#### ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## **Staff Report**

ADDRESS: 1547 Washtenaw, Application Number HDC16-044

**DISTRICT:** Washtenaw / Hill Historic District

**REPORT DATE:** April 14, 2016

**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

**REVIEW COMMITTEE DATE:** Monday, April 11, 2016

OWNER APPLICANT

Name: New Life Church Same

Address: 1541 Washtenaw

Ann Arbor, MI

**Phone:** (989)780-1992

**BACKGROUND:** The c.1860 Frieze House was built for Henry Simmons Frieze, who was acting president of the University of Michigan for three terms in the 1860s – 1890. It is a two-story Italianate constructed of dressed stone, with a hipped roof, and a cupola that was added in the 1870s.

In 2008 the HDC issued a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an attached garage and construct a new garage with living space above.

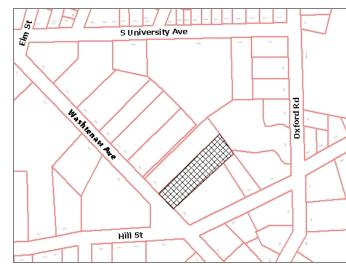
**LOCATION:** The site is located on the east side of Washtenaw Avenue, north of Hill Street.

**APPLICATION:** The applicant seeks HDC approval to add eight (8) parking spaces straddling both the 1541 and 1547 Washtenaw properties for staff parking, and restore a planting island near the front of the house. The eight spaces are to be located along the common property line between both properties. The spaces will be completely behind the historic 1547 residence and accessed from the shared driveway. Permeable paving will be used for stormwater management purposes.

### **APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:**

# From the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

(1) A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.



- (2) The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- (10) New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

# From the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (other SOI Guidelines may also apply):

## **Building Site**

<u>Recommended</u>: Identifying, retaining, and preserving buildings and their features as well as features of the site that are important in defining its overall historic character.

Retaining the historic relationship between buildings and the landscape.

<u>Not Recommended</u>: Removing or radically changing buildings and their features or site features which are important in defining the overall historic character of the property so that, as a result, the character is diminished.

# From the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines (other guidelines may apply):

#### All New Construction

<u>Appropriate</u>: Retaining the historic relationship between buildings, landscape features and open space.

<u>Appropriate:</u> Designing new features so they are compatible with the historic character of the site, district, and neighborhood.

#### **STAFF FINDINGS:**

- 1. The Frieze House is owned by New Life Church next door. The church has received a special exception use from the City Planning Commission contingent upon HDC approval of this application. The special exception will allow them to use a formerly single-family residential structure for church office and meeting space and one residential unit.
- 2. The proposed paver parking is behind the historic house and new carriage house, more than 250 feet from the public right-of-way. Approximately nine trees would be removed, none of which are landmark trees. An area of landscaping would be installed next to the parking spaces to help screen them from view, and more importantly, a landscape island in the driveway near the front of the house that was removed and paved over by the previous owners would be reconstructed and planted with trees and bushes.
- 3. The work is reversible and does not significantly impact the large back yard or the historic character of the historic house.
- 4. Staff believes the work is sensitive to the structure and neighborhood and generally

meets the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines and Standards for Rehabilitation.

**POSSIBLE MOTIONS:** (Note that the motion is only a suggestion. The Review Committee, consisting of staff and at least two Commissioners, will meet with the applicant on site and then make a recommendation at the meeting.)

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 1547 Washtenaw Avenue, a contributing property in the Washtenaw / Hill Historic District, to add eight parking spaces, as proposed. The work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standards 1, 2, and 10 and the guidelines for additions and building site; and the *Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines* for all new construction.

#### **MOTION WORKSHEET:**

I move that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work at <u>1547</u> Washtenaw Avenue in the Washtenaw / Hill Historic District

\_\_\_\_ Provided the following condition(S) is (ARE) met: 1) STATE CONDITION(s)

The work is generally compatible with the size, scale, massing, and materials and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, standard(S) number(S) (circle all that apply): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**ATTACHMENTS:** Application, drawings, window schedule, photos.



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## ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION

Section 1: Property Being Reviewed and Ownership Information				
Address of Property: 1547 WASHTENAW AVENUE				
Historic District: WASHTENAW / HILL				
Name of Property Owner (If different than the applicant):				
Address of Property Owner:				
Daytime Phone and E-mail of Property Owner:				
Signature of Property Owner:Date:				
Section 2: Applicant Information				
Name of Applicant: NEW LIFE CHURCH				
Address of Applicant: 1541 WASHTENAW				
Daytime Phone: (_989) 780-1992				
E-mail: ANDREA.ROE@NLCWEB.ORG				
Applicant's Relationship to Property X. ownerarchitectcontactorother  Signature of applicant:Date: 3/24/2016				
Section 3: Building Use (check all that apply)				
X Residential Single Family X Multiple Family Rental				
Commercial Institutional				
Section 4: Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (This item MUST BE INITIALED for your application to be PROCESSED)				
Public Act 169, Michigan's Local Historic Districts Act, was amended April 2004 to include the following language: "the applicant has certified in the application that the property where the work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed completion date, a a fire alarm or smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531."  Please initial here:				

Section 5: Description of Proposed Changes (attach	additional sheets as necessary)			
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1. Provide a brief summary of proposed changes				
APPLICANT IS REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE A	DDITION OF 8 PARKING SPACES			
STRADDLING BOTH THE 1541 AND 1547 PROPERTIE	S. THE SPACES ARE TO BE LOCATED ALONG			
COMMON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN BOTH PROPERTIES. THE SPACES WILL BE COMPLETELY				
BEHIND THE HISTORIC 1547 RESIDENCE AND ACCESSED FROM THE 1541 DRIVE. PERMEABLE PAVING WILL BE USED FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PURPOSES.  2. Provide a description of existing conditions.				
EXISTING CURBED DRIVE AISLE AND DEGRADED WOOD RETAINING WALL AND FENCE AND				
LANDSCAPING/TREES. NO LANDMARK TREES ARE	BEING REMOVED.			
3. What are the reasons for the proposed changes?				
PROVIDE PARKING FOR SUPPORT STAFF USE.				
Attach any additional information that will further explain or clarify the proposal, and indicate these attachments here.				
5. Attach photographs of the existing property, including at least one general photo and detailed photos of proposed work area.				
STAFF USE ONLY				
Date Submitted:	Application toStaff orHDC			
Project No.: HDC	Fee Paid:			
Pre-filing Staff Reviewer & Date:	Date of Public Hearing:			
Application Filing Date:	Action:HDC COAHDC Denial			
Staff signature:	HDC NTP Staff COA			
Comments:				

# Released For: HDC Application

Release Date: 03/24/2016 OX Project Number: NLC13

**Drawing List** 

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General			
G-1.0	Title Sheet	HDC Application	03/24/2016
Existing			
X-0.1	Photos - Existing Conditiions	HDC Application	03/24/2016
X-0.2	Photos - Existing Conditiions	HDC Application	03/24/2016
X-0.3	Photos - Existing Conditiions	HDC Application	03/24/2016
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Proposed			
A-0.1	Proposed Site Plan	HDC Application	03/24/2016
A-0.2	Proposed Site Plan Detail	HDC Application	03/24/2016
A-0.3	Perspectives	HDC Application	03/24/2016
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Consultant			
CP-01	Topographical Survey	HDC Application	03/24/2016
SP-06	Proposed Site Work	HDC Application	03/24/2016
SP-09	Site Impact Plan	HDC Application	03/24/2016

New Life Church Site Improvements Title Sheet

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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

X-0.1

Existing Conditions Photo - View from Church Dr



Existing Conditions Photo - View from Backyard



Existing Conditions Photo - Site View from Street





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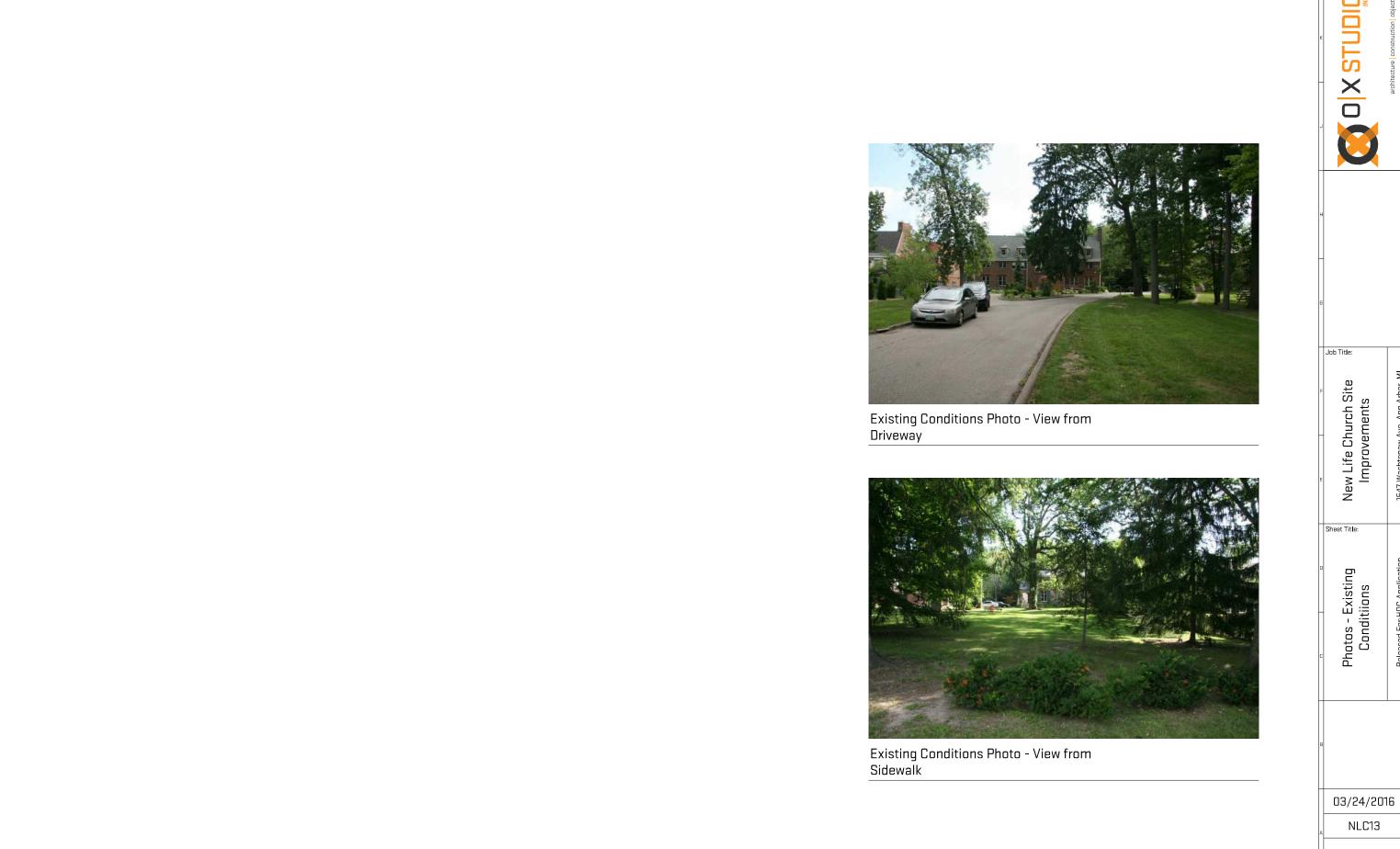


Existing Conditions Photo - View from House



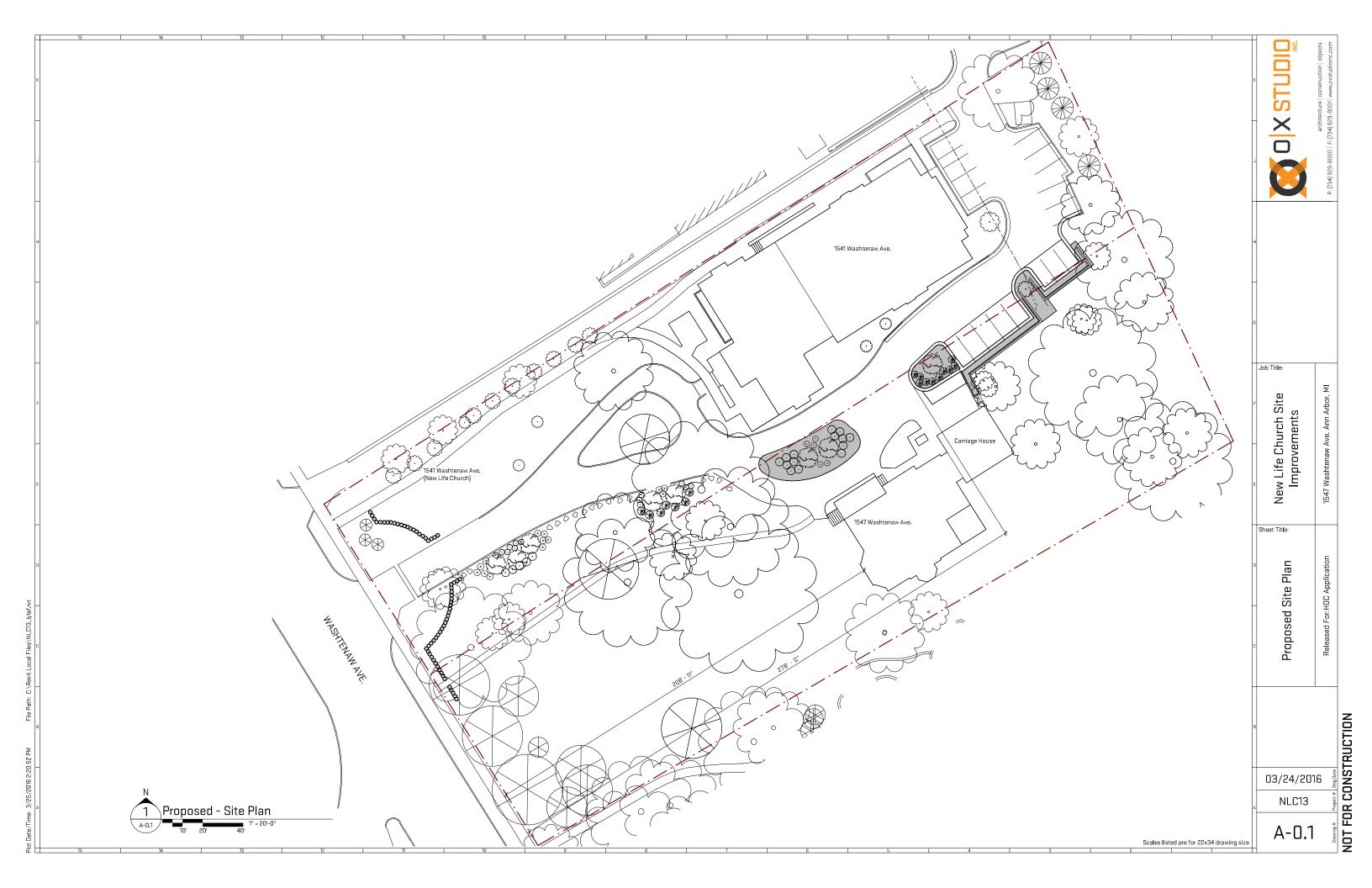
Existing Conditions Photo - View from Rear

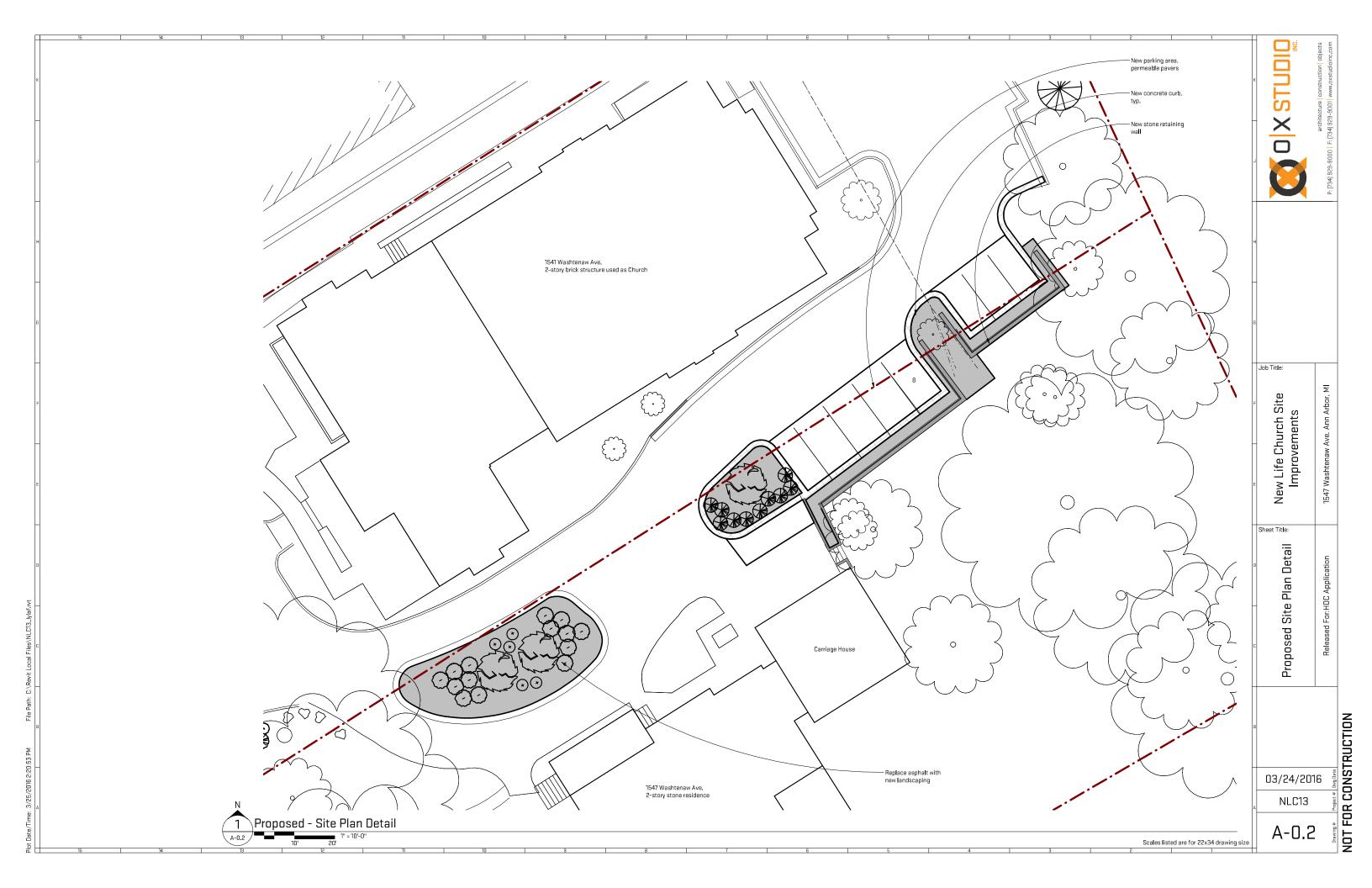
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