



**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers, City Hall
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Public Session**

If you wish to address the Council, kindly sign in with the Clerk by completing the Speaker Form. The Mayor and Councilmembers are happy to meet with residents at City Hall. Check the City website for the “office hours” schedule at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order *Mayor*

EXECUTIVE SESSION I (6:30 PM)

2. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105 *Corporation Counsel*
- a. Personnel
 - b. Potential Acquisition of Property
 - c. Litigation

WELCOME (7:00 PM)

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to the Public *Mayor*
4. Roll Call *Clerk*
5. Spotlight *Mayor*
- a. Announcement of Community Workshop on 1 and 2 Family Homes
 - b. Recognition of Russ Gold’s service to Rye Town Park
 - c. Recognition of Rye Graduates going to Service Academies
 - United States Military Academy at West Point – Samuel Acciavatti, Eduardo Fernandes, Michael Talbott, and Joseph Rafferty
 - United States Air Force Academy – Frank Zingg

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- ROTC Program at Virginia Tech – Aiden Harvey
 - d. Recognition of Rye 2026 Intern’s Assignment Completion
 - e. Presentation on the Library by Chris Shoemaker, Director *Chris Shoemaker*
 - 6. Report of the City Manager *City Manager*
 - 7. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items *Mayor*

ACTION ITEMS

- 8. Consent Agenda *Clerk*
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 27, 2026
 - b. Resolution to declare certain City Equipment as Surplus
- 9. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda (if any) *Mayor*
- 10. Appointments to Boards and Commissions *Mayor*
 - a. Appointments to the Comprehensive Planning Committee

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 11. Presentation by Christine Siller, Executive Director of the Friends of Rye Nature Center & Consideration of a resolution declaring the City Council’s Intent to be Lead Agency under SEQRA and referral to the Rye City Planning Commission for advisory Tree Removal, Wetland, and Coastal Consistency/LWRP review in connection with the Nature Center Access Drive Project *Christine Siller*
- 12. Update on the Wireless Telecommunication Plan Proposal *City Manager*
- 13. Open a public hearing to amend sections of Chapter 191, Article III “Parking Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-20 “Parking time limited” and § 191-21 “Parking, Standing or Stopping” to eliminate the fifteen-minute parking limit on Library Lane and to prohibit parking, standing or stopping on Library Lane except vehicles that have employee parking permits *Corporation Counsel*

INFORMATION

- 14. Councilmember Reports *Deputy Mayor*
- 15. Old Business/New Business *Mayor*

A LOOK AHEAD

(Possible Discussion at a Future Meeting)

16. Rye Nature Center Campaign, Naming Rights & Funding Application
Authorization Request

City Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION II (If Necessary)

17. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105

Corporation Counsel

- a. Personnel
- b. Potential acquisition of Property
- c. Litigation

ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise stated, if the Council adjourns into executive session, it will then adjourn without further public session.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 pm for the public session at City Hall.

City Council meetings are available live at www.ryeny.gov/home under Rye TV Government Videos, on Cablevision Channel 75 and Verizon Channel 39, and on demand, indexed by agenda item, on the City website at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Josh Nathan, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM: Announcement of Community Workshop on 1 and 2 Family Homes.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the announcement.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Josh Nathan, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM: Recognition of Russ Golds's service to Rye Town Park.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council recognize Russ Gold's Service.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Josh Nathan, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM: Recognition of Rye Graduates going to Service Academies.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council recognize the Rye Graduates.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: Graduates and Service Academies list;

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

- Samuel Acciavatti
- Eduardo Fernandes
- Michael Talbott
- Joseph Rafferty

United States Air Force Academy

- Frank Zingg

ROTC Program at Virginia Tech

- Aiden Harvey



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Josh Nathan, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM: Recognition of Rye 2026 Intern's Assignment Completion.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and Council recognize the Interns.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation on the Library by Chris Shoemaker, Director.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the presentation.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached presentation.



CITY SPOTLIGHT

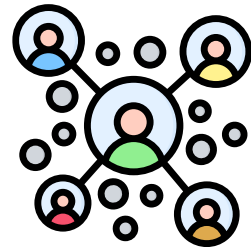
Be Curious : Thriving Library



First Quarter Activities

Metric	2025	2026	Change
Visits	38,853	39,481	2% YOY increase
Programs Offered	276	304	10 % YOY increase
Digital Usage	17,728	19,188	8% YOY increase
Total Circulation	44,480	46,687	5% YOY increase

SERVING RYE



Programming



Collections



Sustainability

Thanks to the generous support of the City of Rye, The Rye Free Reading Room is building off the success of 2025, targeting core library services.

PROGRAMMING

DISCOVERY ZONE

230 New Programs



Make it Mondays
Build It Tuesdays
Discover It Wednesdays
Play It Thursdays
Imagine It Fridays

LITERARY CONVERSATIONS

TASTEMAKERS

NEW VOICES

NEWSWORTHY

TWEEN TAKE OVER

Hands-on
STEM
activities



THURSDAY KIDS CLUB



Creative
Learning and
Reading
Events

SUMMER READING

www.ryelibrary.org/summer



COLLECTIONS



Collection Investment

Print

54%

in 2026



More Bestsellers
Classics Refresh
Children's Series
Summer Reading



Digital Collections

eBooks

46%

in 2026



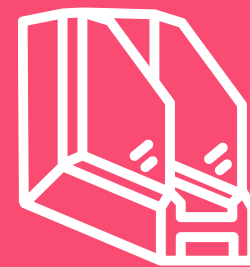
Patron Requests
Children's Books
WLS drawback

SUSTAINABILITY

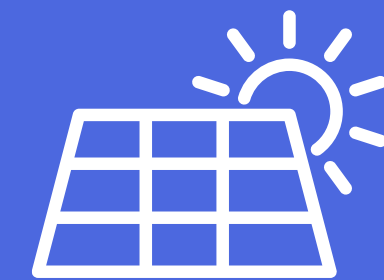
HVAC Planning



Window Efficiency



Solarization



Space Utilization



Facilities Refresh

FUTURE FORWARD

Digital Content Scaling

Address 24% increase in eBook usage and format availability

In-beTweeners

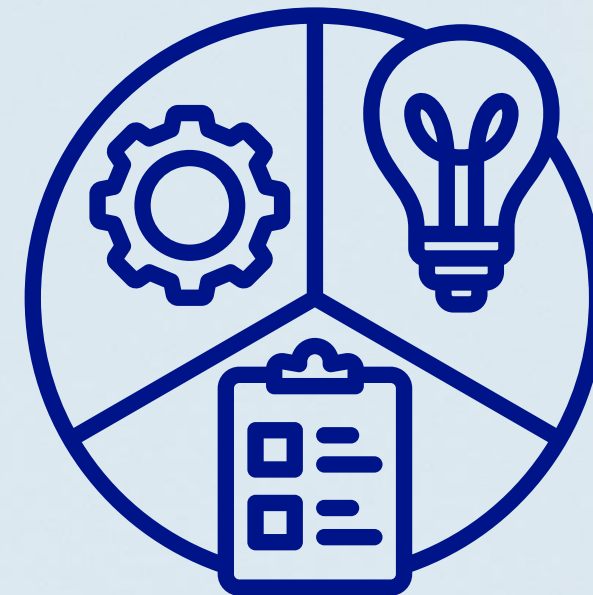
Creating spaces for bridge age groups

Authors

High-tier cultural events and author visits for all ages

Strategic Planning

Visit www.ryelibrary.org/sp26 to stay up to date or be part of the planning process.





Thank You

We are grateful for the strong partnership that allows Rye residents to enjoy top quality library programs and services, and the generous support of the Friends of the Library.





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 27, 2026.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council review and approve the meeting minutes.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached May 27, 2026, meeting minutes.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES – Regular Meeting - City Council
May 27, 2026

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held at the Locust Avenue Firehouse on May 27, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH NATHAN, Mayor
MARION ANDERSON
EMILY BALDWIN
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
AMY KESAVAN
JAMIE JENSEN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING:

BRIAN SHEA, CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL

The Council convened at the Locust Avenue Firehouse at 7:05 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

WELCOME

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Mayor Nathan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Nathan opened the meeting with an amendment to the law being considered at the public hearing. The Council would remove from the draft moratorium law: “number 4: demolition and reconstruction of single and two-family homes”. The rest of the law would be considered as written.

2. [Roll Call](#)

The City Clerk called the roll, and there was a quorum.

3. Spotlight

a. [Presentation by Congressman George Latimer](#)

Congressman Latimer gave an update on federal funding before the Clerk called the roll.

b. [Presentation of Youth Award by Human Rights Commission](#)

Human Rights Commissioner, Rita Capek, presented Maddy Morgan with the HRC Youth Award.

c. [Introduction of City’s 2026 Interns](#)

Mayor Nathan acknowledged and thanked the interns working for the City this summer.

4. [Report of the City Manager](#)

City Manager Brian Shea updated the City Council on various items.

5. [Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items](#)

No one came to speak.

ACTION ITEMS

6. [Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meetings of May 6, 2026.
- b. Approval of resolution designating recipient of Voluntary Animal Shelter contributions pursuant to NYS Agriculture & Markets Law §109.

On motion by Councilperson Kesavan, seconded by Councilperson Jensen, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to approve all Consent Agenda items.

7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

8. [Consideration to set a public hearing for the June 10, 2026 City Council Meeting to amend sections of Chapter 191, Article III “Parking Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-20 “Parking time limited” and § 191-21 “Parking, Standing or Stopping” to eliminate the fifteen-minute parking limit on Library Lane and to prohibit parking, standing or stopping on Library Lane except vehicles that have employee parking permits.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to set the public hearing.

9. [Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)

- Mayor Nathan appointed Councilperson Kesavan as liaison to the Recreation Commission
- Mayor Nathan appointed Councilperson Baldwin as liaison to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Commission

10. [Presentation on Central Business District Design Guidelines Project](#)

City Manager, Brian Shea, presented.

11. [Approval of a resolution to transfer \\$70,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account to the City Council Consultant line for a Central Business District Design Standards consultant.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan it was:

RESOLVED to approve a transfer of \$70,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account to the City Council Consultant line for a Central Business District Design Standards consultant.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Anderson, Baldwin, Cunningham, Kesavan, Jensen, Ward and Mayor Nathan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. [Presentation on Natural Resources Inventory](#)

City Manager, Brian Shea, presented.

13. [Presentation on FEMA Code & Ordinance Review Project](#)

City Manager, Brian Shea, presented.

14. [Amendment to remove number 4: “demolition and reconstruction of single and two-family homes” from the draft law.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Ward, seconded by Councilperson Baldwin, it was:

RESOLVED to amend the draft law by removing number 4: “demolition and reconstruction of single and two-family homes” from the draft law.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Anderson, Baldwin, Cunningham, Kesavan, Jensen, Ward and Mayor Nathan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

15. [Open a public hearing to consider Local Law No. 3-2026 adopting a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any application in:](#)

UNAPPROVED MINUTES – Regular Meeting - City Council
May 27, 2026

1) the Central Business District; 2) the B-1 and B-2 Districts adjoining the Central Business District; 3) redevelopment/development of the Rye Country Day School campus; 4) ~~demolition and reconstruction of single and two-family homes;~~ and 5) multi-family buildings involving 6 or more units.

On motion by Councilperson Kesavan, seconded by Councilperson Cunningham, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to open the public hearing. Those who came to speak on the amended law being considered were given an opportunity to speak. Those who wanted to discuss single- and two-family home reconstruction were invited to speak once the hearing was closed or adjourned.

The following people spoke:

- Stacey Sotirhos, Rye Country Day School
- Leo Napier, Rye Country Day School attorney
- Gino LaVerghetta, 112 Maple Ave
- Bill Forta, Bird St
- Mary Ann Haines, 2 Coolidge Ave

There was a motion by Councilperson Ward, seconded by Councilperson Cunningham, to close the public hearing.

There was a discussion questioning whether further public comment could be taken once the hearing was closed. Corporation Council said that no further public comment could be considered once the hearing was closed.

Motion to close the hearing failed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Ward and Mayor Nathan

NAYS: Councilpersons Anderson, Baldwin, Kesavan and Jensen,

ABSENT: None

On motion by Councilperson Cunningham, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the public hearing until then next scheduled City Council meeting of June 10, 2026.

Mayor Nathan asked for a brief intermission to confer with Council. The Council left at 8:11 pm and returned at 8:40 pm.

On motion by Councilperson Cunningham, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to schedule a Special Meeting of the City Council for June 4, 2026, at 9:00 am.

[On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Ward, and unanimously carried it was:](#)

RESOLVED to move the adjourned hearing to the Special Meeting on June 4, 2026, at 9:00 am.

The following residents spoke regarding single- and two-family homes, the stricken portion of the moratorium:

- Elizabeth Shah-Hosseini, 1 Read Ct
- Paul Varsames, 47 High St
- Lynne Jordal, 47 Garden Dr
- Angelo Mairoano, 5 Orchard Dr
- Michael Blumenthal, 31 Stuyvesant Ave
- Andrew Johnston, 71 Brevoort La
- Frank Allegretti, 350 Theo Fremd Ave
- Paul Fontana, 11 Robert Crisfield Ave
- Stanley Kotyza, 121 Wappanocca Ave
- Pati Homes, 49 Purchase St
- Joe Lorano, 160 Osborn Rd
- Suki van Dyke, 62 Garden Dr
- Bonnie Council, 14 Fairlawn St
- Kate Harvey, Wappanocca
- Flavia Galvo, 43 Wainwright St
- Robert Giorgio
- Gino LaVerghetta, 112 Maple Ave
- Stacey Sotirhos, Rye Country Day School let the Council know that June 2-4 were graduation events at RCDS.

[On motion by Councilperson Ward, seconded by Councilperson Baldwin, and unanimously carried it was:](#)

RESOLVED to move the Special Meeting (for the adjourned hearing) to June 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

INFORMATION

16. [Councilmember Reports](#)

Councilmembers provided individual updates on the Boards and Commissions to which they serve as liaisons.

INFORMATION

17. Old Business – New Business

There was nothing mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution to declare certain City equipment as surplus.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with a description of equipment identified as being obsolete or will become obsolete during 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City recommends that Said equipment be declared surplus, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that said equipment is declared surplus, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the listed Department Heads to donate, or sell, or dispose of said equipment in a manner that will serve in the best interests of the city.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: The City Engineer, Harbor Master, Superintendent of Recreation, and Information Technology have provided the attached memos regarding equipment that needs to be declared surplus.

CITY OF RYE, NY
Department of Public Works
Memorandum

DATE: 05/29/2026
TO: Brian Shea, City Manager
FROM: Ryan Coyne, City Engineer **RXC**
RE: Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

As discussed, we have developed a list of vehicles and motorized equipment that are no longer useful to City departments. This list is inclusive of the Departments of Public Works, Police, Recreation, Fire Department, and Staff vehicles and equipment. We are requesting that the council deem these items as “surplus” so that we can proceed to auction.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to call me.

Vehicles&Equipment

- FD Utility 39: 1989 International Utility 1HTLD23N1KH678034 Mileage: 26,726
- Proline gas powered roller Pu2260
- John deere 1445 Lawn tractor
- John deere 997 Zero turn mower 1TC97SBPCT070475
- Small generators (Not working)
- Field line sprayer (Gas powered)
- MTS Tire machine 000426
- Toro 328D Groundsmaster tractor/mower
- (3) Tow behind Baldor T25 generators (Not Running)
- PD 24 PATROL UNMARKED 2007 Ford crown vic 2FAHP71W67X100910
- Miscellaneous electronics from decommissioned police cars. i.e camera systems lights and radios
- Truck 21 2003 Mack RD 690P dump 1M2P263C23M034225 33,938
- Truck 1 2002 Ford F-550 chipper truck 1FDAF57F92EC63308 43,989
- 2008 Conrail C-10 equipment trailer Vin-4KNUC16208L162722

Public Works
141 Oakland Beach Avenue
Rye, NY 10580

(914) 967-7464 phone

(914) 967-4107 fax

Rodrigo Paulino
Harbor Master
650 Milton Rd
Rye, New York 10580



Tel: (914) 967-2011
E-mail:Rpaulino@ryeny.gov
<http://www.ryeny.gov>

Boat Basin

Memorandum

To: Brian Shea, City Manager
From: Rodrigo Paulino, Harbor Master
Date: 5/20/2026
Re: Abandoned Vessel Surplus

The Boat Basin would like to surplus a 2023 Kawasaki Ultra 310LX Jet Ski vessel (Hull ID: KAW70901A323) & Jet Ski Dock that has been abandoned at the boat basin since Summer of 2025. This vessel has now remained at the Boat Basin for a substantial amount of time without the Boat Basin receiving payment for such services. The Boat Basin is taking the necessary procedures to have the vessel auctioned and/or disposed of as per the city's surplus policy.

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Erin Mantz
Recreation Superintendent
Rye, New York 10580



CITY OF RYE

Tel: (914) 967-2535
Fax: (914) 967-5521
E-mail: recreation@ryeny.gov
<http://www.ryeny.gov>

Recreation Department

Memorandum

To: Brian Shea, City Manager
From: Erin Mantz, Recreation Superintendent
Date: 5/21/26
Re: Surplus Chairs

Recreation's requesting to surplus the below items as they have come to the end of their life span and will be replaced. We will take all necessary steps to have the items auctioned and/or disposed of as per the City's surplus policy.

Item	Quantity
Upholstered Folding Chairs	127

Thank you.



Joseph DeVita
IT Services
Rye, New York 10580



CITY OF RYE

Tel: (914) 967-2535
Fax: (914) 967-5521
E-mail: jdevvita@ryeny.gov
<http://www.ryeny.gov>

IT Department

Memorandum

To: Brian Shea, City Manager
From: Joseph DeVita, Head of IT
Date: Services 05/27/2026
Re: Surplus Dell Thin Clients

IT is requesting to surplus the items below as they are not needed and now later in the life span of the devices. We will take all necessary steps to have the items auctioned and/or disposed of as per the City's surplus policy.

Item	Quantity
Dell WYSE 3040 Thin Clients	46
Dell WYSE 5070 Extended thin client 500 Series	7

These units were acquired in 2020 as a model to minimize our technology footprint. However, the units lacked enough CPU and video processing power to meet the needs of the City.

Thank you.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Josh Nathan, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM: Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider potential appointments.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: Appointments to the Comprehensive Planning Committee.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Planner

CONTACT: Christian K. Miller, City Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation by Christine Siller, Executive Director of the Friends of Rye Nature Center & Consideration of a resolution declaring the City Council's Intent to be Lead Agency under SEQRA and referral to the Rye City Planning Commission for advisory Tree Removal, Wetland and Coastal Consistency/LWRP review in connection with the Nature Center Access Drive Project.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Review the attached project documents and consider adoption of the attached resolution.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The existing Nature Center access drive crosses Blind Brook via a 100-year-old bridge. Due to its age, the City-owned bridge has a weight restriction that limits use by large vehicles. Replacing or repairing the existing bridge would be expensive, likely compromise its historic character and would continue to be inaccessible during flood events. The Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) with the assistance of consulting engineers Barton and Loguidice and City Staff propose a new access drive Boston Post Road approximately 325 feet south of the existing location. The design of the proposed access would not require a bridge crossing of Blind Brook and would be less susceptible to closure due to flooding.

Attached hereto are the project plans, environmental assessment form (EAF) and other documents. The attached resolution declares the City Council's intent to be Lead Agency for the required environmental review (i.e. State Environmental Quality Review Act or SEQRA) and to refers the project to the City Planning Commission for its advisory tree removal, wetland, and coastal consistency/Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) review.



CITY OF RYE

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA AND REFERRAL OF THE RYE NATURE ACCESS DRIVE PROJECT TO THE RYE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ADVISORY TREE REMOVAL, WETLAND AND LWRP REVIEW

WHEREAS, the Friends of Rye Nature Center are proposing a new vehicle access drive on property owned by the City of Rye; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to replace the existing Nature Center access drive, which has a vehicle-weight-restricted bridge, with a new access drive on Boston Post Road that is less vulnerable to closure due to flooding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rye City Council, declares its intent to be Lead Agency with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of this Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rye City Council hereby refers the Project to the Rye City Planning Commission for advisory tree removal, wetland and coastal consistency/ Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) review.



May 28, 2026

Mr. Brian Shea, City Manager
Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Re: Request for City Council Permission to Proceed with a New Access Driveway

Dear Mr. Shea,

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) and for your partnership in advancing improvements to the Nature Center's facilities and grounds.

FRNC's current license agreement with the City of Rye permits our organization to pursue funding for the creation of a new access driveway into the Nature Center. As you know, the existing entry bridge presents vehicular limitations and is vulnerable to flooding. For these reasons, FRNC has prioritized identifying a long-term access solution over the past several years.

In February 2025, a private donor extended a generous matching grant challenge to FRNC to support the design, permitting, and construction of this new driveway. Support for the challenge was immediate, and FRNC successfully secured the funds needed to meet the match. In addition, FRNC was awarded a \$457,001 grant through New York State's Zoo, Botanical Gardens, and Aquarium Capital Program to support this important capital project.

Since securing these funds, FRNC and the City of Rye's management team have been working with the engineering firm Barton & Loguidice to design the new access route. Barton & Loguidice also designed the Blind Brook Riparian Restoration project and therefore brings valuable familiarity with how these two efforts can be integrated effectively. The proposed entrance would begin just south of the current driveway in the snow lot. This location was selected to reduce vulnerability to flooding and has been designed to produce no additional rise in flood elevations. FRNC also plans to use the same contractor to construct the new driveway and complete the restoration work within the riparian area.

On behalf of FRNC, I respectfully request the City's permission to move this project forward for review by the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission Advisory Council, and to declare its intent to serve as lead agency under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The project schedule is time-sensitive due to permitting requirements. For ease of reference, I have outlined the proposed timeline below:

- June 10: FRNC seeks City Council's permission to construct a new driveway, declaration of intent to serve as lead agency under SEQRA, and to forward the plans to the Planning Commission and CCAC.
- July 14: Planning Commission reviews the proposed new driveway design.
- Summer 2026: Continued coordination of local permitting. Advance designs with input from permitting agencies.
- Late Summer – Early Fall 2026: Assemble and advertise bid packages. Select project contractor.
- November 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027: Tree cutting window in consideration of local bat population
- Late 2026 / Early 2027: Begin construction of new driveway.

The project will require local and state approvals. Based on the current project scope, the following permits and authorizations are anticipated to apply:

- City of Rye Local Floodplain Development Permit
- City of Rye SWPPP approval with MS4 review
- City of Rye Advisory Wetland and Tree Removal Review - City Planning Commission
- Coastal Consistency / Local Wetland Revitalization Program (LWRP) review
- A determination of environmental significance as required by SEQR

Attached to this memo you will find:

- Project plans
- Wetland permit application form
- Tree count/survey
- LWRP Coastal Assessment Form
- Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)
- Stormwater calculations
- Design memo – which includes design approach, floodplain considerations, stormwater strategy, and project rationale

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Siller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Christine Siller
Executive Director



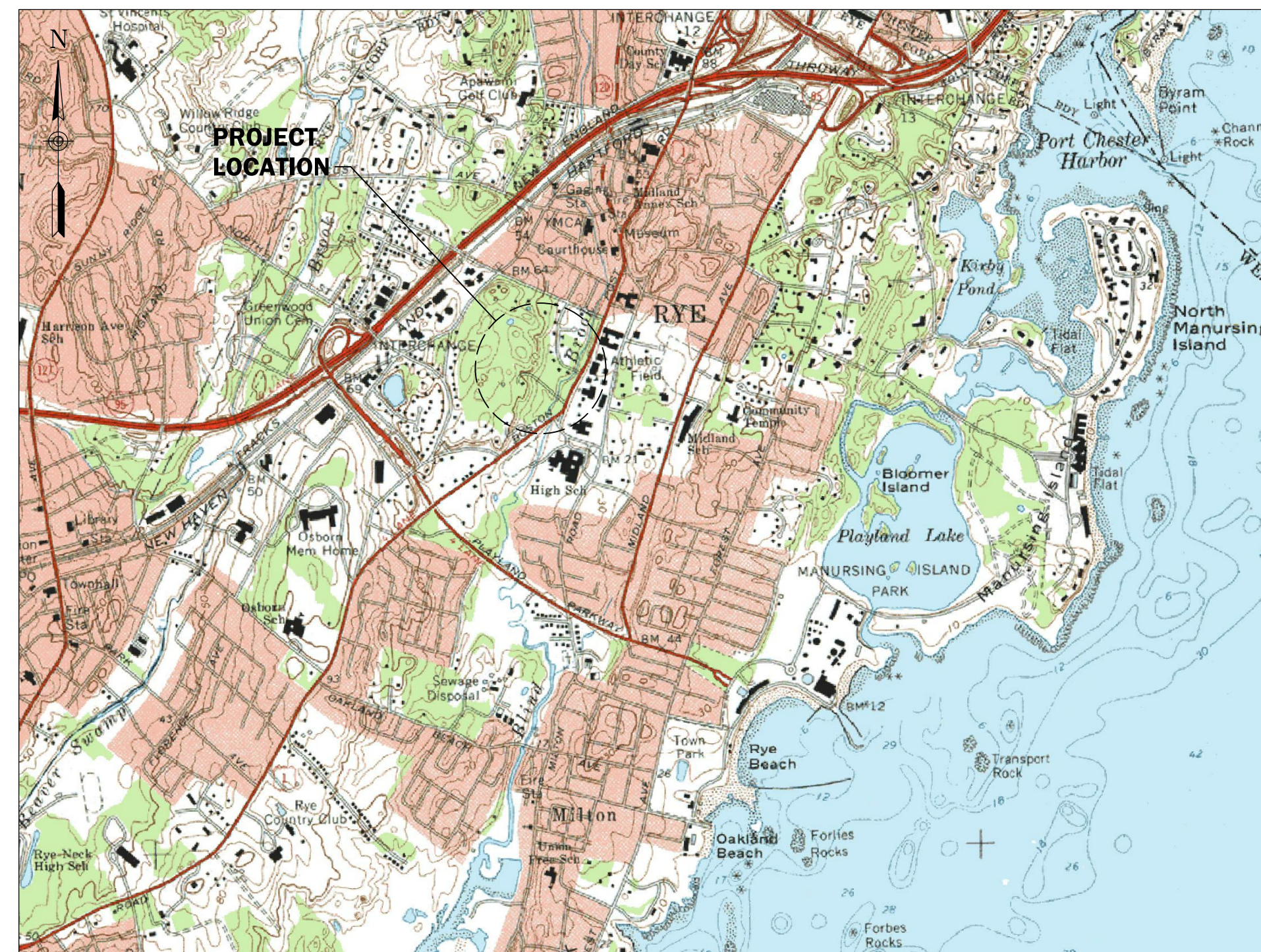
RYE NATURE CENTER DRIVEWAY

CITY OF RYE WESTCHESTER COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK

Barton & Loguidice

NYS CERTIFICATE # 0021642, 0020588, 0019903, 0019905, 0020336

MAY 2026 60% REVIEW PLANS



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

NOT TO SCALE

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY	
ENGINEER A. NAME, P.E.	DATE SIGNED
NEW YORK STATE	XX/XX/XX
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS LICENSE NO. XXXXXXX	
EXPIRATION DATE: XX/XX/XXXX	

Sheet Number

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Project Number

2426.004.001

Plotted: _____
Checked by _____
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Large table with columns: ROW MAPPING, ALIGNMENT, BRIDGE, ROADWAY, ITS, UTILITIES. Contains detailed symbols and descriptions for various engineering features.

- 1. THE LEGEND ILLUSTRATES MAPPING FEATURES (EXISTING AND PROPOSED).
- 2. FEATURES ARE SHOWN AS EITHER LINEAR (ROADWAY GUIDELINE, ROADWAY SIDEWALK, UTILITY LINES, ETC.) OR POINT (SIGN, UTILITY POLE, ETC.).
- 3. FEATURES SHOWN ON THE LEGEND AS EXISTING FEATURES ALSO HAVE CORRESPONDING PROPOSED FEATURES.
- 4. PROPOSED FEATURE SYMBOLS IS IDENTICAL TO EXISTING FEATURE SYMBOLS EXCLUDING LINE WEIGHT. LINE WEIGHT FOR PROPOSED FEATURES IS THICKER (0.40 MM ON 8 SIZE DRAWINGS).
- 5. MAPPING FEATURES NOT INCLUDED ON THE LEGEND SHEET DO NOT HAVE A UNIQUE SYMBOLS (SUCH AS THE PAVEMENT EDGE, PAVEMENT EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY) AND SHOULD BE LABELED ON THE PLANS.
- 6. FEATURES SHOWN AT THE HEAVIER WEIGHT ARE PROPOSED ONLY AND DO NOT HAVE CORRESPONDING EXISTING FEATURES.

ALIGNMENT table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like ahead, azimuth, back, baseline, bearing, centerline, etc.

TOPOGRAPHY (DRAINAGE) table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like gravel, stream, ditch, culvert, etc.

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TOPOGRAPHY (DRAINAGE) CONT. table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like ditch crossing, extreme high water, etc.

SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like auger, casing, etc.

UTILITIES table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like electric, gas, manhole, etc.

REPLACE ABBREVIATION "C" IN CATEGORIES: DA, DM, DN AND FH WITH: table with columns: ABBR., DESCRIPTION. Lists symbols for features like bridge, dam, etc.

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DEFINITION

- 1. THE WORDS "SHALL", "SHOULD", AND "MAY", AS USED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
SHALL - A MANDATORY CONDITION...
SHOULD - AN ADVISORY CONDITION...
MAY - A PERMISSIVE CONDITION...

DRAINAGE FACILITIES

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BECOME FAMILIARIZED WITH DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA SO THEY MAY PROGRESS THEIR WORK EFFICIENTLY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE POTENTIAL DRAINAGE ISSUES.

SURVEY

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SURVEY AND STAKEOUT, AS REQUIRED, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 625 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS... COST FOR THIS WORK SHALL BE INCLUDED UNDER ITEM 62501 - SURVEY OPERATIONS.

RESTORING DISTURBED AREAS

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RESTORE ALL DISTURBED AREAS TO A CONDITION APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
2. THE RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTIONS 107-10 AND 107-15 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICABLE ADDENDUMS.

UTILITIES

- 1. LOCATION OF UTILITIES, PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE, INDICATED AS EXISTING AND/OR TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY...
2. THE RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTIONS 107-10 AND 107-15 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICABLE ADDENDUMS.

CLEARING AND GRUBBING NOTES

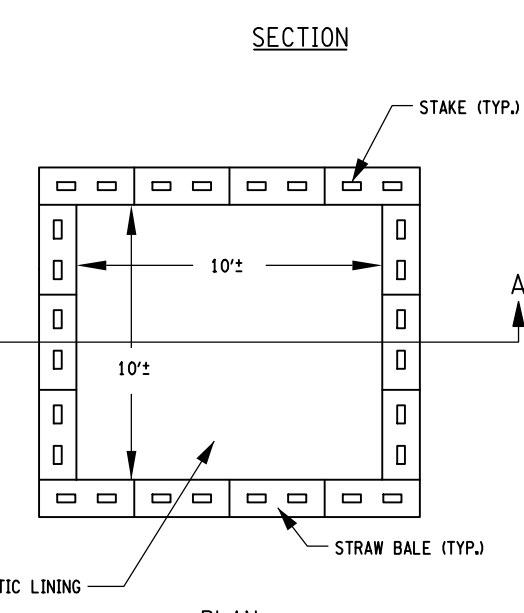
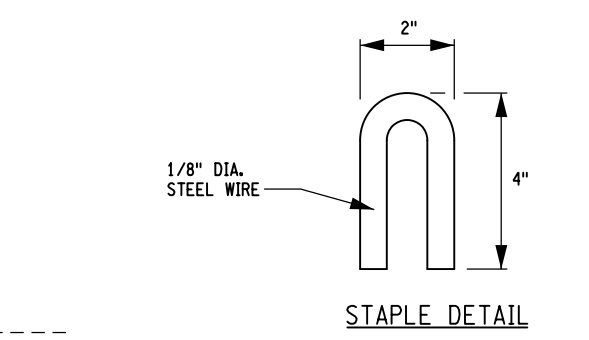
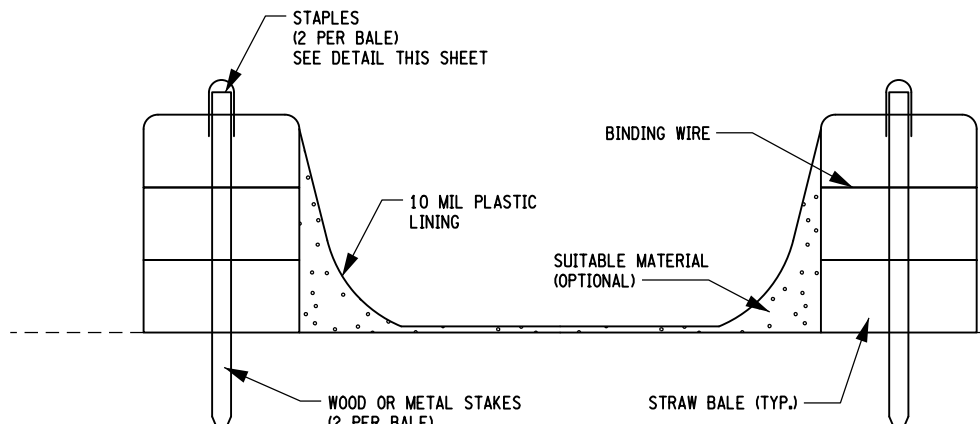
- 1. WORK UNDER ITEM 2015, CLEARING AND GRUBBING, SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLEARING OF TREES, GRUBBING STUMPS AND UNDERSTORY VEGETATION...
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE CARE SO AS NOT TO REMOVE OR DAMAGE EXISTING TREES THAT ARE NOTED "TO REMAIN"...

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTES

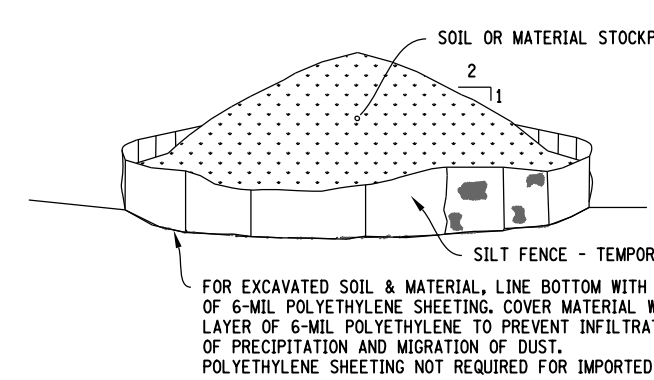
- 1. DURING REMOVAL OPERATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DROP WASTE CONCRETE, DEBRIS, AND OTHER MATERIAL IN ANY WATERWAY...
2. THERE ARE NO LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OR SPILLS.
3. ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE ENTRANCE OF FRESH CONCRETE INTO THE WATERS OF NEW YORK STATE...
4. SPILLAGE OF OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IS ESPECIALLY PROHIBITED...

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- 1. MATERIAL AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHWAY LAW AND THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AS POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.
2. ALL WORK CONTEMPLATED UNDER THIS CONTRACT IS TO BE COVERED BY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS...
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EXAMINE AND VERIFY IN THE FIELD ALL CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS...
4. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES TO THE EXISTING FACILITY CAUSED BY THEIR OPERATIONS...
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EXERCISE CARE IN THEIR REMOVAL OPERATIONS...
6. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL "NOTES" WILL BE FOUND ON SUBSEQUENT SHEETS...
7. NO ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FOR WORK CALLED FOR BY NOTES ON THE PLANS...
8. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO RETAIN NATURAL GROWTH AND PREVENT DAMAGE TO TREES...
9. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROTECT HIS WORKERS AT ALL TIMES...
10. WHENEVER ITEMS IN THE CONTRACT REQUIRE MATERIALS TO BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED...
11. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED TO VISIT THE SITE BEFORE BIDDING...

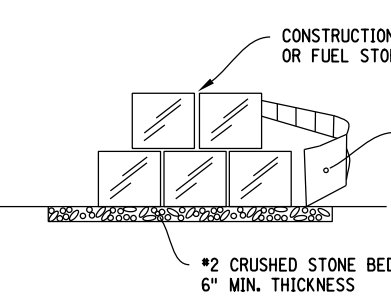


CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA (ABOVE GROUND) N.T.S.



EXCAVATED AND IMPORTED SOIL AND MATERIAL STOCKPILE

- 1. AREA CHOSEN FOR STOCKPILE OPERATIONS SHALL BE DRY AND STABLE...
2. MAXIMUM SLOPE OF STOCKPILE SHALL BE 2H/1V
3. SILT FENCE SHALL BE PLACED FIVE (5)-FEET DOWNSLOPE OF EACH PILE...
4. SILT FENCE PLACED ACROSS THE EXISTING ROADWAY SHALL BE TRIANGULAR SILT DIKE AS TO NOT DISTURB THE EXISTING PAVEMENT.
5. COST FOR CONTAINMENT AREA INCLUDED IN ITEM 209.2301.



FUEL, EQUIPMENT, OR MATERIAL STORAGE AREA

- 1. AREA CHOSEN FOR STORAGE OPERATIONS SHALL BE DRY AND STABLE...
2. NO STOCKPILE AREA SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN FIFTY (50) FEET OF SURFACE WATER...
3. IF STABLE SURFACE NOT AVAILABLE, THE TOP SIX (6) INCHES OF NATIVE MATERIAL SHALL BE EXCAVATED...
4. SILT FENCE SHALL BE PLACED FIVE (5) FEET DOWN SLOPE OF STORAGE AREA.
5. REMOVE ALL MATERIALS INCLUDING STONE AND FABRIC WHEN NEEDED FOR STORAGE IS OVER...
6. COST TO SET UP CONTAINMENT AREA INCLUDED IN ITEMS 209.2301.

GENERAL NOTES FOR EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

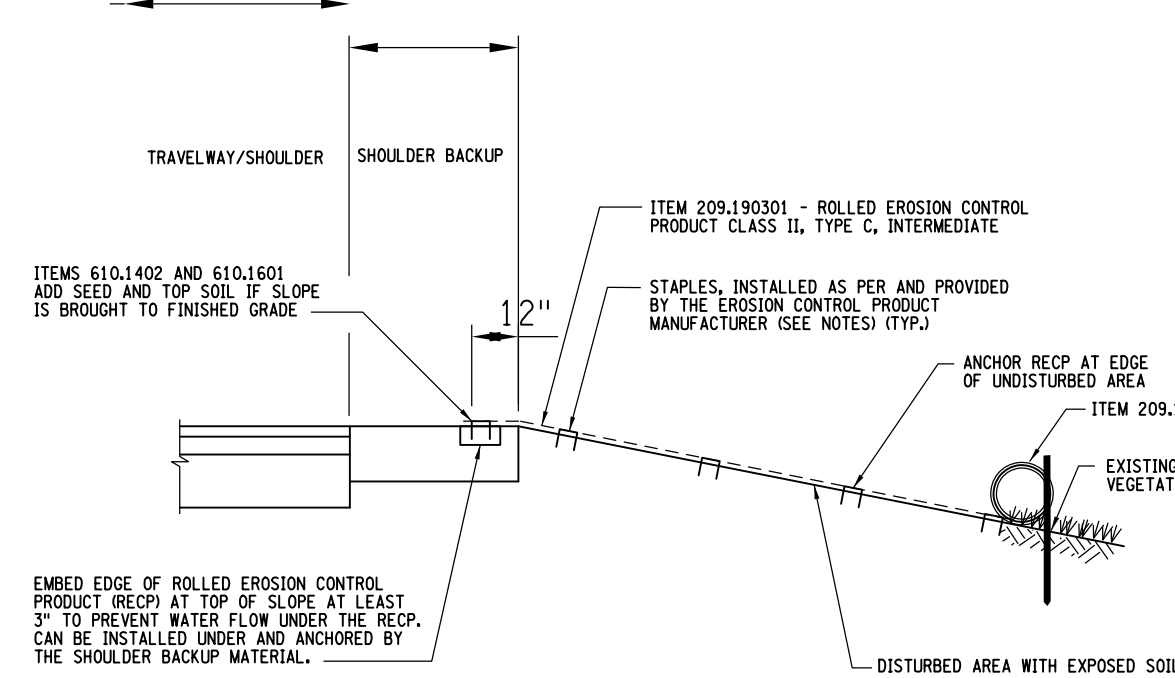
- 1. ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EROSION AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO BEING IMPLEMENTED...
2. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED THAT THE LOCATIONS OF THE TEMPORARY DEVICES ARE APPROXIMATE...
3. THE CONTRACTOR'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT...
4. THE POLLUTION CONTROL NOTES AND DETAILS SHOWN IN THESE DRAWINGS ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE...
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSPECT THE SOIL EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES...
6. PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF EXCAVATION OR EMBANKMENT, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY FIBER ROLLS...
7. DURING CONSTRUCTION, NO NET OR FRESH CONCRETE OR LEACHATE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE INTO THE WATERS...
8. THE PROPOSED WORK WILL REQUIRE THAT THE TEMPORARY EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS...
9. THE SYMBOLS SHOWN ON THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS SHEETS REPRESENT THE EROSION CONTROL ITEMS...
10. ALL DISTURBED AREAS WILL BE STABILIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND DETAILS...
11. ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT (RECP) IS FOR EROSION PREVENTION.
12. SEDIMENT FILTER LOGS USED TO CAPTURE SEDIMENT DEPOSITS THAT BREAK FREE FROM THE EROSION CONTROLS.

TEMPORARY MULCH NOTES

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE ADDED REQUIREMENTS AND STIPULATIONS OF THIS ITEM...
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 209-3.04, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO INSTALL RECP ON ANY DISTURBED AREAS...
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY AREA OF UNPROTECTED ERODIBLE EARTH MATERIAL EXPOSED BY CLEARING AND GRUBBING...
4. THE CONTRACTOR MUST CONTINUALLY BE PREPARED TO REPAIR AND REINSTALL RECP IN DISTURBED SOIL AREAS...
5. RECP IS THE PRIMARY EROSION PREVENTION METHOD TO BE USED...

MAINTENANCE OF SLOPE PROTECTION NOTES

- 1. MAINTENANCE OF THE RECP MULCHED AREAS SHALL INCLUDE REINSTALLING IN AREAS WHERE THE SOIL BECAME EXPOSED TO VIEW...
2. MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SEEDING AREAS SHALL INCLUDE RE-SEEDING AS NEEDED...
3. ALL TEMPORARY TREATMENT SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE EROSION CONTROL MEASURE.
4. MAINTENANCE OF ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT SHALL INCLUDE RE-GRADING OF AREAS THAT BECAME SETTLED OR COLLAPSED...
5. ALL SEED MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO SEEDING OPERATIONS.
6. ALL SLOPES SHALL BE BROUGHT TO FINISHED GRADE AND TRIMMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
7. PERMANENT EROSION CONTROL MEASURES OF SEEDING AND MULCHING USED ONLY WITHIN SEEDING DATES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE SLOPES HAVE REACHED FINAL GRADE...



EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR ALL DISTURBED AREAS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT N.T.S.

ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT NOTES

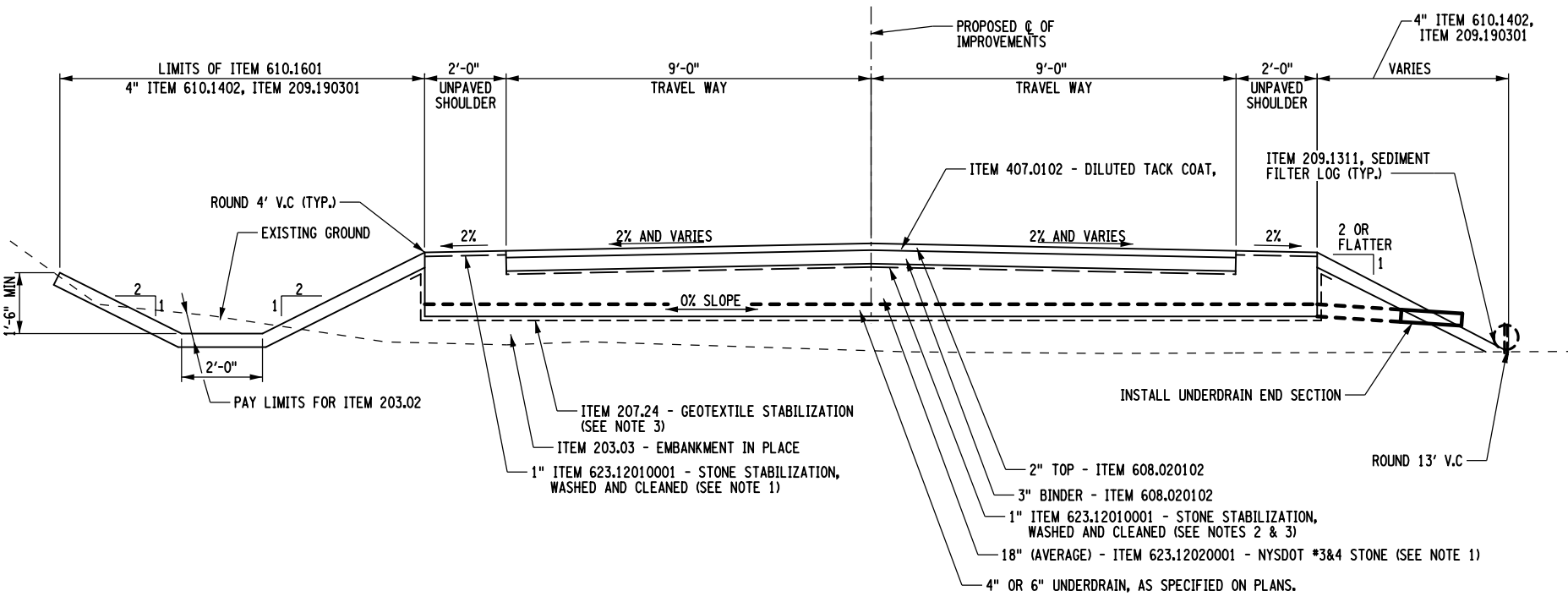
- 1. ITEMS IN THIS DETAIL MAY APPEAR EXAGGERATED TO SHOW DETAIL.
2. IF SLOPE IS BROUGHT TO FINISHED GRADE, PERMANENT TOP SOIL AND SEEDING SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO INSTALLING ITEM 209.190301...
3. ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT (RECP) IF SLOPES ARE NOT BROUGHT TO FINISH GRADE...
4. RECP MUST BE FLUSH AND IN CONTACT WITH THE SOIL...
5. ALL RECP DAMAGED BY CONTRACTOR AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL BE REPAIRED WITHIN THREE CALENDAR DAYS...

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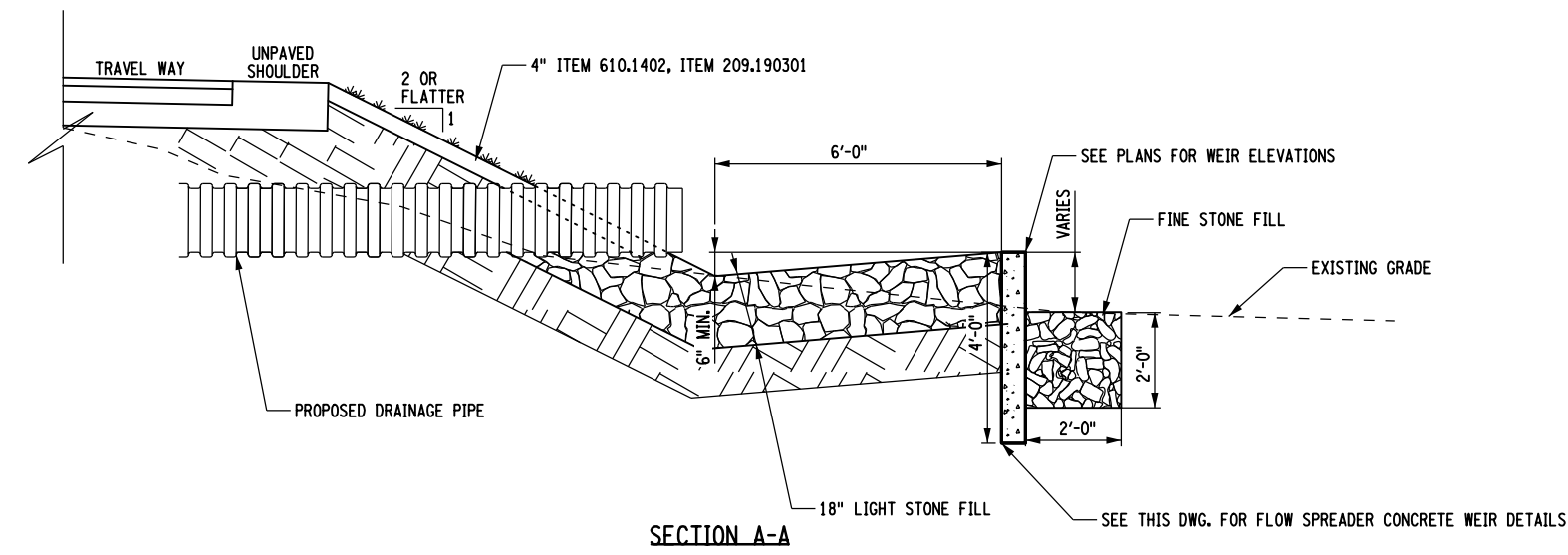
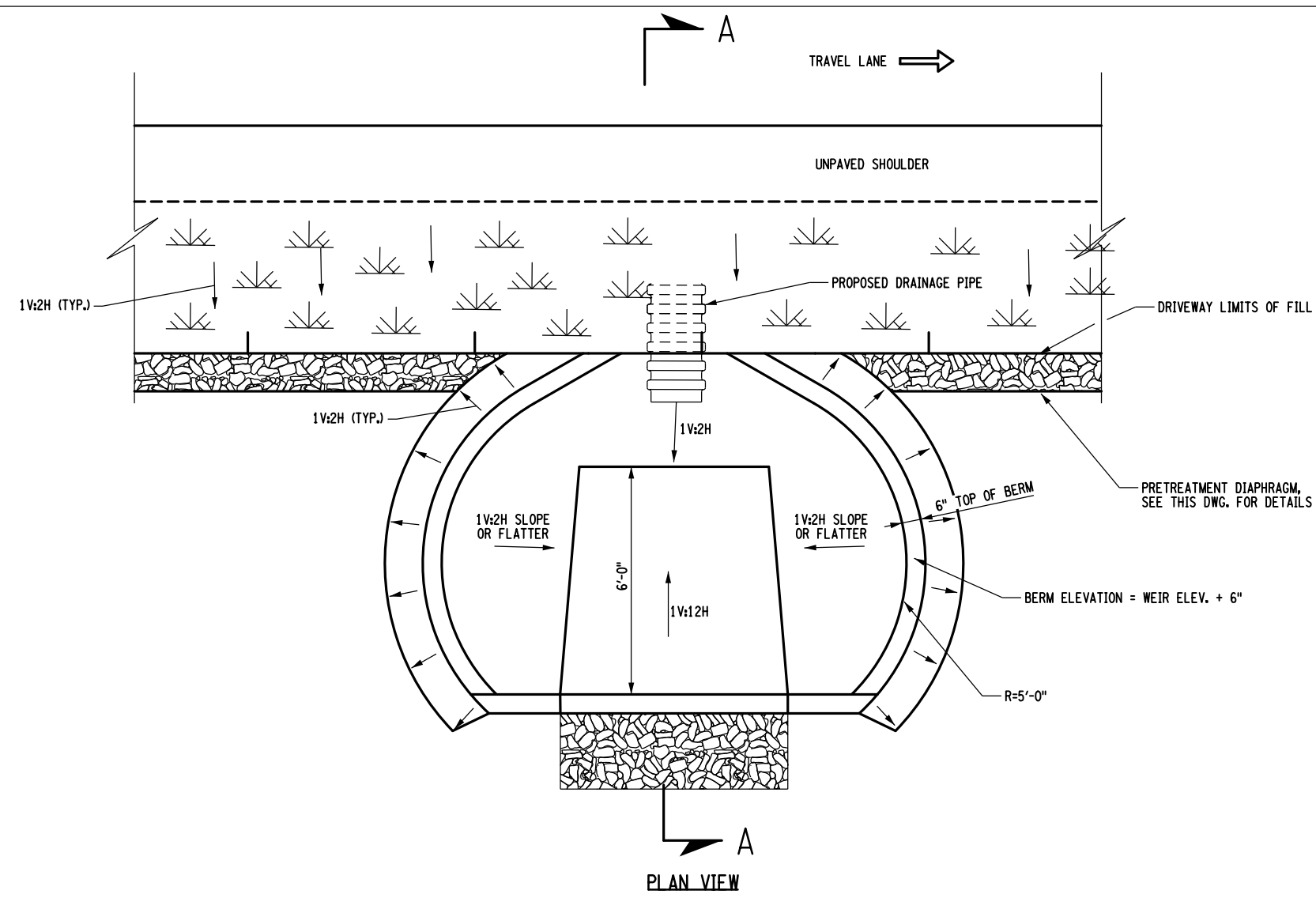
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1. STABILIZATION STONE SHALL BE PLACED IN A 1" LIFT ON TOP OF THE RESERVOIR COURSE. STONE SHALL BE PLACED WITH AN ASPHALT PAVING MACHINE OR DROPPED EVENLY ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE RESERVOIR COURSE. THE STONE SHALL NOT BE DAMPED IN A PILE AND GRAZED STABILIZATION STONE SHALL BE ROLLED WITH A 10-12 TON TOUBLE STEEL DRUM ROLLER SET ON LOW VIBRATE.
2. RESERVOIR COURSE SHALL BE PLACED UP TO THE BOTTOM LAYER OF ASPHALT. THE STABILIZATION COURSE WILL THEN BE COMPACTED INTO THE RESERVOIR COURSE. THE TOTAL THICKNESS OF STONE BELOW THE ASPHALT WILL BE 12".
3. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC SHALL BE HIGH-PERMEABILITY AND HIGH-STRENGTH, SUCH AS TENACATE MIRAFL 180N.



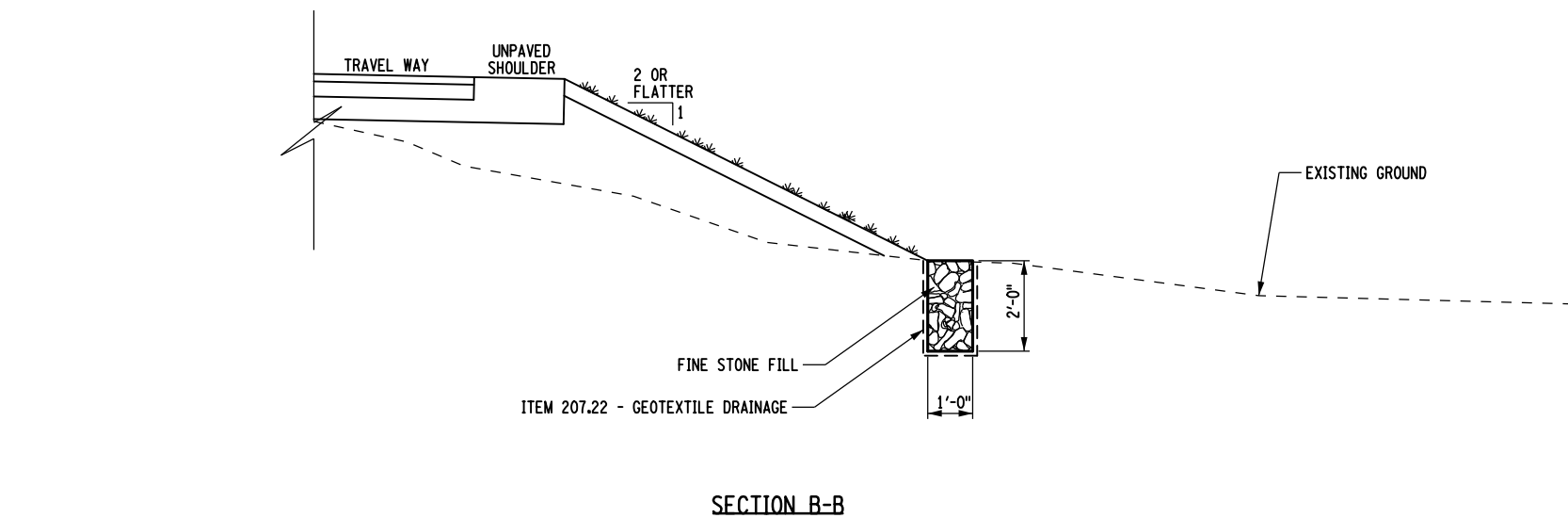
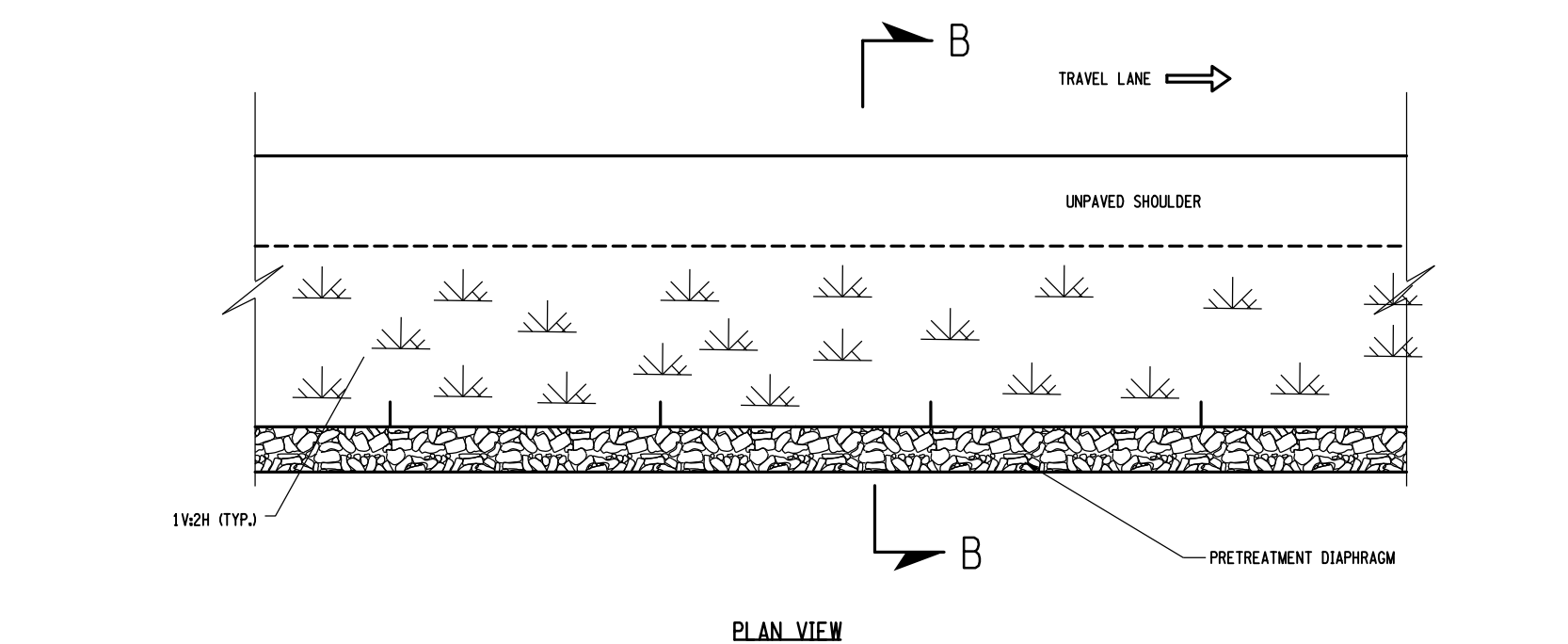
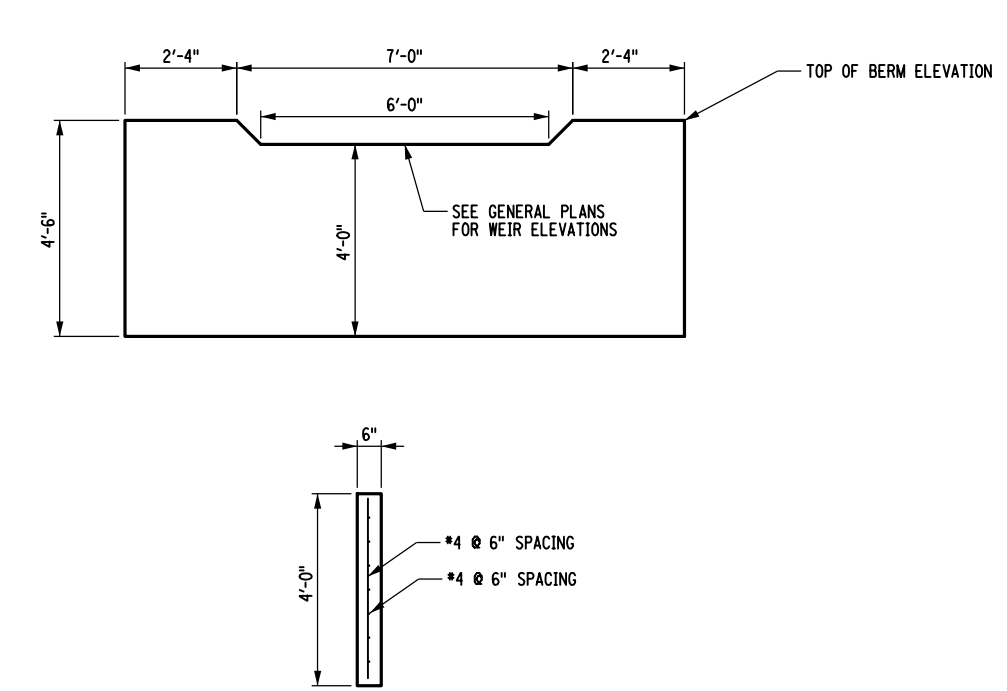
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209.190301	ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT, CLASS II, TYPE C, INTERMEDIATE	SY	
209.1311	SEDIMENT FILTER LOG - TEMPORARY, 12 INCH (TYPE A)	LF	
407.0102	DILUTED TACK COAT	GAL	
608.020102	ASPHALT SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS, AND VEGETATION CONTROL STRIPS	TON	
610.1402	TOPSOIL - ROADSIDE	CY	
610.1601	TURF ESTABLISHMENT - ROADSIDE	SY	
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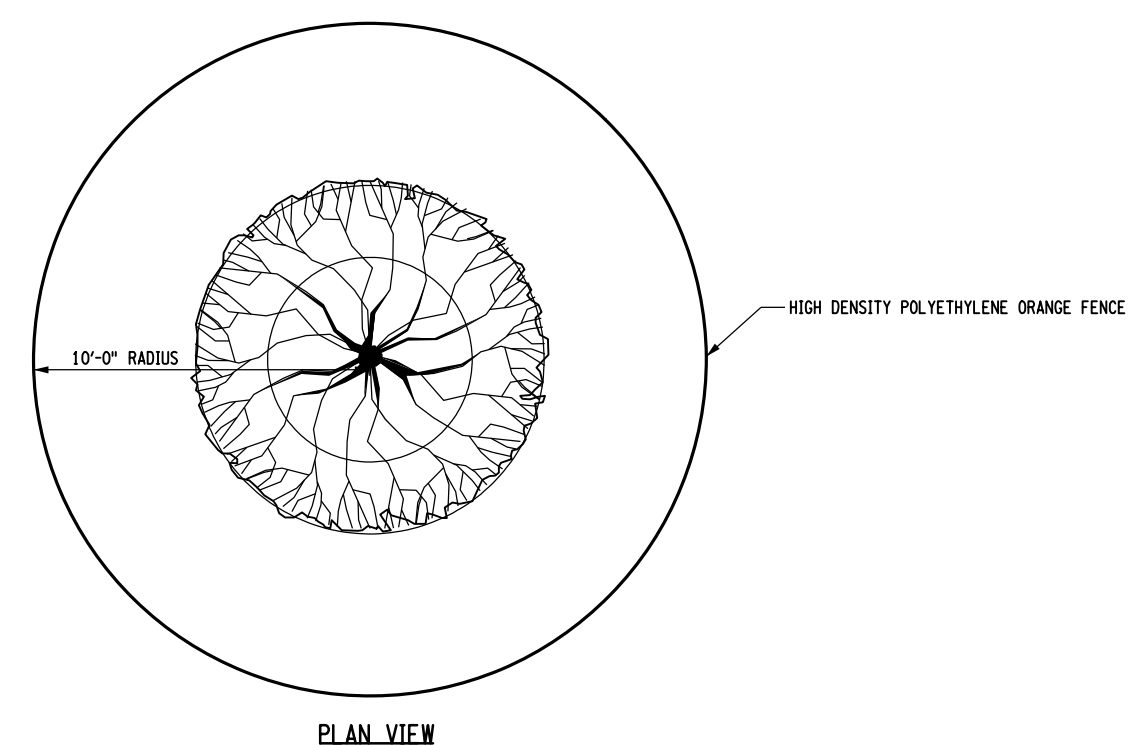
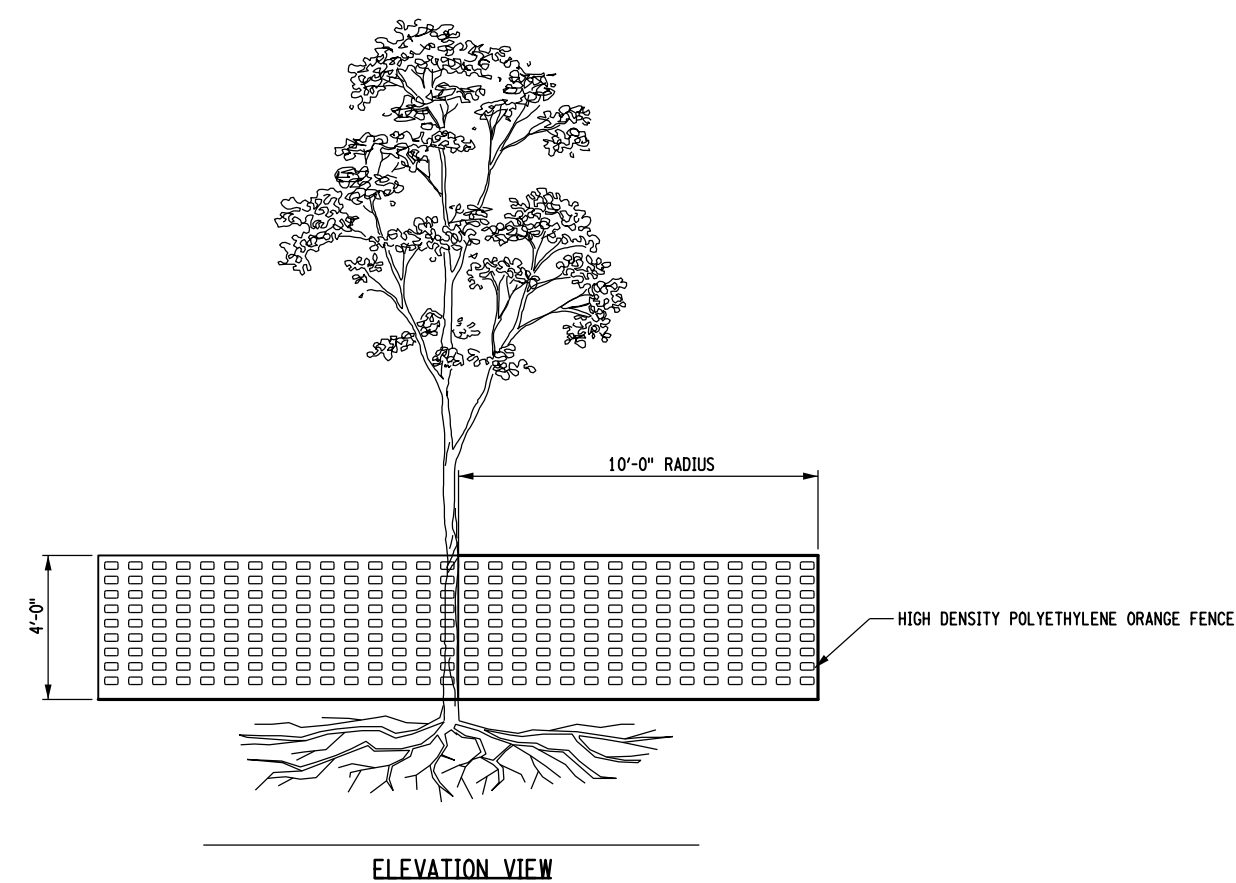
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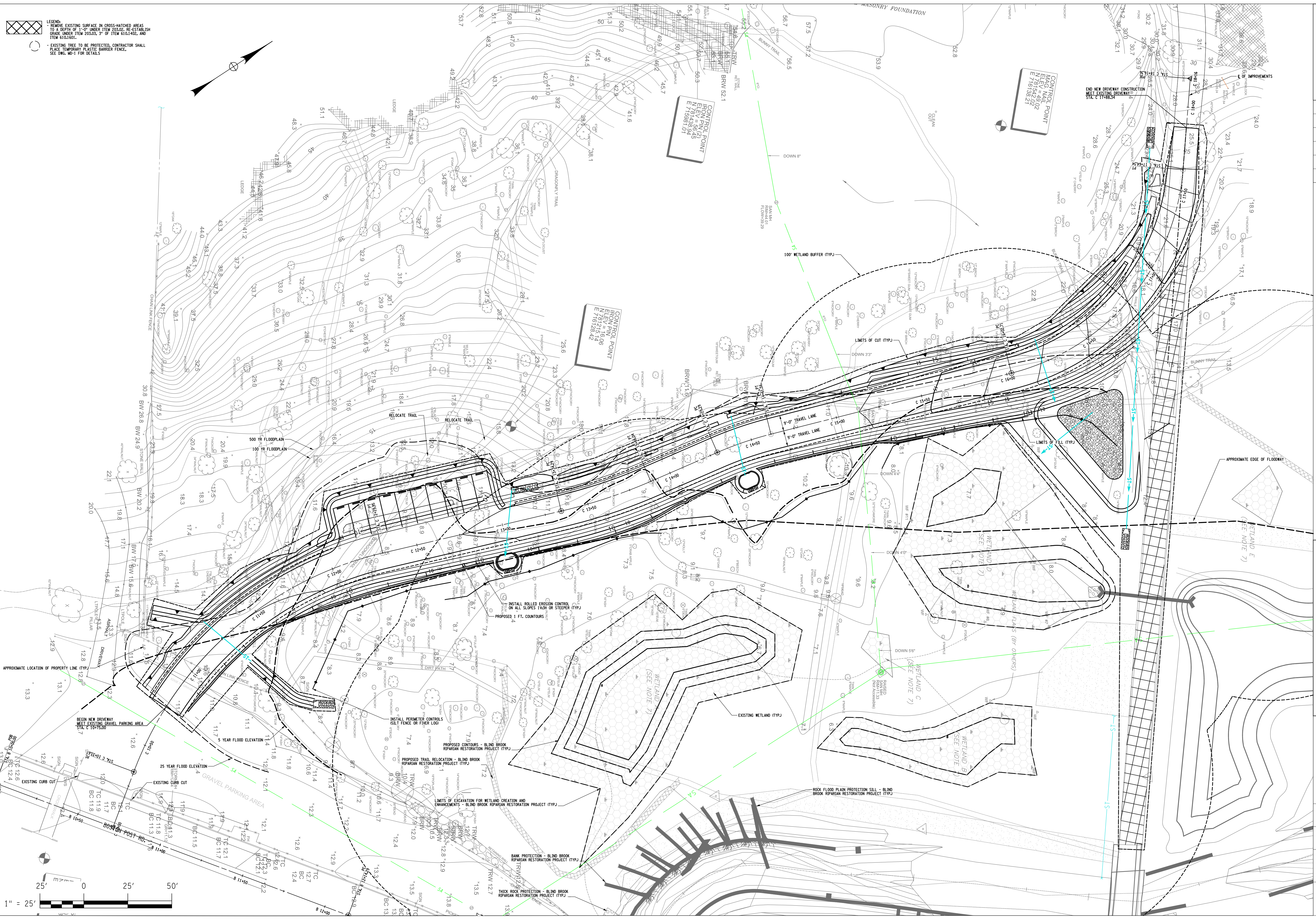
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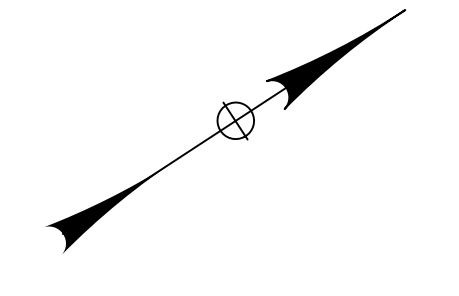


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- (TYPICAL FOR DWG5.0P-1 THRU 5P-5)
 - REMOVE EXISTING SURFACE IN CROSS-HATCHED AREAS TO A DEPTH OF 1'-0" UNDER ITEM 203.02.
 - REMOVE EXISTING TREE, COST TO BE INCLUDED IN PRICE BID FOR ITEM 201.06.
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE. SEE DWG4.01 FOR DETAILS.

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LEGEND:
 - REMOVE EXISTING SURFACE IN CROSS-HATCHED AREAS TO A DEPTH OF 14" UNDER ITEM 203.03, 46" EXISTING GRADE UNDER ITEM 203.03, 3" OF ITEM 610.1402, AND ITEM 610.1601.
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE. SEE DWG. M-1 FOR DETAILS.



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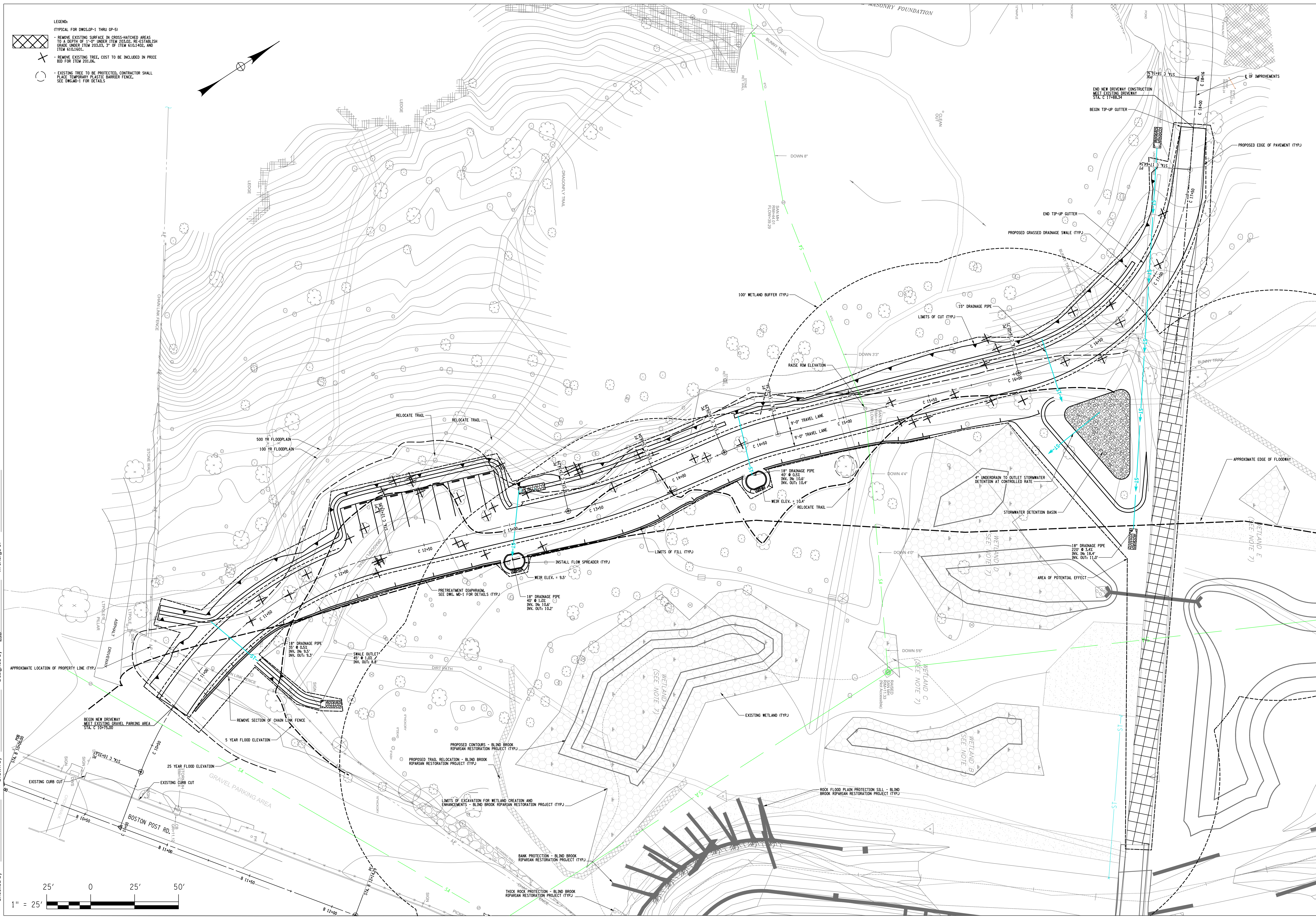
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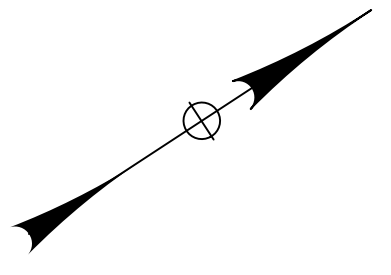
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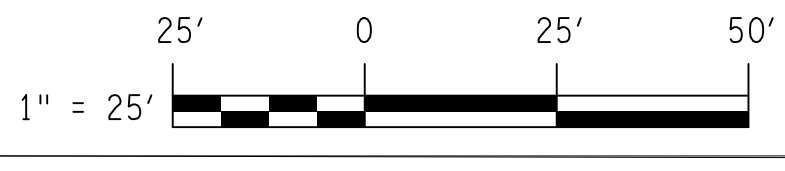
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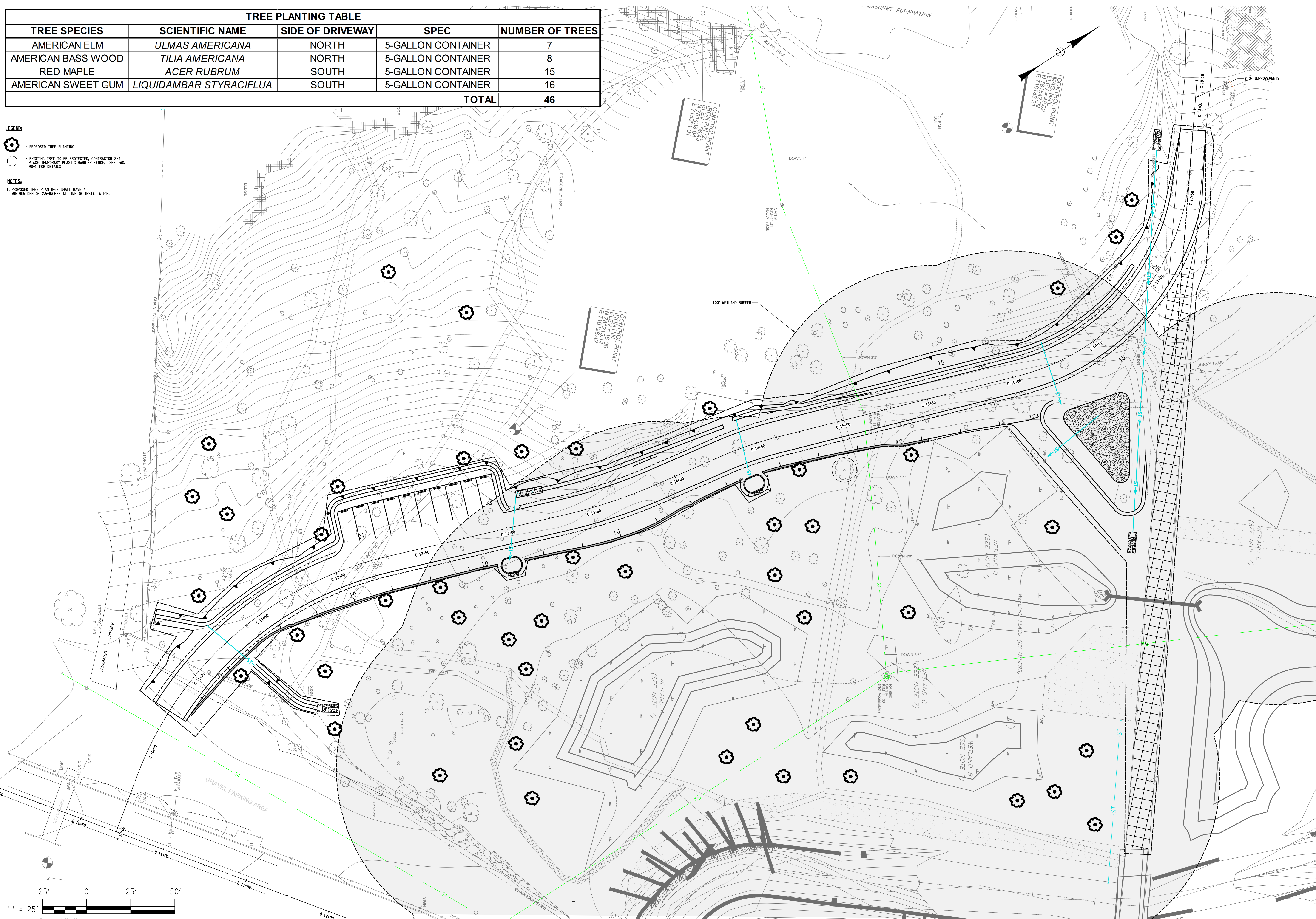
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TREE PLANTING TABLE				
TREE SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIDE OF DRIVEWAY	SPEC	NUMBER OF TREES
AMERICAN ELM	<i>ULMAS AMERICANA</i>	NORTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	7
AMERICAN BASS WOOD	<i>TILIA AMERICANA</i>	NORTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	8
RED MAPLE	<i>ACER RUBRUM</i>	SOUTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	15
AMERICAN SWEET GUM	<i>LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA</i>	SOUTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	16
TOTAL				46

- LEGEND:**
-  - PROPOSED TREE PLANTING
 -  - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE, SEE DWG. MD-1 FOR DETAILS
- NOTES:**
1. PROPOSED TREE PLANTINGS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DBH OF 2.5-INCHES AT TIME OF INSTALLATION.



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RYE NATURE CENTER
DRIVEWAY
PLANTING PLAN

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

CITY OF RYE

Barton & Loguidice
443 Electronics Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13088

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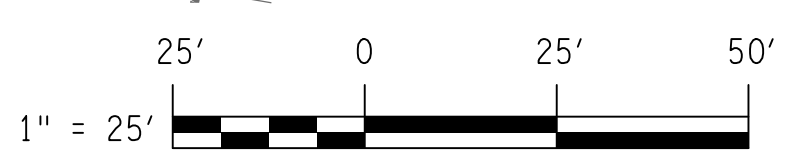


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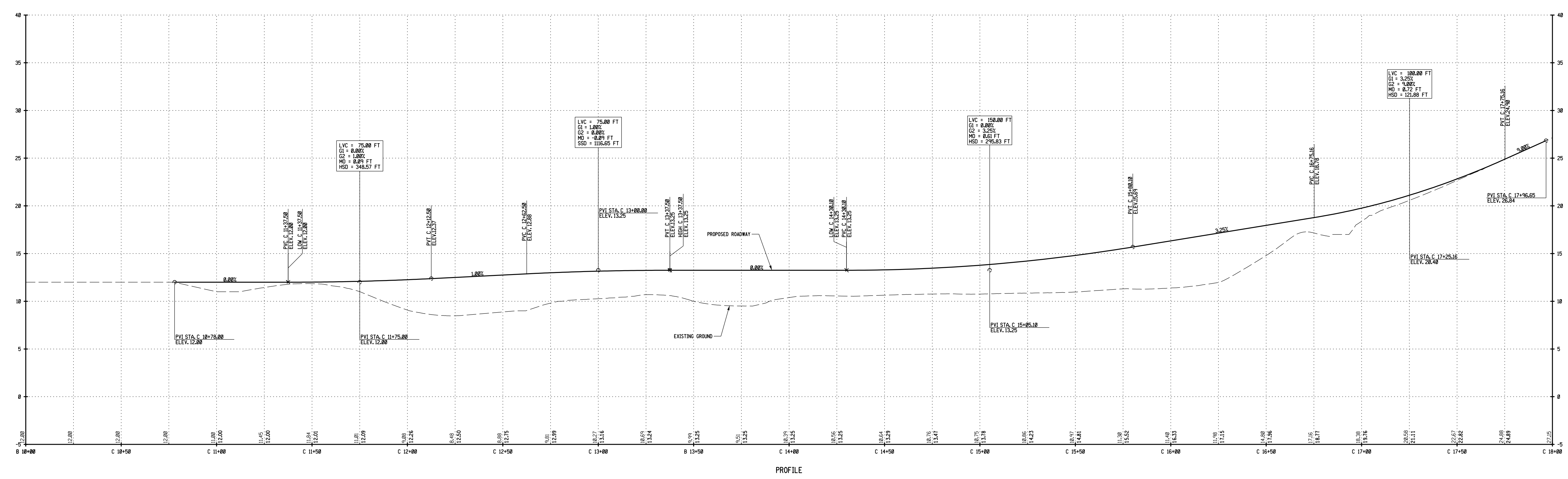
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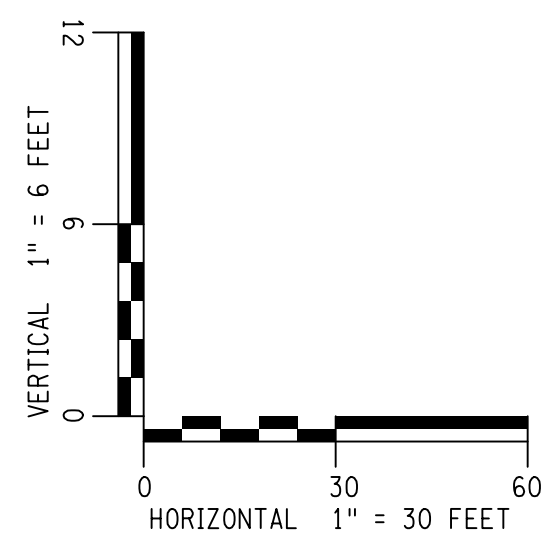
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Wetlands & Watercourses Application

City of Rye, New York Planning Department

1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York 10580

Phone: (914) 967-7167 Fax (914) 967-7185

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The undersigned applicant hereby applies to the Rye City Planning Commission for approval of a Wetlands and Watercourses Permit in accordance with Chapter 195, *Wetlands and Watercourses*, of the Rye City Code and represents and states as follows:

A. Application Name: Friends of Rye Nature Center

B. Property Information:

Street Address: 873 Boston Post Road

City: Rye State: NY Zip: 10580

Property Area (Acres): 46.41 Acres

Tax Map Designation: Sheet: 146 Block: 10-2 Lot(s): 23

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Zoning District: R-2

Flood Insurance Zone: Zone AE (Regulatory Floodway) & Zone X

C. Applicant (If Applicant is not owner, attach document confirming interest in property):

Name: Friends of Rye Nature Center

Address: 873 Boston Post Road

City: Rye State: NY Zip: 10580

Phone: 914-967-5150

Email: christine@ryenaturecenter.org

D. Property Owner:

Name: City of Rye

Address: 1051 Boston Post Road

City: Rye State: NY Zip: 10580

Phone: 914-967-7086

Email: bshea@ryeny.gov

For Planning Department Use Only:

Application Receipt Date:

	Application No.:	_____
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	Prior Approvals:	_____
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E. Architect/Landscape Architect/Engineer or Surveyor:

Name: Barton and Loguidice DPC

Address: 443 Electronics Parkway

City: Liverpool State: NY Zip: 13088

Phone: 315-457-5200

Email: rluppino@bartonandloguidice.com

F. Fee (as per City of Rye Fee Schedule in Current City Budget online at www.ryeny.gov)

Please include application fee and indicate amount here: \$_____

G. Statement of Proposed Work:

Please provide as statement of the proposed work and purpose thereof and, if applicable, an explanation why the proposed activity cannot be located at another site, including an explanation of how the proposed activity is dependent upon wetlands or water-related resources.

The proposed project includes relocation of the existing driveway access and replacement of the bridge crossing serving the Rye Nature Center. The current alignment is narrow and geometrically deficient, creating safety concerns for school buses, emergency vehicles, and daily site access. The selected alignment minimizes disturbance by avoiding direct impacts to Wetlands A through E and positioning the driveway mostly outside of the regulatory floodway. Alternative locations were evaluated but would require greater impacts to wetlands, floodplain areas, steep slopes, and undisturbed forested areas. The proposed alignment represents the safest and least environmentally damaging alternative available on the property.

H. Request for Waiver:

In the case of applications for projects where the total amount of disturbed area is less than one-quarter acre, or projects whose total cost does not exceed \$10,000.00, or projects which propose encroachment into the wetland/watercourse buffer only, the Planning Commission may, pursuant to §195-5.B.(2)(b), waive the requirements for complete plans and estimates set forth in its rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, provided a plan clearly showing the extent and details of the project, its location with respect to the wetland, watercourse and wetland/watercourse buffer, the actual acreage of the area to be disturbed, and the total cost of the proposed project is submitted with this application.

Are you requesting a waiver? (check one) Yes No



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I. Impact to Wetland Functions:

In granting, denying, or conditioning any permit, the Planning Commission must evaluate wetland functions and the role of the wetland in the hydrologic and ecological system, and must determine the impact of the proposed activity upon public health and safety, rare and endangered species, water quality and additional wetland functions listed in Section 1 of Chapter 195. They must find that impacts and losses are avoided to the maximum extent practicable or, if they cannot be avoided, they must find that they have been minimized to the maximum extent practicable. In this determination, the Planning Commission must consider the following factors, and issue written findings with respect to those factors that are applicable. Please give any pertinent information which will permit the Planning Commission to make findings on the following factors (If the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional sheet(s):

- (a) the impact of the proposed activity, and existing and reasonably anticipated similar activities, upon neighboring land uses and wetland functions as set forth in §195-1 of the City Code, including but not limited to the following:

- [1] filling of a wetland or other modification of natural topographic contours;

The proposed action avoids all direct filling and disturbance within Wetlands A through E. All grading activities are confined to the regulated 100-foot buffer and are necessary to construct the relocated driveway alignment. The revised alignment shifts the access route mostly outside of the regulatory floodway, maintaining a net-neutral effect on flood storage. Minor grading is required to stabilize existing side slopes and establish a safe roadway profile for school buses and emergency vehicles. Topographic modifications are limited to the minimum extent necessary to support safe site access while avoiding direct wetland impacts.

- [2] disturbance or destruction of natural flora and fauna;

No direct disturbance to wetland vegetation or wildlife habitat will occur, as all work is confined to the regulated 100-foot buffer. Tree clearing is limited to an upland forested area necessary to accommodate the relocated driveway alignment and improve site access geometry. Temporary impacts within the buffer will be mitigated through a 1-to-1 native tree replacement program. Replacement plantings will restore canopy cover, maintain habitat continuity, and preserve the overall ecological function of the buffer area. The proposed work avoids direct impacts to Wetlands A through E and minimizes disturbance to adjacent natural resources.



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- [3] influx of sediments or other materials causing increased water turbidity and/or sediment build up;

A site-specific Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan will be implemented during construction to prevent sediment transport to adjacent wetlands and drainage features. Temporary controls will include silt fence, stabilized construction entrances, and sediment management practices installed along disturbance limits and downgradient areas. These measures will minimize erosion during grading, tree clearing, and driveway construction activities. All disturbed areas will be stabilized following construction. The proposed work is limited to the regulated buffer area and is not expected to increase turbidity, sedimentation, or downstream deposition within adjacent wetlands or regulated watercourses.

- [4] removal or disturbance of wetland soils;

No hydric wetland soils will be removed, excavated, or compacted as part of the proposed project. All work activities are confined to the regulated 100-foot buffer and avoid direct impacts to Wetlands A through E. Soil disturbance will be limited to the minimum area necessary for driveway grading, localized stabilization adjacent to the existing bridge structure, and installation of replacement trees. Construction fencing and disturbance limits will be clearly established prior to construction to prevent equipment access into wetland areas. The proposed work is not expected to alter existing wetland soil conditions or functions.

- [5] reductions in wetland water supply;

The proposed project will not reduce the existing water supply to the wetland system. The overall drainage area to the wetlands will remain unchanged following construction. The relocated driveway alignment introduces a minor increase in impervious surface within the regulated buffer; however, stormwater management measures will be incorporated to maintain existing drainage patterns and runoff characteristics. Proposed controls will collect and direct runoff in a controlled manner to prevent flow diversion or hydrologic disruption. The project is not expected to impact baseflow conditions or reduce the quantity of water entering adjacent wetland areas.

- [6] interference with wetland water circulation;

The proposed project will not obstruct or significantly alter existing wetland water circulation patterns. The relocated driveway alignment has been positioned mostly outside of the regulatory floodway to minimize impacts to floodplain function and seasonal overbank flow. No structures or fill will be placed within Wetlands A through E that would restrict hydrologic connectivity or floodwater movement. Drainage improvements associated with the driveway relocation will safely convey runoff and prevent erosion while maintaining existing flow conditions within adjacent wetland systems. The project is not expected to interfere with natural wetland circulation or floodplain hydraulics.



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[7] damaging reduction or increases in wetland nutrients;

The proposed driveway relocation will not result in a significant increase or reduction in nutrient loading to adjacent wetlands. The project does not introduce new site uses, expanded development, or increased traffic volumes. Stormwater runoff from the relocated driveway will be managed through vegetated treatment measures designed to slow, filter, and disperse runoff prior to discharge. These controls will reduce the potential for nutrient transport into adjacent wetland areas. Because the project involves relocation of existing infrastructure within the same developed corridor, overall nutrient inputs to the wetland system are expected to remain consistent with existing conditions.

[8] influx of toxic chemicals and/or heavy metals;

The proposed project is not expected to result in a significant increase in toxic chemicals or heavy metals entering adjacent wetlands. The driveway relocation does not increase site traffic or expand operational use of the property. Runoff from the relocated pavement surface will be managed through vegetated swales and stormwater controls designed to capture and filter pollutants prior to discharge. In addition, the proposed 1-to-1 native tree replacement plan will help maintain vegetative uptake and buffering functions within the regulated area. The project is not expected to adversely affect water quality within Wetlands A through E.

[9] damaging thermal changes in the wetland water supply;

The relocated driveway introduces a limited increase in impervious surface within the regulated buffer area. Runoff from paved surfaces has the potential to slightly increase localized stormwater temperatures during summer precipitation events. However, the project does not increase traffic volumes or operational intensity at the site. Thermal impacts will be minimized through implementation of vegetated stormwater controls and the proposed 1-to-1 native tree replacement program. Re-established canopy cover adjacent to the driveway corridor will provide long-term shading and help maintain existing temperature conditions within nearby wetland systems. The project is not expected to create damaging thermal impacts.

[10] destruction of natural aesthetic values;

The proposed project will result in temporary visual changes within a portion of the regulated buffer due to necessary tree clearing and grading activities associated with the driveway relocation. These impacts are required to address existing safety concerns related to the narrow and deficient driveway geometry currently serving school buses and emergency vehicles. Long-term visual impacts will be minimized through restoration and implementation of a 1-to-1 native tree replacement plan. The relocated alignment also shifts the driveway mostly outside of the regulatory floodway, preserving the character and function of the lower floodplain and adjacent wetland areas.



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- (b) any existing wetland impacts and the cumulative effect of reasonably anticipated future wetland activities in the wetland subject to the application;

Existing impacts within the project area are associated with the current driveway crossing and constrained bridge access. The proposed project relocates existing infrastructure to improve site access and correct geometric deficiencies without increasing traffic volumes or expanding site operations. No additional wetland impacts are anticipated beyond the regulated buffer disturbance associated with the driveway relocation. By shifting the alignment mostly outside of the regulatory floodway, the project reduces long-term exposure to flood-related impacts and improves the overall resiliency of the existing access corridor while avoiding direct impacts to Wetlands A through E.

- (c) the impact of the proposed activity and reasonably anticipated similar activities upon flood flows, flood storage, storm barriers, and water quality;

The proposed driveway alignment has been designed mostly outside of the regulatory floodway to minimize impacts to floodplain function and flood storage. The project will not create measurable restrictions to flood flows or reduce existing flood storage capacity within the site. Minor increases in impervious surface area will be addressed through stormwater management practices and vegetated treatment measures designed to maintain existing drainage conditions and protect downstream water quality. The proposed work avoids direct impacts to Wetlands A through E and is not expected to adversely affect storm barrier functions or adjacent wetland hydrology.

- (d) the safety of the proposed activity from flooding, erosion, hurricane winds, soil limitations, and other hazards and possible losses to the applicant and subsequent purchasers of the land;

The existing driveway geometry does not adequately support current traffic demands and presents safety concerns for school buses, emergency vehicles, and general site access. The proposed driveway relocation corrects these deficiencies through an improved alignment and roadway profile. In addition, relocating the driveway mostly outside of the regulatory floodway reduces long-term exposure to flooding and erosion hazards. The proposed design improves access resiliency during storm events and minimizes potential impacts associated with unstable slopes and localized drainage limitations. The project represents a long-term safety improvement to the existing site conditions.



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- (e) the adequacy of water supply and waste disposal for the proposed use;

The proposed project consists solely of a driveway relocation and does not require a new water supply connection or generate sanitary waste. Existing utilities within the project area, including an underground sanitary sewer line, will be identified and protected during construction. The proposed work will avoid disturbance to existing utility infrastructure and will not alter current water supply or waste disposal operations associated with the property. No additional utility demands are anticipated as part of the proposed project scope.

- (f) consistency with Federal, State, County, and local comprehensive land use plans and regulations; and

The proposed project is consistent with applicable local zoning requirements and supports public safety improvements associated with critical site access infrastructure. The project requires review under Chapter 195 of the Rye City Code due to regulated buffer disturbance; however, the design avoids all direct impacts to Wetlands A through E. The proposed work also remains consistent with applicable state and federal environmental protection requirements. The driveway relocation improves long-term site access while minimizing impacts to adjacent wetland and floodplain resources.

- (g) the availability of preferable alternative locations on the subject parcel or, in the case of activity that cannot be undertaken on the property without disturbance to wetlands, the availability of other reasonable locations for the activity.

Alternative 2 represents the preferred alignment because it avoids direct impacts to Wetlands A through E while addressing the existing driveway geometry and access deficiencies. The selected alignment minimizes disturbance within the regulated buffer and shifts the driveway mostly outside of the regulatory floodway. Other potential alignments would require substantially greater disturbance to undeveloped forested areas and increase impacts within adjacent wetland buffers. Based on site constraints, traffic needs, and environmental considerations, the proposed alignment provides the most practical and least environmentally damaging alternative available on the property.

J. Regulatory Compliance

1. Will the proposed project place any fill or a structure within a Flood Zone? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 100, Floodplain Management, may apply)
2. Is the proposed activity located within a designated preservation area? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 117, Landmarks Preservation, may apply)
3. Is a fence or wall proposed as part of the application? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 90, Fences and Walls, may apply)



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4. Is the property located within a designated coastal area boundary? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 73, Coastal Zone Management, may apply)
5. Does the application also involve the Subdivision of a Property? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 170, Subdivision of Land, may apply)

K. Prior Approvals – Application Checklist for Permits:

To facilitate the approval process, the City of Rye requests that applicants indicate below all permit applications that are **pending**, have been **approved** or have been **rejected** for the subject property. The following checklist will allow the City authorities to be more familiar with properties that are the subject of the current application. Please indicate all applications submitted for the property in question, including those that were prepared for projects separate from the current one. Intentionally omitting any items from this checklist is cause for delay or rejection of the application(s) being considered.

Board, Commission or Inspector:	Date(s) of Prior Approval(s):	City Identifier Reference(s):	Previous Action(s) on Application(s):	New Permit(s) Applied for: (Check Boxes)
Appeals				<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural Review				<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation				<input type="checkbox"/>
Landmarks				<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Commission				<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Inspector				<input type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer				<input type="checkbox"/>
Naturalist				<input type="checkbox"/>
City Planner				<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				<input type="checkbox"/>

By filing an application, the property owner thereby consents to entry onto his land by the City Planner, or other agents designated by the Planning Commission for the purpose of undertaking any investigation, examination, survey, or other activity necessary for the purposes of Chapter 195.

Applicant Signature

Date

Property Owner Signature(s)

Date



Tree Removal Permit Application

City of Rye, New York Building Department

1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York 10580

Building@ryeny.gov

(914) 967-7372

www.ryeny.gov

Property Information:

Street Address: 873 Boston Post Road

Property Size (Sq. Ft.): 2,021,619.6 Sq. Ft.

Tax Map Designation: Sheet: 146 Block: 10-2 Lot(s): 23

Property Owner:

Name*: City of Rye

Address: 1051 Boston Post Road

City: Rye

State: NY

Zip: 10580

Phone: 914-967-7086

Email: bshae@ryeny.gov

** If owner is an LLC, please provide name of principal and contact information.*

Tree Removal Contractor:

Name:

Address:

City:

Phone:

Tree contractor not yet selected. Friends of Rye Nature Center will select an approved vendor directly from the City of Rye tree removal contractor list prior to the issuance of any work permits or commencement of site clearing.

Regulatory Compliance:

- Has this property received a tree removal permit since July 1, 2023? Yes No
- Is tree removal proposed within 100 feet of a wetland? Yes No
- Is tree removal required for construction or any land disturbing activity? Yes No
- Is any tree proposed to be removed greater than 30-inch DBH? Yes No
- Is any portion of the tree trunk located on an adjacent property? Yes No

Submission Requirements:

- A plan showing the location of all trees identified by tree number to be removed.
- A copy of the tree removal contractor's Westchester County License and insurance, (naming the City of Rye as certificate holder and additionally insured) including liability.
- For expedited review also provide photos of the tree(s) to be removed and arborist report.
- Carefully review [Chapter 187, Trees, of the Code of the City of Rye](#)
- Submit applications to building@ryeny.gov. \$50 fee will be invoiced upon submission.

Tree Removal Description: *(Indicate total number of trees to be removed, including those under 8"DBH)*

The proposed limit of disturbance necessitates removal of 42 protected trees, defined as stems greater than 8 inches DBH. Species proposed for removal consist of Hickory (18), Oak (5), Elm (4), Birch (3), Sugar Maple (2), Black Walnut (2), Sweetgum (2), and Ash Leaved Maple (2), along with single individuals of Basswood, Ash, Hemlock, and Norway Maple. The Norway Maple is identified as an invasive canopy species under City of Rye Code § 187-5. Tree removals are limited to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate the revised driveway alignment and associated safety improvements.



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List of Trees to be Removed by Number, Species, Size and Reason:

Tree #	Species	Size DBH	Reason for Removal <i>(Use Reason Code Below)</i>
		<i>See attached Tree Removal Table</i>	

Reason Code *(Codes 1-4 require confirmation by City Staff or City's Arborist)*

- 1 Dead
- 2 Diseased or Infected
- 3 Hazardous or Dangerous
- 4 Removal for Land Development Activities
- 5 Permitted Limited Tree Removal pursuant to §187-7.A(2) of the City Code

Signature:

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information submitted for this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. By signing below I am consenting to having relevant City Staff or City Board or Commission members responsible for the review or approval of this application(s) to enter the property of the subject application.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Tree #	Species	Size (DBH)	Reason for Removal
399	Hickory	8	4
422	Oak	35	4
424	Sweetgum	37	4
425	Sweetgum	24	4
484	Hemlock	9	4
485	Hickory	11	4
486	Hickory	20	4
487	Hickory	28	4
488	Hickory	14	4
581	Ash	9	4
616	Ash-Leaved-Maple	9	4
620	Hickory	8	4
623	Ash-Leaved-Maple	11	4
635	Black-Walnut	22	4
662	Elm	23	4
663	Black-Walnut	19	4
665	Sugar-Maple	8	4
666	Hickory	21	4
668	Elm	18	4
669	Elm	14	4
678	Hickory	11	4
679	Hickory	27	4
680	Hickory	26	4
705	Hickory	21	4
730	Elm	14	4
731	Norway-Maple	9	4
756	Hickory	12	4
758	Hickory	20	4
760	Hickory	15	4
788	Hickory	11	4
789	Hickory	8	4
806	Hickory	10	4
809	Birch	19	4
812	Hickory	15	4
813	Basswood	23	4
816	Birch	18	4
818	Birch	9	4
835	Oak	32	4
836	Oak	31	4
842	Oak	29	4
849	Oak	32	4
850	Sugar-Maple	13	4



LWRP Consistency Application

City of Rye, New York Planning Department

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Phone: (914) 967-7167

Fax (914) 967-4641

www.ci.rye.ny.us/planning.htm

The undersigned applicant hereby applies to the Rye City Council for determination of consistency in accordance with Chapter 73, Coastal Zone Management Waterfront Consistency review, of the Rye City Code, and, therefore, represents and states as follows:

A. Application Name: Friends of Rye Nature Center

B. Applicant (If Applicant is not owner, attach document confirming interest in property):

Name: Friends of Rye Nature Center

Address: 873 Boston Post Road

City: Rye State: NY Zip: 10580

Phone: 914-967-5150

Fax: _____

Email: christine@ryenaturecenter.org

C. Property Owner:

Name: City of Rye

Address: 873 Boston Post Road

City: Rye State: _____ Zip: _____

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Fax: _____

D. Architect/Landscape Architect/Engineer or Surveyor:

Name: Barton and Loguidice DPC

Address: 443 Electronics Parkway

City: Liverpool State: NY Zip: 13088

Phone: 315-457-5200

Fax: rluppino@bartonandloguidice.com

For Planning Department Use Only:

Application Receipt Date:

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Prior Approvals: _____



LWRP Consistency Application

City of Rye, New York Planning Department

F. Property Information:

Street Address:	873 Boston Post Road		
City:	Rye	State:	NY Zip: 10580
Property Area (Acres):	46.41 Acres		
Tax Map Designation:	Sheet:	Block:	Lot(s):
	Sheet:	Block:	Lot(s):
	Sheet:	Block:	Lot(s):
Zoning District:	R2- Residential		
Flood Insurance Zone:	Zone AE and Zone X		

G. Fee (as per City of Rye Fee Schedule)

Please include application fee and indicate amount here: \$ _____

H. City Naturalist's Determination:

Please attach a copy of the City Naturalist's wetland determination (separate form required).

I. Coastal Assessment Form

Please attach a completed copy of the Coastal Assessment Form required by Chapter 73 (separate form required).

J. Statement of Proposed Work and Purpose Thereof:

Please provide as statement of the proposed work and purpose thereof (If the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional sheet(s)):

This application proposes relocation of the existing access driveway serving the Friends of Rye Nature Center to improve site access and roadway safety. The existing driveway alignment is narrow and geometrically deficient for current traffic conditions, including school buses, delivery vehicles, and emergency access. The proposed alignment avoids all direct impacts to Wetlands A through E and is positioned mostly outside of the regulatory floodway. Construction activities are limited to the regulated 100-foot buffer and a small upland forested area. Tree removal associated with the project will be mitigated through native tree replacement plantings to restore long-term buffer function and site character.



LWRP Consistency Application

City of Rye, New York Planning Department

K. Evaluation of Consistency with LWRP Policies:

Actions to be undertaken within the Coastal Area must be evaluated for consistency in accordance with the LWRP policy standards and conditions, which are explained and described in Section III of the Rye City LWRP, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's and City Planner's Office and available for inspection during normal business hours. In the case of direct actions, the agency shall also consult with Section IV of the LWRP in making their consistency determination.

In making its determination, the City Council must consider the following factors, and issue written findings with respect to those factors that are applicable. Please give any pertinent information that will permit the Planning Commission to make a determination that this action is consistent with the following policies:

(1) Revitalize deteriorated and under utilized waterfront areas (Policy 1).

Not Applicable. The project site is an existing upland nature center and wildlife sanctuary and is not located within a deteriorated, abandoned, or underutilized urban, commercial, or industrial waterfront area. The proposed work involves relocation of an existing driveway alignment to improve access and site safety. The project does not include redevelopment, reuse, or revitalization of waterfront infrastructure, industrial facilities, or shoreline property. No improvements are proposed within a designated waterfront redevelopment zone or coastal industrial area. The activity remains confined to upland areas and does not modify waterfront land use, maritime facilities, or shoreline support functions.

(2) Retain and promote recreational water-dependent uses (Policy 2).

Not Applicable. The project upgrades an existing upland vehicular access driveway to improve safety and site circulation. The work does not introduce or replace any water dependent recreational or maritime use on the property. The activity occurs outside shoreline access areas and does not alter public waterfront access or coastal use patterns regulated under the City of Rye Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. The proposal remains subject to City zoning standards for access, drainage, impervious surface, and traffic safety, consistent with prior City of Rye coastal consistency reviews for similar driveway and site access improvements.

(3) Strengthen the economic base of smaller harbor areas by encouraging traditional uses and activities (Policy 4).

Not Applicable. The subject property at 873 Boston Post Road is fully inland and has no direct geographic or functional connection to the City of Rye's harbor, marina, or commercial maritime areas. The site does not support vessel access, shoreline operations, or water dependent activities. The proposed work is limited to upland improvements and does not alter coastal access, waterfront circulation, or maritime infrastructure. The project remains outside coastal water dependent use areas defined under the City of Rye Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and does not affect harbor use, navigation, or shoreline based economic activity.



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- (4) Ensure that development occurs where adequate public infrastructure is available to reduce health and pollution hazards (Policy 5).

The driveway relocation uses an established public access corridor intersecting Boston Post Road. The project does not extend municipal utility infrastructure or require additional public services. An existing underground sanitary sewer line within the project limits will be field verified, clearly marked, and protected from construction loading and equipment impacts. No excavation, relocation, or modification of the sanitary line is proposed. Construction and grading will avoid disturbance to the utility throughout all phases. Site access, grading, and driveway improvements remain confined to upland areas and do not affect public infrastructure capacity or utility service demand.

- (5) Streamline development permit procedures (Policy 6).

This application is submitted concurrently with City of Rye Code Chapter 187 Tree Preservation and Removal Permit and Chapter 195 Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to support a coordinated, single stage municipal review by the City Council and Planning Commission. The submittal includes complete technical documentation to support a clear and efficient public review process. The intent is to allow consistent evaluation across all applicable local approvals and reduce duplication during review. The project scope and supporting materials are presented to ensure alignment with City Code requirements and to facilitate timely consideration of the proposed improvements.

- (6) Protect significant and locally important fish and wildlife habitats from human disruption and chemical contamination (Policies 7, 7A, 7B and 8).

Direct physical disturbance to local habitats is avoided by keeping all limits of disturbance outside the delineated boundaries of Wetlands A through E. Canopy clearing within the adjacent forested buffer will follow strict tree protection measures to minimize soil compaction and root zone impacts. A native tree replacement requirement will be implemented per City requirements to restore canopy structure, maintain wildlife movement corridors, and reduce potential downstream ecological effects. All work will remain confined to approved disturbance areas and will comply with applicable wetland and tree preservation requirements under City of Rye Code Chapter 195 and Chapter 187.

- (7) Maintain and expand commercial fishing facilities to promote commercial and recreational fishing opportunities (Policies 9 and 10).

Not Applicable. The project is an inland educational nature sanctuary with no connection to commercial fishing infrastructure, seafood processing facilities, or marine shipping operations. The site does not support maritime logistics, harbor activity, or coastal industrial functions. The proposed work is limited to upland improvements and does not affect marine commerce, waterfront facilities, or shipping corridors regulated under City of Rye coastal policy and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program guidance.



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- (8) Minimize flooding and erosion hazard through non-structural means, carefully selected, long-term structural measures and appropriate siting of structures (Policies 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 28).

A portion of the southern corridor is located within a mapped floodplain Zone AE. The driveway has been re-aligned to position the majority of the roadway outside the regulatory floodway. This configuration maintains flood storage capacity with no net loss of floodplain volume and reduces long term flood exposure along the access route. A site specific erosion and sediment control plan will be implemented using non structural measures, including stabilized construction access, silt controls, and slope protection at grade transitions. These measures prevent soil loss, limit sediment transport, and maintain slope stability throughout construction and post construction conditions.

- (9) Safeguard economic, social and environmental interests in the coastal area when major actions are taken (Policy 18).

The project addresses safety concerns by replacing an unsafe and structurally deficient access alignment without increasing site capacity or generating additional traffic. The relocation improves vehicle safety and operational function while maintaining existing use levels at the facility. Erosion and drainage impacts are controlled through non structural stormwater measures that manage runoff at the source and reduce sediment transport. A 1 to 1 or greater tree replacement standard supports canopy continuity and long term habitat stability within the watershed. The design maintains upland development limits and protects adjacent natural resources through controlled disturbance and compliance with applicable City of Rye environmental review requirements.

- (10) Maintain and improve public access to the shoreline and to water-related recreational facilities while protecting the environment (Policies 2, 19, 19A, 19B, 20, 21 and 22).

The project maintains public access to the Friends of Rye Nature Center, a community open space and environmental education facility. The proposed improvements correct a narrow and hazardous access geometry, improving safety for vehicles entering the site. The upgraded alignment supports safe access for school buses, service vehicles, and visitors using the existing trail system and recreational areas. The current entry condition presents operational limitations, including safety concerns associated with deteriorated pavement and weight restrictions. The relocation resolves these constraints while maintaining existing use levels and preserving access to established site amenities without expanding facility capacity.

- (11) Protect and restore historic and archaeological resources (Policy 23).

The existing bridge crossing the local watercourse is identified as an eligible historic structure and is currently in poor condition with a posted 5 ton weight limit. The project alignment addresses this sensitive area through careful localized grading and targeted stabilization measures designed to avoid adverse impacts to the structure. These actions maintain the historic character of the crossing while correcting existing safety deficiencies associated with restricted load capacity. The work is limited to necessary improvements within the immediate approach areas and does not alter the overall function of the watercourse or expand site capacity.



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(12) Protect and upgrade scenic resources (Policy 25).

Clearing within the forested corridor will permanently alter portions of the existing visual character along the site entrance, and full canopy maturity will require decades to reestablish. Native tree replacement consistent with City of Rye Chapter 187 requirements will restore long term woodland function and canopy continuity over time. The revised roadway alignment relocates most of the access route outside the regulatory floodway, reducing repeated flood related disturbance within the lower wooded floodplain. This design improves long term vegetation stability, minimizes recurring erosion impacts, and protects adjacent natural resources while maintaining defined upland disturbance limits.

(13) Site and construct energy facilities in a manner which will be compatible with the environment and contingent upon the need for a waterfront or water location (Policies 27, 29 and 40).

Not Applicable. The scope of work is limited to a driveway relocation. The project does not include energy generation, transmission infrastructure, or construction of any major utility facility. The work remains confined to site access improvements and associated grading within the existing developed parcel. No electrical, gas, or utility distribution systems are being expanded or relocated as part of this action.

(14) Prevent ice management practices which could damage significant fish and wildlife and their habitats (Policy 28).

The project does not introduce new or modified ice management practices, structural barriers, or alterations to the adjacent watercourse. No activities are proposed that would change winter ice formation, ice movement, or seasonal hydraulic behavior. The design maintains existing channel conditions and avoids physical modifications to the streambed or banks that could affect aquatic habitat or downstream flow patterns. All work remains confined to upland access improvements and controlled grading areas, with no impact to natural winter processes within the regulated watercourse.

(15) Protect surface and groundwaters from direct and indirect discharge of pollutants and from overuse (Policies 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38).

Expanding the driveway footprint to allow safe two way vehicle passage will locally increase impervious surface area and modify stormwater runoff patterns. The project relocates the existing driveway without increasing site traffic volumes, so vehicular emissions remain consistent with existing conditions. Stormwater runoff will be managed at the source using vegetated swales designed to slow flow, promote infiltration, and capture sediment and associated pollutants. Native tree plantings will provide additional interception and uptake of runoff constituents, supporting protection of nearby surface water and groundwater resources. All measures focus on controlling runoff within the immediate drainage area.



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- (16) Perform dredging and dredge spoil disposal in a manner protective of natural resources. (Policies 15 and 35).

Not Applicable. The project is located entirely within the upland 100 foot buffer area and does not involve dredging, excavation, or spoil disposal within coastal waters or wetland basins. All work is confined to upland access improvements and associated grading within previously disturbed areas. No direct impacts to wetlands, open water, or submerged resources are proposed. The activity avoids disturbance to regulated water bodies and maintains compliance with applicable wetland buffer protections under City of Rye Code Chapter 195 and related environmental review requirements.

- (17) Handle and dispose of hazardous wastes and effluents in a manner which will not adversely affect the environment nor expand existing landfills (Policy 39).

The driveway construction does not generate, treat, transport, or dispose of hazardous waste, industrial effluents, or toxic substances. No regulated hazardous materials handling is required for the proposed work. Construction activities are limited to grading, excavation of native soils, and placement of standard roadway materials. The project does not introduce contaminants that would increase risk of soil, groundwater, or surface water pollution. No change to local landfill demand is expected beyond typical construction debris associated with minor site work. All materials will be managed in accordance with applicable state and local construction standards.

- (18) Protect air quality (Policies 41, 42 and 43).

The project complies with state and federal air quality standards. The action relocates an existing driveway without increasing traffic volumes or expanding site operations. Long term vehicular emissions remain unchanged from existing conditions. Temporary construction emissions will occur during grading and equipment use but will be short term and localized within the project area. The project introduces no new stationary sources or operational changes that would affect ambient air quality.

- (19) Protect tidal and freshwater wetlands (Policy 44).

The design protects regulated freshwater wetlands by avoiding all direct filling, excavation, or disturbance within Wetlands A through E. Limited localized grading is required within the regulated 100 foot buffer to construct the revised driveway alignment. Temporary construction impacts within this buffer will be controlled through soil stabilization measures, silt fencing, and erosion control practices installed prior to ground disturbance. Compliance with the City's native tree replacement requirement will ensure the long term restoration of canopy structure and buffer function. All work remains confined to approved limits of disturbance and complies with City of Rye Chapter 195 Wetlands and Watercourses requirements.



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L. Evaluation of Actions Inconsistent with LWRP Policies:

If it is determined that the action would not be consistent with one or more of the LWRP policy standards and conditions, such action shall not be undertaken unless the determining agency makes a written finding with respect to the proposed action. If applicable, please give any pertinent information that will permit the Planning Commission to make a determination on the following: (If the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional sheet(s))

- (1) No reasonable alternatives exist which would permit the action to be undertaken in a manner that would not substantially hinder the achievement of such LWRP policy standards and conditions.

No technically feasible alternative exists to address the existing access deficiencies at the facility. Alternative 2 was selected because it is the only configuration that meets public safety requirements while avoiding direct physical impacts to Wetlands A through E. Retaining the existing driveway is not feasible due to its narrow 12 to 15 foot width, which does not safely accommodate current vehicle movements. Relocating the access corridor to a fully separate undisturbed area of the 46.41 acre parcel would require substantially greater tree clearing and would result in more extensive habitat disturbance. The selected alignment minimizes overall environmental impact while resolving critical access safety constraints.

- (2) The action would be undertaken in a manner that will minimize all adverse effects on such LWRP policy standards and conditions.

The project proactively minimizes potential environmental impacts through rigorous design and mitigation measures. The new alignment positions the primary access route mostly outside the regulatory floodway, reducing long term flood and erosion risks. Localized tree clearing within the upland forested stand will be offset through native tree plantings. Stormwater management includes an on site detention basin to capture and attenuate peak runoff flows, supported by flow spreaders that distribute discharge evenly and reduce concentrated discharge points. Engineered vegetated swales and Best Management Practices will further treat runoff at the source, reducing sediment transport and protecting downstream water quality and wetland integrity.

- (3) The action will advance one or more of the other LWRP policy standards and conditions.

The project advances key LWRP objectives, including Policy 5 for infrastructure adequacy, Policy 11 for flood and erosion risk reduction, and Policies 19 and 21 for public access preservation. The relocated driveway shifts the access corridor largely outside the regulatory floodway, improving long term resiliency of the entryway. The revised geometry addresses existing width and alignment deficiencies by providing a stable and safe access route that accommodates school buses and emergency vehicles. These improvements maintain continuous public access to the nature center while reducing exposure to flood related damage and supporting safe use of this environmental education and open space resource.



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(4) The action will result in an overriding city, regional or statewide public benefit.

The driveway relocation provides a municipal and public safety benefit by addressing a constrained access corridor serving a community educational facility. The existing 12 to 15 foot width and deteriorated 5 ton bridge limit safe access for school buses and emergency response vehicles. The proposed action shifts the existing driveway alignment without increasing site operations or traffic volumes. The improved configuration enhances safe vehicle access while reducing exposure to flood related impacts and improving long term resilience of the nature preserve. The project maintains existing public use while correcting safety deficiencies and supporting continued function of the facility as an environmental education resource.

M. Regulatory Compliance

1. Will the proposed project place any fill or a structure within a Flood Zone? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 100, Floodplain Management, may apply)
2. Is the proposed activity located within a designated preservation area? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 117, Landmarks Preservation, may apply)
3. Is a fence or wall proposed as part of the application? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 90, Fences and Walls, may apply)
4. Does the application also involve site plan approval? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 197, Zoning, may apply)
5. Does the application also involve the subdivision of a property? Yes No
(If yes, Chapter 170, Subdivision of Land, may apply)

N. Prior Approvals – Application Checklist for Permits:

To facilitate the approval process, the City of Rye requests that applicants indicate below all permit applications that are **pending**, have been **approved** or have been **rejected** for the subject property. The following checklist will allow the City authorities to be more familiar with properties that are the subject of the current application. Please indicate all applications submitted for the property in question, including those that were prepared for projects separate from the current one. Intentionally omitting any items from this checklist is cause for delay or rejection of the application(s) being considered.



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Board, Commission or Inspector:	Date(s) of Prior Approval(s):	City Identifier Reference(s):	Previous Action(s) on Application(s):	New Permit(s) Applied for: (Check Boxes)
Appeals				<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural Review				<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation				<input type="checkbox"/>
Landmarks				<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Commission				<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Inspector				<input type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer				<input type="checkbox"/>
Naturalist				<input type="checkbox"/>
City Planner				<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				<input type="checkbox"/>

O. Signatures

By signing this application the applicant attests that to the best of his or her knowledge all information provided herein is accurate and truthful. The signature of the applicant and owner also grants consent to having any City Staff or City Board or Commission members responsible for of the review or approval of this application(s) to enter the property of the subject application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Property Owner Signature(s)

Date



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A. INSTRUCTIONS (Please print or type all answers)

1. Applicants or in the case of direct actions, city agencies, shall complete this Coastal Assessment Form (CAF) for proposed actions which are subject to the consistency review law. This assessment is intended to supplement other information used by a city agency in making a determination of consistency.
2. Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the policies and explanations of policy contained in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's office. A proposed action should be evaluated as to its significant beneficial and adverse effects upon the coastal area.
3. If any question in Section C on this form is answered "yes", then the proposed action may effect the achievement of the LWRP policy standards and conditions contained in the consistency review law. Thus, the action should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to making a determination that it is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the LWRP policy standards and conditions. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the LWRP policy standards and conditions, it shall not be undertaken.

B. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSED ACTION

1. Type of city agency action (check appropriate response):
 - (a) Directly undertaken (e.g capital construction, planning activity, agency regulation, land transaction): Capital Construction (New Driveway)
 - (b) Financial assistance (e.g. grant, loan, subsidy): Private funding
 - (c) Permit, approval, license, certification: A concurrent City Council/Planning Commission Chapter 195 Wetlands and Chapter 187 Tree Removal permits are being processed.
 - (d) Agency undertaken action: _____
2. Describe nature and extent of action: The proposed action involves the relocation of the existing access driveway serving the Friends of Rye Nature Center to a new, structurally optimized alignment.
3. Location of action (including street or site description): 873 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York 10580.
4. Size of site: 46.41 acres
5. Present land use: Nature center, wildlife sanctuary, non-profit educational facility, and associated public access roadway infrastructure.
6. Present zoning classification: R-2 (One-Family Residence District)



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7. Describe any unique or unusual forms on the project site (i.e. bluffs, dunes, swales, ground, depressions, other geological formations):

8. Percentage of site which contains slopes of 15% or greater 10-15%
9. Streams, lakes, ponds or wetlands existing within or contiguous to the project area?
- (a) Name: Delineated Freshwater Wetlands A, B, C, D, and E, and Blind Brook.
- (b) Size (in acres): The total wetland complex covers multiple acres of the 46.41-acre parcel; however, direct physical impact to these areas is 0.00 acres.
10. If an application for the proposed action has been filed with the city agency, the following information shall be provided:
- (a) Name of applicant: Friends of Rye Nature Center
- (b) Mailing address: 873 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580
- (c) Telephone number: Area Code: (914) 967-5150
- (d) application number, if any: _____
11. Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a state or federal agency?

Yes No If yes, which state or federal agency?

The layout is designed to completely avoid state and federal jurisdictions by fully eliminating direct physical impacts below NYSDEC and USACE boundaries



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C. COASTAL ASSESSMENT Check either "yes" or "no" for each of the following:

	YES	NO
1. Will the proposed action be located in, or contiguous to, or have a potentially adverse effect upon any of the resource areas identified on the coastal area map?:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(a) Significant fish or wildlife habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Scenic resources or local or statewide significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Natural protective features in an erosion hazard area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Note: If the answer to any question above is yes, please explain in Section D any measures which will be undertaken to mitigate any adverse effects.</i>		
2. Will the proposed action have a <u>significant adverse effect</u> upon:		
(a) Commercial or recreational use of fish and wildlife resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Scenic quality of the coastal environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Development of future, or existing water dependent uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) Land or water uses within a small harbor area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Stability of the shoreline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) Surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(g) Existing or potential public recreation opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Structures, sites or districts of historic, archaeological or cultural significance to the city, State or nation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action <u>involve</u> or <u>result</u> in any of the following:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(a) Physical alteration of land along the shoreline, land under water or coastal waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the coastal area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Expansion of existing public services or infrastructure in undeveloped or low density area of the coastal area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) Energy facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Mining, excavation, filling or dredging in coastal waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) Reduction of existing or potential public access to or along the shore?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(g) Sale or change in use of publicly-owned lands located on the shoreline or underwater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Development within a designated flood or erosion hazard area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Development on a beach, dune, barrier island or other natural feature that provides protection against flooding or erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) construction or reconstruction of erosion protective structures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(k) Diminished surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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	YES	NO
(l) Removal of ground cover from the site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(a) If project is to be located adjacent to shore:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(1) Will water-related recreation be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Will public access to the foreshore be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Does the project require a waterfront site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) Will it supplant a recreational or maritime use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(5) Do essential public services and facilities presently exist at or near the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(6) Is it located in a flood prone area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(7) Is it located in an area of high erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) If the project site is publicly owned:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(1) Will the project protect, maintain and/or increase the level and types of public access to water-related recreation resources and facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) If located in the foreshore, will access to those and adjacent lands be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Will it involve the siting and construction of major energy facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) Will it involve the discharge of effluents from major steam electric generating and industrial facilities into coastal facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Is the project site presently used by the community neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) Does the present site offer or include scenic views or vistas known to be important to the community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Is the project site presently used for commercial fishing or fish processing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) will the surface area of any waterways or any wetland areas be increased or decreased by the proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(g) Does any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally important vegetation exist on this site which will be removed by the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Will the project involve any waste discharges into coastal waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) Does the project involve surface or subsurface liquid waste disposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) Does the project involve transport, storage, treatment or disposal of solid waste or hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(k) Does the project involve shipment or storage of petroleum products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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- | | YES | NO |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (l) Does the project involve discharge of toxics, hazardous substances or other pollutants into coastal waters? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (m) Does the project involve or change existing ice management practices? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (n) Will the project affect any area designated as a tidal or freshwater wetland? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (o) Will the project alter drainage flow, patterns or surface water runoff on or from the site? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (p) Will best management practices be utilized to control storm water runoff into coastal waters? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (q) Will the project utilize or affect the quality or quantity of sole source or surface water supplies? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (r) Will the project cause emissions which exceed federal or state air quality standards or generate significant amounts of nitrates or sulfates? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

D. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (Add any additional sheets necessary to complete this form.)

This project is fully consistent with the City of Rye Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). While the action requires clear-cutting and grading within an upland forested stand located inside the locally regulated 100-foot freshwater wetland buffer zone, it represents the simple relocation of an existing driveway footprint. No additional traffic volumes or expanded facility operations are expected at the site.

Direct physical impacts to adjacent Wetlands A through E are completely avoided. The new alignment intentionally shifts the primary entry infrastructure mostly out of the regulatory floodway (Zone AE), providing a net-neutral volumetric impact on flood storage while substantially reducing the road's long-term flood vulnerability. Localized stormwater flow and peak runoff velocity modifications caused by the necessary expansion of impervious surface area will be treated directly at the source using engineered vegetated swales and non-structural drainage controls. All cleared ground cover and trees will be fully mitigated through a comprehensive 1-to-1 native tree replacement program, ensuring that the long-term environmental, water quality, and natural aesthetic values of the local ecosystem are preserved and upgraded.

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Preparer Name Ryan Luppino (Barton and Loguidice DPC) Date 5/28/5026

Signature  Title Senior Staff Environmental Scientist

**Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project and Setting**

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Rye Nature Center Driveway Project		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Rye Nature Center - 873 Boston Post Road (U.S. Route 1), City of Rye, Westchester County, NY		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The project involves the realignment of the existing Rye Nature Center driveway to the south due to the deteriorating condition of the existing driveway bridge over the Blind Brook. The proposed driveway will provide access through an existing unpaved parking lot owned by the City of Rye, approximately 500 ft. south of the existing driveway entrance on Boston Post Road. The project site is shown on the attached Figure 1.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Rye Nature Center - Christine Siller, Executive Director - Friends of Rye Nature Center		Telephone: 914-967-5150 E-Mail: christine@ryenaturecenter.org
Address: 873 Boston Post Road		
City/PO: Rye	State: NY	Zip Code: 10580
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Nicole Pennucci, Development and Operations Director - Friends of Rye Nature Center		Telephone: 914-967-5150 E-Mail: nicole@ryenaturecenter.org
Address: 873 Boston Post Road		
City/PO: Rye	State: NY	Zip Code: 10580
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): City of Rye (existing parking lot off of Boston Post Road)		Telephone: (914) 967-5400 E-Mail: bshea@ryeny.gov (City Manager)
Address: 1051 Boston Post Road		
City/PO: Rye	State: NY	Zip Code: 10580

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City Planning Commission - Wetland Permit, LWRP Consistency Review, SWPPP/MS4	Summer 2026
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
d. Other local agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City of Rye Building Department - Local Floodplain Permit, Tree Removal Permit	Summer 2026
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SHPO - project review	Summer 2026
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? Yes No

- If Yes, complete sections C, F and G.
- If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

C.2. Adopted land use plans.

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? Yes No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? Yes No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) Yes No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? Yes No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. Yes No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?

R2- One-family Residential (1/2 acre min per unit)

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? Yes No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? Yes No

If Yes,

i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? City of Rye School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?
Rye Police Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?
Rye Fire Department, Rye Emergency Medical Services

d. What parks serve the project site?
Rye Nature Center

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? Recreational

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 0.9 acres

b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 0.9 acres

c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 46 acres (Rye Nature Center property limits)

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? Yes No

i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? Yes No

If Yes,

i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types) _____

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? Yes No

iii. Number of lots proposed? _____

iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? Yes No

i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ 10 months

ii. If Yes:

- Total number of phases anticipated _____
- Anticipated commencement date of phase I (including demolition) _____ month _____ year
- Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year

• Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? Yes No
 If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion	_____	_____	_____	_____
of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? Yes No
 If Yes,

i. Total number of structures _____

ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length

iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? Yes No
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____

ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: Ground water Surface water streams Other specify: _____

iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____

iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres

v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length

vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) Yes No
 If Yes:

i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____

ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?

- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____
- Over what duration of time? _____

iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. _____

iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? Yes No
 If yes, describe. _____

v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres

vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres

vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet

viii. Will the excavation require blasting? Yes No

ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? Yes No
 If Yes:

i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): Five wetlands and one stream were delineated in the field in the vicinity of the project site. No direct resource impacts will result, but disturbance to the 100-foot buffer zone around wetlands and watercourses (which is regulated by the City of Rye) will result from site grading and construction activity.

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:
 No direct wetland or stream impacts will result from the project. The project will involve approximately 0.5 acres of disturbance to the City-regulated 100-foot buffer zones around the delineated wetlands and stream; a Wetlands and Watercourses Permit will be obtained from the City of Rye prior to construction.

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? Yes No
 If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? Yes No
 If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: _____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____
- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

Disturbed areas to be graded and stabilized in accordance with plans. No direct wetland/stream impacts or associated mitigation proposed.

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? Yes No
 If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? Yes No
 If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: _____
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? Yes No
- Is the project site in the existing district? Yes No
- Is expansion of the district needed? Yes No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? Yes No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? Yes No
 If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____
- Source(s) of supply for the district: _____

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? Yes No
 If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? Yes No
 If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? Yes No
 If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- Name of district: _____
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? Yes No
- Is the project site in the existing district? Yes No
- Is expansion of the district needed? Yes No

• Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? Yes No
 • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? Yes No
 If Yes:
 • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? Yes No
 If Yes:
 • Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
 • Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
 • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____

v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____

e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?
 _____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)
 _____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)
 ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____

 iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?

 • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____

 • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? Yes No

iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? Yes No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? Yes No
 If Yes, identify:
 i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)

 ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)

 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) Yes No
 ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
 • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____

i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? Yes No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____

j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? Yes No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): Morning Evening Weekend
 Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____

iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? Yes No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 mile of the proposed site? Yes No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? Yes No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? Yes No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? Yes No

If Yes: N/A - action is not a commercial or industrial use

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? Yes No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

i. During Construction:		ii. During Operations:	
• Monday - Friday:	_____ 7AM-5PM _____	• Monday - Friday:	_____ Dawn-dusk _____
• Saturday:	_____ N/A _____	• Saturday:	_____ Dawn-dusk _____
• Sunday:	_____ N/A _____	• Sunday:	_____ Dawn-dusk _____
• Holidays:	_____ N/A _____	• Holidays:	_____ Dawn-dusk _____

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:
 Ambient noise levels would likely be exceeded during construction. Construction activities would be completed during daytime, weekday work hours (generally 7AM-5PM).

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? Yes No
 Describe: Tree removal will be required to facilitate construction. The clearing footprint will be limited to the smallest extent possible. A Tree Removal Permit will be obtained from the City of Rye prior to construction and will detail proposed tree mitigation.

n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? Yes No
 Describe: _____

o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? Yes No
 If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____

p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Product(s) to be stored _____
 ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)
 iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____

q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe proposed treatment(s):

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? Yes No

r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? Yes No
 If Yes: *N/A - action is not a commercial or industrial use*
 i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:
 • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 • Operation: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:
 • Construction: _____
 • Operation: _____

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:
 • Construction: _____
 • Operation: _____

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? Yes No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

Urban Industrial Commercial Residential (suburban) Rural (non-farm)

Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other (specify): Recreational

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe: _____

The project site is located within the Rye Nature Center property, which primarily consists of deciduous forest cover. Wetlands and streams are located on site, outside of the proposed disturbance limits. Surrounding land uses are primarily suburban residential and urban lands.

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0.2	0.7	+0.5
• Forested	0.7	0	-0.7
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	0	0	0
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0	0	0
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0	0	0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	0	0	0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0	0	0
• Other Describe: <u>Maintained herbaceous vegetation, stormwater swales</u>	0	0.2	+0.2

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? Yes No
i. If Yes: explain: The project site is within the Rye Nature Center property. The property contain hiking trails and educational displays and facilities.

d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? Yes No
 If Yes,
i. Identify Facilities:
 The City of Rye Middle and High Schools are located on the opposite side of Boston Post Road from the project site (about 300' to the south).
 Additionally, the Rye Nature Center offers preschool and after-school programs for children, as well as a summer camp when school is on recess.

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? Yes No
 If Yes:
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:
 • Dam height: _____ feet
 • Dam length: _____ feet
 • Surface area: _____ acres
 • Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____
iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:

f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? Yes No
 If Yes:
i. Has the facility been formally closed? Yes No
 • If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:

iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____

g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? Yes No
 If Yes:
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:

h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? Yes No
 If Yes:
i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: Yes No
 Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____
 Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____
 Neither database
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____
 N/A
iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? Yes No
 If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): V00571, 360097
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):

Site V00571 (Consolidated Edison - Rye Manufactured Gas Plant) is located about 1300' northwest of the driveway project limits. The site is classified as Class N by the NYSDEC - remedial work is not active at this time. Investigations are ongoing.
 Site 360097 (Former French Touch Dry Cleaner) is located about 1300' northeast of the driveway project limits. The site is classified as Class N by the NYSDEC - remedial work is not active at this time. NYSDEC has determined that the site does not pose a significant contamination threat.

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? Yes No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: _____
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____
- Describe any use limitations: _____
- Describe any engineering controls: _____
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? Yes No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ Approx. 5.2 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? Yes No
 If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ % outcroppings noted on the property

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

<u>Chatfield-Charlton complex, 15-35% slopes</u>	<u>32.5</u> %
<u>Woodbridge loam, 3-8% slopes</u>	<u>67.5</u> %
_____	_____ %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: Approx. 3.1 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils: Well Drained: 32.5 % of site
 Moderately Well Drained: 67.5 % of site
 Poorly Drained _____ % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: 0-10%: 67.5 % of site
 10-15%: _____ % of site
 15% or greater: 32.5 % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? Yes No
 If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? Yes No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? Yes No

If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? Yes No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name Blind Brook (adjoins project site) Classification SC
- Lakes or Ponds: Name None Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name federal wetlands (adjoining project site) Approximate Size Approx. 0.5 ac total
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) N/A

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? Yes No
 If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? Yes No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? Yes No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? Yes No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Name of aquifer: Principal aquifer

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">White tailed deer</td> <td style="border: none;">Raccoon</td> <td style="border: none;">Gray squirrel</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Striped skunk</td> <td style="border: none;">Songbirds (various species)</td> <td style="border: none;">Eastern chipmunk</td> </tr> </table>	White tailed deer	Raccoon	Gray squirrel	Striped skunk	Songbirds (various species)	Eastern chipmunk	
White tailed deer	Raccoon	Gray squirrel					
Striped skunk	Songbirds (various species)	Eastern chipmunk					
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently: _____ acres • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres 							
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p><small>USFWS IPaC records: northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>, endangered), tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>, proposed endangered), monarch butterfly (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>, proposed threatened). The NYSDEC ERM did not report any protected species records for the project site.</small></p>							
<p>p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing: _____</p>							
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p>							
<p>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</p>							
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>							
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____</p>							
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p>							
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. CEA name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>							

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: Archaeological Site Historic Building or District

ii. Name: Eligible structure - Nature Preserve Park Road Bridge over Blind Brook (BIN 2265280) - adjoins project site

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:

Determined eligible for listing by DOT Historic Bridge Inventory 2002 under Criterion C. "Possesses high artistic values"

f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? Yes No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s):

ii. Basis for identification:

h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? Yes No

If Yes:

Rye Nature Center, Edith G Read Natural Park/Wildlife Sanctuary, Playland County Park, Saxon Woods County Park, Marshlands Conservancy, Harbor Island Park, Flint Park, Crawford Town Park, Lyon Park, Gilbe Park, Abendroth Park, Crossway Field, Rye Recreation Park, Carpenters Pond Park, Disbrow Park, Rye Town Park, Ward

i. Identify resource: Acres Park, Long Island Sound

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): Local and county parks, major waterbody

iii. Distance between project and resource: 0.5 miles.

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation:

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? Yes No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Christine Siller

Date 6/3/2026

Signature



Title Executive Director, Rye Nature Center



Legend

- Driveway Project Site
- Rye Nature Center Property



NYSDEC Stormwater Management Calculations
Rye Nature Center Driveway Relocation
5/29/2026

	Required/Size	Existing	Proposed
Project Site	39,594 sf	-	-
Existing Impervious to be Disturbed	5,516 sf	-	-
Existing Permeable to be Disturbed	34,078 sf	-	-
Future Impervious within Disturbed Area	14,859 sf	-	-
Future Permeable within Disturbed Area	24,735 sf	-	-
Water Quality Volume (WQv)	1,919 cf	-	1,919 cf
Runoff Reduction Volume (RRV)	353 cf	-	1,919 cf
1-Yr Storm (CPv)	2.85"	5.00 cfs	4.30 cfs
10-Yr Storm (Qp)	5.31"	15.62 cfs	13.38 cfs
100 Yr Storm (Qf)	8.23"	29.54 cfs	23.68 cfs

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to document existing conditions, evaluate improvement alternatives, and provide reconfiguration recommendations for the driveway providing access from U.S. Route 1 (Boston Post Road) to Rye Nature Center (RNC). The 47-acre RNC-property is City-owned property within Rye in Westchester County. Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) has secured private funds to support the realignment of the RNC main access driveway. Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) was retained to support the realignment of the RNC's main access driveway. The current driveway travels over a weight-restricted bridge that is also historically eligible. A realignment allows for a new driveway to be built that can support two lanes of traffic and that will not necessitate the need to cross Blind Brook. These benefits will result in decreased maintenance costs moving forward, smoother traffic flow to and from U.S. Route 1, and the removal of vehicle queuing, as experienced by current travelers due to the width constriction of the existing bridge over Blind Brook. B&L assessed existing access options, identified operational and physical deficiencies, and evaluated feasible alternatives to improve long-term site access.

The Rye Nature Center identified the need for this project due to the structural limitations of the bridge carrying the driveway over the Blind Brook. The current driveway serves passenger vehicles, delivery trucks, and school buses associated with daily operations and afterschool activities and has an average width of approximately 15 feet, narrowing to roughly 12 feet at the bridge crossing. The existing bridge is an eligible historic structure and is in poor condition, with a posted 5-ton weight restriction that limits reliable access for heavier vehicles (such as school buses and emergency vehicles). Because of its historic character, replacement or substantial modification of the bridge is not considered feasible. In addition, the existing driveway connection to Boston Post Rd. has limited sight distance and also exhibits operational issues when vehicles begin to queue up turning onto Boston Post Rd. The bridge is only 60 ft. from the edge of Boston Post Rd., and with the narrow width of the bridge, any traffic queueing up onto the bridge will block access for vehicles turning into the RNC property.

Two (2) alternatives were prepared to address the identified deficiencies, both involving driveway realignment to eliminate reliance on the existing bridge crossing. Much of the surrounding wooded area lies within the floodway and associated floodplain of the Blind Brook. An underground sanitary line is also present within the project limits. Alternative 1 was developed by JMC Site Development Consultants and shifts the connection to Boston Post Rd 475 ft. to the south of the existing entrance. This alignment completely avoids a crossing of the Blind Brook but requires construction within wetland areas and the floodway of the Blind Brook. This alternative would also increase the flood elevation of the Blind Brook due to the amount of fill placed within the floodway, which is against City of Rye local code. Alternative 2 also realigns the existing driveway; however, the alignment is shifted further west and 120 ft. south of alternate 1, avoiding direct impacts to the wetlands. This alignment also crosses the floodway of the Blind Brook, but does not cause a rise in elevation of the floodway. A third conceptual alternative was considered but was not evaluated in-depth. This option would have followed a straighter southeast to northwest orientation up and over the hillside. This avoided wetlands and floodway impacts, but would have resulted in a significant amount of excavation and grading, and the driveway terminated at an undesirable location between RNC buildings and facilities. The RNC staff, Board members, and City elected to not pursue this alternative further.

Based on the geometric constraints, environmental considerations, and long-term access needs, Alternative 2 was identified as the preferred and feasible alternative. This alignment avoids direct wetland and floodway impacts associated with Alternative 1, which were the primary concerns with the City officials. Additionally, this layout is mostly above the floodway elevation of the Blind Brook, providing a resilient and sustainable design compared to Alternative 1.

1.0 PROJECT LOCATION

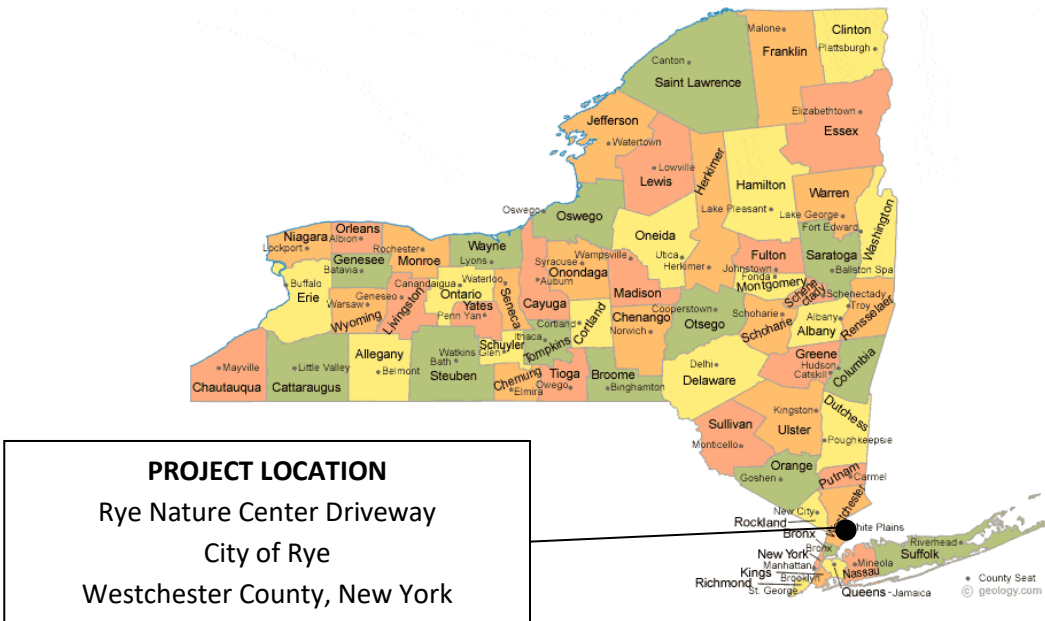


Figure 1 – New York State Map

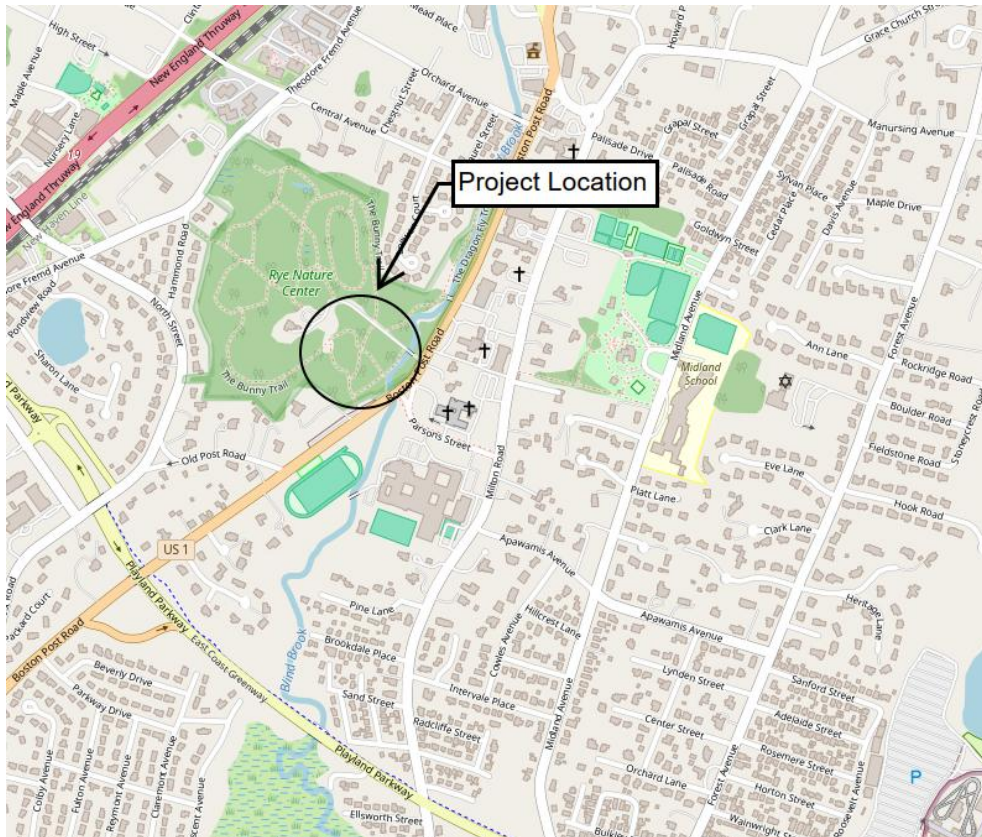


Figure 2 – Project Location Map

Source: OpenStreetMap

Project Limits – The project limits extend approximately 550 feet from Boston Post Road along the existing driveway and including the location of the proposed driveway, onto the RNC.

Project Location – The existing driveway entrance to the Rye Nature Center is about 200 feet north of the intersection of Boston Post Road and Parsons Street Coordinates: 40°58'32.1"N, 73°41'13.3"W.

Project Description – The project includes the realignment of the existing driveway to the south due to the deteriorating condition of the existing driveway bridge over the Blind Brook. The proposed driveway will provide access through an existing unpaved parking lot owned by the City of Rye, approximately 500 ft. south of the existing driveway entrance on Boston Post Road. Associated improvements include driveway grading and drainage features required to support the new driveway.

Project Objectives – The following objectives have been established for this project:

- Provide improved access from Boston Post Road to the Rye Nature Center.
- Resolve vehicle weight restrictions and the narrow driveway width associated with the historic bridge over the Blind Brook.
- Enhance long-term driveway operations, including vehicle access from Boston Post Road.

2.0 EXISTING SITE INFORMATION

2.1. RNC Property and Driveway

The project area consists of an existing driveway providing access from Boston Post Road to the RNC. The existing driveway has an average width of approximately 15 feet, narrowing to roughly 12 feet at the bridge crossing. The existing driveway grading features an approximate 1:4 slope on each side, with intermittent drainage swales observed along the corridor. The existing bridge is an eligible historic structure, but is in poor condition and carries a weight restriction of 5 tons.

The existing driveway accommodates passenger vehicles, delivery trucks, and school buses associated with afterschool activities, though its narrow width can restrict safe two-way passage, particularly at the bridge. Much of the wooded area surrounding the southern extent of the driveway is within a floodplain and is generally flat. Approximately 375 feet from Boston Post Road, the elevation transitions into a steep slope, increasing before eventually flattening out near the RNC buildings. An underground sanitary line is also present within the project limits.

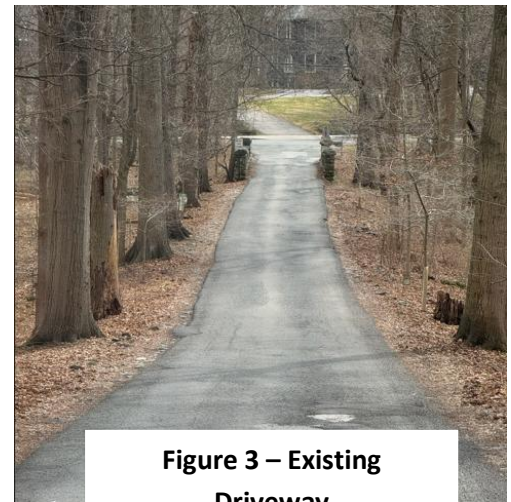


Figure 3 – Existing Driveway

2.2. Intersecting Roadway Segment

Boston Post Rd. is classified as a principal arterial and is a two-lane, two-way roadway adjacent to the project location, consisting of two 11-foot travel lanes with approximately 4-foot shoulders on each side. The roadway carries an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of 5,925 vehicles and an 85th percentile speed of approximately 35 mph according to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Traffic Data Viewer.

3.0 DESIGN ALTERNATIVES AND EVALUATIONS**3.1. Design Standards**

The alternatives considered were based on the following standards:

- NYSDOT Standard Specifications for Construction Materials
- City of Rye Standards
- NYSDOT Highway Design Manual (HDM)
- AASHTO's *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* (2018, 7th Edition)

3.2. Critical Design Elements

The design criteria table below summarizes the applicable design standards for proposed design elements. The criteria presented are based on guidance from the New York State Department of Transportation, specifically the low-volume local roadway provisions contained within chapter 4 of the Highway Design Manual. These standards were selected to reflect the functional classification, traffic volumes, and operating characteristics of the driveway.

Table 1 Critical Design Elements for RNC Driveway				
Name:	RNC Driveway	Functional Classification:	Local Urban	
Element	Standard		Existing Condition	Proposed Condition
1	Design Speed	20 mph HDM Table 2.7.4.1 (A)	15 mph	20 mph
2	Total Road Width	18 feet HDM Table 4-4	15 feet	18 feet
3	Shoulder Width	2 feet Min HDM Section 4.5 (C)	Varies	2 feet (unpaved)
4	Horizontal Curve Radius	95 feet @ -2% Crown HDM Exhibit 2-11	65 feet	130 feet @ 2%
5	Maximum Grade	11% Max. HDM Table 4-5	9%	9%
6	Cross Slope	Normal Crown = 1.5% Min., 2.0% Max. HDM Section 4.5 (K)	Varies	2%
7	Superelevation	6% Max. HDM Section 4.5 (G)	Normal Crown	2%
8	Stopping Sight Distance	100 feet HDM Table 4-5	52 feet	110 feet
9	Rollover	8% Max. HDM Section 4.5 (L)	5.5%	6%
10	Pedestrian Accommodations	HDM Chapter 18	Not existent within project limits	No proposed pedestrian facilities

3.3. Alternatives Considered

Two main alternatives were considered for this project. The following is a summary of the alternatives considered.

Alternative 1:

Consists of a driveway alignment previously developed by JMC Site Development Consultants. Under this alignment, the driveway would no longer use the existing bridge over the Blind Brook and would connect directly to Boston Post Road west of the Brook, cutting through an existing unpaved parking area owned by the City of Rye. The driveway departs from the existing entrance and turns south through the existing forest and wetland area before connecting to Boston Post Road, 475 feet south of the existing driveway. This alignment follows a more direct path across the site but requires construction within wetlands and the floodway of the Blind Brook, and would cause a rise in the elevation of the base flood elevation. [See Appendix A for Alternative 1 Plans.](#)

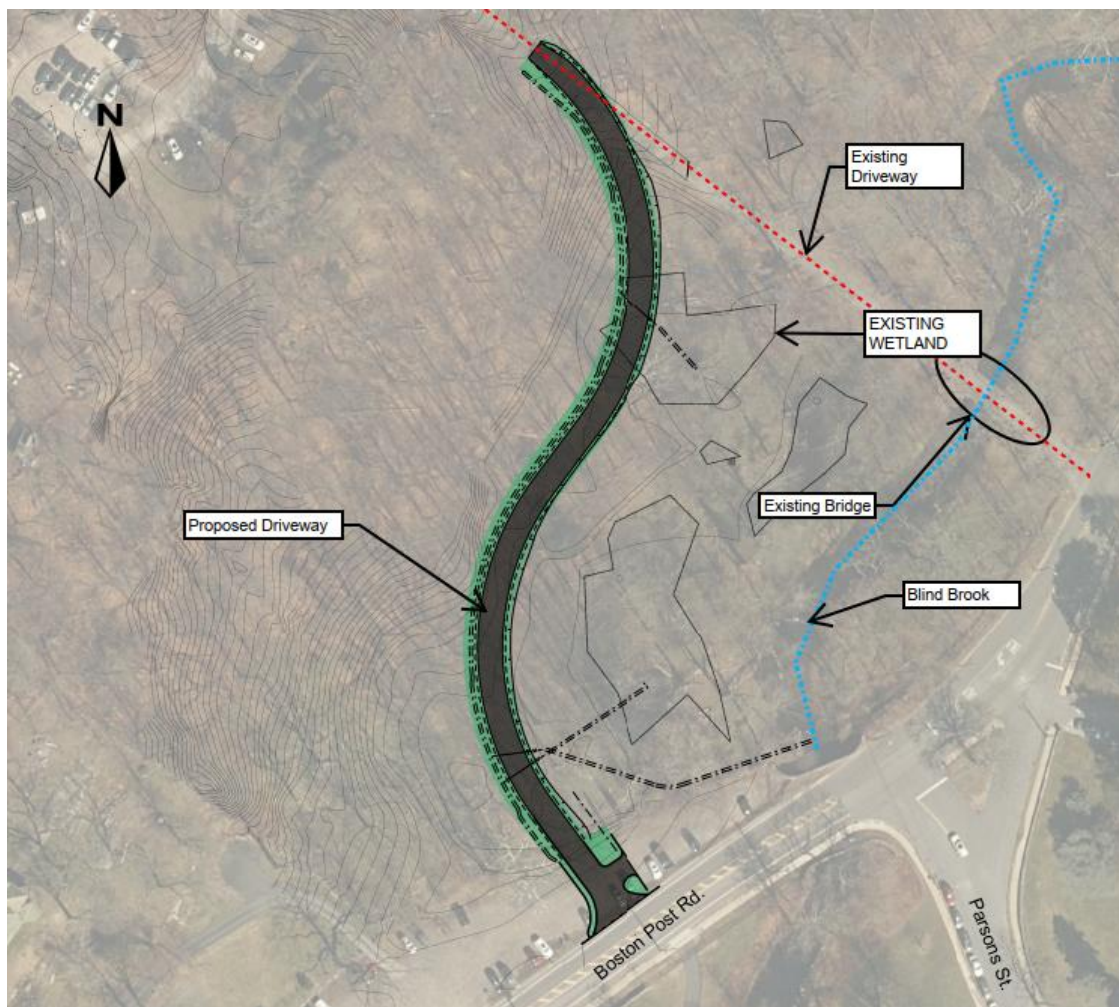


Figure 4 – Alternative 1 Concept Sketch

Alternative 2:

Similar to Alternative 1, this alternative eliminates reliance on the existing bridge and connects to Boston Post Road through the city-owned parking area. However, this alignment is shifted further west, avoiding the wetlands and floodway. This alternative maintains a higher driveway elevation along the route, reducing the potential for flooding during large storm events. See Appendix A for Alternative 2 Plans.

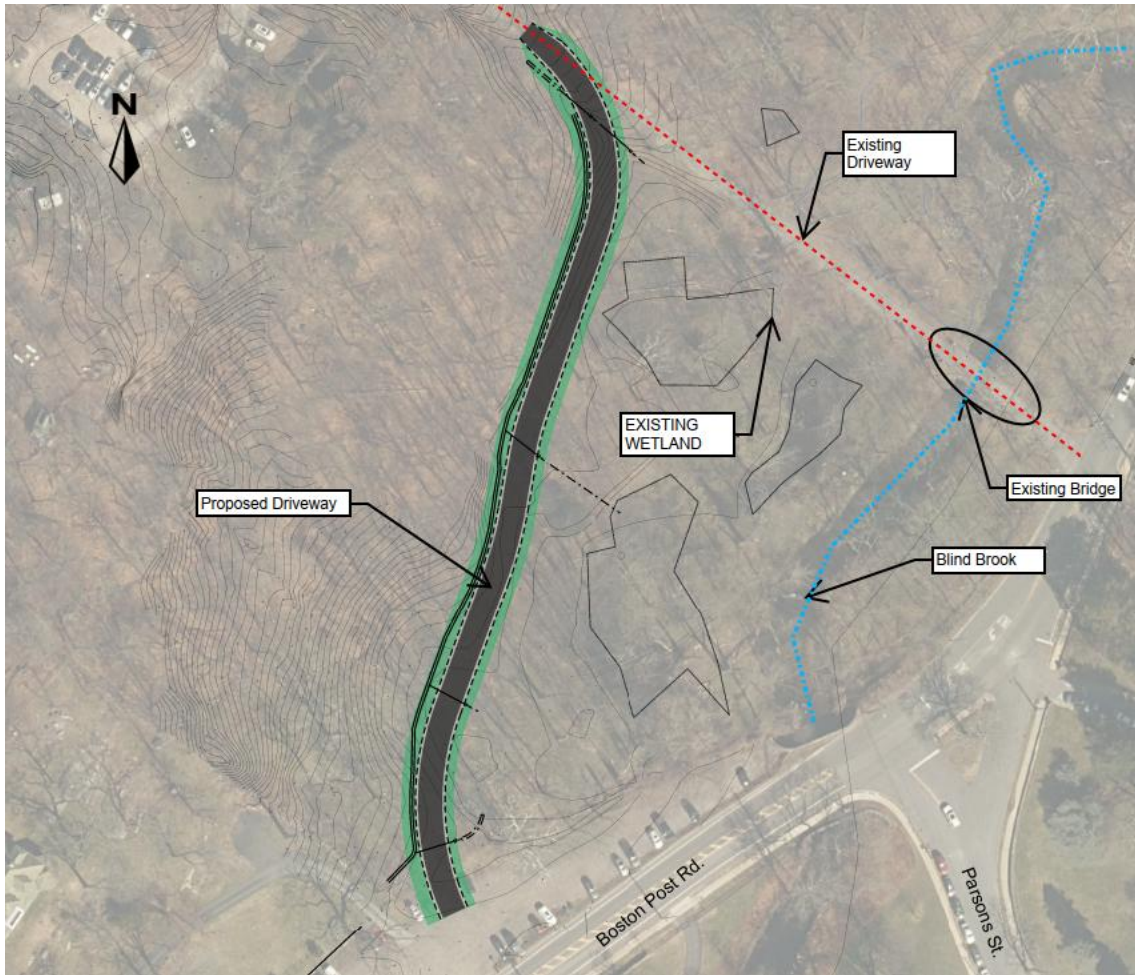


Figure 5 – Alternative 2 Concept Sketch

See Appendix A for plan, profile, and typical sections of Alternative 2

3.4. Alternative constraints and Refinements

In addition to Alternative 1 resulting in direct impacts to the adjacent wetlands, the alignment also crosses a mapped floodway of the Blind Brook. As a result, any proposed driveway within this area is required to demonstrate zero net rise in floodwater elevations during the 100-year storm event. The elevation of Alternative 1 closely follows the existing terrain to reduce floodway impacts, leaving the driveway susceptible to overtopping during storm events. Flood waters are projected to be approximately three to four feet over the top of the driveway during a 100-year storm event. The low-profile alignment also presents drainage challenges, as limited driveway elevation and flat terrain reduce the ability to install cross-drainage beneath the driveway to convey runoff from the uphill side to the lower adjacent wetland area and the Blind Brook.

To address these limitations, Alternative 2 was developed through coordination between the B&L design team, the Rye Nature Center, and the City of Rye. During these meetings, the priorities and desires of the RNC and City of Rye were discussed. The design was refined several times before Alternative 2 was ultimately developed. This alignment generally follows the existing hillside to the west, avoiding the wetlands and adjacent floodway, and crosses the floodway at its narrowest location farther south along Boston Post Rd. The driveway maintains a higher profile above the floodway while minimizing impacts to flood storage and resulting in no net rise effects to the floodway.

Under Alternative 2, the driveway is generally maintained at elevation 12 feet or higher, consistent with the approximate elevation of Boston Post Rd. Maintaining this elevation provides flood performance comparable to the adjacent roadway, with overtopping occurring only under flood conditions that also affect Boston Post Rd. The higher profile improves drainage flexibility by providing sufficient depth for drainage pipe crossings beneath the driveway, conveying runoff from the uphill side swale to the adjacent wetland system. Based on the collaborative design process and these performance and environmental considerations, the project team, in coordination with the City and FRNC, collectively agreed that Alternative 2 is the preferred alignment.

3.5. Additional consideration of the Preferred Alternative**3.5.1. Intersection Sight Distance**

Intersection sight distance along Boston Post Road was evaluated in accordance with AASHTO standards. Based on the 85th percentile operating speed of 35 mph along Boston Post Rd., the required stopping sight distance is 250 feet. In addition, intersection sight distance for a stop-controlled minor road approach serving passenger vehicles was evaluated. The required sight distance to accommodate a left-turn maneuver from the new driveway onto Boston Post Road is approximately 386 feet,

while the required sight distance for a right-turn maneuver is approximately 335 feet. Field measurements of the existing driveway to the east indicate that available sight distance is restricted to approximately 410 feet, which exceeds the required minimums for both left- and right-turn maneuvers. Sight distance to the west along Boston Post Rd. is unobstructed for approximately 600 feet, providing more than adequate visibility for vehicles exiting the driveway in that direction.

Table 2 Intersection Sight Distance					
Rye Nature Center Driveway	Right-Turn from Minor	Left-Turn from Minor		Stopping Sight Distance (ft)	
		Looking Left	Looking Right	Boston Post Rd East (Westbound)	Boston Post Rd West (Eastbound)
Existing Available	410 feet	410 feet	>600 feet ¹	>410 feet	>600 feet
Recommended (Passenger vehicle)	335 feet	335 feet	390 feet	250 feet	250 feet
Recommended (Single Unit Truck)	437 feet	437 feet	490 feet	250 feet	250 feet

Note:

1. Sight distance to the west is restricted by a crest vertical curve, with the high point of the crest approximated at 600 feet from the driveway.



Figure 6 – Boston Post Rd.

The proposed driveway location meets design criteria for passenger vehicles; however, it does not meet design criteria for single-unit trucks. It is recommended that clearing and grubbing of vegetation be performed along the north side of Boston Post Rd at the Boston Post Rd/Parsons St intersection to improve available sight distance and meet design criteria.

3.5.2. Drainage

The proposed driveway concept (Alternative 2) includes approximately 675 feet of grass-lined swale along its western boundary to convey and manage stormwater runoff from the nearby hillside. Preliminary design assumes four drainage pipes beneath the driveway to convey collected water under the roadway for discharge into the adjacent wetlands and floodplain. Stone aprons are also assumed at the outlet of each pipe in areas anticipated to experience higher flow volumes, to dissipate energy and minimize erosion. These drainage features are preliminary and conceptual; final pipe sizing, swale dimensions, and outlet treatments will be determined based on detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analysis during final design.

3.5.3. Additional Parking

The City of Rye requested that the design team evaluate the feasibility of incorporating an additional off-street parking area along the proposed driveway, with the potential to accommodate approximately 8 to 10 spaces. Following a preliminary evaluation of the existing site conditions and available area, it was determined that the inclusion of 8 to 10 parking spaces along the proposed driveway is feasible, as illustrated in Figure 7.

Following a meeting with the RNC and The City of Rye on May 1, 2026, it was agreed upon by both the City and RNC that the parking area would be incorporated into the design. The proposed parking area is located between Sta. C 12+00 and Sta. C 13+00 and had been added into the plans. See Appendix A for details.

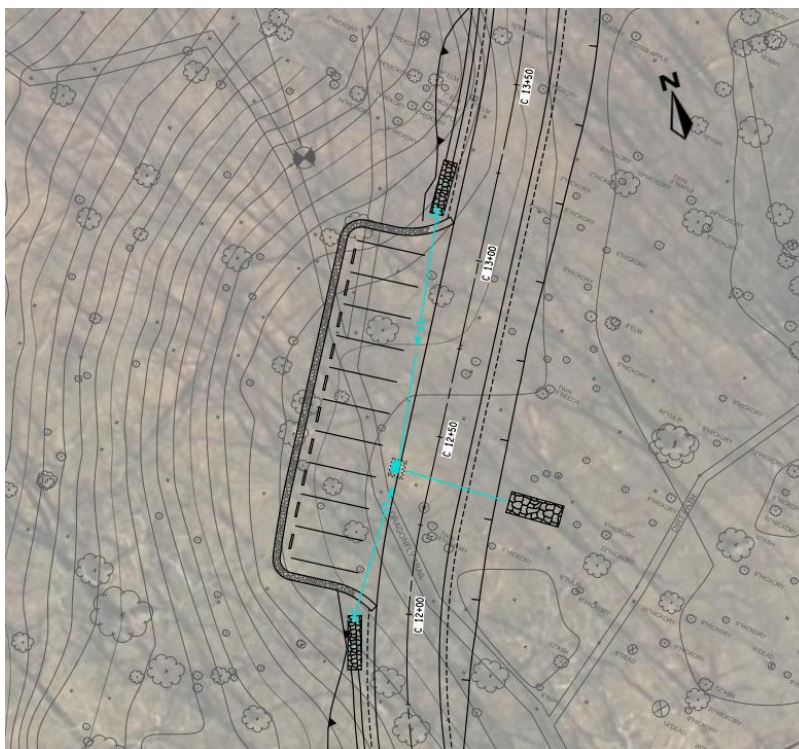


Figure 7 – Additional Parking

4.0 FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS

A floodplain analysis was completed to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed Alternative 2 driveway on the Blind Brook and the associated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-regulated floodplain. The proposed driveway realignment is located partially within the mapped floodplain; however, it is designed to avoid direct impacts to the channel and to maintain existing flood conveyance. The project objectives include demonstrating zero or less net rise in the 100-year base flood elevation in accordance with applicable local and FEMA floodplain management requirements.

Hydraulic impacts associated with the proposed driveway were evaluated using the same FEMA-based HEC-RAS hydraulic model previously developed for the Blind Brook Riparian Restoration Project at the RNC. That model was prepared using Duplicate Effective, Corrected Effective, and Proposed condition scenarios derived from the FEMA Flood Insurance Study for the City of Rye and executed using HEC-RAS version 6.3.1. The model incorporates detailed survey data and FEMA-approved hydrology, and was used to compare existing and proposed conditions. For the driveway project, the model results demonstrate no increase in the 1-percent annual chance (100-year) water surface elevations (WSEL) at any modeled cross section, thereby confirming a no-rise condition. A summary of the HEC-RAS output in the direct location of the project is in Table 3 below. A more comprehensive HEC-RAS output is included in Appendix B. The proposed driveway realignment will not adversely impact base flood elevations, floodplain storage, or flood conveyance within the Blind Brook. Accordingly, the project meets the criteria for a no-rise certification under local floodplain regulations.

Cross Section	Existing WSEL	Proposed WSEL	Net Rise
8679.571	13.29	13.29	0.00'
8486.034	13.28	13.28	0.00'
8485.4	13.27	13.26	-0.01'
8485.034	13.03	13.03	0.01

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following sections describe the results of natural resource reviews, jurisdictional analyses, and permitting evaluations related to the Alternative 2 design and construction.

5.1. Wetlands, Watercourses, and Regulated Buffer Areas

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) provides mapping of previously identified wetlands regulated under Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law. The 100-foot adjacent area surrounding state-regulated wetlands is also regulated under Article 24. A review of the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper (ERM) (NYSDEC, 2026) indicates that no previously mapped wetlands are located within the site.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI) mapping identifies the Blind Brook as a riverine, lower perennial, unconsolidated bottom, permanently flooded (R2UBH) system. The Blind Brook is also classified as a riverine, tidal, unconsolidated bottom, permanently flooded-tidal (R1UBV) system. An additional freshwater forested wetland, palustrine, forested, broad-leaved deciduous, temporary flooded (PFO1A), is mapped immediately west of the Blind Brook between the existing RNC driveway and Boston Post Rd.

Field assessments conducted on June 20–21, 2023, identified five wetlands (Wetlands A through E) and one stream (Stream 1) in the vicinity of the proposed driveway replacement. A wetland boundary confirmation site visit was conducted on October 15, 2025. All wetlands are located in low-lying areas within the Blind Brook floodplain, primarily at the base of steeper slopes to the north. These wetlands are supported by overland flow from adjacent hillsides, stormwater runoff from the existing paved driveway, and elevated water levels in the Blind Brook during high-flow events.

Wetlands A through E are adjacent to the driveway alignment, but are not located within the proposed limits of disturbance. Therefore, determining federal jurisdiction and completing permitting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is not anticipated. Under the current design of Alternative 2, the proposed driveway work avoids direct impacts to wetlands and other waters of the United States. Based on this design, no impacts to federally regulated resources are anticipated. As such, a USACE permit is not expected to be required.

5.1.1 Local Jurisdiction (City of Rye Chapter 195)

In addition to federal boundaries, the project is subject to Chapter 195 (Wetlands and Watercourses) of the Rye City Code, which locally regulates both the designated wetlands and their surrounding 100-foot wetland/watercourse buffer zones. Alternative 2 successfully avoids direct physical impacts to Wetlands A through E, the limit of disturbance requires grading and construction activity within the locally regulated 100-foot buffer zone. Consequently, a City of Rye Wetlands and Watercourses Permit may be required from the City Council/Planning Commission.

5.2. Protected Species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) New York Field Office's Information, Planning, and Consultation (IPaC) System was queried to identify any federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species potentially occurring within the project area. The IPaC report identified the potential for presence of the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*, endangered), the tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*, proposed endangered), and the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*, proposed threatened) within the project site.

The NYSDEC's ERM was reviewed for the presence of any state-listed endangered species, threatened species, species of special concern, or significant natural communities within or adjacent to the project site. No records of listed species or significant natural communities within or in close proximity to the project site were identified.

A habitat assessment was completed in June 2023, October 2025, and on March 20, 2026. The latter visit included a detailed tree inventory to determine species, sizes, and assemblages of forested areas within the project site. Though federal agency action is not anticipated, and no state-listed species resulted during site review, the City of Rye will be reviewing the tree removal specifics for the project. Trees proposed for removal were identified. Though listed species records were not reported for the project site, voluntary action to complete tree clearing during winter months may be implemented. Following typical seasonal restrictions for tree felling may be advantageous and would adhere to best management practices. This would be a conservative approach that would ensure the potential for impacts to wildlife would be minimized. If adopted, trees would only be removed between November 1 and March 31 (winter cutting period) to avoid impacts to bats and other sensitive wildlife during critical life stages.

5.3 Tree Removal, Canopy Impacts, and Preservation (Chapter 187)

To accommodate the proposed driveway alignment and grading limits under Alternative 2, tree removal within the project footprint is required. In accordance with Chapter 187 (Trees) of the Rye City Code, a comprehensive tree survey was conducted to evaluate all stems measuring 8 inches or greater in Diameter at Breast Height (DBH).

5.2.1. Quantified Canopy Impacts

The proposed limit of disturbance necessitates the removal of 42 protected trees (stems greater than 8 inches DBH), representing a cumulative total removal of 754 diameter inches. The breakdown of species slated for removal consists primarily of Hickory (18), Oak (5), Elm (4), Birch (3), Sugar Maple (2), Black Walnut (2), Sweetgum (2), Ash-Leaved Maple (2), and single individuals of Basswood, Ash, Hemlock, and Norway Maple (noted as an invasive canopy species under § 187-5).

Because the total volume of removals exceeds standard administrative thresholds, this application triggers a formal Planning Commission review and City Council restoration evaluation pursuant to § 187-8.

5.2.2. Statutory Mitigation & Replanting Schedule

To satisfy the strict replacement matrix outlined in Rye City Code § 187-9 (Restoration), replacement trees must be nursery-grade native stock measuring a minimum of 2.0 to 2.5 inches in caliper. Total Mitigation Obligation: To achieve full regulatory compliance, the project layout will incorporate a detailed planting plan detailing the planting of at least 44 native hardwood deciduous trees on-site. The required mitigation framework is calculated across the following diameter tiers based on the surveyed removal list:

DBH Tier (Inches)	Surveyed Tree to be Removed	Code Replacement Ratio	Required Replanting Count
8" - 12"	15 trees	1 for every two trees removed	8 trees (7.5 rounded up)
13" - 24"	18 trees	1 for every tree removed	18 trees
25" – 39"	9 trees	2 for every tree removed	18 trees
40" or greater	0 trees	3 for every tree removed	0 trees
Totals	42 Trees Removed	-	44 Replacement Trees

Protection for all mature trees immediately adjacent to the work zone will be provided through installation of perimeter silt fence along the full limits of disturbance (LOD). The silt fence will function as the physical boundary for canopy and root zone protection. All construction activities, including tree trimming and grading, shall remain within the LOD. Construction personnel, vehicles, and equipment shall not enter undisturbed areas outside the silt fence. Heavy equipment operation, soil stockpiling, and fuel storage are prohibited outside the LOD to prevent root compaction and trunk damage. Construction inspection shall occur during active construction to verify compliance with the LOD limits and to confirm that no unintended impacts to trees occur outside the protected areas.

5.4 Historical and Archeological Resources

A review of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) indicates that the site is within an archeologically sensitive area. Additionally, the existing

access road bridge over the Blind Brook (BIN 2265280) is eligible for listing in the state/National Historic Registers. No other structures, sites, or districts are listed within the project site. A formal consultation record will be uploaded through the CRIS for this project, but no additional investigations or concerns are anticipated.

5.5 Coastal Zone Consistency

A portion of the project site is located within the New York State Department of State Landward Coastal Boundary. Because the proposed activity is situated within the New York State Coastal Zone, the project must undergo a State Coastal Zone Consistency Review to ensure it aligns with state and local coastal policies.

The City of Rye has an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). The proposed replacement of the existing driveway occurs within areas covered by the LWRP. The project will be designed to be consistent with the LWRP's objectives to protect natural resources, reduce flooding and erosion hazards, and maintain ecological functions. The City is a co-sponsor of the project and will continue to be included in design reviews, updates, and project progression.

5.6 SEQR

Any projects sponsored or approved by the City of Rye must be reviewed under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Based on the current project scope and the necessity for multiple agency approvals, it is anticipated that the project will be classified as an Unlisted Action. To satisfy regulatory requirements, the SEQR process will be initiated prior to final design through a coordinated review, with the City of Rye likely serving as the Lead Agency.

5.7 Stormwater

A comprehensive Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is required for this project as the proposed disturbance exceeds the 300-square-foot threshold in accordance with City of Rye Code. The SWPPP will address both stormwater quality and quantity and include engineered post-construction stormwater management practices to maintain preconstruction site hydrology. These permanent controls will treat runoff and manage peak flow rates.

The proposed stormwater management design will maintain post-construction peak runoff rates at or below pre-construction conditions through the use of open-graded stone fill below the driveway pavement surface, similar to a porous pavement design. However, this system will use a conventional impervious pavement surface. Stormwater runoff from the pavement surface and the existing hillside will collect in a swale on the west side of the proposed driveway. The open graded stone will permit the stormwater to flow below the roadway where the storage and metered release of the stormwater will be controlled through a series of underdrain outlets to the east of the new driveway. Backflow from flooding of the Blind Brook will be prevented with check valves installed on the underdrains. Refer to the plans in appendix A for more details.

Although the project disturbance area is below the one-acre threshold requiring formal coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit GP-0-25-001, the stormwater management system is designed in accordance with the permit requirements. The table below displays the pre- and post-construction hydrology of the project site.

NYSDEC Stormwater Management Calculations			
	Required/Size	Existing	Proposed
Water Quality Volume (WQv)	1,919 cf	-	1,919 cf
Runoff Reduction Volume (RRV)	353 cf	-	1,919 cf
1-Yr Storm (CPv)	2.85"	5.00 cfs	4.30 cfs
10-Yr Storm (Qp)	5.31"	15.62 cfs	13.38 cfs
100 Yr Storm (Qf)	8.23"	29.54 cfs	23.68 cfs

5.8 Permit Requirements

Environmental review indicates the project will require local and state approvals related to the proposed scope of work and Alternative 2 design. Based on the current project scope, the following permits and authorizations are anticipated to apply:

- City of Rye Local Floodplain Development Permit
- City of Rye SWPPP approval with MS4 review
- City of Rye Local Wetland Permit - City Planning Commission
- City of Rye Coastal Consistency Review
- City of Rye Tree Removal Permit

APPENDIX A
Plans, Profiles, Typical Section



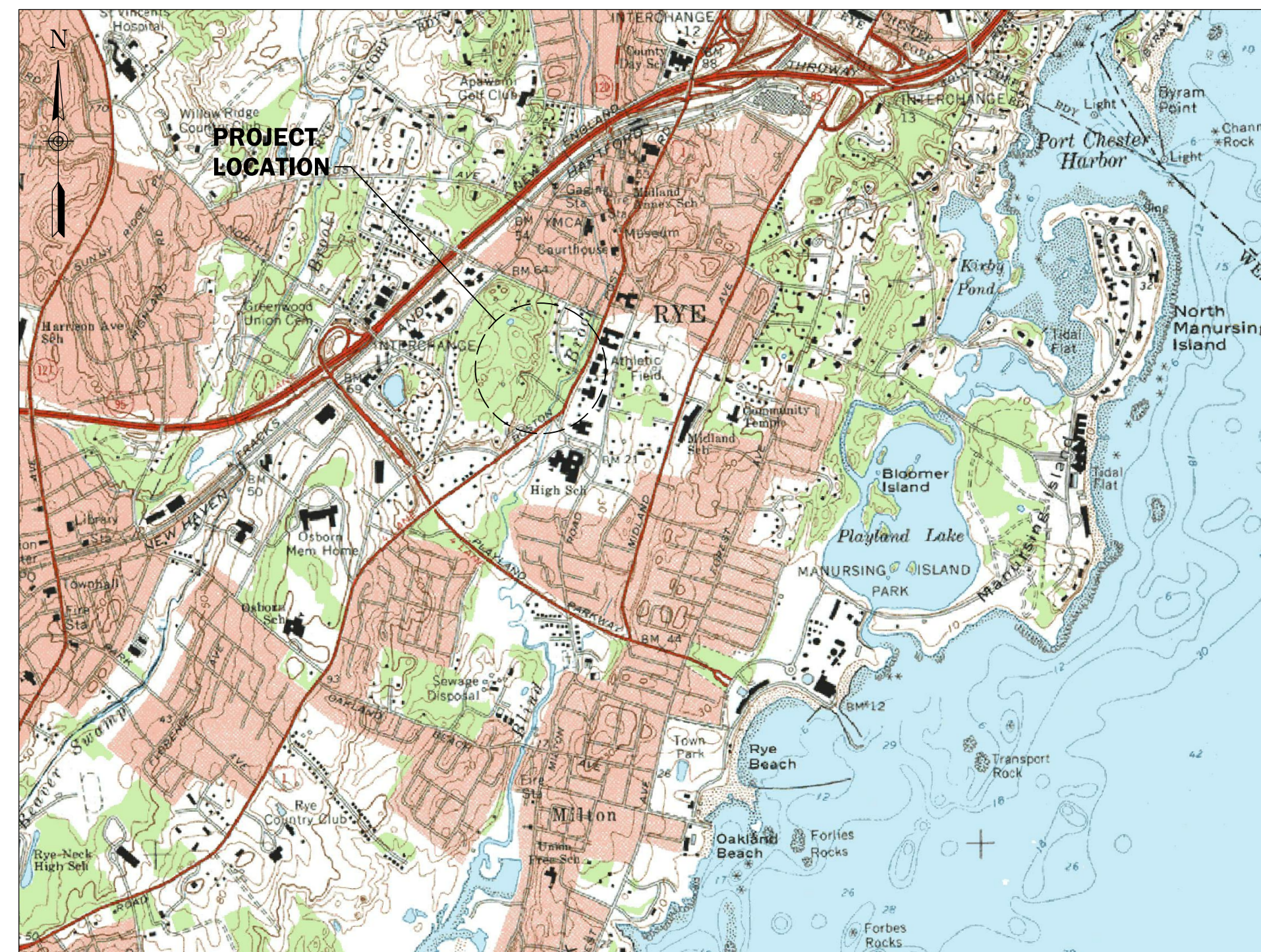
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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INDEX AND ABBREVIATIONS

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Large table with columns: ROW MAPPING, ALIGNMENT, BRIDGE, ROADWAY, ITS, UTILITIES. Contains detailed symbols and descriptions for specific engineering features.

- 1. THE LEGEND ILLUSTRATES MAPPING FEATURES (EXISTING AND PROPOSED).
- 2. FEATURES ARE SHOWN AS EITHER LINEAR (ROADWAY GUIDELINE, ROADWAY SIDEWALK, UTILITY LINES, ETC.) OR POINT (SIGN, UTILITY POLE, ETC.).
- 3. FEATURES SHOWN ON THE LEGEND AS EXISTING FEATURES ALSO HAVE CORRESPONDING PROPOSED FEATURES.
- 4. PROPOSED FEATURE SYMBOLS IS IDENTICAL TO EXISTING FEATURE SYMBOLS EXCLUDING LINE WEIGHT. LINE WEIGHT FOR PROPOSED FEATURES IS THICKER (0.40 MM ON 8 SIZE DRAWINGS).
- 5. MAPPING FEATURES NOT INCLUDED ON THE LEGEND SHEET DO NOT HAVE A UNIQUE SYMBOLRY (SUCH AS THE PAVEMENT EDGE, PAVEMENT EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY) AND SHOULD BE LABELED ON THE PLANS.
- 6. FEATURES SHOWN AT THE HEAVIER WEIGHT ARE PROPOSED ONLY AND DO NOT HAVE CORRESPONDING EXISTING FEATURES.

ALIGNMENT TOPOGRAPHY (DRAINAGE) TOPOGRAPHY (MISCELLANEOUS) (CONT.) TOPOGRAPHY (DRAINAGE) CONT. UTILITIES TOPOGRAPHY (MISCELLANEOUS)

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DEFINITION

- 1. THE WORDS "SHALL", "SHOULD", AND "MAY", AS USED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
SHALL - A MANDATORY CONDITION...
SHOULD - AN ADVISORY CONDITION...
MAY - A PERMISSIVE CONDITION...

DRAINAGE FACILITIES

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BECOME FAMILIARIZED WITH DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA SO THEY MAY PROGRESS THEIR WORK EFFICIENTLY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE POTENTIAL DRAINAGE ISSUES.

SURVEY

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SURVEY AND STAKEOUT, AS REQUIRED, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 625 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS... COST FOR THIS WORK SHALL BE INCLUDED UNDER ITEM 62501 - SURVEY OPERATIONS.

RESTORING DISTURBED AREAS

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RESTORE ALL DISTURBED AREAS TO A CONDITION APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
2. THE RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTIONS 107-10 AND 107-15 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICABLE ADDENDUMS.

UTILITIES

- 1. LOCATION OF UTILITIES, PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE, INDICATED AS EXISTING AND/OR TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY...
2. THE RESTORATION OF DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTIONS 107-10 AND 107-15 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICABLE ADDENDUMS.

CLEARING AND GRUBBING NOTES

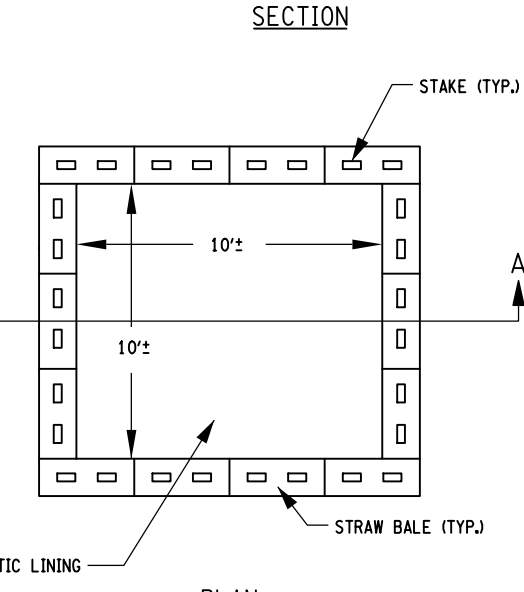
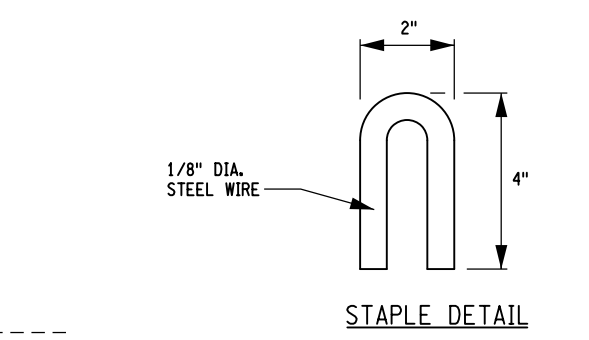
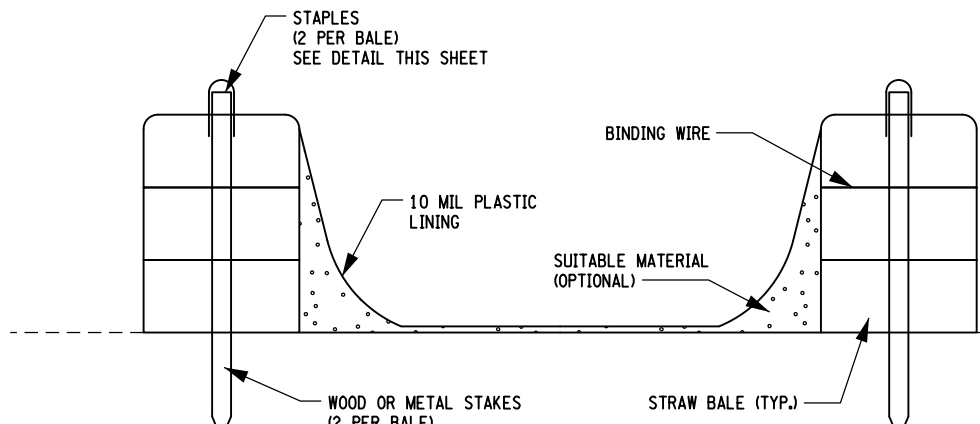
- 1. WORK UNDER ITEM 201.05, CLEARING AND GRUBBING, SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLEARING OF TREES, GRUBBING STUMPS AND UNDERSTORY VEGETATION...
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE CARE SO AS NOT TO REMOVE OR DAMAGE EXISTING TREES THAT ARE NOTED "TO REMAIN"...

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTES

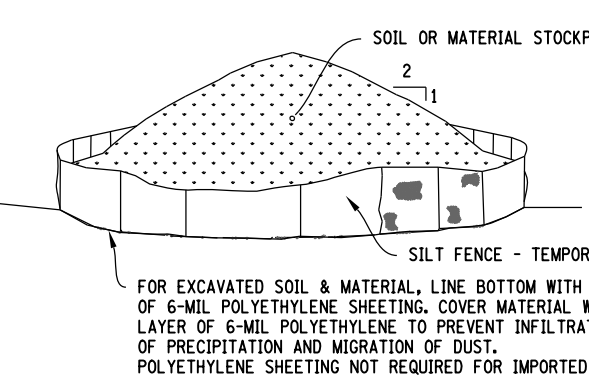
- 1. DURING REMOVAL OPERATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DROP WASTE CONCRETE, DEBRIS, AND OTHER MATERIAL IN ANY WATERWAY...
2. THERE ARE NO LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OR SPILLS.
3. ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE ENTRANCE OF FRESH CONCRETE INTO THE WATERS OF NEW YORK STATE...
4. SPILLAGE OF OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IS ESPECIALLY PROHIBITED...

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- 1. MATERIAL AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHWAY LAW AND THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AS POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.
2. ALL WORK CONTEMPLATED UNDER THIS CONTRACT IS TO BE COVERED BY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS...
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EXAMINE AND VERIFY IN THE FIELD ALL CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS...
4. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES TO THE EXISTING FACILITY CAUSED BY THEIR OPERATIONS...
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EXERCISE CARE IN THEIR REMOVAL OPERATIONS...
6. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL "NOTES" WILL BE FOUND ON SUBSEQUENT SHEETS...
7. NO ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FOR WORK CALLED FOR BY NOTES ON THE PLANS...
8. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO RETAIN NATURAL GROWTH AND PREVENT DAMAGE TO TREES...
9. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROTECT HIS WORKERS AT ALL TIMES...
10. WHENEVER ITEMS IN THE CONTRACT REQUIRE MATERIALS TO BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED...
11. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED TO VISIT THE SITE BEFORE BIDDING...

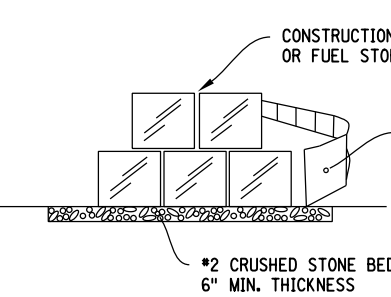


CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA (ABOVE GROUND) N.T.S.



EXCAVATED AND IMPORTED SOIL AND MATERIAL STOCKPILE

- 1. AREA CHOSEN FOR STOCKPILING OPERATIONS SHALL BE DRY AND STABLE...
2. MAXIMUM SLOPE OF STOCKPILE SHALL BE 2H/1V
3. SILT FENCE SHALL BE PLACED FIVE (5)-FEET DOWNSLOPE OF EACH PILE...
4. SILT FENCE PLACED ACROSS THE EXISTING ROADWAY SHALL BE TRIANGULAR SILT DIKE AS TO NOT DISTURB THE EXISTING PAVEMENT.
5. COST FOR CONTAINMENT AREA INCLUDED IN ITEM 209.2301.



FUEL, EQUIPMENT, OR MATERIAL STORAGE AREA

GENERAL NOTES FOR EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

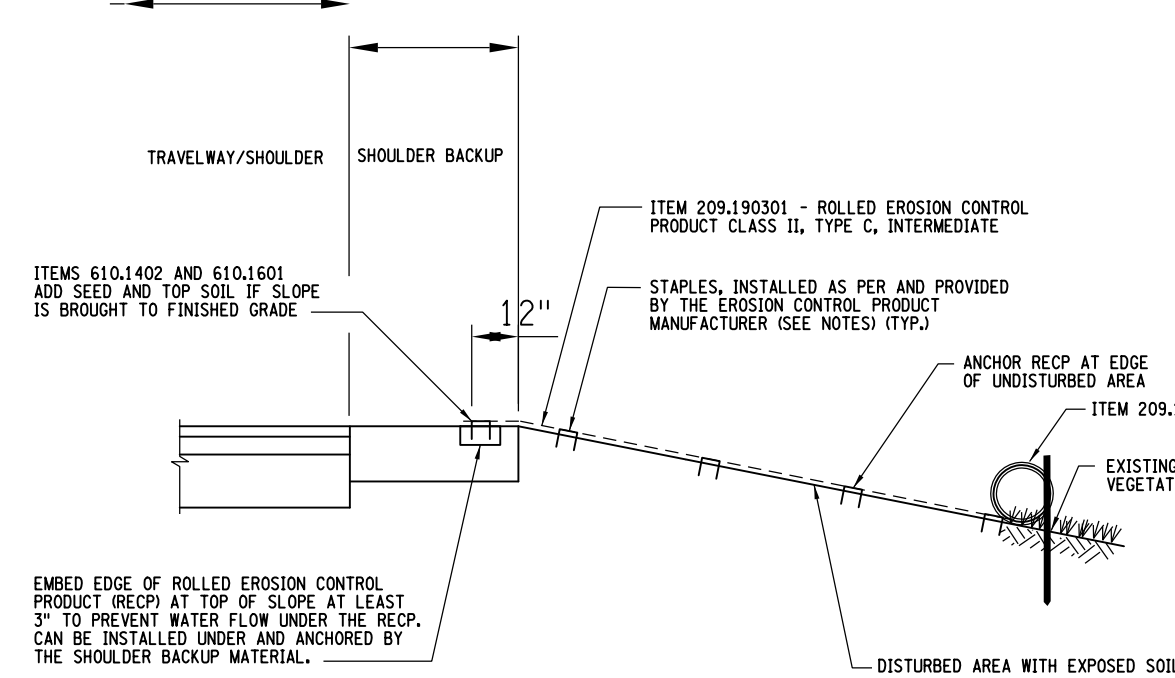
- 1. ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EROSION AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO BEING IMPLEMENTED...
2. THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED THAT THE LOCATIONS OF THE TEMPORARY DEVICES ARE APPROXIMATE...
3. THE CONTRACTOR'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT...
4. THE POLLUTION CONTROL NOTES AND DETAILS SHOWN IN THESE DRAWINGS ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE...
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSPECT THE SOIL EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES...
6. PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF EXCAVATION OR EMBANKMENT, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY FIBER ROLLS...
7. DURING CONSTRUCTION, NO NET OR FRESH CONCRETE OR LEACHATE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE INTO THE WATERS...
8. THE PROPOSED WORK WILL REQUIRE THAT THE TEMPORARY EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS...
9. THE SYMBOLS SHOWN ON THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS SHEETS REPRESENT THE EROSION CONTROL ITEMS...
10. ALL DISTURBED AREAS WILL BE STABILIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND DETAILS...
11. ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT (RECP) IS FOR EROSION PREVENTION.
12. SEDIMENT FILTER LOGS USED TO CAPTURE SEDIMENT DEPOSITS THAT BREAK FREE FROM THE EROSION CONTROLS.

TEMPORARY MULCH NOTES

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE ADDED REQUIREMENTS AND STIPULATIONS OF THIS ITEM...
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 209-3.04, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO INSTALL RECP ON ANY DISTURBED AREAS...
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY AREA OF UNPROTECTED ERODIBLE EARTH MATERIAL EXPOSED BY CLEARING AND GRUBBING...
4. THE CONTRACTOR MUST CONTINUALLY BE PREPARED TO REPAIR AND REINSTALL RECP IN DISTURBED SOIL AREAS...
5. RECP IS THE PRIMARY EROSION PREVENTION METHOD TO BE USED...

MAINTENANCE OF SLOPE PROTECTION NOTES

- 1. MAINTENANCE OF THE RECP MULCHED AREAS SHALL INCLUDE REINSTALLING IN AREAS WHERE THE SOIL BECAME EXPOSED TO VIEW...
2. MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SEEDING AREAS SHALL INCLUDE RE-SEEDING AS NEEDED...
3. ALL TEMPORARY TREATMENT SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE EROSION CONTROL MEASURE.
4. MAINTENANCE OF ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT SHALL INCLUDE RE-GRADING OF AREAS THAT BECAME SETTLED OR COLLAPSED...
5. ALL SEED MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO SEEDING OPERATIONS.
6. ALL SLOPES SHALL BE BROUGHT TO FINISHED GRADE AND TRIMMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
7. PERMANENT EROSION CONTROL MEASURES OF SEEDING AND MULCHING USED ONLY WITHIN SEEDING DATES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE SLOPES HAVE REACHED FINAL GRADE...



EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR ALL DISTURBED AREAS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT N.T.S.

ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT NOTES

- 1. ITEMS IN THIS DETAIL MAY APPEAR EXAGGERATED TO SHOW DETAIL.
2. IF SLOPE IS BROUGHT TO FINISHED GRADE, PERMANENT TOP SOIL AND SEEDING SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO INSTALLING ITEM 209.190301...
3. ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT (RECP) IF SLOPES ARE NOT BROUGHT TO FINISH GRADE...
4. RECP MUST BE FLUSH AND IN CONTACT WITH THE SOIL...
5. ALL RECP DAMAGED BY CONTRACTOR AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL BE REPAIRED WITHIN THREE CALENDAR DAYS...

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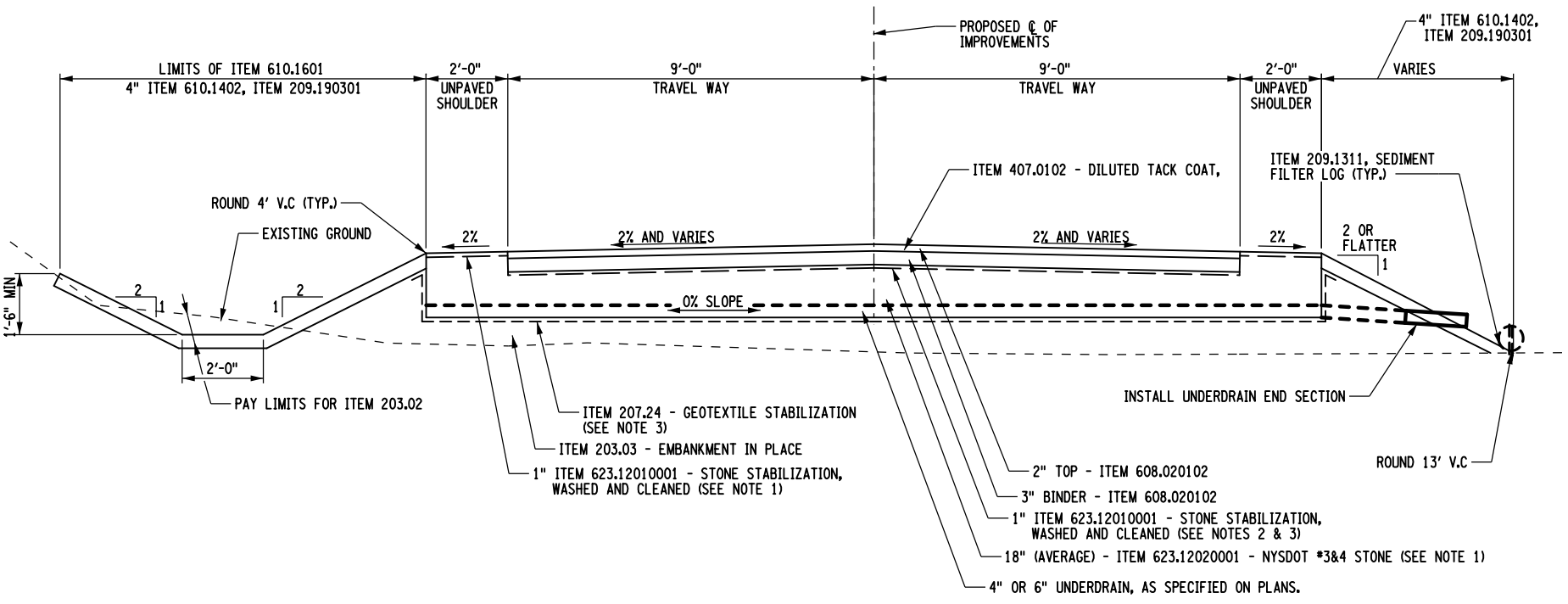
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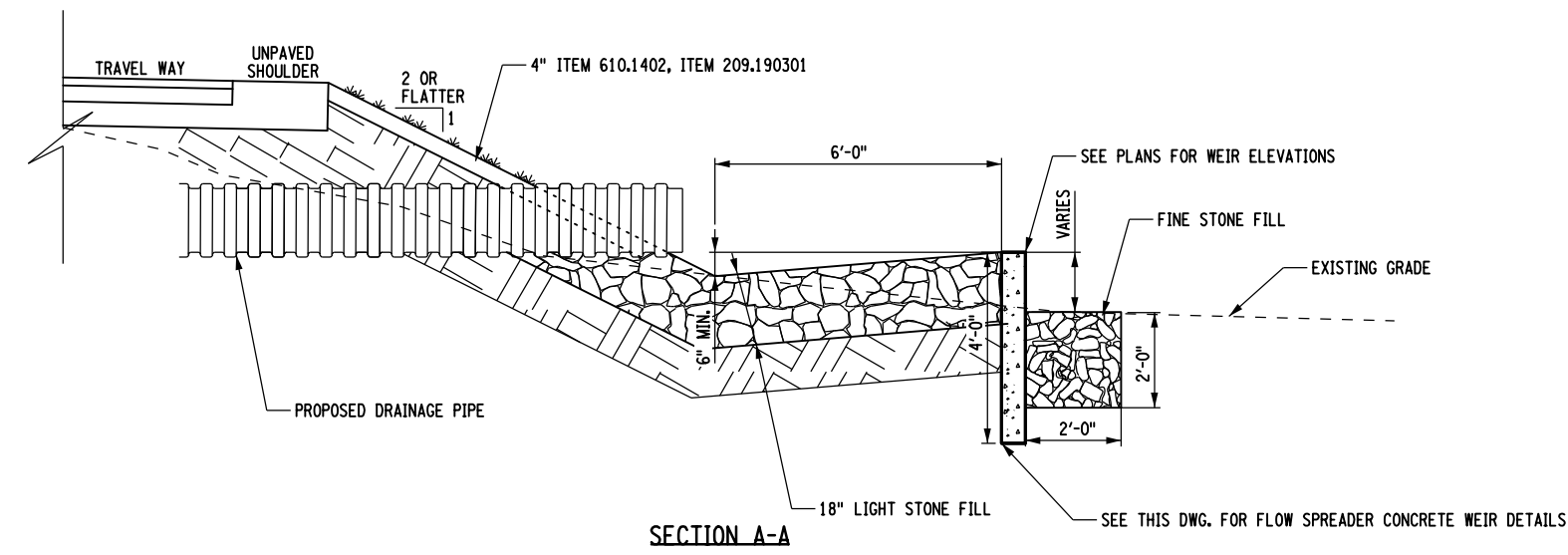
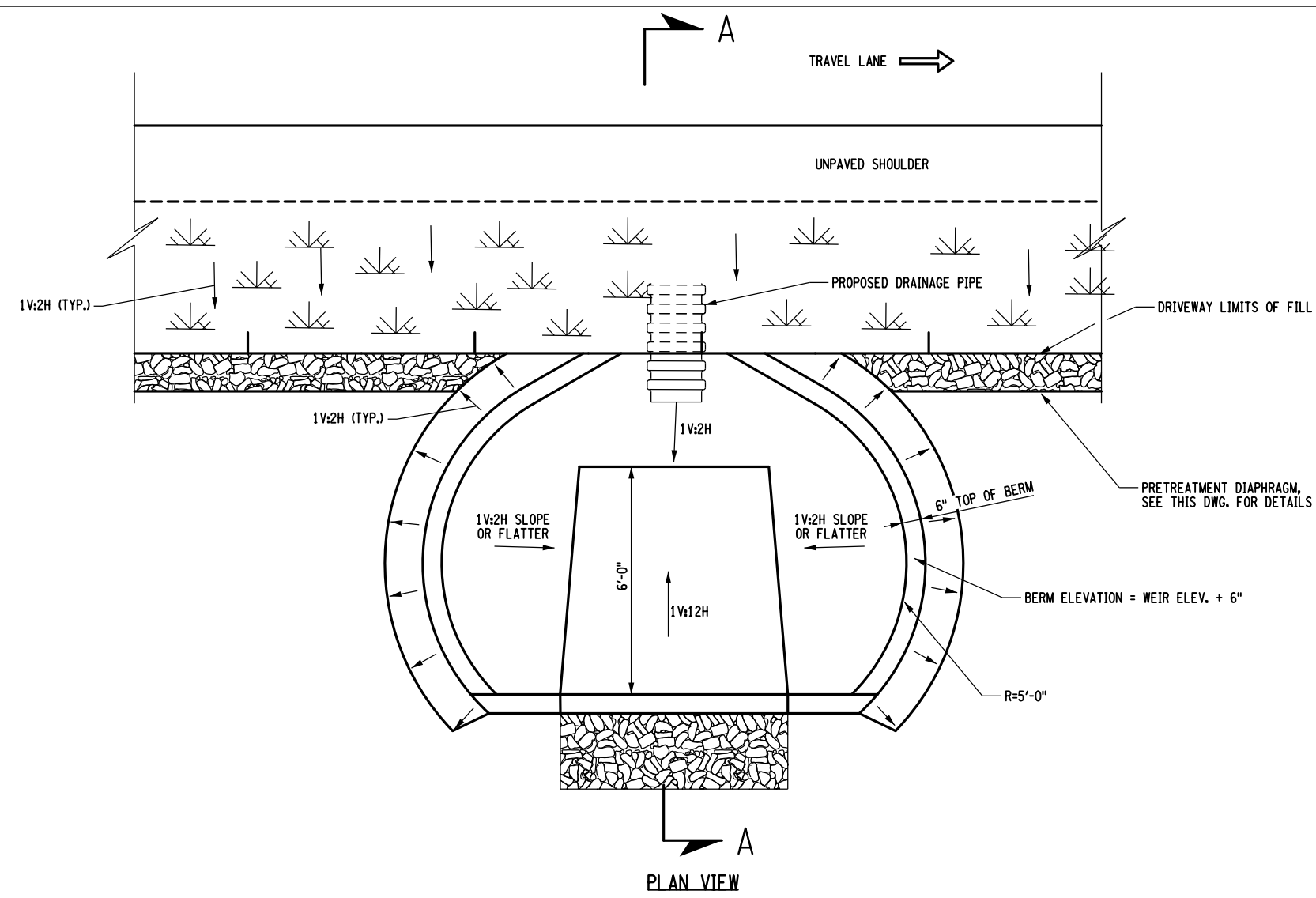
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1. STABILIZATION STONE SHALL BE PLACED IN A 1" LIFT ON TOP OF THE RESERVOIR COURSE. STONE SHALL BE PLACED WITH AN ASPHALT PAVING MACHINE OR DROPPED EVENLY ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE RESERVOIR COURSE. THE STONE SHALL NOT BE DAMPED IN A PILE AND GRAZED STABILIZATION STONE SHALL BE ROLLED WITH A 10-12 TON TROUBLE STEEL DRUM ROLLER SET ON LOW VIBRATE.
2. RESERVOIR COURSE SHALL BE PLACED UP TO THE BOTTOM LAYER OF ASPHALT. THE STABILIZATION COURSE WILL THEN BE COMPACTED INTO THE RESERVOIR COURSE. THE TOTAL THICKNESS OF STONE BELOW THE ASPHALT WILL BE 12".
3. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC SHALL BE HIGH-PERMEABILITY AND HIGH-STRENGTH, SUCH AS TENACATE MIRAFL 180N.



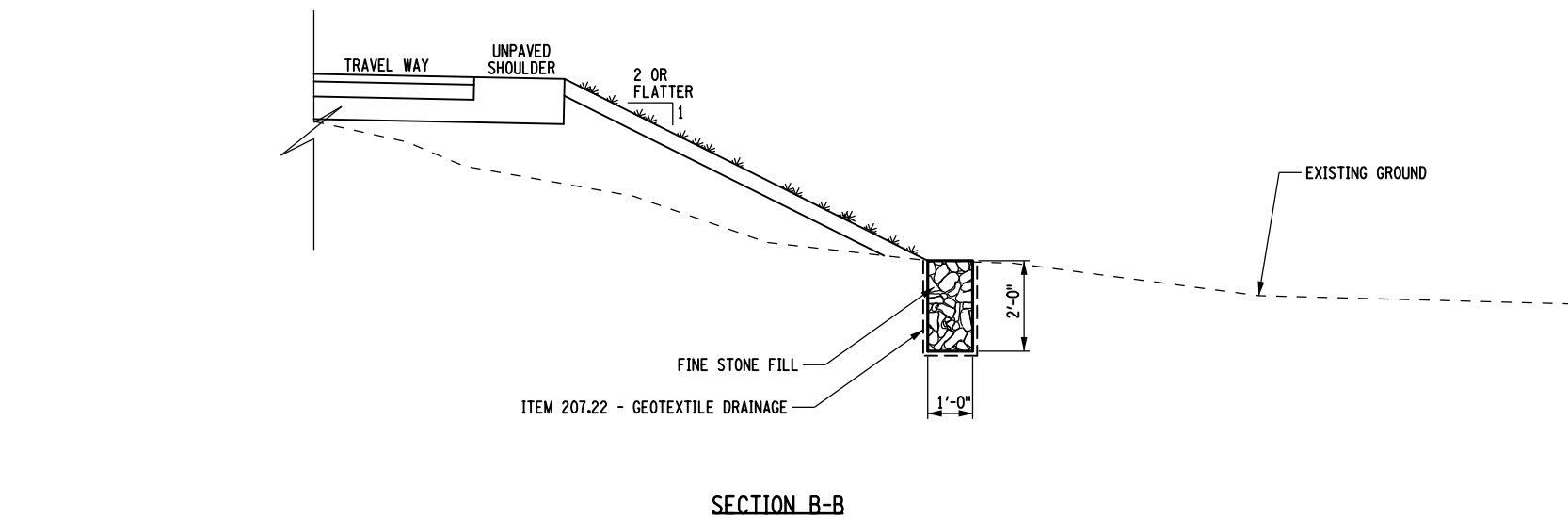
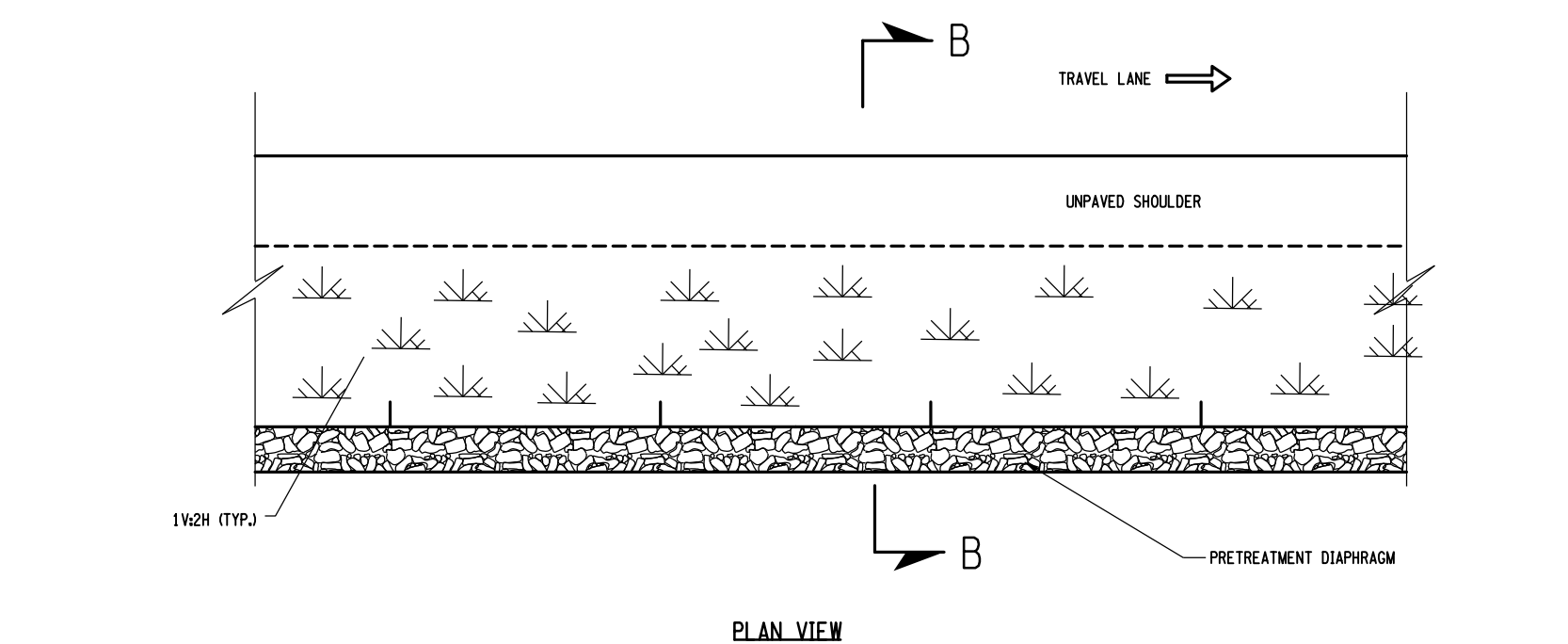
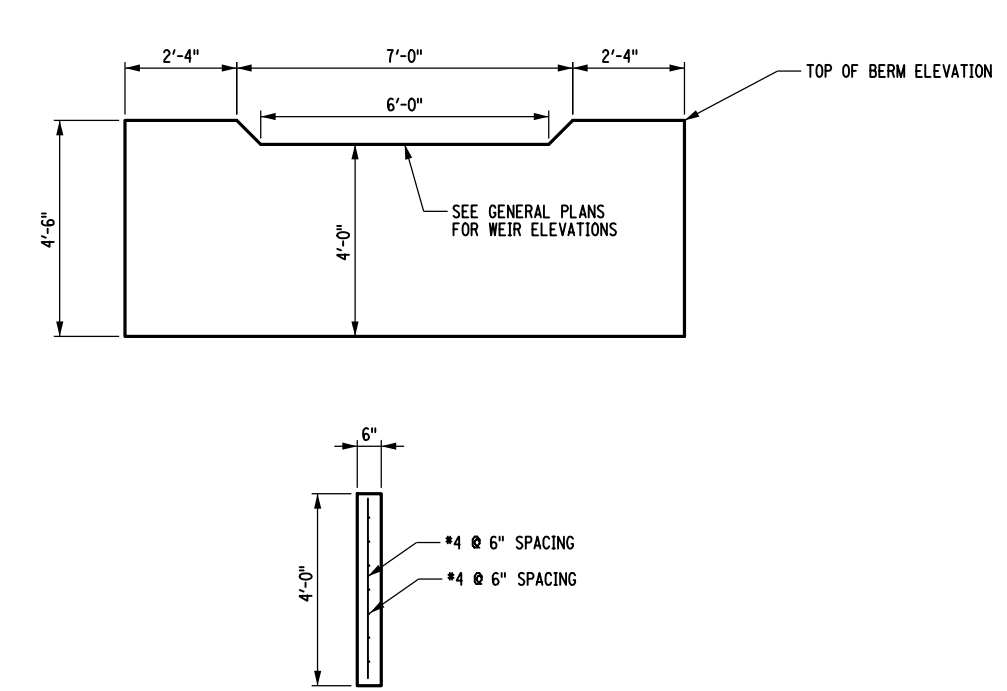
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610.1601	TURF ESTABLISHMENT - ROADSIDE	SY	
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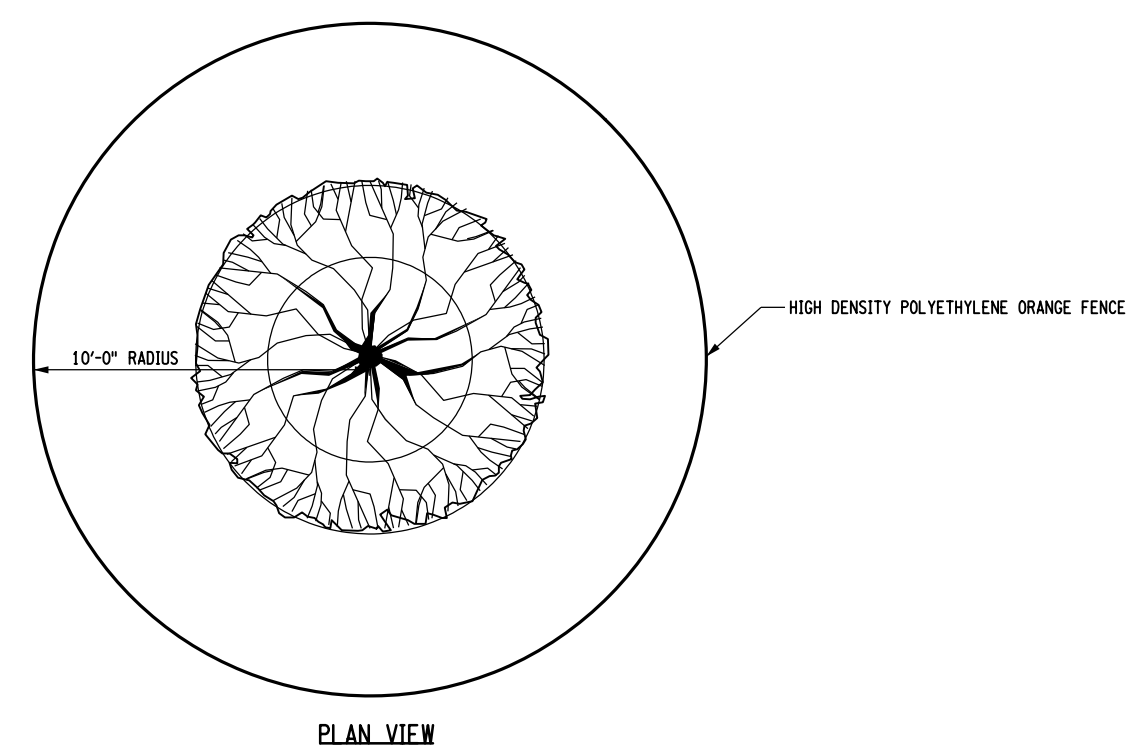
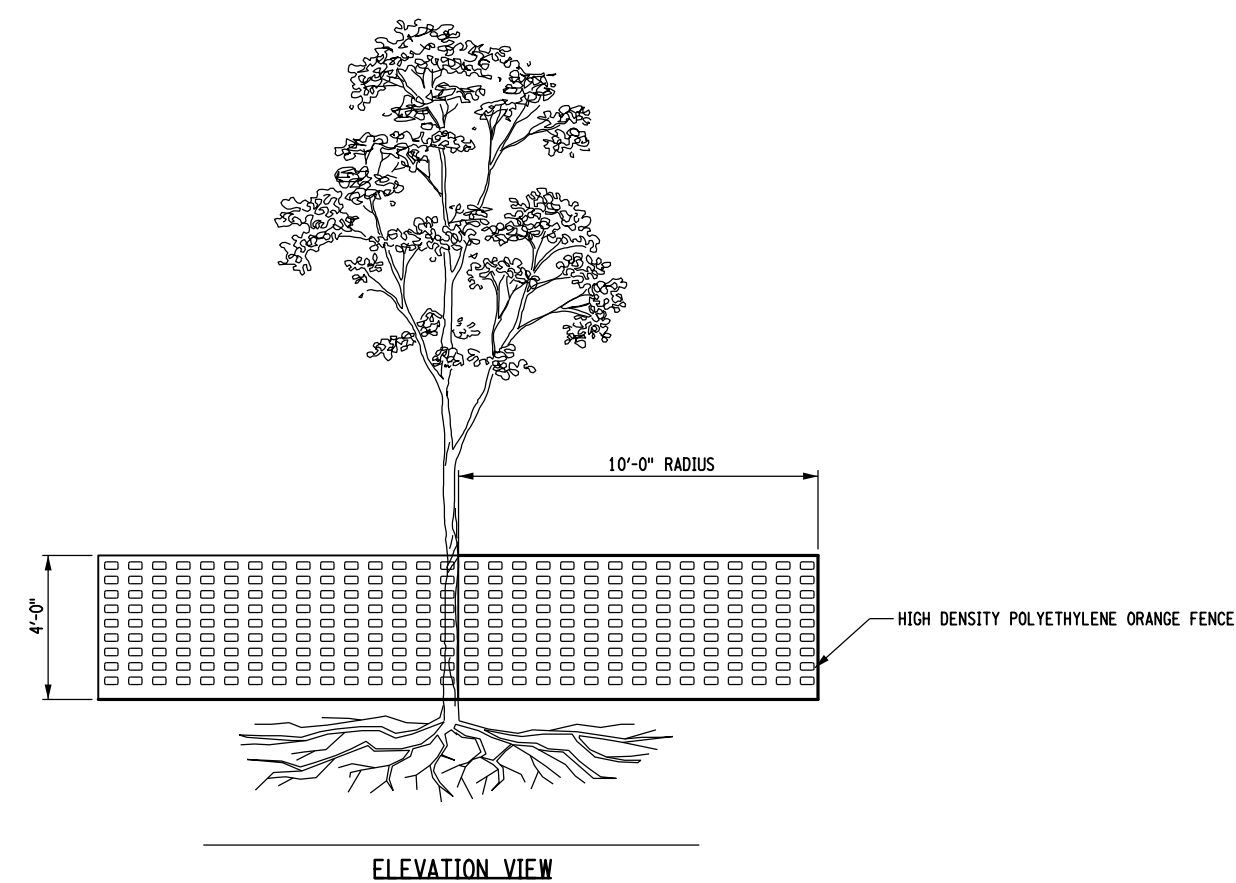
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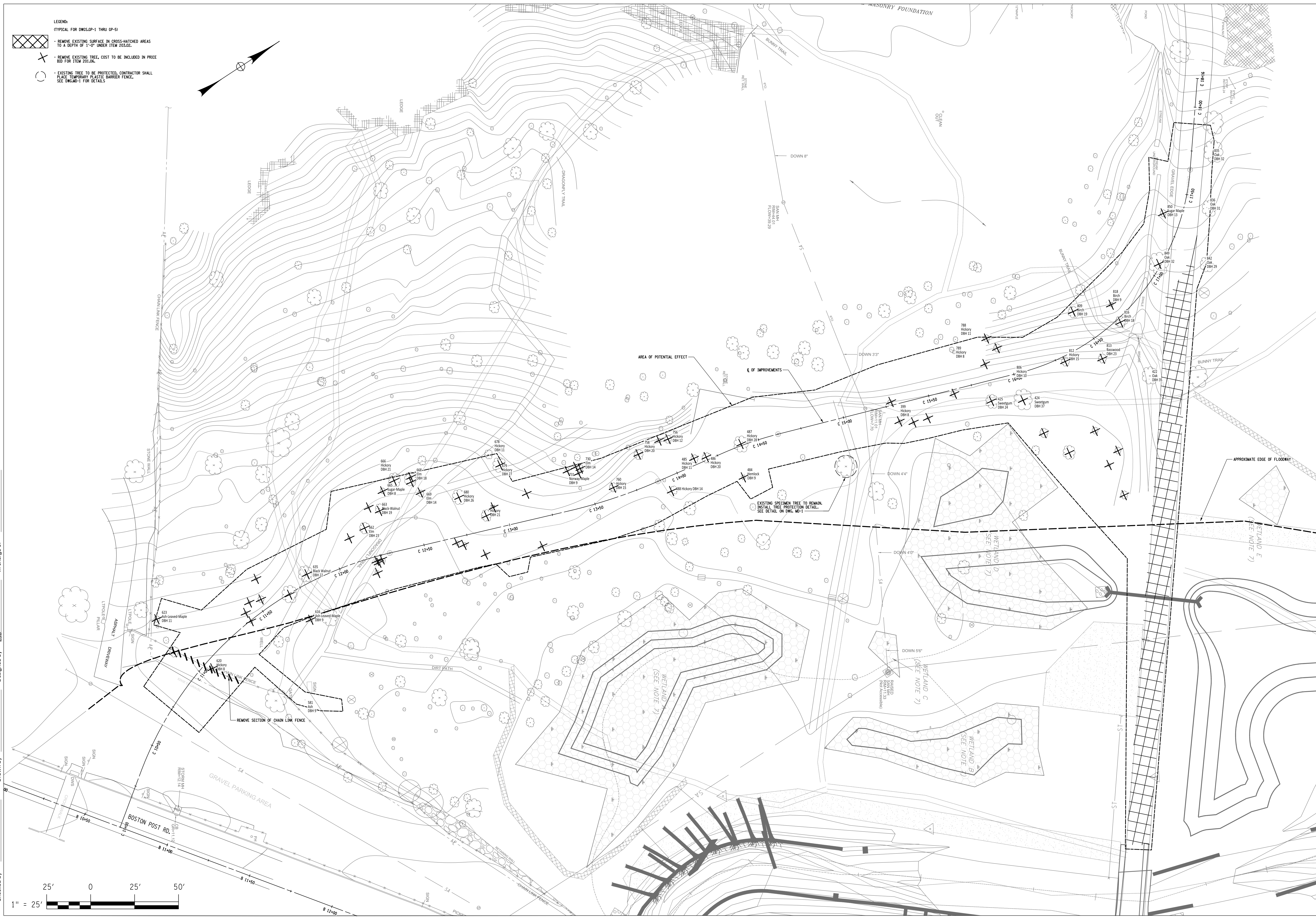
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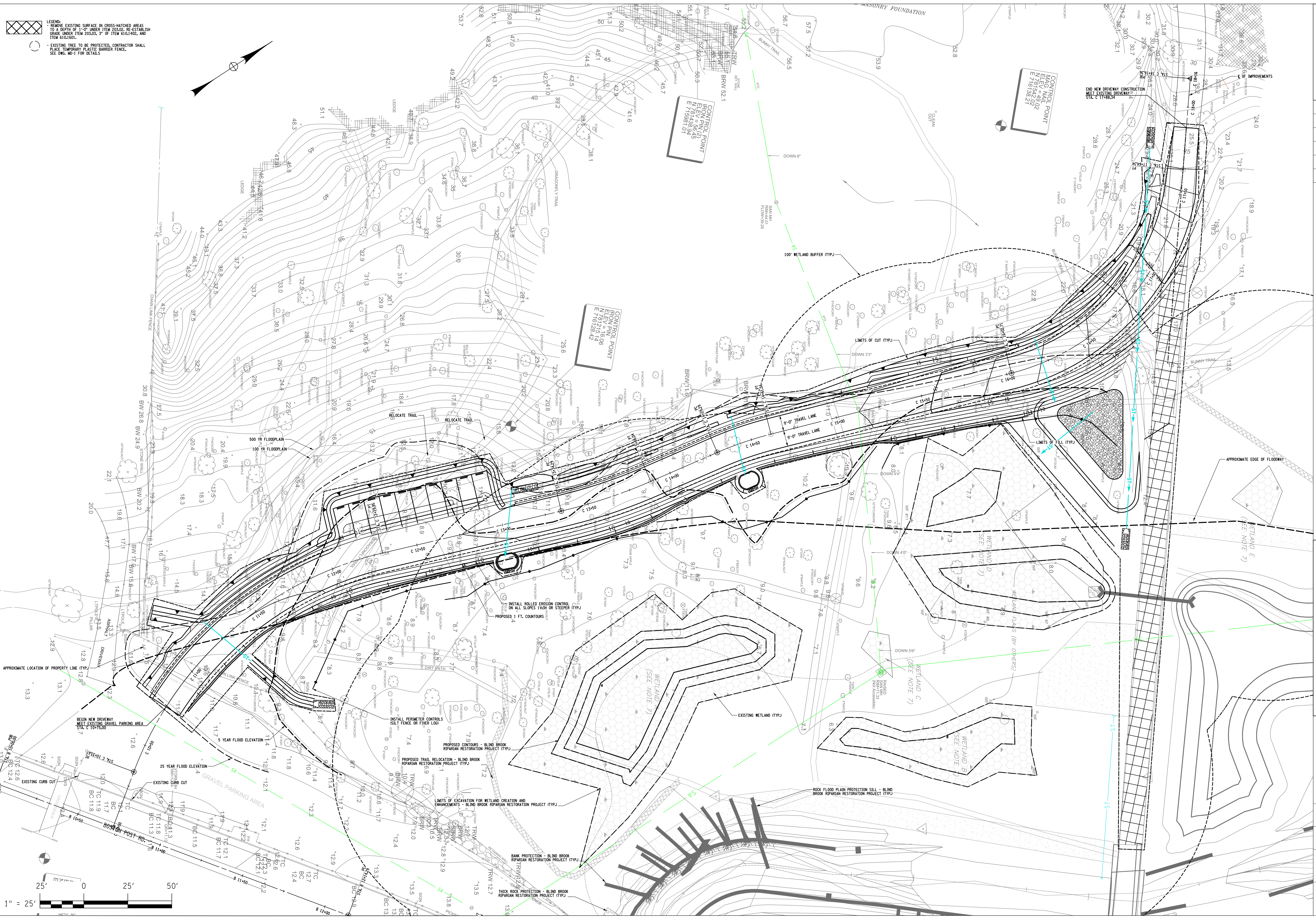
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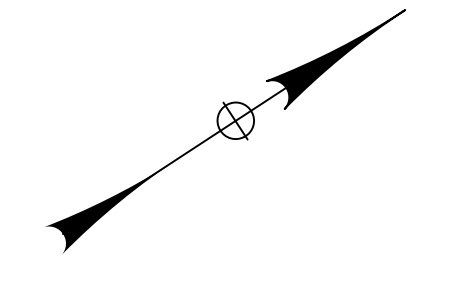


- LEGEND:
- (TYPICAL FOR DWG5.0P-1 THRU 5P)
 - REMOVE EXISTING SURFACE IN CROSS-HATCHED AREAS TO A DEPTH OF 1'-0" UNDER ITEM 203.02.
 - REMOVE EXISTING TREE, COST TO BE INCLUDED IN PRICE BID FOR ITEM 201.06.
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE. SEE DWG4.01 FOR DETAILS.

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LEGEND:
 - REMOVE EXISTING SURFACE IN CROSS-HATCHED AREAS TO A DEPTH OF 14" UNDER ITEM 203.03, 46" EXISTING GRADE UNDER ITEM 203.03, 3" OF ITEM 610.1402, AND ITEM 610.1601.
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE. SEE DWG. M-1 FOR DETAILS.



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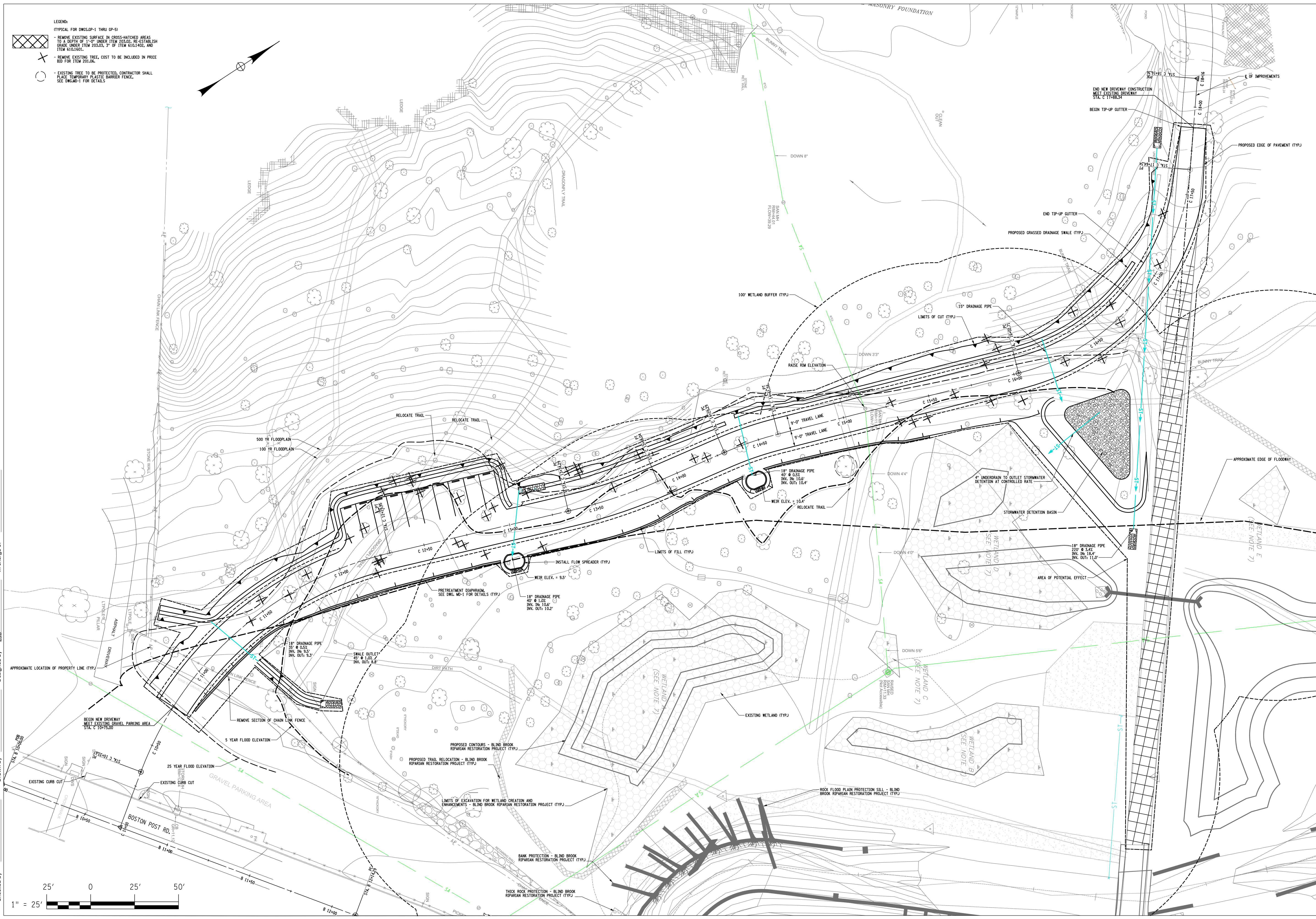
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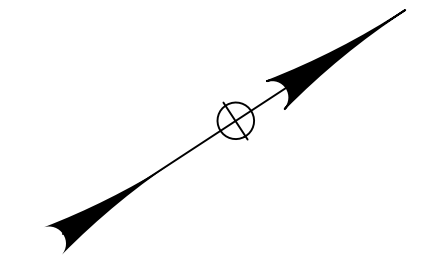
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 - REMOVE EXISTING TREE, COST TO BE INCLUDED IN PRICE BID FOR ITEM 201.06.
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE, SEE DWG.M-1 FOR DETAILS.



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TREE PLANTING TABLE				
TREE SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIDE OF DRIVEWAY	SPEC	NUMBER OF TREES
AMERICAN ELM	<i>ULMAS AMERICANA</i>	NORTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	7
AMERICAN BASS WOOD	<i>TILIA AMERICANA</i>	NORTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	8
RED MAPLE	<i>ACER RUBRUM</i>	SOUTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	15
AMERICAN SWEET GUM	<i>LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA</i>	SOUTH	5-GALLON CONTAINER	16
TOTAL				46

- LEGEND:**
- PROPOSED TREE PLANTING
 - EXISTING TREE TO BE PROTECTED, CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TEMPORARY PLASTIC BARRIER FENCE, SEE DWG. MD-1 FOR DETAILS
- NOTES:**
- PROPOSED TREE PLANTINGS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DBH OF 2.5-INCHES AT TIME OF INSTALLATION.



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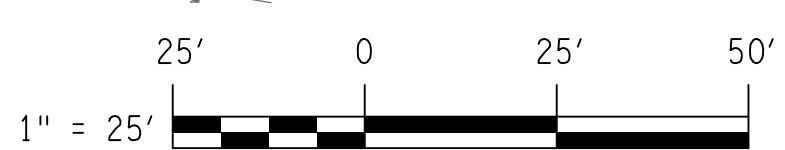
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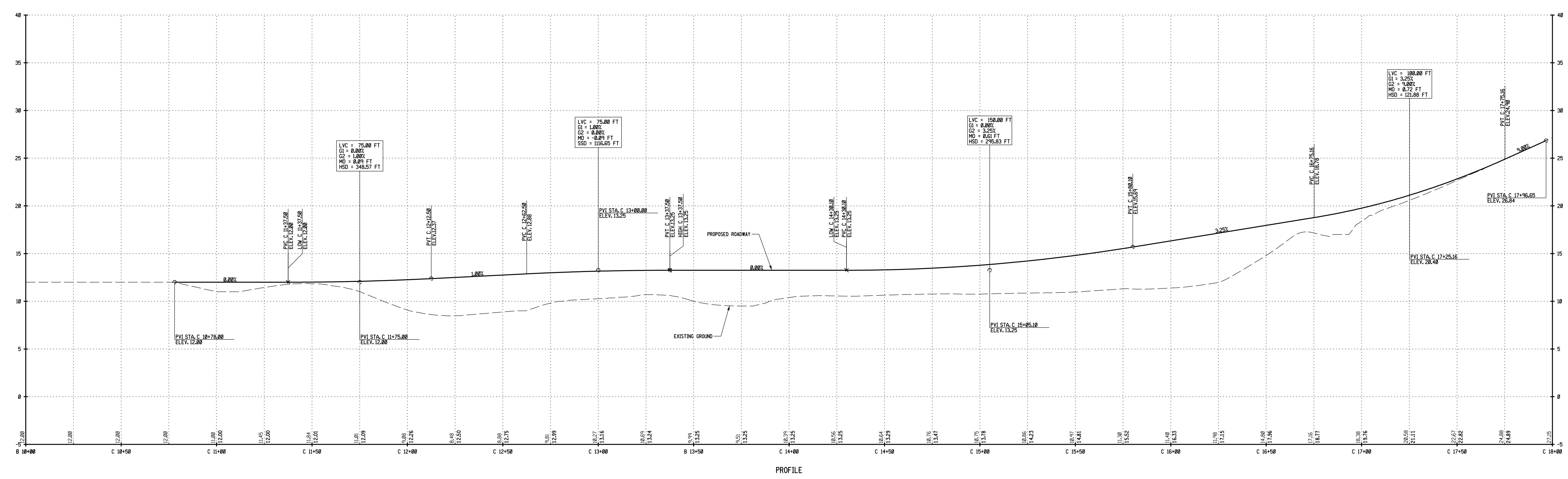
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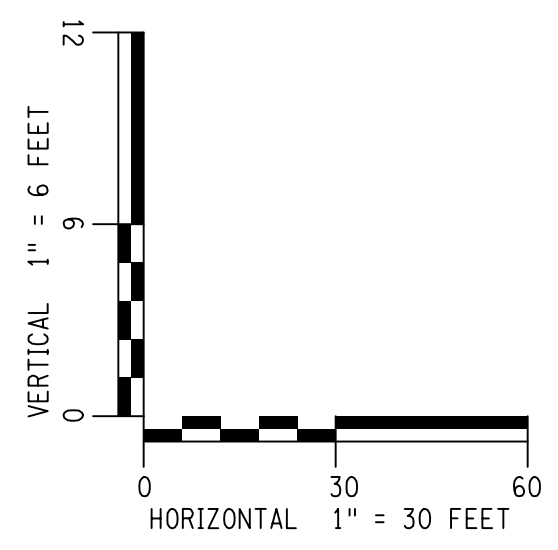
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**APPENDIX B
HY-8 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS RESULTS**

HEC-RAS OUTPUT

Reach	River Sta	Profile	Plan	Q Total (cfs)	Min Ch El (ft)	W.S. Elev (ft)	Crit W.S. (ft)	E.G. Elev (ft)	E.G. Slope (ft/ft)	Vel Chnl (ft/s)	Flow Area (sq ft)	Top Width (ft)	Froude # Chl
r1	10111.72 98+70		CENTRAL AVENUE										
r1	10008.1	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	4.72	15.15	12.44	15.33	0.000683	4.3	1217.78	320.53	0.27
r1	10008.1	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	4.72	15.15	12.44	15.33	0.000684	4.3	1216.91	320.51	0.27
r1	9723.690 Inter	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	5	14.52	12.79	14.94	0.002051	6.27	700.95	275.94	0.43
r1	9723.690 Inter	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	5	14.51	12.79	14.94	0.002057	6.27	700.22	275.72	0.43
r1	9299.9	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	4.8	13.77		14.08	0.001852	6.2	919.87	293.14	0.42
r1	9299.9	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	4.8	13.76		14.07	0.001873	6.23	916.3	293.11	0.42
r1	9271.617 Inter	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	4.79	13.61	12.75	14.01	0.00237	6.9	807.12	259.98	0.47
r1	9271.617 Inter	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	4.79	13.59	12.75	14	0.002403	6.94	803.22	259.95	0.47
r1	8854.636	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	3	13.67		13.75	0.00038	3.23	1943.89	441.93	0.2
r1	8854.636	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	3	13.65		13.74	0.000383	3.24	1937.73	441.8	0.2
r1	8854.5	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	3	13.66		13.73	0.000323	2.89	2025.47	436.9	0.19
r1	8854.5	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	3	13.65		13.72	0.000325	2.9	2019.37	436.7	0.19
r1	8854.119	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	2	13.6		13.69	0.000456	3.36	1813.87	406.43	0.21
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r1	8853.636	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	2	13.45	10.72	13.61	0.000539	4.28	1631.77	419.69	0.24
r1	8766.191 85+30		EXISTING DRIVEWAY CROSSING										
r1	8679.571	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	1.73	13.29	8.83	13.4	0.000305	3.45	1864.95	391.32	0.2
r1	8679.571	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	1.73	13.29	8.83	13.4	0.000307	3.46	1842.77	379.06	0.2
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r1	8407.711 82+00		ALBANY POST ROAD										
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r1	7675.629 74+50		SCHOOL DRIVEWAY										
r1	7625.15	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	0.37	11.4	8.44	11.49	0.000537	3.1	1658.21	559.81	0.2
r1	7625.15	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	0.37	11.4	8.44	11.49	0.000537	3.1	1658.21	559.81	0.2
r1	7466.475	P100	Existing Conditions	3265	1.94	11.25	8.82	11.38	0.000783	3.68	1428.39	488.65	0.24
r1	7466.475	P100	Driveway Alt 2 - Floodplain Analysis	3265	1.94	11.25	8.82	11.38	0.000783	3.68	1428.39	488.65	0.24

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Update on the Wireless Telecommunication Plan Proposal.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the update.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached proposal.

SCOPE OF WORK

CityScape Consultants proposes the following scope of services to conduct a Wireless Telecommunications Plan (“Plan”) for the City of Rye (“City”). A Wireless Telecommunications Plan is a comprehensive planning document used by local governments to evaluate existing wireless infrastructure, identify deployment patterns, distinguish existing wireless coverage, and establish policies for the future deployment of wireless facilities within a community.

The Plan will begin with a physical assessment of all existing wireless facility locations within the City and within a one-mile buffer (cumulatively “Study Area”) to assess all sites servicing the City. Following this assessment, inventory mapping and radio frequency (RF) propagation mapping will be performed based on the evaluated sites. This analysis will establish a baseline understanding of historical wireless infrastructure deployment across the City.

CityScape will develop detailed visual maps identifying areas that are currently underserved or deficient in wireless coverage. Planning scenarios will be prepared to illustrate potential future infrastructure locations and design criteria intended to guide wireless deployment. A public survey will be conducted to gather community input regarding acceptable and preferred approaches for potential future wireless development. The planning scenarios and public feedback will support strategic planning efforts aimed at addressing existing coverage gaps for improving overall wireless connectivity. Additionally, an update to the existing wireless ordinance is recommended to establish policies and development standards identified through this process.

TASK 1: Preliminary Research and Project Initiation

Project Initiation – This task includes comprehensive research and data acquisition efforts to support the field assessment phase of the project. CityScape will collect and compile information related to all existing macro wireless facilities and small wireless infrastructure, including towers, antennas, and associated base station equipment, utilizing multiple available data sources to develop an online GIS-based field collection database for the project. An initial virtual meeting will be conducted with all project participants to establish project objectives, define the City’s expectations, outline communication procedures, and ensure an efficient workflow and adherence to project timelines.

Project Updates – CityScape will coordinate and establish a recurring conference call with all designated personnel to support the timely execution of project milestones and objectives.

ESRI GIS Database – CityScape will create a GIS database for field data collection and wireless infrastructure data management for the City. This GIS database will serve as a project deliverable to the City and will provide a centralized resource for organizing, tracking, and managing existing and future wireless facility information.

TASK 2: Infrastructure Field Assessments and Review

Infrastructure Assessments - CityScape will complete a physical assessment of all wireless facilities within the Study Area. This fieldwork will involve visiting every site identified in the compiled GIS database, as well as locating any additional facilities discovered during the assessment process. This process is a detailed and essential step in developing a complete understanding of the City's wireless infrastructure and gaining familiarity with the community.

During the facility visits, CityScape will collect all pertinent facility information, wireless service providers present on the infrastructure, antenna type, height of facility, ownership details, and any other notable observations. All gathered information and photograph attachments will be uploaded within the GIS database.

This information will be used to map the facilities and analyze existing wireless deployment patterns, identify infrastructure types, and evaluate overall network functionality. This task serves as the foundation for all subsequent phases of the project, ensuring CityScape has the necessary data to accurately document and assess the current state of wireless services throughout the City.

Assessment Data Review – CityScape will conduct a comprehensive review and verification of all data and inventory information collected during the field assessment process. This effort will include cross-referencing, organizing, and reconciling the collected information to ensure accuracy, consistency, and completeness prior to the mapping and analysis phases of the project.

RECOMMENDED PUBLIC MEETING: CityScape can conduct a public kickoff meeting in conjunction with the initial assessments to introduce the Wireless Telecommunications Plan process to the community. The meeting will provide an overview of the project objectives, explain the different types of wireless infrastructure such as macro towers and small wireless facilities, and allow for early public education and community input regarding future wireless deployment within the study area.

TASK 3: Inventory and RF Mapping

Inventory Mapping– Using the fully assessed, reconciled, and validated data from the wireless facility field assessments, CityScape will generate a series of four (4) detailed inventory maps. These maps will provide a comprehensive visualization of the current wireless infrastructure landscape across the entire project Study Area and will serve as critical tools for understanding deployment patterns and infrastructure characteristics. The maps will include:

1. **Facilities by Structure Type** – This map will categorize existing facilities based on whether they are freestanding towers (e.g., monopoles, lattice towers) or base station installations (e.g., rooftop or building-mounted antennas).
2. **Facilities by Antenna Type** – This map will distinguish between macro cell and small wireless facility (SWF) deployments. Macro cell facilities typically provide wide-area coverage, while SWFs serve more localized or high-density areas. This map will illustrate how service strategies differ by antenna type throughout the City.
3. **Facilities by Location Type** – This map will classify facilities based on the nature of the land or asset on which they are located—whether on private property, public property, utility easements, or within the rights-of-way (ROW). Understanding siting trends by property type is vital for future policy development and infrastructure planning.
4. **Facilities by Design Type** – This map will categorize each facility based on its visual design: concealed or camouflaged, non-concealed (standard visible infrastructure), or semi-concealed (partially screened or architecturally integrated). This classification helps evaluate the aesthetic compatibility of existing facilities with their surroundings and informs future design guidelines.

RF Mapping - Upon completion and confirmation of the inventory data by both CityScape and the City, a series of five (5) propagation maps will be created to analyze wireless service coverage and identify areas of need. These maps will leverage RF engineering tools to model wireless signal propagation and will support the identification of existing service gaps for both voice and data services throughout the Study Area. The maps will include:

1. **RF Propagation Map (Citywide with 1-Mile Buffer)** – This map will model the estimated RF coverage from all existing personal wireless service facilities (PWSFs) within the Study Area. The resulting visualization will show how far the signal from each facility propagates and highlight geographic wireless gaps in coverage.
2. **RF Propagation by Address Points** – This map will illustrate RF coverage data on top of address-level data points within the City. Each address point will be color-coded based on the estimated quality of “in-building” wireless service, such as strong, moderate, weak, or no signal. This granular approach allows for a detailed evaluation of wireless service accessibility for residents, businesses, and critical facilities.
3. **RF Propagation Maps by Wireless Service Providers** – Three (3) propagation maps will be created, each representing estimated RF coverage from a specific wireless service provider operating within the City: AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon Wireless. These maps will simulate the estimated coverage footprint of each provider’s existing infrastructure using industry-standard RF propagation tools. (This will not be a specific provider map but only an overall basis and planning tool.)

TASK 4: Conceptual Planning Scenario Mapping

Planning Scenario(s) – A conceptual planning scenario will be developed to illustrate what a potential future wireless network could look like over the next ten years utilizing a hybrid approach of macro wireless facilities and small wireless infrastructure. The analysis will evaluate how a combination of strategically located macro towers and small wireless facilities may improve overall wireless coverage, network capacity, and in-building connectivity throughout the study area while minimizing visual impacts where feasible.

The conceptual analysis will include maps that will be analyzed and summarized to identify existing wireless infrastructure conditions, coverage deficiency areas, community characteristics, land use considerations, and other variables identified throughout the assessment process. Potential deployment scenarios, infrastructure priorities, and design considerations will be evaluated to support long-term wireless planning efforts and provide guidance for future wireless infrastructure development within the community.

Public Outreach/Online Survey – CityScape will develop and administer an online public survey to encourage community participation and gather input regarding wireless infrastructure preferences, visual considerations, and acceptable approaches for future wireless development within the study area. It is recommended that the survey remain open for a period of two (2) weeks to maximize public participation. Following the close of the survey, CityScape will compile and analyze the results and present the findings to the City Council.

RECOMMENDED PUBLIC MEETING: CityScape will conduct a public meeting to present the findings and analysis of the infrastructure maps, including existing wireless coverage conditions, identified wireless coverage deficiencies, and conceptual planning scenario(s) for future wireless infrastructure. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss potential macro and small wireless facility strategies, design considerations, and long-term planning objectives with the community. During the meeting, CityScape will also introduce the online public survey for community input.

TASK 5: Engineering Study and Draft Technical Report

Draft Technical Report – All collected data, field assessment findings, and mapping outputs will be analyzed by CityScape’s engineering and planning team and consolidated into a comprehensive draft report. The draft document will include wireless facility inventory maps, RF propagation studies, supporting data tables, and related analyses, providing a detailed overview of the City’s existing wireless infrastructure and current service conditions.

The analysis will identify both overall wireless coverage gaps and provider-specific coverage deficiencies throughout the City. Evaluating each wireless service provider individually will help illustrate disparities in coverage and network performance, while supporting informed planning strategies related to future infrastructure deployment, potential collocation opportunities on existing facilities, and the use of City-owned properties where appropriate.

The technical report will include an executive summary outlining key findings, existing wireless infrastructure conditions, identified coverage deficiencies, and recommendations for future wireless planning efforts. The report will provide a detailed analysis of wireless coverage gaps for each wireless service provider across relevant technologies and frequency bands, including evaluations of address points including residential, commercial and public areas. Coastal and waterfront environments, major roadways, and other critical communities will be included in the evaluation. The analysis will consider variables that influence wireless performance and infrastructure deployment, including topography, vegetation, environmental constraints, land use characteristics, and other physical or regulatory limitations. In addition, the report will consider public safety considerations related to wireless connectivity, including the ability of residents, visitors, and emergency responders to reliably access and connect throughout the City. The report will provide planning recommendations to improve long-term connectivity and resiliency.

TASK 6: Final Technical Report, Presentations and Deliverables

Final Technical Report – Following the review of the draft document and incorporation of any City-approved revisions, CityScape will prepare and submit the finalized Wireless Technical Plan. The final technical report will summarize methodology, all findings, and preliminary recommendations. The Plan will be delivered in an electronic digital format suitable for internal use and future planning reference.

Project deliverables shall include:

- Wireless inventory and radio frequency (RF) propagation maps identifying existing coverage deficiencies and deployment trends.
- Draft and Final Wireless Technical Plan/Report
- Data Table (Excel) of all Existing Wireless Infrastructure
- Digital Files of all Maps and GIS data

RECOMMENDED PUBLIC MEETING: CityScape can conduct a public meeting to present the Wireless Telecommunications Plan final analysis and survey results and introduce potential wireless code updates.

TASK 7: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Code Update

Final Technical Report – CityScape will review and update Chapter 196, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities to bring into compliance with applicable federal and state mandates and regulations.

CityScape will coordinate with staff to incorporate the City’s objectives for managing future wireless infrastructure deployment on both public and private properties. Existing zoning and land use regulations will be evaluated to identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities to better achieve the City’s goals.

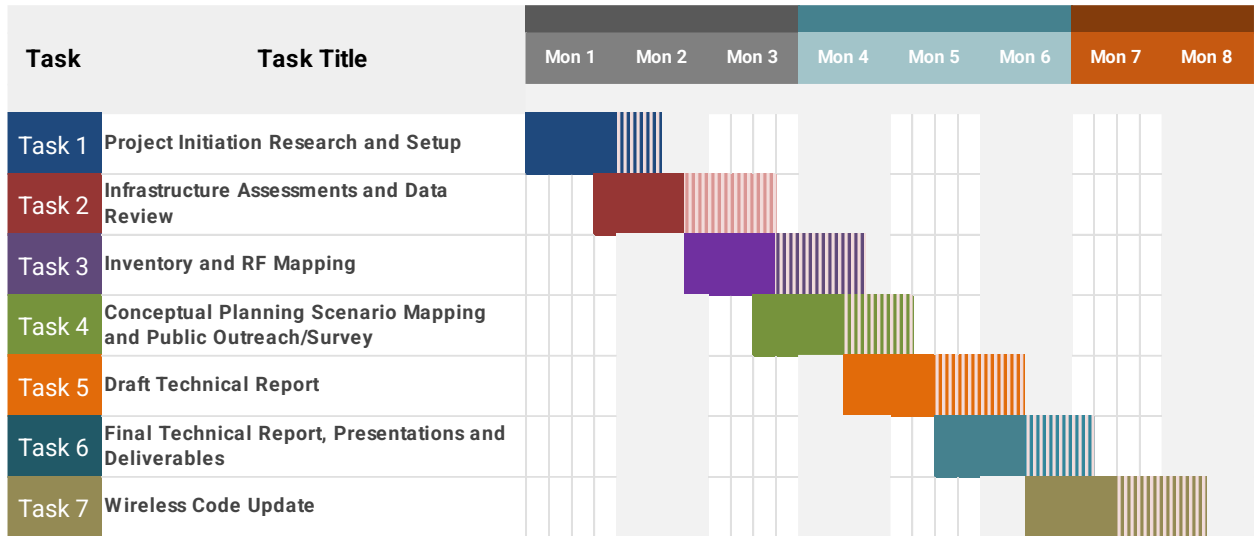
Proposed text amendments will be developed based on the findings of the mapping analysis, public survey and the selected conceptual wireless deployment plan. Recommendations will focus on strategies to guide the location, height, concealment, and design of future wireless facilities; reduce visual impacts; protect community character and historic areas; and support orderly wireless infrastructure deployment. All proposed revisions will be tailored specifically for the City and designed to provide a legally defensible framework for future wireless development.

CityScape will review and incorporate comments received on the initial draft and provide revisions to the proposed ordinance amendments. The scope includes up to three redlined versions consisting of the initial draft and two subsequent edited revisions.

RECOMMENDED PUBLIC MEETING: CityScape can attend the public meeting to present the final wireless code updates.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

CityScope proposes to complete the tasks outlined in this RFP in accordance with the preliminary schedule provided below. The study is estimated to be completed within approximately 6-8 months, as depicted in the proposed project timeline. This schedule is preliminary in nature and may be adjusted or refined through coordination with the City and project stakeholders to best accommodate the City’s goals, priorities, and project expectations.



CityScope will work collaboratively with the City and all relevant departments, including planning staff and other designated personnel, to ensure the project progresses efficiently and is completed in a timely manner consistent with applicable schedules, project milestones, and City objectives.

PROJECT FEE

Task	Description	Timeline	Invoices
1. Project Initiation, Research and Setup	Project initiation meeting to identify key stakeholders, timing and establish communication protocols. Extensive preliminary research and setup ArcGIS and field collection database.	0-1 month	\$ 8,900.00
2. Infrastructure Field Assessments and Data Review	CityScape staff travel to Rye to conduct physical assessments of each existing wireless facility. Collect and document all pertinent site information and field data within the ArcGIS platform for incorporation into the project database and final deliverables.	1-2 months	\$13,125.00
3. Inventory and RF Mapping	Create comprehensive inventory maps of all assessed wireless facility sites. Upon verification of the collected data, develop various RF propagation maps to evaluate existing wireless coverage conditions, identify coverage gaps, and support future wireless planning and infrastructure recommendations.	1-2 months	\$13,125.00
4. Conceptual Planning Scenario Mapping and Public Outreach	Planning scenario map to illustrate a potential future wireless network for long-term planning efforts. Public Outreach and online survey.	0-1 month	\$13,125.00
5. Draft Technical Report	Conduct an engineering analysis of all inventory and RF propagation maps and prepare the first draft of the technical report summarizing the mapping results, wireless coverage analysis, identified deficiencies, and preliminary planning recommendations.	1-2 months	\$13,125.00
6. Final Technical Report, Presentations and Deliverables	Following review of the draft document and incorporation of the City's comments and revisions, CityScape will prepare the final technical report.	1 month	\$13,125.00
7. Wireless Code Update	Develop text amendments and update existing wireless code. Includes initial draft and two additional redlined versions.	1 month	\$13,125.00
Project Cost Proposal (estimated timeline 6-8 months):			\$87,650.00

Project Basis of Proposal

- Total pricing is a project fixed cost, including labor, travel, and other direct costs. Proposed costs for this project are indicative of the efficiency of our operations, proven automated tools, vast experience completing similar projects, and view of the strategic nature of this project.
- The total project cost will be invoiced in seven (7) incremental stages. An initial invoice in the amount of \$8,900.00 will be issued upon execution of a contract; thereafter six (6) additional invoices in the amount of \$13,125.00 each will be issued upon completion of each subsequent project task through project completion.
- Fixed fee includes:
 - All project related calls and teleconferences as needed bi-weekly basis throughout the duration of the project.
 - Coordination with the City to prepare supporting presentation and meeting materials, including but not limited to PowerPoint presentations, handouts, meeting summaries, graphics and other project related materials.

4. The proposed project does not include any public meetings. Recommended meetings are available either virtually or in person with advance approved notice. A per meeting fixed rates is as follows: \$1,000.00 (virtual) or \$3,000 (in person); includes all travel-related expenses.
5. The scope of services, project process, and associated timelines may be modified, adjusted, or reorganized throughout the duration of the project as necessary to accommodate City requirements, project scheduling needs, evolving project conditions, and overall project progression.
6. The estimated project timeline is based on six (6) to eight (8) month timeline and will be finalized with the City through the final Scope of Work (SOW) and meeting schedule. The SOW process and project timeline may be adjusted or reorganized as necessary to accommodate City requirements and project progression. If project completion is delayed beyond 60 days due to lack of client responsiveness, indecision or failure to complete required tasks, CityScape reserves the right to consider the project complete, issue final billing and close out the contract.
7. Deletion of a task or significant changes to the scope of one or more tasks may result in adjustments to the overall project cost. Additional tasks may be completed under a new agreement or amendment by mutual agreement of both parties.
8. Any additional tasks outside the proposed scope may be authorized upon mutual agreement. Such services may be performed on either a time and materials basis in accordance with the established per diem rates or on a fixed-fee task order.

Per Diem Rates

Additional Services outside of the scope of services provided herein, may be added in accordance with the rate schedule below, or at agreed upon fixed project cost.

Effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027

Regulatory	\$ 350.00 per hour
Senior Engineering Consultant	\$ 285.00 per hour
Project/ Planning Manager	\$ 200.00 per hour
Field Engineering/ Travel Time	\$ 75.00 per hour



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend sections of Chapter 191, Article III “Parking Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-20 “Parking time limited” and § 191-21 “Parking, Standing or Stopping” to eliminate the fifteen-minute parking limit on Library Lane and to prohibit parking, standing or stopping on Library Lane except vehicles that have employee parking permits.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council hold the public hearing and consider adopting the local law.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other

BACKGROUND: See the attached draft local law.

DRAFT

LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2026

A local law to amend sections of Chapter 191, Article III “Parking Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-20 “Parking time limited” and § 191-21 “Parking, Standing or Stopping” to eliminate the fifteen-minute parking limit on Library Lane and to prohibit parking, standing or stopping on Library Lane except vehicles that have employee parking permits as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 191, titled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III titled “Parking Regulations” is hereby amended in the Rye City Code as follows:

New material is underlined and in bold.

Repealed material is marked with a strikethrough and in bold.

Article III

Parking Regulations

§ 191-20 Parking time limited.

E. Fifteen-minute limit. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following locations for a period longer than 15 minutes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except on Sundays:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Boston Post Road	East	From Central Avenue to Rectory Street
Car Park 2		Parking spot Nos. 239, 240, 241, and 242, along 14 to 16 Elm Place, excluding handicap space
Elm Place	North	3 spaces on the north side closest to Theodore Fremd Avenue
First Street	West	3 spaces along the west side of First Street parallel to the building and the curb
Forest Avenue	West	From the southwest driveway of the service station to Elmwood Avenue

Name of Street	Side	Location
Library Lane		For the entire length of Library Lane along the curb between the driveway entrances to 1037 Boston Post Road
Purchase Street	East	From Elizabeth Street southerly for 140 feet
Purdy Avenue	North	From the east side of the post office property to Third Street
Sylvan Road	South	2 spaces on the south side closest to Midland Avenue
Third Street	East	From Purdy Avenue to the post office driveway
Third Street	West	From Purdy Avenue to a point 100 feet north thereof

§ 191-21 Parking, standing or stopping.

The parking, standing or stopping of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following locations:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Billington Court	North	
Boston Post Road	South	From Parsons to the entrance of Old Post Road
Central Avenue	North	From the Boston Post Road to the west side of the Blind Brook
Central Avenue	South	From Loewen Court to the Boston Post Road
Coolidge Avenue	West	From Osborn Road to Harding Drive
Cornell Place	Both	
Dearborn Avenue	Both	East of Forest Avenue, including the turnaround at the easterly end thereof*
Forest Avenue	East	From Redfield Street to Playland Parkway
Franklin Avenue	North-east	From a point approximately 30 feet north of Sonn Drive
Hewlett Avenue	East	Between the crosswalks extending from Robert Crisfield Place to the fire lane driveway exit, when school is in session, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Kirby Lane	Both	From its westernmost intersection with Mill Pond to Van Rensselaer Road, from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
<u>Library Lane</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>For the entire length of Library Lane along the curb between the driveway entrances to 1037 Boston Post Road**</u>
Locust Avenue	Both	From Purchase Street to the east end of Mead Place
Locust Avenue	South	From main firehouse to Purchase Street
Midland Avenue	Front of No. 382	
Midland Avenue	West	From Apawamis Avenue to Goldwin Street from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Milton Road	West	From Fairlawn Street to driveway of marina
Platt Lane	South	Entire length, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days
Purchase Street	West	From Elizabeth Street to driveway of 231 Purchase Street
Purdy Avenue	Both	Purchase Street to First Street
Purdy Avenue	South	From School Street to Post Road

NOTE:

*Except that the parking, standing or stopping of vehicles on the northerly side of the turnaround for discharging or loading of passengers only is permitted.

**** Except those vehicles that have employee parking permits.**

Section 2. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Rye Nature Center Campaign, Naming Rights & Funding Application Authorization Request.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

June 10, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the Application at a future date.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached request letter.



June 4, 2026

Mr. Brian Shea, City Manager
Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Re: FRNC's Capital Campaign for the Rye Nature Center

Dear Mr. Shea,

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) and for your partnership in advancing improvements to the Nature Center's facilities and grounds.

On August 14, 2024, the Rye City Council and management gave FRNC permission to apply for a grant through New York State's Zoo, Botanical Garden, and Aquarium Capital Pool for a new education building, driveway, and improvements to the current Carriage House. In late 2024, FRNC was notified that a grant award of \$857,069 had been earmarked by New York State for construction costs related to these projects. An additional grant of \$454,199 was awarded just for the driveway in April 2026.

To advance these capital projects, FRNC has engaged our stakeholders in discussions about how a campaign focused on the philanthropic investment in the Nature Center would benefit Rye. Support for a \$5.9 million capital campaign is available to FRNC, and today FRNC respectfully requests the City's authorization of The Living Legacy Campaign. To date, inclusive of the above ZBGA grants, FRNC has donor investment pledges reaching \$2,655,000 (45%).

Under Section 15 of the March 15, 2021, license between FRNC and the City, capital campaigns, public fundraising for major capital projects on the Property, and agreements providing long-term signage or naming rights require City review and approval. FRNC therefore requests the City's approval to conduct The Living Legacy Campaign as described in this letter and the attached marketing materials, and to offer naming rights and long-term signage on Nature Center structures for a minimum term of 50 years.

Separately, FRNC requests the City's permission to apply for additional capital funding for these projects through New York State's 2026 Consolidated Funding Application.

FRNC is not requesting City approval to begin construction of a new building or make carriage house improvements at this time. Any future construction requests would be submitted once funding reaches 75%, and project designs are finalized.

Sincerely,

Christine Siller, Executive Director

Attachments: The Living Legacy Campaign brochure; Campaign Naming Opportunities; Pledge Form; ZBGA Grant Award Letters



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

RANDY SIMONS
Commissioner *Pro Tempore*

December 9, 2024

Christine Siller
Executive Director
Friends of Rye Nature Center
873 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Greetings:

Thank you for your application under the combined New York State Fiscal Years 2023 & 2024 Zoos, Botanical Garden & Aquaria (ZBGA) Capital Grant Program.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is proud to have a two-year combined amount of \$20 million for capital funding for the ZBGA. I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of up to \$857,069.00 has been reserved from the ZBGA fund for the construction of a new education building, driveway and renovation of the Carriage House.

OPRHP recognizes the vital role this project will play in enhancing the environment, quality of life, and economic vitality of your community. We are delighted to be able to provide a grant award for this project.

Our agency will contact you in the near future to clarify the specific details about the project, including those elements of the proposed scope and budget that have been accepted for funding. The future communication will describe: grantee next steps, reimbursement terms, match requirements, employment requirements, environmental and historic preservation review requirements, and other terms and conditions. I urge you to work closely with our program staff and caution you to not begin work on your project until all appropriate contract conditions have been satisfied.

Our Grants Office looks forward to working in partnership with you to successfully advance this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Simons".

Randy Simons
Commissioner *Pro Tempore*



**New York State
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Historic Preservation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

KATHY MOSER
Acting Commissioner

April 4, 2026

Christine Siller
Executive Director
Friends Of Rye Nature Center
873 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Greetings:

Thank you for your application under the New York State Fiscal Years 2025 Zoos, Botanical Garden & Aquaria Capital Grant Program (ZBGA CAP).

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is proud to have \$10 million for capital funding for the ZBGA program. I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of up to \$454,199.00 has been reserved from the ZBGA capital fund for the project: **Access Driveway to Nature Center**.

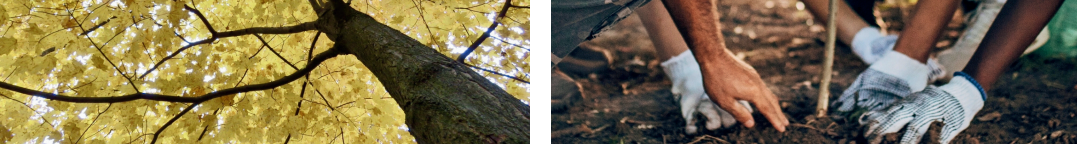
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Sincerely,

Kathy Moser
Acting Commissioner



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

In 1959, a group of visionary neighbors led by Edith Read made a remarkable decision to secure the Parsons' estate as a natural park. Their grassroots determination created something extraordinary for the community: 47 acres of forest, wetlands, and open space that are now woven into the fabric of Rye.

Nearly seven decades later, the Rye Nature Center remains a place where connection to nature takes root and grows. Children roam oak-lined trails, climb the Bread Loaf rocks, and splash along the banks of Nanderwhere Pond. Families gather beneath brilliant fall foliage, listening to the steady song of chickadees while volunteers restore habitats, witnessing firsthand how stewardship strengthens biodiversity. These are not just moments outdoors. They are experiences that shape how we see the world.

It is a privilege to care for this land. We see the way our community embraces it every day in the children who return year after year, families who build traditions on our trails, and local groups who transform corners of the park into pollinator paradises.

Today, we find ourselves at an important moment in the Nature Center's history. Program participation has soared, and the demand for environmental and conservation education continues to rise. The facilities that have served us for decades were never designed to support the level of access, accessibility, and year-round learning our community now seeks. To sustain this momentum and ensure that future generations experience the same sense of wonder, we must invest thoughtfully in the infrastructure that makes this work possible.

The Living Legacy Capital Campaign reflects that commitment. With a goal of \$5.9 million, we will build a new Nature Learning and Visitor Center to expand capacity and improve accessibility, enhance the Carriage House to better serve programming, and design an entrance to provide safe, long-term access to the park.

These investments are not simply about buildings. They are about protecting a place that inspires stewardship, strengthens community, and instills a lifelong love of nature. In 1959, our community acted to preserve what mattered most. Today, we carry that same promise forward. We invite you to join us in shaping the next chapter of Rye Nature Center and ensuring that this living legacy continues to thrive for generations to come.

With Gratitude,

Christine Siller, Executive Director

James Engerran, Board President

THE LIVING LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Protecting Our Roots. Building Our Future.

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

The Living Legacy Capital Campaign protects what makes Rye Nature Center special while preparing for the future. Through strategic investments in a new visitor and education center, a reliable entrance, and long-term stewardship of the park, we will expand access, deepen learning, and secure our impact well into the future.

WHY NOW GROWING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Over the past decade, Rye Nature Center has experienced significant growth in participation across educational programs, visitor engagement, and conservation efforts. We see a steady increase in the number of community members seeking meaningful connection with nature each year:

- Educational programs have grown by 60% over the past five years.
- FRNC now provides over 50,000 nature-based experiences annually.

This momentum is a testament to the strength of our mission and our ability to deliver it. But without strategic investment, our ability to serve the community and extend our impact will be constrained.

THE OPPORTUNITY SECURING THE FUTURE OF A BELOVED PLACE

We have the opportunity to thoughtfully reimagine how our campus supports our mission – enhancing safety, accessibility, and learning while preserving the site's natural character.

Through The Living Legacy Campaign, we will:

- Expand programming in a new 4,500-square-foot Visitor and Education Center with surrounding courtyard, garden, and patio.
- Enable full-day and simultaneous programs for multiple group types.
- Provide restrooms and welcoming community gathering spaces.
- Manage safe vehicle and pedestrian access by constructing a new entry driveway that secures reliable passage into the Center.
- Strengthen our ability to steward and protect our 47-acre park.

This is an investment in the future of environmental education, conservation in our community, and the future of stewardship.

\$5.9M
Investment

47 ACRES
of Forest Managed
for Public Access



**New, Secure
Park Entrance**

4,500 SQ. FT.
Visitor and Education
Center for Year-Round
Learning

2X CAPACITY
for Programs and
Community Partnerships

BECOME PART OF OUR LIVING LEGACY

We invite you to build the next chapter of Rye Nature Center with us.

Visit ryenaturecenter.org or contact Christine Siller, Executive Director, at christine@ryenaturecenter.org to inquire more.

Campaign gifts can be pledged over multiple years and made via check, wire transfer, stock, mutual fund, donor advised fund, and company matching gifts.

EXPLORE OUR NEW VISITOR CENTER AND EDUCATION FACILITY



LARGE MEETING SPACE

A retractable wall allows for the two learning labs to become one large room, equipped for presentation, seminars, and speaker events.

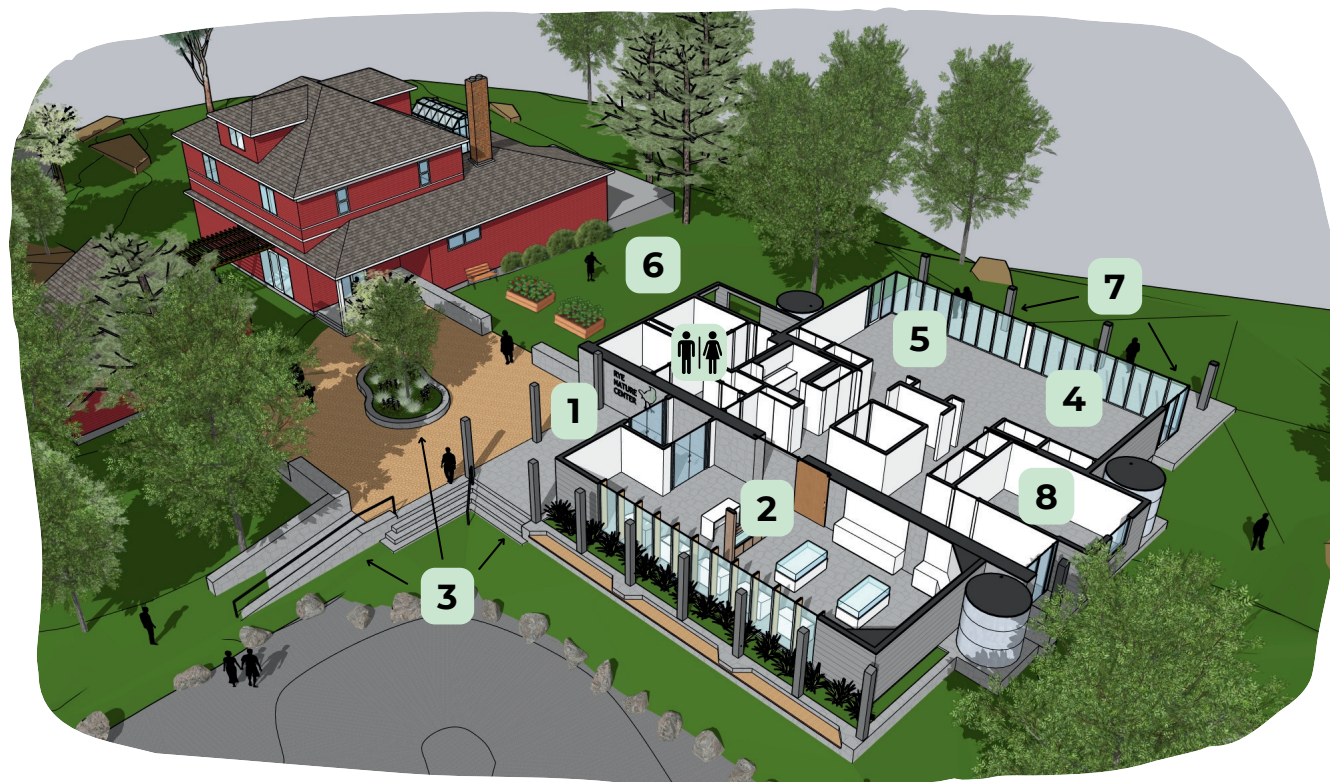


COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ENTRANCE COURTYARD

Permanent outdoor areas as a meeting/resting space for visitors and programs, connecting the indoor spaces with the forest.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

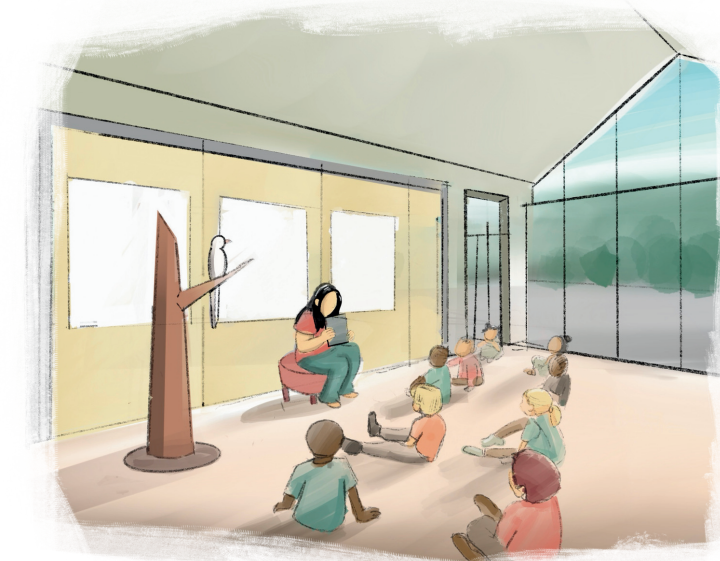
Be a part of this historic moment as we redevelop our Nature Center for a sustainable future. Make a gift in your name, company or family foundation name, or in honor of a loved one's memory. Your generous support of this campaign will be recognized for years to come.



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY ON A PLACE THAT HAS SHAPED THIS COMMUNITY FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS.

Key	Opportunity	Gift Amount
1	Building Exterior	\$2,000,000
2	Visitor Center	\$1,000,000
3	Entrance Courtyard & Gateway	\$500,000
4	North Learning Lab	\$500,000
5	South Learning Lab	\$500,000
6	Community Garden	\$500,000
7	West-Facing Forest Patio	\$250,000
8	Conservation Office	\$250,000

Gifts over \$50,000 will be prominently displayed as Legacy Builders. Gifts of \$15,000 or more will be recognized on our donor wall.



LEARNING LABS

Enough flexible space to run a variety of concurrent programs, adult workshops, school groups, and/or meetings.



VISITOR CENTER AND RECEPTION AREA

A welcoming public space for "any age, any group" so that visitors can have a positive user experience.



THE LIVING LEGACY CAMPAIGN
Protecting Our Roots. Building Our Future.

THE LIVING LEGACY CIRCLE

Our donors will be recognized in the new Visitor and Education Center. Your generous donation will be recognized using the tiers below.

LEGACY VISIONARIES

\$125,000 and above

LEGACY STEWARDS

\$75,000 to \$124,999

LEGACY BUILDERS

\$50,000 to \$74,999

LEGACY MAKERS

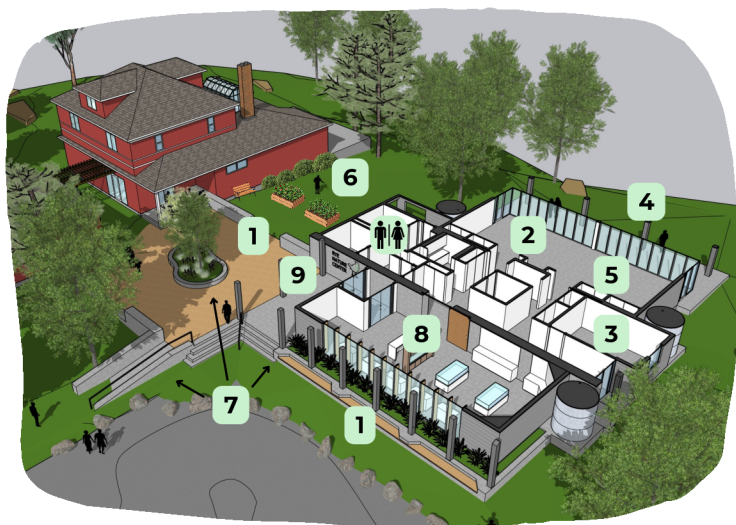
\$25,000 to \$49,999

LEGACY TRAILBLAZERS

\$15,000 to \$24,999

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Leave your legacy on a place that has shaped this community for nearly 70 years. Make a gift in your name, your company or family foundation's name, or in honor of a loved one's memory.



KEY	OPPORTUNITY	GIFT AMOUNT
1	Courtyard Benches	\$75,000
2	Learning Labs Shared Naming (Up to Four per Lab)	\$125,000
3	Conservation Office	\$250,000
4	West-Facing Forest Patio	\$250,000
5	Learning Labs Exclusive Naming (North or South Lab)	\$500,000
6	Community Garden	\$500,000
7	Entrance Courtyard & Gateway	\$500,000
8	Visitor Center	\$1,000,000
9	Building Exterior	\$2,000,000

STRUCTURING YOUR THREE-YEAR PLEDGE

GIFT AMOUNT	PER YEAR	PER QUARTER	PER MONTH
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$417
\$25,000	\$8,333	\$2,083	\$694
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$4,167	\$1,389
\$75,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$2,084
\$125,000	\$41,667	\$10,417	\$3,472
\$250,000	\$83,333	\$20,833	\$6,944
\$500,000	\$166,667	\$41,667	\$13,889
\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$83,333	\$27,778
\$2,000,000	\$666,667	\$166,667	\$55,556

We are deeply grateful for your family’s ongoing support of the Nature Center. With respect for your past generosity, we humbly invite you to consider this three-year pledge as a commitment beyond your annual contribution.

FRNC asks that all pledges be fulfilled between 2026 and 2028. Commitments of any size can be completed over multiple years.

PROJECT TIMING

The public phase of The Living Legacy Campaign will begin once we have secured \$3 million in pledges and/or contributions, approximatedly 83% of the project total. FRNC has secured the funding to start the much-needed new driveway project.

2026

JANUARY - DECEMBER

Finalize designs and permits

NOVEMBER

New entrance construction begins
Year-one pledges due

2027

MAY

Entrance construction completed

AUGUST

Break ground on new building

NOVEMBER

Year-two pledges due

2028

JUNE - AUGUST

Grand opening of new facility

SEPTEMBER

Begin Carriage House renovations

NOVEMBER

Year-three pledges due

FRNC has also been working on a Blind Brook Riparian Restoration. Site preparation will begin with driveway construction and project implementation will be during the summer of 2027. This initiative is fully grant-funded and will restore floodplain function, enhance habitat quality, and reduce sedimentation.

DONATION PLEDGE AGREEMENT

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Phone (Home): _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE COMMITMENT

I/We pledge \$ _____ to FRNC's Capital Campaign Other: _____

I/We plan to make my/our contribution in the form of:

Check Stock Other: _____

Special Instructions: _____

This gift will be matched _____% by the following company:

(Most companies require that each subsequent pledge payment be accompanied by a matching gift form.)

This contribution is designated for the specific goal mentioned above and is not intended to replace regular annual gifts, which remain essential to FRNC's ongoing operations.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

One-time payment I/We prefer to pay this amount over time

Notes: _____

GIFT RECOGNITION

My/Our names should appear as follows: _____

This gift is made in memory/honor of: _____

This gift should remain anonymous.

Any donor names or designated names proposed for recognition on structures or buildings at the Rye Nature Center will be reviewed by the City of Rye, in accordance with FRNC's license agreement as operator of the municipal park.

This Donation Pledge Agreement, as outlined above, is made and entered into by the undersigned donor(s) in favor of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC), a nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The pledge constitutes a binding and enforceable obligation of the donor(s) and this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Donor Signature Date

Donor Signature Date

FRNC Representative Signature Date

FRIENDS
OF RYE
NATURE
CENTER



Thank you for sharing our vision and investing in FRNC's future!

For questions, please contact:

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