

February 23, 2023

City of Stamford Zoning Board c/o Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT 06901

Re: 2701 Summer Street

<u>Text Change, Special Permit, and Site & Architectural Plans and/or Requested Uses</u>
<u>Applications</u>

Dear Mr. Blessing and Board Members,

As discussed, on behalf of Stamford Hospitality LP (Armon Hotel), enclosed please find applications and supportive materials for a Text Change, Special Permit, and Site & Architectural Plans and/or Requested Uses applications to facilitate the construction of a new prayer room with a green roof in the northeast corner of the site and an enhanced landscape buffer to create screening for our residential neighbors. Application details and design elements are described further in the attached Project Narrative and reflected in the enclosed plans.

In support of the applications, enclosed please find:

- 1. A check in the amount of \$2,520 for:
 - Text Fee: \$1,060
 - Site Plan Fee: \$460
 - Public Hearing Fee: \$1,000
- 2. Text Change Application;
- 3. Special Permit Application;
- 4. Site & Architectural Plans and/or Requested Uses Application;
- 5. Project Narrative;
- 6. Parking Management Plan;
- 7. Text Change;
- 8. Drawing List;
- 9. General Property Description;
- 10. Zoning Data Chart;
- 11. Aerial Exhibit;
- 12. Property and Topographic Survey;

- 13. Engineering Plans;
- 14. Architectural Plans;
- 15. Landscape Plans;
- 16. Engineering Letter;
- 17. Letter of Authorization;

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Planning & Zoning Boards on this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Mazzeo, AICP

Enclosures

CC: V. Mathur, Principal Planner Redevelopment Team





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Dear Mr. Blessing and Board Members,

As you may be aware, we have submitted applications on behalf of Stamford Hospitality LP (Armon Hotel) for a Text Change, Special Permit, and Site & Architectural Plans and/or Requested Uses applications for the above referenced property.

Please let this letter serve as our formal request for members of the consultant team to speak, should the Planning Board have any questions for the applicant at the forthcoming referral meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Mazzeo, AICF

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Development Team Interested Parties





Fee Schedule

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APPLICATION FOR TEXT CHANGE OF THE STAMFORD ZONING REGULATIONS

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	Minor Text Change	\$1,060.00
	Major Text Change	\$5,060.00
APPLICAN	NT NAME (S): Raymond R. Mazzeo	
APPLICAN	NT ADDRESS: c/o Redniss and Mead (22 First Street - Stamfo	rd, CT 06905)
APPLICAN	NT PHONE #: 203-327-0500	
IS APPLIC	CANT AN OWNER OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD? Yes	
	N OF PROPERTY IN STAMFORD OWNED BY APPLICANT (S):12 Eastove	er Road
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COUNTY	of FAIRFIELD ss STAMFORD tebruary 24	2023
Personally the truth o	y appeared Raymond R. Mazzeo , signer of the of the contents thereof, before me. y Public, State of Connecticut mmission Expires Mar 31, 2026	foregoing application, who made oath to
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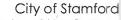
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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

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ADDRES	SS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: 2701 Summer Street	
PRESEN	NT ZONING DISTRICT: C-B / RM-1	
TITLE O	F SITE PLANS & ARCHITECTURAL PLANS: Please see attached Drawing List	
REQUE	STED SPECIAL PERMIT: (Attach written statement describing request) Please see attached Project Narrative	
LOCATI	ON: (Give boundaries of land affected, distance from nearest intersecting streets, lot depths and	Fown Clerk's Block Number)
	Please see attached General Property Description	
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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SITE & ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND / OR REQUESTED USES

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Scorecard per Section 15.F).		





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DATED AT STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, THIS NOTE: The application cannot be scheduled for public hearing until 35 days have elapsed from the date of referral to the Stamford Planning Board. If applicant wishes to withdraw the application, this must be done in writing, and be received by the Zoning Board at least three (3) working days prior to public hearing in order to provide sufficient time to publicize the withdrawal. Applications withdrawn less than three (3) days prior to a schedule hearing date will <u>not</u> be rescheduled within 90 days. STATE OF CONNECTICUT broad ss STAMFORD **COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD** signer of the foregoing application, who made oath to Notary Public, State of Connecticut My Commission Expires Mar 31, 2026 Notary Public - Commissioner of the Superior Court **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY** APPL. #: _ Received in the office of the Zoning Board: Date: _ By: _

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Project Narrative 2701 Summer Street

Text Change, Special Permit, & Site and Architectural Plan and Requested uses Applications February 22, 2023

I. Introduction/Background

Stamford Hospitality LP (Applicant), is the owner of the property known as 2701 Summer Street. The site is approximately 7.8 acres located between Summer Street and Bedford Street, north of Ridgeway Shopping Center. The Site lies in Master Plan Category 7 (Commercial, Arterial) and the C-B (Community Business) and RM-1 (Multi-Family, Low Density) Zoning Districts. The property is home to the Armon Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express. The two hotel operations occupy a shared but separate building with a total of 455 guest rooms. (Holiday Inn Express has 100 rooms and the Armon 355.)

Prior to its use as a hotel facility, it appears the site was part of the Ridgeway Shopping Center. In 1982 a Variance application (#014-82) was submitted and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to permit a service drive to/from Bedford Street where it currently exists (opposite Locust Lane). While the only "request" from the ZBA was for the driveway location, the application did propose the hotel use at that time.

At the time, a hotel use was "as of right" in the C-L (Limited Business) District. During the comprehensive rezoning efforts of the mid 1980s, the Zoning designation of the site, along with many others, was changed – in this case form C-L to C-B. This left the existing building nonconforming in several aspects, including floor area, building coverage, and building height.

The hotel has continued to operate successfully over the past few decades, even as markets, trends, and clientele have changed. In addition to its traditional guest rooms, banquet and conference facilities, the Armon hotel often serves the Orthodox Jewish community. This includes hosting religious events and gatherings for various holidays, kosher food services, and other religious accommodations.

Several times each year, these events exceed the capacity of the building, and the hotel obtains permits for large tents to be erected in the rear parking lot adjacent to the condos at 2700 Bedford Street. While necessary to serve the hotel clients, this practice is not ideal for the hotel or its neighbors. The tents do not offer the same comfort and convenience as being indoors and connected to the main building. The tents also do not contain noise and light the same way an actual building does. The external heaters (and generators required to power them) create additional noise, as does the erection and breakdown of the structures each time they are needed.

To help solve this recurring issue, the hotel is proposing to enclose much of the rear parking area (where the tents typically sit) with a 1-story building addition that would directly connect to the r hotel's main floor. Such an addition would alleviate many of the issues and concerns for both the hotel and neighboring condo owners. The hotel has met with the neighboring condo owners several times over the last few years to solicit their input, feedback and support for what will be a mutually beneficial change to the property. Most recently, in March of 2022, the team met with neighbors onsite to review sight lines from the condos and potential planting locations on both the hotel and condo properties.



In order to accommodate such an addition, the following applications are being proposed.

- A. Text Change to section 10.K (Expansion of Non-Conforming Buildings in C-B and C-WD Districts) by adding a new subsection permitting hotel additions in the C-B Zone, subject to several conditions, including:
 - 1. Limit additions to 1 story and 30' as measured from the finished floor elevation.
 - 2. Limit Floor Area increase to the lesser of 3% of existing or 10,000 sf.
 - 3. Limit Building Coverage increase to the lesser of 6% of existing or 10,000 sf.
 - 4. Prohibit any increase in impervious surface or additional hotel rooms for occupancy.
 - 5. Require 1 sf of at-grade and/or rooftop landscaping for every sf of Floor Area added.

B. Special Permit Requests:

- 1. To permit building additions pursuant to the proposed Section 10.K
- 2. To permit up to 10% of the required parking to be provided on an as-needed basis, pursuant to Section 12.D.1.d.
- C. Site & Architectural Plan to permit the proposed building addition and associated improvements.

II. Surrounding Area

The surrounding area is predominantly Master Plan Category 7 (Commercial - Arterial) with areas of Category 3 (Residential – Low Density Single-Family) along the site's eastern frontage and 2 (Residential – Low Density Single-Family) along the east side of Bedford Street. The surrounding Zoning Districts are more mixed with C-B (Community Business) in the immediate vicinity and to the north, RM-1 (Multiple Family Low Density Design) and R-5 (Multiple Family Medium Density Design) to the east, CSC-D (Designed Community Shopping Center) to the south, and C-L (Limited Business) to the west.

Properties along this stretch of Summer Street are used for a variety of purposes including medium density multifamily, restaurant, retail, commercial and automotive uses. The Site is centrally located within 1.5 miles of the Stamford Transportation Center and I-95 and 2.5 miles from the Merritt Parkway. It is well served by local bus routes and sidewalk connections to the surrounding community, with a Walk Score of 81 (Very Walkable).

III. Existing Project Area

The Site is approximately 7.8 acres with fontange on Summer Street and Bedford Street. The site has been a hotel since its construction in 1984 with several different "flags" over the last almost 40 years. The main hotel and parking encompass most of the site with landscape buffers and screening along the residential abutters and landscaping along its Summer Street front. A publicly accessible driveway runs along the southerly border of the site connecting Bedford and Summer Street and providing primary vehicular access to the building.

The rear of the site contains a surface parking lot primarily used as employee parking and hotel loading. This area of the site is also where the outdoor tents are erected for special events. To the



north and west of the parking lot are the Village Condominiums at 2700 Bedford Street – a 23-unit townhouse style condo community. The condos sit roughly 10'-15' uphill from the hotel site with a sloped planting buffer in between. Over the years the regular use of this rear parking lot has been the source of the occasional conflict with the neighboring condominiums – noise from employees leaving/arriving, parking and loading of delivery vehicles, the erection and use of outdoor tents with generators, heaters, etc. While the hotel has been responsive in addressing issues when they arise, some of the issues are unavoidable due to the outdoor use itself.

IV. Proposed Improvements

Site & Building

The proposed addition will serve to resolve many of those issues by enclosing most of the surface parking lot to create a 1-story, 9,350 sf prayer/banquet room tucked up against the existing hotel on one side and the multi-level garage on another side. By removing the outdoor use, many of the issues associated with the use of the surface lot that have been identified and discussed with neighbors are alleviated. By integrating the space internally with the hotel lobby and other event spaces, the room becomes much more functional while also further insulating neighbors from any noise, smells, lighting, etc. The remainder of the former parking lot not occupied will be used for required fire egress from the space and additional landscaping. Overall the project will result in an increase of 2,000 sf of green space on the ground and another 7,385 on the roof of the addition.

Part of the proposed plan also involves enhancing the existing landscaped buffers between the two properties. A site walk was conducted last March (2022) with the planning team, landscape architect, and members of the condo association to review sight lines and determine the best areas for evergreen infill on both the hotel and condo properties. These discussions have been incorporated into the proposed planting plan. These plantings will help buffer the condos from not just the new addition, but the existing hotel as well. The proposed "green roof" plantings will also improve the overall aesthetic.

The proposed building is similar in height to the tents that are used for outdoor events.

Access & Parking

The hotel is served by a multi-story garage as well as surface parking totaling 686 spaces. A driveway loop at the main (Summer Street) entrance of the hotel serves as a drop-off and pick-up area as well as bell services. The proposed improvements will remove 32 surface parking spaces from the property. The site will maintain 654 spaces, which is more than sufficient to serve the needs of the hotel. Additional details regarding the requested parking reduction can be found in section VI below.

To accommodate the proposed 9,350 sf addition, Section 12.J requires two (2) Class A and five (5) Class B bicycle parking spaces. The applicant is proposing to provide 10 Class A and 12 Class B spaces. Class A spaces, which are anticipated to be used by employees, will be located in the "back of house" area on the main floor. Class B spaces will be located at the front and rear entrances to the hotel.



While no additional parking is required and no new spaces are proposed, the applicant is proposing to install four (4) electric vehicle charging stations within the ground level of the garage.

V. Conformity with Stamford Zoning Regulations and Master Plan

Master Plan

Category 7 (Commercial - Arterial) of the Master Plan is intended to "provide for and protect business-oriented development (1) extending from the Downtown or (2) along major arterial routes. The category is intended to: (1) encourage retail and by Special Exception compatible uses (limited office and residential) distinct from the Commercial- Neighborhood (Category #6) and Downtown (Categories #9, #10, #11) development; (2) be mindful of traffic, safety and community design considerations with regard to the residential neighborhoods abutting; and (3) be serviceable by the capacity of existing arterial systems." The proposed development exemplifies that sentiment by enhancing this existing hotel with a new prayer room while providing better landscape buffers to area residents.

Zoning Regulations

While the existing building is legally nonconforming with respect to several aspects of the base zoning district, the proposed improvements comply with the stated purpose of the Zoning Regulations in that they "encourage the most appropriate use of land" as well as the intent of Section 10.K which was created to permit the "Expansion of Non-Conforming Buildings in C-B and C-WD Districts".

VI. Action Items

To facilitate the addition, the Applicant has filed the following applications:

- A. Text Change to section 10.K (Expansion of Non-Conforming Buildings in C-B and C-WD Districts) by adding a new subsection permitting hotel additions in the C-B Zone, subject to several conditions, including:
 - 1. Limit additions to 1 story and 30' as measured from the finished floor elevation.
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B. Special Permit Requests:

- 1. To permit building additions pursuant to the proposed Section 10.K
- 2. To permit up to 10% of the required parking to be provided on an as-needed basis, pursuant to Section 12.D.1.d.

The Zoning Regulations require 1.5 spaces per hotel room, or 683 spaces. Onsite parking is being reduced to 654 spaces, and the applicant is requesting a 4.2% reduction of the required parking. Pre-covid parking counts were taken during a two-week period in September of 2019. The data shows that even with the hotel operating above 80% occupancy and an event being held, the parking did not reach 30% capacity. While the



base regulation requires 1.5 spaces per room, the hotel did not exceed 0.5 cars per room during the 2-week review period. If for any reason additional parking capacity is needed, an onsite valet service could be implemented as a capacity-increasing solution.

C. Site & Architectural Plan to permit the proposed 9,350 square foot building addition and associated site improvements.

Included in the request, and pursuant to §12.K.5, Applicant is seeking administrative approval of the Zoning Board for sidewalks narrower than 6'. While the site maintains a continuous sidewalk along Summer Street generally greater than 10' wide in total, the paved walkway is generally 5' wide throughout, with a grass amenity strip on the outside edge and street trees planted along the inside edge. At the southerly end of the property, in order to transition to the design of the sidewalk south of the site, the sidewalk is only 5' wide with no outer planting strip.

VII. Statement of Findings

- A. The above referenced specific Special Permit requests are integral to the development project as a whole. Thus, for purposes of demonstrating compliance with the standards and conditions below, the entire development proposal is considered. The Applicant submits that all applicable criteria contained in Stamford Zoning Regulations Article V, §19.C.2 are met for the following specific reasons:
- a. Special Permits shall be granted by the reviewing board only upon a finding that the proposed use or structure or the proposed extension or alteration of an existing use or structure is in accord with the public convenience and welfare after taking into account, where appropriate:
- 1) the location and nature of the proposed site including its size and configuration, the proposed size, scale and arrangement of structures, drives and parking areas and the proximity of existing dwellings and other structures.
 - The proposed addition was contemplated, in part, to address the needs and concerns of neighboring residents. The size, scale and arrangement of the building, as well as landscaping was designed to be appropriate to neighboring properties.
- 2) the nature and intensity of the proposed use in relation to its site and the surrounding area. Operations in connection with special permit uses shall not be injurious to the neighborhood, shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of these Regulations and shall not be more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration, artificial lighting or other potential disturbances to the health, safety or peaceful enjoyment of property than the public necessity demands.
 - The proposed addition will mitigate any objectionable noises, fumes, lighting, etc. by enclosing activities previously conducted outdoors within the new building and directly connected to the main hotel operation.
- 3) the resulting traffic patterns, the adequacy of existing streets to accommodate the traffic associated with the proposed use, the adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading, and



the extent to which proposed driveways may cause a safety hazard, or traffic nuisance.

All access drives and traffic patterns remain unchanged.

4) the nature of the surrounding area and the extent to which the proposed use or feature might impair its present and future development.

The surrounding area includes a variety of commercial and retail uses. The hotel use will continue to operate, generally unchanged, as it has for the past several decades.

5) the Master Plan of the City of Stamford and all statements of the purpose and intent of these regulations.

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B. Pursuant to Section 19.D.4 Standards for Review the applicant submits that all applicable criteria are met for the following reasons:

In reviewing site plans the Zoning Board shall take into consideration the purpose of these Regulations, including the purpose of the applicable zoning district and the goals and policies of the Stamford Master Plan, the public health, safety and general welfare and convenience of the general public and the maintenance of property values. In its review the Board may modify a site plan or condition an approval to the extent necessary to conform the site plan to the following standards and objectives:

- (1) Safe, adequate and convenient vehicular traffic circulation, operation, parking and loading, and pedestrian circulation, both within and without the site.
 - (a) The number, locations and dimensions of all vehicular and pedestrian access drives and walkways, parking spaces, drop-off and loading areas, and provisions for handicapped access shall conform to the standards of Section 12 of these Regulations, to the adopted design criteria and engineering practices of the Dept. of Traffic and Parking, and all other applicable standards. Such areas shall be constructed of suitable hard surface materials and maintained in good condition.

The number, locations and dimensions of all vehicular and pedestrian access drives and walkways, parking spaces, drop-off areas, loading areas, and handicapped access areas conform to the applicable provisions of Section 12 of the Zoning Regulations.

(b) The number of vehicle access drives shall be minimized and shall be located and designed to provide safe and convenient turning movements and safe sightline as



determined in accordance with the Geometric Highway Design Standards of the Conn. Dept. of Transportation.

All existing vehicle access drives are being maintained.

(c) Area streets and traffic controls shall be determined to have adequate capacity to service the site without causing undue congestion or hazardous conditions.

As the proposed prayer room is merely bringing outdoor gatherings indoors, the addition is not expected to create any additional traffic. No additional hotel rooms are being created.

- (2) The protection of environmental quality, landscaping of open space and harmony with existing development. The Board shall take into consideration the following features and standards:
 - (a) The location, height, design and materials of walls, fences, hedges and plantings shall be appropriate to the vicinity and shall suitably screen parking, loading, garbage collection facilities, outside storage areas, accessway drives, utility installations and other such features; such landscaping shall be appropriate to the general character of the vicinity and consider the proximity and nature of abutting uses and the level of use of adjoining public streets and walkways.

The applicant has committed to enhancing landscaping both onsite and, in coordination with adjacent owners, on neighboring property..

(b) All open space areas, exclusive of undisturbed natural areas, shall be suitably landscaped to the satisfaction of the Board. Site landscaping shall be performed at a minimum dollar value equivalent to one shade tree of 2.5 inch caliper for every two hundred (200) square feet of landscaped area. In multi-family developments, open space shall be designed to provide functional outdoor living and play areas meeting the needs of intended residents.

The Applicant proposes maintaining onsite landscaping in accordance with the standards of the Zoning Regulations as further detailed within the Landscape Plans prepared by Eric Rains Landscape Architects.

- (c) Soil erosion, sediment and the release of excessive dust shall be controlled through implementation of suitable short term and long term controls in accordance with the standards and procedures of Section 15-B.
 - A Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan has been prepared by Redniss and Mead, which ensures that the standards and procedures of Section 15-B of the Regulations are satisfied. A copy of this plan is enclosed herewith.
- (d) Site development shall seek to preserve existing specimen trees, historic structures and other significant natural features of the site. Accordingly, the premature demolition and



site clearance of prospective development sites is specifically discouraged and may be taken into consideration in subsequent site plan reviews.

The redevelopment area is generally within an existing parking lot. Overall landscaping will be improved, including the addition of approximately 2,000 sf of green space.

- (e) Artificial lighting, and site generated noise, odors, particles and other disturbances shall be controlled to avoid interference with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties. The location, height, design and arrangement of outside lighting shall be consistent with safety such as to avoid glare on any other lot and to avoid hazards to traffic on any street.
 - All artificial lighting and site generated noise and other disturbance shall be controlled and will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of the neighboring properties. Furthermore, the location, height, design and arrangement of outside lighting shall be consistent with safety to avoid glare on any other lot and to avoid hazards to traffic on adjacent roadways.
- (f) Available public utilities shall be adequate in capacity to safely service the requirements of the site. Surface water drainage facilities shall be adequate to safely drain the site while minimizing the risk of downstream flooding and erosion. Where infrastructure capacity is judged not to be adequate the Board may accept a binding agreement to perform suitable improvements.
 - Onsite impervious area is being reduced as a result of the improvements. Redniss and Mead has completed and submitted the City's drainage exemption form and will review with the City's Engineering Department as part of the application review process.
- (g) Adequate provision shall be made for emergency vehicle access, fire lanes, and safe fire flows, upon the recommendation of the Fire Marshall and the public water utility.
 - Emergency first responders will be able to access the Property safely and conveniently.
- (h) The arrangement, location, apparent bulk, architectural features, materials, texture and color of proposed buildings and structures shall establish an architectural character and overall site design compatible with the scale and general character of the vicinity.
 - The proposed building is appropriate for its location and setting and relates to the existing hotel structure and design.
- (i) Building setbacks and the configuration of open space shall be appropriate to the existing structures on adjoining properties and established patterns of use of side and rear yard areas, and to the existing physical conditions of the site.
 - Open space and landscaping is being enhanced as a result of the proposed improvements.



- (j) No use shall be permitted that will cause or result in:
 - -dissemination of dust, smoke, observable gas or fumes, odor, noise or vibration beyond the immediate site of the building in which such use is conducted, or
 - -unusual hazard of fire or explosion or other physical hazard to any adjacent buildings, or
 - -harmful discharge of liquid materials, or
 - -unusual traffic hazard or congestion due to the type of vehicles required in the use or due to the manner in which traffic enters or leaves the site of the use.

No nuisance or hazardous conditions are anticipated, consistent with the engineering materials provided herein.

(k) All buildings and grounds and other structures shall be maintained in good repair and in safe, clean and sanitary condition. All landscaping required pursuant to an approved site plan shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks and Recreation and shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with an agreement to be made part of the application of record, which agreement shall be enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, upon advice of the Director.

The Applicants are amenable to a condition of approval requiring the execution of a Landscape Maintenance Agreement and a Drainage Maintenance Agreement prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.



PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN PROPOSED PRAYER ROOM ADDITION – ARMON HOTEL

2701 Summer Street Stamford, CT February 23, 2022

This plan has been prepared in support of a proposed 9,350 square foot prayer/banquet room to be added to an existing hotel. The site is approximately 7.8 acres located between Summer Street and Bedford Street, north of Ridgeway Shopping Center. The Site lies in Master Plan Category 7 (Commercial, Arterial) and the C-B (Community Business) and RM-1 (Multi-Family, Low Density) Zoning Districts. The property is home to the Armon Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express. The two hotel operations occupy a shared but separate building with a total of 455 guest rooms. (Holiday Inn Express has 100 rooms and the Armon 355.)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Applicant proposes to infill an existing parking lot with a one-story prayer/banquet room. The parking area is used for outdoor gatherings throughout the year, which often include the erection of large tents with lighting, heaters, generators, etc. The proposed building addition will allow those outdoor gatherings to take place inside the building with direct connection to the hotel's main floor and other facilities.

By infilling the parking lot area overall parking on the site is being reduced from 686 to 654 spaces (-32 spaces).

EXISTING DATA

Section 12 requires 1.5 parking space per hotel room, for a total of 683 spaces. Pursuant to Section 12.D.1.d, the applicant is requesting to provide up to 10% of the required parking on an as-needed basis. Onsite parking is being reduced to 654 spaces, and the applicant is requesting a 4.2% reduction of the required parking.

Pre-covid parking counts were taken during a two-week period in September of 2019 (see enclosed parking counts). The data shows that even with the hotel operating above 80% occupancy and an event being held, the parking did not reach 30% capacity. While the base regulation requires 1.5 spaces per room, the hotel did not exceed 0.5 cars per room during the 2-week review period.

The remaining 654 spaces are expected to easily accommodate the hotel's parking demand.



PARKING OPERATIONS

Parking operations will continue to operate as they have for decades at the hotel. Guests will have the ability to be dropped off and picked up at the front of the hotel at the main entrance. Parking is accommodated in the gated multi-level garage at the rear of the hotel. All parking is charged an hourly fee up to a daily rate of \$10 per day.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAPACITY

While the remaining parking is expected to more than accommodate the hotel's parking demand, if additional capacity is ever needed, such capacity could be accomplished by one or more of the following:

- 1. **Re-stripe parking with 8.5' spaces.** With the recent change to the required parking dimensions (form 9' to 8.5' in width), the garage could be restriped, where feasible, to add spaces.
- 2. **Employ a valet parking operation.** Valet parking is a common amenity for hotels. By incorporating a complete or partial valet operation, parking capacity can be significantly increased.

LOADING

Loading will continue to operate as it has historically. The front drop-off loop can accommodate hotel guests and small deliveries. All other loading takes place at the hotel's shipping/loading dock accessed from the northerly driveway along Bedford Street (opposite Locust Lane).

REPORTING

Reporting will be submitted annually pursuant to Section 19.F.5 of the Zoning Regulations.



Text Change to Section 10-K

10.K. [EXPANSION OF NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS IN C-B AND C-WD DISTRICTS]

Subject to *Special Permit* approval by the Zoning Board and notwithstanding the limitations in Section 10, any non-conforming *Building* located within the C-B or C-WD Zoning District may expand usable Floor Area provided the following standards are satisfied:

- 1. Any increase in total Floor Area shall not result in an increase in new or additional *Building Coverage* or height; and
- 2. Any additional Floor Area shall be devoted to collaborative work space, common areas or lobbies and shall be in furtherance of *Adaptive Reuse* or *Redevelopment* of the *Building* for modernization, aesthetic, safety, efficiency, and technological capability or sustainability purposes. (218-39)

Expansion beyond the *Building* envelope of the existing *Building* shall be limited to canopies and architectural features which enhance the aesthetic appearance of the *Building*. Said improvements shall not be considered new or additional *Building Coverage* provided same do not exceed two and one-half percent (2.5%) *Building Coverage*.

Conditions placed on granting of a *Special Permit* pursuant to this subsection by the Zoning Board shall be deemed to supersede and replace any conditions or limitations previously imposed by the Zoning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. (210-21)

Notwithstanding the above, subject to Special Permit approval by the Zoning Board, a legally nonconforming Hotel in the C-B Zoning District may be expanded provided the following standards are satisfied:

- a. Any addition or expansion shall be limited to one (1) *Story*, thirty (30) feet in height, as measured from the floor elevation of the addition, and 3% of existing *Floor Area* or 10,000 square feet, whichever is less, and not result in any additional hotel rooms for occupancy.
- b. Any additional *Building Coverage* shall be limited to 6% of existing *Building Coverage* or 10,000 square feet, whichever is less, and result in no net increase of impervious coverage.
- c. For every square foot of *Floor Area* added, not less than one (1) square foot of at-grade and/or rooftop landscaping shall be added to the site.
- d. Any *Building* additions shall be suitably screened from adjacent residential uses.



Drawing List 2701 Summer Street

Text Change, Special Permit, and Site & Architectural Plans and/or Requested Uses Applications February 23, 2023

Sheet #	Title/Description	Prepared by	<u>Date</u>
<u>Civil</u>			
PS	Property & Partial Topographic Survey	Redniss & Mead	2/17/2023
SE-1	Site Overview	Redniss & Mead	2/3/2023
SE-2	Site Grading & Drainage Plan	Redniss & Mead	2/3/2023
SE-3	Sediment & Erosion Control Plan	Redniss & Mead	2/3/2023
SE-4	Notes & Details	Redniss & Mead	2/3/2023
<u>Architectural</u>			
C-101	Proposed Site Plan	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
G-300	Existing Grand. Floor Plan	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
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A-100	Scope Plan	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
A-101	Meeting Room Plan	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
A-103	Roof Plan & Roof Slope Plan	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
A-200	Exterior Elevations	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
A-300	Building Sections	KA Davignon Architect	10/12/2022
Landscape			
SPL-1.0	Overall Landscape Site Plan	Eric Rains Landscape Architecture, LLC	12/09/2022
SPL-2.0	Area Enlargement Plan	Eric Rains Landscape Architecture, LLC	12/09/2022
SPL-3.0	Site Details	Eric Rains Landscape Architecture, LLC	12/09/2022
SPL-3.1	Planting & Green Roof Details	Eric Rains Landscape Architecture, LLC	12/09/2022

2701 Summer Street Zoning Data Chart

	Required/Allowed	Existing	Proposed	Notes
Master Plan Category	Catego	ory 7 - Commercial, Arte	erial	
Zoning District	C-B (Community Bus	siness)/ RM-1 (Multi-Fa	mily Low Density)	
Min Lot Area	5,000	C-B: 323,610 <u>RM-1: 16,654</u> Total: 340,264	No Change	RM-1 area <u>not</u> included for Coverage/FAR calculations
Min Frontage	50'	550'+	No Change	Summer Street, Bedford Street
Max Building Coverage	40% (129,444)	58% (188,735)	61% (198,085) [net+ 9,350]	Nonconforming; Text Change to permit additions not to exceed 6% of existing Building Coverage (11,324) or 10,000 sf (whichever is less)
Max Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	0.50 (161,805)	1.12 (357,583)	1.15 (366,933) [net+ 9,350]	Nonconforming; Text Change to permit additions not to exceed 3% of existing Floor Area (10,727) or 10,000 sf (whichever is less)
Max Building Stories	4	5	No Change	Nonconforming; Text Change to permit addition not to
Max Building Height	50'	55'	No Change	exceed one story and 30'
Front Setback	10'	24.2'	No Change	Measured from Summer Street;
Side Setback	6'	9.7'	No Change	Addition 20'+ from property line;
Rear Setback	20'	n/a	n/a	Through Lot; No rear yard.
Parking (455 guest rooms)	Base (1.5/room): 683 -10% as needed: -68 Required: 615	686	654 [4.2% reduction]	Complies. Special Permit per §12.D.1.d to permit up to 10% of required parking to be provided on an "as needed" basis.



Armon Hotel - Parking Counts

			Vehic	le Counts					Parking R	atios
	Date	Garage	Summer Street lot and driveway	Marlou/ Driveway	Rear/ staff parking lot	Total	Rooms Rented (455 total)	cars/ occupied room	cars/ total rooms	Capacity Used (686 spaces available)
Mon	9/9/19	145	-	-	-	145	329	0.44	0.32	21%
Tue	9/10/19 *	198	-	-	ı	198	377	0.53	0.44	29%
Wed	9/11/19	138	-	-	17	138	238	0.58	0.30	20%
Thu	9/12/19	100	3	-	-	103	129	0.80	0.23	15%
Fri	9/13/19	153	-	-	6	153	233	0.66	0.34	22%
Sat	9/14/19	160	2	1	8	171	283	0.60	0.38	25%
Sun	9/15/19	80	-	-	-	80	161	0.50	0.18	12%
Mon	9/16/19	110	-	-	-	110	277	0.40	0.24	16%
Tue	9/17/19	150	-	-	10	150	359	0.42	0.33	22%
Wed	9/18/19	143	2	1	9	155	256	0.61	0.34	23%
Thu	9/19/19	136	5	-	4	141	201	0.70	0.31	21%
Fri	9/20/19	156	2	-	9	158	263	0.60	0.35	23%
Sat	9/21/19	160	-	2	1	162	312	0.52	0.36	24%

All counts taken around 11:30pm

^{*}Indicates that counts were taken while the hotel was hosting an event.

General Property Description 2701 Summer Street

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Block #: 225 Area: $7.8 \pm \text{Acres}$

All those parcel of land commonly known as 2701 Summer Street (003-7653); located in the City of Stamford, and generally described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the intersection of the northerly side of Summer Street and southeasterly corner of land n/f of Triple S 2777, LLC (Point of Beginning), said land is bounded as follows:

Southerly: 467'± by the said northerly side of Summer Street;

Easterly: $876' \pm \text{by land n/f of "Colonial Gardens Condominiums"}$, Stamford

Ridgeway Assoc., and 2510 Bedford Street Associates, LLC, each in

part;

Northerly: 1,007' \pm by the southerly side of Bedford Street; and

Westerly: $772' \pm \text{ by land n/f of Stamford Square Associates and said land$

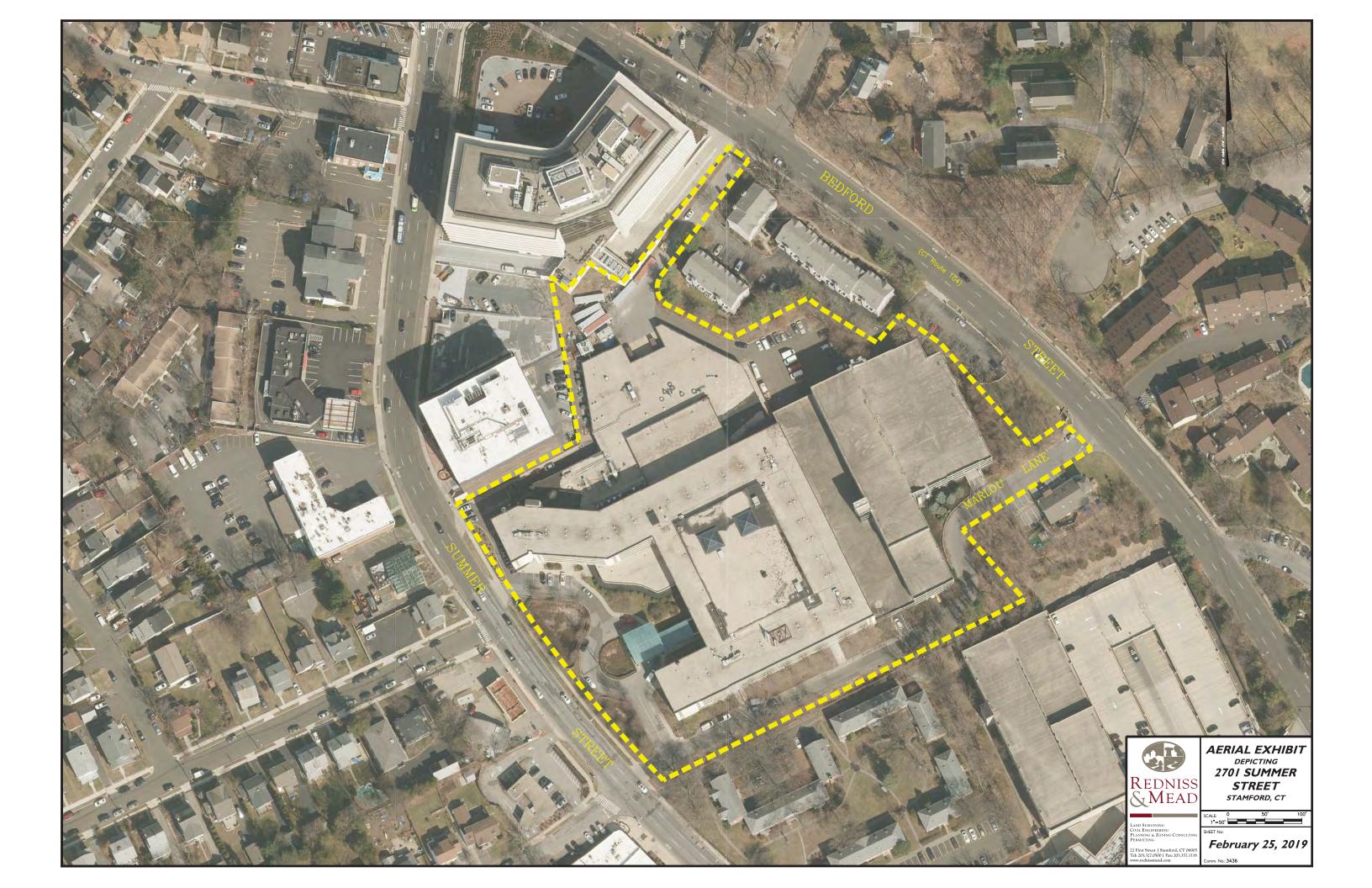
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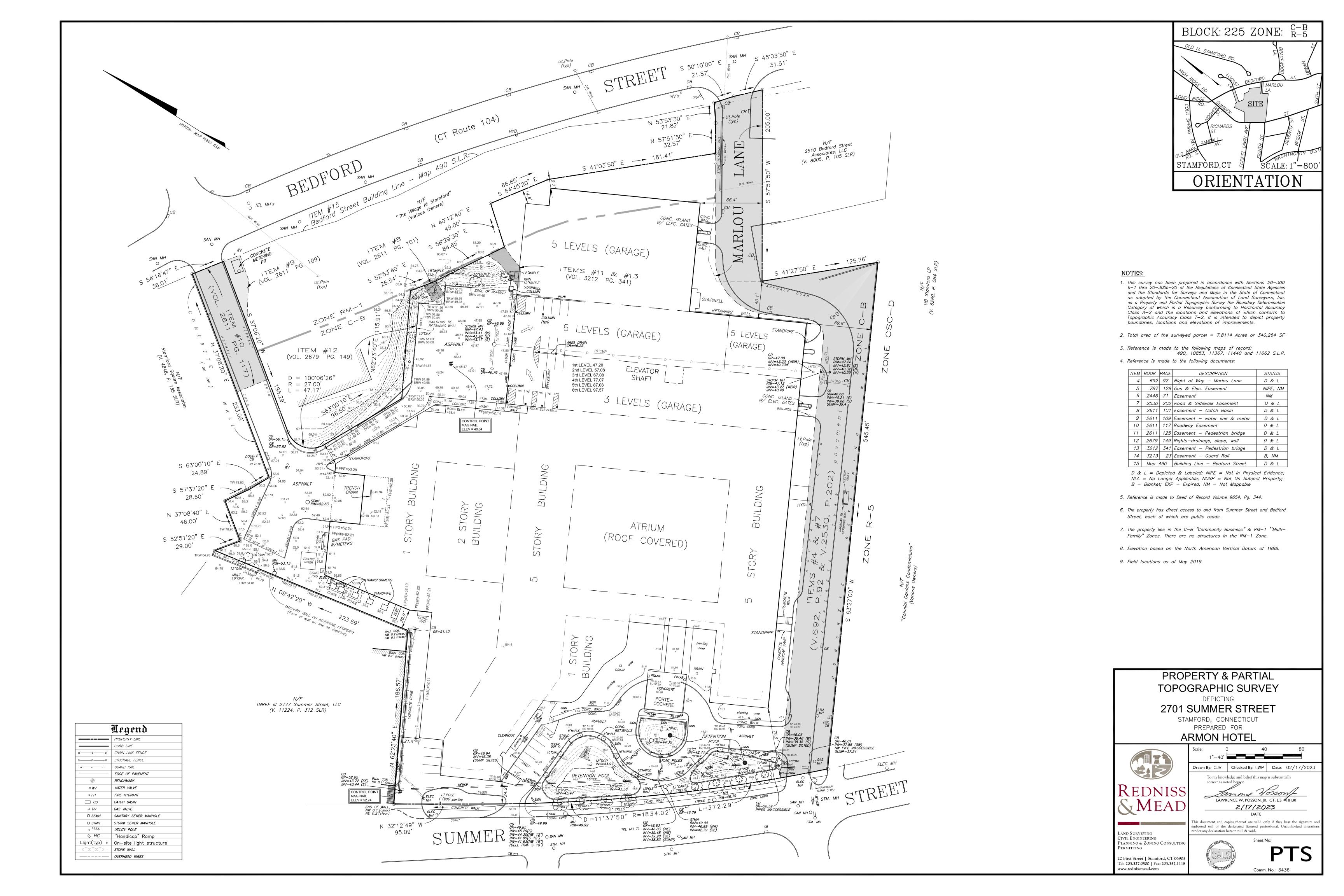


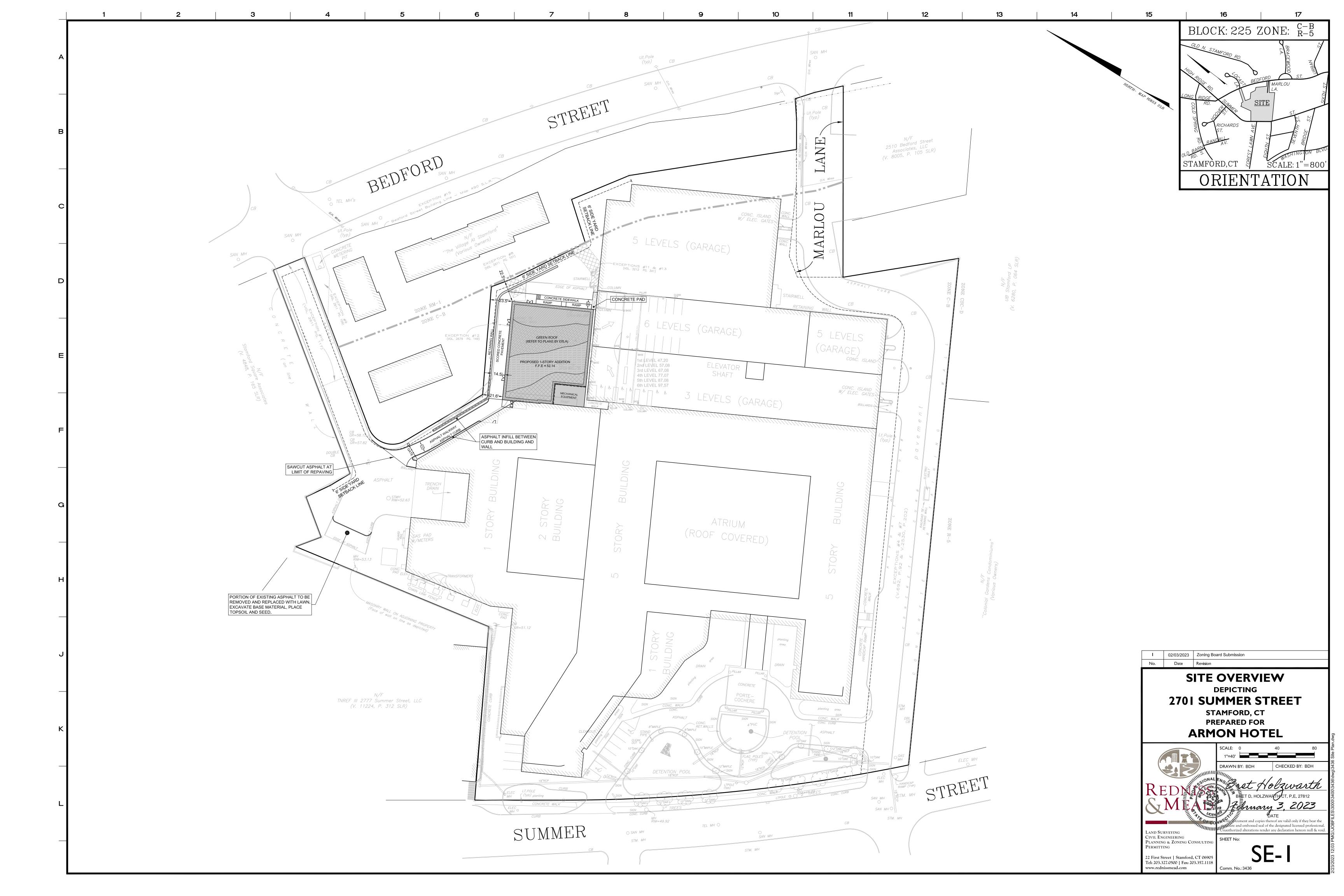


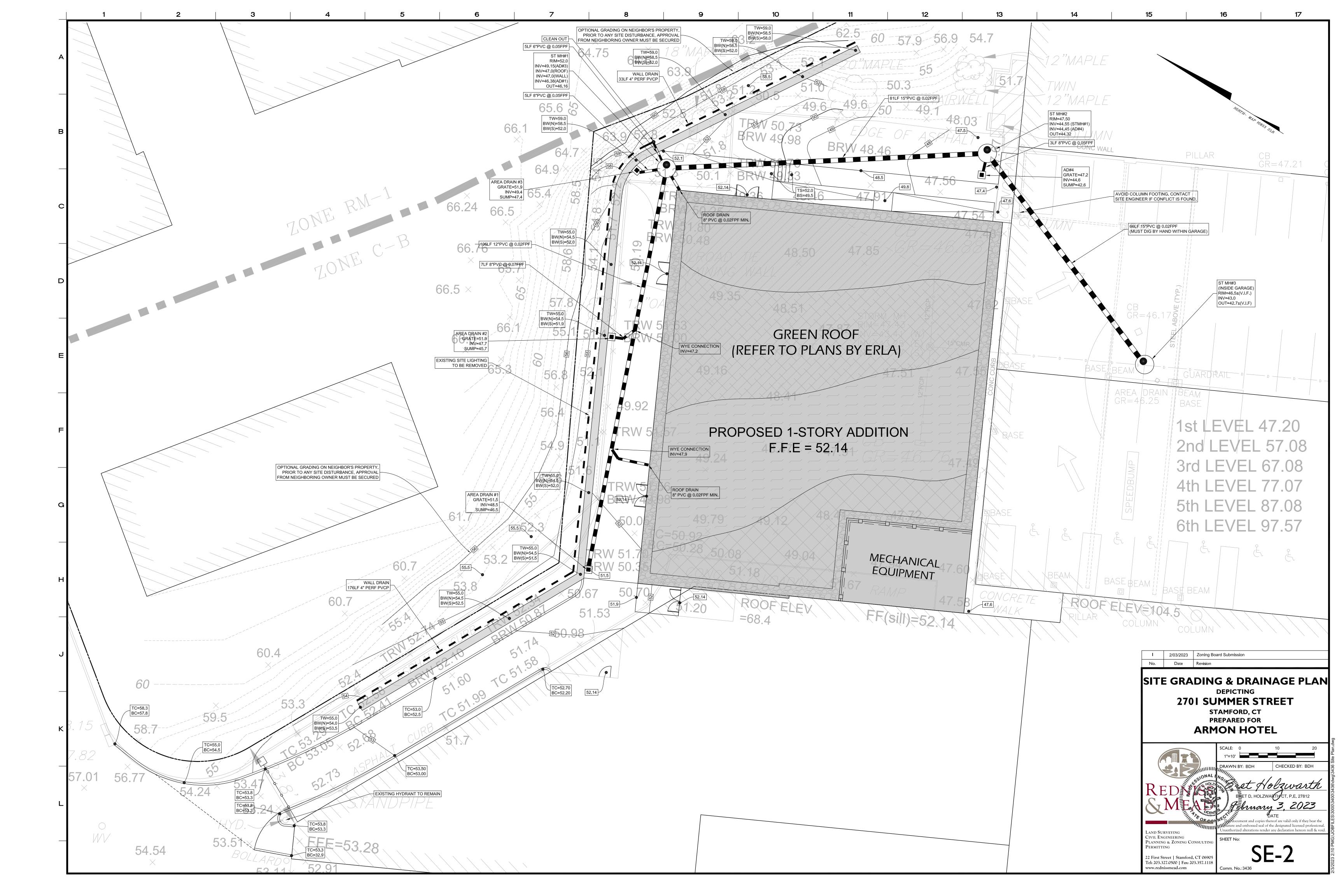


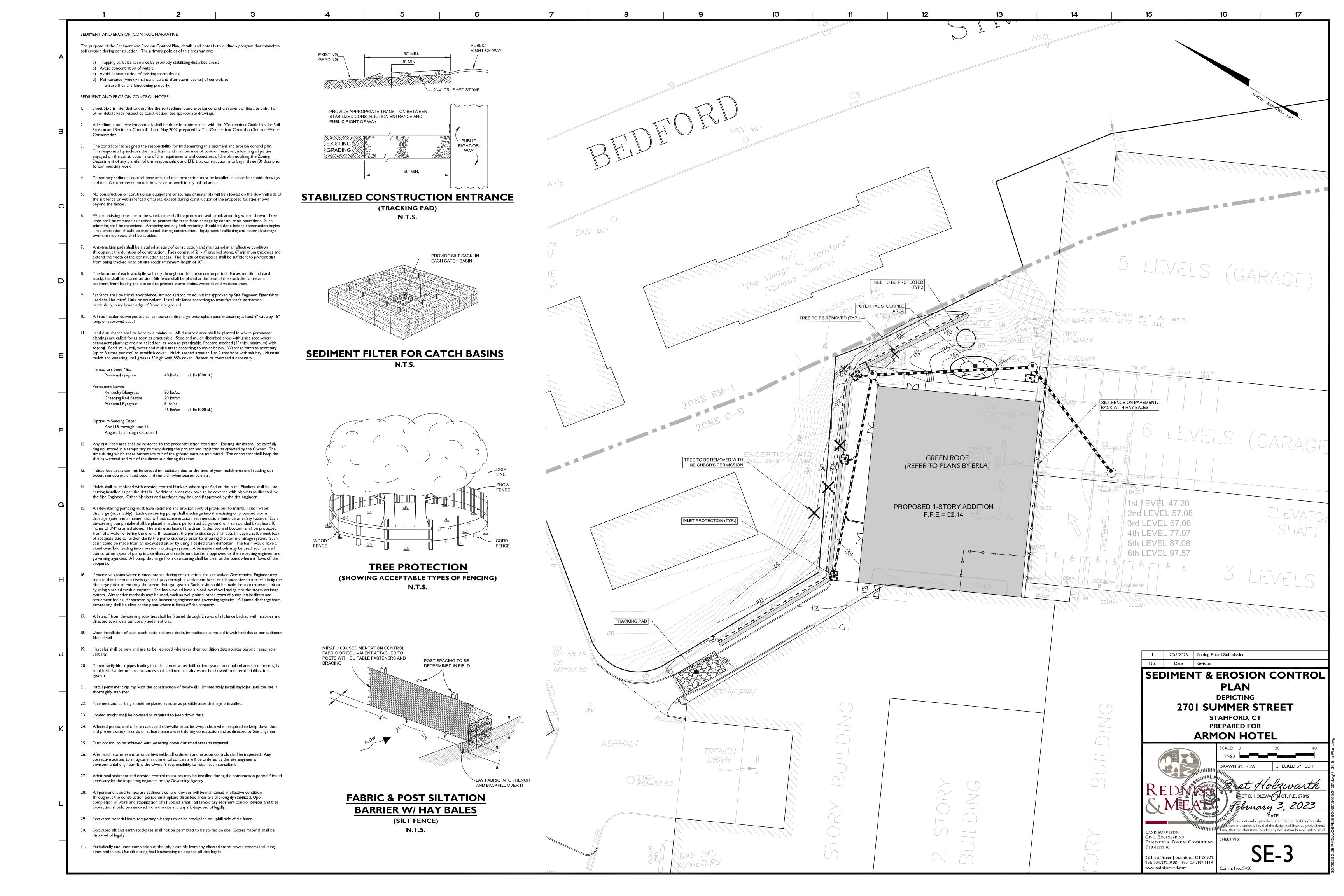


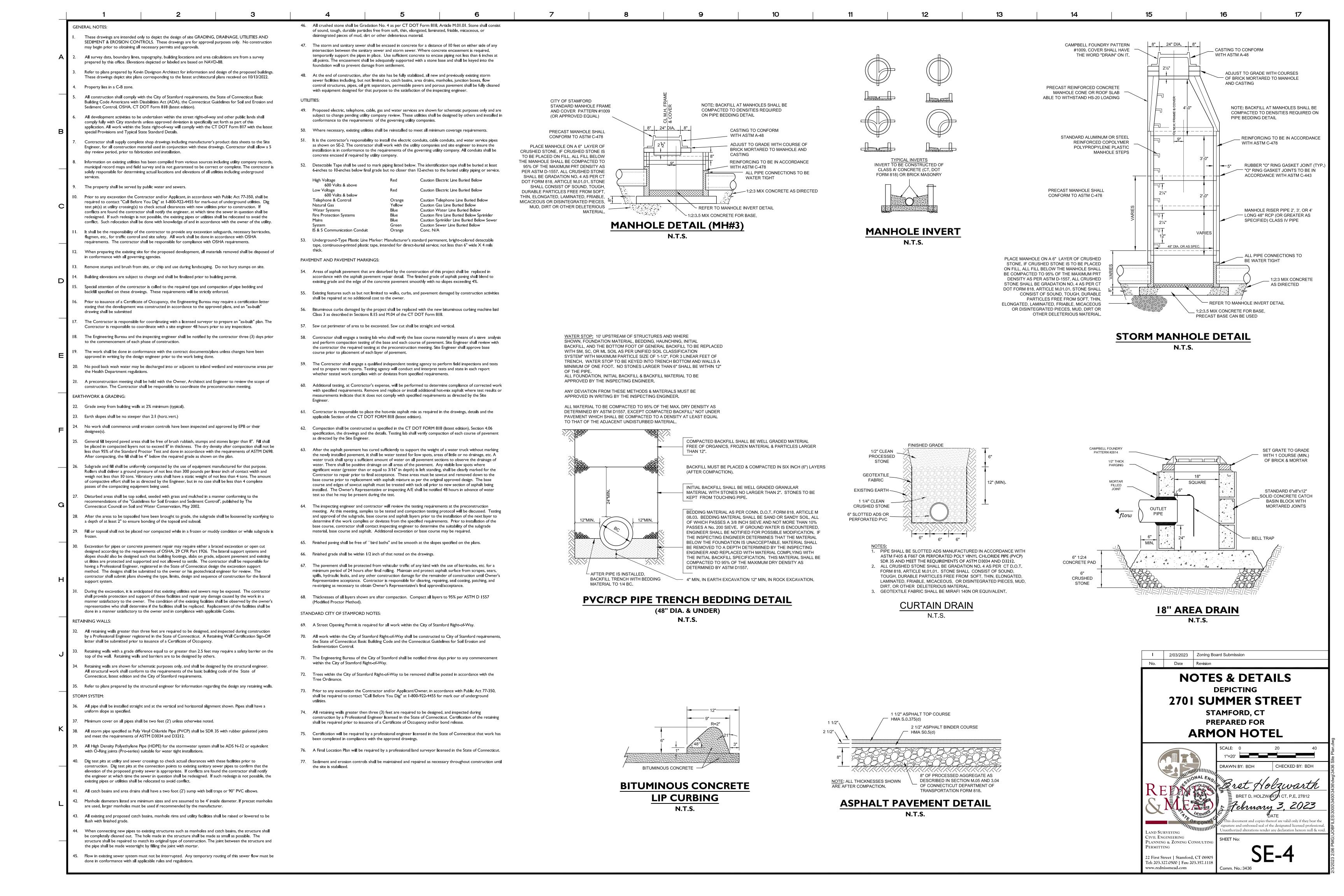


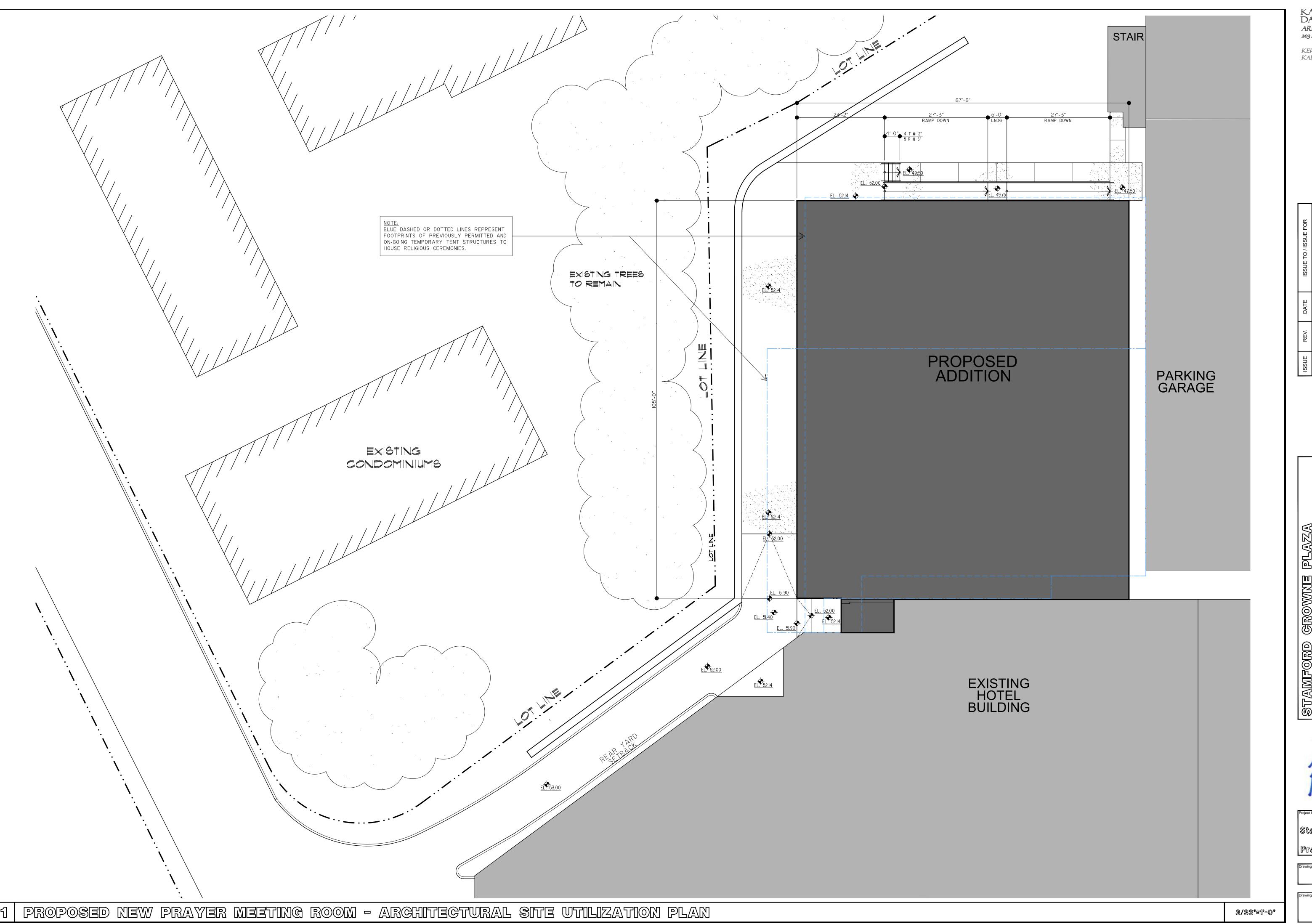






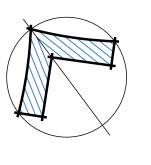








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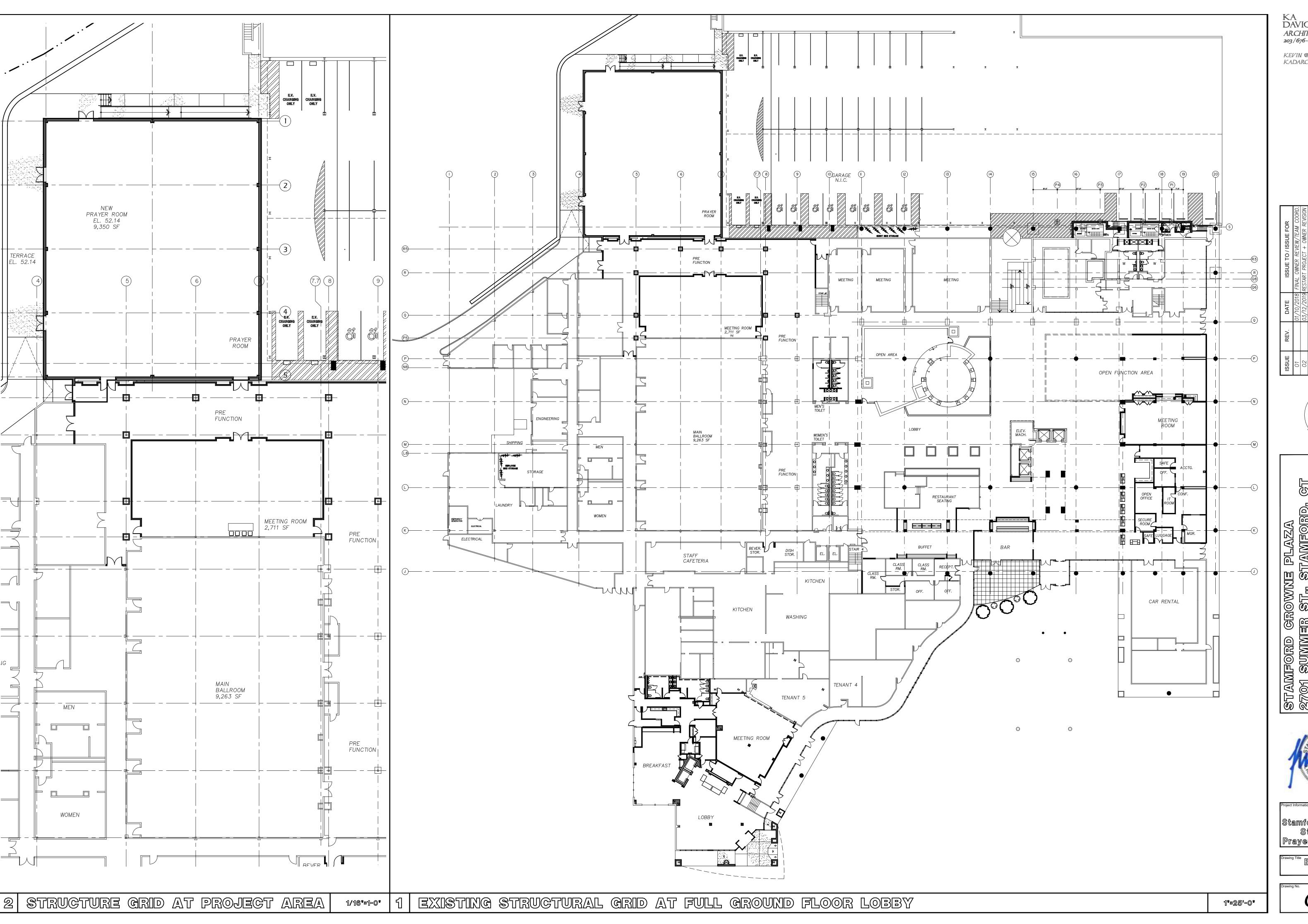
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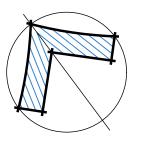
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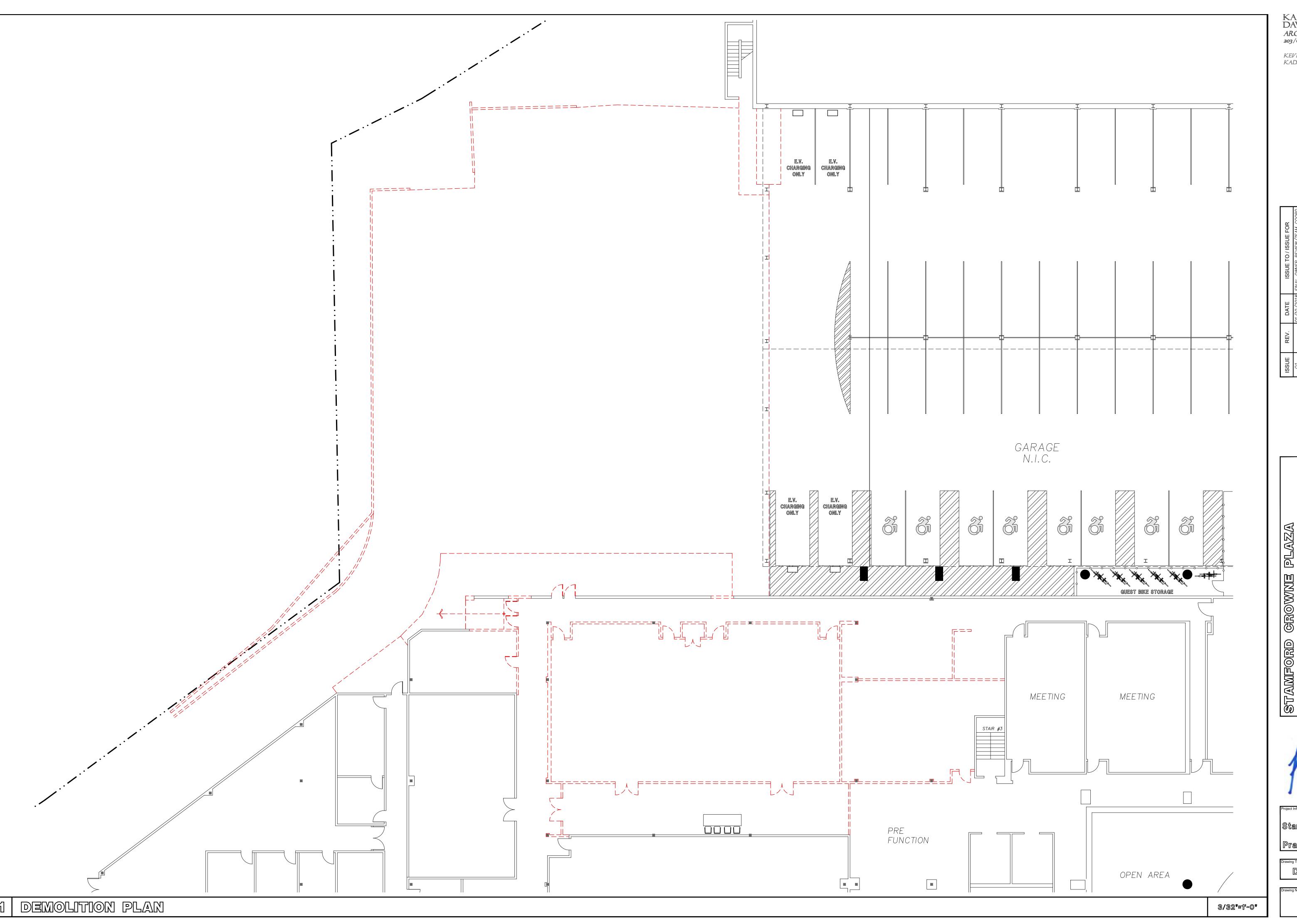




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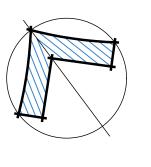
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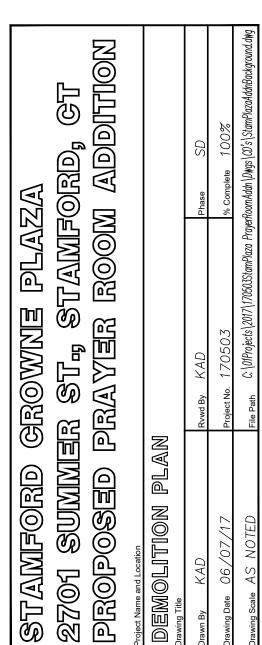
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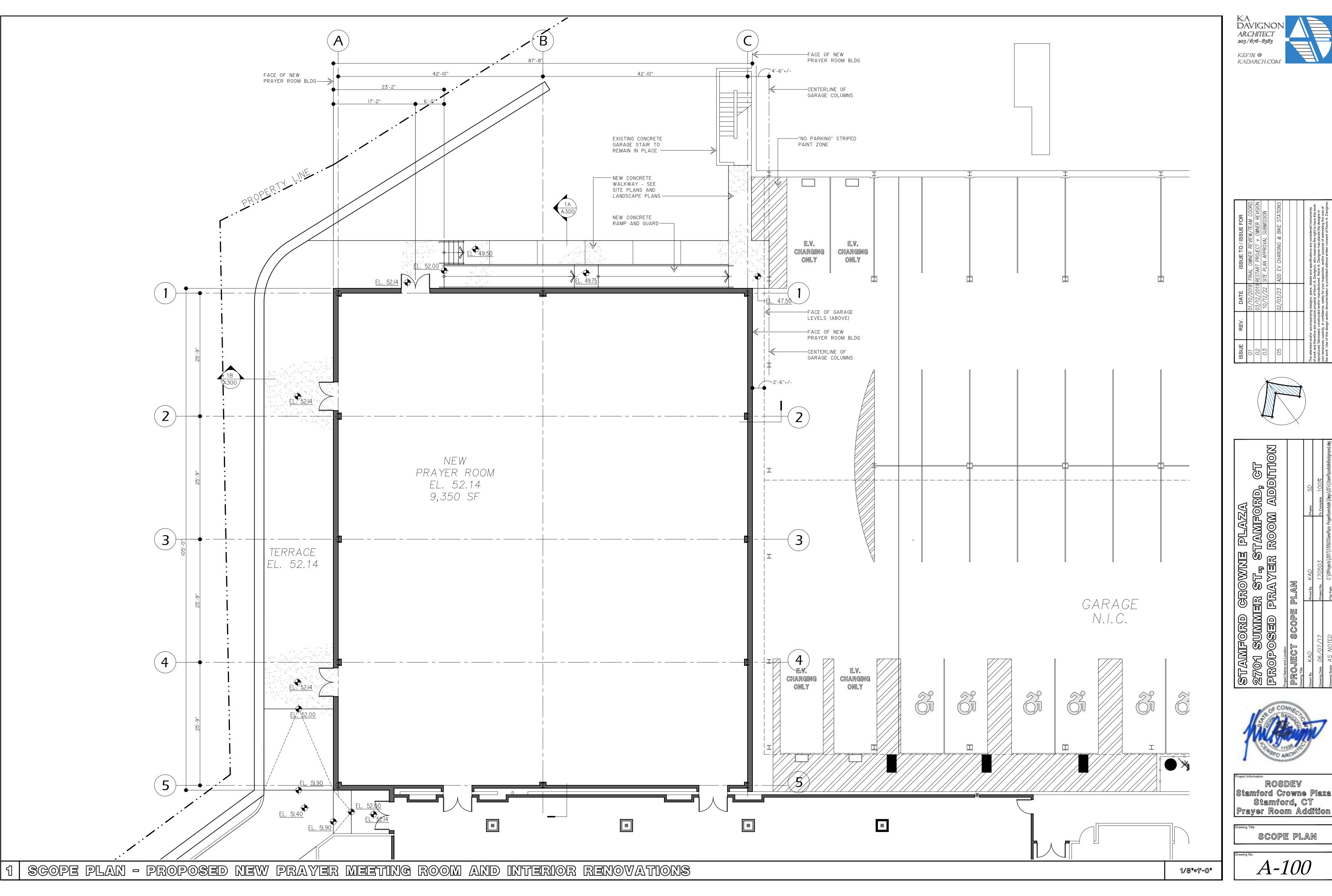






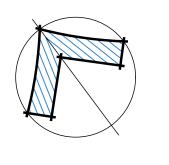
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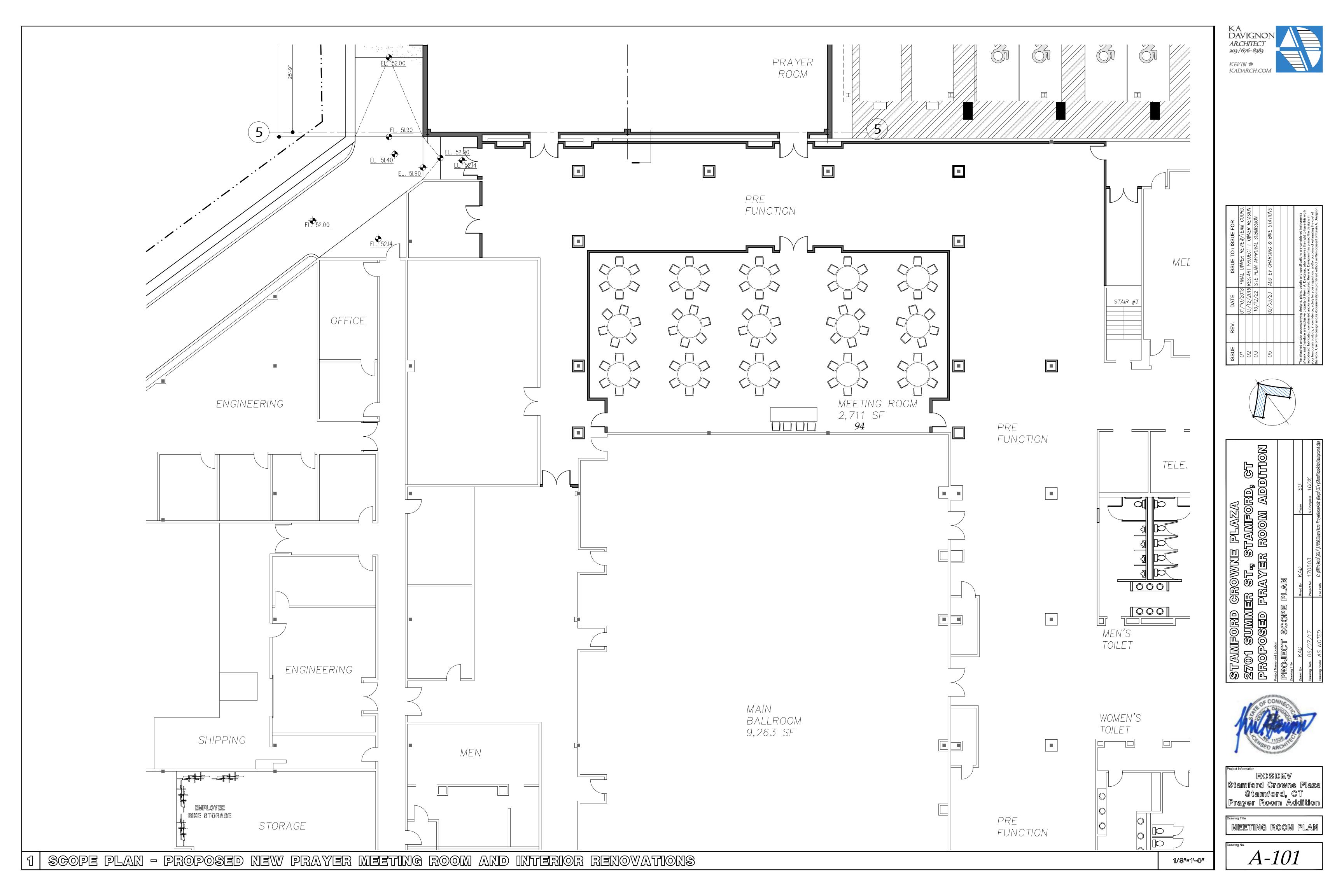


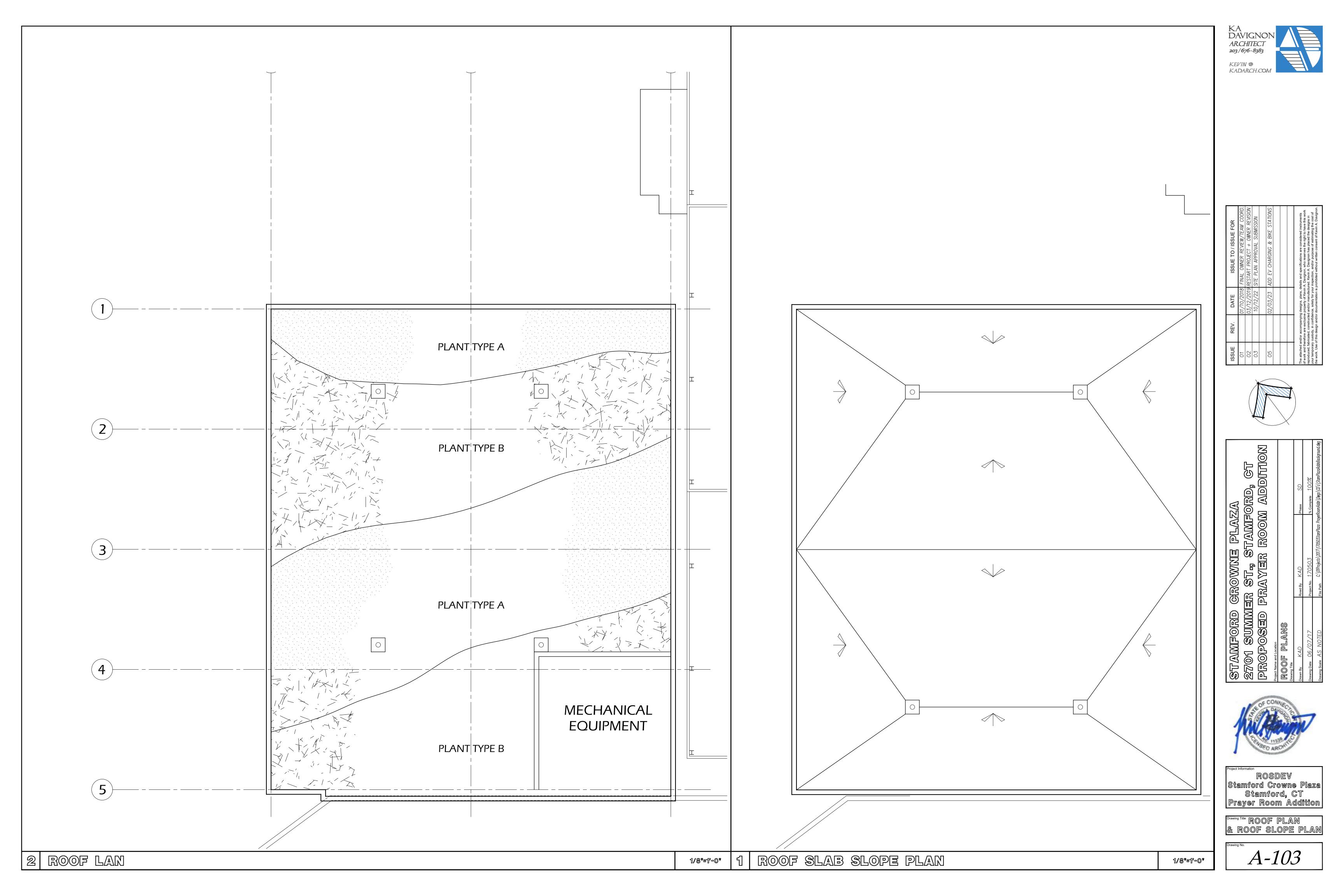
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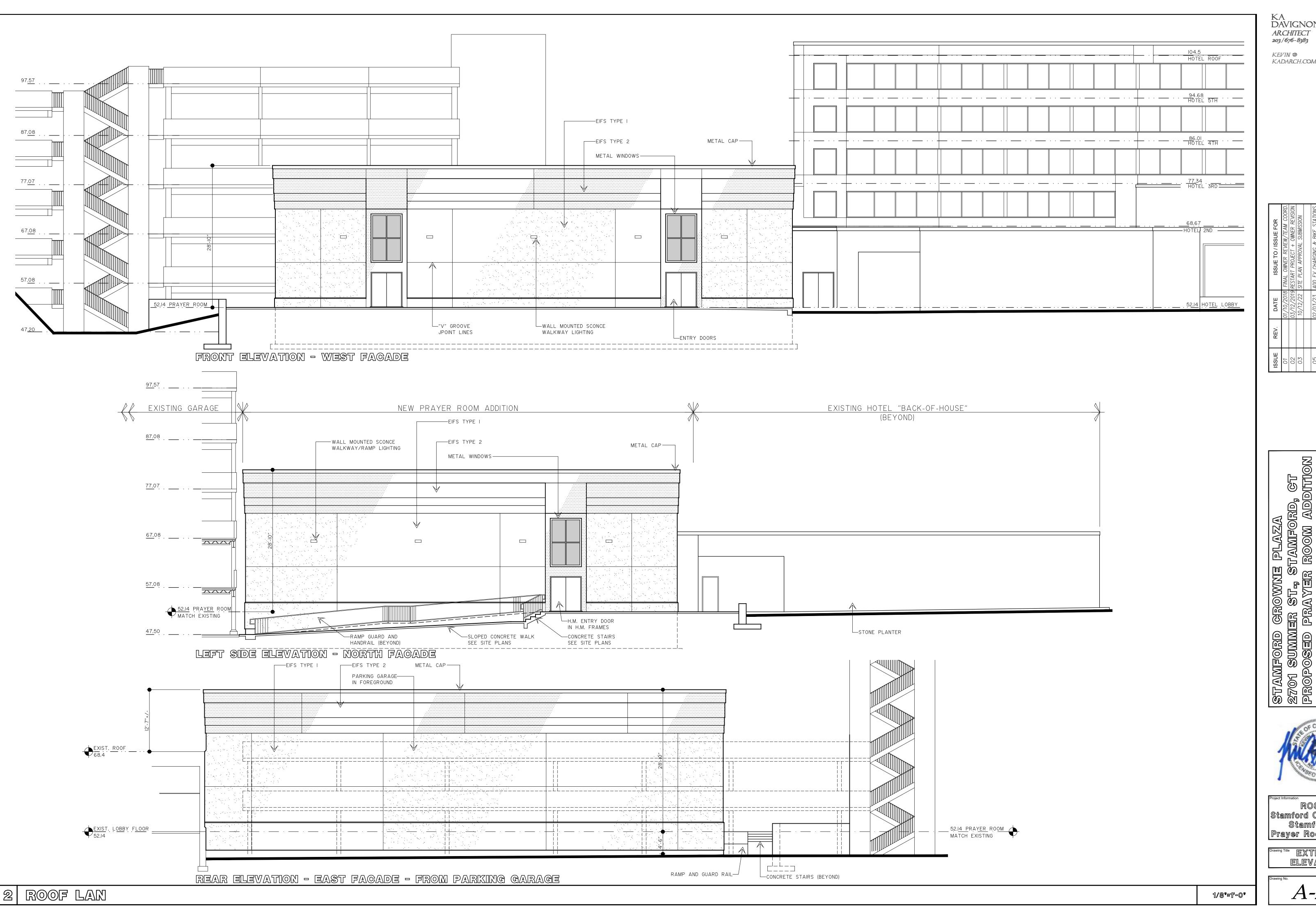


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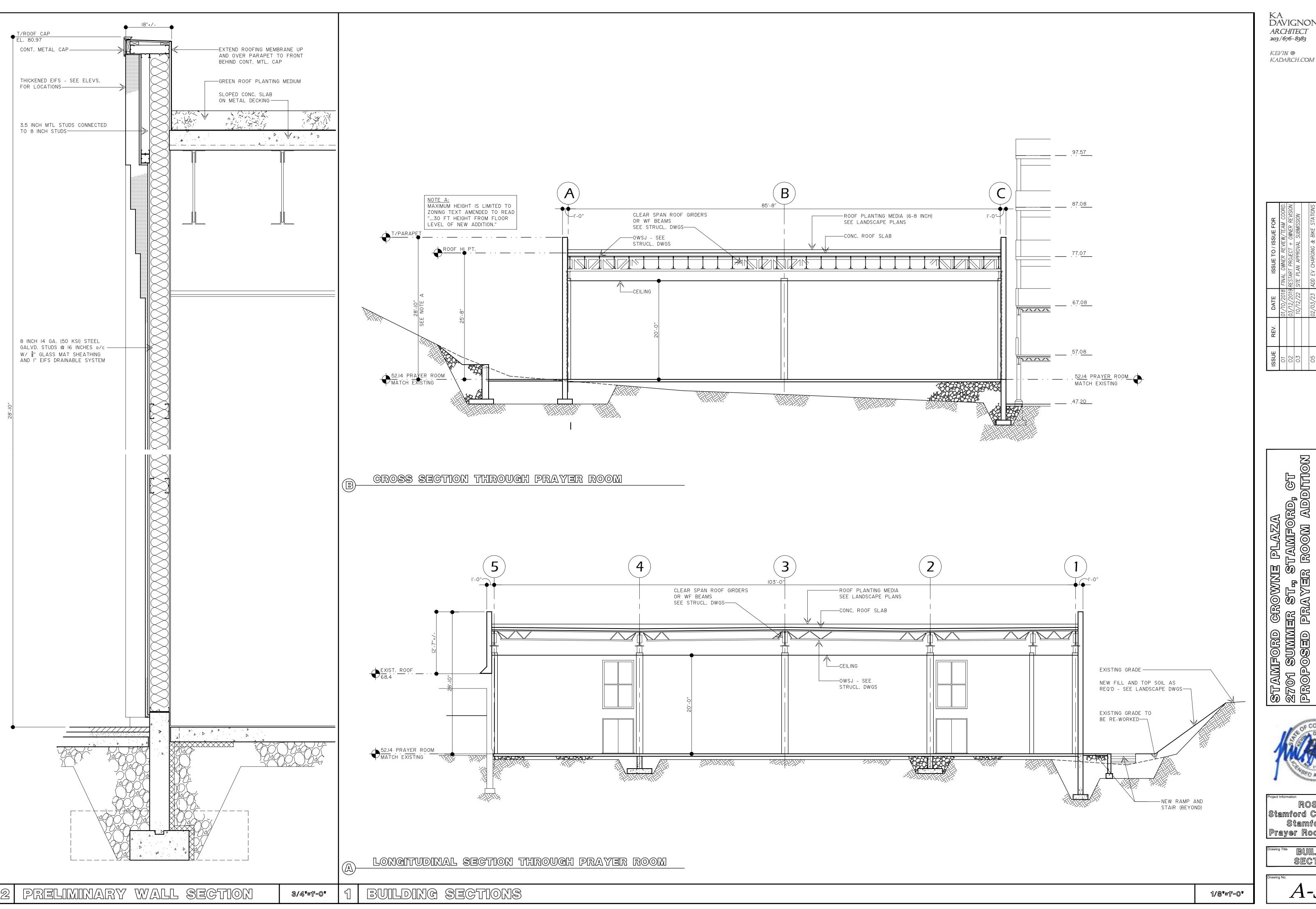


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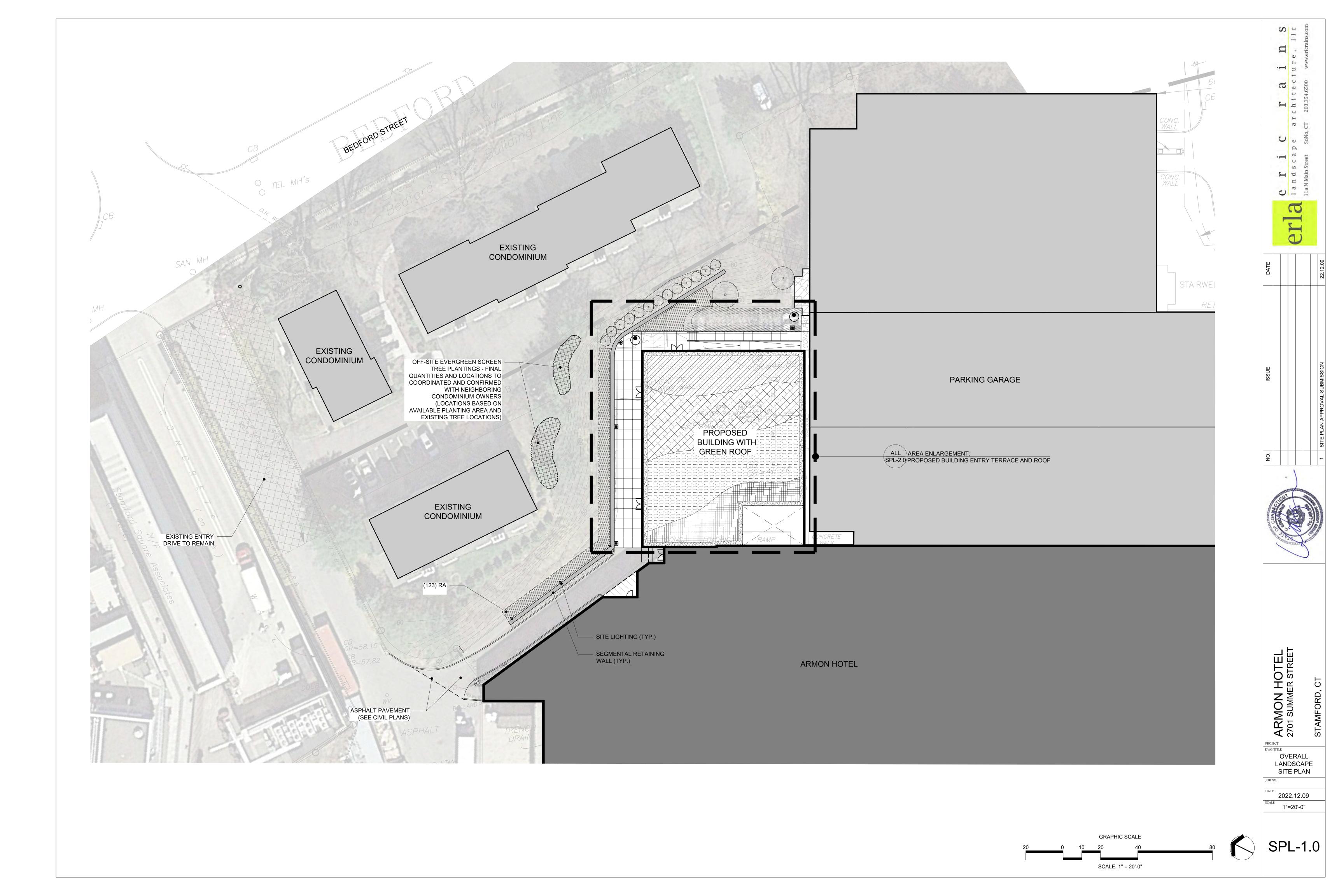


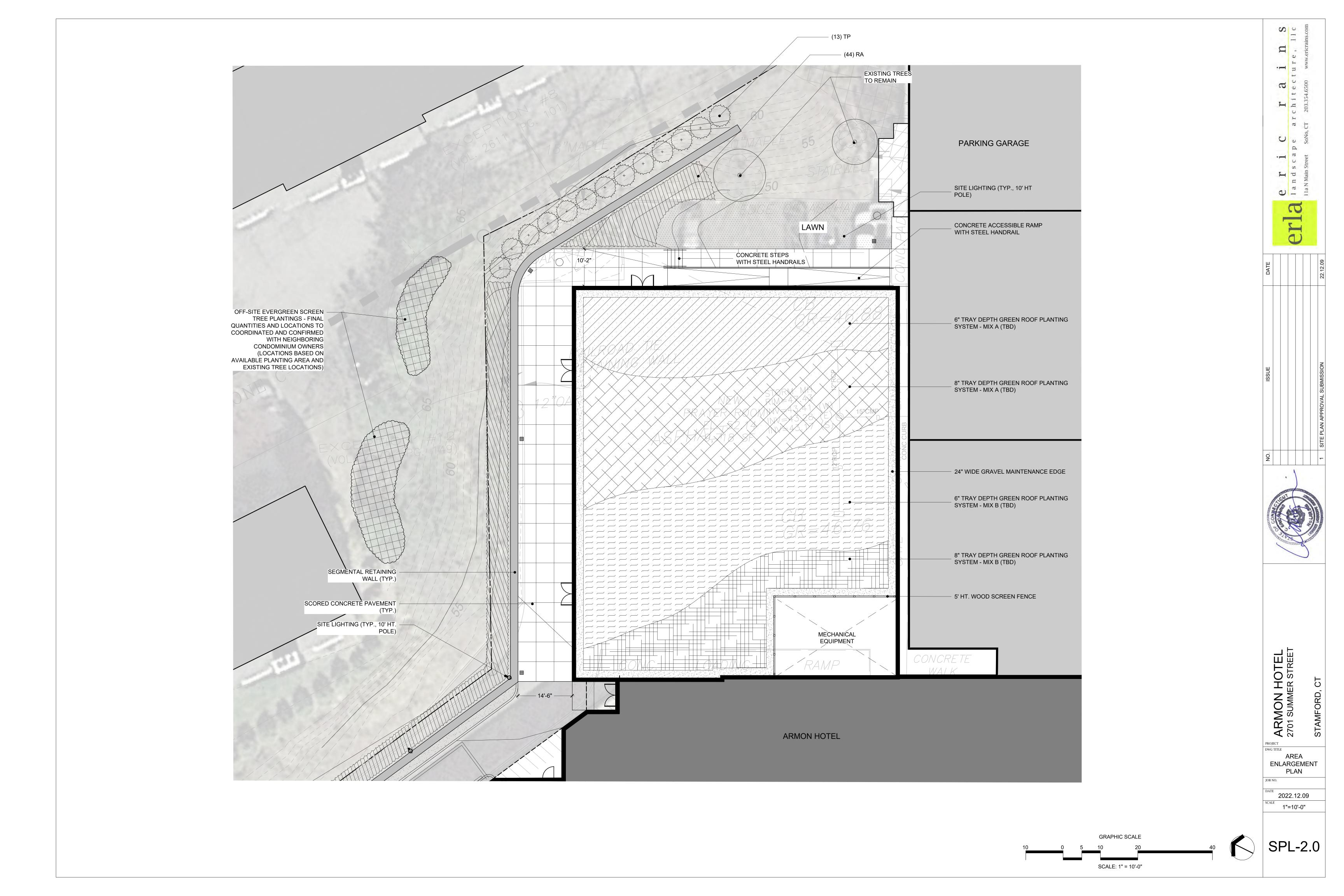


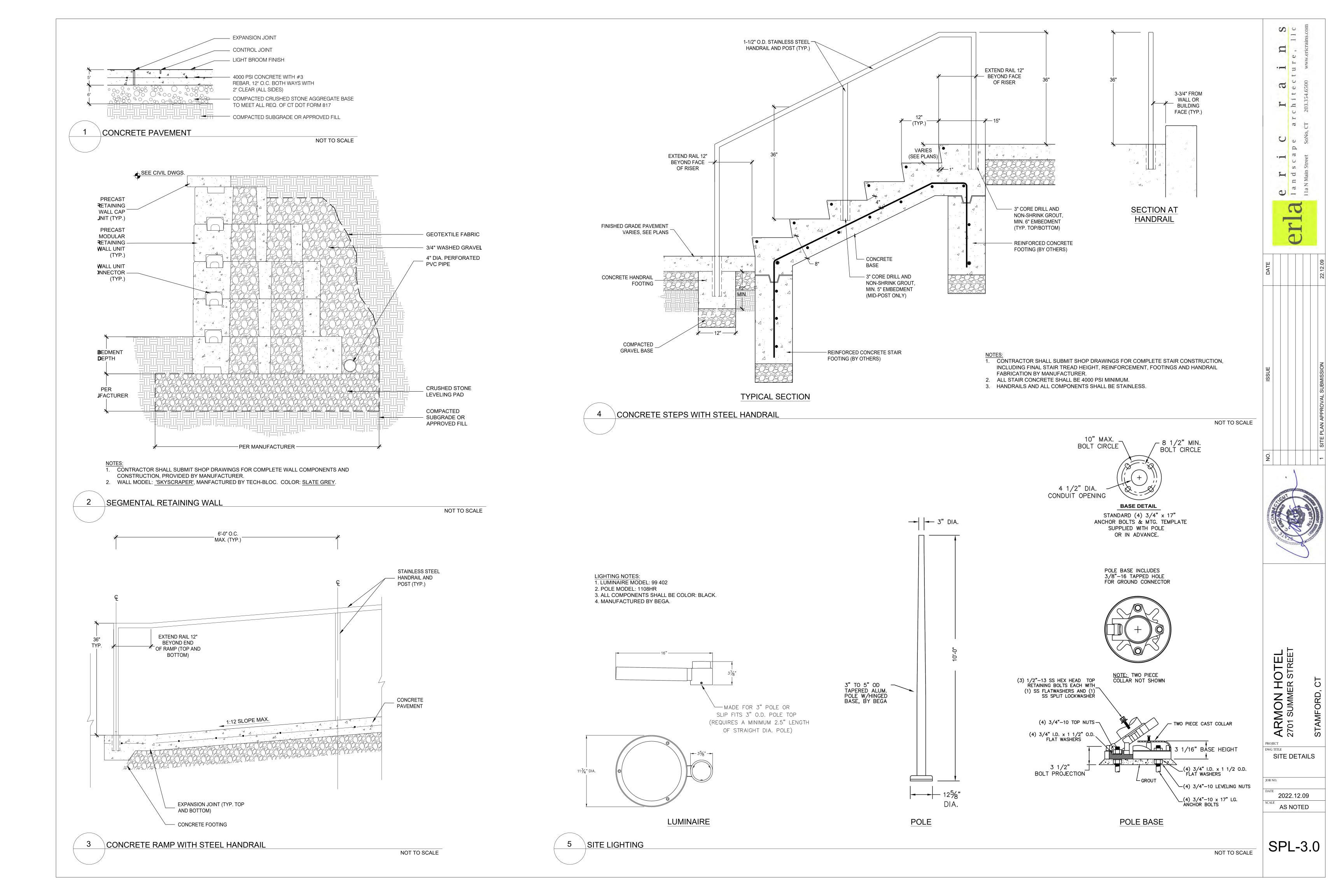


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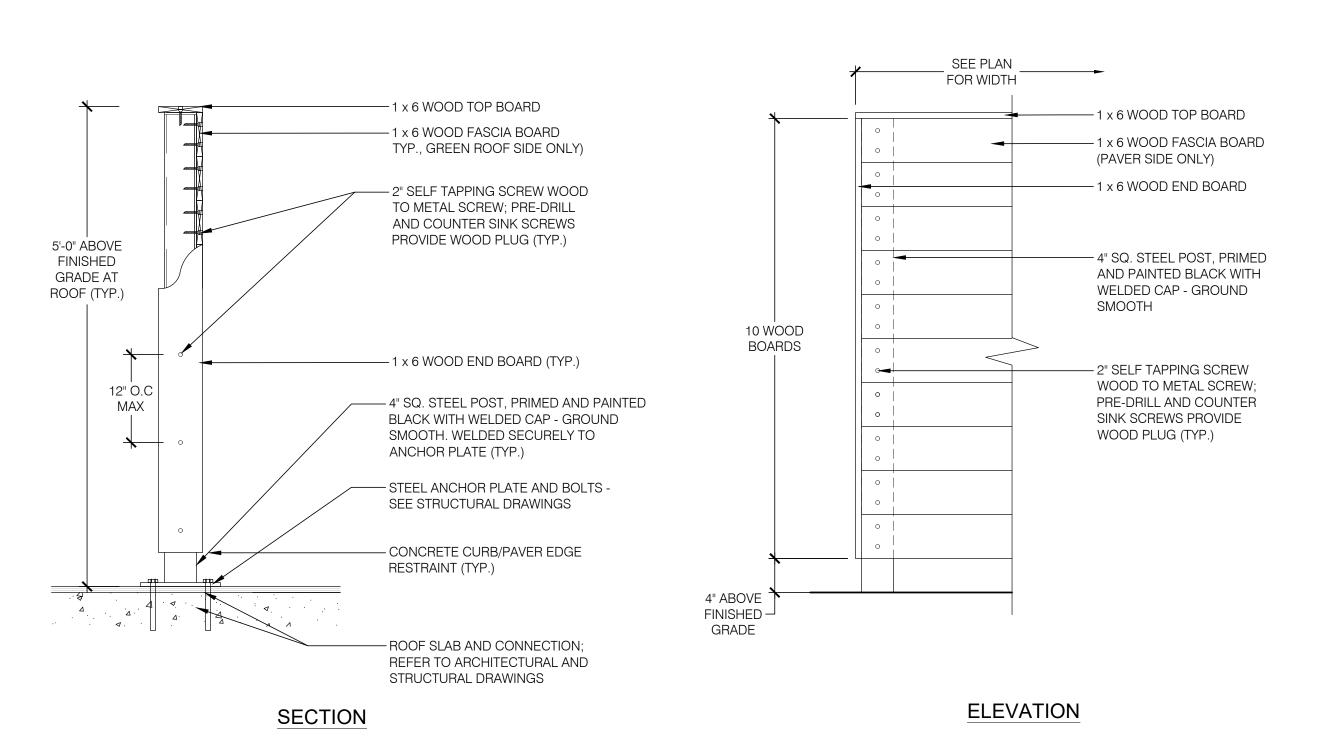




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SHRU	BS					,		
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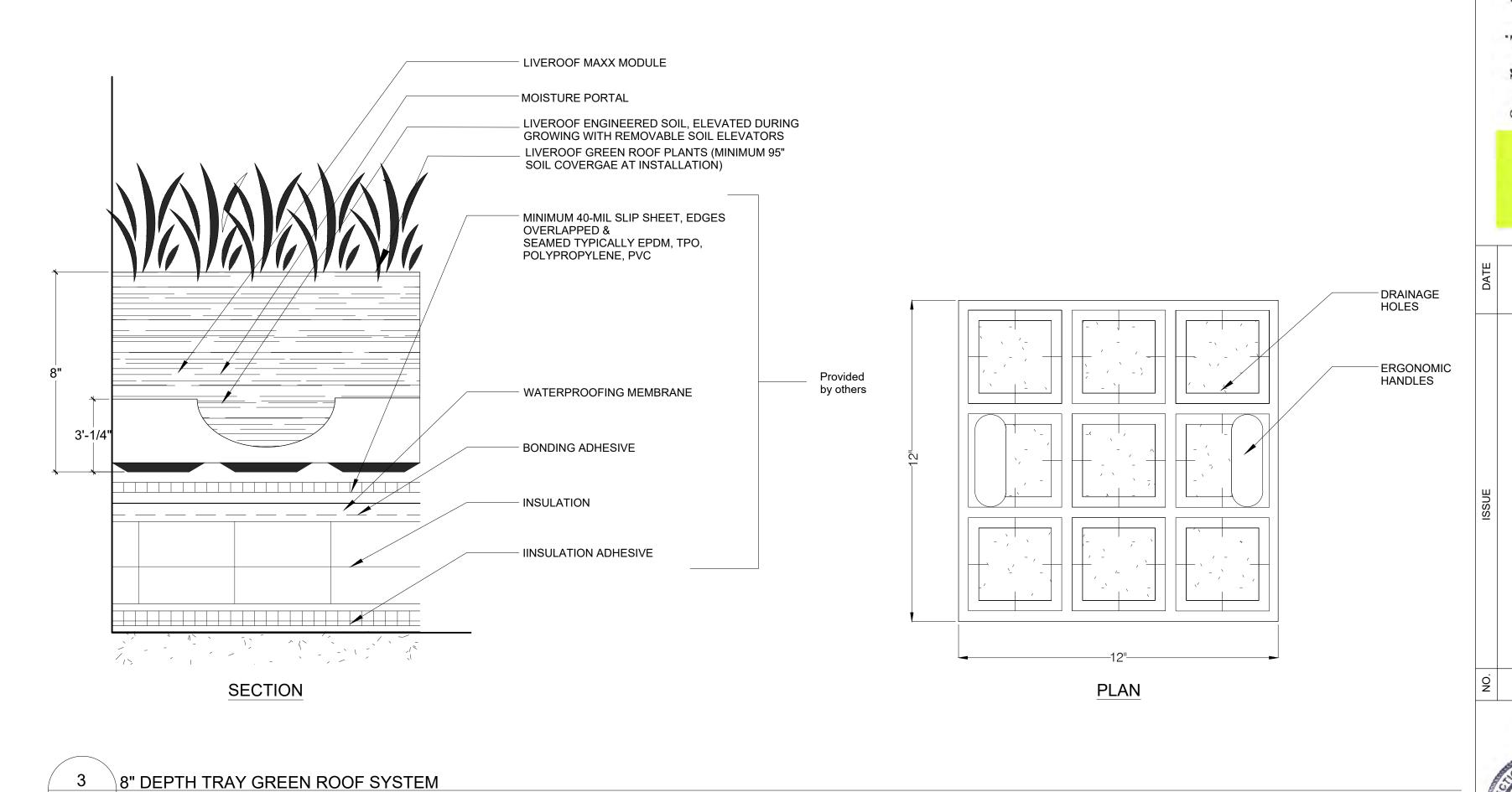
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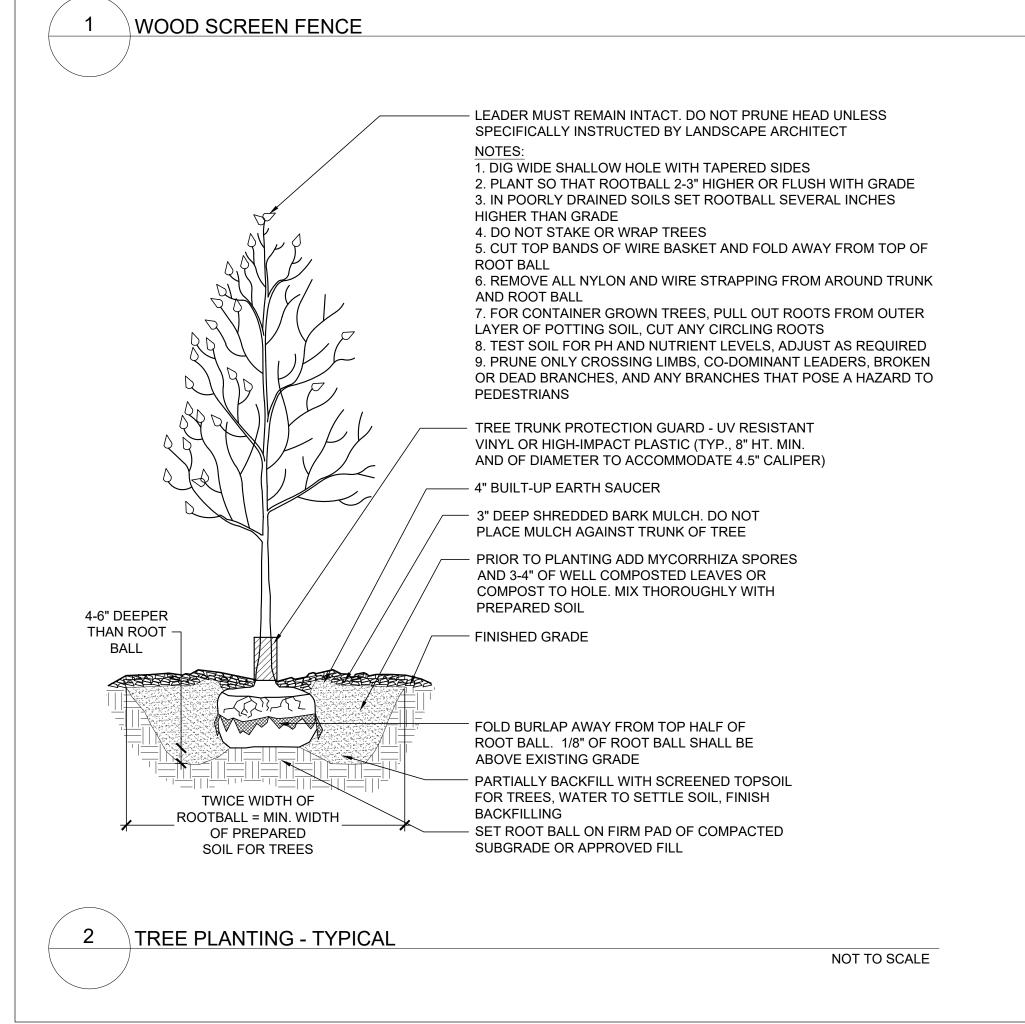
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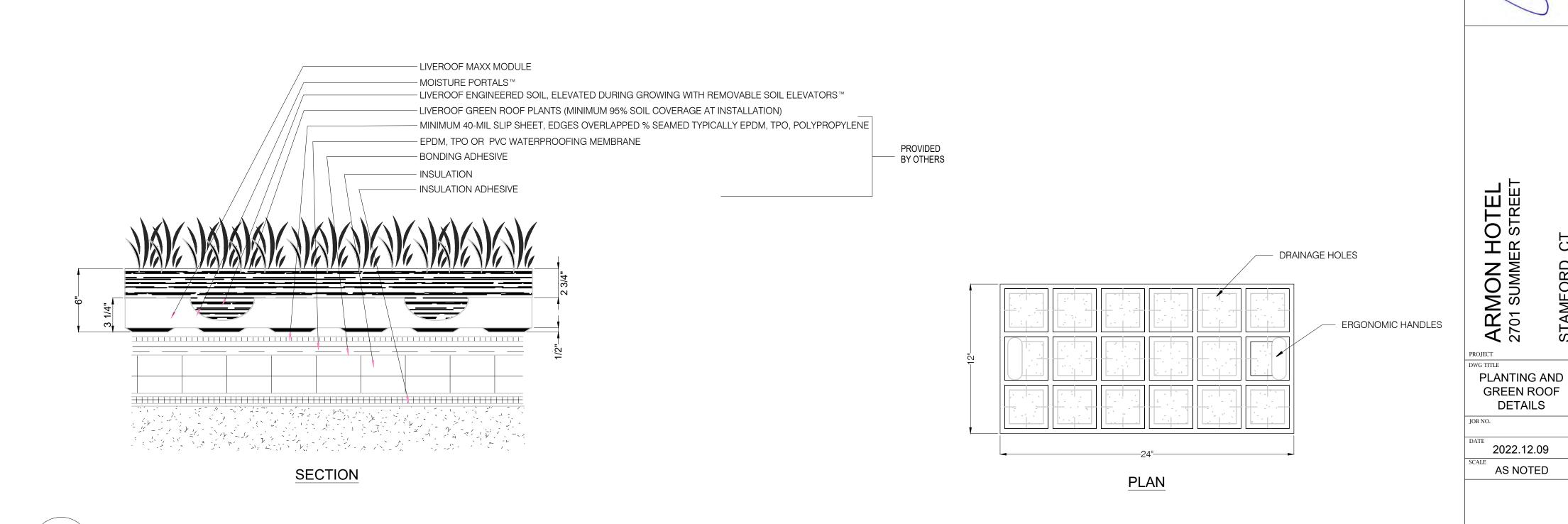
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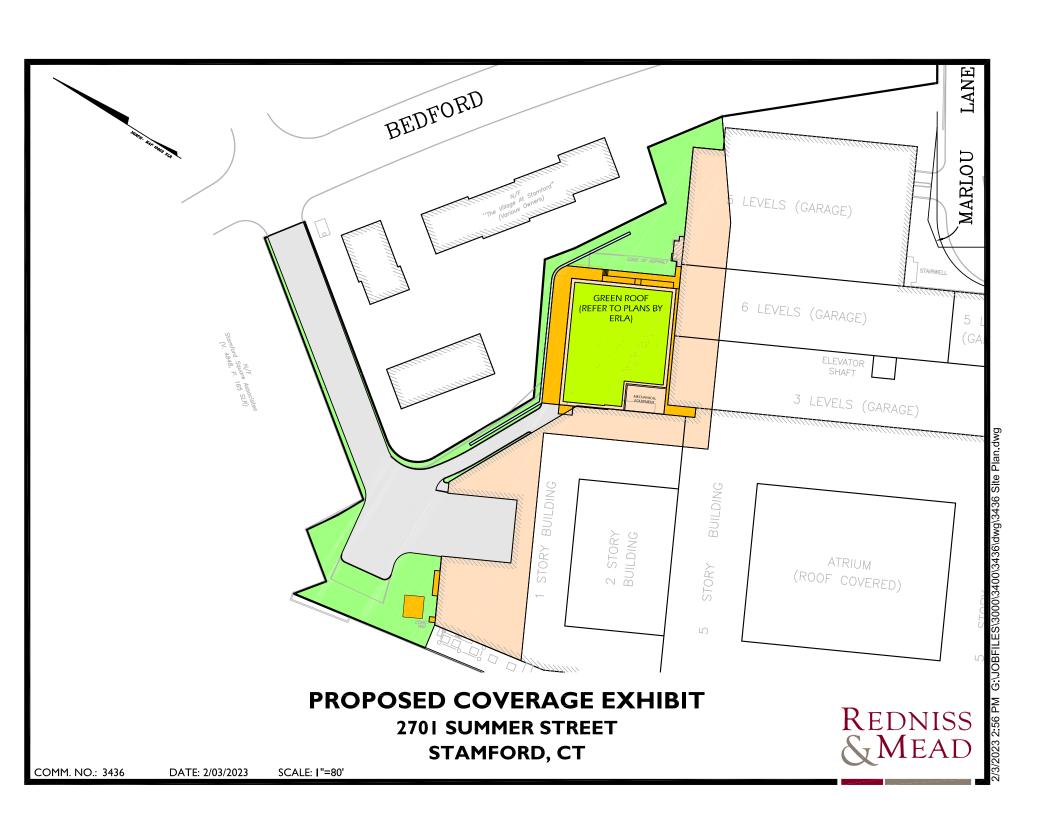
STORMWATER	MANAGEMENT STAN	DARDS -EXEMPTION	REQUEST FORM
Project NameArmon Ho	otel building addition		
Project Address2701 Sum	nmer Street, Stamford, CT 0	6905	
Property Owner(s) Stamfor	rd Hospitality LP		
Tax Account Number(s)	003-7653	Zone(s)C-B	Lot Area
facilities.	gn will not adversely impact ult in new or increased disch charge directly to or within 5 han 400 square feet of imper cated on a Direct Waterfront IMPERVIOUS AF	arges to High Quality Water 00 feet of a tidal wetland, servious coverage. t parcel. REA WORKSHEET	
	Existing Conditions * Impervious Surfaces (sq ft)	Proposed conditions * Impervious Surfaces (sq ft)	Proposed New Impervious Surfac (sq ft) Column 2 minus column 1
House / Buildings	20,010	29,245 **	9,235
Driveways	30,844	17,022	-13,822
Sidewalks / Paths	1,416	3,506	2,090
Swimming Pools	0		
Patios	0		
Tennis Court / Sport Court	0		
Other (walls)	0	497	497
TOTALS	52,270	50,270	-2,000
* Areas listed above are only w ** Includes 7,431sf of green r Owner / Agent Signature:		•	2/03/2023

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CITY APPROVAL

Engineering Bureau Signature:	Date:
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City of Stamford Planning & Zoning Boards c/o Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT 06901

Re: 2701 Summer Street (003-7653) - Stamford, CT

Dear Mr. Blessing and Board Members:

This letter serves to authorize Redniss & Mead, with offices at 22 First Street in Stamford, CT, to act as our agent in connection with the preparing, filing, and processing of any and all applications required for Planning and Zoning approvals relating to the above referenced property.

Thank you for your acknowledgement of said authority.

Sincerely,

Stamford Hospitality LP