PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Belle Tire Site Plan for City Council Approval

(590 West Ellsworth) File No. SP13-023

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the Belle Tire Site Plan, subject to the recording of a shared parking easement and the recording of a sanitary sewer easement before issuance of building permits.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the site plan be **approved** because the contemplated development would comply with all applicable 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 north side of West Ellsworth Road, east of South State Street (South Area, Malletts Creek Watershed).

DESCRIPTION OF PETITION

The petitioner proposes constructing a one-story, 9,735-square foot auto service facility on this one-acre site. The existing curb cut off West Ellsworth leading to this site is proposed to be closed, and ingress/egress for this site will be through a shared curb cut located on the parcel to the west.

The new auto service facility includes the minimum total of 49 parking spaces, with 10 of these spaces located in the service bays. Two parking spaces located at the southwest corner of the parking lot belong to the adjacent neighbor (Tim Horton's). The petitioner will use and maintain these two spaces via a recorded easement.

New public sidewalk is proposed along the frontage of this site, completing the gap between the parcels to the east and west. A pedestrian connection is proposed from the building entrance to the public sidewalk. A bicycle hoop will be provided at the building entrance.

The storm water management system is located underground at the western portion of the site and meets 100-year storm water detention requirements. No natural features are impacted on the site.

A notification postcard (attached) was mailed when the site plan was submitted. At the time this staff report was written, no concerns were received regarding this proposed development.

The estimated cost of construction for this project is \$1,100,000.

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

	LAND USE	ZONING	
NORTH	Vacant/Future Restaurant & Retail	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)	
EAST	Research/Offices	RE	
SOUTH	Service Station/Vacant	TWP (Township)	
WEST	Restaurant	C3 (Fringe Commercial)	

COMPARISON CHART

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/PERMITTED
Zoning	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)	C3	C3
Gross Lot Area	36,677 sq ft	36,677 sq ft	6,000 sq ft MIN
Maximum Usable Floor Area in Percentage of Lot Area	Vacant	9,735 sq ft (26.5%)	73,354 sq ft MAX (200% MAX)
Setback – Front	Vacant	10 feet – W. Ellsworth	10 ft MIN 25 ft MAX
Setback - Side(s)	Vacant	118 ft – west 5 ft - east	0 ft MIN
Setback – Rear	Vacant	32 ft	0 ft MIN
Height	N/A	29 ft	55 ft MAX
Parking – Automobile	N/A	49 spaces	49 spaces MIN
Parking – Bicycle	N/A	Class C – 2 spaces	Class C – 1 space MIN

HISTORY

This site was annexed in 1973. The site was zoned PUD in 1977 to allow a restaurant building and an adjacent two-story, 10,000-square foot office or business service building on the same parcel. The restaurant building was built in 1978, and the office building was never constructed. This site was then rezoned to C3 in 2008 to allow uses other than a restaurant for the existing building. In 2012, this site was divided into two parcels. A Tim Horton's restaurant was

approved and constructed on the western parcel, and the restaurant building on the eastern parcel was demolished.

PLANNING BACKGROUND

The South State Street Corridor Plan recommends commercial uses for this site.

The <u>Master Plan: Land Use Element</u> supports continued commercial uses for this site. The Plan recommends that retail centers be designed with pedestrian access as a primary goal. It also helps 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 <u>Non-Motorized Plan</u> recommends bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street for South State Street and Ellsworth.

The <u>Transportation Plan</u> Short-term Recommendations propose intersection improvements at State and Ellsworth intersection, which currently are under construction, in addition to 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.

STAFF COMMENTS

<u>Systems Planning</u> – The sanitary sewer main on the Subaru parcel to the east is not in an easement dedicated to the city of Ann Arbor. A city-standard easement for the entire run of sanitary sewer main on the Subaru parcel will need to be dedicated to the city prior to issuance of any permits. This easement shall run up to and along the easterly property line of the Subaru parcel.

A revised City of Ann Arbor Geodetic Reference System Coordinate Worksheet (AAGRS) shall be submitted for review and approval.

<u>Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee</u> – This site is ideal for infiltration as sandy soils exist in the area. Perforated chambers have been added to allow for infiltration.

<u>Urban Forestry</u> - Based on the street frontage of 139.74 feet the Street Tree Escrow requirement for this site is \$181.66 and must be paid before issuance of building permits.

<u>Planning</u> – Planning staff supports the proposed retail proposal as it is compatible with the zoning and surrounding uses. This site meets many of the stated goals of the <u>Master Plan:</u>
<u>Land Use Element</u> by closing an existing curb cut and using the shared drive with the western neighbor. This proposal also uses the minimum amount of parking spaces and encourages pedestrian access with a connection from the front entrance to the public sidewalk. The petitioner is also open to connecting this site to the vacant lot to the north and is coordinating with the neighboring property owner to make this connection.

The petitioner indicates there is an agreement to share the 2 parking spaces located at the southwest corner of the parking lot, and a shared parking easement is in the process of being signed.

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Attachments: Citizen Notification Postcard

Zoning/Parcel Maps

Aerial Photo Site Plan

Landscape Plan Elevations

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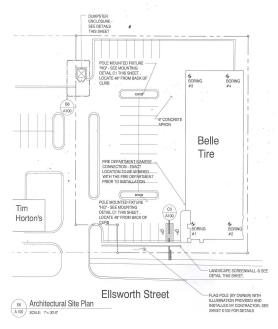
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Petition for Site Plan Review

Dear Recipient,

In accordance with the City Ann Arbor's Citizen Participation Ordinance (CPO), you are hereby given notice that a petition for Site Plan Review from Belle Tire has been submitted to the City of Ann Arbor's Planning Department. The proposed redevelopment project will involve the clearing of the existing parking lot east of the existing Tim Horton's restaurant located at 3965 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI for the construction of a new Belle Tire Store and parking lot.

The purpose of this notice and the City of Ann Arbor's Citizen Participation Ordinance is to promote effective citizen participation in the project development process, to mitigate potential impacts and to facilitate ongoing communication between the petitioner and citizenry. Written information about citizen participation is being mailed to all property owners, addresses and registered neighborhood groups within 500 feet of the proposed petition site, as well as the Planning and Development Services Unit.

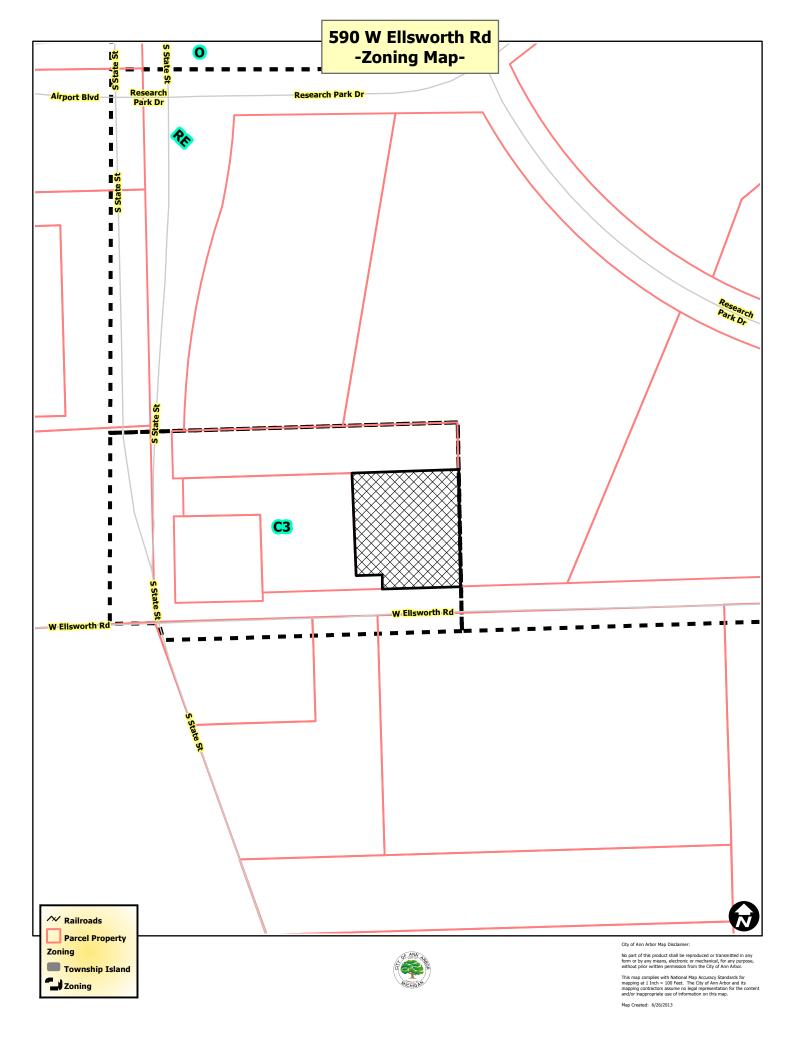
If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the proposal, please contact the following individuals:

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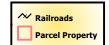
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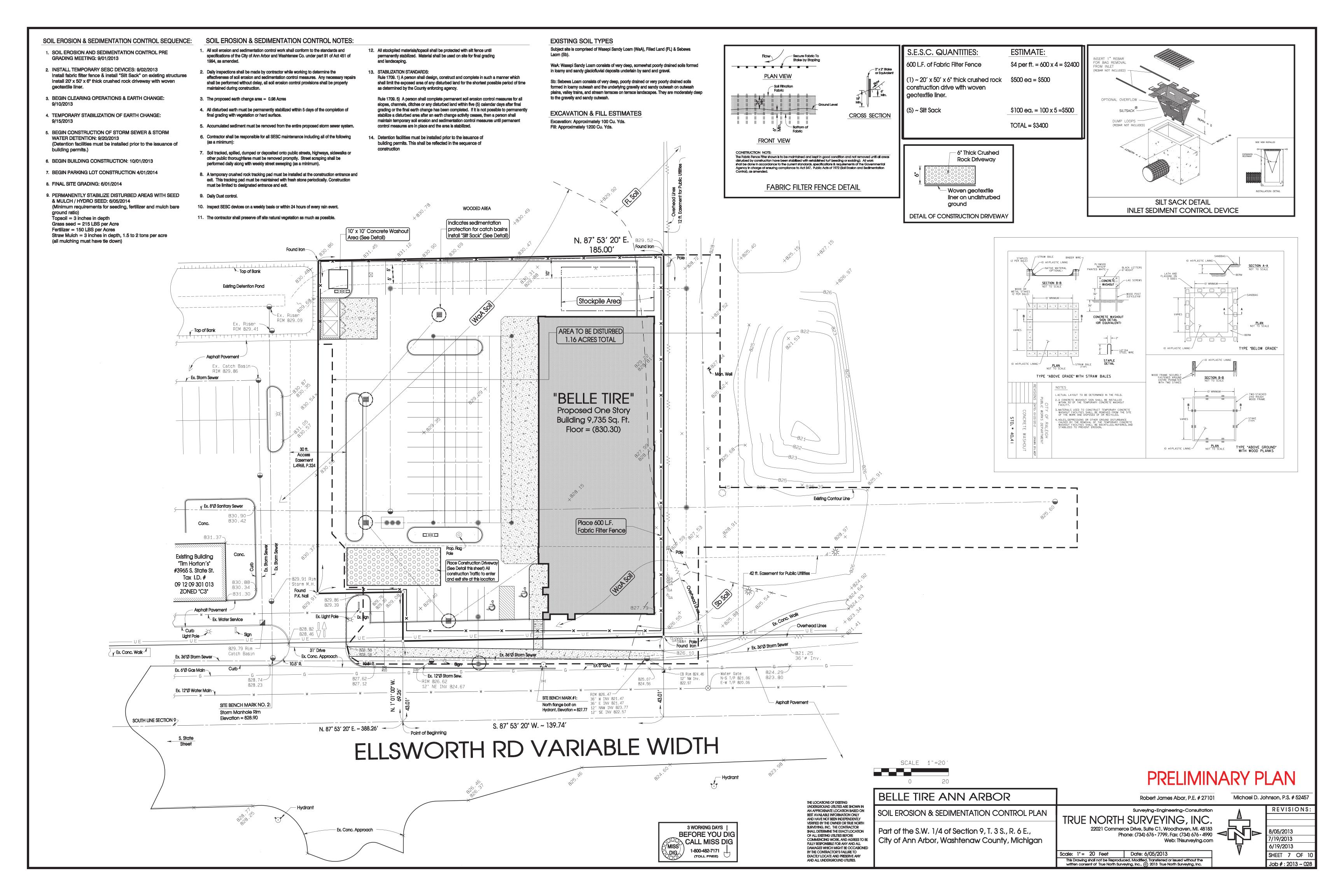




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LANDSCAPE CALCULATIONS: One deciduous shade or evergreen tree must be installed in the landscape buffer area for every 30 feet or fraction thereof of public right-of-way street frontage of the vehicular use 140 ft. of Road Frontage = 140 / 30 = 5 Trees Required Proposal as shown provides 9 Trees in R.O.W. greenbelt 2. REQUIRED: Gasoline or service stations shall employ berms or 30 inch high opaque walls between the vehicular use area and the public right-of-way unless the landscape buffer strip provided is 15 feet in width or greater. If the landscape buffer strip provided is 15 feet in width, then a landform berm, hedge and/or dense planting combination at least 30 inches in total height is acceptable. If a wall is used, it shall be set back at least 4 feet from the property line with 1 30-inch high shrub provided for every 4 lineal feet, planted on the street side detail) Also 92 ft. /4 = 23 shrubs provided. 3. REQUIRED: Proposed Parking area is 20,000 sq. ft.

Proposal as shown provides 92 ft. of 30° high masonry wall (See Architectural plans for

Required ratio of 1:20 landscaping area islands, each interior landscape island shall have at least 165 square feet, a minimum dimension of 8 feet in any direction, and shall include at least 1 deciduous shade tree at a rate of 1 deciduous shade tree for each 250 square feet or fraction thereof of required interior landscape island.

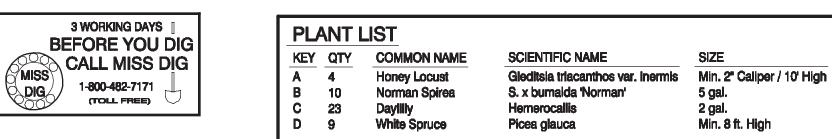
20,000/20 = 1,000 sq. ft. landscape island required. 1,000/250 = 4 trees required

Proposal as shown provides 1,294 sq. ft. of landscape Islands. Proposal as shown provides 4 trees

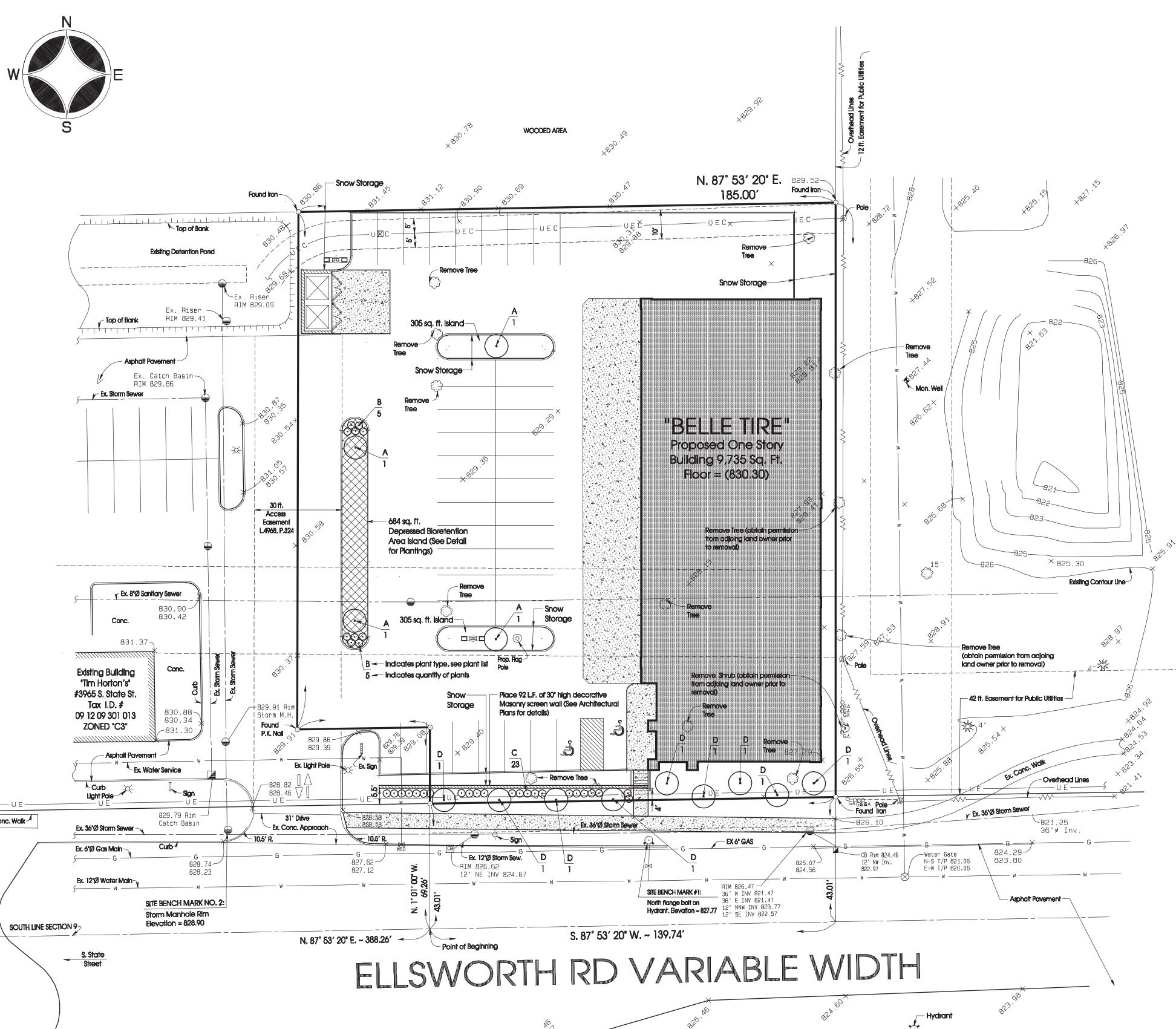
GENERAL LANDSCAPE NOTES:

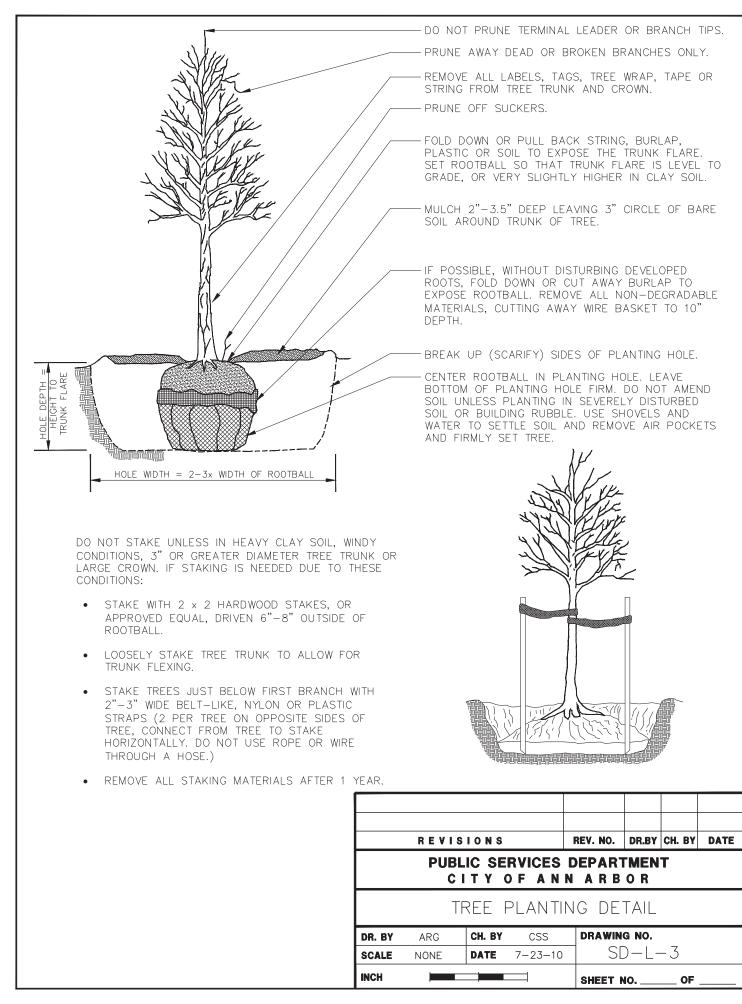
- 1. The contractor shall verify all rights of way, easements, property lines and limits of work, etc. prior to commencing work
- 2. The contractor shall be responsible for contacting and coordinating with all pertinent utility companies 72 hours in advance of any construction. The contractor shall take sole responsibility for any cost incurred due to damage of said utilities.
- 3. All planting beds and landscape islands shall have 4" minimum depth of shredded hardwood bark over black, water permeable landscape fabric or alternate deduct for no mulch in planting beds, provide labor only to install owner supplied mulch.
- 4. All multi-stemmed trees shall be heavily branched and have symmetrical crowns. One sided trees or those with thin or open crowns shall not be accepted.
- 5. All single trunk shade trees to have straight and symmetrical crowns with a central leader. Trees with forked or irregular trunks shall not be
- 6. All evergreen trees shall be fully to the ground, symmetrical in shape and not sheared in the last five (5) growing seasons.
- 7. It is mandatory that positive drainage be provided away from the building; specifically in the lawn areas around the building.
- 8. The contractor shall not proceed with construction as designed when it is obvious that obstructions and or grade differences exist. Such conditions shall be immediately brought to the attention of the owner's representative and or landscape architect. The contractor shall assume full responsibility for all necessary revisions due failure to give such notification.
- 9. Any discrepancies between dimensioned layout and actual field conditions shall be reported to the owner's representative and landscape architect. Failure to make such discrepancies known will result in contractor's
- 10. The contractor shall be responsible for any coordination with subcontractors as required to accomplish construction installation operations.
- 11. Landscape contractor to install underground irrigation system for all plant materials as part of contract and provide as-built drawing. All landscape areas and islands to be irrigated.
- 12. All lawn areas to be Hydro seeded or sodded, unless otherwise noted.
- 13. The contractor shall be responsible for any existing materials the are damaged during construction.
- 14. The proposed vegetation shall be maintained in a healthy, neat and orderly appearance; free of refuse and debris and meet current standards. Per Chapter 62, Section 5:607(12) all diseased, damaged or dead material shall be replaced in accordance with Chapter 62 of Ann Arbor City Code by the end of the following planting season, as a continuing obligation for the duration of the site plan.
- 15. The contractor shall coordinate lawn repair in conjunction with demolition work by others.
- 16. All trees to be installed I0 feet minimum away from utility structures.
- 17. All landscaping shall be installed and maintained in accordance with City of Ann Arbor Standards.
- 18. A 3 foot high evergreen hedge shall be utilized to screen any ground mounted transformers or HVAC equipment. The location of such screening and equipment shall be detailed at the time of final site
- 19. All sodded areas to have minimum 3" clean topsoil.
- 20. Grub areas between property line and curbs and provide and install new topsoil and sod in these
- 21. Repair & replace in kind, any existing landscaping, sod or vegetation in the adjacent right of way areas disturbed during construction.
- 22. Snow shall not be pushed on to the interior landscape islands unless designed for snow storage.
- 23. The City of Ann Arbor has adopted an ordinance limiting phosphorus in fertilizer. To assist in compliance with the State mandated TMDL for phosphorus within the Middle Huron River basin; applications of fertilizer beyond the initial topsoil and seeding shall be a fertilizer with no
- 24. In the event Soil compaction is found in planting areas, the contactor shall remedy soil conditions prior to planting by removing an area of soil 2 ft. on each side of the proposed planting to depth of 18" deep & replacing the compacted soil with new clean topsoil. Compacted soil which is deemed adequate to be used as fill, shall be used on site, spoils deemed in adequate shall be removed from site.

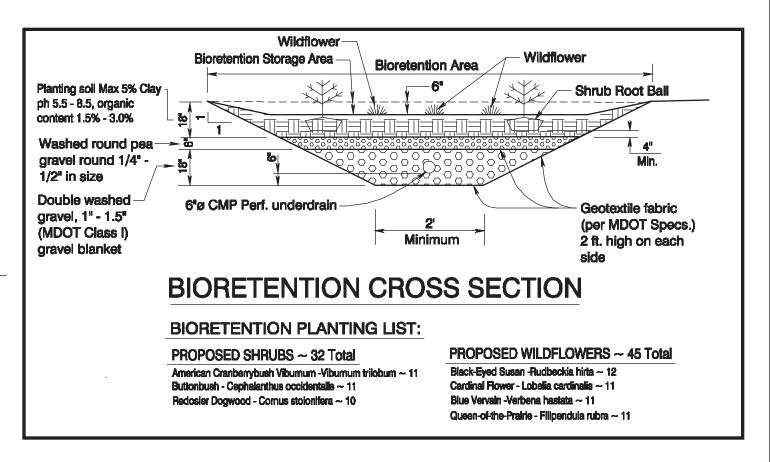
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COMMENCING WORK, AND AGREES TO B FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES WHICH MIGHT BE OCCASIONED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO EXACTLY LOCATE AND PRESERVE ANY AND ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES.



Ex. Conc. Approach









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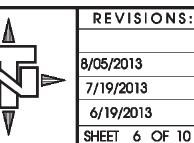
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BELLE TIRE ANN ARBOR

Part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 9, T. 3 S., R. 6 E.,

LANDSCAPING PLAN

SCALE 1"=20'



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