PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: 542-544 N. Main Street Site Plan for City Council Approval File No. SP15-018

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the 542-544 N. Main Street Site Plan, subject to combining both lots before the issuance of building permits, and subject to the planting of 4 trees and restoration of graded areas before issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the site plan be **approved** because it would comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations; the development would limit the disturbance of natural features to the minimum necessary to allow a reasonable use of the land; and the development would not cause a public or private nuisance and would not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety or welfare.

LOCATION

The site is located on the east side of North Main Street, south of Felch Street (Central Area). This site is located in the Allen Creek watershed.

DESCRIPTION OF PETITION

The petitioner seeks to demolish two existing houses and combine the two lots to construct a twostory townhouse building housing 4 dwelling units. The total floor area of the development is approximately 8,928-square feet. The estimated cost of construction is \$1,500,000.

Access to the site from North Main Street will be provided by the existing north curb cut adjacent to the park. The existing southern curb cut will be removed. An access drive constructed of permeable pavers will be provided along the north property line and lead to 4 two-car garages below-grade. Bicycle parking is proposed in the garage of each unit.

A retaining wall is proposed to be constructed along the shared property line with North Main Park. Permission has been granted by the Parks Department to install this retaining wall, subject to restoring the grade to its original condition.

The proposed development provides for the required first flush storm water event as the total amount of impervious surface on site is less than 10,000 square feet. The underground storm system is located along the north and west side of the site, and utilizes a permeable paver driveway and perforated pipe allowing for infiltration.

A 15-foot wide conflicting land use buffer is located along the south property line as required to screen from the adjacent residence. One non-landmark tree is proposed to be removed from North Main Park near the north property line due to the retaining wall construction. Because this tree is located in the park a canopy loss fee is required. Four new trees are proposed in the park to reduce this canopy loss fee.

The petitioner mailed 287 postcards to owners and occupants within 500 feet of the site. At the time this staff report was written, no comments about the project have been received from the public.

		EXISTING	PROPOSED	PERMITTED/REQUIRED
Zoning		R4C (Multiple-Family Residential District)		
Gross Lot Area		4,356 sq ft & 8,668 sq ft (13,024 sq ft combined)	13,024 sq ft	8,500 sq ft MIN
Minin	num Lot Width	33 ft & 47 ft per lot (80 ft combined)	80 ft	60 ft MIN
	num Lot Area per ling Unit in sq. ft.	4,356 sq ft & 8,668 sq ft	3,256 sq ft	2,175 sq ft MIN
Minimum Usable Open Space in Percentage of Lot Area		NA	43%	40% MIN
	Front	17 ft	17ft *	17 ft MIN*
Setbacks	Side(s)	3 ft – north 2 ft - south	20.25 ft**	12 ft MIN**
Ň	Rear	100 ft	31 ft	30 ft MIN
Building Height		Unknown	29.55 ft	30 ft MAX
Parking - Automobiles		10 spaces combined	8 spaces	6 spaces MIN
Parking – Bicycles		NA	4 spaces – Class A	4 spaces MIN - Class A

COMPARISON CHART

* Averaged front setback with properties within 100 feet.

** Additional side setback required when length of building exceeds 50 feet.

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

	LAND USE	ZONING
NORTH	City Park	R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling District)
EAST	City Park and Residential Uses	R4C
SOUTH	Single-Family Dwelling	R4C
WEST	Office Uses	O (Office District)

HISTORY

Both houses were constructed in 1901 and are currently being used as rental units.

PLANNING BACKGROUND

The <u>Master Plan: Land Use Element</u> (MP:LUE) future land use recommends single-family, twofamily and multiple-family residential use for these parcels. Other urban design goals of the Plan include: encouraging landscaping of parking areas and buffers between land uses; relocating parking out of the front open space areas; minimizing off-street parking lots and encouraging design so that the parking lot is not the dominant feature from the road.

<u>The Plan</u> contains specific recommendations for redevelopment of sites in the Central Area. In particular, to ensure that new infill development is consistent with the scale and character of existing neighborhoods.

The City-initiated R4C/R2A Study recommends limits on lot combinations in the R4C zones to a maximum size of 6,525 sf.

COMMENTS PENDING, DISMISSED OR UNRESOLVED

<u>Urban Forest and Natural Resources</u> – The non-landmark, 12-inch Catalpa tree removed from the park requires a canopy loss fee. A canopy loss fee is required for this tree removal and the petitioner proposes planting four trees in the park to reduce this fee (\$950 due). The petitioner must obtain a Forestry Permit prior to removal of this tree. These replacement trees are to be planted outside the critical root zones of landmark trees located in the park.

<u>Parks and Recreation Services</u> – The park area disturbed by construction must be restored to the same or better condition than before construction began. The park must also remain open and be safe to the public during construction.

The proposed trees being planted as mitigation in the park must have an extended three year warranty and be maintained by the condominium association for a period of three years from their planting date including pruning, mulching and watering as necessary to maintain health of trees.

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<u>Systems Planning</u> – The mitigation calculations for the increase in sanitary sewer flow have been reviewed and are approved. A footing drain of one home, or flow equivalent, will need to be removed from the sanitary sewer system in order to mitigate new flow from this proposed development.

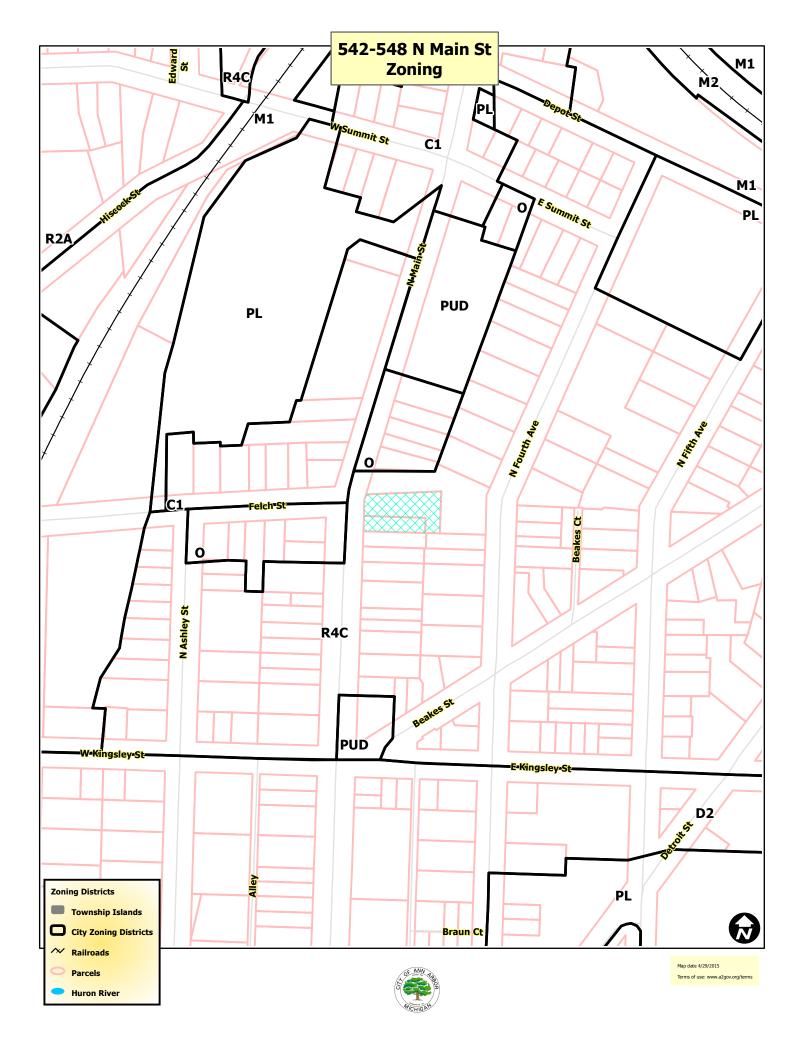
<u>Planning</u> – The total lot combination for these two lots exceeds the R4C Study recommendation of 6,525-square feet. This lot combination does not maximize the allowable density for this site (4 units proposed; 5 allowed). The proposal meets the R4C recommendations and <u>MP:LUE</u> by exceeding minimum open space requirements, screening parking from the street and complies with the maximum height requirement.

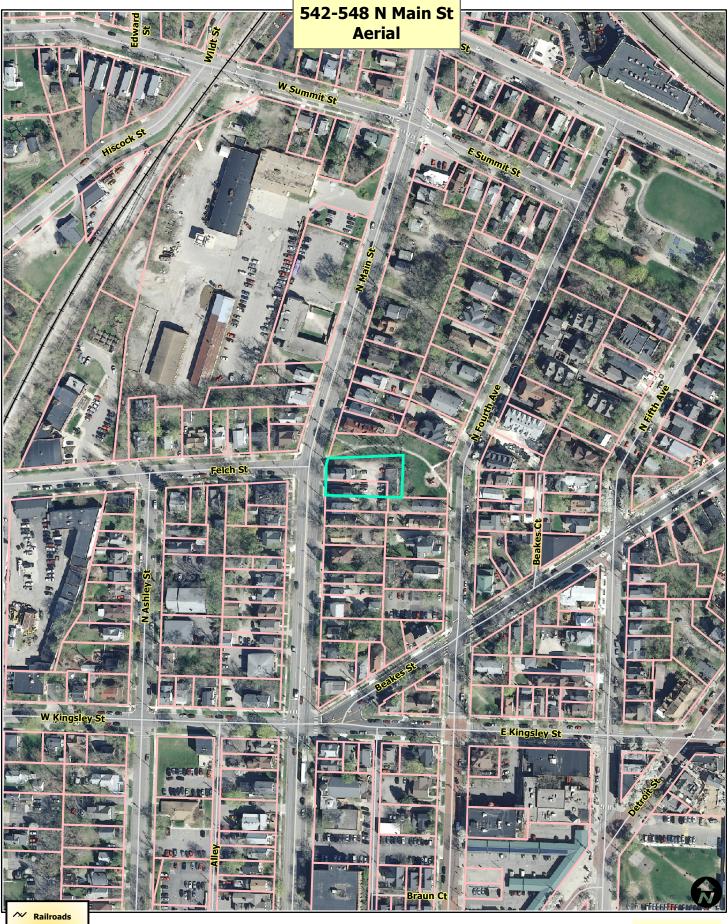
As part of the approval for this proposal, the 2 lots are required to be combined before issuance of permits.

Prepared by Christopher Cheng Reviewed by Wendy Rampson mg/7/2/15

- Attachments: Zoning Map Aerial Map Site Plan Landscape Plan Elevations
- c: Owner: Huron Development, LLC 408 North First Street Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Systems Planning File Nos. SP15-018





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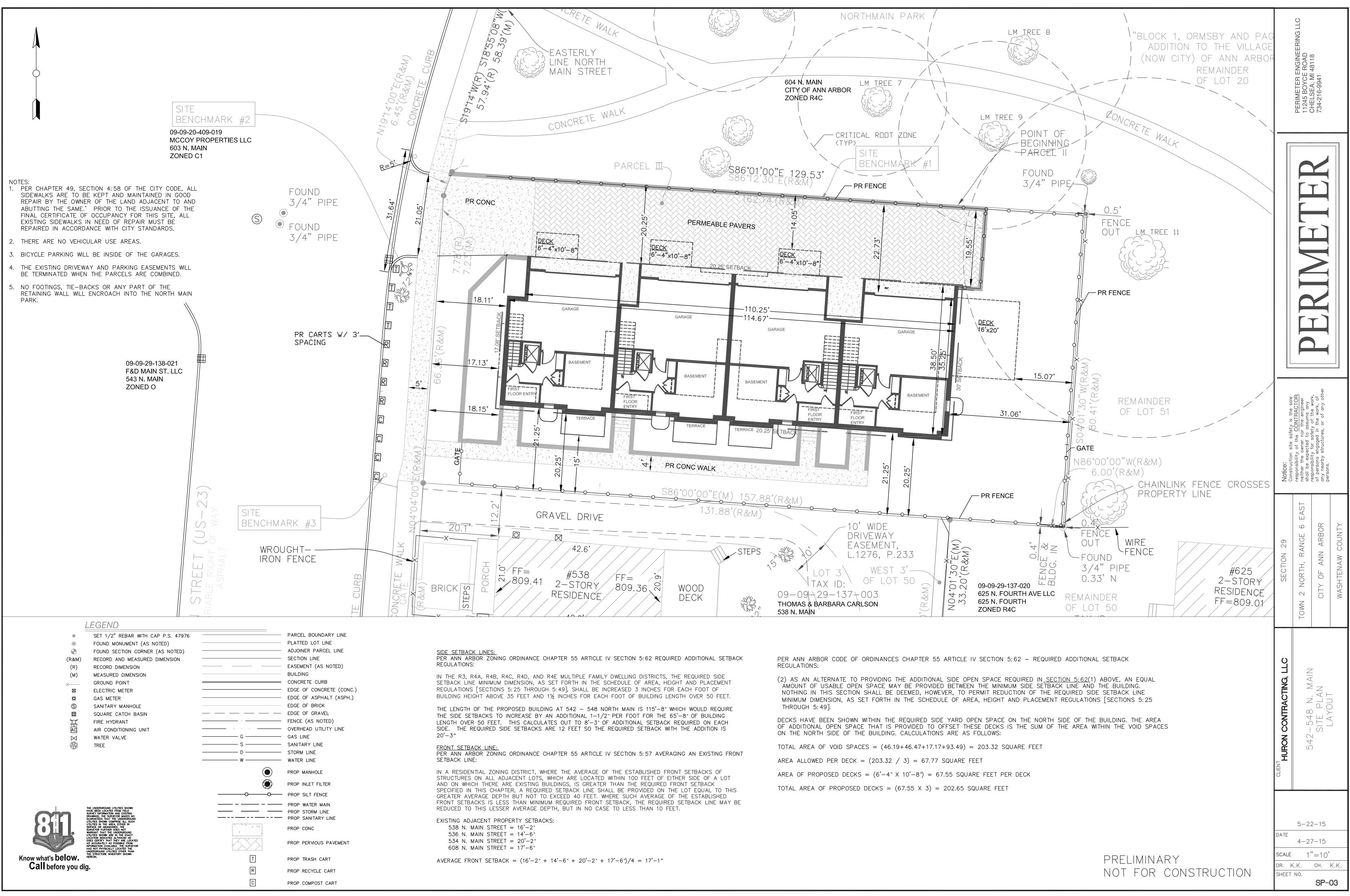
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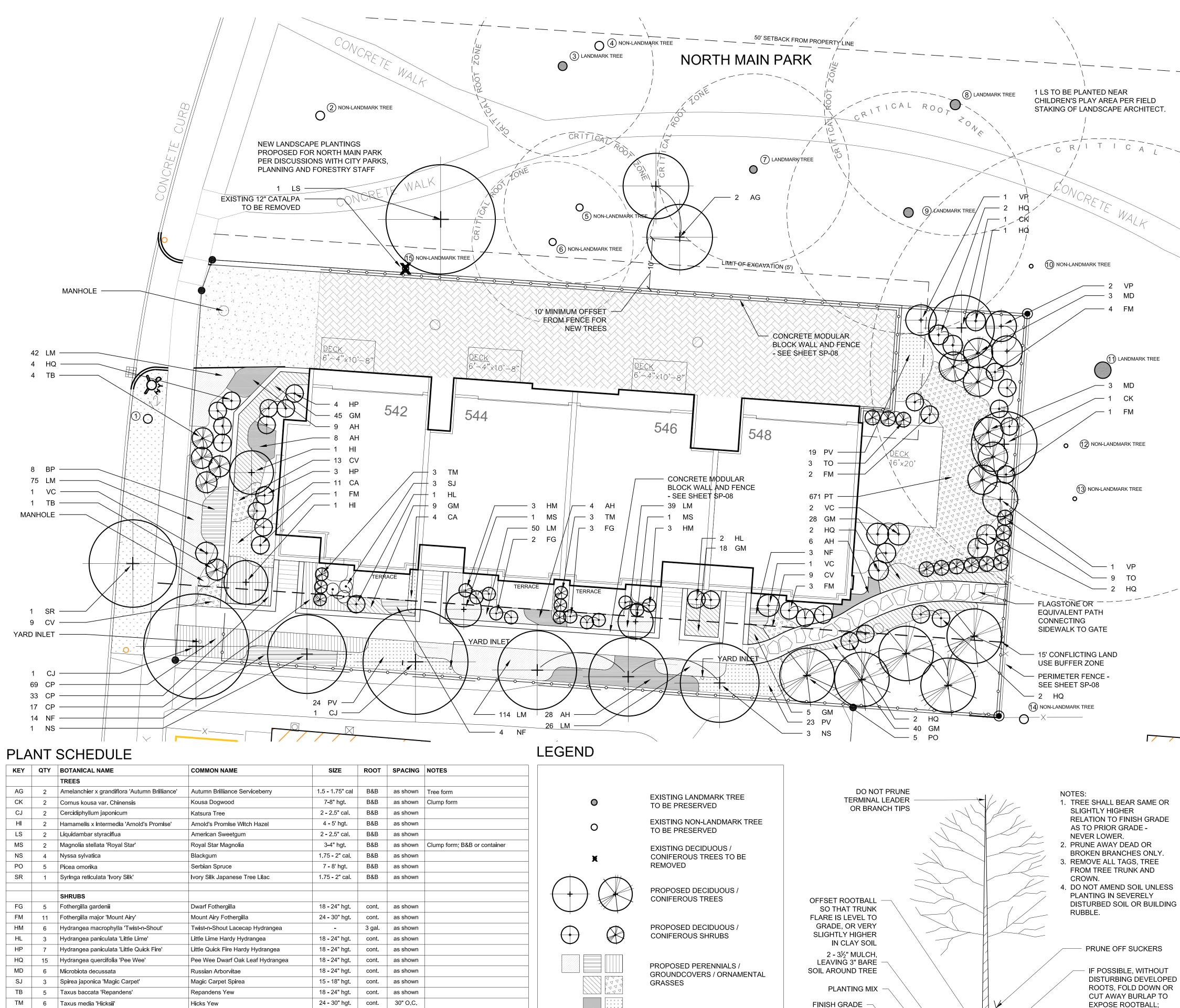


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KEY	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	ROOT	SPACING	NOTES
		TREES					
AG	2 Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry		1.5 - 1.75" cal	B&B	as shown	Tree form	
СК	2	Cornus kousa var. Chinensis	is kousa var. Chinensis Kousa Dogwood		B&B	as shown	Clump form
CJ	2	Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura Tree	2 - 2.5" cal.	B&B	as shown	
н	2	Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold's Promise'	Arnold's Promise Witch Hazel	4 - 5' hgt.	B&B	as shown	
LS	2	Liquidambar styraciflua	American Sweetgum	2 - 2.5" cal.	B&B	as shown	
MS	2	Magnolia stellata 'Royal Star'	Royal Star Magnolia	3-4" hgt.	B&B	as shown	Clump form; B&B or container
NS	4	Nyssa sylvatica	Blackgum	1.75 - 2" cal.	B&B	as shown	
PO	5	Picea omorika	Serbian Spruce	7 - 8' hgt.	B&B	as shown	
SR	1	Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'	Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	1.75 - 2" cal.	B&B	as shown	
		SHRUBS					
FG	5	Fothergilla gardenii	Dwarf Fothergilla	18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
FM	11	Fothergilla major 'Mount Airy'	Mount Airy Fothergilla	24 - 30" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
НМ	6	Hydrangea macrophylla 'Twist-n-Shout'	Twist-n-Shout Lacecap Hydrangea	-	3 gal.	as shown	
HL	3	Hydrangea paniculata 'Little Lime'	Little Lime Hardy Hydrangea	18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
HP	7	Hydrangea paniculata 'Little Quick Fire'	Little Quick Fire Hardy Hydrangea	18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
HQ	15	Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee'	Pee Wee Dwarf Oak Leaf Hydrangea	18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
MD	6			18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
SJ	3	Spirea japonica 'Magic Carpet'	Magic Carpet Spirea	15 - 18" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
ТВ	5	Taxus baccata 'Repandens'	Repandens Yew	18 - 24" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
ТМ	6	Taxus media 'Hicksii'	Hicks Yew	24 - 30" hgt.	cont.	30" O.C.	
то	12	Thuja occidentalis 'Emerald Green'	Emerald Green Arborvitae	4 - 5' hgt.	B&B	30" O.C.	
VC	4	Viburnum carlesii 'Compactum'	Compact Koreanspice Viburnum	24-30" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
VP			Doublefile Viburnum	24 - 30" hgt.	cont.	as shown	
		PERENNIALS & GROUND COVERS					
AH	55	Amsonia hubrichtii	Threadleaf Blue Star	1 gal.	cont.	24" O.C.	
BP	8	Baptisia 'Purple Smoke'	Purple Smoke False Indigo	1 gal.	cont.	30" O.C.	
CP	119	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Plumbago	1 gal.	cont.	18" O.C.	Provide alternative price for 3.25" pot
CV	31	Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'	Zagreb Threadleaf Coreopsis	1 gal.	cont.	18" O.C.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
GM	145	Geranium macrorrhizum 'Ingwersen's Variety'			cont.	18" O.C.	
LM	346	Liriope muscari 'Big Blue'	Big Blue Lily Turf	1 gal. 1 gal.	cont.	15" O.C.	Provide alternative price for 3.25" pot
NF	21	Nepta x faassenii 'Junior Walker'	Junior Walker Catmint	1 gal.	cont.	24" O.C.	
PT	671	Pachysandra terminalis	Pachysandra	2.25"	flats	9" O.C.	
		ORNAMENTAL GRASSES					
CA	15	Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'	Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	1 gal	cont.	24" O.C.	
PV	66	Panicum virgatum "Shenandoah'	Shenandoah Switch Grass	1 gal	cont.	24" O.C.	



PROPOSED BUILDING

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RAILING

PROPERTY BOUNDARY

CONFLICTING LAND USE BUFFER OFFSET

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EXISTING TREE HEALTH/CONDITION

D	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	DBH	LANDMARK	RANK	NOTES
1	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	12"	NO	-	
2	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	19"	NO	-	
3	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	18"	YES	24	
4	Ailanthus altissima	Tree-of-Heaven	24"	NO	-	
5	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	15"	NO	-	Not a landmark tree, but critical root zone designated on plan. 75 square feet (11%) of critical root zone lies within the excavation area.
6	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	16"	NO	-	Not a landmark tree, but critical root zone designated on plan. 309 square feet (38%) of critical root zone lies within the excavation area
7	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	19"	YES	23	
8	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	26"	YES	23	
9	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	24"	YES	23	200 square feet (11%) of critical root zone lies within the excavation area. An additional 31 square feet (2%) is minimally impacted in the planting zone outside the excavation area.
10	Crataegus sp.	Hawthorn	2"	NO	-	
11	Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	46"	YES	22	258 square feet (4%) of critical root zone lies within the excavation area. An additional 1005 square feet (15% is minimally impacted in the planting zone outside the excavation area.
12	Crataegus sp.	Hawthorn	2"	NO	-	
13	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine	6"	NO	-	Poor form
14	Ulmus pumilla	Siberian Elm	16" typ.	NO	-	Multiple trunks
15	Catalpa speciosa	Catalpa	12"	NO	_	Poor condition; Tree to be removed

LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENT NOTES

	REQUIRED	PROPOSED		
CONFLICTING LAND USE BUFFER	CONFLICTING LAND USE BUFFER			
163.9 linear feet; 1 tree per 15 linear feet	11 trees	5 evergreen, 6 deciduous		
STREET TREES				
80.5 linear feet; Required 1 tree per 45 linear feet	2 trees	1 existing Gleditsia triacanthos; 1 proposed Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'		

The street tree escrow rate is \$1.30 per linear foot of street frontage, which can be reduced by 45 feet for each acceptable street tree. Based on the street frontage of 80.5 linear feet less 45.0 linear feet for the existing street tree, the total street frontage for this site is 35.5 feet. This results in a street tree escrow of \$46.15.

CANOPY LOSS FEE CALCULATION:

THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE CATALPA TREE ON THE PROPERTY LINE WITH THE PARK REQUIRES THE CCALCULATION OF A CANOPY LOSS FEE. 2 SWEETGUM AND 2 TREE FORM SERVICEBERRY ARE PROPOSED AS REPLACEMENT TREES. SEE CALCULATION BELOW:

TREE TO BE REMOVED:	12" CATALPA
TOTAL DBH OF TREE REMOVED:	12"
REPLACEMENT TREES:	
2 SWEETGUM	2" (4" TOTAL)
2 SERVICEBERRY	1.5" (3" TOTAL)
CANOPY LOSS FEE CALCULATIONS:	
(12" - 7") X \$190/INCH =	\$950.00

THIS FEE WILL BE PAID AND A FORESTRY PERMIT OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE.

NOTES:

REMOVE ALL

10" DEPTH

✓—2-3x WIDTH OF ROOTBALL //

TREE PLANTING

SCALE: $\frac{3}{8}$ " = 1'-0"

NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS, CUTTING

AWAY WIRE BASKED TO

SCARIFY SIDES OF

PLANTING PIT

CENTER ROOTBALL IN HOLE.

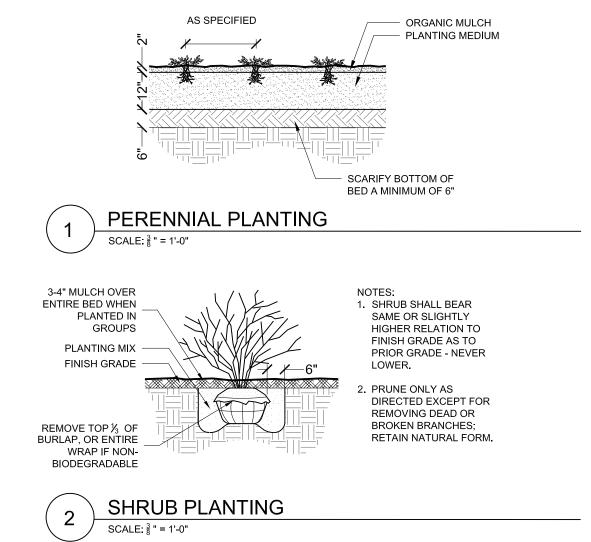
WATER TO SETTLE SOIL AND REMOVE AIR POCKETS AND

LEAVE BOTTOM OF HOLE

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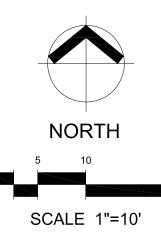
- DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH SHOULD BE APPLIED TO ALL PLANTING BEDS. 1. FOR BEDS THAT INCLUDE TREES OR SHRUBS, MULCH SHALL BE HELD A MIN. OF 3" FROM TRUNK.
- ALL DISEASED, DAMAGED, OR DEAD MATERIAL SHALL BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 62 OF CITY CODE BY THE END OF THE FOLLOWING PLANTING SEASON. DRIP IRRIGATION IS TO BE INSTALLED IN ALL PLANTING BEDS. 3.
- EXCESSIVE COMPACTION: EXCEPT WITHIN EXISTING TREE DRIP LINES, RIP AREAS 4. WHICH BECOME COMPACTED MORE THAN 75 PERCENT, AS DETERMINED BY ASTM D 1557-91, TO A 12 INCH DEPTH, ROTOTILL, AND BLADE SMOOTH.
- RESTORE AND RESEED ALL AREAS WITHIN THE EXCAVATION ZONE ALONG PARK 5. EDGE. PARK AREAS DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION MUST BE LEFT IN AS GOOD OR BETTER CONDITION PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION..
- PROPOSED TREES BEING PLANTED IN THE PARK AS REPLACEMENT FOR THE TREE CANOPY LOSS AND AS MITIGATION FOR CONSTRUCTION UTILIZING PARKLAND WILL HAVE AN EXTENDED THREE YEAR WARRANTY. THE TREES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM THEIR PLANTING DATE INCLUDING PRUNING, MULCHING, AND WATERING AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN HEALTH OF TREES.





542 - 548 N. MAIN STREET

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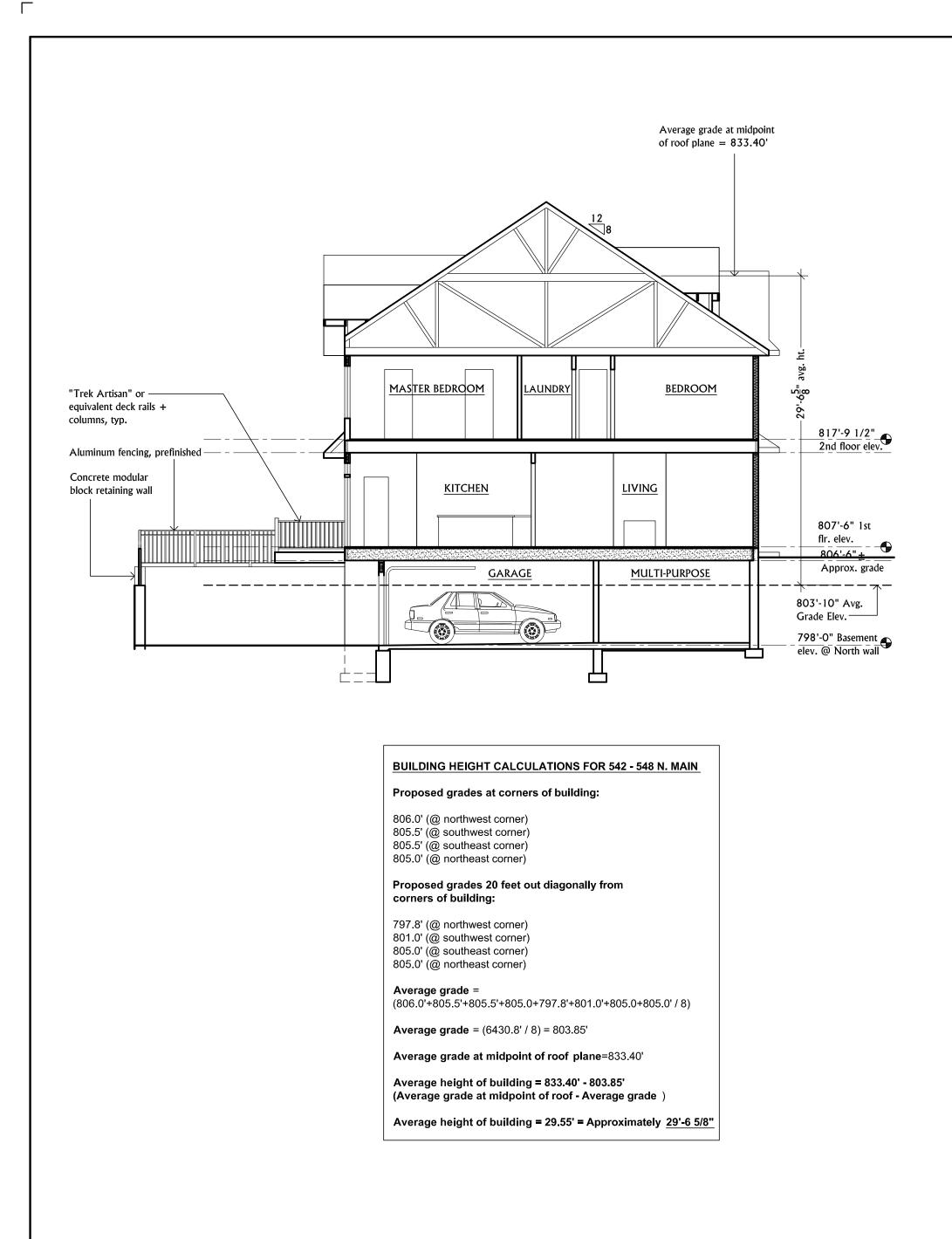
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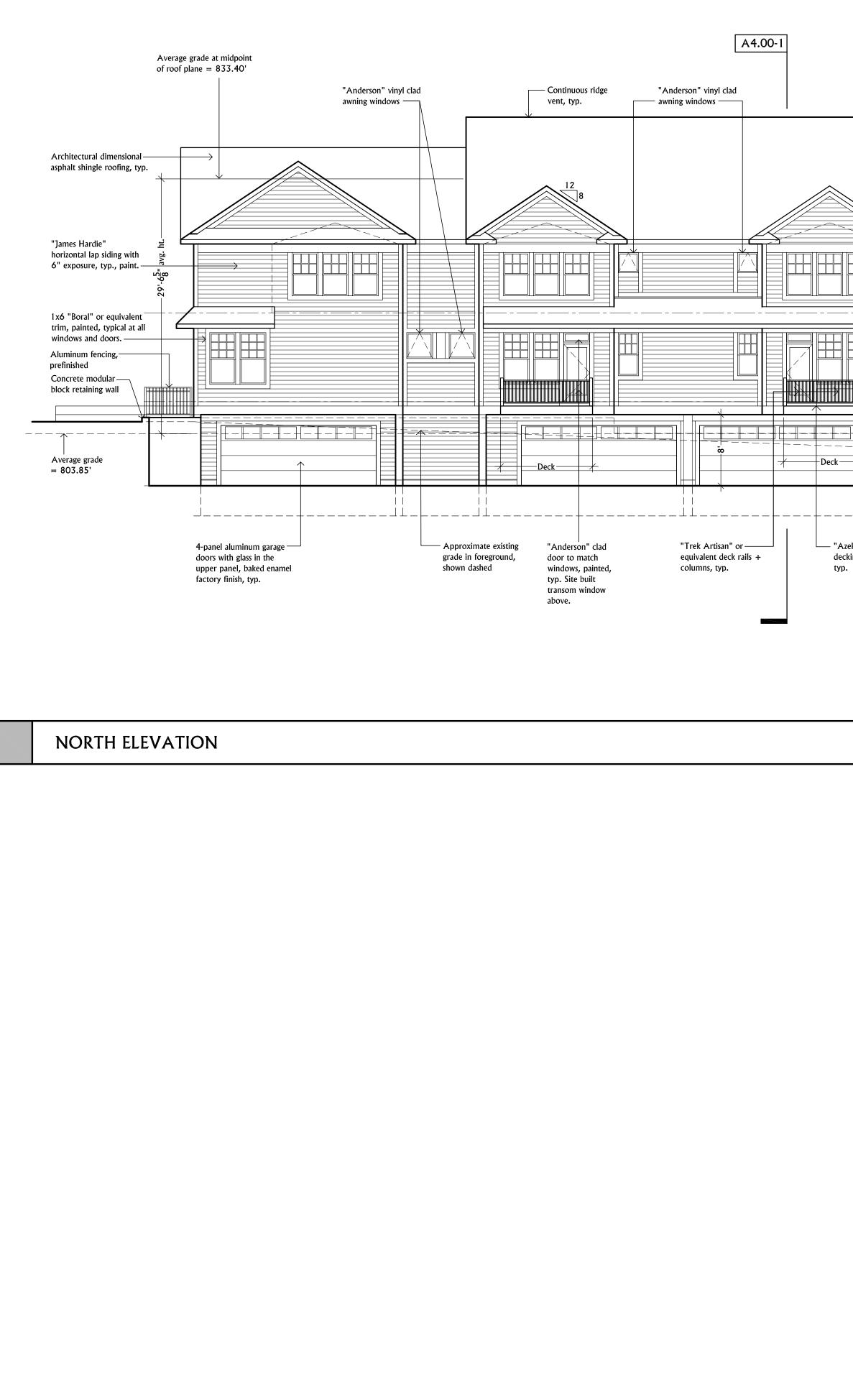




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