# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of February 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Hampton Inn Site Plan for Planning Commission Approval

(2910 Jackson Avenue) File No. SP16-112

### PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the Hampton Inn Site Plan to remove two landmark trees, mitigate for them, and revise the landscape elements.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the site plan be **approved**, because the landscaping, tree mitigation, and all other elements of the proposal comply with applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, standards and regulations; limits the disturbance of natural features to the minimum necessary to allow a reasonable use of the land; and does not cause a public or private nuisance and does not have a detrimental effect on the public health, safety or welfare.

## STAFF REPORT

A planned project site plan was approved for this site in 2013 (SP13-002) and a development agreement was recorded. Construction commenced and, during the excavation of the detention pond on the northern border of the site, two landmark trees (a 24" elm and a 21" elm) identified on the site plan were improperly cut down. To address their removal and mitigation, the original project's approved natural features protection and mitigation plan must be amended and approved by the City Planning Commission. (Chapter 57, 5:122 Site Plans (4)(d))

The landscape plan and other plan sheets showing the two elms were revised to reflect their removal and also the location of trees required for mitigation. Thirty 3" caliper trees are proposed to mitigate the 45" of landmark trees removed. The mitigation trees include five yellowood, twelve red oak, seven American hornbeam, and six hackberry. Additional plantings volunteered by the petitioner are included on the updated plant list, but are not shown on the landscape plan drawing because they are not required by code.

Only the landscape elements of the planned project site plan have changed. This site plan will become the plan of record, and all other elements from the previous site plan are included in the plan set.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Attachments: Sheet LA-02 As Built Landscape Plan

c: Owner: Ann Arbor Inn & Suites

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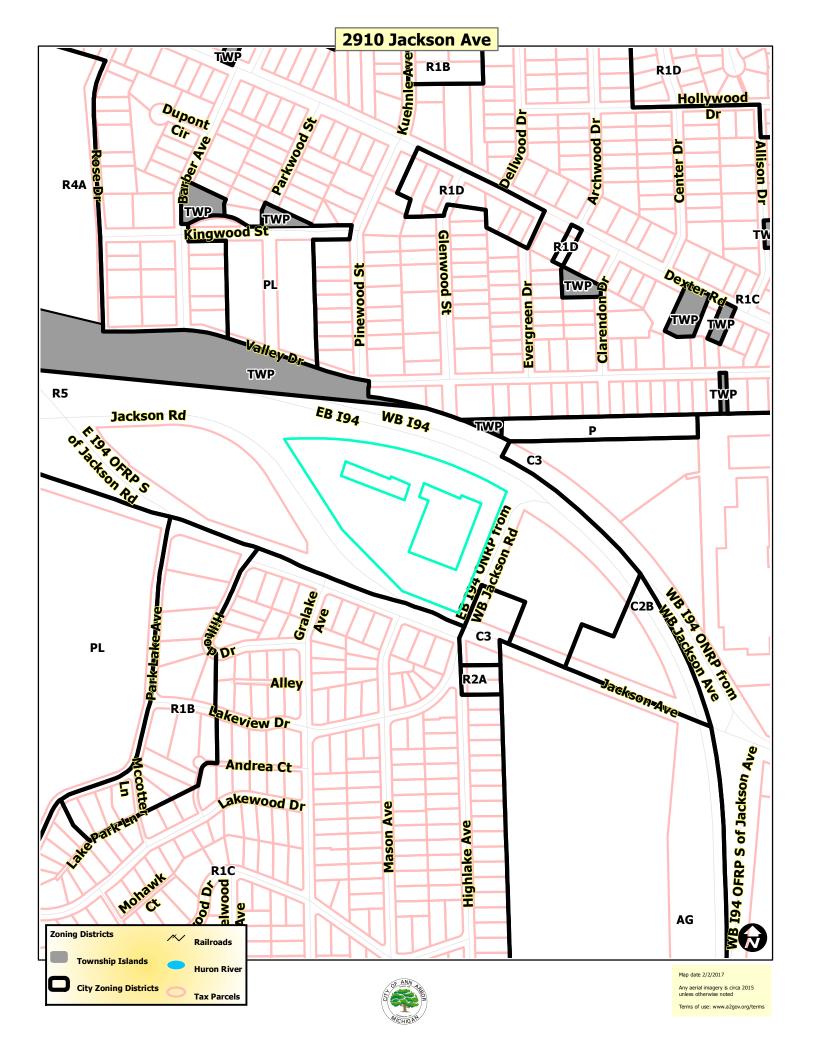
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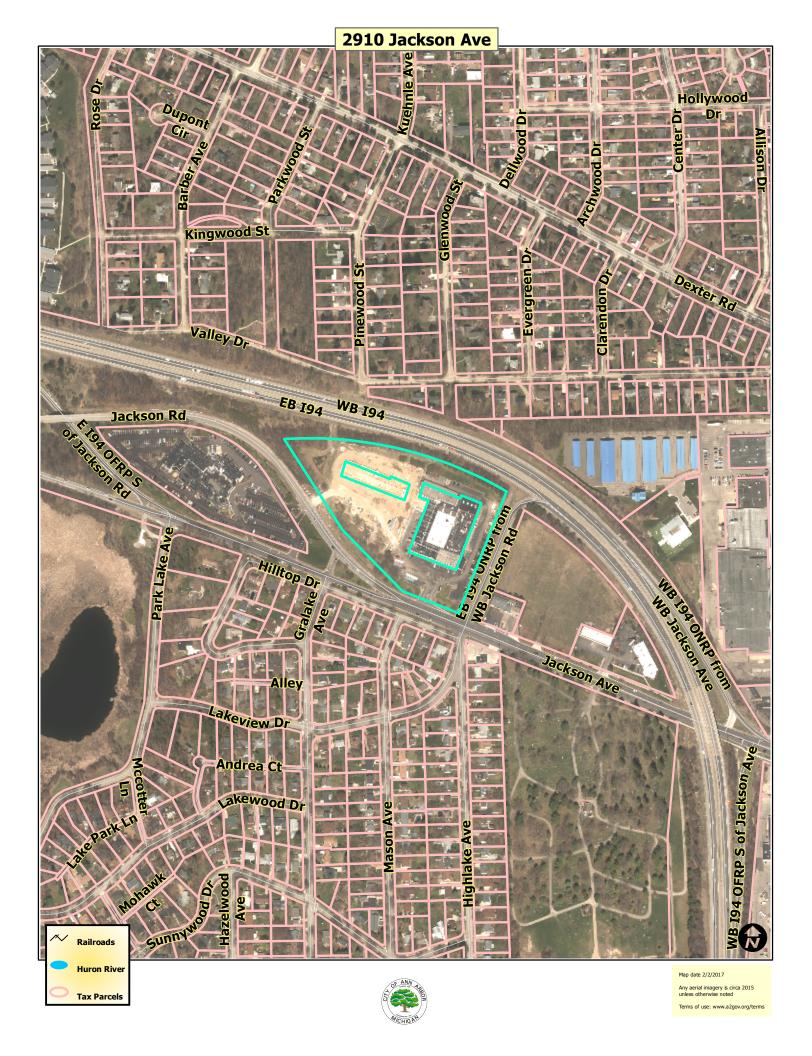
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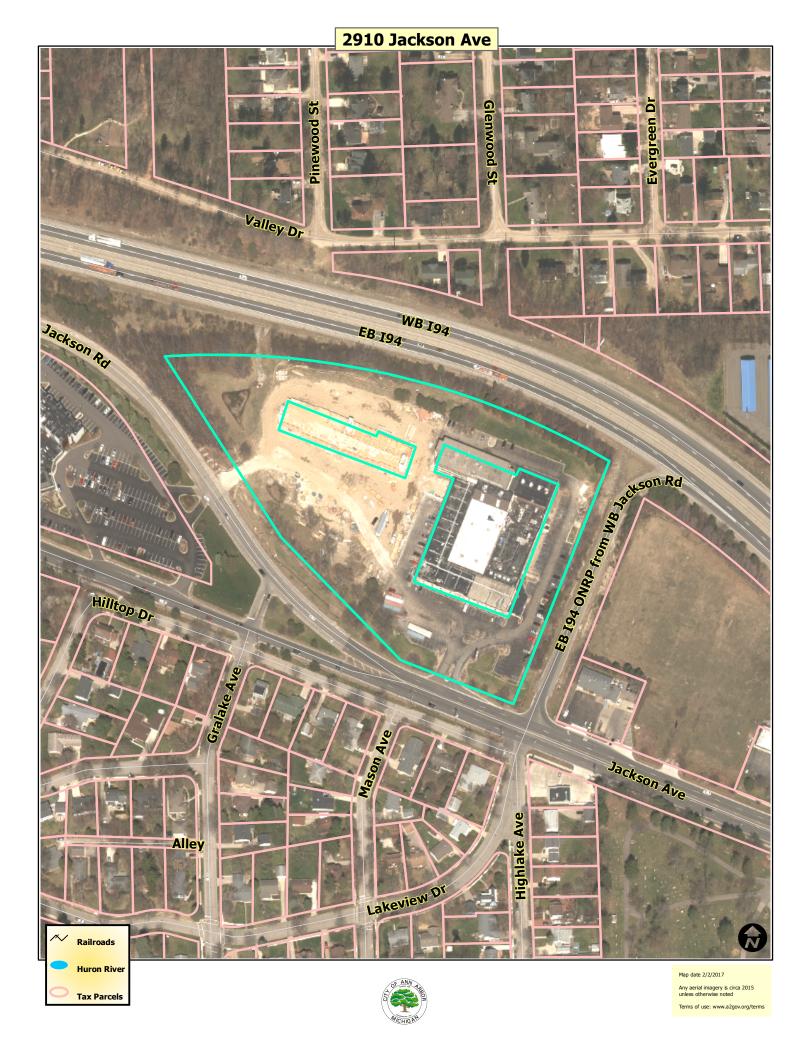
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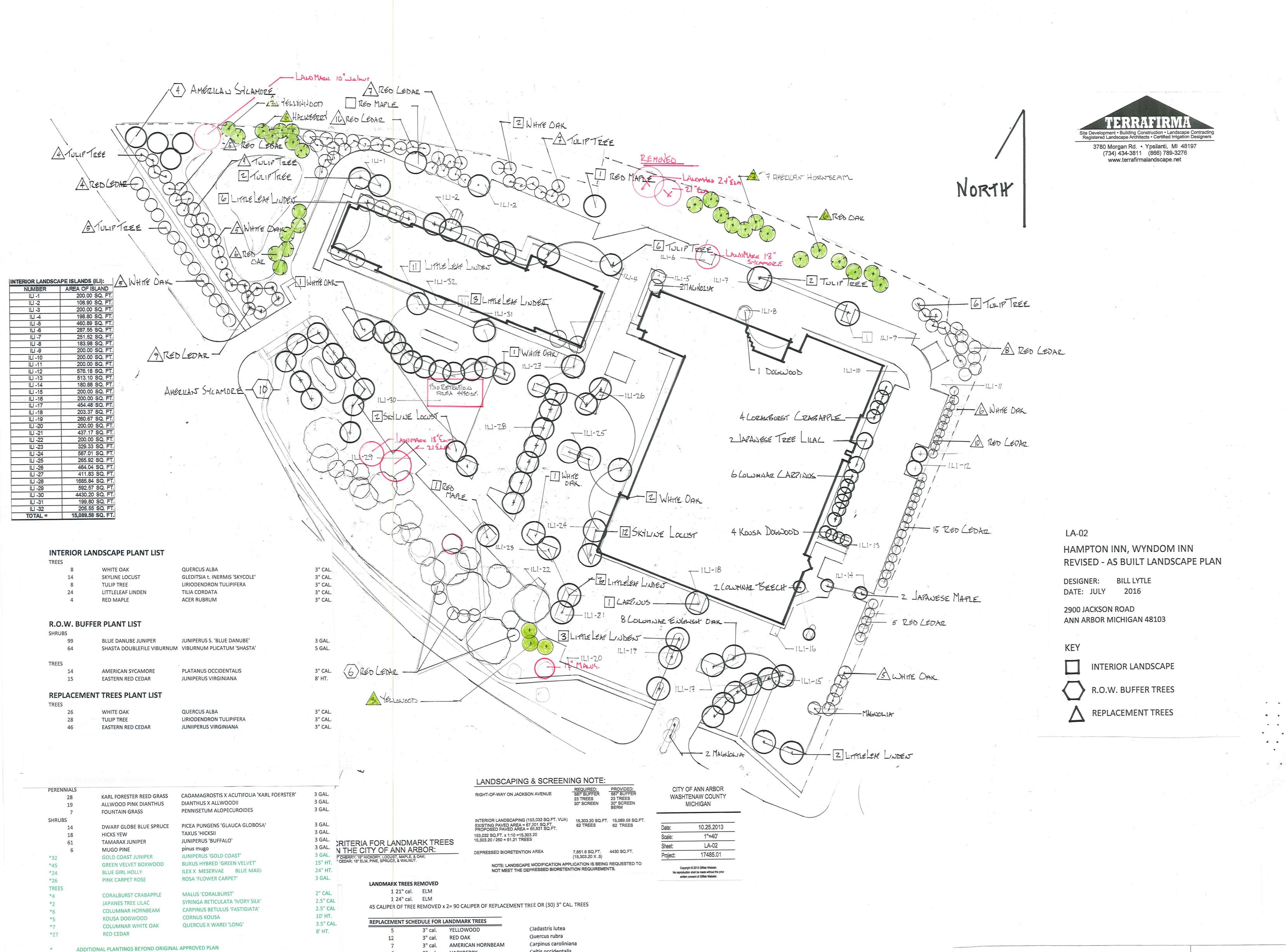
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