

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of March 19, 2013

SUBJECT: State Street Center Site Plan for City Council Approval
(3945 South State Street)
File No. SP12- 027

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the State Street Center Site Plan, subject to the dedication of the 50-foot South State Street right-of-way to the City prior to the issuance of any permits.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the site plan be **postponed** to give the petitioner additional time to submit a rezoning application and staff time to review the request.

LOCATION

The site is located north of Ellsworth Road east of South State Street (South Area, Malletts Creek Watershed).

DESCRIPTION OF PETITION

The petitioner proposes demolishing the vacant 840-square foot residential building on this site and constructing a one-story, 1,700-square foot restaurant with drive-thru facilities facing South State Street and a one-story, 6,790-square foot retail building behind the restaurant. Both buildings are to be built in one phase. The curb cut off S. State Street will be relocated and widened to provide ingress/egress for both buildings.

The new restaurant will include a one-lane drive-thru facility, which is permitted per the proposed C3 zoning district requirements. The drive-thru lane will be located on the north side of the restaurant. Stacking of vehicles will occur along the north and east side of the restaurant, with a maximum queue length of 9 vehicles.

A raised, colored concrete pedestrian link is proposed to connect the existing public sidewalk along South State Street to the restaurant and will continue eastward, wrapping around the perimeter of the retail building.

The restaurant use requires a minimum of 17 automobile parking spaces, and the retail space requires between 22-26 spaces. The minimum parking requirement is met with a proposed total of 39 proposed spaces. Covered bicycle parking will be provided on the south side of the site between the buildings.

All storm water management for the site will be provided by porous pavement in the parking and driveway areas and two bioretention areas. Retention and infiltration for back-to-back 100 year storm events will be provided, per the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner requirements.

One landmark tree is proposed to be removed, and two landmark trees along the south property line will be impacted. Mitigation trees will be planted in the northeast and southeast corners of the site and in the landscape area between the two proposed buildings.

The petitioner mailed a notification postcard (attached) to owners and occupants within 500 feet of the parcel when the site plan was submitted. At the time this staff report was written, the petitioner had not received any comments regarding the proposed development.

Estimated cost of construction for this project is \$900,000.

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

	LAND USE	ZONING
NORTH	Research	RE (Research District)
EAST	Research/Offices	RE
SOUTH	Auto Service/Restaurant	C3 (Fringe Commercial)
WEST	Retail Uses	TWP (Township)

COMPARISON CHART

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/PERMITTED
Zoning	O (Office District)	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)
Gross Lot Area	43,560 sq ft	43,560sq ft	6,000 sq ft MIN
Maximum Usable Floor Area in Percentage of Lot Area	840 sq ft (9.8%)	8,490 sq ft (19.4%)	87,120 sq ft MAX (200% MAX)
Setback – Front	45 feet – South State	23 feet – South State	10 ft MIN 25 ft MAX
Setback – Side(s)	15 ft – north 22 ft - south	12 ft – north 45 ft - south	0 ft MIN
Setback – Rear	380 ft	45 ft	20 ft MIN
Height	2 story	32 ft	55 ft MAX
Parking – Automobile	2 spaces	39 spaces	39 spaces MIN 43 spaces MAX
Parking – Bicycle	N/A	Class B – 6 spaces	Class B – 3 spaces MIN Class C – 3 spaces MIN

HISTORY

The single-family home on this site was constructed in 1938 in Pittsfield Township. In 1971, the City had petitioned the State Boundary Commission and requested that certain Pittsfield Township islands, including this parcel, be placed in the City. In September 1973, the State Boundary Commission ruled that these Pittsfield Township islands be made part of the City of Ann Arbor. In January 1974, Pittsfield Township obtained a temporary restraining order from the Washtenaw County Circuit Court barring the annexation of the Township islands. On March 20, 1979, the Pittsfield Township islands were annexed to the City of Ann Arbor by order of the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw. This site was zoned RE on May 11, 1979, based on the General Development Plan.

In 2003, this site was rezoned from RE, Research District, to O, Office District, at the property owner's request. The petitioner contended that the site did not meet the minimum RE lot width and size requirements, and office use provided a transition from commercial uses to the south and research uses to the north. Subsequent to this rezoning, the official zoning map was erroneously changed to C3 (Fringe Commercial) zoning for this parcel instead of the approved O zoning designation. This error was discovered as part of the background research for the current site plan petition.

PLANNING BACKGROUND

The Master Plan: Land Use Element supports commercial uses for this site. The Plan recommends that retail centers be designed with pedestrian access as a primary goal to encourage mass transit and reduce the demand for parking. Surface parking should be placed at the rear of the building and should not be a dominant element along public streets.

The draft South State Corridor Plan includes this site in Area 3. The draft Plan emphasizes incorporating pedestrian and bicycle improvements into new development and cultivating the gateway image of the corridor through landscaping, signage and public art.

The Non-Motorized Plan recommends bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street for South State Street and Ellsworth Road.

The Transportation Plan Short-term Recommendations propose intersection improvements at State and Ellsworth intersection along with a traffic corridor study on Ellsworth from State Street to Platt Road. The Mid-term Recommendations propose a traffic corridor study along South State Street between Eisenhower and Ellsworth Blvd. The Long-term Recommendations propose intersection improvements north and south of I-94.

ZONING/REZONING JUSTIFICATION

The petitioner has been notified of the incorrect zoning on this site and will submit a Rezoning Application for staff review.

STAFF COMMENTS

Systems Planning – One footing drain disconnection is required to mitigate sanitary flow as part of this development.

The South State Street right-of-way (total 50 feet) shall be dedicated to the City prior to the issuance of any permits.

Storm Water – The proposed permeable pavement is appropriate for drainage of this site, as sandy soils exist in the area. Maintenance of the parking lot must be performed twice per year for the lot to function and drain properly as porous pavement.

Chapter 63, Section 5:655(4) states that the detention facility shall be installed prior to issuance of building permits. However, it is not practical to construct the porous paving before the buildings are constructed. Therefore, the design includes a temporary sedimentation basin that will remain in service through construction, until the porous pavement is completed.

Traffic – Per the conclusions of the Traffic Impact Study for the adjacent Tim Hortons project, the intersection of State and Ellsworth currently operates at capacity and will continue to operate in a similar manner in the future with this proposal. The City, Washtenaw County, and Pittsfield Township are moving forward with plans to reconstruct the intersection of State and Ellsworth Road as a modern roundabout. The analysis of future conditions with the proposed commercial uses indicates the intersection at State and Ellsworth would continue to operate in a manner similar to background conditions, with negligible increase in peak hour volumes and vehicle delays.

Planning – During review of the proposed site plan, staff discovered this site is not zoned C3, Fringe Commercial, as shown in the City's zoning maps. This site is currently zoned Office, which does not permit the proposed retail and drive-thru uses. Because this zoning error was discovered late in the review process, the petitioner did not have sufficient time to apply for a rezoning request to C3 before being heard at the upcoming City Planning Commission meeting. Once the petitioner submits the rezoning application, staff will review this application and place it on the next possible Planning Commission agenda.

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Attachments: Citizen Notification Postcard
Zoning/Parcel Maps
Aerial Photo
Site Plan
Landscape Plan
Elevations

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File No. SP12-027

Proposed Development for 3945 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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As a neighbor, City of Ann Arbor's Citizen Participation Ordinance, affords you, an opportunity to learn about, understand and comment on this proposed development. Your comments will be documented and submitted to the Planning and Development Services Unit.

The Proposed development consists of a drive thru fast food restaurant and a retail building. The existing house will be removed.

If you have any questions or comments with regards to this proposal, you may contact us via e-mail or telephone @;

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3945 S State St -Aerial Map-



Railroads
 Parcel Property

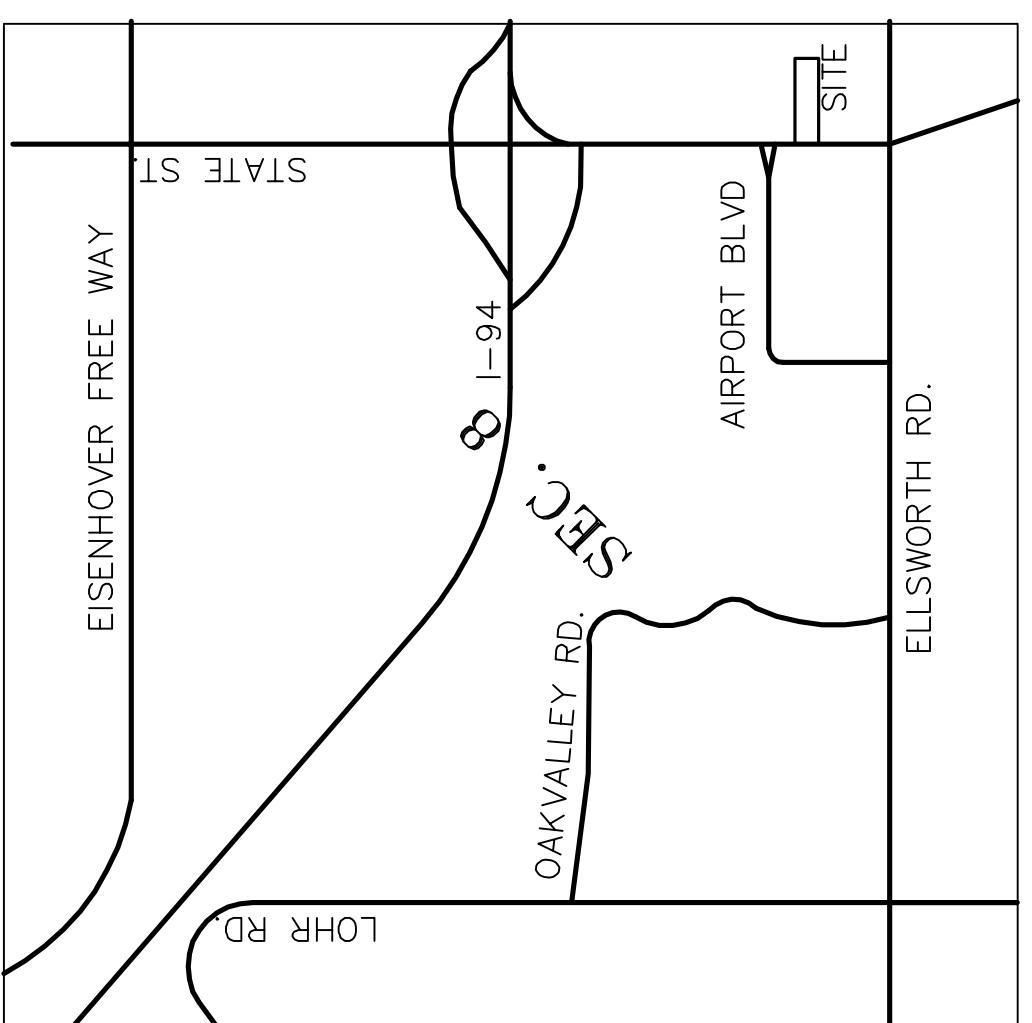


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LOCATION MAP

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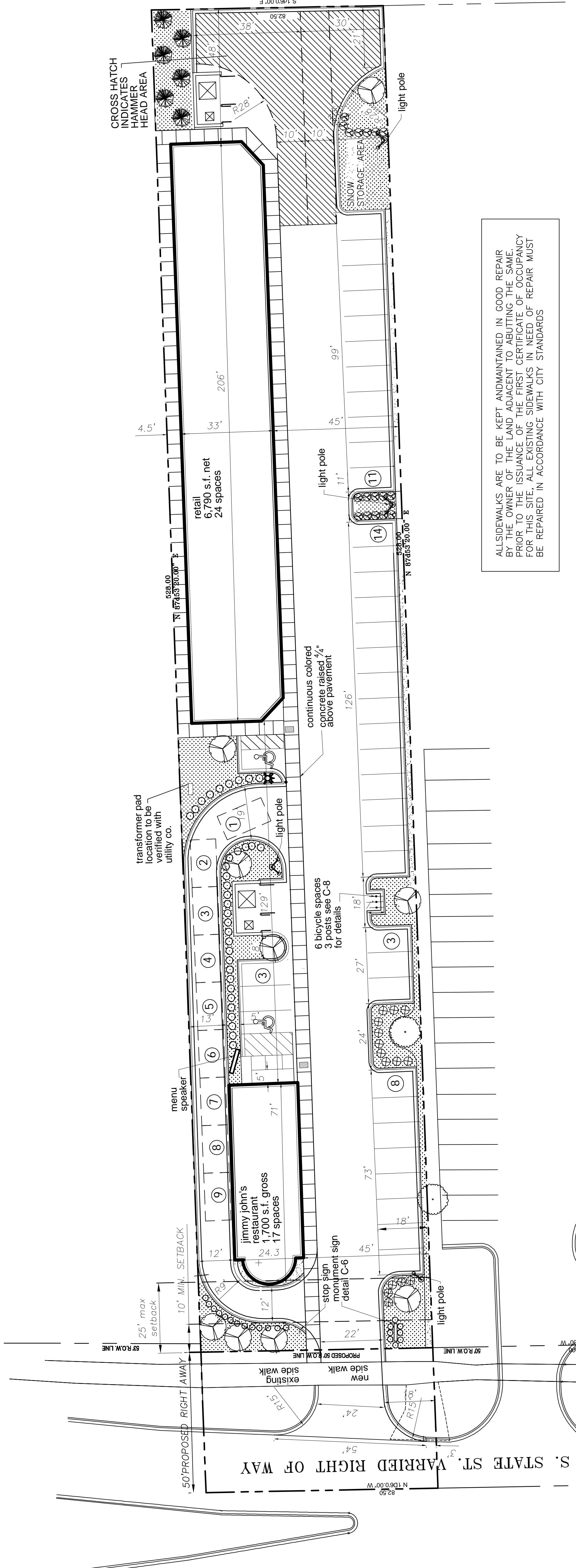
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SOUTH STATE CENTER

A circular red seal for a Michigan architect. The outer ring contains the words "STATE OF MICHIGAN" at the top and "LICENSING BOARD" at the bottom, separated by stars. The inner circle contains the name "FAREED MOJARADI" in the center, with "ARCHITECT" written below it, all surrounded by a dotted border.

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SHEET PLAN

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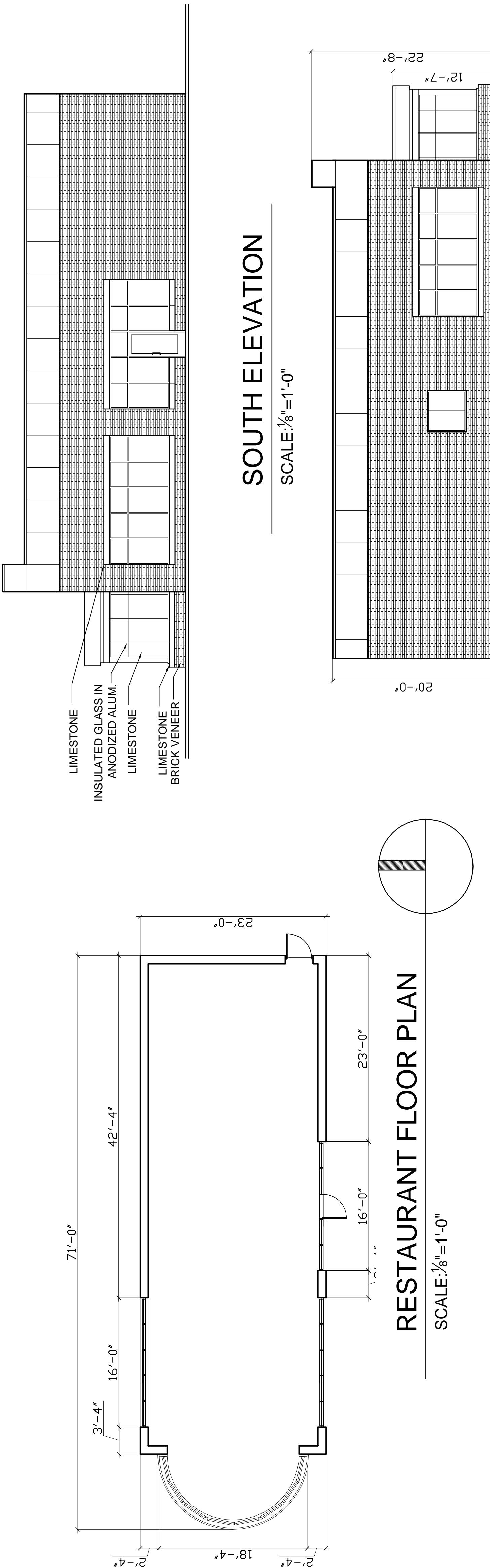
This site plan diagram illustrates a property boundary with various features:

- Coordinates:** N 1d614.73" W 140.0098
- Address:** 133.0000S 87d53'20.00" W
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- Lot Number:** 64.49
- Lot Description:** N1d6001
- Structures:** A large rectangular building with diagonal hatching and a smaller rectangular structure.
- Landscaping:** Several circular trees and shrubs are scattered throughout the property.
- Walkways:** A paved walkway labeled "BIT WALK" leads from the bottom left towards the center of the property.
- Driveway:** A curved driveway on the right side provides access to the property.
- Boundary:** The property is bounded by a thick black line.

DIMENSION SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20.00'

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RESTAURANT PLAN, ELEVATIONS

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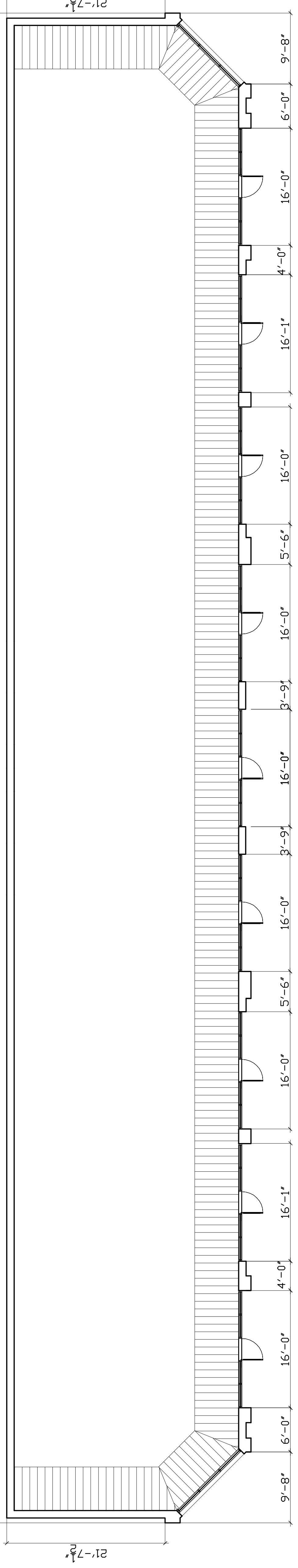
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EAST ELEVATION

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

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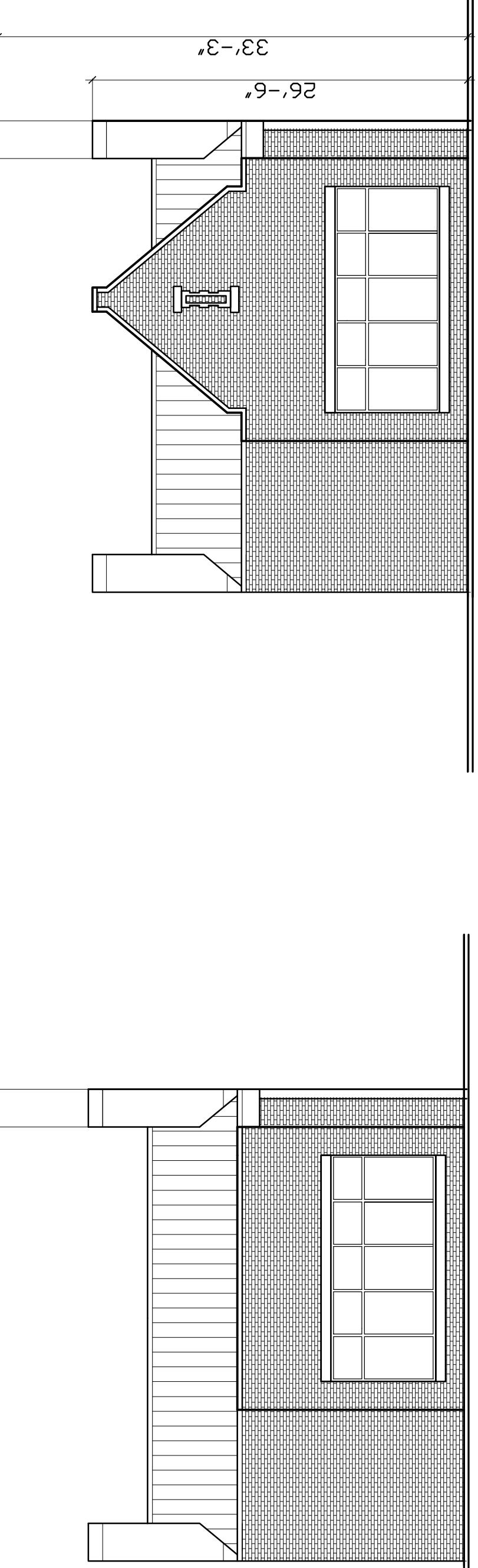


RETAIL BUILDING FLOOR PLAN

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

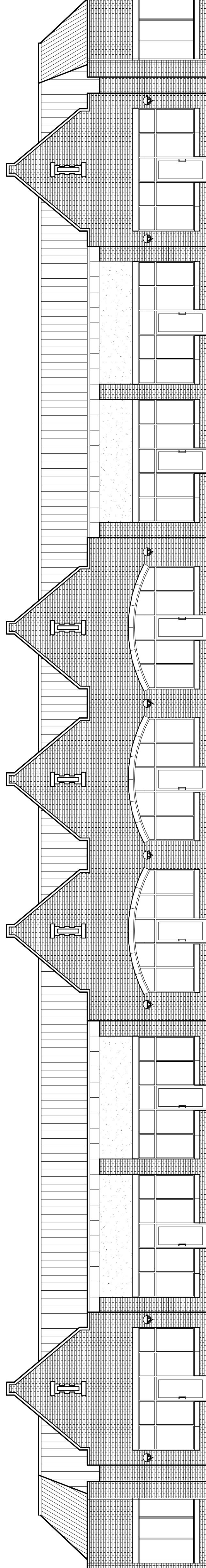
NORTH ELEVATION RETAIL BUILDING

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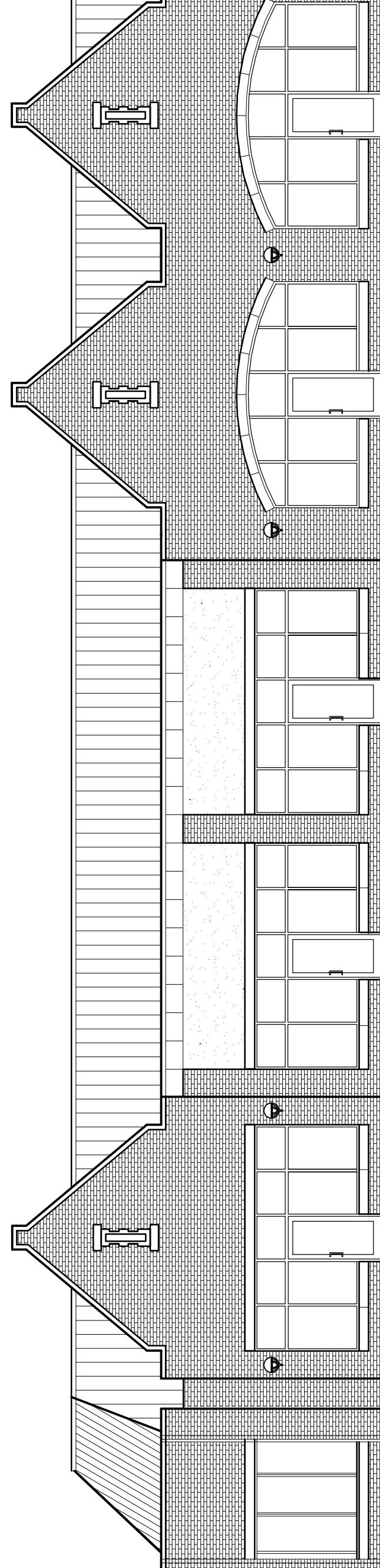
WEST ELEVATION RETAIL BUILDING

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EAST ELEVATION RETAIL BUILDING

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SOUTH ELEVATION RETAIL BUILDING

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