Agenda Item #1							
Case Number	BZNA-0034-2023	Property Size	8.17 acres				
Address	2200 Sheridan Rd Noblesville, IN 46062	Zoning	R1 - Low Density Single Family Residential				
Owner	Life Church Assembly of God Inc.	Reviewer	Kevin Martin				
Applicant	Raymond Adler, Life Church Assembly of God Inc.	BZA Meeting	Monday, June 5th, 2023 - 6:00 PM				

Requested Action:

UDO § 10.4.D.1 – Board to consider a Variance of Development Standards application to eliminate the required perimeter parking curbing for an existing parking lot; and UDO § 12.5.D – Board to consider a Variance of Development Standards application to reduce the required Perimeter Parking Lot Landscaping, from 924 feet (required) to 281 feet (provided); in the R1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) zoning district.

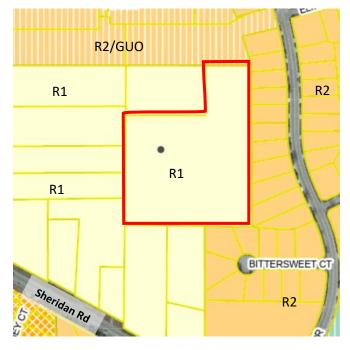
Recommendation:

Approve. See Findings of Facts for Approval on page 4.

Exhibits:

- 1. Application
- 2. Aerial Photograph

- 3. Approved Site Plan
- 4. Proposed Site Plan





ANALYSIS

The subject property is located northwest of the intersection of Sheridan Rd (SR 38) and South Harbour Dr, the site is zoned R1 - Low Density Single Family Residential. The surrounding properties to the west and south are all zoned R1, a residential district. The adjacent properties to the north are zoned R1- Low Density Single Family Residential and R2/GUO - Low to Moderate Density Single Family Residential District/Government Use Overlay. Adjacent properties to the east are zoned R2 - Low to Moderate Density Single Family Residential District.

The applicant seeks approval of two Variances of Development Standards applications to eliminate the required perimeter parking curbing for an existing parking lot and to reduce the required Perimeter Parking Lot Landscaping, from 924 feet (required) to 281 feet (provided); in the R1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) zoning district.

Curbing

The request to eliminate curbing is limited to the existing parking lot's south boundary. As shown in Figure 1 below, the request is to maintain the existing non-curbed south edge.

Figure 3 – Eliminated curbing marked in red



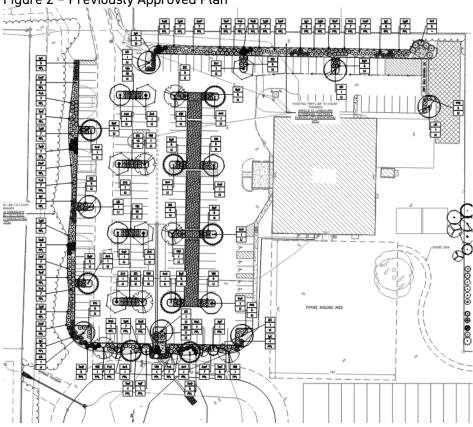
The applicant has cited a couple of reasons for this request, including current drainage design, existing natural barrier, and safety concerns.

"Drainage is designed to flow away from the curb to the center of the parking lot both cleanse the parking lot and to help catch any oils or other contaminates prior to discharge into the water system.

The sports ministry basketball goals are located in this area, and it would be a hazard to those playing basketball in the area from tripping or falling over the curbing."

Landscaping

The request is to reduce the required Perimeter Parking Lot Landscaping, from 924 feet (required) to 281 feet (provided), eliminating landscaping along the western and southern boundaries. The proposal eliminates approximately 350 ft of landscape buffer along the west property boundary and about 300 feet along the southern boundary. The proposed changes are illustrated in Figure 2 – Previously Approved Plan and Figure 3 – Proposed Plan.



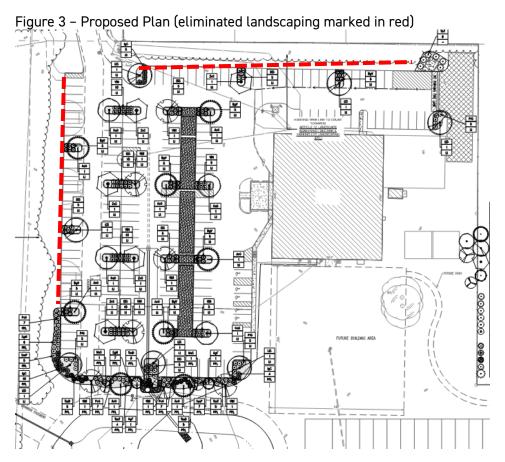


Figure 2 – Previously Approved Plan

VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FINDINGS

AGENDA ITEM #1:

If the Board should decide to APPROVE the requested variance, please use the following findings of fact:

The Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals is authorized to approve or deny variances of use from the terms of the zoning ordinance. The BZA may impose reasonable conditions as part of its approval. A Variance of Development Standards may be approved only upon a determination in writing that the following three (3) conditions are met (see Indiana Code § 36-7-4-918.5):

1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community:

The proposed variance will NOT be injurious to public health, safety, and general welfare of the community. The elimination of curbing and landscape items will have minimal effect as both occur within interior lot lines. This standard has been met.

2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner:

It is likely that the use and value of real estate adjacent to the subject site will NOT be affected in a substantially adverse manner by allowing the requested variances. Nearby property owners may remonstrate against this petition if they believe this request will have significant adverse effects on adjacent properties. Should nothing contrary be brought to light by adjacent owners at the public hearing, it is presumed that the approval of the variances requested will not have a substantially adverse effect on the use and value of adjacent properties. This standard has been met.

3. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought:

The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance WILL result in practical difficulties in the use of the property. The intent of landscaping requirements has been fulfilled with existing landscape[e buffer. This standard has been met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA ITEM #1:

APPROVE the requested Variance of Development Standards based upon the following findings of fact:

- The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;
- The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
- The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance does constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought.

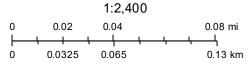
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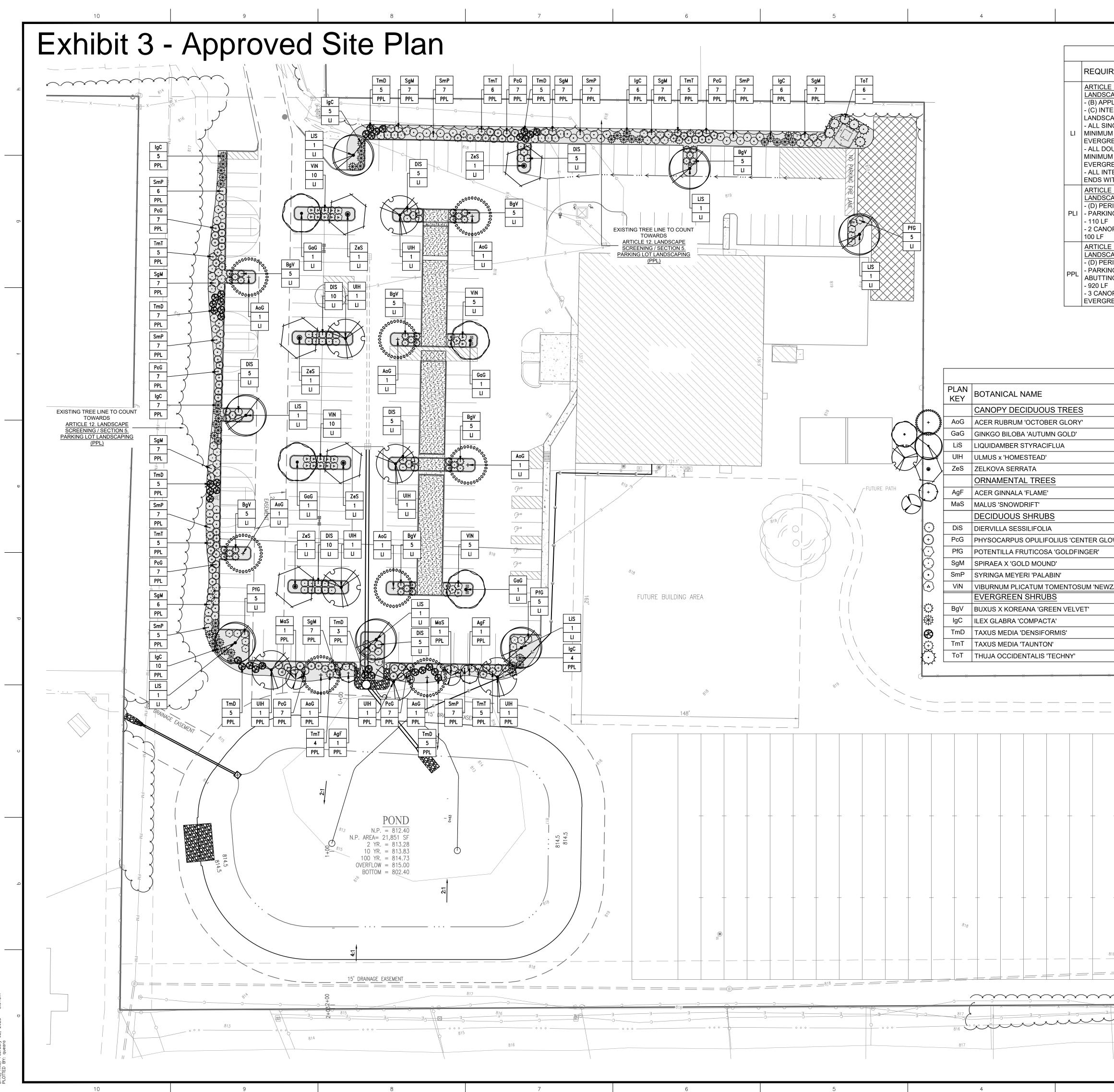
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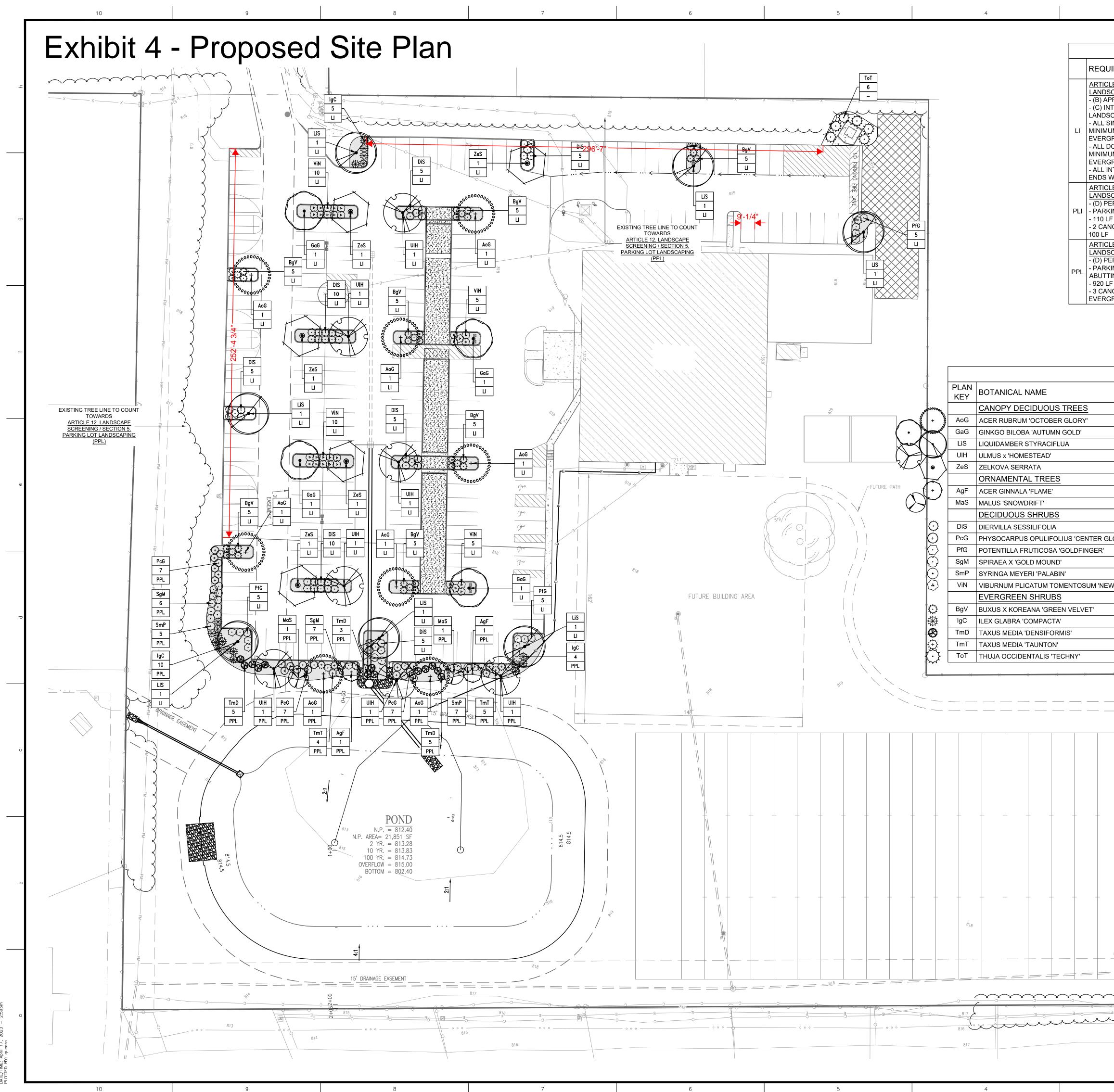
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