## 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.

#### **COMPARISON CHART**

		EXISTING	PROPOSED	PERMITTED/REQUIRED
Zoning		R4C (Multiple-Family Residential District)	R4C	R4C
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
Minimum Lot Width		33 ft & 47 ft per lot (80 ft combined)	80 ft	60 ft MIN
Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling 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**
	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

- \* 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, two-family 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

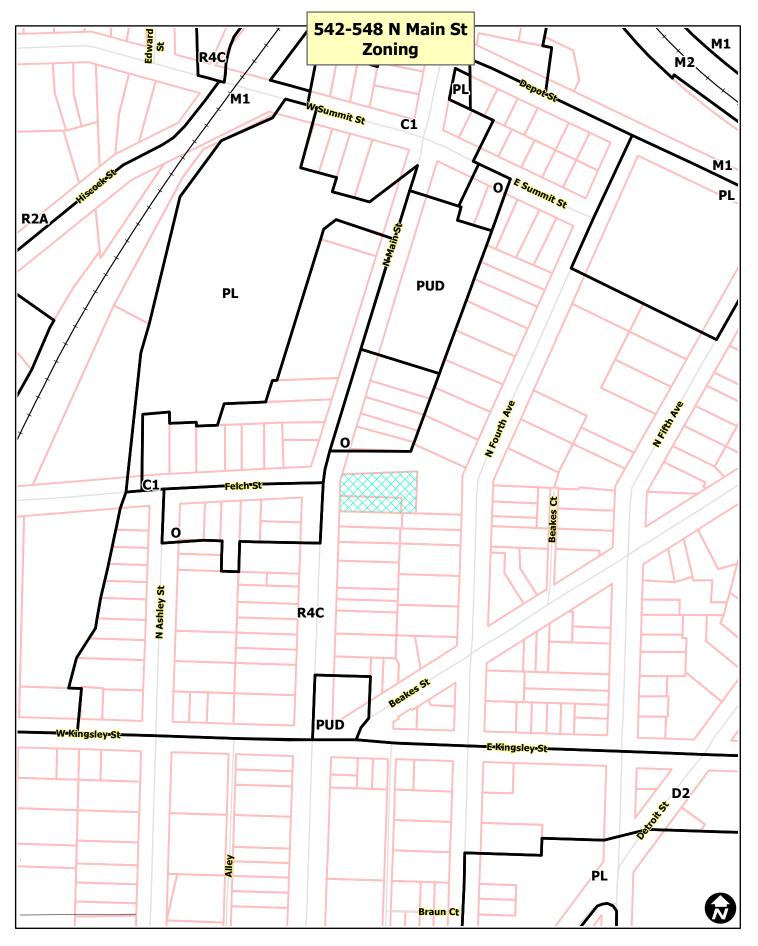
Aerial Map Site Plan

Landscape Plan Elevations

c: Owner: Huron Development, LLC

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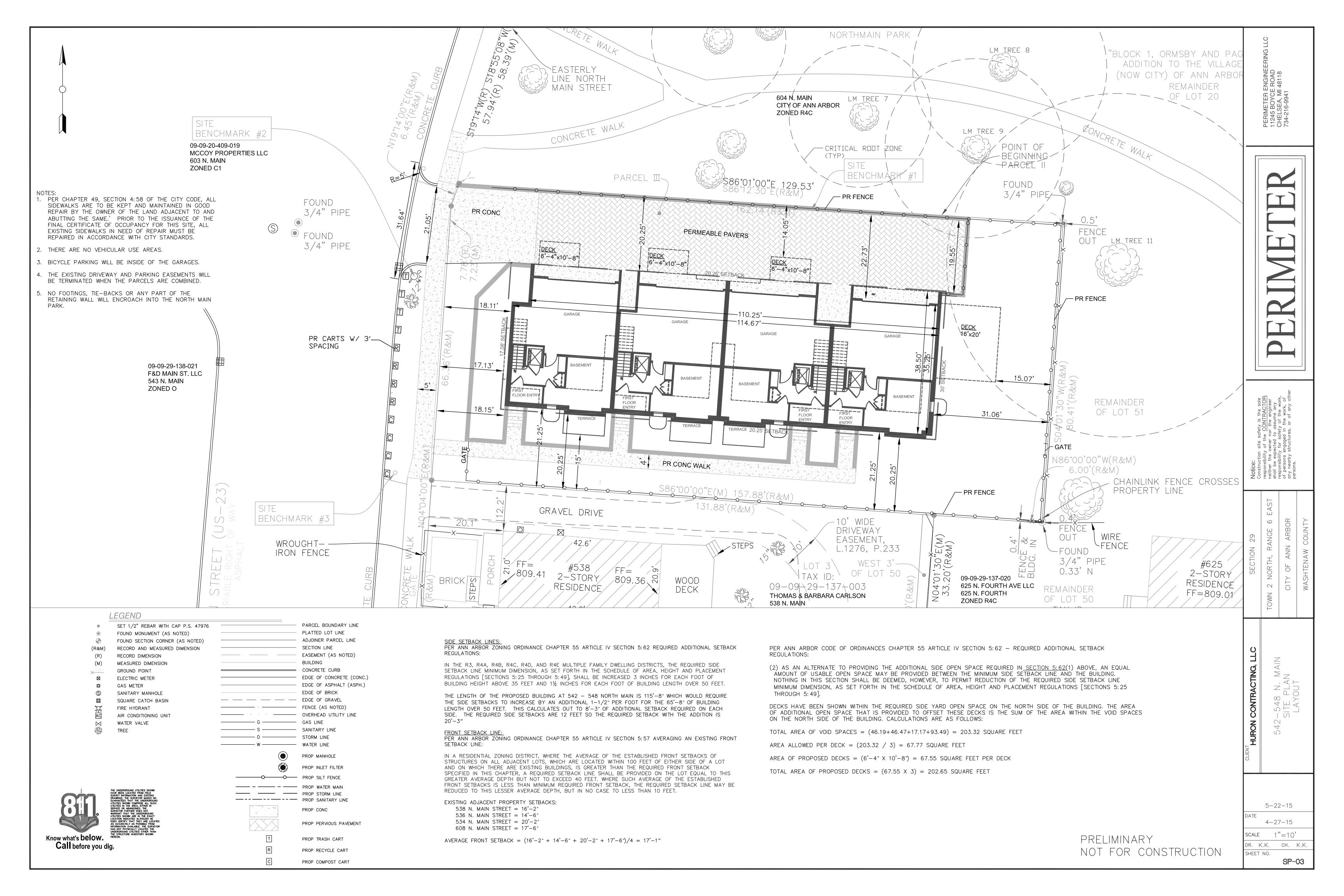
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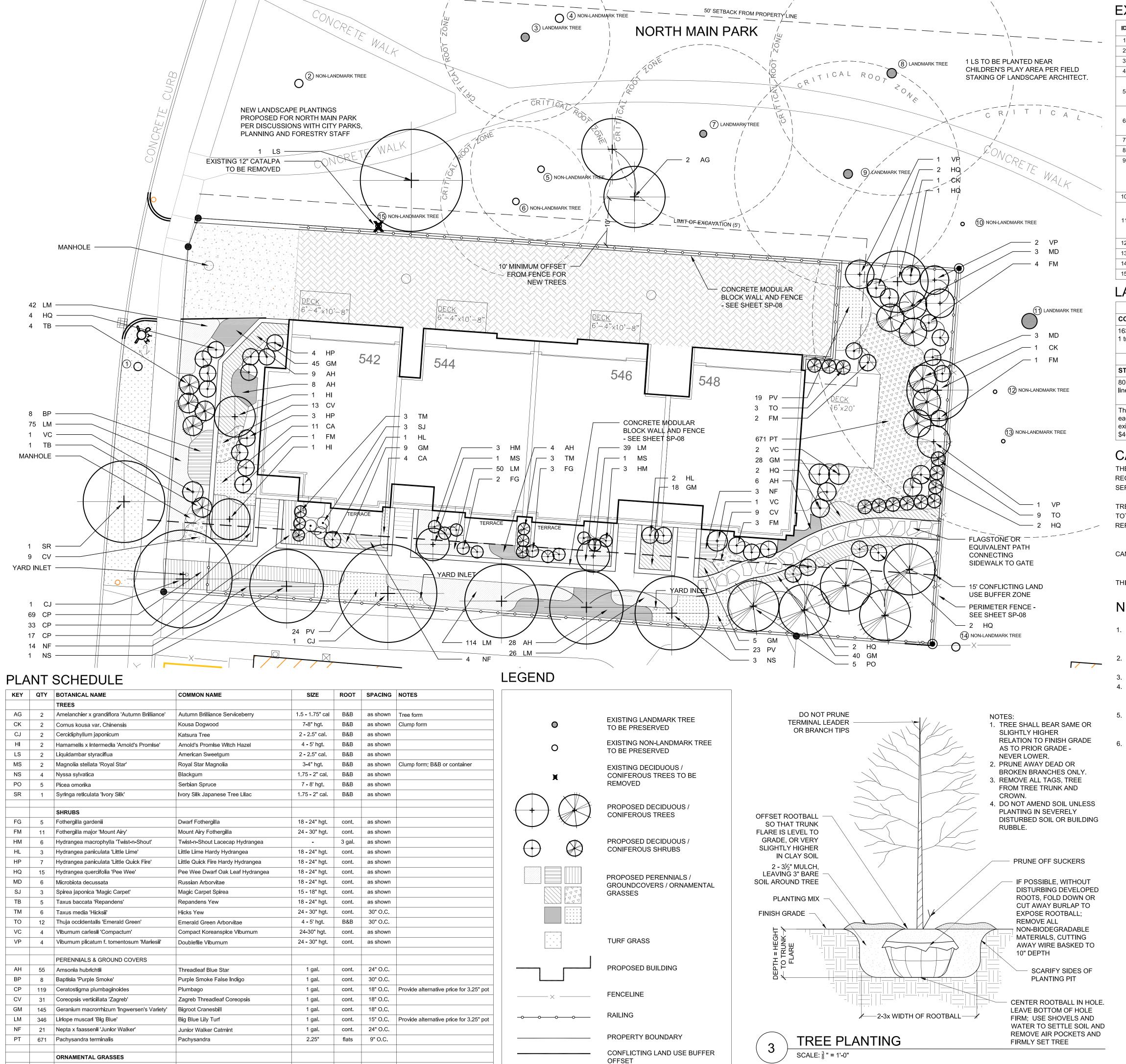












CA 15 Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'

PV 66 Panicum virgatum "Shenandoah'

Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass

Shenandoah Switch Grass

1 gal

1 gal

cont. 24" O.C. cont. 24" O.C.

# **EXISTING TREE HEALTH/CONDITION**

ID	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

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SCALE 1"=10'

SITE PLAN REVISIONS

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LANDSCAPE PLAN

SITE PLAN SUBMISSION

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# LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENT NOTES

	REQUIRED	PROPOSED		
CONFLICTING LAND USE BUFFER				
163.9 linear feet; 1 tree per 15 linear feet				

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

# **CANOPY LOSS FEE CALCULATION:**

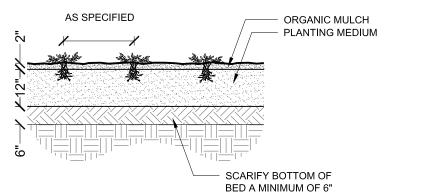
THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE CATALPA TREE ON THE PROPERTY LINE WITH THE PARK REQUIRES THE CCALCULATION OF A CANOPY LOSS FEE. 2 SWEETGUM AND 2 TREE FORM SERVICEBERRY ARE PROPOSED AS REPLACEMENT TREES. SEE CALCULATION BELOW:

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:

- DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH SHOULD BE APPLIED TO ALL PLANTING BEDS 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.
- EXCESSIVE COMPACTION: EXCEPT WITHIN EXISTING TREE DRIP LINES, RIP AREAS 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 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.



SAME OR SLIGHTLY

HIGHER RELATION TO

PRIOR GRADE - NEVER

DIRECTED EXCEPT FOR

RETAIN NATURAL FORM.

REMOVING DEAD OR

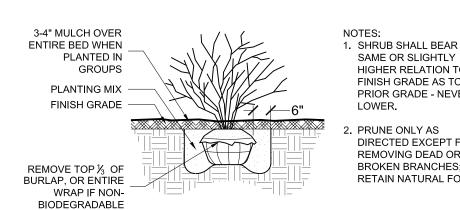
**BROKEN BRANCHES:** 

FINISH GRADE AS TO

PRUNE ONLY AS

LOWER.

PERENNIAL PLANTING



SHRUB PLANTING

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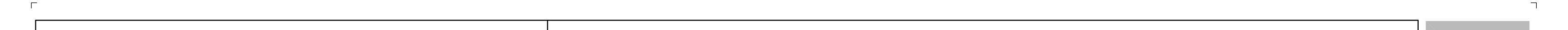
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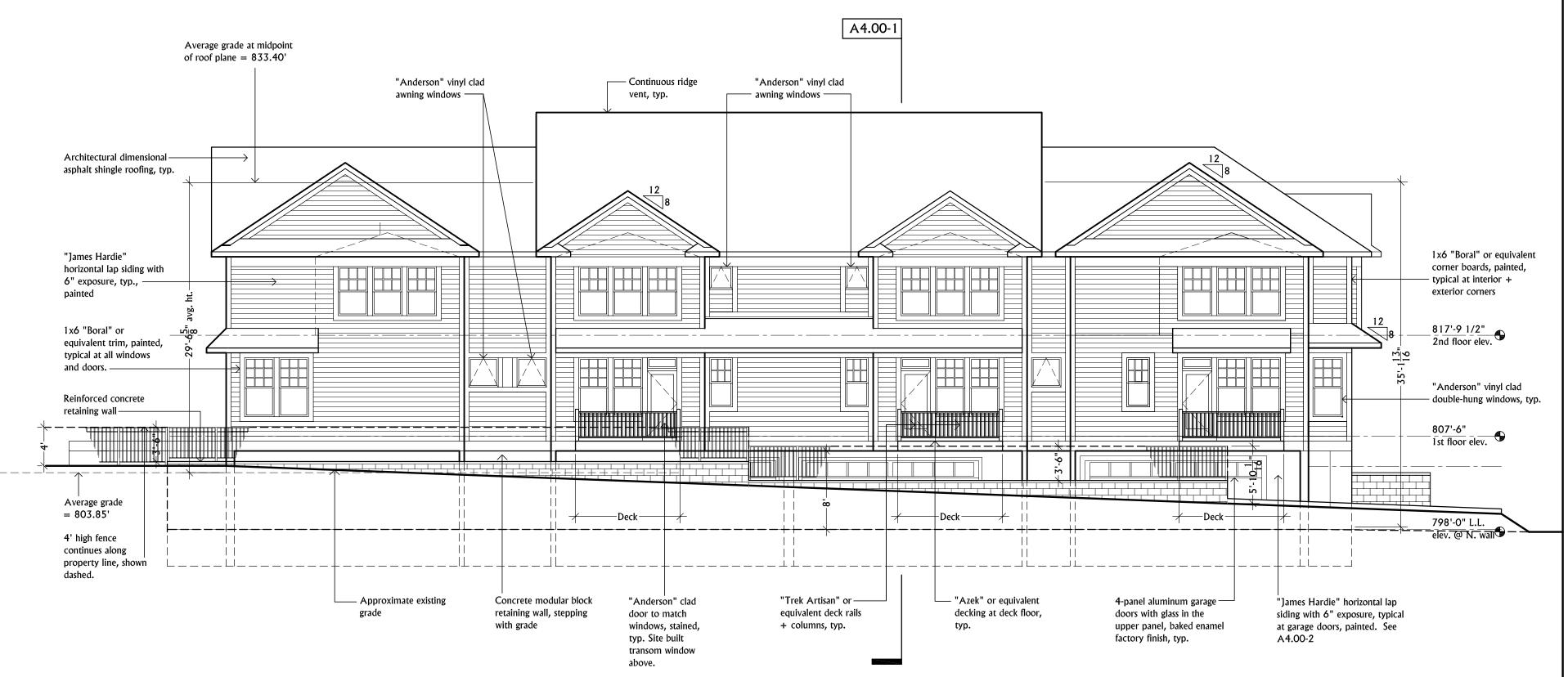
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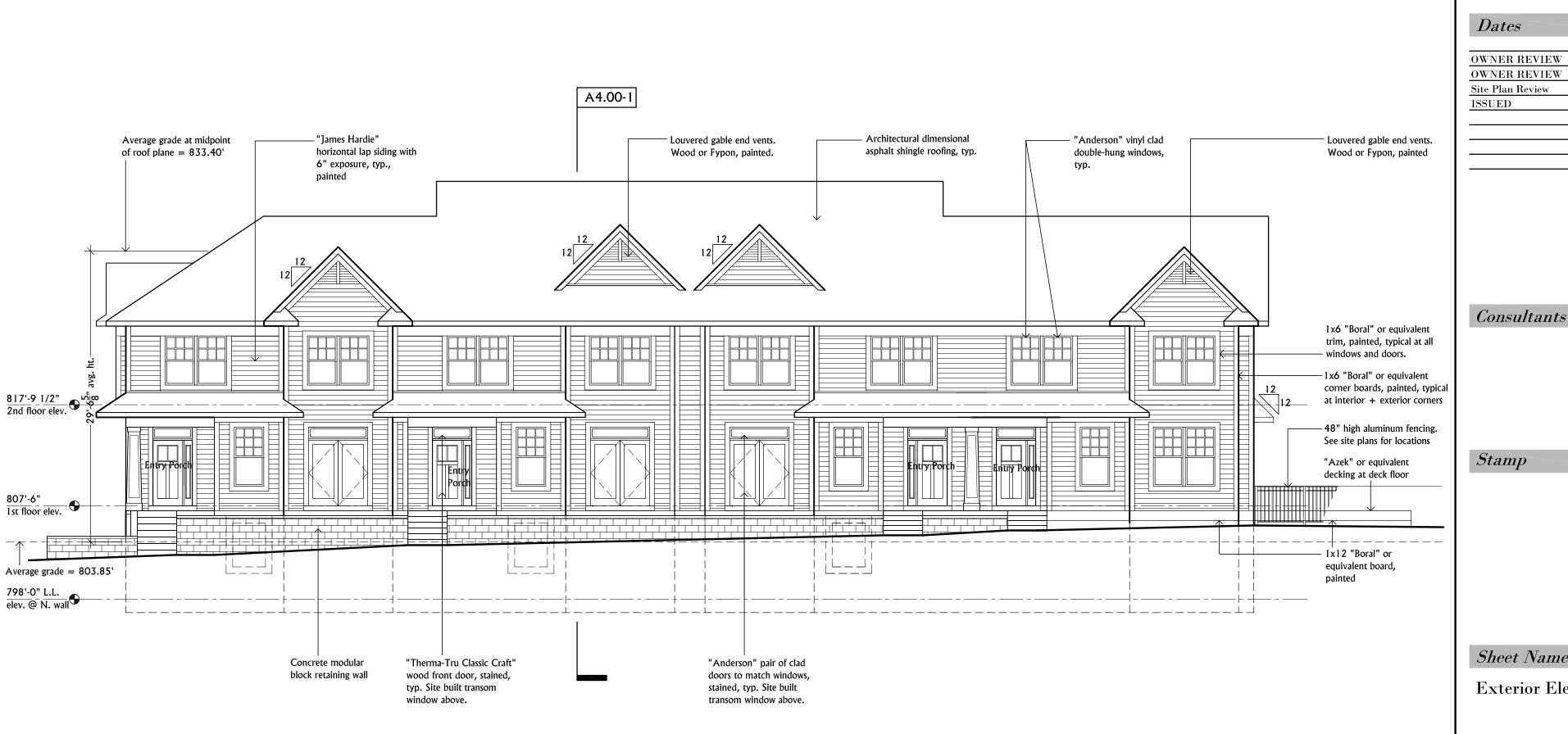
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Huron Contracting, LLC.

Project

**Multi-Family** Development 542 - 548 North Main Ann Arbor, MI

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SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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**Exterior Elevations** 

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A3.00-3 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

SOUTH ELEVATION

Average grade at midpoint

1x6 "Boral" corner

typical at interior +

- 42" high aluminum fence /

guardrail system atop retaining wall, typical.

"Trek Artisan" or

+ columns, typ.

"AZEK" decking

at deck floor, typ. \_

retaining wall, stepping

with grade

1x12 "Boral" or

painted

EAST ELEVATION

Architectural dimensional

"James Hardie"

painted

asphalt shingle roofing, typ.

horizontal lap siding with 6" exposure, typ., –

817'-9 1/2"\_ 2nd floor elev.

807'-6" 1st floor elev.

Average grade = 803.85'

**WEST ELEVATION** 

798'-0" L.L.

elev. @ N. wall

1x6 "Boral" or equivalent corner boards, painted, typical

at interior + exterior corners

equivalent board,

Average grade

= 803.85

equivalent deck rails

boards, painted,

exterior corners -

of roof plane = 833.40'

Architectural dimensional asphalt shingle roofing, typ. "Anderson" vinyl

clad awning —

windows

— Continuous ridge

-"Anderson" vinyl Clad double-hung windows,

"James Hardie"

6" exposure, typ.,

817'-9 1/2" 2nd floor elev.

"Trek Artisan" porch

guardrails, typ.

1st floor elev.

798'-0" L.L.

elev. @ N. wall

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BUILDING HEIGHT CALCULATIONS FOR 542 - 548 N. MAIN

(806.0'+805.5'+805.5'+805.0+797.8'+801.0'+805.0+805.0' / 8)

Average grade at midpoint of roof plane=833.40'

(Average grade at midpoint of roof - Average grade )

Average height of building = 29.55' = Approximately 29'-6 5/8"

—42" high aluminum guardrail/fencing

"Trek Artisan" or equivalent deck rails + columns, painted, typ.

atop retaining wall, typical.

Average height of building = 833.40' - 803.85'

Proposed grades at corners of building:

Proposed grades 20 feet out diagonally from

Average grade = (6430.8' / 8) = 803.85'

—"Azek" or equivalent [

decking at deck floor

-1x12 "Boral" or

painted

equivalent board,

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806.0' (@ northwest corner) 805.5' (@ southwest corner) 805.5' (@ southeast corner)

805.0' (@ northeast corner)

797.8' (@ northwest corner) 801.0' (@ southwest corner) 805.0' (@ southeast corner) 805.0' (@ northeast corner)

corners of building:

Average grade =

NORTH ELEVATION

painted

Entry \_

Porch =

Concrete modular

existing grade block retaining wall

horizontal lap siding with

vent, typ.

1x6 "Boral" trim,

painted, typical at all

windows and doors

— Continuous ridge

"Anderson" wood door to

match windows, stained,

typ. Site built transom

window above.

vent, typ.

1x6 "Boral" or equivalent

trim, painted, typical at all

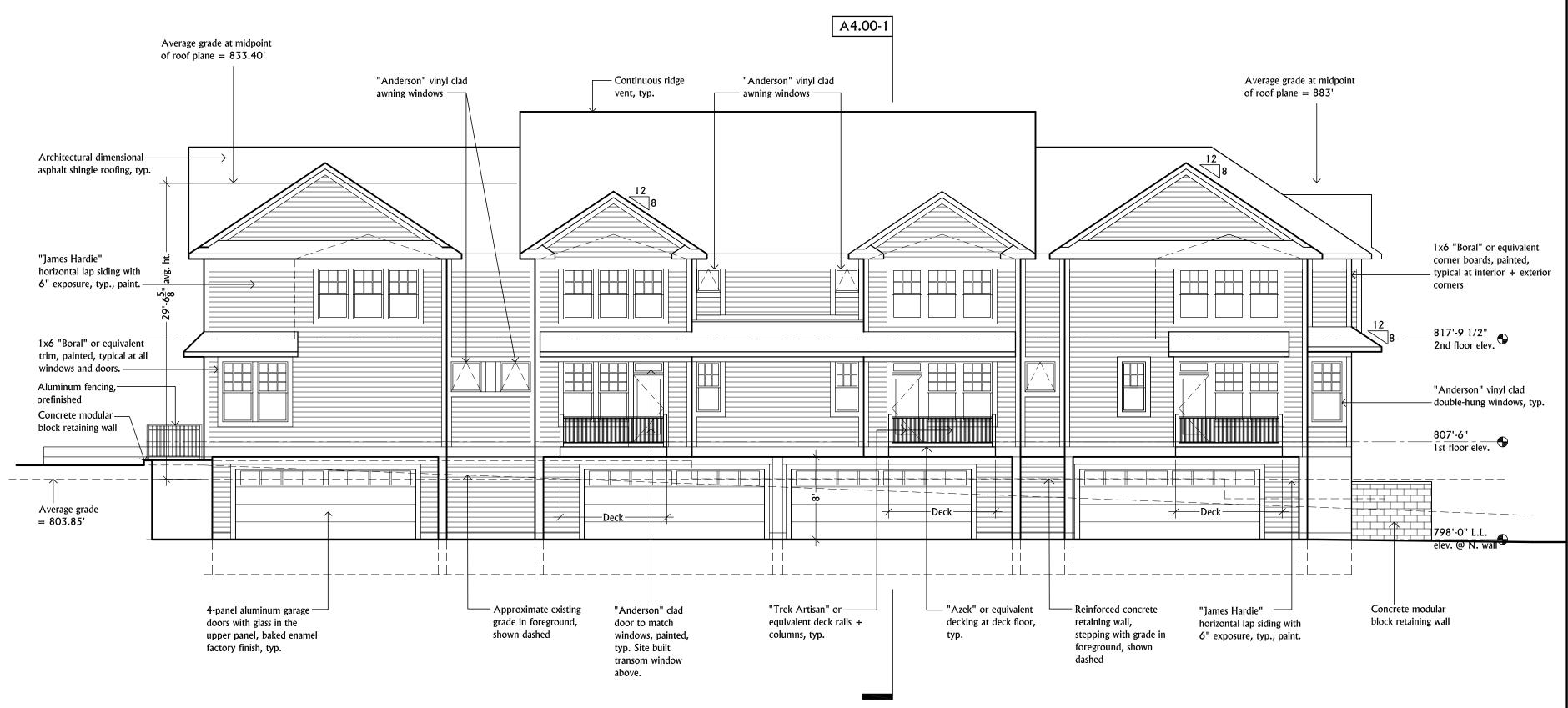
windows and doors.

Average grade at midpoint of roof plane = 833.40'

MASTER BEDROOM **BEDROOM** LAUNDRY "Trek Artisan" or equivalent deck rails + columns, typ. 817'-9 1/2" 2nd floor elev. Aluminum fencing, prefinished – Concrete modular <u>KITCHEN</u> <u>LIVING</u> block retaining wall 807'-6" 1st flr. elev. Approx. grade GARAGE MULTI-PURPOSE 803'-10" Avg. Grade Elev. - 798'-0" Basement elev. @ North wall

> **BUILDING HEIGHT CALCULATIONS FOR 542 - 548 N. MAIN** Proposed grades at corners of building: 806.0' (@ northwest corner) 805.5' (@ southwest corner) 805.5' (@ southeast corner) 805.0' (@ northeast corner) Proposed grades 20 feet out diagonally from corners of building: 797.8' (@ northwest corner) 801.0' (@ southwest corner) 805.0' (@ southeast corner) 805.0' (@ northeast corner) (806.0'+805.5'+805.5'+805.0+797.8'+801.0'+805.0+805.0' / 8) Average grade = (6430.8' / 8) = 803.85' Average grade at midpoint of roof plane=833.40' Average height of building = 833.40' - 803.85'
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