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#### PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Hightstown Firehouse MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING TO AVOID SOUNDS/RINGING OR CONVERSATIONS THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE RECORDING OR THE ABILITY OF ATTENDEES TO HEAR THE PROCEEDINGS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

#### Meeting called to order by Beverly Asselstine

**STATEMENT:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Trenton Times and Windsor-Hights Herald as required by law and is posted on the Hightstown Borough website.

#### Flag Salute

**Roll Call - Planning Board** 

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Minutes

- November 14, 2022 Regular Virtual Meeting
- January 9, 2023 Reorganization Meeting

#### **Public Comment**

**Old Business** 

- Affordable Housing Plan
- Downtown Redevelopment Area
- Road Improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, Clover Lane &

South Main Street

- Master Plan Reexamination

#### **New Business**

**Committee and Professional Reports** 

**Chairman and Board Member Comments** 

#### **Adjourn**



## **REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Bev Asselstine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Trenton Times and the Windsor-Hights Herald and is posted on the Borough's website. Due to Covid-19 and self-distancing protocols, this meeting was held remotely through <a href="https://www.zoom.com">www.zoom.com</a>."

#### Flag Salute, led by Mr. Balcewicz

#### Roll Call - Planning Board

|                         | PRESENT | ABSENT | LATE ARRIVAL |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Mayor Quattrone         | Х       |        |              |
| Councilman Misiura      | Х       |        |              |
| Ms. Asselstine, Chair   | Х       |        |              |
| Ms. Jackson, Vice-Chair |         | Χ      |              |
| Mr. Laudenberger        | Х       |        |              |
| Mr. Searing             | Х       |        |              |
| Ms. Watkins             | Х       |        |              |
| Mr. Balcewicz, Alt. #1  | Х       |        |              |
| Mr. Cabot, Alt. #2      |         | Χ      |              |
| Mr. Gainey              | Х       |        |              |
| Mr. Yandoli             | Х       | Х      |              |

Also in attendance: Jane Davis – Planning Board Secretary, Alexis Smith – Attorney & Brian Slaugh – Planner, Carmela Roberts – Engineer, George Chin – Zoning Official, Sanjeev Puri – Applicant, Charles Stults – Architect, Lorali Totten – Planner/Engineer, Michael Butler – Applicant's Attorney, Nichole Lvov – Noticed resident, John Newman, CPG, Pavel. Michael Herbert – Attorney (late arrival)

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to approve the Agenda with several amendments to reverse order of application hearings and replace Downtown Redevelopment Area Expansion with Stockton Street curbs & sidewalks.

Motion made by Mr. Balcewicz and seconded by Mr. Searing to approve the Agenda with revisions for the November 14, 2022 Planning Board meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Searing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot, Mr. Gainey & Mr. Yandoli. Ms. Jackson & Mr. Cabot were absent. Motion passed 9-0; 2 absences.



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#### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public, Ms. Asselstine opens & closes public comment.

#### Resolution

<u>2022-08 – Application #PB2022-03 – 220 / 220A Wilson Avenue</u> – Mr. Balcewicz, Ms. Asslestine & Mr. Laudenberger request several typographical revisions be made prior to approval. With several revisions and clarification from Mr. Herbert, Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to approve the resolution as amended.

Motion made by Mr. Misiura and seconded by Ms. Watkins.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Searing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot, Mr. Gainey & Mr. Yandoli. Ms. Jackson & Mr. Cabot were absent. Motion passed 5-0; 4 abstentions; 2 absences.

#### **Public Hearing**

<u>Application #2018-04 – Spring Point at Meadow Lakes – Extension request</u> – Ms. Asselstine introduces the application for an extension and refers to the related Resolution from the original application. The applicant cites the pandemic as a reason that the project had not moved forward within the original time frame, thus needing an extension. The extension would be granted retroactively and through 2023.Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to approve the extension.

Motion made by Mr. Laudenberger and seconded by Mr. Gainey to approve the extension request for Application 2018-04.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Searing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot, Mr. Gainey & Mr. Yandoli. Ms. Jackson & Mr. Cabot were absent. Motion passed 9-0; 2 absences.

Application #2022-05 – The Peddie School – Use Variance for 301 East Ward St – Ms. Asselstine introduces the Application and defers to Ms. Smith for jurisdiction. Mayor Quattrone & Mr. Misiura recuse themselves due to the type of application being presented to the Board. Mr. Butler briefly explains the Exhibits to be presented and introduces the Applicant's witnesses, Mr. Puri, Mr. Stults and Ms. Totten. Ms. Smith swears in all of the Applicant's testifying parties. This application is proposing a two-family home requiring a D1 type variance or Use variance. Mr. Butler introduces Mr. Puri, the Peddie School's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Puri gives a brief history of the Peddie School and describes the responsibilities of their faculty, which was the "primary driver for Peddie to buy this property at 301 East Ward Street in January 2022." The intent being that the property has two dwellings rather than one. Mr. Puri continues that it is the School's intention to "make one of the units to be ADA compliant". One of the member's of Peddie's faculty is disabled and the objective is for the unit to be accessible to them. Mr. Butler asks if one of the important goals of Peddie is to



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make one of the units ADA compliant, not only for the school but for the future? Mr. Puri confirms that that is correct. They already have an ADA compliant unit on campus, and this will provide flexibility when the need arises. Mr. Butler asks for comments from the Board. Mr. Balcewicz asks who will be living in the units? Mr. Puri responds that himself & his family will be in one unit and the Science teacher will be moving into the ADA unit should the application be approved. Mr. Balcewicz goes on to ask if the property will remain on the tax roll. Mr. Puri confirms that it will remain on the tax roll and agrees to make it a condition of approval. Mr. Slaugh asks if this will be a rental to anyone other than faculty? Mr. Puri replies that it will not be rented out or occupied by anyone other than Peddie School faculty. Mr. Slaugh asks if the School is willing to make that a condition of approval. Mr. Puri agrees to make it a condition. Ms. Watkins asks what the intention of Peddie was when purchasing the residence? Mr. Puri replies that it was purchased with the intent to have 2 faculty families occupy it. Ms. Watkins asks if students will be going to the residence? Mr. Puri states that it would only be for special occasions or events like a holiday party. Mr. Butler clarifies that the intent is not for use as student housing or teaching purposes. Ms. Watkins voices her concern was mainly for student safety as the intersection at Ward Street & Maxwell Avenue can be challenging. Ms. Asselstine addresses this concern since the Borough has an active grant application to redesign that intersection and is part of the mobility plan as part of the Borough Master Plan. Further discussion ensues.

Mr. Butler goes on to introduce Ms. Totten who testifies as the Engineer for the Applicant. Ms. Totten elaborates on her credentials and that she has previously testified in front of the Board. The Board accepts her credentials. Ms. Totten goes on to present Exhibit A-1 (Aerial display dated 11/11/22). She explains some history of the property and that surrounding properties and the lot in question are much larger than the minimum required lot size. Ms. Totten presents Exhibit A-2 (Site Display dated 11/11/22). She explains that the existing driveway on the corner of East Ward Street and Maxwell Avenue will be removed, and a new driveway will be installed. There is currently an existing single water/sewer service and a second service will be added. The landscaping will remain, lighting will be standard residential lighting. The new layout will provide the ability to install the roundabout and lot coverage will decrease. No variance for bulk requirements are required, only a use variance. She confirms that the parking will meet Borough requirements.

Mr. Balcewicz states that there is a shed within the setback line. Ms. Totten agrees that it will be moved to comply so that no variance will be required.

Mr. Slaugh asks if a Right of Way (R.O.W.) dedication will be allowed for this. Ms. Roberts explain that we have plans with a grant application in process and asks for R.O.W. dedication as part of this potential approval. Mr. Butler introduces Mr. Stults as the Applicant's Architect and gives a brief background. Mr. Stults explains the drawings and presents Exhibit A-3 (Architectural sheet A1, first floor plan). It shows the existing residential 3-bedroom unit and the new proposed 3-bedroom unit with handicapped ramp. He also presents and explains Exhibits A-4 (sheet A1.1, new garage plans), Exhibit A-5 (sheet A2 second floor), Exhibit A-6 (sheet A3, exterior elevations) & Exhibit A-7 (sheet A4, exterior elevations). Mr. Searing asks for further explanation on the water/sewer & electrical service locations. Mr. Stults explains that the water/sewer location is yet to



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be determined and the service panel may be upgraded, and Peddie maintenance would like to keep access to the maintenance room. Mr. Balcewicz inquires who will be responsible for the utility. Mr. Puri responds that the Peddie School pays for it. Mr. Balcewicz asks what type of wall is between the 2 units? Mr. Stults explains that it will be 6" studs with 2 layers of sheetrock on both sides of the fire rated wall. Mr. Balcewicz asks for a Fire department approval be listed as a condition.

Mr. Butler introduces Ms. Lorali Totten as the Applicant's planner. Ms. Totten introduces herself and presents Exhibit A-1 in support of the D1 variance. The existing building is to be converted into a 2 family "duplex". She testifies that this change promotes general welfare, removes parking in an intersection, complies with the appropriate density, has sufficient space for a residence, provides sufficient parking on site. The site itself if suited for 2 residences as the site is oversized at approximately three times bigger than required and is wider & deeper than other surrounding lots and is the only lot of this size in this particular neighborhood. She goes on to explain possible negative impacts no negligible nuisance and had no impact on the Master Plan. Ms. Totten then explains specials reasons to grant the variance; duplexes were granted on Armellino Court which is directly across from the property in question and the property has enough room for a subdivision. Ms. Totten closes with the statement that benefits in this case outweigh the detriments. Mr. Butler sites reasons to support the D variance as a, e, g, i + j as well as the fact that it will have no impact on the Master Plan.

Ms. Asselstine opens the discussion for comments. Mr. Chin, the Borough Zoning Official asks to consider a K-turn in the driveway so there is no need to back out onto East Ward Street. Ms. Asselstine agrees. Ms. Totten agrees & Mr. Butler states what there is enough room on the property. Mr. Slaugh says that the Board can consider if they want delineation with landscaping at the meeting point as it will reinforce the look of single-family residences. Ms. Totten & Mr. Butler see no reason why not to do so, so long as the windows aren't obstructed. Mr. Slaugh compliments Lorali on her testimony. He agrees with her analysis/testimony and it gives the Board plenty of things to consider.

Ms. Asselstine notes several things for the Board to take into consideration. The Board should look at the uniqueness of this property when considering this in comparison to other lots.

Mr. Laudenberger asks what will happen if Peddie sells the property?

Mr. Slaugh explains that since agreed to rent the property only to the faculty staff and any other owner would need to go before the board for additional approvals.

Ms. Watkins asks M. Slaugh to define "public benefit". Mr. Slaugh explains that it can't *only* benefit the applicant. He goes on to explain that the ADA unit is beneficial to general welfare since it is rare to find a compliant unit. Ms. Asselstine states that the mobility plan is a huge benefit of the R.O.W. dedication.

Ms. Davis shares Exhibit B-1 (Zoning comments from the Zoning Official).



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There are no additional comments from the Board Attorney, Planner or Engineer.

Mr. Laudenberger asks why Peddie couldn't keep it as a single-family home? They respond that they think it would be too large for a single-family dwelling. Mr. Slaugh explains that faculty may have difficulty finding housing.

Mr. Butler explains that it's a larger structure to allow staff to be nearby & part of the community.

There are no additional Board member comments.

Ms. Asselstine opens public comments regarding Application PB2022-05.

<u>Nichole L'Vov, 201 East Ward Street</u> — Ms. L'Vov is sworn in by Ms. Smith and comments on a lot line discrepancy discovered during the purchase of her property in the area where the applicant proposes to build a garage. She also voices concern regarding any added noise from traffic or car doors slamming due to the proximity of the new garage and asks if any plans were made to remove the existing landscaping along the property line. She continues that she would prefer to remove the existing fence all together and keep the now mature trees as a buffer.

Mr. Butler assures the resident that nothing will be built across or too close to the shared property line. He also agrees that any repairs needed to be made to the fence or otherwise would be permitted should they need to access it from the neighboring property.

Ms. L'Vov agrees and appreciates that the Peddie School will make renovations to improve the now single family/business that is existing.

Being no further comments, Ms. Asselstine closes public comment period.

Ms. Asselstine & Ms. Smith reiterate the conditions discussed to be included in the approval. The property in question will not be removed from the Borough's tax rolls; the dwelling will not be available for rent now or in the future; only faculty or staff of the Peddie School will occupy the property or the Applicant would need to reapply to the Board; the existing shed will be set to the proper setback line; the Applicant will work with the Borough on a R.O.W. dedication as a part of this project for helping facilitate the municipal aid grant application for this intersection; the Applicant will work with the Borough and the Borough Engineer to split the water and sewer lines into two separate services; the property will maintain a separate electrical service for each unit; documentation of proper approvals will be made for the fire rated separation wall between the units; the driveway will be modified to provide K-turn capability on East Ward Street; landscaping will be provided "between" units to separate the façade in two units; and allow access for repairs and maintenance to any fencing or landscaping.

Mr. Balcewicz adds that he would like to see a positive statement from the fire department regarding access to the property as well as the firewall. Mr. Butler agrees.



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Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to approve the application for a use variance converting the dwelling into a two-family residence subject to the conditions discussed.

Motion made by Mr. Balcewicz and seconded by Mr. Laudenberger to approve Application PB2022-05 with conditions.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Searing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot, Mr. Gainey & Mr. Yandoli. Mayor Quattrone & Mr. Misiura abstained; Ms. Jackson & Mr. Cabot were absent. Motion passed 9-0; 2 abstentions; 2 absences.

#### **Old Business**

Stockton Street Curb & Sidewalk Improvements – Mr. Misiura comments that he would like to see striping in all crosswalks surrounding the intersection at Stockton Street & Oak Lane. Mr. Balcewicz questions why there is no crosswalk on the West side of said intersection. Discussion ensues regarding the length of time and hours during which construction and a detour will be in effect. Mr. Balcewicz asks if a resident can opt out if you've recently replaced the sidewalk on your property. Ms. Roberts responds that residents may not opt out, there is no benefit to doing so and sidewalks must meet ADA standards. Mr. Balcewicz voices concerns with the construction cost distribution between East Windsor and Hightstown.

Affordable Housing Plan – Ms. Asselstine refers to Mr. Slaugh. He refers to and explains the Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan DRAFT. The realistic opportunity to meet our municipal obligation through inclusionary development and identifying and rezoning areas in need of redevelopment. The next step is to accept the proposed draft list or discuss other locations. Discussion ensues. Mr. Misiura confirms that this report accurately depicts what was discussed and requests more time for the members of the Board to digest the information. Mr. Slaugh explains that this is a complete draft, once accepted there would be a need for rezoning, further discussion ensues about the process and timing of a public hearing to adopt and enforce the housing element. This item will be on the December Agenda for further discussion.

#### **New Business**

#### **Committee and Professional Reports**

Nothing additional to report.



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#### **Chairman and Board Member Comments**

Ms. Asselstine discusses going back to in person meetings. There is discussion back and forth about going back in January and this topic will be discussed further at December's Planning Board Meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion made Mr. Laudenberger. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Jane Davis, Planning Board Secretary



## **REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Bev Asselstine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Trenton Times and the Windsor-Hights Herald as required by law and is posted on the Hightstown Borough website."

#### Flag Salute

#### Oath of Office

Ms. Asselstine welcomes everybody and swears Mayor Bluth into the Planning Board. Mayor Bluth. Mayor Bluth swears in all new and returning members, Mr. Musing, Mr. Montferrat, Mr. Morgan & Mr. Cabot, simultaneously.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr, Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot

Absent: Mr. Gainey

**Also in attendance**: Jane Davis, Board Secretary; Michael Herbert, Board Attorney; Carmela Roberts, Board Engineer; Elaine Clisham, Board Planner.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to approve the Agenda as revised prior to the meeting which included the removal removing an item from Old Business.

Moved by Mr. Cabot and seconded by Mr. Laudenberger.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Agenda Approved 10-0 with 1 absence.

Mr. Montferrat comments that the Agenda needs to be revised to include Nominations of Officials - Chairperson & Vice Chairperson. Ms. Asselstine concurs and the Agenda is voted on again to include Nomination of Officers.

Moved by Mr. Montferrat and seconded by Ms. Watkins.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Agenda Approved 10-0 with 1 absence.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

<u>December 12, 2022</u> – Ms. Asselstine reviews some minor revisions she & Ms. Davis discussed prior to the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Balcewicz and seconded by Ms. Watkins.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Asselstine, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mayor Bluth, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan & Mr. Musing abstained; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Minutes Approved 5-0 with 5 abstentions & 1 absence.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance, Ms. Asselstine opens & closes public comment.

#### Resolutions

The Board reviews all resolutions and

<u>2023-01 – Meeting Schedule 2023</u> – Mr. Balcewicz comments on the professional's ability to attend meetings that fall on days outside of the typical Monday schedule. There is further discussion, and no revisions are made to the Resolution.

<u>2023-05 – Planning Board Attorney</u> – Mr. Balcewicz comments that the wording of the 2023 fee schedule should match the resolution description. Discussion ensues and the revisions are noted.

Motion made to approve all reorganization resolutions (2023-01 through 2023-06) as discussed, by Mr. Laudenberger and seconded by Mr. Balcewicz.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Resolutions 10-0 with 1 absence.

#### Resolution 2023-01

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### APPROVING THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2023

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the meetings of the Planning Board for 2023 and for the first meeting in 2024 will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Hightstown Firehouse at 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, on the following dates.

#### **2023 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES**

| MONDAY | February 13  |
|--------|--------------|
| MONDAY | March 13     |
| MONDAY | April 10     |
| MONDAY | May 8        |
| MONDAY | June 12      |
| MONDAY | July 10      |
| MONDAY | August 14    |
| MONDAY | September 11 |

TUESDAY October 10

MONDAY November 13

MONDAY December 11

#### **2024 REORGANIZATION MEETING**

MONDAY January 8

All relevant documents for scheduled meetings will be made available prior to the meeting at <a href="https://www.hightstownborough.com">www.hightstownborough.com</a> and in-person by appointment only at 156 Bank Street, Hightstown.

#### Resolution 2023-02

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the *Trenton Times* and *Cranbury Press Windsor-Hights Herald* are hereby designated as the official newspapers for the year 2023.

#### Resolution 2023-03

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Planning Board Secretary for the Borough of Hightstown Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Planning Board to appoint Jane Davis to this position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Jane Davis is hereby appointed as Planning Board Secretary for the year 2023 at the rate of \$24.72 per hour.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.
- 4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2023 budget, where funds are being made available.

#### Resolution 2023-04

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for engineering services for the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, and

**WHEREAS,** Carmela Roberts, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC has served in the previous years as both the Borough Engineer and the Planning Board Engineer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board desires the continued services of Ms. Roberts for the 2023 year as the Planning Board Engineer as stated in her "Hourly Fee Schedule" previously approved by Borough Council.

**WHEREAS,** this contract is awarded as a "non-fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Carmela Roberts is hereby appointed Planning Board Engineer for the 2023 year.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.

4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2023 budget, where funds are being made available.

#### Resolution 2023-05

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES – PARKER MCCAY P.A.

WHEREAS, there exists the need for specialized legal services for the Planning Board during 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Planning Board to appoint Michael W. Herbert, Parker McCay P.A., Hamilton, New Jersey, as Planning Board Attorney for the year 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost for the proposed services shall be as stated in the "2023 Professional Services Agreement" as approved by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2023 budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is for the 2023 calendar year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS,** this contract is awarded as a "fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the Planning Board Chairman is authorized to execute and the Planning Board Secretary to attest an agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Parker McCay P.A., for professional legal services for the year 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. The Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Michael W. Herbert, Esq., Parker McCay P.A., 3840 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 200, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619.
- 2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)) as a contract for services to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution and Contract shall be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.
- 4. Notice of Adoption of this Resolution should be published in an official Borough newspaper.

#### 2023 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Legal Services - Planning Board

**THIS AGREEMENT,** made this 9th day of January 2023, by and between the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Planning Board, and Michael W. Herbert, Esq., Parker McCay P.A., 3840 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 200, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Board requires the services of an Attorney at Law of New Jersey to serve in the capacity of Planning Board Attorney; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Board has authorized the appointment of Michael W. Herbert, Esq., Parker McCay P.A., 3840 Quakerbridge Rd, Suite 200, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619, to serve as Planning Board Attorney during the Calendar Year 2023, as memorialized by adoption of Resolution 2023-05.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT HEREBY AGREED** by the Planning Board and the Attorney that the Attorney will perform legal services for the Board and the Board will compensate the Attorney for such legal services as follows:

Attorneys \$185.00 per hour
 Paralegals/Law Clerks \$100.00 per hour
 Meeting Attendance 1-hour minimum

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Board and the Attorney have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

#### Resolution 2023-06

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES -BRIAN M. SLAUGH

WHEREAS, there exists the need for specialized planning services for the Planning Board during 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of Planning Board to appoint Brian M. Slaugh, PP, AICP of the firm Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey, as Planning Board Planner for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2023 budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS,** this contract is awarded as a "non fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Brian M. Slaugh is hereby appointed Planning Board Planner for the 2023 year.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.
- 4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2023 budget, where funds are being made available.

Motion made to approve all reorganization resolutions (2023-01 through 2023-06) as discussed by Mr. Laudenberger and seconded by Mr. Balcewicz.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Resolutions 10-0 with 1 absence.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance, Ms. Asselstine opens & closes public comment.

#### **Nominate Officers**

<u>Chairperson</u> – Ms. Asselstine opens the floor to nominations for Chairperson of the Planning Board for the year of 2023.

Mr. Cabot nominates Ms. Asselstine, seconded by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Balcewicz moves to close nominations.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Ms. Asselstine abstained; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Chairperson Agenda Approved 9-0 with 1 abstention & 1 absence.

<u>Vice Chairperson</u> – Ms. Asselstine opens nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Board for the year of 2023.

Ms. Watkins nominates Mr. Laudenberger, seconded by Ms. Asselstine and closes nominations.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mayor Bluth, Ms. Asselstine; Mr. Laudenberger, Councilmember Montferrat, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Musing, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Yandoli, Mr. Balcewicz & Mr. Cabot voted yes; Mr. Laudenberger abstained; Mr. Gainey was absent.

Agenda Approved 9-0 with 1 abstention & 1 absence.

#### **Subcommittee Appointments**

Ms. Asselstine suggests forming a subcommittee for the Master Plan which is set to be reexamined in 2024 after giving an overview of the goals for the next couple of years. She also suggests that the Affordable Housing subcommittee moves to an ad hoc committee and continue to maintain an ad hoc Ordinance Committee.

**Architectural Review Committee** – John Laudenberger, Jane Davis & George Chin will continue as needed, and Mr. Gainey will be asked if he'd like to continue as a part of this committee.

Cannabis Subcommittee – John Laudenberger, Beth Watkins & Joe Balcewicz will continue.

Master Plan Subcommittee – Ms. Asselstine & Mr. Yandoli volunteer.

Mr. Balcewicz discusses last background of the previous reexaminations. Ms. Asselstine suggests that a bottoms up Master Plan Reexamination be considered due to the extended time period since the last complete reexamination and how much has changed since then. Mr. Balcewicz asks if the Board is required to do a complete reexamination in lieu of the committee writing a draft to be reviewed by the professionals. There is further discussion. Mr. Herbert explains that there isn't a requirement to start new, but just a reexamination. The Master Plan serves as a guide not a rule, but it can be used, for example, when looking at a use variance or other variance application.

**Historical Preservation Commission** – Mr. Cabot will continue. And notes that they are looking for a new Chair.

**Environmental Commission –** Mr. Laudenberger will continue.

#### **Old Business**

Affordable Housing Plan – Ms. Asselstine introduces Ms. Clisham, to discuss the Affordable housing DRAFT dated January 9, 2022. Ms. Clisham confirms that the only comments received from Ms. Asselstine have been addressed. Ms. She goes on to explain additional background of Affordable Housing, locations being rezoned and the need to annually appoint an affordable housing municipal liaison. Discussion ensues regarding the timeline for the hearing and adoption process. The goal is to have a draft of the Appendices in February, present it to Council in March and hold the hearing at the April Planning Board meeting. Mr. Balcewicz asks about the possibility of imposing Affordable housing requirements on the Rug Mill property. Mr. Laudenberger inquires if anyone is interested in looking at the existing Hightstown Housing Authority as a part of the affordable housing requirements since the 105 units would cover the entire obligation. There is discussion that no such documentation to prove that it meets the obligation exists. Ms. Asselstine thinks that it is worth investigating further for the next round of obligations.

#### **New Business**

No new business

#### **Committee and Professional Reports**

Ms. Roberts – Announces that there will be lighted pedestrian activated crosswalk signal at Stockton Street & Oak Lane and Broad Street & Franklin Street intersections.

Mr. Yandoli inquires if anything is being done about the intersection at Mercer Street & West Ward Street.

#### **Chairman and Board Member Comments**

Mr. Balcewicz comments on the Planning Boards ability to produce minutes in an efficient manner, typically at the next meeting. He also asks for supporting meeting materials documents to be forwarded to the Board in a timely manner.

There being no further business, Ms. Asselstine asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion made Councilmember Montferrat. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

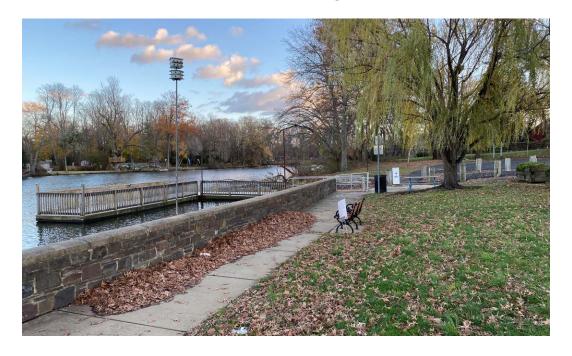
Respectively Submitted by:

Jane Davis, Planning Board Secretary

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# Preliminary Investigation of An Area in Need of Redevelopment

# Main Street Redevelopment Sub-Area 3 Expansion



Block 28, Lots 48 - 55 Hightstown Borough, Mercer County, New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Prepared by:



## First Expansion of Sub-Area 3 of the Main Street Redevelopment Area

| Block 28, Lots 48 - 55   |
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| Hightstown Borough, Mercer County, New Jersey  |
| Adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, The New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, as a Preliminary Investigation by the Planning Board on, 2023. |
| Implemented by the Borough Council by Resolution, adopted on2023.  |
| Prepared for Hightstown Borough by  Clarke Caton Hintz, P.C.   |
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#### INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Borough Council of Hightstown first directed the Planning Board on March 21, 2023 to conduct a study to determine whether the area known as Block 28, Lots 48-55, qualified as an *Area in Need of Condemnation Redevelopment*. This action was memorialized in Resolution 2023-69, adopted pursuant to the criteria established at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*, known as the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law" (LRHL). However at a later date, the Borough Council amended its directive to limit the study to only the status of non-condemnation in Resolution 2022-214, which was adopted on November 7, 2022. The two resolutions are found in Appendix A. This means that on further reflection, the Council as a whole determined that condemnation was not necessary to achieve the objectives that might be gained from a redevelopment designation of these properties in the Study Area. Legally, the power of eminent domain cannot be used in any area proposed for redevelopment via the study, otherwise known as the *Preliminary Investigation*.

Subsequent to the Borough Council resolution, the Planning Board directed the Borough Planner to undertake such a study that has resulted in this report. It provides an examination of the existing conditions of the study area, written descriptions and data analysis. The information gathered is compared to the criteria contained within the LRHL and, based on that comparison, a recommendation is made as to whether it should be formally identified as an Area in Need of Non-Condemnation Redevelopment (ANR).

The Study Area is being investigated as an expansion of Sub-Area 3 of the Main Street Redevelopment Area, which had previously been established by the Hightstown Borough Council in 2004. The Study Area is comprised of a series of lots located on the east side of Main Street (or S. Main Street) and west of Peddie Lake, directly south of the municipal parking lot at the new pedestrian bridge over the Rocky Brook at the outfall of the lake. The municipal parking lot and park are located on Block 28, Lots 56-57, comprising 0.74 acres.

The following table lists the key for the study area map on page 3, the owner's name, address of the property, block and lots, and spatial area that comprise the study area.

#### NJ LHRL: Redevelopment Process

- Borough Council directs the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether or not an identified area requires redevelopment.
- Planning Board conducts an investigation and holds a public hearing on the proposed redevelopmentarea designation.
- Based on the Planning Board's recommendation, Borough Council may designate all or some of the study area as an "area in need of redevelopment".
- The Borough Council either prepares a redevelopment plan for the area, or directs the Planning Board to prepare the plan.
- The Borough Council adopts the redevelopment plan.
- The Borough Council or other public agency / authority is designated as the "redevelopment entity" to oversee the implementation of the redevelopment plan.
- The redevelopment entity selects a redeveloper(s) to undertake a project(s) that implements the plan.

Table 1. Tax Parcels in the Study Area.

| Map<br>Key           | Owner                | Address      | Block | Lot(s)     | Acreage |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|------------|---------|
| First Baptist Church | 131-133 S. Main St.  | 28           | 48    | 0.09       |         |
|                      | 125 S. Main St.      |              | 49    | 2.05       |         |
| 2                    | TG Acquisitions, LLC | 105 Main St. | 28    | 51, 52, 53 | 1.33    |
| 3 Lakeside 101, LLC  | 101-103 Main St.     | . 0          | 54    | 0.25       |         |
|                      | 99 Main St.          | 28           | 55    | 0.13       |         |

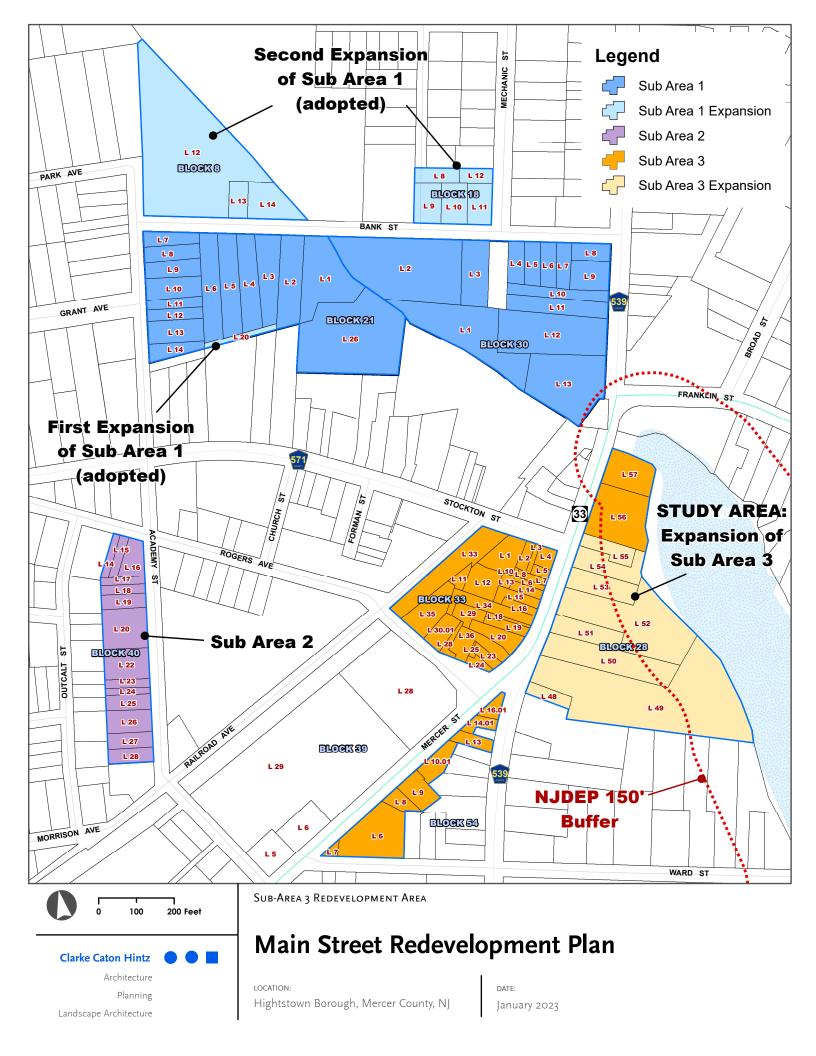
In total the expansion of the Phase III Main Street study area equals **3.85** acres.

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND PROCESS

Under the LHRL, municipalities are empowered to determine whether an area is in need of redevelopment, to adopt a redevelopment plan, and to implement and carry out redevelopment projects by following the statutorily defined process set forth in the LHRL (*see sidebar*, prior page). This process may result in the adoption of a redevelopment plan, which is a new set of development concepts, land use and potentially specific development regulations, along with the ability to offer enhanced fiscal tools that may act as incentives to prospective redevelopers. Ultimately, it is a means to lay the groundwork for redevelopment that benefits both the public and private interests.

#### STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

The Main Street Redevelopment Area established in 2004 was located in three distinction areas. Sub-Area I consisted of the land fronting on the south side of Bank Street between N. Academy and N. Main Streets. Which was later expanded to the north side of Bank Street in 2018. Sub-Area 2 was most of the west side of S. Academy Street between Rogers and Railroad Avenues. Sub-Area 3 includes the block bounded by Railroad and Rogers Avenues, Stockton Street, and Mercer/S. Main Street, as well as the aforementioned municipal parking lots on the east side of S. Main Street. Study Area is located on the south side of the existing Sub-Area 3 of the Main Street Redevelopment Area which presently consists of the municipal parking lots at the outfall of Peddie Lake. The Study Area examining the proposed redevelopment area expansion consists of the properties that make up the Tavern on the Lake eating and drinking establishment, the former Wells Fargo Bank and the First Baptist Church of Hightstown, as well as the public walkways along Peddie Lake. These sites occupy the land between Main Street and Peddie Lake and are the subject of the 2015 Vision Plan and Lakefront Improvements Amendment to the Borough's Master Plan.

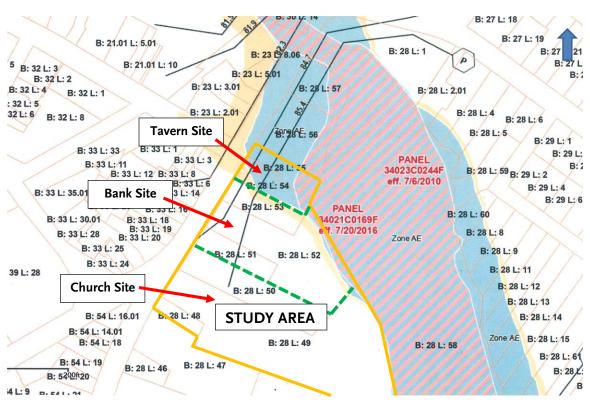


#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS**

The properties in the Study Area are affected by flood hazard areas and riparian buffers associated with Peddie Lake, which lies along its eastern edge. Additionally, a State endangered species habitat (the wood turtle) is identified along the lake and within the wooded areas adjacent to it. The First Baptist Church's property, which is mostly undeveloped along the lake front, cannot be effectively developed within 150 feet of the edge of the lake, which is the riparian buffer depth. Since Tavern on the Lake and the former Wells Fargo Bank properties have significant impervious surfaces in the riparian buffer area, permitting with NJDEP is expected to focus on reducing imperious surface areas but not to prevent the redevelopment of the property. A 150-foot wide riparian buffer line has been introduced on the Main Street Redevelopment Plan exhibit preceding this page.

Below are the flood hazard areas from the NJ GeoWeb on-line resource which depicts the Floodway as striped in blue and pink, the Flood Hazard Area (100-year flood hazard) in blue and the 500-year flood hazard in tan.

#### FLOOD HAZARD AREAS IN STUDY AREA



As can be seen, Lots 54 and 55, which comprise the Tavern on the Lake property, are almost entirely located in the 100-year flood hazard area and the rear loading area is in the more hazardous floodway zone. Conversely, only small portions of the former Wells Fargo property

and the First Baptist Church lots are affected by the flood hazard designations. These delineations are approximate and would need to be verified by site-specific surveying and calculations.

#### 2015 VISION PLAN AND LAKEFRONT IMPROVEMENTS AMENDMENT

The main purpose of the redevelopment designation is to facilitate the municipality's vision for the Peddie Lake waterfront in the core of the downtown retail area. This was articulated in the 2015 Vision Plan and Lakefront Improvements Amendment to the Master Plan and followed from the 2014 Master Amendment and Reexamination Report. The report established this goal for the Study Area:

"Preserve, protect and enhance Peddie Lake, its environs and open space corridors as valuable natural resources within the central downtown business district. Ultimately removing the parking lot from Memorial Park would be an improvement to Peddie Lake and the downtown as a whole. Businesses that abut the lake and take advantage of the wonderful view should help maintain an enjoyable environment along the lake edge for the public at large; it's in their best interest that this area remain desirable." (2014 Re-Examination Report, p. 13)

The goal is based on making the downtown a destination for people that live outside of Hightstown because the population base is too small to support the night time vibrancy desired as a policy objective. An illustrative concept plan was developed to convey these ideas in graphic form, which is depicted below:



The environmental constraints and the preliminary investigation of the conditions in the Study Area will require modification of some of the concepts originally envisioned for the redevelopment of Sub-Area 3, which will be addressed in a subsequent Redevelopment Plan.

#### REDEVELOPMENT DEFINED

Redevelopment is defined in the LHRL as:

Clearance, replanning [sic], development and redevelopment; the conservation and rehabilitation of any structure or improvement, the construction and provision for construction of residential, commercial, industrial, public or other structures and the grant or dedication of spaces as may be appropriate or necessary in the interest of the general welfare for streets, parks, playgrounds, or other public purposes, including recreational and other facilities incidental or appurtenant thereto, in accordance with a redevelopment plan.

[N.].S.A. 40A:12A-3]

## APPLICATION OF REDEVELOPMENT CRITERIA TO THE STUDY AREA

Criteria set forth in the LRHL at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 provides the basis for the determination of an Area in Need of Redevelopment. Although there are a variety of factors that could apply to particular properties in a study area, an area qualifies as being in need of redevelopment if it meets at least one of the eight statutory criteria, listed in the sidebar to the right and the following page. These criteria are identified by the letter commonly corresponding to the paragraphs of Section 5 of the LRHL. They relate to the impact of a particular area on public health, safety and welfare, primarily through conditions of deterioration, obsolescence, vacancy, title, ownership, destruction by fire or natural disaster and long-standing unimproved conditions not amenable to private sector

## Redevelopment Criteria "a" through "d" (*N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5)

- a. The generality of buildings is substandard, unsafe, unsanitary, dilapidated, or obsolescent, or possess any of such characteristics, or are so lacking in light, air, or space, as to be conducive to unwholesome living or working conditions.
- b. The discontinuance of the use of a building or buildings previously used for commercial, retail, shopping malls or plazas, office parks, manufacturing, or industrial purposes; the abandonment of such building or buildings; significant vacancies of such building or buildings for at least two consecutive years; or the same being allowed to fall into so great a state of disrepair as to be untenantable [sic].
- c. Land that is owned by the municipality, the county, a local housing authority, redevelopment agency, or redevelopment entity, or unimproved land that has remained so for a period of ten years prior to adoption of the resolution, and that by reason of its location, remoteness, lack of means of access to developed sections or portions of the municipality, or topography, or nature of the soil, is not likely to be developed through the instrumentality of private capital.
- d. Areas with buildings or improvements which, by reason of dilapidation, obsolescence, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light and sanitary facilities, excessive land coverage, deleterious land use or obsolete layout, or any combination of these or other factors, are detrimental to the safety, health, morals, or welfare of the community.

investment. The absence of any use of the land and an area's relationship to an Urban Enterprise Zone or "smart growth" regions are also addressed in the criteria.

Some lots within the Study Area exhibit conditions that meet a number of the statutory criteria as described below:

#### CRITERION "B"

Criterion "b" was amended in 2019 to address the lingering effects of the Great Recession and the growing obsolescence of shopping centers and office or industrial parks in New Jersey to lend themselves to easier repurposing for new uses. Arguably this has led to the "warehousing" of New Jersey at least in built up areas.

Block 28, Lots 51-53, which constitute the former Wells Fargo Bank property, has been vacant for more than two years. The building was originally constructed as bank in the 1920's, judging from the architecture of the front façade, and was significantly added onto in the rear sometime in the last 30 years, including the addition of drivethru lanes. However, the advent of on-line banking, direct deposit of payroll into employees' accounts, and the rise of non-bank financial companies and products has led to a much lower demand for bricks and mortar banks. Since the branch closed more than two years ago, it meets the eligibility Criterion "b".

Criterion "b" does not apply to either the First Baptist Church or to the Tavern on the Lake.

#### CRITERION "D"

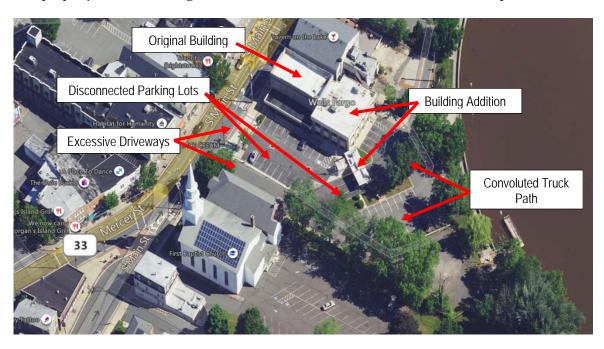
A portion of Block 28 specifically meets the "d" criterion since, "Areas with buildings or improvements which, by reason of dilapidation, obsolescence, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light and sanitary facilities, excessive land coverage, deleterious land use or obsolete layout, or any combination of these or other factors, are detrimental to the safety, health, morals, or welfare of the community."

## Redevelopment Criteria "e" through "h" (*N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-5)

- e. A growing lack or total lack of proper utilization of areas caused by the condition of the title, diverse ownership of the real properties therein or other similar conditions which impede land assemblage or discourage the undertaking of improvements, resulting in a stagnant and unproductive condition of land potentially useful and valuable for contributing to and serving the public health, safety and welfare, which condition is presumed to be having a negative social or economic impact or otherwise being detrimental to the safety, health, morals, or welfare of the surrounding area or the community in general.
- f. Areas, in excess of five contiguous acres, whereon buildings or improvements have been destroyed, consumed by fire, demolished or altered by the action of storm, fire, cyclone, tornado, earthquake or other casualty in such a way that the aggregate assessed value of the area has been materially depreciated.
- g. In any municipality in which an enterprise zone has been designated pursuant to the "New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act," P.L. 1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-60 et seq.) (subject to limited redevelopment powers)
- h. The designation of the delineated area is consistent with smart growth planning principles adopted pursuant to law or regulation.

The former Wells Fargo Bank property is a prime example of the growing obsolescence of this land use. As noted in the discussion in the section on Criterion "b", the necessity for bank branches has been lowered due to the rise of on-line banking, the development of new services from digital banking services, to new payment services, and non-bank financial transactions and financial products, including the lessened need for the use of physical cash in the economy. News reports indicated that 2,927 bank branches were closed in 2021 in the U.S. and that Wells Fargo had the largest number at 267<sup>1</sup>. In addition, projections of the number of physical bank branches indicate a steep decline to as few as 15,700 by 2030<sup>2</sup>, compared to 72,166 FIDC bank branches operating at the end of 2021<sup>3</sup>.

The property has been configured for use as a retail bank as can be seen in the photo below:



**Recent Aerial of Study Area** 

On the exterior, the layout of the parking lot has excessive lot coverage and a lack of vegetative cover immediately adjacent to a water body that harbors a threatened species, the wood turtle. The drive-thru lanes are at an approximate 45-degree angle to the main parking lot and there is no interconnection between them. It is common for customers with complex transactions or questions to be asked to stop inside the bank office itself. This arrangement would have required such customers to exit the bank property by vehicle to Main Street and then re-enter the property to the main parking lot to continue their business inside the bank. The original

(Source: Bing Maps)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>text{I}}$  -  $\frac{\text{https://www.cnbc.com/2022/oI/2I/banks-close-record-number-of-branches-in-202I-led-by-wells-fargo.html}$  accessed January 9, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> - https://thefinancialbrand.com/news/banking-branch-transformation/research-bank-branches-closed-trend-challenger-online-100762/, accessed January 9, 2023

<sup>3 -</sup> https://banks.data.fdic.gov/explore/historical, accessed January 9, 2023

design itself is faulty. While there is an opening in the curb as can be seen in the photograph below, this opening is not wide enough, nor designed for, vehicular travel. Most likely it is intended to allow for stormwater to pass through.



This picture also demonstrates the narrowness and lack of a bypass around the drive-thru facility. Bypass lanes allow for a driver to leave the facility after deciding to no longer use the drive thru, often after waiting for an extended period of Further, time. bypass could also be used to permit the delivery of supplies to the bank or to the Tavern on the Lake.

Instead, as the picture on the prior page attests, trucks must navigate several 90° degree turns through the rear parking lot to access the southern driveway to the bank property and exit the site. In general, truck traffic should not be routed through parking aisles. A different parking lot and drive thru design could have avoided these mistakes. These site layout problems add to the obsolete nature of the property and affect its potential for adaptive reuse of the building.

The site has excessive driveways and driveway widths onto S. Main Street. The main parking lot has a width of 40 feet for two-way traffic. The southern driveway, which provides access to the drive-thru area, rear parking area, and serves as the exit for delivery trucks and drivers using one of the exits from the municipal parking lot, is 29 feet. Typically, one driveway of 25 feet is required.

The building consisting of two readily discernible sections. The original bank building which appears to date from the 1920's and has a stone pilaster, cornerstone, base and pediment, with a buff colored brick infill, symmetrical and facing Main Street. While a single story space in the front, it has a two-story height, which was a common means of designing a building to look monumental and substantial, an ideal for bank buildings. The second part is an addition, which suggests it was constructed in the 1980's, mainly due to the use of smoked or colored glass, bronzed anodized aluminum storefront sash and strongly framed window openings. Inside a portion of the first floor of the original building was removed and supported by steel columns to hold a mezzanine on the second floor. It created an open office on the ground

floor past the lobby (see photographs next page). The rest of the building is a series of offices and conferences rooms, but on different levels upstairs because of the mismatch in floor heights between the original mezzanine and the addition. Accordingly, the building is not fully ADA accessible and it would be difficult from a design standard to adapt it to be so, setting aside the expense it would require.



Bank Lobby with Tennessee marble and Reduced Ceiling Height



**Columns Obstruct Pedestrian Flow** 



Kitchenette on Second Floor at Different Level than Addition Level

Lastly, the mechanical systems are located in a partial basement area that is compartmentalized. Access to the systems is down narrow stairs and the existing systems must have been hand carried and assembled piecemeal. Whether modern systems could be placed in the same area under the same scenario is an open question.

Given the design, construction and layout of the building and the site there is little remedy to these problems short of wholly renovating the entire building or replacing the facility and reconstructing the site's environs. Consequently, both the site and the building exhibit substandard and obsolete characteristics sufficient to satisfy Criterion 'd'. Reuse of the property for banking purposes, with the significant contraction in the retail portion of this economic sector seems highly unlikely and without a redevelopment designation, the ability to attract a high quality redevelopment of the site to a new use in line with the Borough's vision will be in jeopardy. The alternative is for the site to sit vacant and become a deteriorating eyesore in the core area of the downtown, which will be a significant detriment to the entire Main Street Redevelopment Area.

Criterion "d" does not apply to either the First Baptist Church or the Tavern on the Lake sites.

#### CRITERION "H"

"Smart Growth" principles are embodied in the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan adopted on March 1, 2001 by the State Planning Commission pursuant to the State Planning Act (*N.J.S.A.* 52:18A-196 *et seq.*). Hightstown Borough has been a designated town center placed within Planning Area 2. Centers have been designated by the State Planning Commission as "Smart Growth Areas". Smart Growth Areas have been codified in the lending criteria for the NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, infrastructure development by the Board of Public Utilities and in the expedited permit review allowed under the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in smart growth areas (*N.J.S.A.* 13:1D-144).

The State Plan contains policies that are related to redevelopment and this study. For example, Policy 1: Revitalize the State's Cities and Towns, recommends to, "Leverage private investments in jobs and housing." Policy 3: Promote Economic Growth, Development and Renewal for All, suggests, "Retain and expand businesses, and encourage new, environmentally sustainable businesses in Centers and areas with infrastructure." These policies can be implemented best through the redevelopment plan process.

The State Planning Commission recommends that the response to these policy objectives lies with:

Capitaliz[ing] on the opportunities for redevelopment in Centers afforded by redevelopment laws and brownfield redevelopment programs. Establish and maintain a publicly

<sup>4 -</sup> NJ State Development and Redevelopment Plan, p. 25

<sup>5 -</sup> ibid. p. 51

accessible inventory of sites recommended for redevelopment.<sup>6</sup>

The designation of this Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment is consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan's objectives.

The Office of Planning Advocacy, staff to the State Planning Commission, describes Smart Growth as follows:

Smart Growth is the term used to describe well-planned, well-managed growth that adds new homes and creates new jobs, while preserving open space, farmland, and environmental resources. Smart Growth supports livable neighborhoods with a variety of housing types, price ranges and multi-modal forms of transportation. Smart Growth is an approach to land-use planning that targets the State's resources and funding in ways that enhance the quality of life for residents in New Jersey. Smart Growth principles include mixed-use development, walkable town centers and neighborhoods, mass transit accessibility, sustainable economic and social development and preserved green space.<sup>7</sup>

Redevelopment of this Study Area as well as the existing Sub-Area provides the opportunity to further the following smart growth principles: (I) future development directed to Centers with existing infrastructure; (2), creation of livable and walkable neighborhoods with a variety of housing types and price ranges; and (3), community and stakeholder collaboration in development decision making.

The designation of the Study Area to expand the boundaries of the Main Street Sub-Area 3 demonstrates that positive outcomes can occur from its redevelopment. These parcels can contribute in important ways to the larger redevelopment potential of other areas in downtown Hightstown. Consequently, the redevelopment will further the objectives of Smart Growth development, which is supported by many policies at the state and local level.

While Criterion "h" is not by itself sufficient to designate the Study Area as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, it provides a supporting role to the LRHL definition of a "redevelopment area" or an "area in need of redevelopment". Criterion "h" applies to all of the property in the Study Area.

#### RECOMMENDATION

This report and appendices constitutes the preparation of a preliminary investigation for determining an Area in Need of Non-Condemnation Redevelopment as directed by the Borough Council of Hightstown Borough. It is the conclusion of this preliminary investigation that three of the properties within the Study Area qualify under the criteria set forth at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*, to be designated as an Area in Need of Non-Redevelopment, namely Lots 51,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> - *ibid*. p. 194

<sup>7 -</sup> www.nj.gov/dca/osg/smart/index.shtml



52 and 53 in Block 28 on the tax assessment maps of the municipality. The Study Area satisfies criteria "b", "d" and "h" for a number of qualifying reasons and its necessary inclusion in the Main Street Redevelopment: Sub-Area 3 -Redevelopment Area, in order to ensure that the Borough's goals and objectives for redevelopment may be met.

#### SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURAL STEPS

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Upon receipt of this preliminary investigation, the Planning Board is required to hold a public hearing. Notices for the hearing are required to be published in the newspaper of record in the municipality once each week for two consecutive weeks, with the last publication no sooner than 10 days from the hearing. A copy of the notice is required to be mailed to the last owner of record of each property within the proposed Redevelopment Area. The newspaper notice must be published in the official newspaper of the municipality.

## PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

Once the hearing has been completed, the Planning Board makes a recommendation to the Borough Council that the delineated area, or any part of such an area, should or should not be determined to be an Area in Need of Redevelopment. The Borough Council may then adopt a resolution determining that the delineated area, or portion, is a Redevelopment Area. Notice of such determination is then sent to each objector who has sent in a written objection and the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Community Affairs.

#### REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

If so designated by the Borough, the next action would be the addition of the parcel to the existing Bank Street Redevelopment Plan. An amendment to the Redevelopment Plan is adopted by ordinance by the Borough Council before any project is initiated. The Redevelopment Plan should be either substantially consistent with the municipal master plan or designed to effectuate the master plan.

## Redevelopment Plan: Required Elements (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.a)

- The plan's relationship to definite local objectives as to appropriate land uses, density of population, and improved traffic and public transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities and other public improvements.
- Proposed land uses and building requirements in the project area.
- Adequate provision for the temporary and permanent relocation, as necessary, of residents in the project area, including an estimate of the extent to which decent, safe and sanitary dwelling units affordable to displaced residents will be available to them in the existing local housing market.
- An identification of any property within the redevelopment area that is proposed to be acquired in accordance with the redevelopment plan.
- The relationship of the plan to the master plans of contiguous municipalities, the master plan of the county in which the municipality is located, and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.
- Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7.c., the Redevelopment Plan must also describe its relationship to pertinent municipal development regulations as defined in the "Municipal Land Use Law", *N.J.S.A.* 40:55D-1 *et seq.*



#### APPENDIX A: RESOLUTIONS 2022-069 AND 2022-214

Request for preliminary investigation to be undertaken by the Planning Board

### Resolution 2022-69

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSTITUTES AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"), municipalities may undertake studies to determine whether certain properties should be designated as an "area in need of redevelopment"; and

WHEREAS, at the February 14, 2022 meeting of the Borough's Planning Board (the "Planning Board"), the Planning Board discussed the proposed Master Plan amendment Visioning for Downtown and Lakeside Improvements and Downtown Redevelopment Area, Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Planning Board noted that there is growing interest in developing other parts of the Borough's downtown area as progress is made in the redevelopment of the Rug Mill Redevelopment Area on the western side of Main Street; and

WHEREAS, based on that discussion, the Planning Board recommended that the Borough Council consider the expansion of the previously designated Downtown Redevelopment Area, Phase 3 to include additional lots on the eastern side of Main Street and the associated Peddie Lake Shoreline, including the parcels designated as Block 28, Lots 48 through 55 on the Borough's tax maps (collectively, the "Study Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize and direct the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment set forth in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, if the Study Area is determined to meet the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment and the Borough so designates the Study Area, then the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- **Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- Section 2. The Planning Board is authorized and directed to undertake a preliminary investigation and conduct a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area meets criteria necessary for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and, if the Study Area so qualifies, to recommend whether it should be so designated.
- Section 3. In the event the governing body shall designate the Study Area as a redevelopment area, the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

**Section 4.** A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Planning Board for action consistent herewith.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on March 21, 2022.

## Resolution 2022-214

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### **AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-069**

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2022, Hightstown Borough Council adopted Resolution 2022-069 titled *Resolution of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, Authorizing and Directing the Borough Planning Board to Determine Whether Certain Property Constitutes and Area in Need of Redevelopment; and* 

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to amend Resolution 2022-069 to include non-condemnation language; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2022-069 is amended to read as follows:

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- Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Planning Board for action consistent herewith.
  - Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on November 7, 2022.

Margaret Riggio Borough Clerk



Resolution of findings by the Planning Board and recommendation to Borough Council



#### APPENDIX C: RESOLUTION 2023-\_\_\_

Resolution of the Borough Council on the recommendation of Planning Board and establishment of the redevelopment area.



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February 2, 2023

Mayor and Council Borough of Hightstown 156 Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Environmental Commission Borough of Hightstown 156 Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 Planning Board Borough of Hightstown 156 Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Complete Streets Committee Borough of Hightstown 156 Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Re: Improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive,

Clover Lane, and South Main Street

Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey

Our File No.: H1804

Dear Mayor, Council, Planning Board, Environmental Commission, and Committee:

Enclosed with this letter, please find the following:

- 1. One (1) copy of an Engineer's Estimated dated February 1, 2023.
- 2. One (1) digital copy of a plan entitled, "Overall Road Improvements Plan, Improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, Clover Lane, and South Main Street, Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey, dated February 1, 2023."
- 3. One (1) digital copy of a set of plans entitled, "Improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, Clover Lane, and South Main Street, Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey, dated February 1, 2023." The set consists of 19 sheets.
  - \* Please note hard copies of the enclosed plan set can be provided upon request.

As you know, the Borough has received NJDOT funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, Clover Lane, and South Main Street (C.R. 539). The requested grant amount was \$1,165,000.00. Additionally, water and sewer costs were anticipated to require an additional \$507,000 for a total estimated cost of \$1,672,000. As a result, Council requested that the proposed sidewalk be eliminated from Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Clover Lane in an effort to reduce costs by approximately \$170,000.

The enclosed Engineer's Estimate shows an approximate construction cost of \$1,360,753. Of the total \$1,360,753, \$951,453 is for capital improvements and \$409,300 is for water and sewer improvements. We reduced the estimated capital costs by approximately \$215,000 and further reduced water/sewer costs by approximately \$100,000 for a total cost savings of approximately \$315,000 in keeping with Council's direction.

The proposed improvements on Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive and Clover Lane include limited sidewalk improvements to deteriorated existing sidewalk, replacement of deteriorated curb, replacement of existing orangeburg sanitary laterals, replacement of a portion of water main which has had a number of recent breaks, stormwater improvements, pavement base repairs, milling and paving, and other incidentals.

Improvements to Orchard Avenue, Meadow Drive, Clover Lane, and South Main Street Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey Our File No.: H1804

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The proposed improvements at South Main Street will include curb and sidewalk in order to provide a continuous pedestrian access route to the Borough limits. The proposed curb is to be 8"x9"x18" concrete vertical curb in accordance with County requirements.

The plans will be submitted to the Mercer County Engineer and the Mercer County Soil Conservation District for review and approval prior to advertisement.

Additionally, the bid documents will be submitted to the NJDOT and NJ Infrastructure Bank for review and approval by the funding agencies prior to advertisement for bid.

We anticipate advertisement of the contract in late Summer 2023 or early Fall 2023.

Please review the enclosed plans and provide comment no later than March 15, 2023.

I am available to review with at your respective meetings if requested.

Very truly yours,

Carmela Roberts, P.E., C.M.E.

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Borough Engineer

cc: Dimitri Musing, Borough Administrator
Peggy Riggio, RMC, CMR, Borough Clerk
Ken Lewis, Borough Superintendent of Public Works
Bill Searing, Borough Superintendent of AWWTP
Chief Frank Gendron, Borough Police Department
George Lang, Borough CFO
Cameron Corini, PE, CME, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC
Kelly Pham, EIT, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC



# ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE IMPROVEMENTS TO ORCHARD AVENUE, MEADOW DRIVE, CLOVER LANE AND SOUTH MAIN STREET

SITUATED IN

#### BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Our File No.: H1804 February 1, 2023

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION   | UNITS | QUANTITY | PRICE       | TOTAL        |
|------|---|-------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | Mobilization  | LS    | 1        | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00  |
|      | Clearing Site   | LS    | 1        | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00  |
| 3    | Project Video (Non-State Participating)   | LS    | 1        | \$500.00    | \$500.00     |
| 4    | Traffic Director, Flagger   | HOUR  | 200      | \$75.00     | \$15,000.00  |
| 5    | Uniform Traffic Director (Non-State Participating)                              | HOUR  | 500      | \$140.00    | \$70,000.00  |
| 6    | Traffic Cones   | UNIT  | 25       | \$15.00     | \$375.00     |
| 7    | Drums   | UNIT  | 15       | \$25.00     | \$375.00     |
| 8    | Breakaway Barricade   | UNIT  | 9        | \$100.00    | \$900.00     |
| 9    | Construction Sign 'B' (60"x30")   | UNIT  | 3        | \$250.00    | \$750.00     |
|      | Construction Sign 'C' (72"x60")   | UNIT  | 3        | \$350.00    | \$1,050.00   |
| 11   | Tree Removal, Over 6" to 12" Diameter   | UNIT  | 3        | \$1,000.00  | \$3,000.00   |
|      | Tree Planting, 2" Cal.  | UNIT  | 10       | \$1,000.00  | \$10,000.00  |
| 13   | Inlet Filter, Type 2  | UNIT  | 18       | \$150.00    | \$2,700.00   |
| 14   | Repair of Structure, Inlet  | UNIT  | 13       | \$750.00    | \$9,750.00   |
| 15   | Manhole Frame and Cover, Storm  | UNIT  | 1        | \$750.00    | \$750.00     |
| 16   | Bicycle Safe Frame and Grate, Type B  | UNIT  | 6        | \$750.00    | \$4,500.00   |
| 17   | 8" Type 'N' Eco Curb Piece  | UNIT  | 18       | \$750.00    | \$13,500.00  |
| 18   | Trench Drain with Frame and Grate   | UNIT  | 1        | \$2,500.00  | \$2,500.00   |
| 19   | Manhole Frame and Cover, Sanitary (Non-State Participating)                     | UNIT  | 12       | \$750.00    | \$9,000.00   |
| 20   | Connect to Existing Manhole   | UNIT  | 2        | \$550.00    | \$1,100.00   |
| 21   | Concrete Encasement   | LF    | 90       | \$50.00     | \$4,500.00   |
| 22   | 8" DIP Sanitary Sewer Main  | LF    | 90       | \$200.00    | \$18,000.00  |
| 23   | 6" PVC Sanitary Lateral (Non-State Participating)                               | LF    | 1,744    | \$150.00    | \$261,600.00 |
| 24   | PVC Cleanout, Sanitary (Non-State Participating)                                | UNIT  | 68       | \$750.00    | \$51,000.00  |
| 25   | Doghouse Manhole with Frame and Cover, Sanitary Sewer (Non-State Participating) | UNIT  | 2        | \$3,500.00  | \$7,000.00   |
| 26   | Transfer Existing Water Service (Non-State Participating)                       | UNIT  | 2        | \$1,500.00  | \$3,000.00   |
|      | 6" DIP Water Main (Non-State Participating)                                     | LF    | 140      | \$150.00    | \$21,000.00  |
|      | Fire Hydrant Assembly, Complete (Non-State Participating)                       | UNIT  | 1        | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00  |
|      | 6" Cap (Non-State Participating)  | UNIT  | 4        | \$400.00    | \$1,600.00   |
|      | 6" Gate Valve (Non-State Participating)   | UNIT  | 1        | \$1,500.00  | \$1,500.00   |
|      | 6" Insertion Valve (Non-State Participating)                                    | UNIT  | 1        | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00  |
| 32   | 6"x6" Tee (Non-State Participating)   | UNIT  | 2        | \$5,000.00  | \$10,000.00  |
|      | Remove and Reset Stone Steps  | SY    | 3        | \$250.00    | \$750.00     |
|      | Remove and Reset Decorative River Stone   | SY    | 11       | \$100.00    | \$1,100.00   |
|      | Remove and Reset Brick Sidewalk   | SY    | 5        | \$100.00    | \$500.00     |
| 36   | Hot Mix Asphalt Driveway, 2" Thick  | SY    | 379      | \$100.00    | \$37,900.00  |
| 37   | Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick   | SY    | 481      | \$80.00     | \$38,480.00  |



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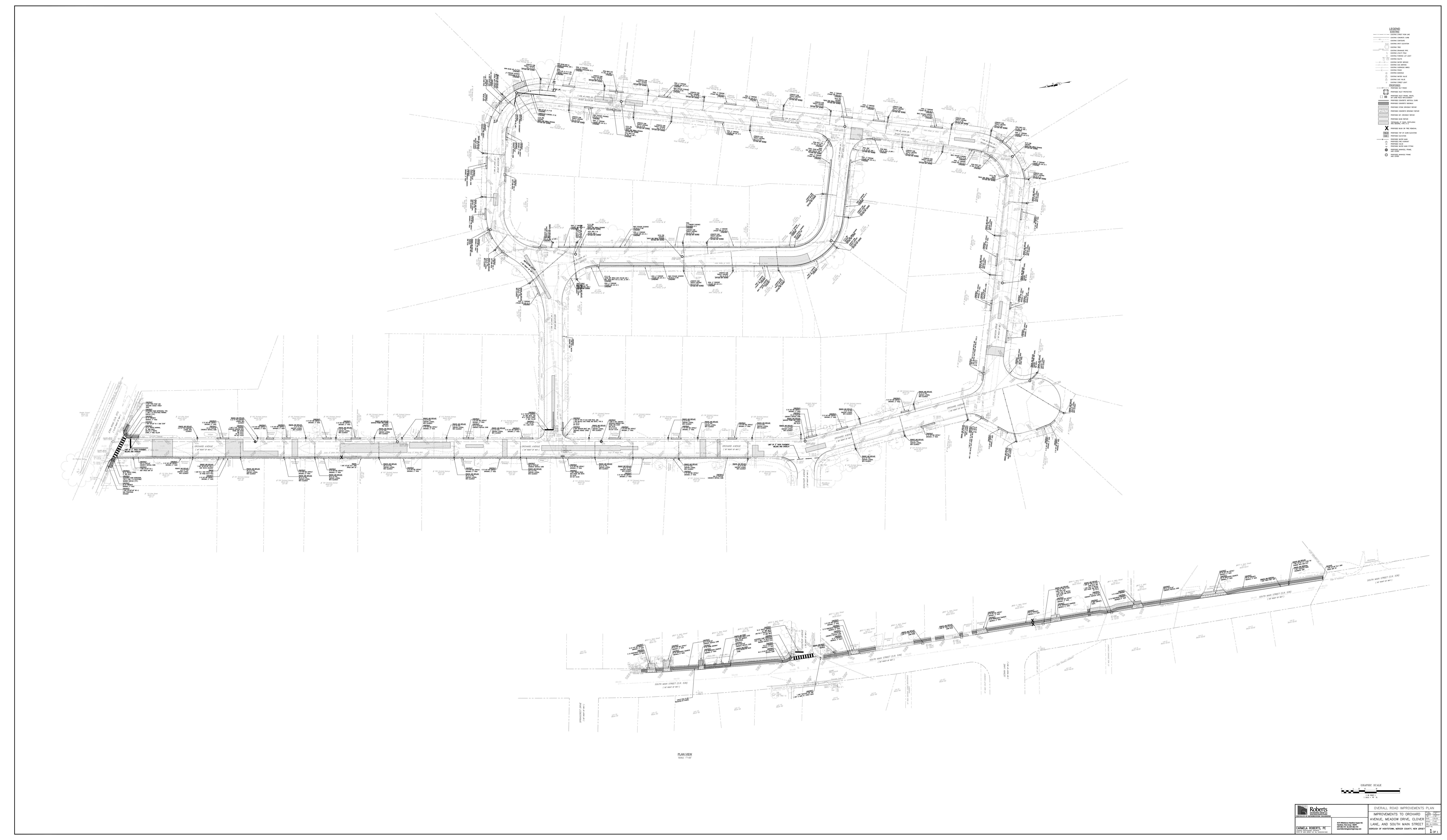
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#### BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Our File No.: H1804 February 1, 2023

| ITEM    | DESCRIPTION   | UNITS  | QUANTITY | PRICE      | TOTAL          |
|---------|---|--------|----------|------------|----------------|
| 38      | Stone Driveway  | SY     | 20       | \$80.00    | \$1,600.00     |
| 39      | Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk, 6" Thick                      | SY     | 142      | \$95.00    | \$13,490.00    |
| 40      | Detectable Warning Surface                                  | SY     | 3        | \$450.00   | \$1,350.00     |
| 41      | Concrete Steps  | UNIT   | 1        | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00     |
| 42      | 6"x8"x16" Concrete Vertical Curb                            | LF     | 3,810    | \$35.00    | \$133,350.00   |
| 43      | 8"x9"x18" Concrete Vertical Curb                            | LF     | 586      | \$40.00    | \$23,440.00    |
| 44      | HMA Milling, 3" or Less                                     | SY     | 16,615   | \$5.00     | \$83,075.00    |
| 45      | Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Surface Course, 2" Thick             | TON    | 2,515    | \$100.00   | \$251,500.00   |
| 46      | Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Leveling Course, Variable Thickness  | TON    | 400      | \$100.00   | \$40,000.00    |
| 47      | Tack Coat   | GAL    | 1,690    | \$1.00     | \$1,690.00     |
| 48      | HMA Pavement Repair   | SY     | 1,595    | \$50.00    | \$79,750.00    |
| 49      | Dense Graded Aggregate, If & Where Directed                 | CY     | 50       | \$25.00    | \$1,250.00     |
| 50      | 1 1/2" Clean Stone, If & Where Directed                     | CY     | 50       | \$25.00    | \$1,250.00     |
| 51      | Regulatory Sign, R1-1 'Stop', 30"x30"                       | UNIT   | 4        | \$350.00   | \$1,400.00     |
| 52      | Regulatory Sign, R2-1 'Speed Limit', 24"x30"                | UNIT   | 1        | \$350.00   | \$350.00       |
| 53      | Regulatory Sign, R7-3 'No Parking', 30"X24", with Sign Post | UNIT   | 1        | \$350.00   | \$350.00       |
| 54      | Warning Sign, W15-2 'Watch Children', 36"x36"x36"           | UNIT   | 2        | \$350.00   | \$700.00       |
| 55      | Street Sign   | UNIT   | 12       | \$350.00   | \$4,200.00     |
| 56      | Traffic Marking, 24" Wide White                             | LF     | 195      | \$20.00    | \$3,900.00     |
| 57      | Traffic Marking, 8" Wide White                              | LF     | 164      | \$7.00     | \$1,148.00     |
| 58      | Traffic Marking, 4" Wide Yellow                             | LF     | 120      | \$5.00     | \$600.00       |
| 59      | Fertilizing and Seeding, Type A-3                           | SY     | 1,020    | \$4.00     | \$4,080.00     |
| 60      | Topsoiling, 5" Thick  | SY     | 1,020    | \$5.00     | \$5,100.00     |
| 61      | Fuel Price Adjustment                                       | DOLLAR | 5,000    | \$1.00     | \$5,000.00     |
| 62      | Asphalt Price Adjustment                                    | DOLLAR | 7,500    | \$1.00     | \$7,500.00     |
| 63      | Allowance   | DOLLAR | 20,000   | \$1.00     | \$20,000.00    |
|         |   |        |          |            |                |
| TOTAL I | ESTIMATED COST  |        |          |            | \$1,360,753.00 |

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| EM NO.        | DESCRIPTION  | UNITS  | CONTRACT QUANTITY | PLAN<br>SHEET<br>TOTALS | IF AND<br>WHERE<br>DIRECTED | S<br>H<br>E | Q U A N T I T I E S | S<br>H<br>E<br>T | Q U A N T I T I E S | S H E E T | Q U A N T I T I E S | S<br>H<br>E<br>E | Q<br>U<br>A<br>N<br>T<br>I<br>T<br>I<br>E<br>S | S<br>H<br>E<br>T | Q U A N T I T I E S | S<br>H<br>E<br>E | Q<br>U<br>A<br>N<br>T<br>I<br>T<br>I<br>E<br>S | S<br>H<br>E | Q U A N T I T I E S | S<br>H<br>E<br>E | Q U A N T I T I E S | S<br>H<br>E | Q<br>U<br>A<br>N<br>T<br>I<br>T<br>I<br>E<br>S | S<br>H<br>E<br>T | Q<br>U<br>A<br>N<br>T<br>I<br>T<br>I<br>E<br>S | S H E E T |
|---------------|--|--------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|------------------|--|-----------|
| 1 1           | Mobilization   | LS     | 1                 | 0                       | 1                           |             | -                   |                  | 3                   |           | 9                   |                  | -  |                  | -                   |                  | -  |             | -                   |                  |                     |             | -  |                  | -  |           |
| 2 (           | Dlearing Site  | LS     | 1                 | 0                       | 1                           |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  | - 1                 |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  | 1         |
| 3 1           | Project Video  | LS     | 1                 | 0                       | 1                           |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  | -1               |                     |                  |  | - [         |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 4             | Traffic Director, Flagger  | HOUR   | 200               | 0                       | 200                         |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Uniform Traffic Director   | HOUR   | 500               | 0                       | 500                         |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| -             | Traffic Cones  | UNIT   | 25                | 0                       | 25                          |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     | _                |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Drums  | UNIT   | 15                | 0                       | 15                          |             | _                   |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  | -                |                     |                  |  |             | _                   | _                | _                   |             |  | -                |  |           |
| _             | Breakaway Barricade  | UNIT   | 9                 | 9                       |                             | 2           |                     | -                |                     | -         |                     | -                | -  |                  |                     | - 1              | _  |             |                     | $\rightarrow$    |                     | -           |  | -                |  |           |
| _             | Construction Sign 'B' (60"x30")  | UNIT   | 3                 | 3                       |                             | 2           |                     | -                |                     | -         |                     | -                | -  | -                |                     | -                | -  | !           | _                   | -                |                     | -           | _  | - 1              |  |           |
| _             | Construction Sign 'C' (72"x60")  | UNIT   | 3                 | 3                       |                             | 4           |                     | 14               | 2                   |           |                     | -                | -  | -                |                     | -                |  | - 1         |                     | -                |                     |             | _  | - 1              |  | -         |
| -             | Tree Removal, Over 6" to 12" Diameter Tree Planting, 2" Cal.   | UNIT   | 10                | 0                       | 10                          | 1           |                     | 14               | - 2                 |           |                     | -                |  | -                |                     | -                |  |             |                     | $\rightarrow$    | -                   | H           | $\rightarrow$                                  | -                | $\rightarrow$                                  |           |
| _             | nlet Filter, Type 2  | UNIT   | 18                | 18                      | 20                          | 5           | 2                   | 7                | 2                   | 8         | 4                   | 9                | 2  | 10               | 3                   | 11               | 1  | 13          | 2                   | 14               | 2                   |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Repair of Structure, Inlet   | UNIT   | 13                | 0                       | 13                          | -           |                     | -1               | -                   | -         |                     |                  | -  | 10               | -                   | 11               | _  | 10          | -                   | 14               |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Manhole Frame and Cover, Storm   | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 8           | 1                   |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  | 1         |
| 6             | Bicycle Safe Frame and Grate, Type B   | UNIT   | 6                 | 6                       |                             | 5           | 1                   | 7                | 2                   | 13        | 1                   | 14               | 2  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 7 8           | 8" Type 'N' Eco Curb Piece   | UNIT   | 18                | 18                      |                             | 5           | 1                   | 7                | 2                   | 8         | 4                   | 9                | 2  | 10               | 3                   | 13               | 2  | 14          | - 4                 |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 8 1           | Trench Drain with Frame and Grate  | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 5           | 1                   |                  |                     | -         |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 9 1           | Manhole Frame and Cover, Sanitary  | UNIT   | 12                | 12                      |                             | 5           | 1                   | 6                | 1                   | 7         | 2                   | 8                | 2  | 9                | 2                   | 10               | 1  | 12          | 1                   | 13               | 2                   |             |  |                  |  |           |
| $\overline{}$ | Connect to Existing Manhole  | UNIT   | 2                 | 2                       |                             | 9           | 2                   | -                |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Concrete Encasement  | LF     | 90                | 90                      |                             | 9           |                     | 10               | 25                  |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     | _                |  |             |                     | _                |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | B" DIP Sanitary Sewer Main   | LF     | 90                | 90                      |                             | 9           | 65                  | -                | 25                  |           |                     | -                |  |                  |                     | _                |  |             |                     |                  |                     | -           |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | 5" PVC Sanitary Lateral  | LF     | 1,744             | 1,744                   |                             | 4           |                     | 5                | 171                 | 6         | 188                 | 7                | _  | 8                | 213                 | 9                |  | 10          | _                   | 11               | _                   | 12          |  | 13               | 101  |           |
| _             | PVC Cleanout, Sanitary Doghouse Manhole with Frame and Cover, Sanitary Sewer                             | UNIT   | 2                 | 2                       |                             | 4           | 8                   | _                | 10                  | 0         | 10                  | - /              | 8  | 8                | 0                   | 9                | 0  | 10          | 4                   | 1.1              | 4                   | 12          | 4  | 13               | 4  |           |
| -             | Transfer Existing Water Service  | UNIT   | 2                 | 2                       |                             | 9           | 1                   | -                | 1                   | -         |                     | 1                |  |                  |                     | - 1              |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | 6" DIP Water Main  | LF     | 140               | 140                     |                             | 9           |                     | 10               | 65                  |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Fire Hydrant Assembly, Complete  | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 9           | 1                   | -                |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  | 1                |  |           |
| _             | 6" Cap   | UNIT   | 4                 | 4                       |                             | 9           | 2                   | 10               | 2                   |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 30            | 8" Gate Valve  | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       | 1                           | 10          | 1                   |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| 31 (          | 3" Insertion Valve   | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 9           | 1                   |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  | 1           |                     | - 1              |                     |             |  |                  |  | -         |
| 32            | 6"x6" Tee  | UNIT   | 2                 | 2                       |                             | 9           | 1                   | 10               | 1                   |           |                     | -                |  |                  | - 1                 |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             | - 1  |                  |  | -         |
| 33            | Remove and Reset Stone Steps   | SY     | 3                 | 3                       |                             | 14          | 3                   |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Remove and Reset Decorative River Stone  | SY     | 11                | 11                      |                             | 14          | 11                  |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Remove and Reset Brick Sidewalk  | SY     | 5                 | 5                       |                             | 14          | 5                   | -                |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | Hot Mix Asphalt Driveway, 2" Thick   | SY     | 379               | 379                     |                             | 4           | _                   | -                | 46                  | -         | 32                  | 7                | 36   | - 8              | 39                  | 9                | 23   | 10          | 21                  | 12               | 20                  | 13          | 42   | 14               | 58   | 15        |
| -             | Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick  | SY     | 481               | 481                     |                             | 4           |                     | 14               | 302                 | 15        | 135                 | -                | -  | +                | -                   | -                |  |             |                     | $\rightarrow$    |                     |             |  | - 1              |  |           |
| _             | Stone Driveway   | SY     | 20                | 20<br>142               | -                           | 14          | 20                  | _                | 5                   | 12        | 5                   | 14               | 96   | 15               | 22                  | -                |  |             | _                   | $\rightarrow$    |                     |             | -  | -                | $\rightarrow$                                  |           |
| _             | Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk, 6" Thick<br>Detectable Warning Surface                                     | SY     | 142<br>3          | 3                       |                             | 4           |                     | 10               | 1                   | 13        | . 5                 | 14               | 85   | 15               | 22                  | -                |  |             |                     | $\rightarrow$    |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| -             | Concrete Steps   | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 14          | 1                   | -                | -                   |           | _                   |                  |  | 1                |                     |                  |  |             | _                   | $\exists$        | _                   |             |  |                  |  |           |
| _             | 6"x8"x16" Concrete Vertical Curb   | LF     | 3,810             | 3,810                   |                             |             |                     |                  | 670                 | 6         | 310                 | 7                | 220  | 8                | 225                 | 9                | 220  | 10          | 185                 | 12               | 645                 | 13          | 655  | 14               | 100  |           |
| _             | 8"x9"x18" Concrete Vertical Curb   | LF     | 586               | 586                     |                             | _           | 250                 |                  |                     |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
|               | HMA Milling, 3" or Less  | SY     | 16,615            | 16,615                  |                             |             | 1,575               |                  |                     |           | 1.820               | 7                | 2,855  | 8                | 1.760               | 9                | 1,670  | 10          | 1,120               | 11               | 1,490               | 12          | 1,215  | 13               | 1,225  |           |
| $\overline{}$ | Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Surface Course, 2" Thick  | TON    | 2,515             | 2,515                   |                             |             | 240                 |                  |                     |           | 275                 |                  | 430  |                  | 265                 |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             | 185  |                  |  |           |
| 6             | Hot Mix Asphalt 9.5M64 Leveling Course, Variable Thickness   | TON    | 400               | 400                     |                             | 4           | 40                  | 5                | 45                  | 6         | 45                  | 7                | 65   | 8                | 40                  | 9                | 40   | 10          | 30                  | 11               | 35                  | 12          | 30   | 13               | 30   |           |
| 7             | Tack Coat  | GAL    | 1,690             | 1,690                   |                             | 4           | 160                 |                  | 190                 |           | 185                 | 7                | 290  |                  | 180                 |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             | 125  |                  |  |           |
| _             | HMA Pavement Repair  | SY     | 1,595             | 1,595                   |                             | 4           | 435                 | 5                | 440                 | 6         | 130                 | 7                | 75   | 8                | 80                  | 9                | 75   | 10          | 20                  | 11               | 110                 | 12          | 160  | 13               | 70   |           |
|               | Dense Graded Aggregate, If & Where Directed  | CY     | 50                | 0                       | 50                          |             |                     |                  |                     |           |                     | - 1              | _  | _                |                     | -1               |  |             |                     | _                |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
| -             | 1.1/2" Clean Stone, If & Where Directed  | CY     | 50                | 0                       | 50                          |             |                     | -                | - 4                 |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     | - 1              |  |             |                     | _                |                     |             |  | - 1              |  |           |
| _             | Regulatory Sign, R1-1 'Stop', 30"x30"  | UNIT   | 4                 | 4                       |                             | 4           |                     | 5                | 1                   | 8         | 1                   | 13               | 1  | - 1              |                     | -                |  | -           |                     | _                |                     | H           |  | -                |  |           |
|               | Regulatory Sign, R2-1 'Speed Limit', 24"x30" Regulatory Sign, R7-3 'No Parking', 30"X24", with Sign Post | UNIT   | 1                 | 1                       |                             | 15          |                     | -                |                     | -         |                     | -                |  | - 1              |                     | -                |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  | -                |  |           |
| -             | Warning Sign, W15-2 Watch Children', 36"x36"x36"   | UNIT   | 2                 | 2                       |                             | 4           |                     | 11               | 1                   |           |                     |                  | -  | -                |                     | -                |  |             |                     | $\rightarrow$    |                     |             |  | - 1              |  |           |
| _             | Street Sign  | UNIT   | 12                | 12                      |                             | 4           | _                   | 5                | 2                   | -         | 2                   | 8                | 2  | 13               | 2                   | 14               | 2  |             |                     | -                | _                   |             |  | 1                |  | 1         |
| _             | Fraffic Marking, 24" Wide White  | LF     | 195               | 195                     |                             | -           | 110                 | _                |                     | 14        |                     | _                |  |                  | - 2                 | -7               | - 2  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  | $\Box$           |  |           |
|               | Fraffic Marking, 8" Wide White   | LF     | 164               | 164                     |                             | 4           |                     | 14               | 80                  |           |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     | T                |                     |             | $\neg$   |                  |  |           |
| -             | Traffic Marking, 4" Wide Yellow  | LF     | 120               | 120                     |                             | 4           |                     | _                |                     | -         |                     |                  |  |                  |                     |                  |  |             |                     |                  |                     |             |  |                  |  |           |
|               | Fertilizing and Seeding, Type A-3  | SY     | 1,020             | 1,020                   |                             | -           | 120                 | _                |                     | _         | 55                  | 7                | 25   | 8                | 25                  | 9                | 25   | 10          | 25                  | 12               | 120                 | 13          | 110  | 14               | 275  | 15        |
| _             | Topsoiling, 5" Thick   | SY     | 1,020             | 1,020                   |                             |             | 120                 |                  | 105                 | _         |                     | -                | _  |                  |                     | 9                |  | 10          |                     |                  |                     |             | 110  |                  |  |           |
| -             |  |        |                   |                         |                             |             | _                   |                  | _                   |           |                     | 1                | -  | -                |                     | -                |  | -           |                     | -                | _                   |             |  | 4                | -  |           |
| _             | Fuel Price Adjustment  | DOLLAR | 5,000             | 0                       | 5,000                       | 1           |                     |                  |                     |           |                     | - 1              |  |                  |                     | - 1              |  | į           |                     |                  |                     |             |  | 1                |  | _         |

# EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIF MERCER COUNTY ORCHARD AVENUE -EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP MERCER COUNTY MEADOW DRIVE EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP MERCER COUNTY SOUTH MAIN STREE **CLOVER LANE**

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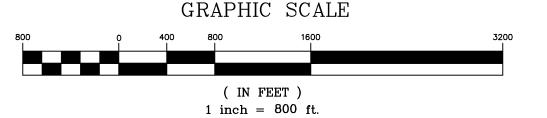
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EXCEPT FOR THOSE DETAILS CONTAINED HEREIN.

**KEY MAP** SCALE 1"=800'



PROJECT LENGTH (ORCHARD AVENUE) = 1,850 LF PROJECT LENGTH (MEADOW DRIVE) = 1,575 LF PROJECT LENGTH (CLOVER LANE) = 675 LF PROJECT LENGTH (SOUTH MAIN STREET) = 1,900 LF

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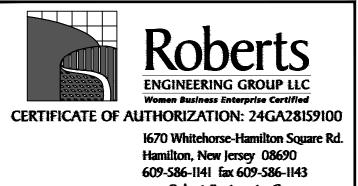
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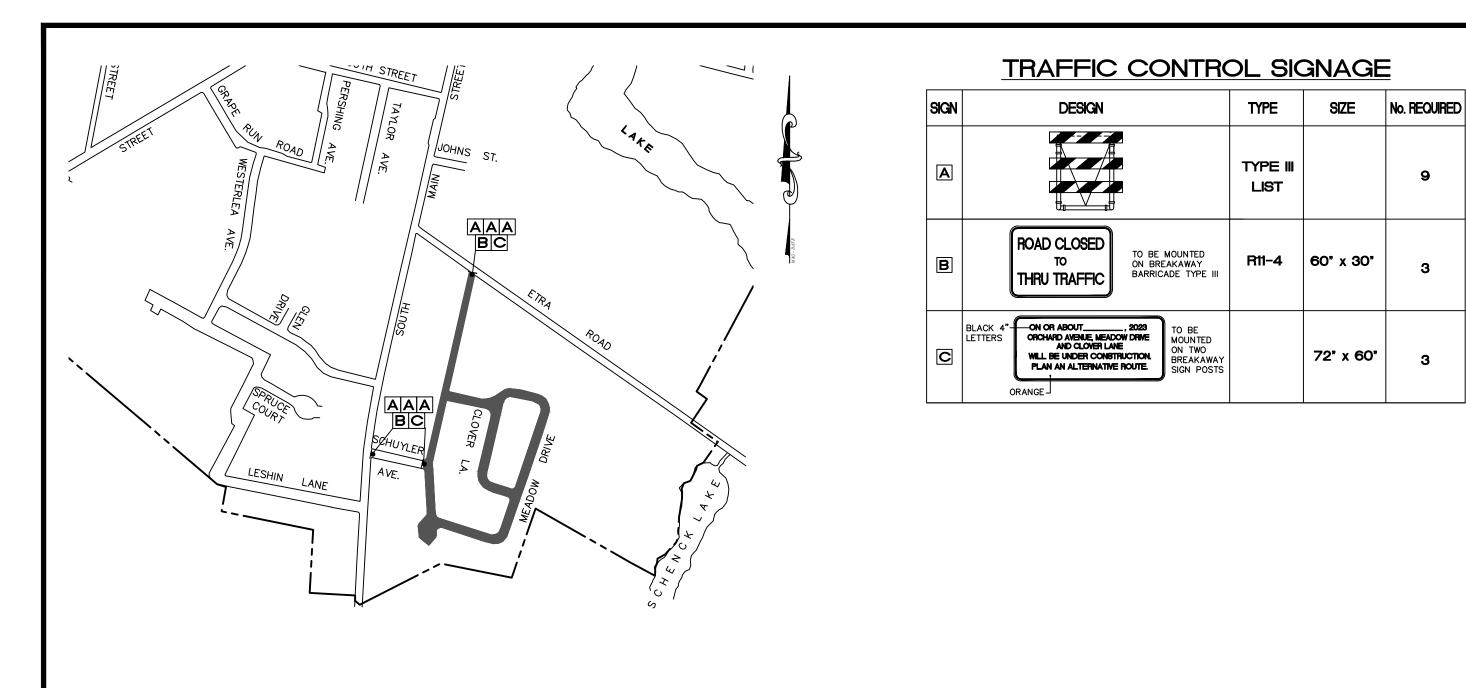
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20'

W1-6, 48"x 24" (3)

100' min.

BUFFER VARIES

\* NOTE: THIS SIGN SHALL BE INSTALLED FOR ROADS WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 45 M.P.H. OR GREATER UNLESS

2 LANES, UNDIVIDED LANE SHIFT

OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE RESIDENT

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

2,640'

ROAD WORK 1 MILE

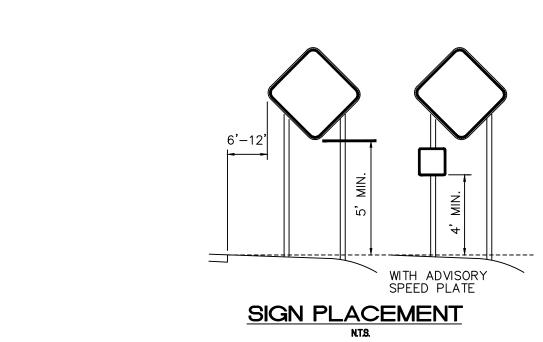
48" x 48"

1,140'

500'

48" x 48"

500'



TYPE III BARRICADE - FRONT VIEW

1. ENSURE THE 8" MIN. x 48", TO 12" MAX. x 48" BARRICADE RAILS TO BE

ATTACHED ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION. 2. ENSURE ORANGE AND SILVER (WHITE) STRIPES TO BE RETROREFLECTIVE

SHEETING, ASTM D4956 TYPE III. ALTERNATE ORANGE AND SILVER (WHITE) STRIPES 6" WIDE SLOPING DOWNWARD AT AN ANGLE OF

THE FRAMING, RAILS, AND BALLAST FOR BREAKAWAY BARRICADE TO BE NCHRP-350 CRASHED TESTED AND FHWA APPROVED.

45 DEGREES IN THE DIRECTION TRAFFIC IS TO PASS.

**BREAKAWAY BARRICADES** 

N.T.S.

4. IF NECESSARY, FABRICATE THE BALLAST AND PLACE ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.

#### **CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE**

- 1. INSTALL ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
- 2. INSTALL SIGNS, DRUMS, CONES AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.
- 3. CONTRACTOR TO HAVE THE NECESSARY TRAINED FLAGGERS ON SITE AT ALL TIMES. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FLAGGER CERTIFICATIONS AT LEAST

TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.

- 4. POLICE AND THE ENGINEER TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL LAYOUT PRIOR TO THE START OF WORK.
- 5. ALL WORKERS TO HAVE SAFETY VESTS AND FOLLOW SAFETY PROCEDURES AT ALL TIMES PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION.
- 6. LANE CLOSURE AND LANE SHIFTS ARE TO BE UTILIZED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ENGINEER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. LANE CLOSURE AND LANE SHIFTS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDOT REQUIREMENTS. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE CERTIFIED TRAFFIC FLAGGERS.
- 7. ONLY ONE DETOUR MAY BE IN PLACE AT ANY ONE TIME.
- 8. CONSTRUCTION WITH STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL UTILIZE UNIFORMED TRAFFIC DIRECTORS AS WELL AS LANE SHIFTS WITH CERTIFIED FLAGGERS.

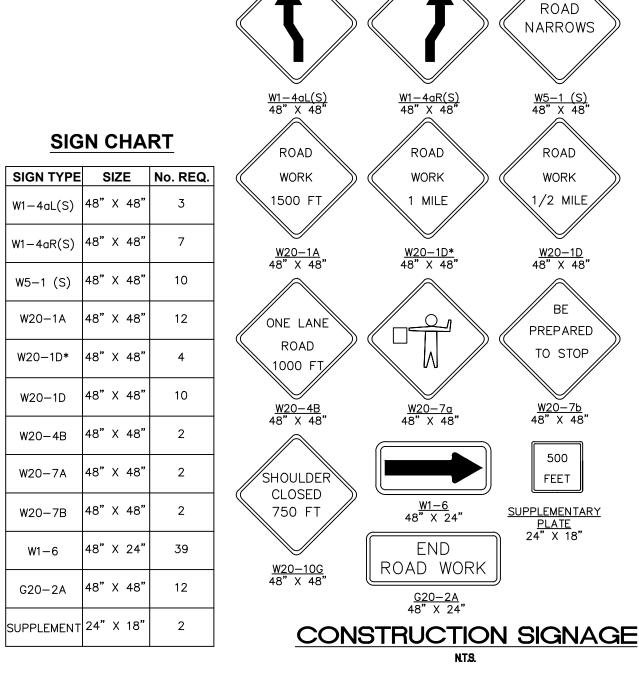
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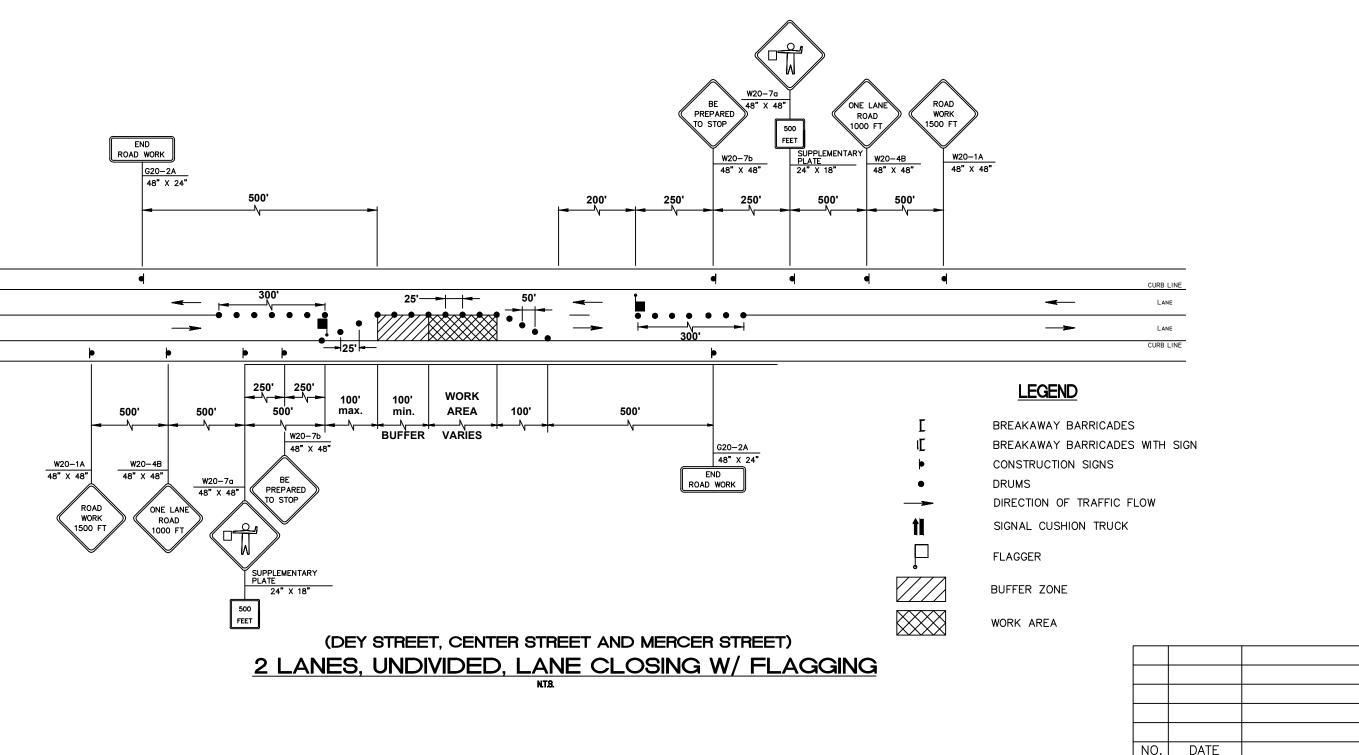
- 1. MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.
- 2. HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH TAX MAPS

#### **GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO INSPECT ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS EACH DAY TO ASSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY LOCATED AND FUNCTIONING.
- 2. ADDITIONAL BARRICADES AND SIGNS MAY BE REQUIRED AND SHALL BE PROVIDED AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER OR POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 3. ALL SIGNS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF ALUMINUM WITH HIGH INTENSITY REFLECTIVE COATINGS AND CONFORM TO THE CURRENT EDITION OF "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES".
- 4. ALL SIGN POSTS SHALL BE BREAKAWAY.
- 5. THIS PLAN IS NOT VALID UNLESS EMBOSSED WITH THE SEAL OF THE UNDERSIGNED PROFESSIONAL(S).
- 6. LANE CLOSING OR LANE SHIFTS PROCEDURES ARE TO BE UTILIZED ON ALL ROADS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ENGINEER. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED TRAFFIC FLAGGERS. TRAFFIC TO BE DETOURED FOR ALL MILLING AND PAVING OPERATIONS.
- 7. DETOURS ARE TO BE UTILIZED AS SHOWN IN THE BID DOCUMENTS.
- 8. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN AND AROUND THE CONSTRUCTION AREAS, AND FOR THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND PERSONS. ADEQUATE BARRIERS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EXERCISE CONTROL OF SAFE INGRESS AND EGRESS AT ALL ROADWAY INTERSECTIONS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BARRICADE ALL UNSAFE OR INJURIOUS CONDITIONS.
- 9. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE FREE AND SAFE PASSAGE OF PERSONS AROUND THE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION. ALL OPERATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED SO AS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO ADJACENT BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND OTHER FACILITIES, AS WELL AS INJURY TO PERSONS, BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND WORKER ALIKE.
- 10. ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY TO BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.
- 11. CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL), WASTE DISPOSAL PICKUP, AND SCHOOL BUSSING TO ENSURE NO LOSS OF SERVICE.
- 12. ALL ROADS WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA SHALL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5:00PM AND 8:00AM







W1-6, 48"x 24" (3)

W1-4aR(S)

500'

48" x 24"

END ROAD WORK

48" x 48"

500'

48" x 48"

1,140'

48" x 48"

500'

246'

225'

82' 82'

82'

W20-1D

W20-1D\*

CURB LINE

LANE

\_\_\_\_\_ LANE

TRAFFIC CONES SHALL BE PREDOMINANTLY ORANGE IN COLOR.

→ 3" TO 4" SPACE FOR HANDLING

SHEETING. TYPE II

-PLASTIC OR RUBBER.

MIN. WEIGHT 7 LBS.

-- 7−1/2" MIN. OD

BASES MAY BE OF BREAKAWAY BALLASTED TYPE.

UPON APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER.

REVISIONS

MINOR MANUFACTURER'S VARIATIONS MAY BE ACCEPTABLE

TRAFFIC CONES

SHEETING. `TYPE'II OR TYPE V

- 1-3/4" MIN. OD

48" x 48"

2,640'

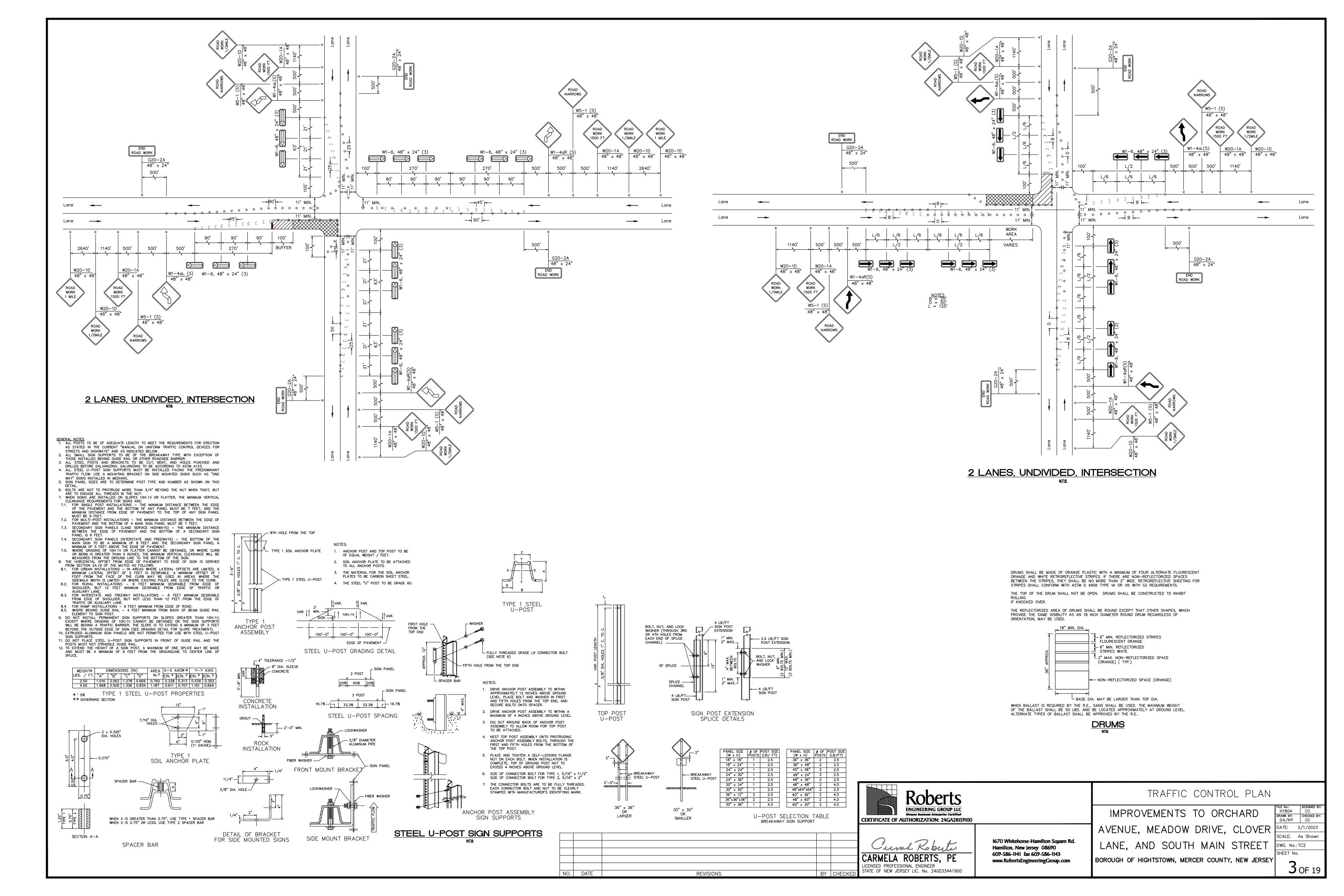
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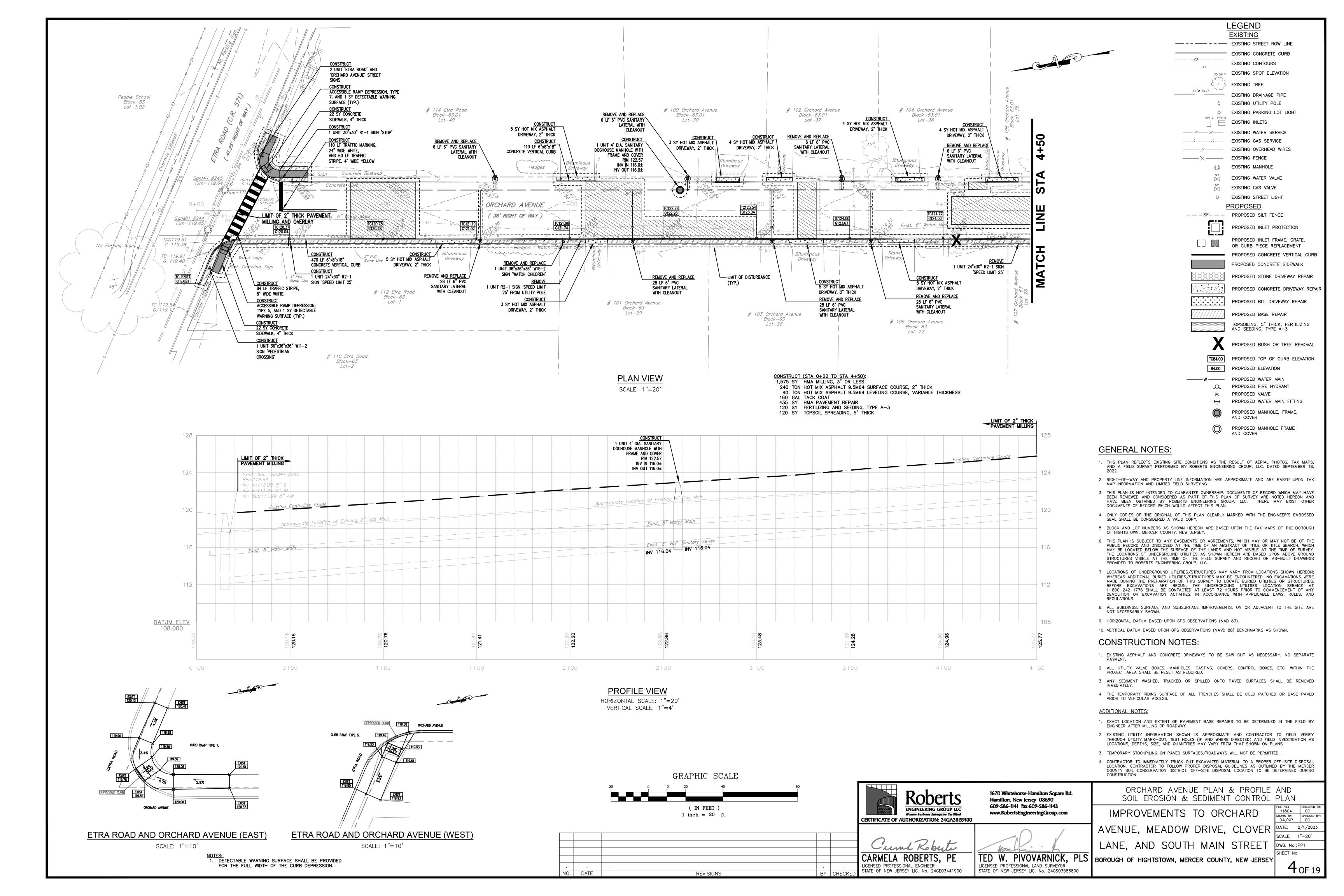
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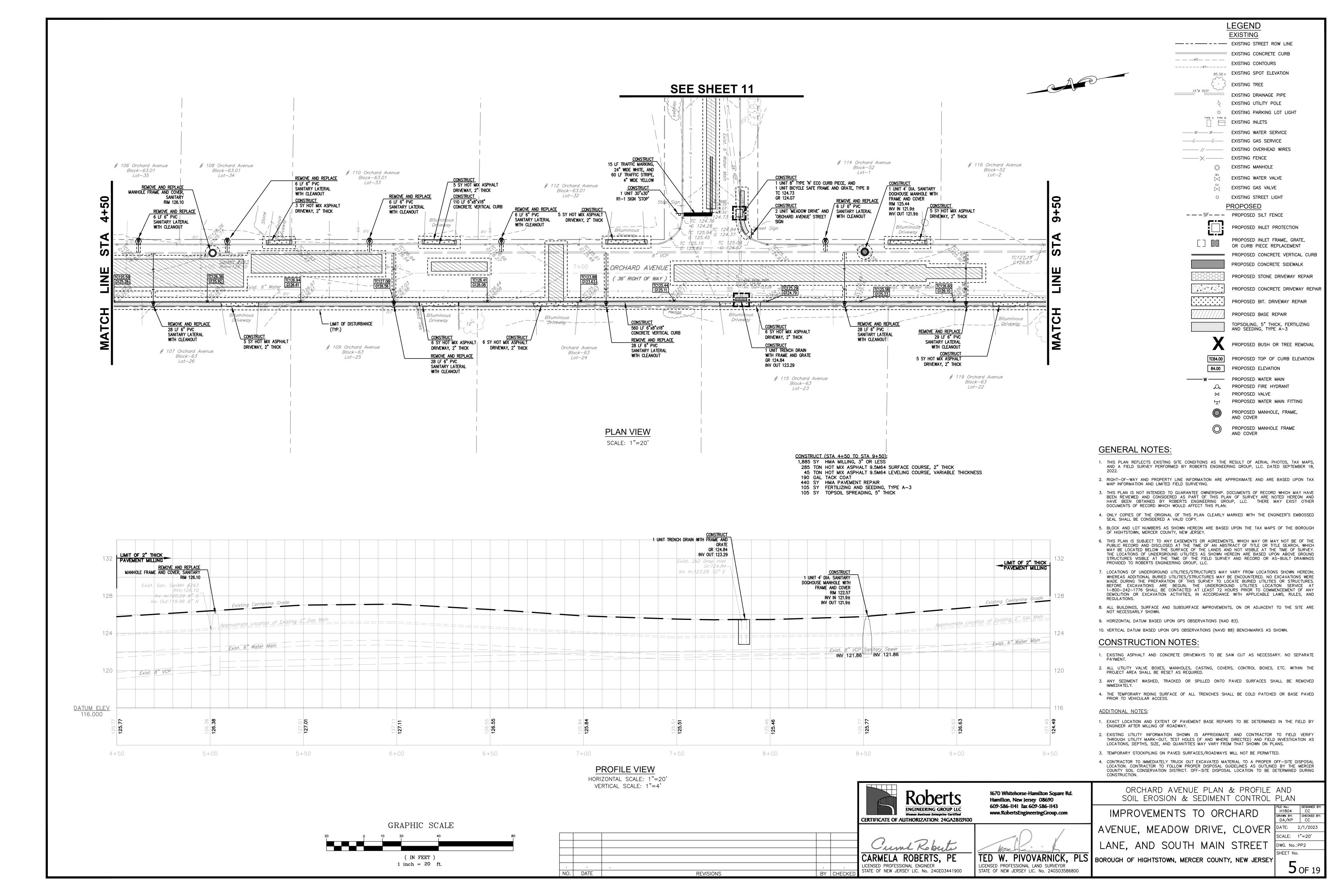
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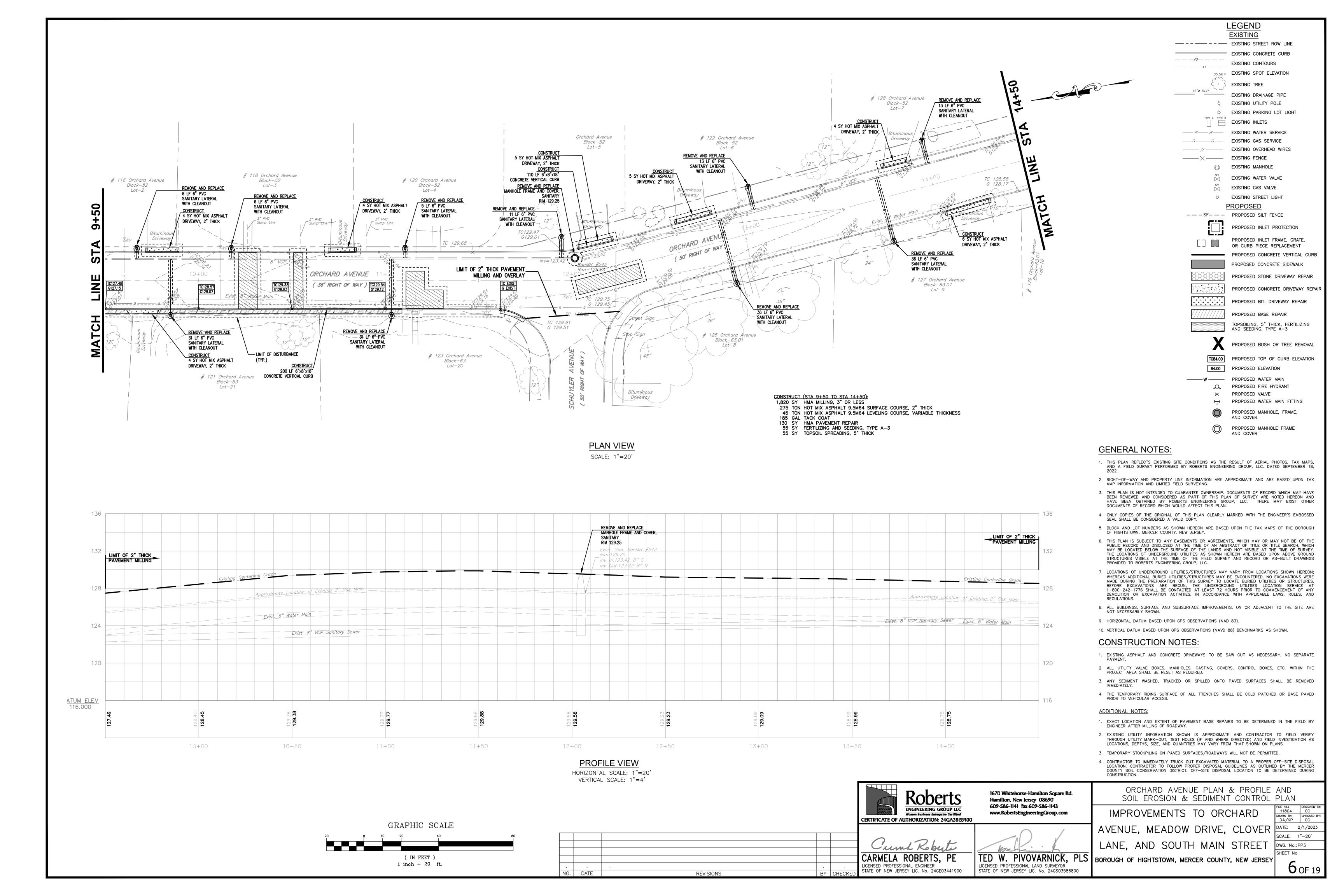
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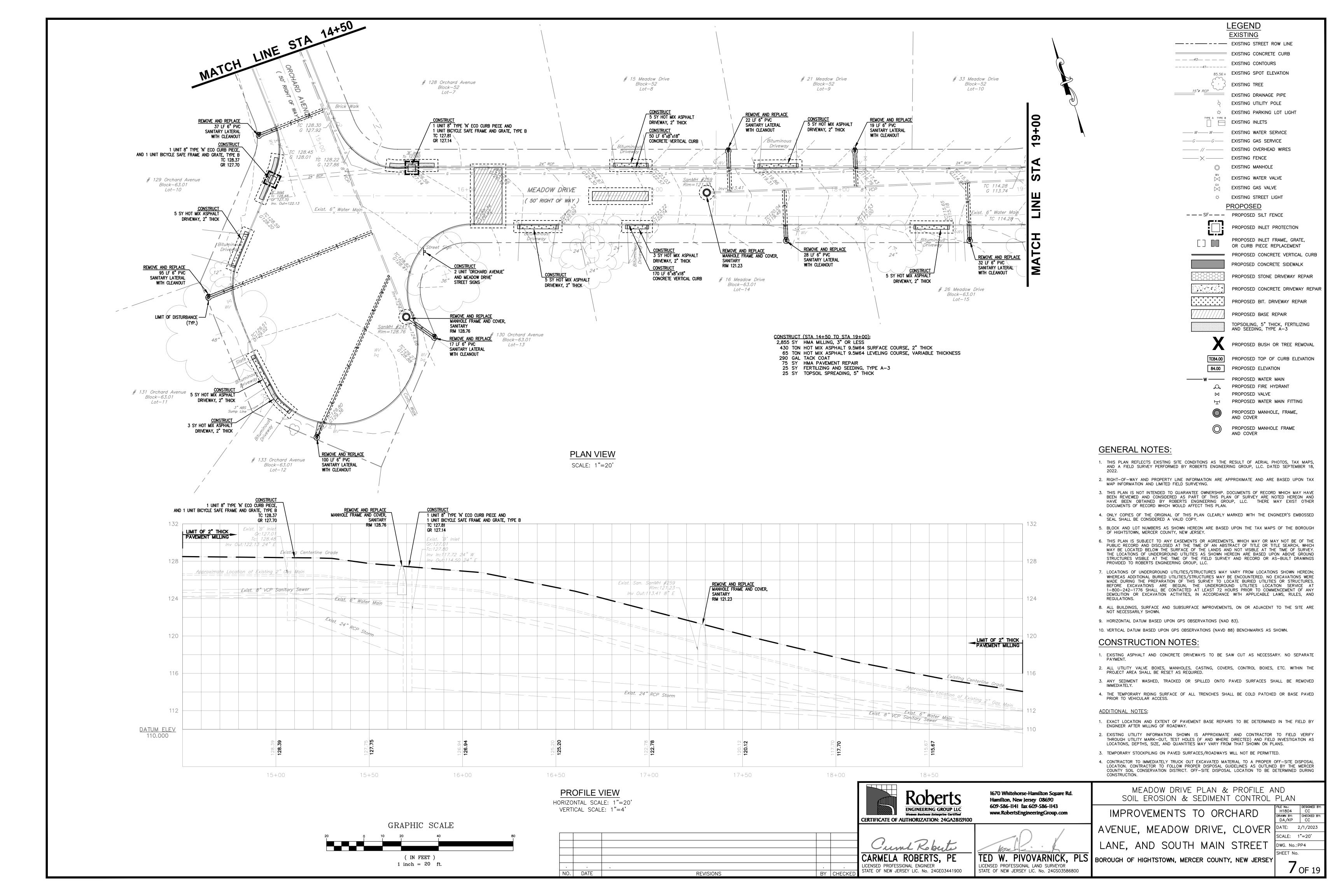
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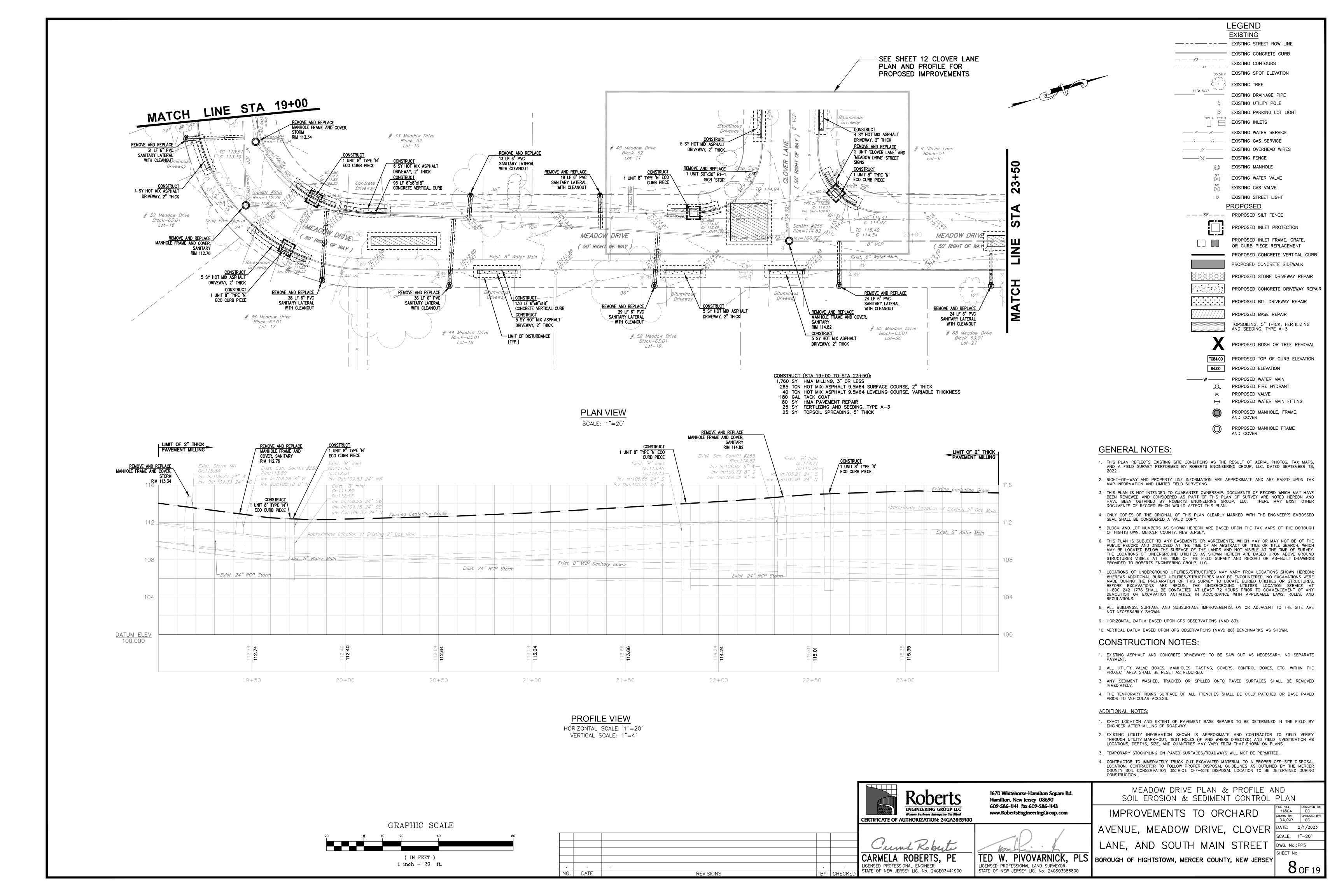


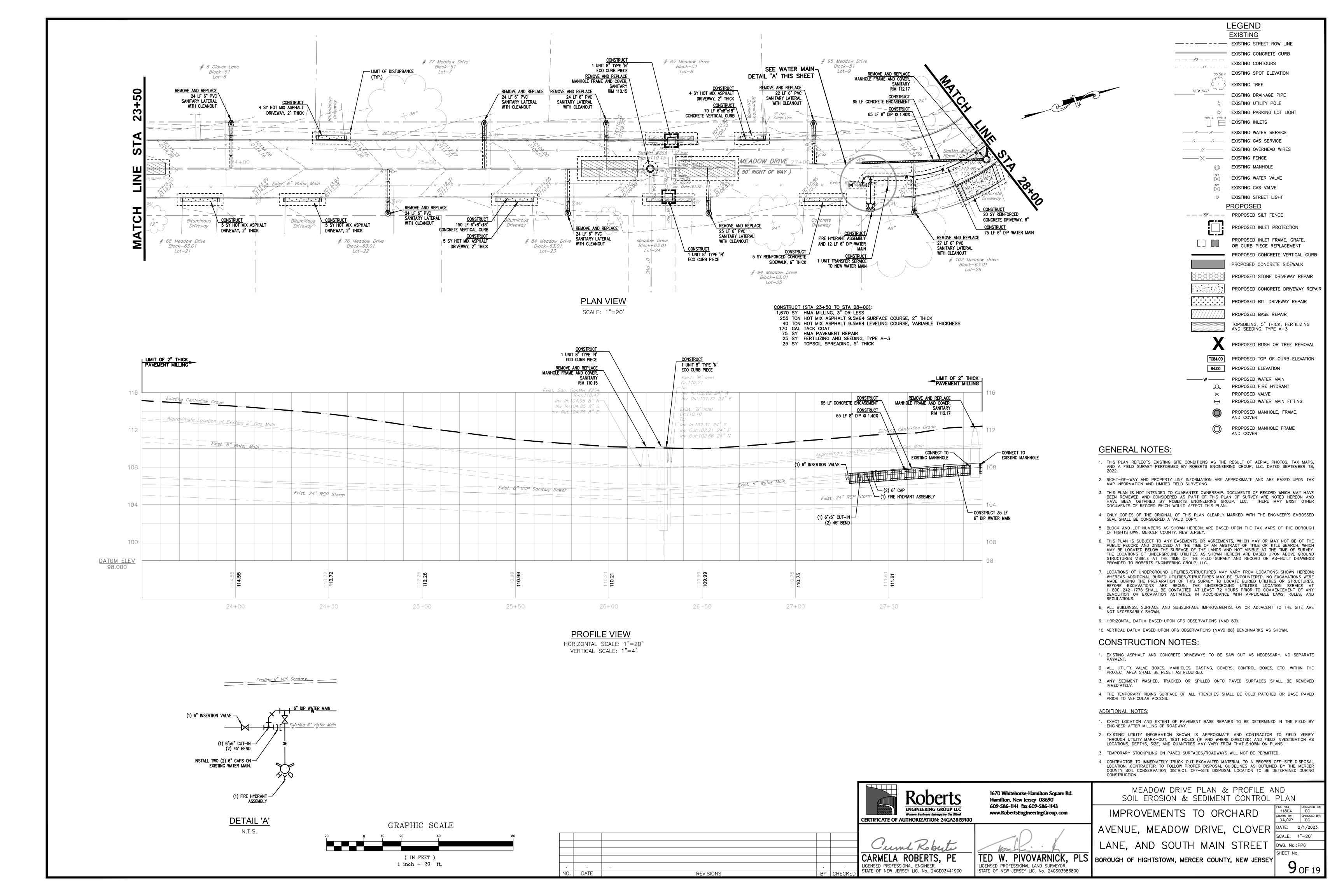


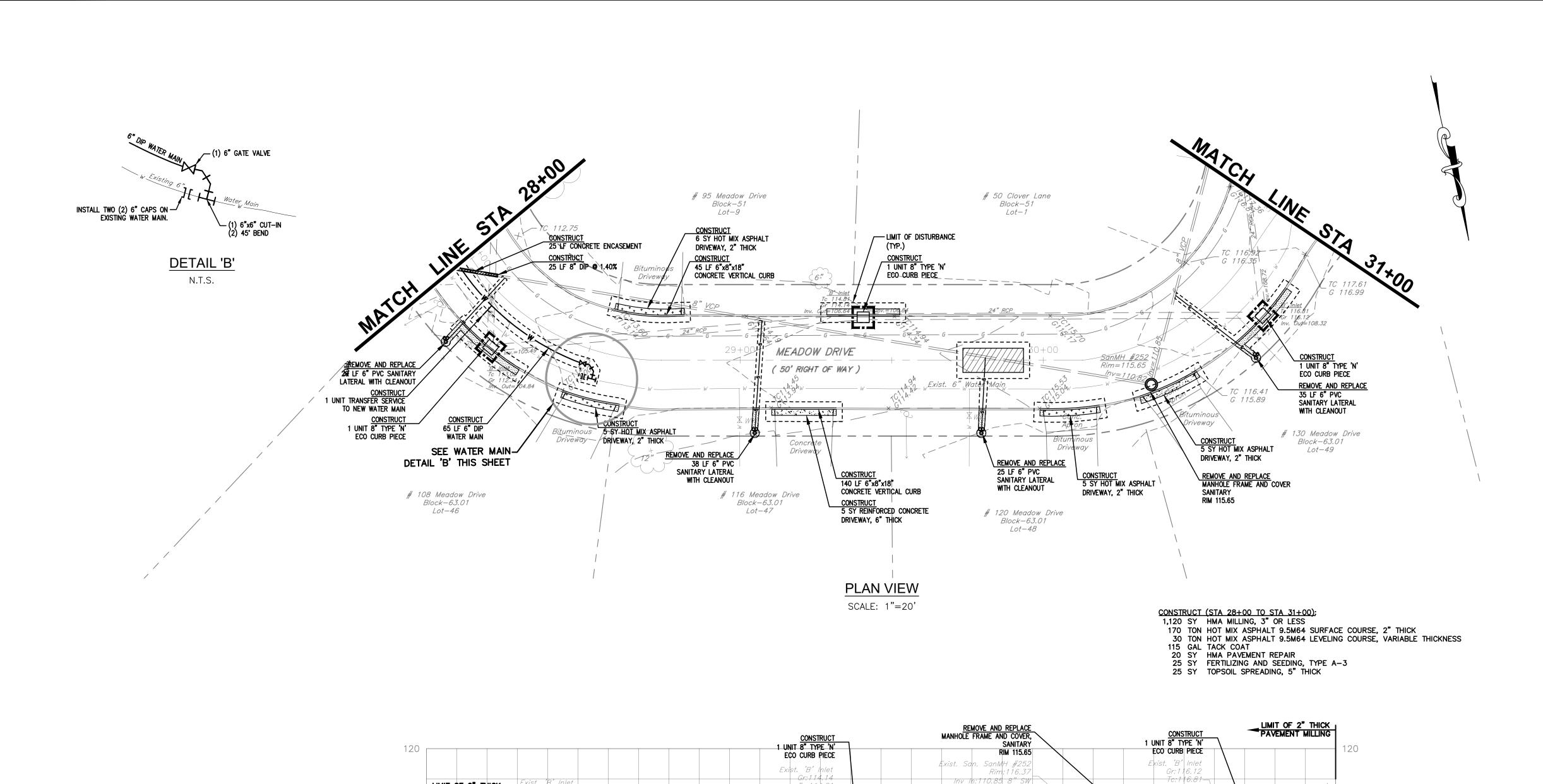


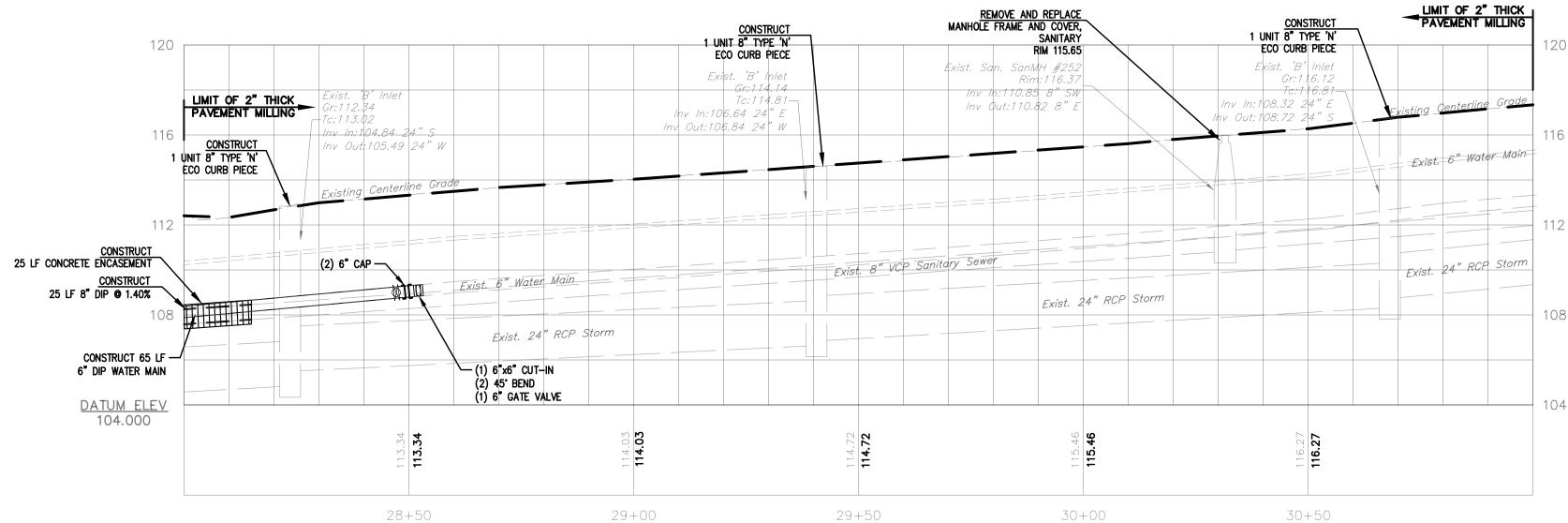




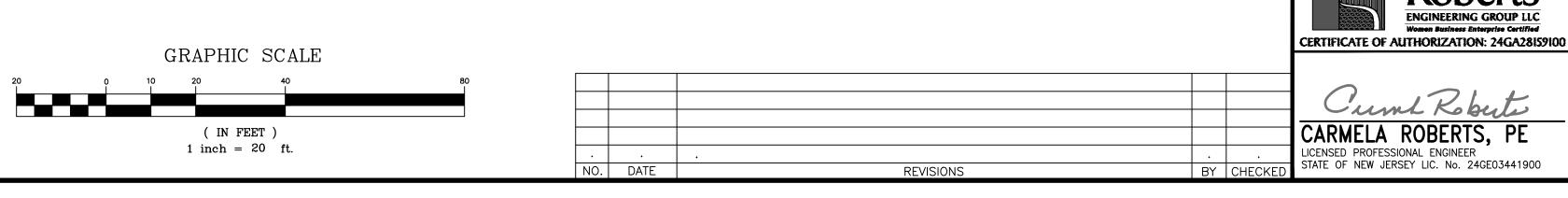


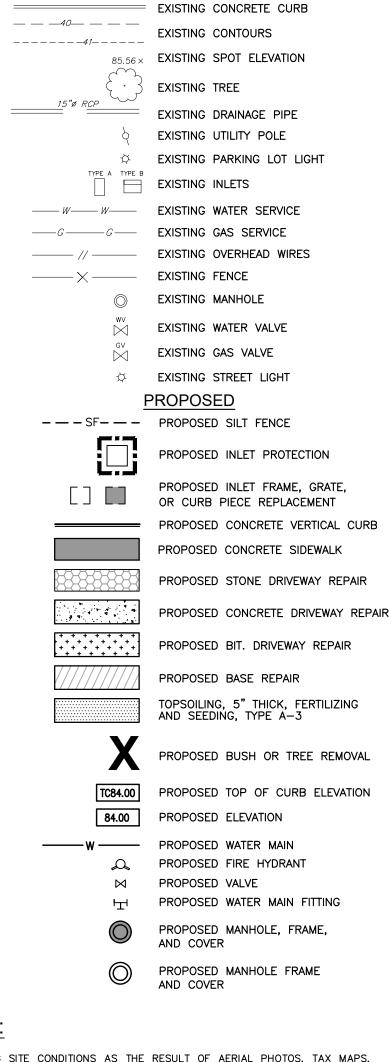






PROFILE VIEW HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=20' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=4"





**LEGEND EXISTING** 

— -- — EXISTING STREET ROW LINE

## **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. THIS PLAN REFLECTS EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS AS THE RESULT OF AERIAL PHOTOS, TAX MAPS AND A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC. DATED SEPTEMBER TO
- 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROPERTY LINE INFORMATION ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED UPON TAX MAP INFORMATION AND LIMITED FIELD SURVEYING.
- 3. THIS PLAN IS NOT INTENDED TO GUARANTEE OWNERSHIP. DOCUMENTS OF RECORD WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED AS PART OF THIS PLAN OF SURVEY ARE NOTED HEREON AND HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC. THERE MAY EXIST OTHER DOCUMENTS OF RECORD WHICH WOULD AFFECT THIS PLAN.
- 4. ONLY COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL OF THIS PLAN CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE ENGINEER'S EMBOSSED SEAL SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VALID COPY.
- 5. BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS AS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON THE TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.
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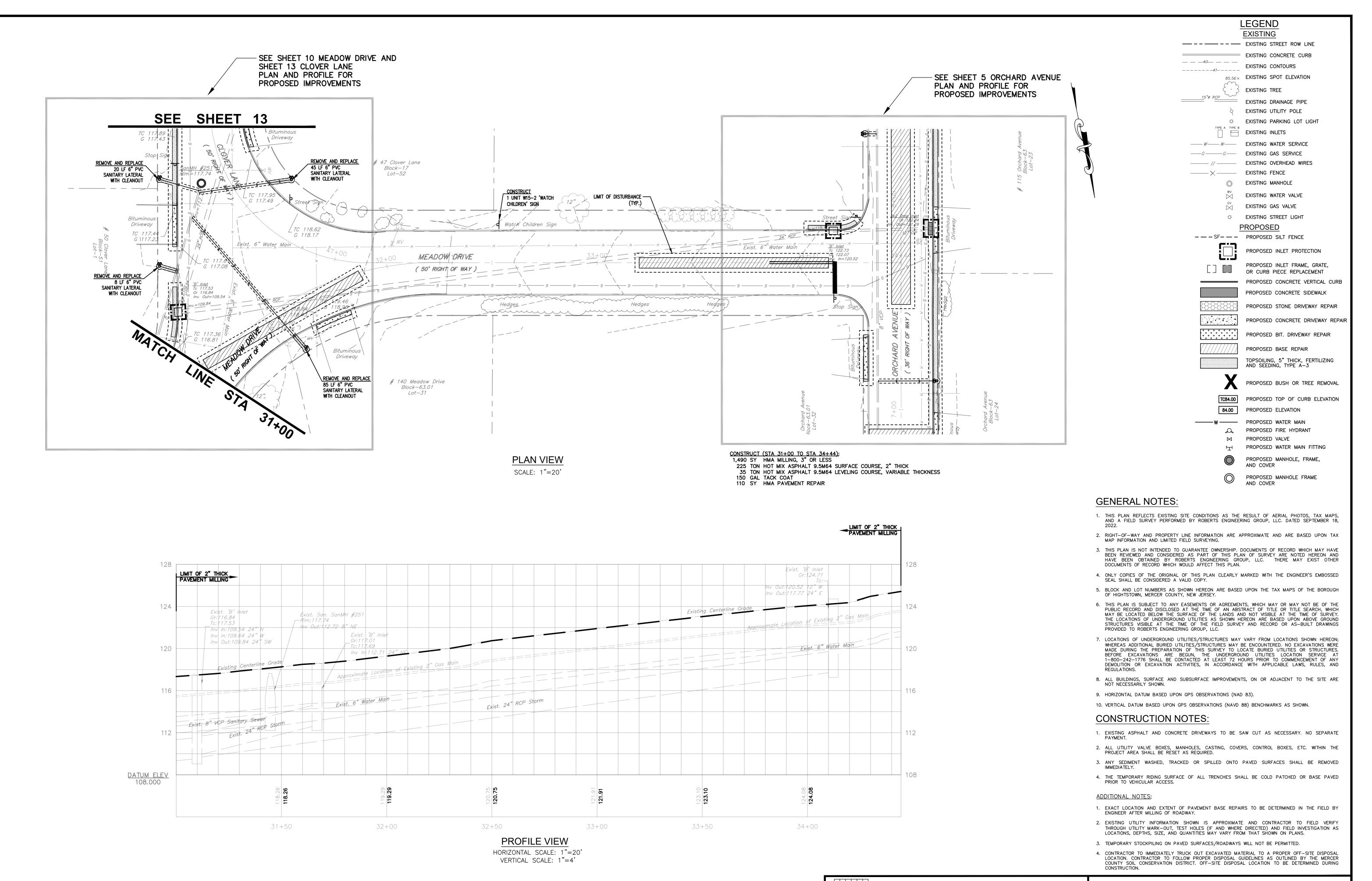
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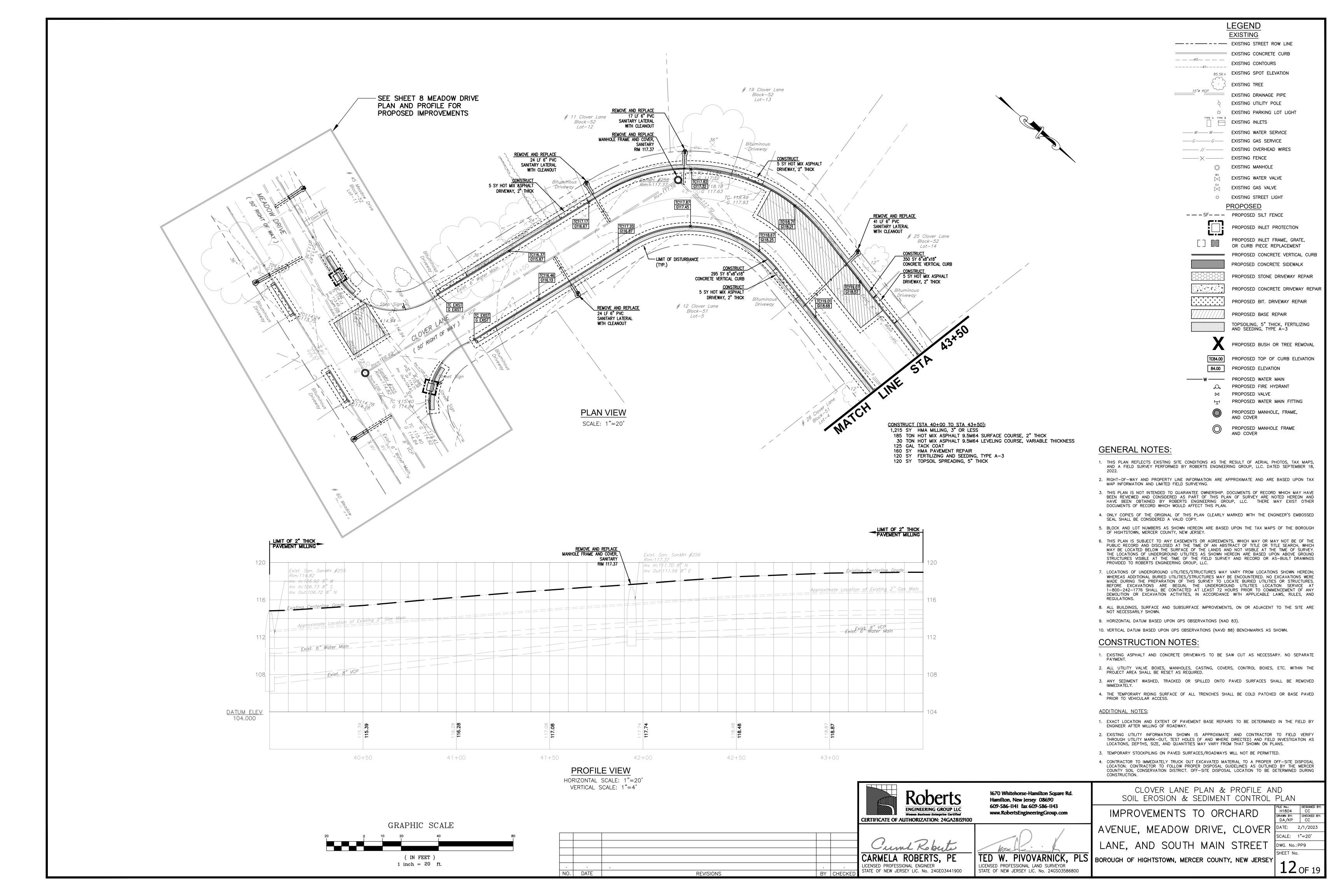
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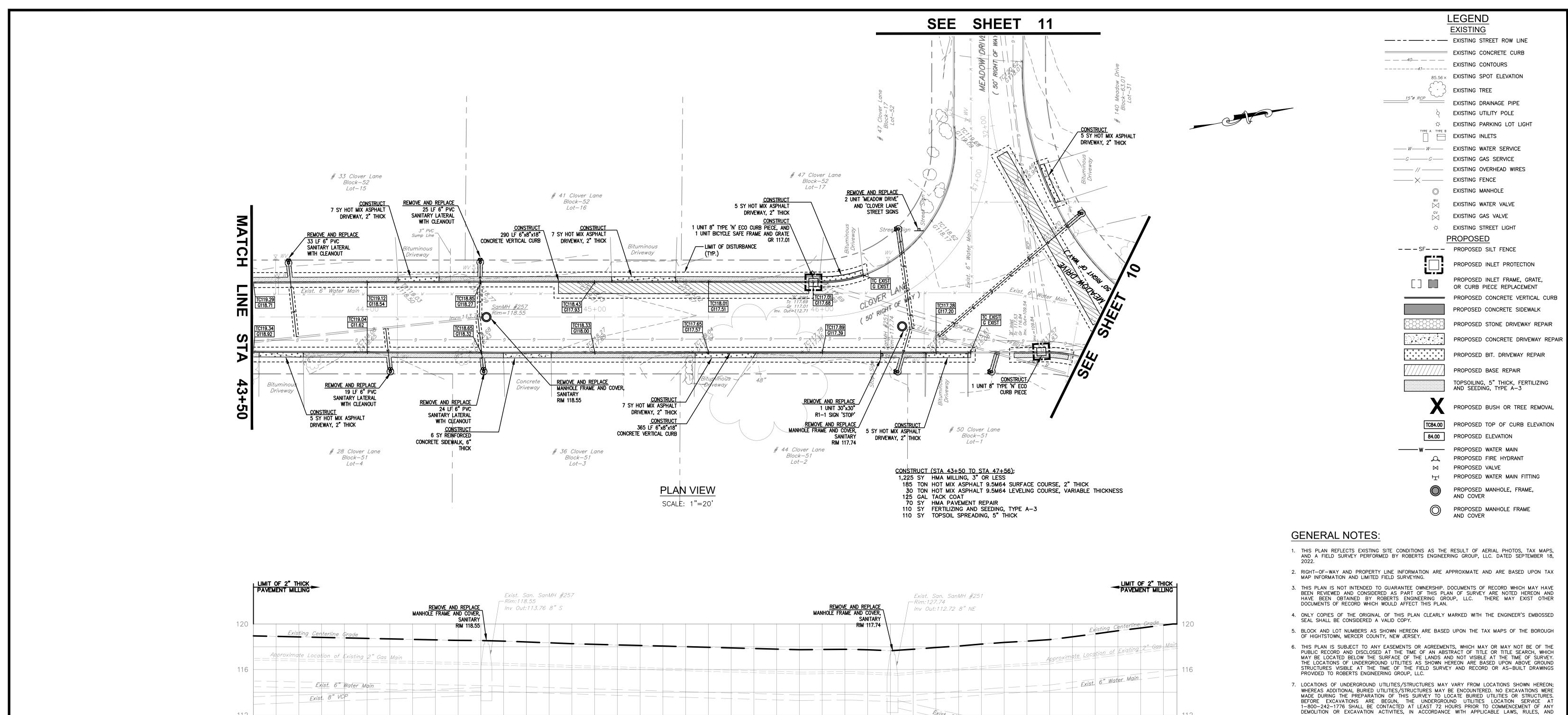
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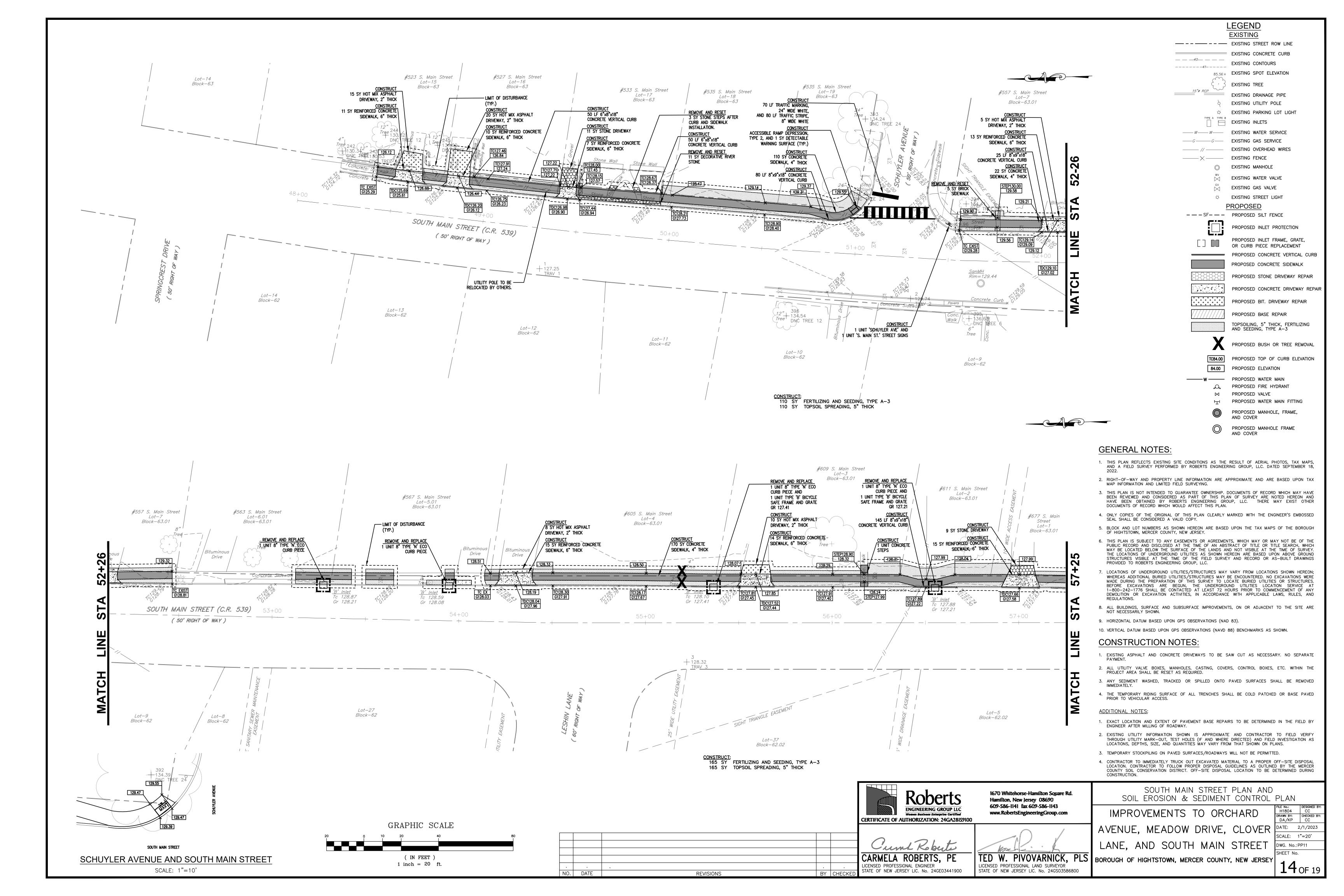
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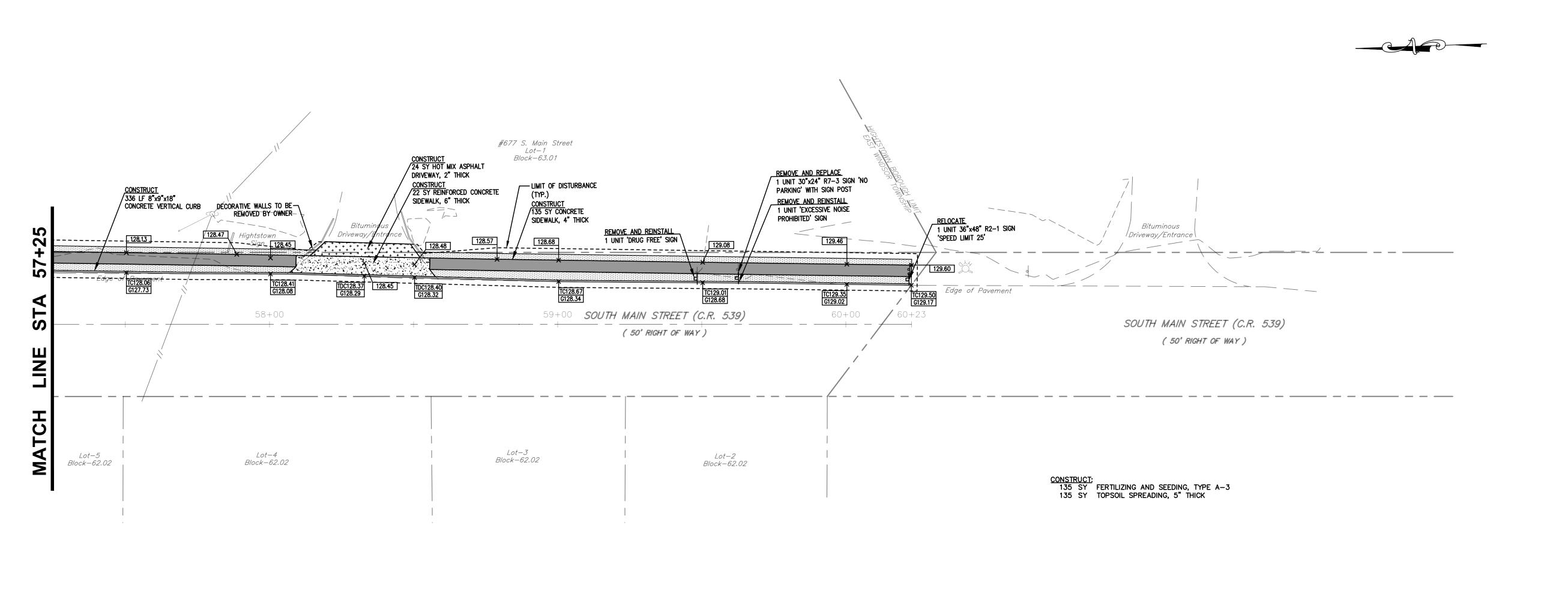
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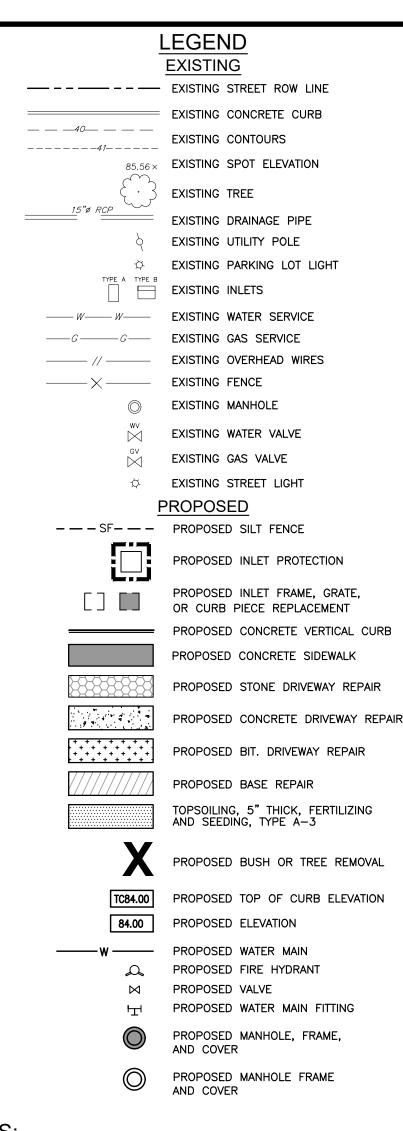
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- 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROPERTY LINE INFORMATION ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED UPON TAX

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- 4. ONLY COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL OF THIS PLAN CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE ENGINEER'S EMBOSSED SEAL SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VALID COPY.
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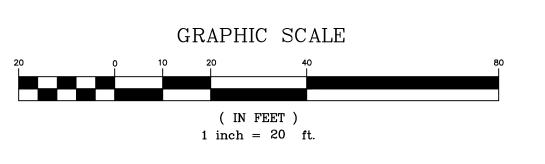
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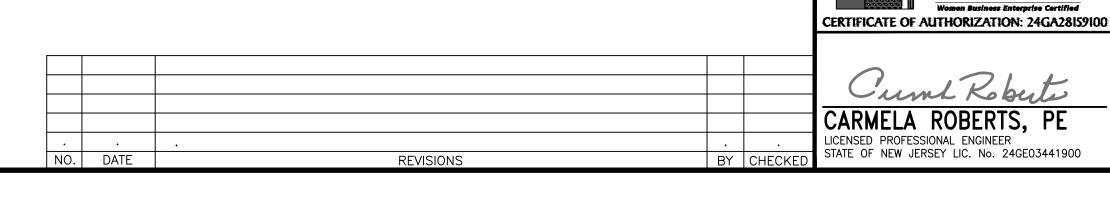
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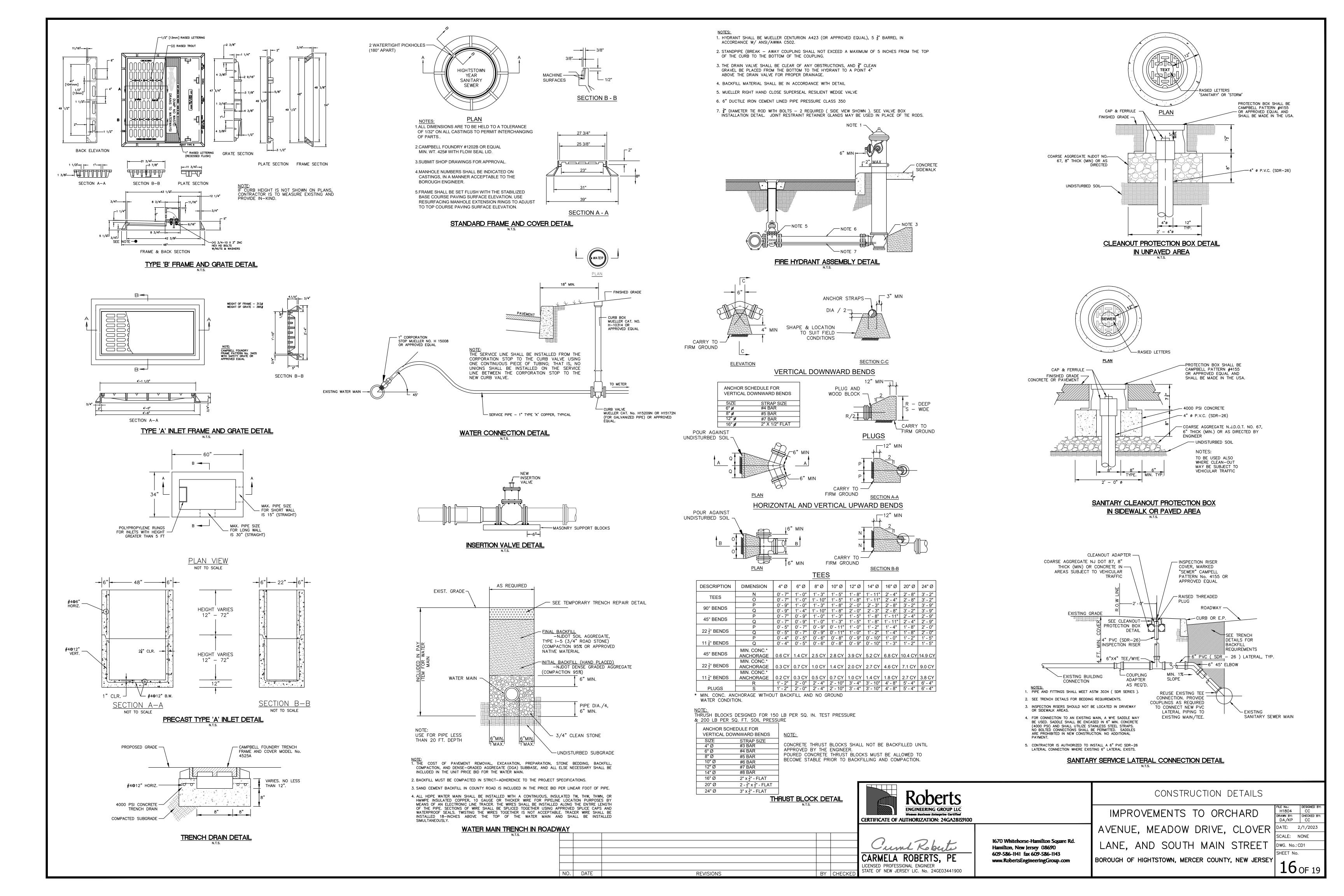
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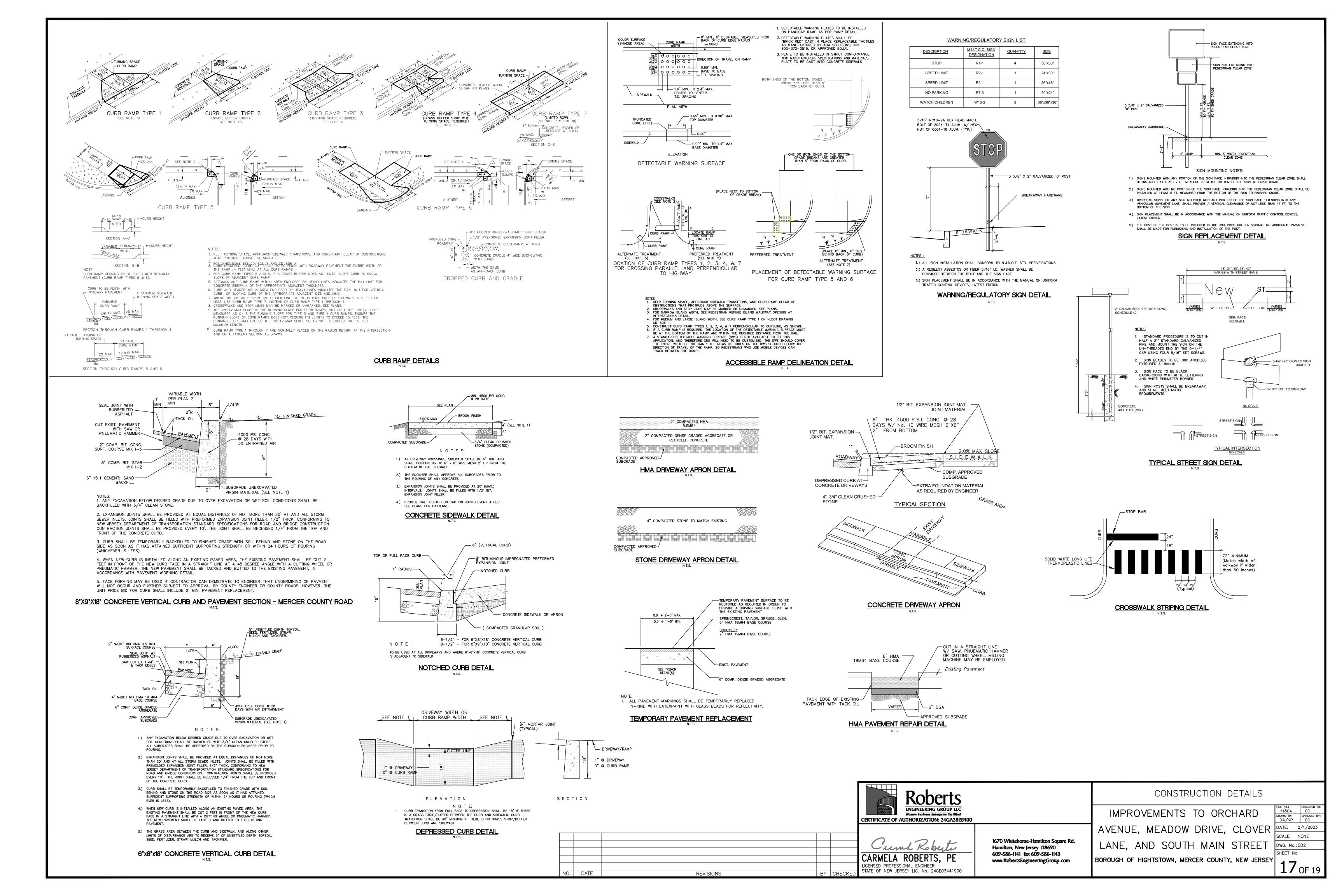


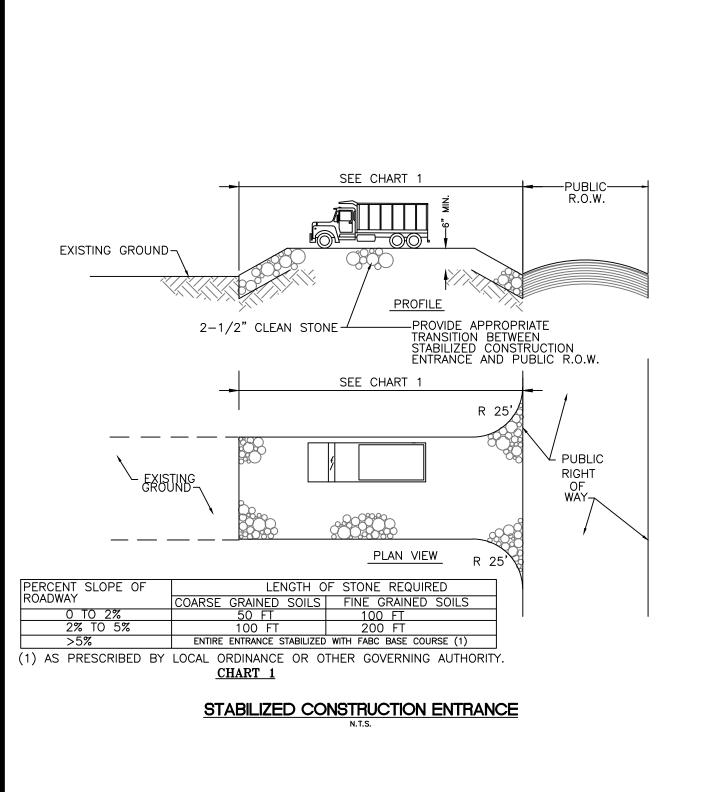
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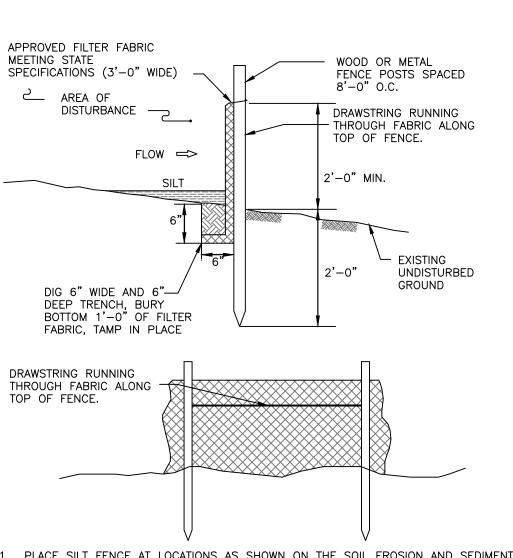








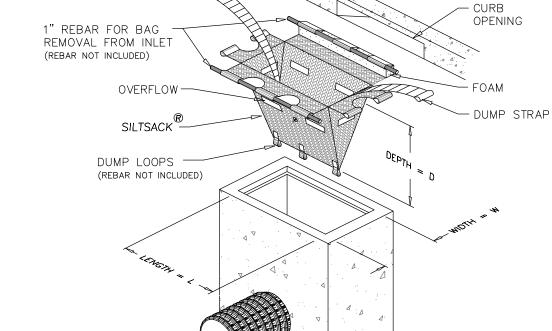




- 1. PLACE SILT FENCE AT LOCATIONS AS SHOWN ON THE SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT
- 2. THE SLOPE OF THE LAND FOR AT LEAST 30 FEET ADJACENT TO ANY SILT FENCE SHALL NOT EXCEED 5 PERCENT.
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- 6. THE BARRIER SHALL BE REMOVED WHEN THE CONTRIBUTING DRAINAGE AREA HAS BEEN STABILIZED SO AS NOT TO BLOCK OR IMPEDE STORM FLOW OR DRAINAGE.
- 7. FENCE POSTS SHALL BE SPACED 8 FEET CENTER-TO-CENTER OR CLOSER. THEY SHALL EXTEND AT LEAST 2 FEET INTO THE GROUND AND EXTEND AT LEAST 2 FEET ABOVE GROUND. POSTS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OF HARDWOOD A MIN. DIAMETER THICKNESS
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## SILT FENCE





**EXPANSION** 

RESTRAINT

(1/4" NYLON ROPE, 2" FLAT WASHERS)

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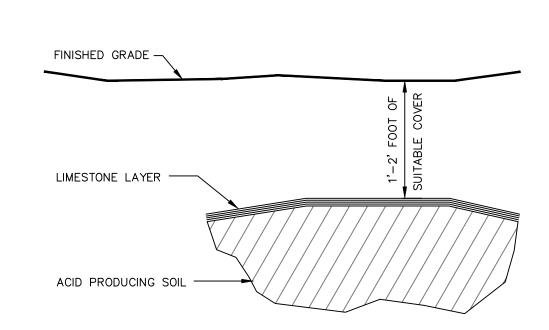
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INSTALLATION DETAIL

DUMP STRAP -

- 1. FILTER TO REMAIN UNTIL COMPLETION OF FINAL GRADING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COVER. PERIODIC CHECKS MUST BE MADE AFTER EACH RAINFALL TO EXCAVATE AND REMOVE EXCESS SEDIMENT FROM AROUND INLETS.
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- 3. ALL INLETS TO BE INSTALLED WITH INSERT FILTERING DEVICE.

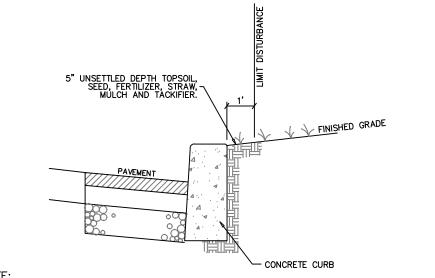
## INLET INSERT FILTER PROTECTION



- 1. ACID PRODUCING SOILS ARE DEFINED AS SOILS CONTAINING IRON SULFIDE MINERALS OR SOIL WITH A pH OF 4.0 OR LESS.
- 2. IRON SULFIDE MINERALS WILL PRODUCE SULFURIC ACID WHEN EXPOSED TO THE AIR AND SURFACE WATERS.
- 3. SOIL USED TO COVER ACID PRODUCING SOILS SHALL HAVE A pH OF 5.0 OR MORE.
- 4. SLOPED AREAS AND AREAS WITH TREE AND SHRUB PLANTINGS WILL BE COVERED
- WITH 2 FEET OF SUITABLE MATERIAL, THE TOP 5 INCHES SHALL BE TOPSOIL.

5. ACID SOIL BURIAL WILL AVOID AREAS OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS.

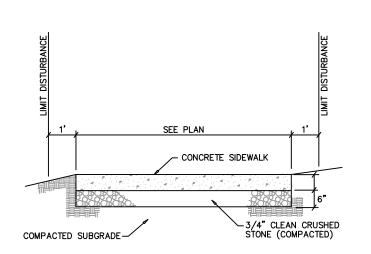
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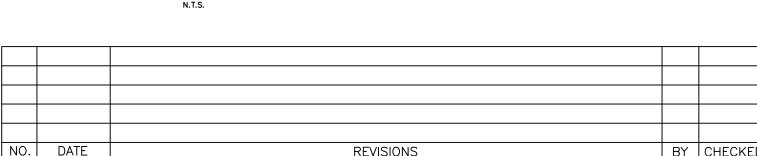
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TYPICAL LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE AT CURB DETAIL



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TYPICAL LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE AT SIDEWALKS DETAIL



— MAXIMUM HEIGHT 15'-0" PLASTIC SHEETING -STOCKPILE REGULATED 6 MIL. MIN. MATERIAL BEFORE - MAXIMUM SIDE OFF-SITE DISPOSAL OR SLOPE 1V: 2H LIQUID DRAINING FROM -ON-SITE REUSE STOCKPILING MATERIAL AND RAINWATER TO BE REMOVED WITHIN 8 HOURS PROPOSED REGULATED — EXISTING GROUND OF ACCUMULATION SURFACE MATERIAL OR ACID PRODUCING SOIL STOCKPILE \_\_\_\_\_\_ — HAYBALE HAYBALE TEMPORARY STOCKPILING OF REGULATED MATERIAL OR ACID PRODUCING SOIL

> HIGH STRENGTH BAG PLACED ON DOUBLE STITCHED -AGGREGATE OR "J" TYPE SEAMS - SEWN IN SPOUT HIGH STRENGTH STRAPPING FOR HOLDING HOSE SEDIMENT CONTAINMENT BAG IN PLACE WATER FLOW FROM PUMP LENGTH DISCHARGE HOSE OPENING ACCOMMODATES TOP VIEW UP TO 4" DISCHARGE HOSE

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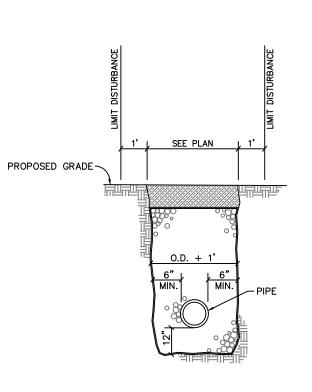
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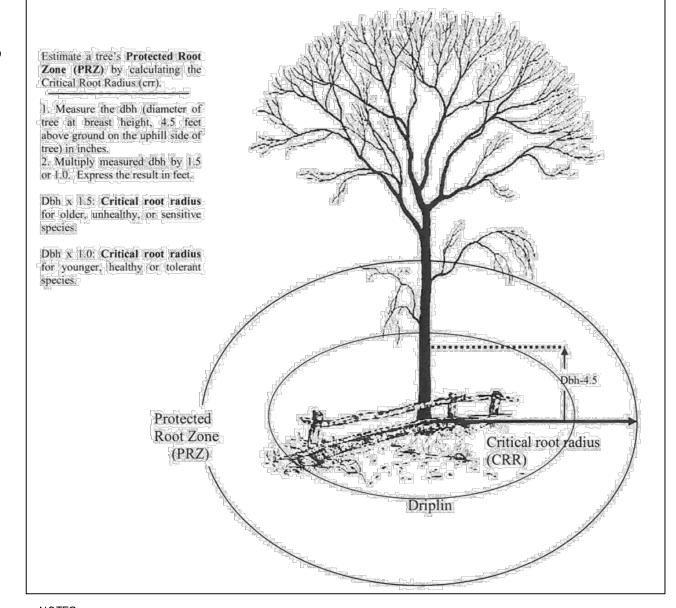
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## NOTE; SOIL STOCKPILED ON PAVED SURFACES SHALL BE SURROUNDED BY HAY BALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDEP STANDARDS -MAINTAIN STOCK PILE SURFACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEMPORARY STABILIZATION NOTES SLOPE TYP.) CONSTRUCT SILT FENCE -AROUND PERIMETER OF STOCKPILE (SEE DETAIL ON THIS SHEET)

## TEMPORARY STOCKPILE DETAIL



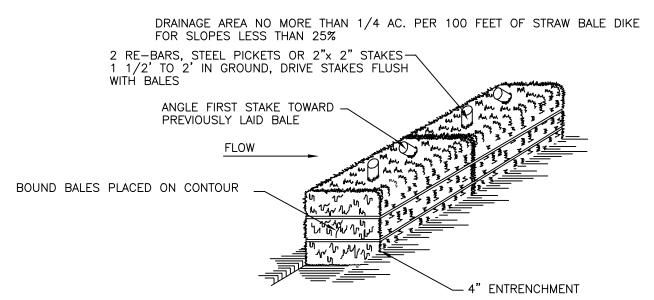
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- 2. BOARDS WILL NOT BE NAILED TO TREES DURING BUILDING OPERATIONS.
- 3. FEEDER ROOTS SHOULD NOT BE CUT IN AN AREA INSIDE THE PROTECTED ROOT ZONE (PRZ).
- 4. DAMAGED TRUNKS OR EXPOSED ROOTS SHOULD HAVE DAMAGED BARK REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND NO PAINT SHALL BE APPLIED. EXPOSED ROOTS SHOULD BE COVERED WITH TOPSOIL IMMEDIATELY AFTER EXCAVATION IS COMPLETE. ROOTS SHALL BE PRUNED TO GIVE A CLEAN, SHARP SURFACE AMENABLE TO HEALING. ROOTS EXPOSED DURING HOT WEATHER SHOULD BE IRRIGATED TO PREVENT PERMANENT TREE INJURY. CARE FOR SERIOUS INJURY SHOULD BE PRESCRIBED BY A PROFESSIONAL FORESTER OR LICENSED TREE EXPERT.
- 5. TREE LIMB REMOVAL, WHERE NECESSARY, WILL BE DONE AS NATURAL TARGET PRUNING TO REMOVE THE DESIRED BRANCH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE BRANCH COLLAR. THERE SHOULD BE NO FLUSH CUTS. FLUSH CUTS DESTROY A MAJOR DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE TREE. NO TREE PAINT SHALL BE APPLIED. ALL CUTS SHALL BE MADE AT THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE BRANCH COLLAR. CUTS MADE TOO FAR BEYOND THE BRANCH COLLAR MAY LEAD TO EXCESS SPROUTING, CRACKS AND ROT. REMOVAL OF A "V" CROTCH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR FREE STANDING SPECIMEN TREES TO AVOID FUTURE SPLITTING DAMAGE.

#### TREE PROTECTION DETAIL



- 1. BALES SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TOP OF A SLOPE OR ON THE CONTOUR AND IN A ROW WITH ENDS TIGHTLY ABUTTING THE ADJACENT BALES.
- 2. EACH BALE SHALL BE PLACED SO THE BINDINGS ARE HORIZONTAL 3. BALES SHALL BE SECURELY ANCORED IN PLACE BY EITHER TWO STAKES OR RE-BARS DRIVEN THROUGH THE BALE. THE FIRST STAKE IN EACH BALE SHALL BE DRIVEN TOWARD THE PREVIOUSLY LAID BALE AT AN ANGLE TO FORCE THE BALES TOGETHER. STAKES SHALL BE DRIVEN FLUSH WITH THE BALE.
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## STRAW BALE DIKE DETAIL

**REFERENCE:** "STANDARD FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN NEW JERSEY" ADOPTED 2014 BY THE NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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#### Where Applicable

On exposed soils that have the potential for causing off-site environmental damage.

#### Methods and Materials

- A. Grade as needed and feasible to permit the use of conventional equipment for seedbed preparation, seeding, mulch application, and mulch anchoring. All grading should be done in accordance with Standard for Land Grading.
- B. Immediately prior to seeding and topsoil application, the subsoil shall be evaluated for compaction in accordance with the Standard for Land Grading.
- C. Topsoil should be handled only when it is dry enough to work without damaging the soil structure. A uniform application to a depth of 5 inches (unsettled) is required on all sites. Topsoil shall be amended with organic matter, as needed, in accordance with the Standard for Topsoiling. D. Install needed erosion control practices or facilities such as diversions, grade-stabilization
- structures, channel stabilization measures, sediment basins, and waterways.

A. Uniformly apply ground limestone and fertilizer to topsoil which has been spread and firmed, according to soil test recommendations such as offered by Rutgers Co-operative Extension Soil sample mailers are available from the local Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices (http://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/). Fertilizer shall be applied at the rate of 500 pounds per acre or 11 pounds per 1,000 square feet of 10-10-10 or equivalent with 50% water insoluble nitrogen unless a soil test indicates otherwise and incorporated into the surface 4 inches. If fertilizer is not incorporated, apply one-half the rate described above during seedbed preparation and repeat another one-half rate application of the same fertilizer within 3 to 5 weeks after seeding.

- B. Work lime and fertilizer into the topsoil as nearly as practical to a depth of 4 inches with a disc, spring-tooth harrow, or other suitable equipment. The final harrowing or disking operation should be on the general contour. Continue tillage until a reasonable uniform seedbed is prepared.
- C. High acid producing soil. Soils having a pH of 4 or less or containing iron sulfide shall be covered with a minimum of 12 inches of soil having a pH of 5 or more before initiating seedbed reparation. See Standard for Management of High Acid-Producing Soils for specific requirements.
- A. Select a mixture from Table 4-3 or use a mixture recommended by Rutgers Cooperative Extension or Natural Resources Conservation Service which is approved by the Soil Conservation District. Seed germination shall have been tested within 12 months of the planting date. No seed shall be accepted with a germination test date more than 12 months old unless retested. 1. Seeding rates specified are required when a report of compliance is requested prior to
  - when permanent vegetation is established prior to a report of compliance inspection. These rates apply to all methods of seeding. Establishing permanent vegetation means 80% vegetative coverage with the specified seed mixture for the seeded area and mowed once. 2. Warm-season mixtures are grasses and legumes which maximize growth at high temperatures, generally 85°F and above. See Table 4-3 mixtures 1 to 7. Planting rates for warm-season grasses shall be the amount of Pure Live Seed (PLS) as determined by germination testing results.

actual establishment of permanent vegetation. Up to 50% reduction in rates may be used

- 3. Cool-season mixtures are grasses and legumes which maximize growth at temperatures below 85<sub>o</sub>F. Many grasses become active at 65<sub>o</sub>F. See Table 4-3, mixtures 8-20. Adjustment of planting rates to compensate for the amount of PLS is not required for cool
- B. Conventional Seeding is performed by applying seed uniformly by hand, cyclone (centrifugal) seeder, drop seeder, drill or cultipacker seeder. Except for drilled, hydroseeded or cultipacked seedings, seed shall be incorporated into the soil within 24 hours of seedbed preparation to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch, by raking or dragging. Depth of seed placement may be 1/4 inch deeper on coarse-textured soil.
- C. After seeding, firming the soil with a corrugated roller will assure good seed-to-soil contact, restore capillarity, and improve seedling emergence. This is the preferred method. When performed on the contour, sheet erosion will be minimized and water conservation on site will be
- D. Hydroseeding is a broadcast seeding method usually involving a truck, or trailer-mounted tank, with an agitation system and hydraulic pump for mixing seed, water and fertilizer and spraying the mix onto the prepared seedbed. Mulch shall not be included in the tank with seed. Short-fibered mulch may be applied with a hydroseeder following seeding. (also see Section 4-Mulching below). Hydroseeding is not a preferred seeding method because seed and fertilizer are applied to the surface and not incorporated into the soil. When poor seed to soil contact occurs, there is a reduced seed germination and growth.

Mulching is required on all seeding. Mulch will protect against erosion before grass is established and will promote faster and earlier establishment. The existence of vegetation sufficient to control soil erosion shall be deemed compliance with this mulching requirement.

A. Straw or Hay. Unrotted small grain straw, hay free of seeds, to be applied at the rate of 1-1/2 to 2 tons per acre (70 to 90 pounds per 1,000 square feet), except that where a crimper is used instead of a liquid mulch-binder (tackifying or adhesive agent), the rate of application is 3 tons per acre. Mulch chopper-blowers must <u>not</u> grind the mulch. Hay mulch is not recommended for establishing fine turf or lawns due to the presence of weed seed.

Application - Spread mulch uniformly by hand or mechanically so that at least 85% of the soil surface is covered. For uniform distribution of hand-spread mulch, divide area into approximately 1,000 square feet sections and distribute 70 to 90 pounds within each section.

Anchoring shall be accomplished immediately after placement to minimize loss by wind or water. This may be done by one of the following methods, depending upon the size of the area, steepness

- of slopes, and costs. 1. Peg and Twine. Drive 8 to 10 inch wooden pegs to within 2 to 3 inches of the soil surface every 4 feet in all directions. Stakes may be driven before or after applying mulch. Secure mulch to soil surface by stretching twine between pegs in a criss-cross and a square
- pattern. Secure twine around each peg with two or more round turns. 2. Mulch Nettings - Staple paper, jute, cotton, or plastic nettings to the soil surface. Use a

degradable netting in areas to be mowed.

harrow, especially designed to push or cut some of the broadcast long fiber mulch 3 to 4 inches into the soil so as to anchor it and leave part standing upright. This technique is limited to areas traversable by a tractor, which must operate on the contour of slopes. Straw mulch rate must be 3 tons per acre. No tackifying or adhesive agent is required.

3. Crimper (mulch anchoring coulter tool) - A tractor-drawn implement, somewhat like a disc

- 4. Liquid Mulch-Binders May be used to anchor salt hay, hay or straw mulch. a. Applications should be heavier at edges where wind may catch the mulch, in valleys,
- and at crests of banks. The remainder of the area should be uniform in appearance. b. Use one of the following: (1) Organic and Vegetable Based Binders - Naturally occurring, powder-based,
- hydrophilic materials when mixed with water formulates a gel and when applied to mulch under satisfactory curing conditions will form membraned networks of insoluble polymers. The vegetable gel shall be physiologically harmless and not result in a phytotoxic effect or impede growth of turf grass. Use at rates and weather conditions as recommended by the manufacturer to anchor mulch materials. Many new products are available, some of which may need further evaluation for use in
- (2) Synthetic Binders High polymer synthetic emulsion, miscible with water when diluted and, following application of mulch, drying and curing, shall no longer be soluble or dispersible in water. Binder shall be applied at rates recommended by the manufacturer and remain tacky until germination of grass. Note: All names given above are registered trade names. This does not constitute a recommendation of these products to the exclusion of other products.
- B. Wood-fiber or paper-fiber mulch shall be made from wood, plant fibers or paper containing no growth or germination inhibiting materials, used at the rate of 1,500 pounds per acre (or as recommended by the product manufacturer) and may be applied by a hydroseeder. Mulch shall not be mixed in the tank with seed. Use is limited to flatter slopes and during optimum seeding periods in spring and fall.
- C. Pelletized mulch compressed and extruded paper and/or wood fiber product, which may contain co-polymers, tackifiers, fertilizers, and coloring agents. The dry pellets, when applied to a seeded area and watered, form a mulch mat. Pelletized mulch shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Mulch may be applied by hand or mechanical spreader at the rate of 60-75 lbs/1,000 square feet and activated with 0.2 to 0.4 inches of water. This material has been found to be beneficial for use on small lawn or renovation areas, seeded areas where weed-seed free mulch is desired, or on sites where straw mulch and tackifier agent are not practical or desirable. Applying the full 0.2 to 0.4 inches of water after spreading pelletized mulch on the seed bed is extremely important for sufficient activation and expansion of the mulch to provide soil coverage.

If soil moisture is deficient supply new seeding with adequate water (a minimum of 1/4 inch applied up to twice a day until vegetation is well established). This is especially true when seedings are made in abnormally dry or hot weather or on droughty sites.

Since soil organic matter content and slow release nitrogen fertilizer (water insoluble) are prescribed in Section 2A - Seedbed Preparation in this Standard, no follow-up of topdressing is mandatory. An exception may be made where gross nitrogen deficiency exists in the soil to the extent that turf failure may develop. In that instance, topdress with 10-10-10 or equivalent at 300 pounds per acre or 7 pounds per 1,000 square feet every 3 to 5 weeks until the gross nitrogen deficiency in the turf is ameliorated.

## Establishing Permanent Vegetative Stabilization

The quality of permanent vegetation rests with the contractor. The timing of seeding, preparing the seedbed, applying nutrients, mulch and other management are essential. The seed application rates in 4-3 are required when a Report of Compliance is requested prior to actual establishment of permanent vegetation. Up to 50% reduction in application rates may be used when permanent vegetation is established prior to requesting a Report of Compliance from the district. These rates apply to all methods of seeding. Establishing permanent vegetation means 80% vegetative cover (of the seeded species) and mowed once. Note this designation of mowed once does not guarantee the permanency of the turf should other maintenance factors be neglected or otherwise mismanaged.

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|---|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| PERMAN  |  | LE 4-2<br>MIXTURES FOR VARIO       | US USES                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| APPLICATION   | PLANTING MIXTURES BY SOIL DRAINAGE CLASS/1 (SEE TABLE 4-3) |                                    |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | EXCESSIVELY DRAINED  | WELL TO MODERATELY<br>WELL DRAINED | SOMEWHAT POORLY TO<br>POORLY DRAINED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL LOTS   | 10, 12, 15   | 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15              | 16                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| POND AND CHANNEL BANKS,<br>DIKES, BERMS AND DAMS                            | 2, 5, 6, 10  | 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15                  | 2, 8, 16, 17                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DRAINAGE DITCHES, SWALES,<br>DETENTION BASINS                               | 2, 9, 11   | 2, 7, 9, 11, 12, 17                | 2, 9, 16, 17                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FILTER STRIPS   | FILTER STRIPS 12   |                                    | 11, 12                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GRASSES WATERWAY,<br>SPILLWAYS  |  |                                    | 2, 9, 11, 12                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RECREATION AREAS,<br>ATHLETIC FIELDS  | 5, 12, 15, 18  | 12, 13, 14, 15, 18                 | 16                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SPECIAL PROBLEM SITES<br>STEEP SLOPES AND BANKS,<br>ROADSIDES, BORROW AREAS | 2, 3, 4, 6   | 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18       | 2, 9, 10, 11, 12                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAND GRAVEL PITS,<br>SANITARY LANDFILLS                                     | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 20  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 20        | 2, 8                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DREDGED MATERIAL,<br>SPOILBANKS, BORROW AREAS                               | 2, 3, 6, 20  | 2, 3, 6, 11                        | 2, 8                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| STREAMBANKS & SHORELINES  | 2, 8, 20, 21a  | 2, 8, 19b, 20, 21a, 21b            | 2, 8, 19a, 21a, b, c, d              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY   | 3, 7, 180  | 3, 7                               | 8, 9, 17                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |                                    |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- REFER TO SOIL SURVEYS FOR DRAINAGE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS.
  REFER TO SOIL BIOENGINERING STANDARD FOR ADDITIONAL SEED MIXTURES.
- SPILLWAYS ONLY.
   SEE APPENDIX E FOR DESCRIPTION OF TURF GRASSES AND CULTIVARS.

| SEED MIXTURES   | 1                          | NTING                               | O=OP             |                |                | PLAN<br>G PERIOI<br>RDINES | MAINTENANCE LEVEL | REMARKS        |                 |                  |                |       |  |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|--|
|   | RA                         | ATE                                 | 2                | ZONE 5b,       | , 6a           |                            | ZONE 6            | b              | ZO              | NE 7a, 7b        |                | MENAN |  |
|   | lbs/acre                   | lbs/1000<br>sq. ft.                 | 3/15-<br>5/31    | 6/1-<br>7/31   | 8/1-<br>10/1   | 3/1-<br>4/30               | 5/1-<br>8/14      | 8/15-<br>10/15 | 2/1-<br>4/30    | 5/1-<br>8/14     | 8/15-<br>10/30 | MAIN  |  |
| WARM SEASON   |                            |                                     |                  |                |                |                            |                   |                |                 |                  |                |       |  |
| EED MIXTURES  |                            |                                     |                  |                |                |                            |                   |                |                 |                  |                |       |  |
| 1A. FOR IN ELANDS NATIONAL<br>RESERVE SEED MIXTURES SEE<br>TABLE 4-2 AGE 4-17   |                            |                                     | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                |       |  |
| SWITCHGRASS D/OR     COASTAL PANICO ASS PLUS     OR FLATPEA   | 15<br>15<br>20<br>20       | .35<br>.35<br><del>.45</del><br>.45 | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | C-D   |  |
| 2. DEERTONGUE OR<br>SWITCHGRASS REDTOP  | 15<br>20<br>1              | .35<br>.45<br>.1<br><del>.23</del>  | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | C-D   | se Deertongue if pH <4.0.<br>Switchgrass is superior wildlife<br>plant. Use for waterways. Redtop<br>provides quick cover. |
| 3. SWITCHGRASS DEERTONGUE,<br>LITTLE BLUESTONE,<br>SHEEP FESCUE PLUS,<br>PARTRIDGE PEA  | 15<br>10<br>20<br>20<br>10 | .35<br>.25<br>45                    | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | C-D   | Pinelands mixture.   |
| 4. SWITCHGRASS, BIG BLUESTEM<br>LITTLE BLUESTEM,<br>SAND LOVEGRASS,<br>COASTAL PANIC GRASS  | 10<br>5<br>5<br>4<br>10    | .25<br>.10<br>.10<br>.10<br>.25     | 8                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | C-D   | Native warm-season mixture.  |
| 5. BERMUDAGRASS,<br>ZOYSIAGRASS (SEED),<br>ZOYSIAGRASS (SPRIGS)   | 15<br>30                   | .35<br>.70                          | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | 8               |                  |                | A-D   | Bermudagrass has superior salt tolerance. Zoysia has greater weat tolerance.   |
| COOL SEASON<br>SEED MIXTURES  | 130                        | 3                                   | A                | $A^5$          | 9              | A                          | A <sup>5</sup>    | 0              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              |       | General low-maintenance mixture  |
| 6. FINE FESCUE (BLEND) HARD FESCUE CHEWINGS FESCUE STRONG CREEPING RED FESCUE KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS PERENNIAL RYEGRASS PLUS WHITE CLOVER (SEE NOTE | 45<br>20<br>5              | .1<br>.5<br>.10                     | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | 0              | A                          | $A^5$             | 0              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | B-D   | White clover can be removed who used to establish lawns.   |
| AT RIGHT) 7. STRONG CREEPING RED FESCUE KENTUCKY BLUEGRASSS PERENNIAL RYEGRASS OR   | 130<br>50<br>20<br>10      | 3<br>1<br>.5<br>.25                 | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | 0              | A                          | $A^5$             | 0              | A               | $A^5$            | О              | B-D   | Suitable waterway mix.  Canada bluegrass more drought tolerant.  Use redtop for increased drought                          |
| REDTOP PLUS WHITE CLOVER  8. TALL FESCUE (TURF-TYPE) OR STRONG CREEPING RED   | 30<br>30                   | .10                                 | 0                | $\mathbf{A}^6$ |                | 0                          | $\mathbf{A}^6$    |                | 0               | $A^6$            |                | B-D   | Tall fescue best selected for droug<br>conditions. Use Creeping red fesc   |
| FESCUE OR PERENNIAL RYEGRASS FLATPEA  9. DEERTONGUE REDTOP  | 30<br>25<br>10<br>2<br>15  | .60<br>.45<br>.05<br>.35            | О                |                |                | О                          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | C-    | in heavy shade. Use Flatpea to<br>suppress woody vegetation.<br>Native wet mix.  |
| WILD RYE (ELYMUS) SWITCHGRASS  10. TALL FESCUE (TURF-T) FE PERENNIAL RYEGRAS OR WHITE CLOVER (F. & NOTE AT                                      | 25<br>265<br>20<br>10      | .60<br>6<br>5                       | О                | A <sup>5</sup> | A <sup>5</sup> | О                          | $\mathbf{A}^{5}$  | $A^5$          | О               | $\mathbf{A}^{5}$ | A <sup>5</sup> | C-D   | When clover can be excluded on lawn was.   |
| RIGHT)  11. KENTUCKY LUEGRASS TURF-TYP 1ALL FESCUE  | 5<br>-15<br>-45<br>-22     | .10<br>33<br>1<br>5                 | A                | $A^5$          | 0              | A                          | $\mathbf{A}^{5}$  | О              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | C-D   | Filter strip use a nutrient uptake   |
| 12. TV 47-TYPE TALL FESCUE<br>LEND OF 3 CULTIVARS)  | 350                        | S                                   | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | 0              | A                          | $A^5$             | О              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | C-D   | Use in a managed filter strip or nutrient uptake.  |
| 13. HARD FESCUE AND/OR<br>CHEWING FESCUE AND/OR<br>STRONG CREEPING RED<br>FESCUE, PERENNIAL RYE<br>GRASS, KY. BLUEGRASS<br>(BLEND)              | 175<br>45<br>45            | 4<br>1<br>1                         | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | О              | A                          | A <sup>5</sup>    | О              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | A-C   | General lawn/recreation.   |
| (BLEND)  IALL FESCUE  V BLUEGRASS (BLEND)  PER NIAL RYEGRASS (BLEND)  | 265<br>20<br>20            | 6<br>.50<br>.50                     | A                | $A^5$          | О              | A                          | $A^5$             | О              | A               | $A^5$            | О              | A-B   | Athletic field/3 cultivar mix of Kentucky Bluegrass.   |
| 15. HARD FESCUE<br>CHEWINGS FESCUE, PONG<br>CREEPING RED FESCUE,<br>PERENNIAL RYEGRASS  | 130<br>45<br>45<br>45      | 3<br>1<br>1<br>.25                  | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | 0              | A                          | $A^5$             | О              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | C-D   | Low-more fine fescue lav   |
| 16. ROUGH BLUEGRASS<br>STRONG CREEPING RED<br>FESCUE  | 90<br>130                  | 2.0                                 | A                | A <sup>5</sup> | О              | A                          | $A^5$             | О              | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | 0              | C-D   | Moist shade.   |
| 17. CREEPING BENTGRASS<br>CREEPING RED FESCUE<br>ALKALI SALTGRASS   | 45<br>45<br>45             | 1<br>1<br>1                         | A                | A <sup>3</sup> |                | A                          | A <sup>5</sup>    |                | A               | A <sup>5</sup>   | О              | B-D   | Use bentgrass under wetter conditions. Saltgrass will only persistent und saline conditions.                               |
| 18. HARD OR SHEEPS FESCUE<br>N.E. WILDFLOWER MIXTURE  | 25<br>12                   | 0.60<br>0.35                        | О                | A              | 0              | 0                          | A                 | Q              | О               | A                | О              | C-D   | Regional Wildflower mix.<br>Hydroseeding not recommended   |
| SMOOTH CORDGRASS     SALTMEADOW CORDGRASS   | veg<br>veg                 |                                     |                  |                |                | О                          | Before<br>July 1  |                | 0               | fore<br>July     |                | D     | Planted in the intertidal zone.<br>Planted above mean high tide.   |
| 20. AMERICAN BEACHGRASS<br>COASTAL PANIEGRASS   | 20 <sup>g</sup>            | .45                                 |                  |                |                | Before<br>April 1          |                   |                | О               |                  |                | D     | Coastal Panicgrass may be interseeded between rows of backgrass.   |
| 21. a. PERPLEG AR WILLOW b. DW. A. WILLOW c. ALDOSIER DOGWOOD d. SILKY DOGWOOD  | veg<br>veg<br>veg<br>veg   |                                     | Before<br>May 10 |                |                | Before<br>May 10           |                   |                | Before<br>May 1 |                  |                | D     | Also refer to Counters 16 and 18 USDA NRCS Engine ing Field Handbook.  |

- SEE APPENDIX B FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF TURF GRASS MIXTURES AND CULTIVARS. THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF WARM-SEASON GRASS MIXTURE USED IN TABLE 3 (SEED MIX 1-7) SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE AMOUNT OF PLS AS DETERMINED BY GERMINATION TESTING
- RESULTS. NO ADJUSTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR COOL-SEASON GRASSES (SEED MIXTURES 8-20)
  SEEDING MIXTURES AND/OR RATES NOT LISTED ABOVE MAY BE USED IF RECOMMENDED BY THE LOCAL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE; RECOMMENDATIONS OF RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MAY BE USED IF APPROVED BY THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISCTRICT. LEGUMES (WHITE CLOVER, FLATPEA, LESPEDEZA) SHOULD BE MIXED WITH PROPER INNOCULANDADES OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISCTRICT.
- PRIOR TO PLANTING.
  SEEDING RATES SPECIFIED ARE REQURIED WHEN A REPORT OF COMPLIANCE IS REQUESTED PRIOR TO ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT VEGETATION. UP TO 50% REDUCTION IN RATES MAY BE USED WHEN PERMANENT VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO A REPORT OF COMPLIANCE INSPECTION. THESE RATES APPLY TO ALL METHODS OF SEEDING, ESTABLISHING PERMANENT VEGETATION MEANS 80% VEGETATIVE COVERAGE OF THE SEEDED AREA AND MOWED ONCE. GRASS SEED MIXTURE CHECKED BY THE STATE SEED ANALYST, NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, WILL ASSURE TH EPURCHASER THAT THE MIXTURE OBTAINED IS THE MIXTURE ORDERED, PURSUANT TO THE N.J. STATE SEED LAW, N.J.S.A. 4:8-17.13 ET. SEQ. O = OPTIMAL PLANTING PERIOD A = ACCEPTABLE PLANTING PERIOD

#### STANDARD FOR STABILIZATION WITH MULCH ONLY

This practice is applicable to areas subject to erosion, where the season and other conditions may not be suitable for growing an erosion-resistant cover or where stabilization is needed for a short period until more suitable protection can be applied.

#### **Methods and Materials**

- A. Grade as needed and feasible to permit the use of conventional equipment for seedbed preparation, seeding, mulch application, and mulch anchoring. All grading should be done in accordance with Standards for Land Grading
- B. Install needed erosion control practices or facilities such as diversions, grade stabilization structures, channel stabilization measures, sediment basins, and waterways. See Standards 11 through 42.

- A. Unrotted small-grain straw, at 2.0 to 2.5 tons per acre, is spread uniformly at 90 to 115 pounds per 1,000 square feet and anchored with a mulch anchoring tool, liquid mulch binders, or netting tie down. Other suitable materials may be used if approved by the Soil Conservation District. The approved rates above have been met when the mulch covers the ground completely upon visual inspection, i.e. the soil cannot be seen below the mulch.
- C. Synthetic or organic soil stabilizers may be used under suitable conditions and in quantities as recommended by the manufacturer.
- D. Wood-fiber or paper-fiber mulch at the rate of 1,500 pounds per acre (or according to the
- manufacturer's requirements) may be applied by a hydroseeder E. Mulch netting, such as paper jute, excelsior, cotton, or plastic, may be used. F. Woodchips applied uniformly to a minimum depth of 2 inches may be used. Woodchips will not
- be used on areas where flowing water could wash them into an inlet and plug it. G. Gravel, crushed stone, or slag at the rate of 9 cubic yards per 1,000 sq. ft. applied uniformly to a minimum depth of 3 inches may be used. Size 2 or 3 (ASTM C-33) is recommended.
- Mulch Anchoring should be accomplished immediately after placement of hay or straw mulch to minimize loss by wind or water. This may be done by one of the following methods, depending upon the size of the area and steepness of slopes.
- A. Peg and Twine Drive 8 to 10 inch wooden pegs to within 2 to 3 inches of the soil surface every 4 feet in all directions. Stakes may be driven before or after applying mulch. Secure mulch to soil surface by stretching twine between pegs in a criss-cross and a square pattern. Secure twine around each peg with two or more round turns.
- B. Mulch Nettings Staple paper, cotton, or plastic nettings over mulch. Use degradable netting in areas to be mowed. Netting is usually available in rolls 4 feet wide and up to 300 feet long. C. Crimper Mulch Anchoring Coulter Tool - A tractor-drawn implement especially designed to punch and anchor mulch into the soil surface. This practice affords maximum erosion control, but its use is limited to those slopes upon which the tractor can operate safely. Soil penetration should be about 3 to 4 inches. On sloping land, the operation should be on the contour. D. Liquid Mulch-Binders
- 1. Applications should be heavier at edges where wind catches the mulch, in valleys, and at crests of banks. Remainder of area should be uniform in appearance.
- 2. Use one of the following: a. Organic and Vegetable Based Binders - Naturally occurring, powder based, hydrophilic materials that mixed with water formulates a gel and when applied to mulch under satisfactory curing conditions will form membrane networks of insoluble polymers. The vegetable gel shall be physiologically harmless and not result in a phyto-toxic effect or impede growth of turfgrass. Vegetable based gels shall be applied at rates and weather conditions recommended by the manufacturer.
- b. Synthetic Binders High polymer synthetic emulsion, miscible with water when diluted and following application to mulch, drying and curing shall no longer be soluble or dispersible in water. It shall be applied at rates and weather conditions recommended by the manufacturer and remain tacky until germination of grass.

#### STANDARD FOR TEMPORARY VEGETATIVE COVER FOR SOIL STABILIZATION

#### Where Applicable

On exposed soils that have the potential for causing off-site environmental damage.

#### Methods and Materials

- A. Grade as needed and feasible to permit the use of conventional equipment for seedbed preparation, seeding, mulch application, and mulch anchoring. All grading should be done in accordance with Standards for Land Grading, pg. 19-1. B. Install needed erosion control practices or facilities such as diversions, grade stabilization
- structures, channel stabilization measures, sediment basins, and waterways. See Standards 11 C. Immediately prior to seeding, the surface should be scarified 6" to 12" where there has been soil compaction. This practice is permissible only where there is no danger to underground

## Seedbed Preparation

- A. Apply ground limestone and fertilizer according to soil test recommendations such as offered by Rutgers Co-operative Extension. Soil sample mailers are available from the local Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices. Fertilizer shall be applied at the rate of 500 pounds per acre or 11 pounds per 1,000 square feet of 10-20-10 or equivalent with 50% water insoluble nitrogen unless a soil test indicates otherwise. Apply limestone at the rate of 2 tons/acre unless soil testing indicates otherwise. Calcium carbonate is the equivalent and standard for measuring the ability of liming materials to neutralize soil acidity and supply calcium and magnesium to grasses and legumes.
- B. Work lime and fertilizer into the soil as nearly as practical to a depth of 4 inches with a disc, springtooth harrow, or other suitable equipment. The final harrowing or disking operation should be on the general contour. Continue tillage until a reasonable uniform seedbed is prepared. C. Inspect seedbed just before seeding. If traffic has left the soil compacted, the area must be retilled
- in accordance with the above. D. Soils high in sulfides or having a pH of 4 or less refer to Standard for Management of High Acid
- Producing Soils, pg. 1-1. and the Acid Producing Soils standard found in Appendix A of the specifications.

A. Select seed from recommendations in Table 7-2.

utilities (cables, irrigation systems, etc.).

| TEMPORARY VEGET                    | ATIVE STAI |                       | BLE 7-2<br>I GRASSES,    | SEEDING R                         | ATES, DATE                 | S AND DEPTH |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| SEED SELECTION                     |            | NG RATE<br>1<br>JNDS) | OPT<br>BASED O           | OPTIMUM<br>SEED DEPTH<br>(INCHES) |                            |             |
|                                    | PER ACRE   | PER<br>1000 Sq. Ft.   | ZONE<br>5b, 6s           | ZONE<br>6b                        | ZONE<br>7a, b              |             |
|                                    |            | COOL SEA              | SON GRAS                 | SSES                              |                            |             |
| 1. PERENNIAL RYEGRASS              | 100        | 1.0                   | 3/15 - 6/1<br>8/1 - 9/15 | 3/1 - 5/15<br>8/15 - 10/1         | 2/15 - 5/1<br>8/15 - 10/15 | 0.5         |
| 2. SPRING OATS                     | 86         | 2.0                   | 3/15 - 6/1<br>8/1 - 9/15 | 3/1 - 5/15<br>8/15 - 10/1         | 2/15 - 5/1<br>8/15 - 10/15 | 1.0         |
| 3. WINTER BARLEY                   | 96         | 2.2                   | 8/15 - 10/1              | 8/15 - 10/1                       | 8/15 - 10/15               | 1.0         |
| 4. ANNUAL RYEGRASS                 | 100        | 1.0                   | 3/15 - 6/1<br>8/1 - 9/15 | 3/15 - 6/1<br>8/1 - 9/15          | 2/15 - 5/1<br>8/15 - 10/15 | 0.5         |
| 5. WINTER CEREAL RYE               | 112        | 2.8                   | 8/1 - 11/1               | 8/1 - 11/15                       | 8/1 - 12/15                | 1.0         |
|                                    |            | WARM SEA              | ASON GRA                 | SSES                              |                            |             |
| 6. PEARL MILLET                    | 20         | 0.5                   | 6/1 - 8/1                | 5/15 - 8/15                       | 5/1 - 9/1                  | 1.0         |
| 7. MILLET (GERMAN OR<br>HUNGARIAN) | 30         | 0.7                   | 6/1 - 8/1                | 5/15 - 8/15                       | 5/1 - 9/1                  | 1.0         |

## TABLE 7-2 FOOTNOTES:

SEEDING RATE FOR WARM SEASON GRASS, SELECTIONS 5 - 7 SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE AMOUNT OF PURE LINE SEED (PLS) AS DETERMINED BY A GERMINATION TEST RESULT. NO ADJUSTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR COOL SEASON GRASSES. MAY BE PLANTED THROUGHOUT SUMMER IF SOIL MOISTURE IS ADEQUATE OR SEEDED AREA CAN BE IRRIGATED. PLANT HARDINESS ZONE (SEE FIGURE 7-1, PG. 7-4).

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C. Hydroseeding is a broadcast seeding method usually involving a truck or trailer mounted tank, with an agitation system and hydraulic pump for mixing seed, water and fertilizer and spraying te mix onto the prepared seedbed. Mulch shall not be included in the tank with seed. Short fibered mulch may be applied with a hydroseeder following seeding. (also see Section IV Mulching) Hydroseeding is not a preferred seeding method because seed and fertilizer are applied to the surface and not incorporated into the soil. Poor seed to soil contact occurs reducing seed germination and growth. Hydroseeding may be used for areas too steep for conventional equipment to traverse or too obstructed with rocks, stumps, etc..

B. Conventional Seeding. Apply seed uniformly by hand, cyclone (centrifugal) seeder, drop seeder,

incorporated into the soil, to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch, by raking or dragging. Depth of seed

placement may be 1/4 inch deeper on coarse textured soil.

drill or cultipacker seeder. Except for drilled, hydroseeded or cultipacked seedings, seed shall be

D. After seeding, firming the soil with a corrugated roller will assure good seed-to-soil contact, restore capillarity, and improve seedling emergence. This is the preferred method. When performed on the contour, sheet erosion will be minimized and water conservation on site will be

- Mulching is required on all seeding. Mulch will insure against erosion before grass is established and will promote faster and earlier establishment. The existence of vegetation sufficient to control soil erosion shall be deemed compliance with this mulching requirement.
- A. Straw or Hay. Unnrotted small grain straw, hay free of seeds, applied at the rate of 1-1/2 to 2 tons per acre (70 to 90 pounds per 1,000 square feet), except that where a crimper is used instead of a liquid mulch-binder (tackifying or adhesive agent), the rate of application is 3 tons per acre. Mulch chopper-blowers must not grind the mulch. Hay mulch is not recommended for establishing fine turf or lawns due to the presence of weed seed.
- Application. Spread mulch uniformly by hand or mechanically so that approximately 95% of the soil surface will be covered. For uniform distribution of hand-spread mulch, divide area into approximately 1,000 square feet sections and distribute 70 to 90 pounds within each section.
- Anchoring shall be accomplished immediately after placement to minimize loss by wind or water. This may be done by one of the following methods, depending upon the size of the area, steepness
- 1. Peg and Twine. Drive 8 to 10 inch wooden pegs to within 2 to 3 inches of the soil surface every 4 feet in all directions. Stakes may be driven before or after applying mulch. Secure mulch to soil surface by stretching twine between pegs in a cris-cross and a square pattern. Secure twine around each peg with two or more round turns.
- 2. Mulch Nettings. Staple paper, jute, cotton, or plastic nettings to the soil surface. Use a degradable netting in areas to be mowed.
- 3. Crimper (mulch anchoring tool). A tractor-drawn implement, somewhat like a disc harrow, especially designed to push or cut some of the broadcast long fiber mulch 3 to 4 inches into the soil so as to anchor it and leave part standing upright. This technique is limited to areas traversable by a tractor, which must operate on the contour of slopes. Straw mulch rate must be 3 tons per acre. No tackifying or adhesive agent is required.
- 4. Liquid Mulch-Binders. May be used to anchor hay or straw mulch. a. Applications should be heavier at edges where wind may catch the mulch, in valleys, and STANDARD FOR DUST CONTROL
- at crests of banks. The remainder of the area should be uniform in appearance. b. Use one of the following:
- (1) Organic and Vegetable Based Binders Naturally occurring, powder based, hydrophilic materials when mixed with water formulates a gel and when applied to mulch under satisfactory curing conditions will form membraned networks of insoluble polymers. The vegetable gel shall be physiologically harmless and not result in a phytotoxic effect or impede growth of turfgrass. Use at rates and weather conditions as recommended by the manufacturer to anchor mulch materials. Many new products are available, some of which may need further evaluation for use in this state.
- (2) Synthetic Binders High polymer synthetic emulsion, miscible with water when diluted and following application to mulch, drying and curing shall no longer be soluble or dispersible in water. It shall be applied at rates recommended by the manufacturer and remain tacky until germination of grass. Note: All names give above are registered trade names. This does not constitute a commendation of these products to the exclusion of other products.
- B. Wood-fiber or paper-fiber mulch. Shall be made from wood, plant fibers or paper containing no growth or germination inhibiting materials, used at the rate of 1,500 ponds per acre (or as recommended by the project manufacturer) and may be applied by a hydroseeder. This mulch shall is prohibited. not be mixed in the tank with seed. Use is limited to flatter slopes and during optimum seeding periods in spring and fall.
- C. Pelletized mulch. Compressed and extruded paper and/or wood fiber product, which may contain co-polymers, tackifiers, fertilizers and coloring agents. The dry pellets, when applied to

## STANDARDS FOR TOPSOILING

On exposed soils that have the potential for causing off-site environmental damage.

- A. Topsoil should be friable, loamy2, free of debris, objectionable weeds and stones, and contain no toxic substance or adverse chemical or physical condition that may be harmful to plant growth. Soluble salts should not be excessive (conductivity less than 0.5 millimhos per centimeter. More than 0.5 millimhos may desicate seedlings and adversely impact growth ). Topsoil hauled in from offsite should have a minimum organic matter content of 2.75 percent. Organic matter content may be raised by additives.
- B. Topsoil substitute is a soil material which may have been amended with sand, silt, clay, organic matter fertilizer or lime and has the appearance of topsoil. Topsoil substitutes may be utilized on sites with insufficient topsoil for establishing permanent vegetation. All topsoil substitute materials shall meet the requirements of topsoil noted above. Soil tests shall be performed to determine the components of sand, silt, clay, organic matter, soluble salts and pH level.

## Stripping and Stockpiling

- A. Field exploration should be made to determine whether quantity and or quality of surface soil B. Stripping should be confined to the immediate construction area
- C. Where feasible, lime may be applied before stripping at a rate determined by soil tests to bring the soil pH to approximately 6.5. In lieu of soil tests, see lime rate guide in seedbed preparation for
- Permanent Vegetative Cover for Soil Stabilization, pg. 4-1. D. A 4-6 inch stripping depth is common, but may vary depending on the particular soil. E. Stockpiles of topsoil should be situated so as not to obstruct natural drainage or cause off-site
- environmental damage. F. Stockpiles should be vegetated in accordance with standards previously described herein; see standards for Permanent (pg. 4-1) or Temporary (pg.7-1) Vegetative Cover for Soil Stabilization. Weeds should not be allowed to grow on stockpiles.

## Site Preparation

A. Grade at the onset of the optimal seeding period so as to minimize the duration and area of exposure of disturbed soil to erosion. Immediately proceed to establish vegetative cover in accordance with the specified seed mixture. Time is of the essence

B. Grade as needed and feasible to permit the use of conventional equipment for seedbed preparation,

C. As guidance for ideal conditions, subsoil should be tested for lime requirement. Limestone, if needed, should be applied to bring soil to a pH of approximately 6.5 and incorporated into the soil as nearly as practical to a depth of 4 inches.

seeding, mulch application and anchoring, and maintenance.

- D. Immediately prior to topsoiling, the surface should be scarified 6" to 12" where there has been soil compaction. This will help insure a good bond between the topsoil and subsoil. This practice is permissible only where there is no danger to underground utilities (cables, irrigation
- E. Employ needed erosion control practices such as diversions, grade stabilization structures, channel stabilization measures, sedimentation basins, and waterways.

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- A. Topsoil should be handled only when it is dry enough to work without damaging soil structure; the project. i.e., less than field capacity (see glossary).
- B. A uniform application to a depth of 5 inches (unsettled) is recommended. Soils with a pH of 4.0 or less or containing iron sulfide shall be covered with a minimum depth of 12 inches of soil having a pH of 5.0 or more, in accordance with the Standard for Management of High Acid Producing Soil

#### STANDARD FOR MAINTAINING VEGETATION

#### Methods and Materials

A preventive maintenance program anticipates requirements and accomplishes work when it can be done with least effort and expense to insure adequate vegetative cover.

Maintenance should occur on a regular basis, consistent with favorable plant growth, soil, and climatic conditions. This involves regular seasonal work for mowing, fertilizing, liming, watering, pruning, fire control, weed and pest control, reseeding, and timely repairs.

The degree of preventive maintenance needed depends upon the type of vegetation and its proposed

- 1. Mowing is a recurring practice and its intensity depends upon the function of the ground cover On high to moderate (A to B) maintenance areas, such as lawns, certain recreation fields, and picnic areas, mowing will be frequent (2 to 7 day intervals) and typically at a height of 2.5 to 3 inches. Return clippings from mowing (mulching mower) to the turf to reduce the amount of fertilizer needed to maintain the turf by as much as 50%. Some turf mixtures can be managed as naturalized stands requiring only one (cool season mixtures) or two (warm season mixtures) mowings per year. Mowing of naturalized areas is typically done at heights no less than 4 inches and should not bedone between April 1st and July 15th to avoid disturbing ground nesting birds. The large amount of clipping debris generated by mowing naturalized areas will need to be removed and/or dispersed so the vegetation is not smothered. Burning of naturalized areas is another procedure used to manage naturalized turfs. Low maintenance (D) areas may be left unmowed to permit natural succession. See pg. 4-13 footnote #4, Maintenance Levels A, B, C and D in the Standard for Permanent Vegetative Cover, Table 4-3.
- 2. Incorporation of organic matter (for example, mature compost) into the soil will substantially reduce the need for fertilizer and irrigation inputs.
- 3. Fertilizer and lime should be applied as needed to maintain a dense stand of desirable species. Frequently mowed areas and those on sandy soils will require more frequent fertilization but at lower nutrient rates per application.

weeds or brush that can be tolerated in any vegetated area depends upon the intended use of the

increase the need for liming. Contact the local county extension office for details on soil testing and fertilization and pest control recommendations online at <a href="http://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/">http://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/</a>. 5 Fertilization and additions of other soil amendments are not recommended for managing native

4. Lime requirement should be determined by soil testing every 2 or 3 years. Fertilization may

- vegetation such as in the Pinelands National Reserve. See the Standard for Permanent Vegetative Stabilization for specific requirements in the PNR. 6. Weed invasion may result from abusive mowing and from inadequate fertilizing and liming. Many newly established grasses will not survive if mowed at heights below 2.5 inches and at intervals greater than 7 days. Brush invasion is a common consequence of lack of mowing. The amount of
- land. Drainage ways are subject to rapid infestation by weed and woody plants. These should be controlled, since they often reduce drainage way efficiency. Control of weeds or brush is accomplished by using herbicides or mechanical methods. 7. Fire hazard is greater where dry vegetation has accumulated. The taller the vegetation, the greater
- the hazard. 8. Prune trees and shrubs to remove dead or damaged branches. Remove undesirable or invasive

## plants to maintain integrity of the landscape and enhance quality of permanent vegetative cover.

To prevent blowing and movement of dust from exposed soil surfaces, reduced on-site and off-site damage and health hazards and improve traffic safety.

#### Condition Where Practice Applies

This practice is applicable to areas subject to dust blowing and movement where on-site and off-site damage is likely without treatment. Consult with local municipal ordinances on any restrictions.

In order to control dust, as often as required during each working day, and particularly prior to the conclusion of each working day areas under immediate construction (including access roads and other areas affected thereby) shall be swept and wet down with water sufficiently to lay dust. In addition, these areas shall be wet down during non-working hours (including weekends) as often as required to keep the dust under control. The use of calcium chloride or petroleum products or other chemicals for dust control

#### STANDARD FOR MANAGEMENT OF HIGH ACID PRODUCING SOIL

#### Where Applicable

This practice is applicable to any high acid-producing soil materials. Such materials have been found in the Coastal Plain areas of Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem and Somerset Counties.

- Methods and Materials 1. Limit the excavation area and exposure time when high acid-producing soils are encountered. 2. Topsoil stripped from the site shall be stored separately from temporarily stockpiled high
- acid-producing soils. 3. Stockpiles of high acid-producing soil should be located on level land to minimize its movement, especially when this material has a high clay content. 4. Temporarily stockpiled high acid-producing soil material to be stored more than 48 hours should be covered with properly anchored, heavy grade sheets of polyethylene where possible. If not
- possible, stockpiles shall be covered with a minimum of 3 to 6 inches of wood chips to minimize erosion of the stockpile. Silt fence shall be installed at the toe of the slope to contain movement of the stockpiled material. Topsoil shall not be applied to the stockpiles to prevent topsoil contamination with high acid-producing soil. 5. High acid-producing soils with a pH of 4.0 or less or containing iron sulfide (including borrow
- from cuts or dredged sediment) shall be ultimately placed or buried with limestone applied at the rate of 10 tons per acre (or 450 pounds per 1,000 square feet of surface area) and covered with a minimum of 12 inches of settled soil with a pH of 5.0 or more except as follows: a. Areas where trees or shrubs are to be planted shall be covered with a minimum of 24 inches of
- soil with a pH or 5 or more. b. Disposal areas shall not be located within 24 inches of any surface of a slope or bank, such as berms, stream banks, ditches, and others, to prevent potential lateral leaching damages. 6. Equipment used for movement of high acid-producing soils should be cleaned at the end of each
- day to prevent spreading of high acid-producing soil materials to other parts of the site, into streams or stormwater conveyances, and to protect machinery from accelerated rusting. 7. Non-vegetative erosion control practices (stone tracking pads, strategically placed limestone check
- dam, sediment barrier, wood chips) should be installed to limit the movement of high acid-producing soils from, around, or off the site. 8. Following burial or removal of high acid-producing soil, topsoiling and seeding of the site (see Temporary Vegetative Cover for Soil Stabilization, Permanent Vegetative Cover for Soil
- Stabilization, and Topsoiling), monitoring must continue for a minimum of 6 months to ensure there is adequate stabilization and that no high acid-producing soil problems emerge. If problems still exist, the affected area must be treated as indicated above to correct the problem. 9. Please also refer oto the Environmental Standards for "Acid Producing Soils" in Attachment A of the specifications.

The specifications which spell out the environmental and cultural resource protection/restoration from N.J.A.C. 7:22-10.11 and N.J.A.C. 7:22-10.12, and located in Attachment A of the specifications, shall have precedence over other potentially contradictory language contained elsewhere in the design contract documents. In instances where the provisions of a Department-issued permit contradict a provision of the specifications (including those identified in Environmental Assessment Requirements for State Assisted nvironmental Infrastructure Facilities, N.J.A.C. 7:22-10), the environmental resources protection and/or restoration and cultural resource mitigation measures identified in the Department-issued permit shall

All activities which are part of the comprehensive environmental infrastructure project(s) for the planning area must conform to the requirements of this section regardless of eligibility of individual components of

#### MERCER COUNTY SCD REQUIRED SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL NOTES

permit requirements shall be followed.

- 1. The Mercer County Soil Conservation District shall be notified 48 hours prior to starting land disturbance activity Notice may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:
  - MCSCD, 508 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690 Fax: (609) 586-1117 Email: mercersoil@aol.com
- Phone: (609) 586-9603 If applicable to this project, the owner should be aware of his or her obligation to file for a NJPDES Construction Activity Stormwater 5G3 Permit (NJG0088323) via the NJDEP online permitting system (www.nj.gov/dep/online)

and to maintain the associated best management practices and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan self inspection

logbook onsite at all times. This permit must be filed prior to the start of soil disturbance. The online application

process will require entry of an SCD certification code, which is provided by the Soil Conservation District upon

- certification of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- The Mercer County Soil Conservation District shall be notified of any changes in ownership. Any changes to the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, including an increase in the limit of
- disturbance, will require the submission of revised Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans to the District for recertification. The revised plans must meet all current State Soil Erosion & Sediment Control STANDARDS.
- A copy of the certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plan shall be maintained on site at all times. All Soil Erosion and Sediment Control practices shall be installed prior to any major soil disturbances, or in their proper sequence as outlined within the Sequence of Construction on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control
- lan, and maintained until permanent protection is established All work shall be done in accordance with the current STANDARDS for Soil Erosion ad Sediment Control in NJ. If language contained within any other permit for this project is more restrictive than (but no contradictory to) what is contained within these notes or on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, then the more restrictive
- The Standard for Stabilized Construction Access requires the installation of a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " clean stone tracking pad at all construction driveways immediately after initial site disturbance, whether identified on the certified plan or note. The width shall span the full width of egress, and length shall be 50 ft. or more, depending on site conditions and as required by the STANDARD. This shall include individual lot access points within residential subdivisions. If the egress is to a County road, then a 20 ft. long paved transition shall be provided between the edge of pavement and
- the stone access pad. A sub-base course will be applied immediately following rough grading and installation of improvements in order to stabilize streets, roads, driveways and parking areas. In areas where no utilities are present, the sub-base shall be nstalled within 15 days of preliminary grading, provided that all other requirements related to detention basins,
- immediately receive temporary stabilization. If the season prevents establishment of a temporary vegetative cover, or if the area is not topsoiled, then the disturbed areas will be mulched with straw, or equivalent material, at a rate of two (2) tons per acres, according to State STANDARDS. Sloped areas in excess of 3H:1V shall be provided with erosion control blankets. Critical areas subject to erosion (i.e. steep slopes, roadway embankments, environmentally sensitive areas) will receive temporary stabilization immediately after initial disturbance or rough grading.

10. Any disturbed areas that will left exposed more than 10 days and not subject to construction activity will

- Any steep slopes (i.e. slopes greater than 3:1) receiving pipeline or utility installation will be backfilled and stabilized daily, as the installation proceeds. Permanent vegetation shall be seeded or sodded on all exposed areas within ten (10) days after final grading and
- topsoiling. All agronomic requirements contained within the STANDARDS and on the Certified Plan shall be employed. Mulch with binder, in accordance with the STANDARDS, shall be used on all seeded areas. Save all tags and/or bags used for seed, lime and fertilizer, and provide them to the District inspector to verify that mixtures and rates meet the STANDARDS. 14. At the time when the site preparation for permanent vegetative stabilization is going to be accomplished, any soil

that will not provide a suitable environment to support adequate vegetative ground cover, shall be removed or treated

in such a way that will permanently adjust the soil conditions and render it suitable for vegetative ground cover. If

- the removal or treatment of the soil will not provide suitable conditions, then non-vegetative means of permanent ground stabilization will have to be employed. 15. During the course of construction, soil compaction may occur within haul routes, staging areas and other project areas. In accordance with teh Standard for Topsoiling, compacted surfacesshould be scarified 6" to 12" immediately prior to topsoil application. This will help ensure a good bond between the topsoil and subsoil. this practice is
- 16. Prior to seeding, topsoil shall be worked to prepare a proper seedbed. This shall include raking of the topsoil and removal of debris and stones, along with other requirements of the Standard for Permanent Vegetative Cover for Soil 17. In accordance with the STANDARD for Management of High Acid Producing Sols, any soil having a pH of 4 or less

or containing iron sulfides shall be buried with limestone in accordance with the STANDARD and be covered with a

permissible only where there is no danger to underground utilities (cables, irrigation systems, etc.).

- minimum of 12" of soil having a pH of 5 or more prior to topsoil application and seedbed preparation. If the area is to receive tree or shrub plantings, or is located on a slope, then the area shall be covered with a minimum of 24" of soil having a pH of 5 or more. 8. Mulching to the STANDARDS is required for obtaining a Conditional Report of Compliance. Conditional ROC's are
- only issued when the season prohibits seeding. Permanent stabilization must then be completed during the optimum seeding season immediately followin gthe conditional ROC, or the completion f work in a given area. 19. Hydroseeding is a two-step process. The first step includes seed, fertilizer, lime, etc., along with minimal amounts of mulch to promote consistency, good seed-to-soil contact, and give a visual indication of coverage. Upon completion of the seeding operation, hydromulch should be applied at a minimum rate of 1500 lbs. per acre in second step. The
- use of hydro-mulch, as opposed to straw, is limited to optimum seeding dates as listed in the STANDARDS. The use of hydromulch on sloped areas is discouraged.
- 20. The contractor is responsible for keeping all adjacent roads clean during life of the construction project. All sediment washed, dropped, tracked or spilled onto paved surfaces shall be immediately removed. 21. The developer shall be responsible for remediating any erosion or sediment problems that arise as a result of ongoing
- construction, and for employing additional erosion and sediment control measures at the request of the Mercei County Soil Conservation District. 22. Conduit Outlet Protection must be installed at all required outfalls prior to the drainage system becoming operational 23. All detention/retention basins must be fully constructed (inclusive of all structural components and liners) and permanently stabilized prior to paving or prior to the addition of any impervious surfaces. Permanent stabilization agronomic requirements as specified on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, installation of the
- outflow control structures and discharge storm drainage piping, low flow channels, conduit outlet protection, emergency spillways, and lap ring protection.
- 24. The riding surface of all utility trenches within paved areas shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " clean stone or base pavement until such time as final pavement has been installed. Temporary soil riding surfaces are prohibited 5. All construction dewatering (trenches, excavations, etc.) must be done through an inlet or outlet filter in accordance
- with the Standards for Dewatering or as depicted on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Discharge locations for the dewatering operation much contain perennial vegetation or similar stable surface. All swales or channels that will receive runoff from paved surfaces must be permanently stabilized prior to the installation of pavement. If the season prohibits the establishment of permanent stabilization, the swales or channels
- may be temporarily stabilized in accordance with the STANDARDS. 7. N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq. requires that no Certificate of Occupancy of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy be issued by the Municipality before the provisions of the Certified Soil Erosions and Sediment Control Plan have been satisfied. Therefore, all site work for site plans and all work around individual lots in subdivisions must be completed before the District issues a Report of Compliance of Conditional Report of Compliance, which must be forwarded to the Municipality prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of

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Install traffic control devices. - 1 Day

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Occupancy, respectively.

- SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION
- Install all soil erosion and sediment control measures as shown on plan and directed. 1 Day Install water improvements. - 1 Week Install sanitary improvements. - 3 Weeks
- Install stormwater improvements. 2 Weeks Construct curb, sidewalk, ramps and driveway aprons. - 5 Weeks
- Mill and pave. 2 Weeks Install signage and pavement markings. - 1 Week Install topsoil, seed, lime, fertilizers, mulch, and landscaping. - 1 Week

#### Stabilize any remaining disturbed areas. - 1 Week Remove soil erosion control measures. - 1 Day 12. Remove traffic control devices. - 1 Day

REFERENCE: "STANDARD FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN NEW JERSEY" ADOPTED 2014 BY THE NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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