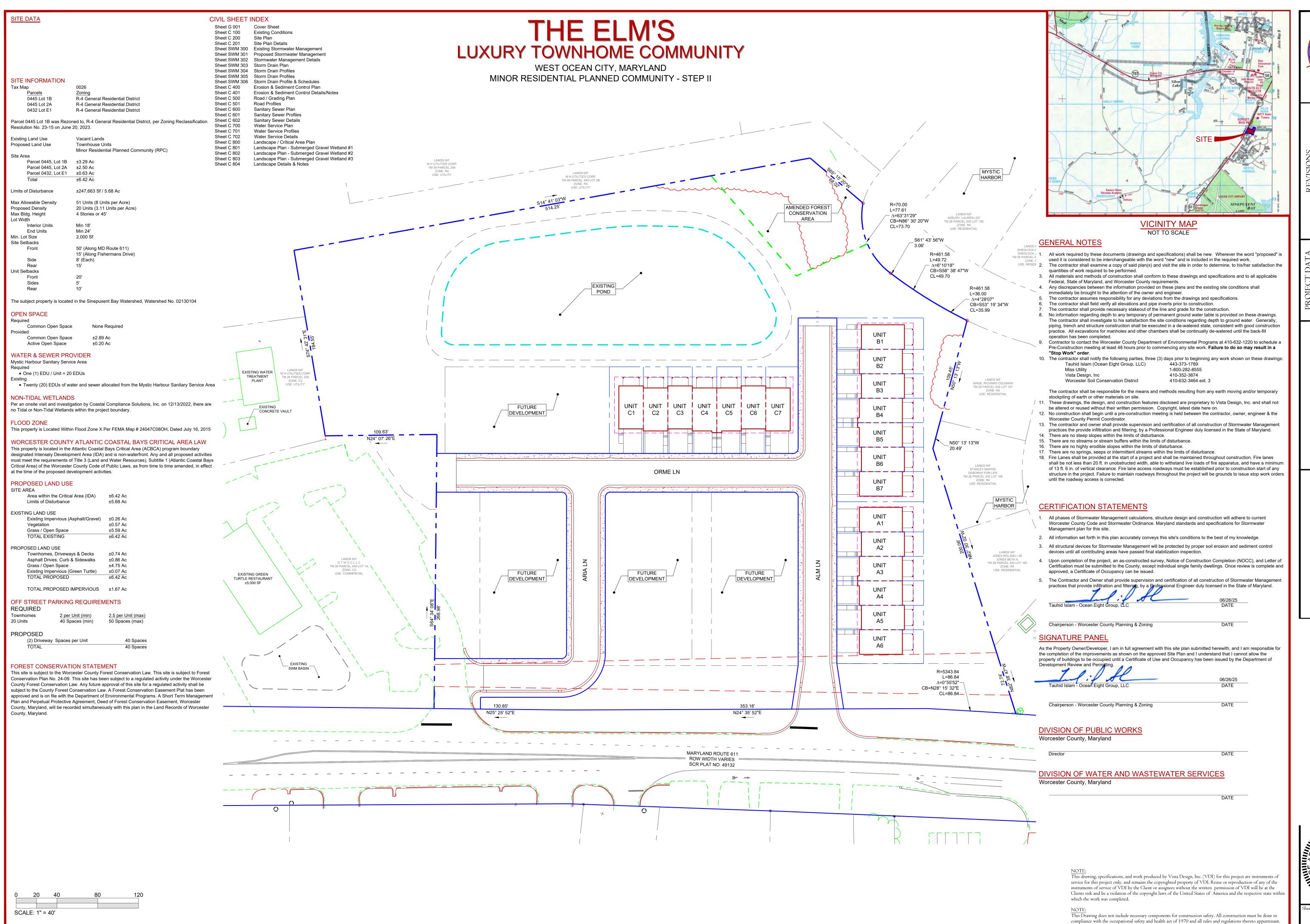
Alm Lane - +/- 430 lineal ft. Orme Lane - +/- 335 lineal ft. Aria Lane - +/- 309 lineal ft.

As discussed, construction is scheduled to begin mid-September and therefore respectfully ask this request to be processed as quickly as possible.

As always, should you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact our office accordingly.

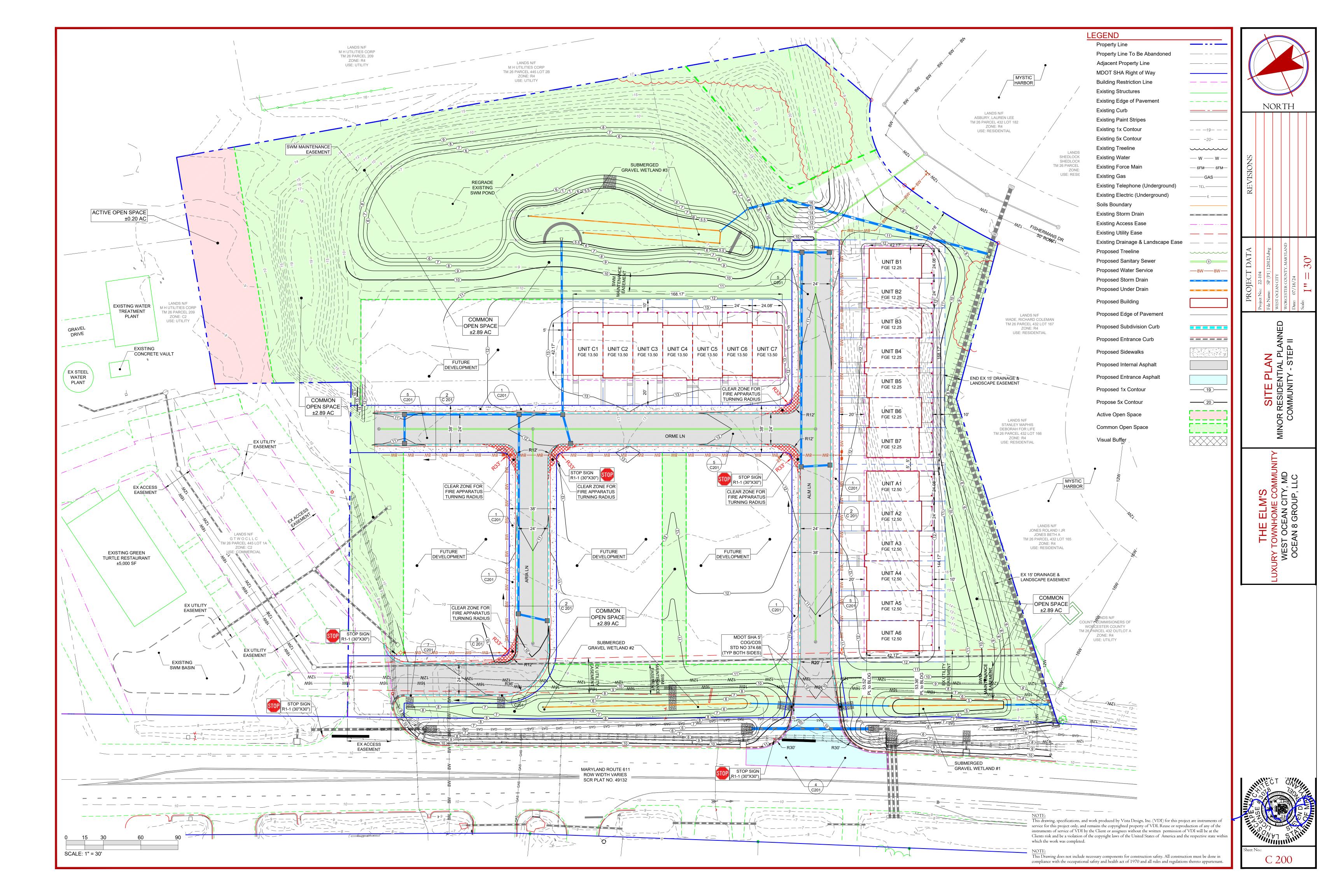
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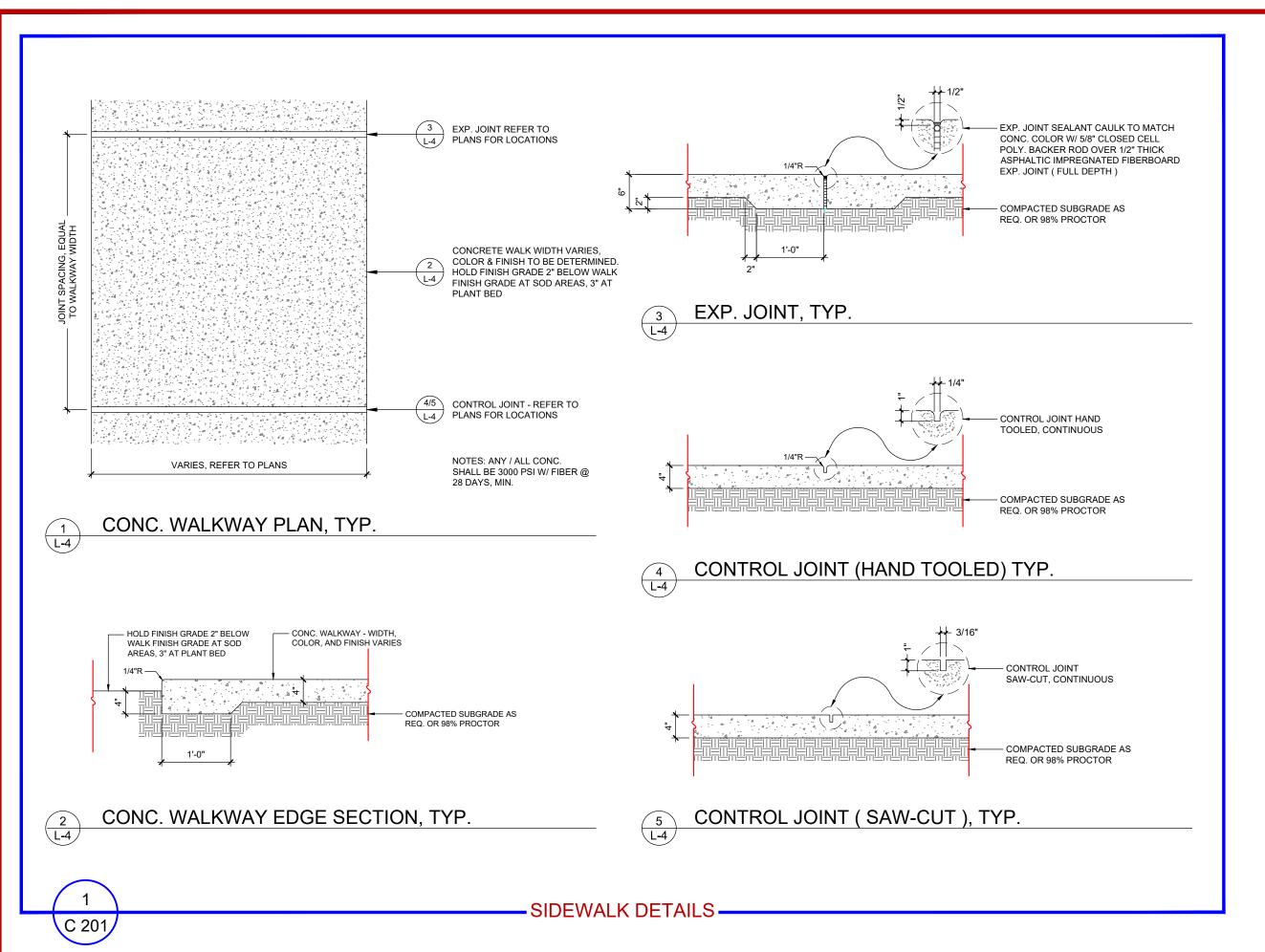
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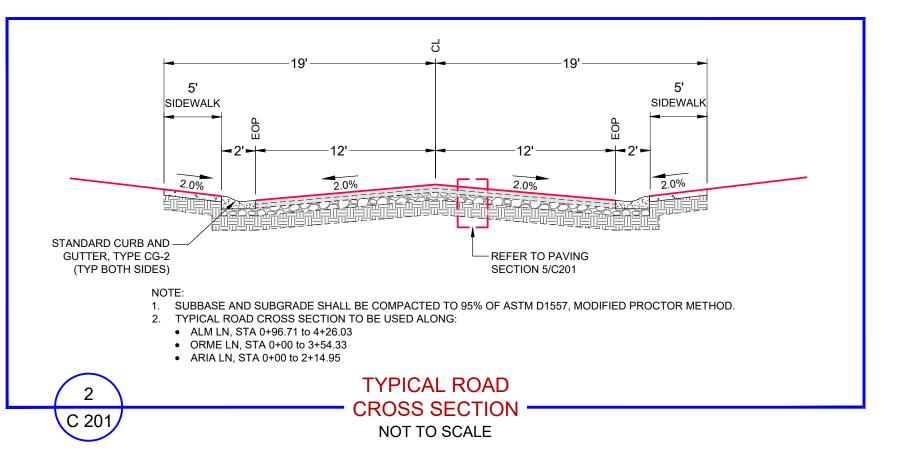


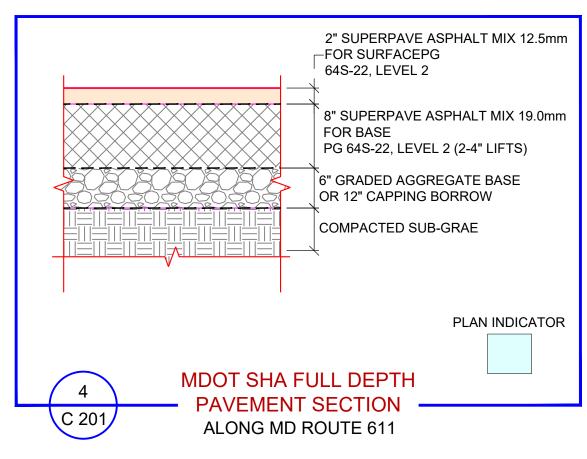
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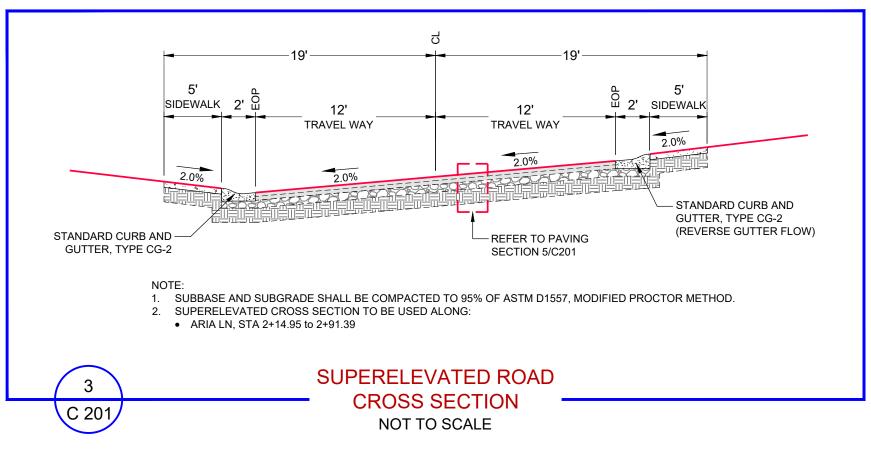
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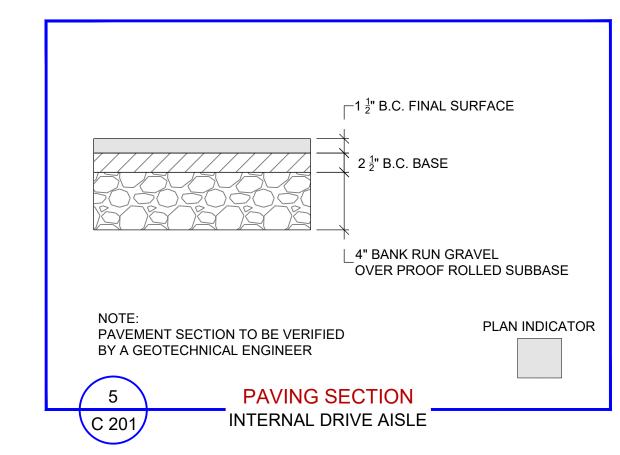


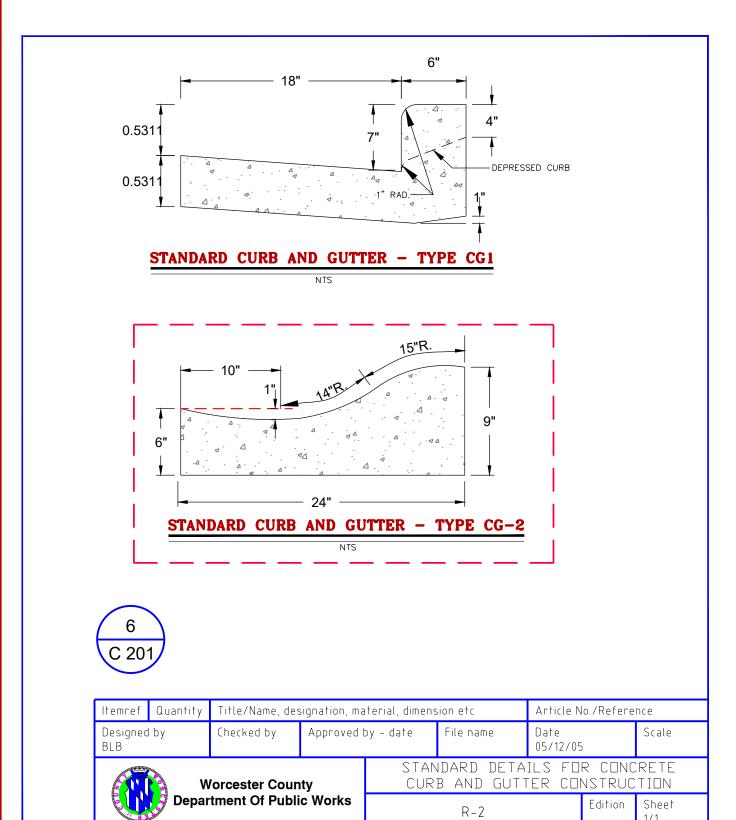


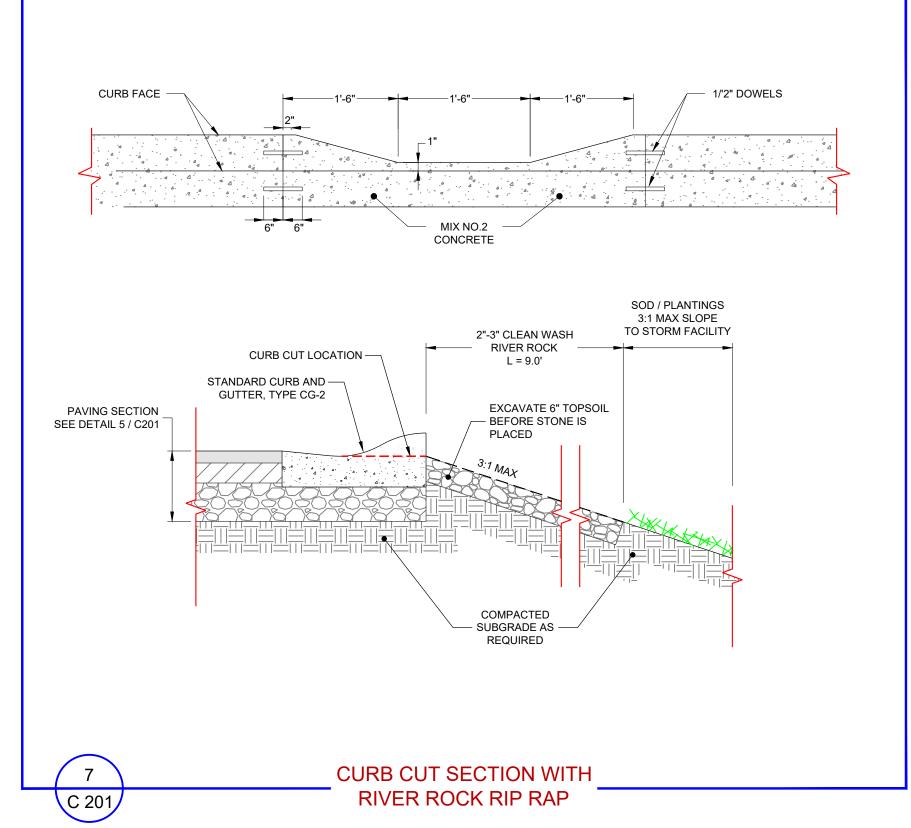


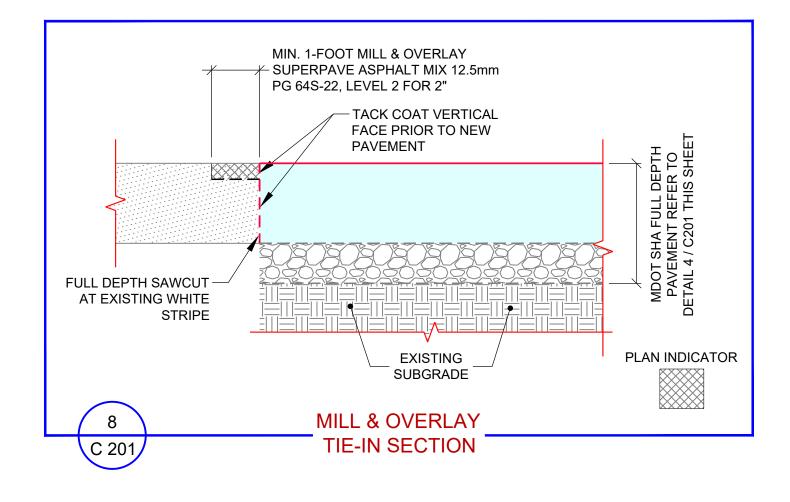






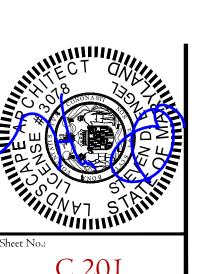






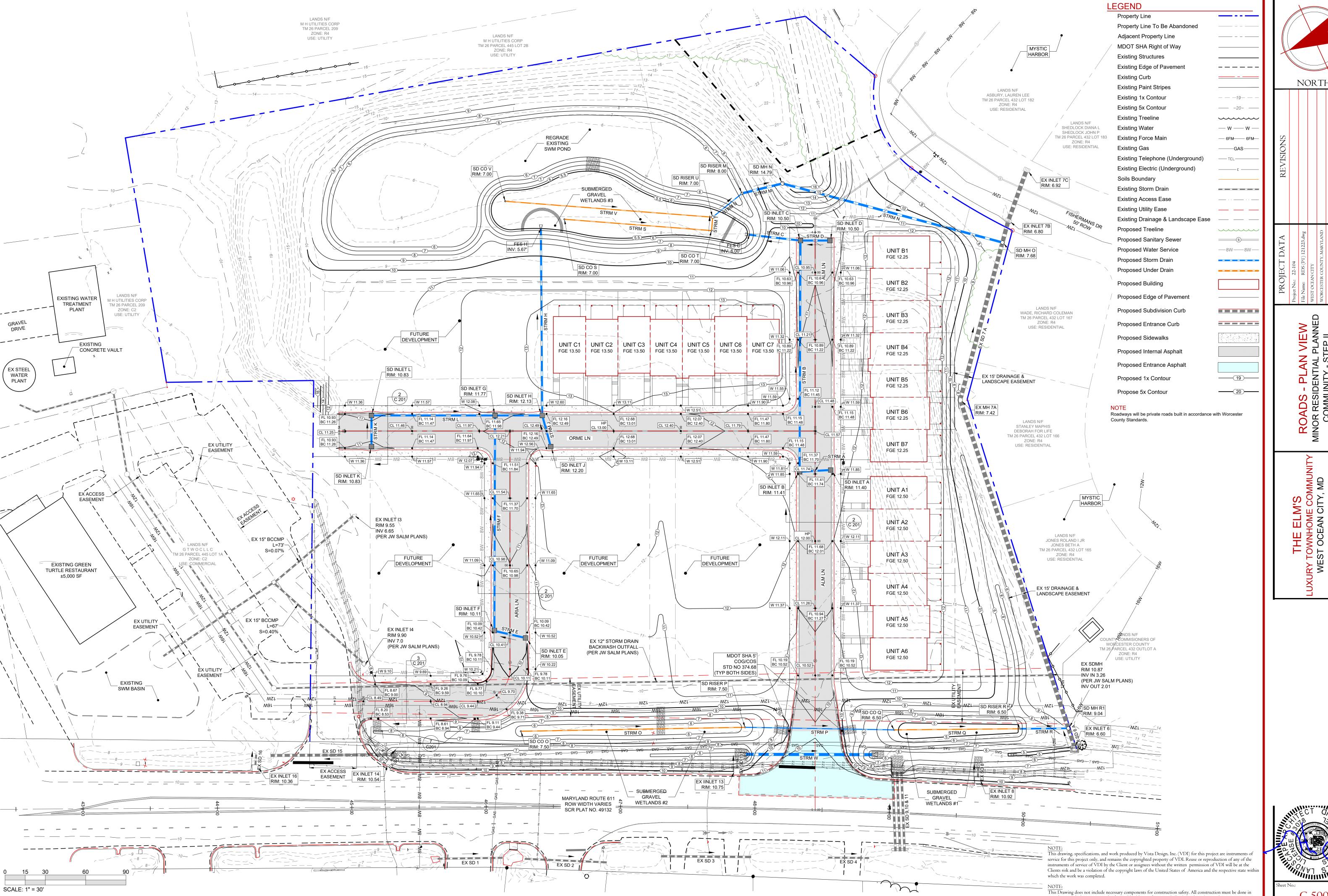
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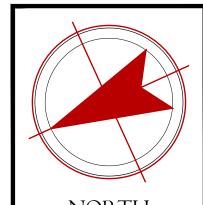
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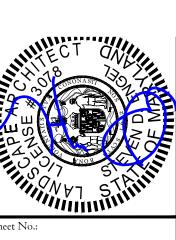
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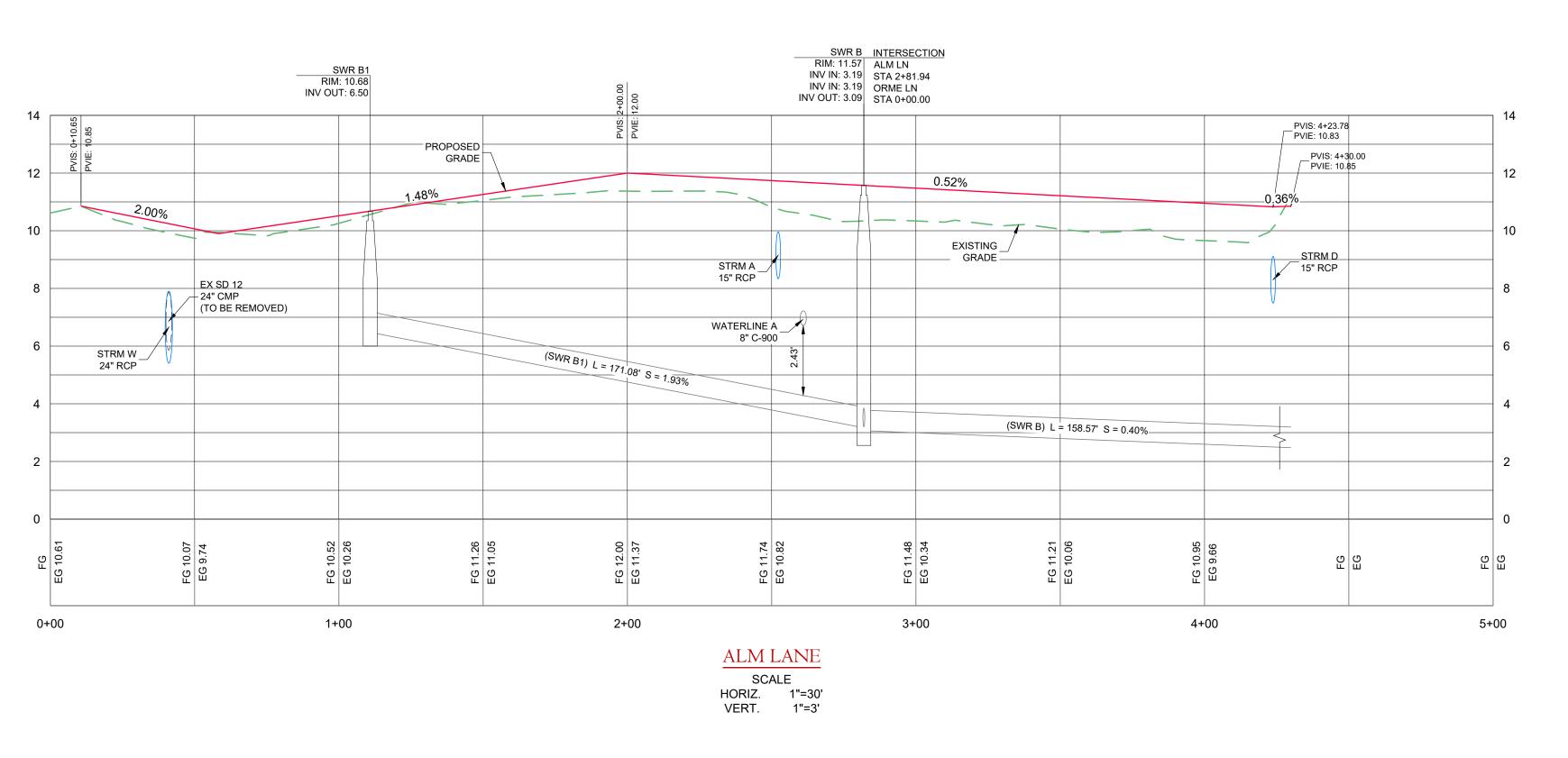


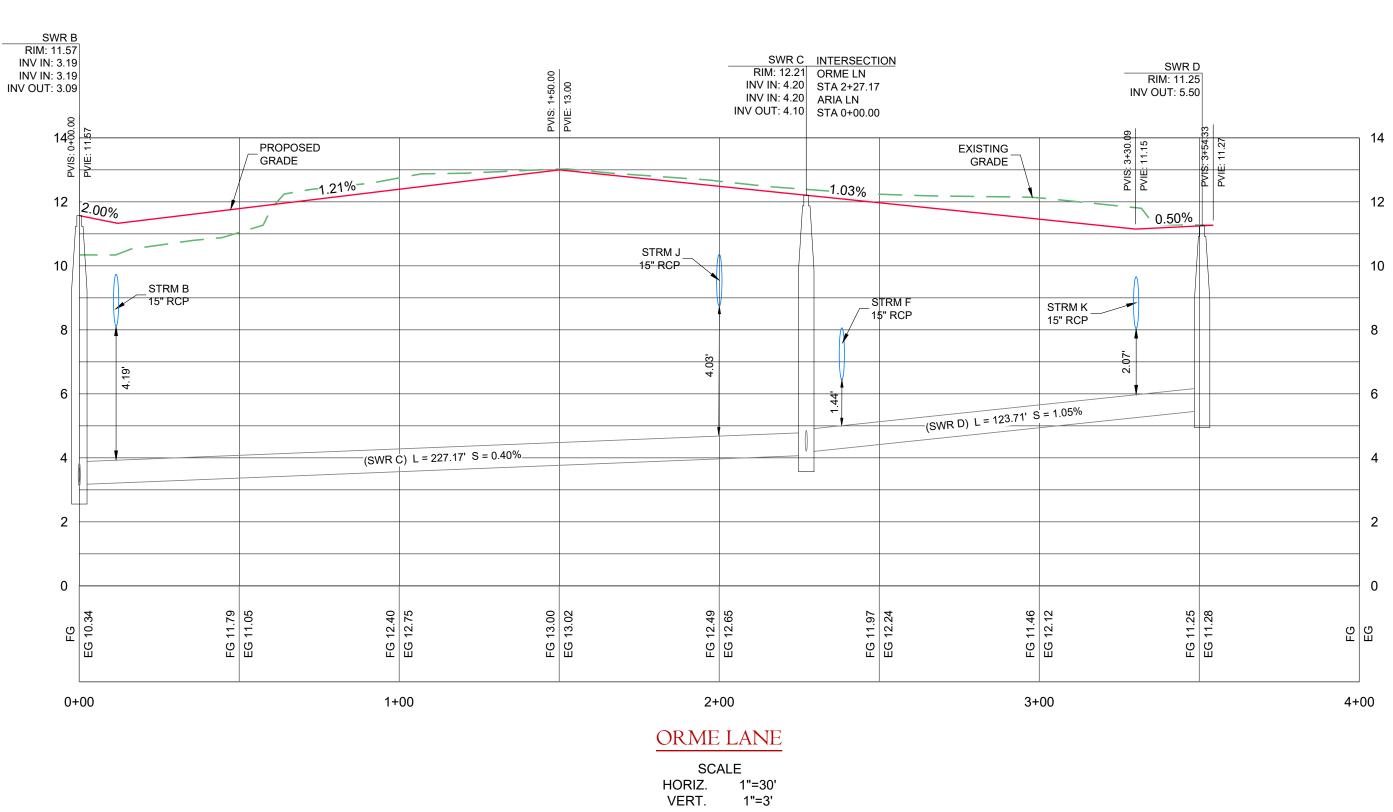


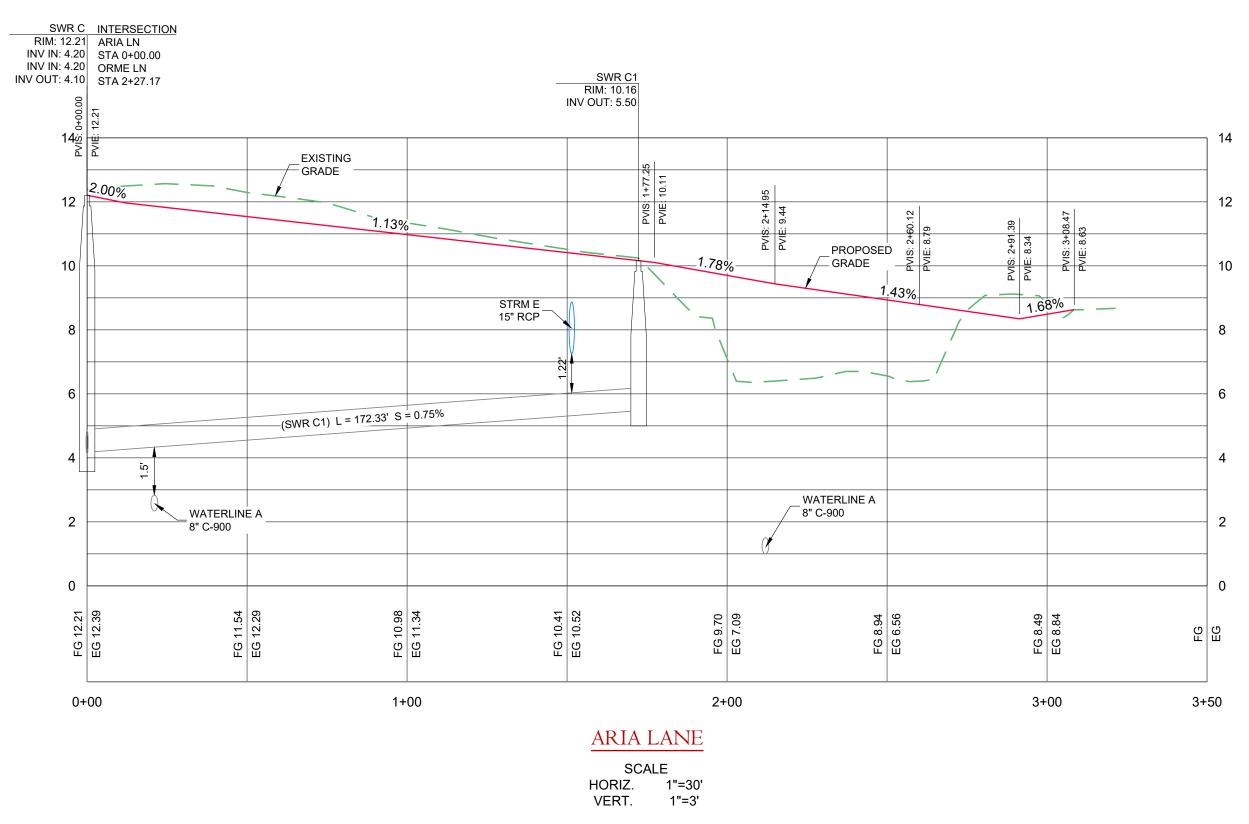
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