#### **AGENDA**

Board of Zoning Appeals / Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 6:00pm

#### Pre-agenda @ 5:30pm

- Call to Order
- **Roll Call**
- Approval of Agenda
  - May 14, 2024
- Approval of Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission Minutes
  - > April 9, 2024
- **Zoning Appeals** 
  - > PC-5-24-1085: Latasha Hall request a building setback variance for proposed development of a new singlefamily residence to be located at 4102 4th Street (formally 521 Davis Avenue); PIN 60019 06014
- Adjournment
- **Planning Commission**

#### **New Business**

- PC-5-24-1084: Scott Allison; Coleman Company request to rezone 1580 Dean Forest Road; PIN 60988 02018 from P-C-2A to I-1 for proposed development as Colonial Transportation Solutions Fleet Maintenance Facility.
- **Adjournment**
- Workshop
- Call to Order
- Planning Commission

#### **Old Business**

- PC-3-24-1076: Joshua Yellin request a general development review of 2301 Hwy 80: PIN 60881 04001 for proposed development as a service station for electric fleet vehicles.
- PC-3-24-1077: Robert L McCorkle, III request to rezone 5231 Ogeechee Road; PIN 60991 06004 from R-A to I-1, Ogeechee Road; PIN 60991 06003 from C-2 to I-1 and Ogeechee Road; PIN 60990D 01006 from C-2 to I-1 for proposed use as a general office/warehouse and cross-dock facility for SAIA LTL freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking.
- PC-3-24-1078: City of Garden City request an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise Chapter 90, Article VI, pertaining to signs, for the purpose of revising the provisions thereof regarding the limitations, safeguards, and controls for the location of outdoor advertising or separate use signs; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

#### **Adjournment**

Public Hearing by City Council for PC-3-24-1077, PC3-24-1078, PC-5-24-1084 is scheduled for May 20, 2024 with Consideration by City Council scheduled for June 3, 2024. 100 Central Avenue, Garden City, Georgia 31405.

# PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ZONING DECISIONS BEFORE GARDEN CITY'S CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWERS OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### I. Procedures for Conducting Public Hearings on Proposed Zoning Decisions:

All public hearings conducted by the Consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission for Garden City, Georgia, on proposed zoning decisions shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) All public hearings conducted by the Consolidated Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission on matters referred to it shall be called to order by the presiding officer.
- (2) The presiding officer shall open the hearing by stating the specific zoning matter being considered at the public hearing, and shall explain the procedures to be followed in the conduct of the hearing and further stating that printed copies of the adopted standards governing the exercise of the zoning powers of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, and the procedures governing hearings before the Board are available to the public.
- (3) The presiding officer shall determine the number of attendees who desire to testify or present evidence at the hearing.
- (4) When there is a large number of individuals wishing to testify at a hearing, the presiding officer may invoke time limits on individual speakers. In such cases, these time limits shall apply to all speakers. Proponents, including the petitioner or the petitioner's agent requesting the zoning decision, shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and expert opinions; opponents of the proposed decision shall have an equal minimum period of time. The presiding officer may grant additional time; provided, however, an equal period of time shall be granted both sides.
- (5) The petitioner requesting the proposed decision, or the petitioner's agent, shall be recognized first and shall be permitted to present and explain the request for the decision. Thereafter, all individuals who so desire shall be permitted to speak in favor of the matter.
- (6) After all individuals have had an opportunity to speak in accordance with subparagraph (5) above, those individuals present at the public hearing who wish to speak in opposition to the proposed decision shall have an opportunity to speak.
- (7) Once all parties have concluded their testimony, the presiding officer shall adjourn the public hearing.

## II. Standards Governing the Exercise of The Zoning Powers of Garden City's Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the following powers:

- (1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleging that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances.
- (2) To decide upon requests for permission to establish uses which the Board of Zoning Appeals is required to pass under the terms of Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances. The application to establish such use shall be approved on a finding of the Board of Zoning Appeals that:
  - (a) The proposed use does not affect adversely the general plans for the physical development of the city, as embodied in Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances and in any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Council.
  - (b) The proposed use will not be contrary to the purposes stated for Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances.
  - (c) The proposed use will not affect adversely the health and safety of residents and workers in the city.
  - (d) The proposed use will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or the general neighborhood.
  - (e) The proposed use will not adversely affect the existing uses in the neighborhood.
  - (f) The proposed use will be placed on a lot of sufficient size to satisfy the space requirements of such use.
  - (g) The proposed use will not constitute a nuisance or hazard because of the number of persons who will attend or use such facility, vehicular movement, noise or fume generation or type of physical activity.

(h) The standards set forth for each particular use for which a permit may be granted have been met.

The Board of Zoning Appeals may impose or require such additional restrictions and standards as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of workers and residents in the community and to protect the value and use of the property in the general neighborhood. The proposed use shall be subject to the minimum area, setback, and other locational requirements of the zoning district in which it will be located. The proposed use shall be subject to the off-street parking and service requirements of Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances. Wherever the Board of Zoning Appeals shall find, in the case of any permit granted pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 90, that any of the terms, conditions or restrictions upon which such permit was granted are not being complied with, the Board shall rescind and revoke such permit after giving due notice to all parties concerned and granting full opportunity for a public hearing.

- (3) To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances as will not be contrary to the public interest where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of said Chapter will, in an individual case, result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship. Such variance may be granted in such individual cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship upon a finding by the Board of Appeals that:
  - (a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape, or topography;
  - (b) The application of said Chapter 90 to this particular piece of property would create practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship;
  - (c) Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and,
  - (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of said Chapter 90.

No variance shall be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by Chapter 90 of the Garden City Code of Ordinances.

#### III. Powers and Duties of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is granted all powers and is assigned all duties that the City's Mayor and Council is authorized and empowered to grant and assign, to include the following:

- (1) Making comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future developments and preparing such plans for physical, social, and economic growth as will best promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the development of the city.
- (2) Preparing a master plan or parts thereof for the development of the city.
- (3) Preparing and recommending for adoption to the city council a zoning ordinance or resolution and map for the city.
- (4) Preparing and recommending for adoption to the city council regulations for the subdivision of land within the city, and administering the regulations that may be adopted.
- (5) Preparing and recommending for adoption to the city council a plat or an official map showing the exact location of the boundary lines of existing, proposed, extended, widened, or narrowed streets, public open spaces, or public building sites, together with regulations to control the erection of buildings or other structures within such lines, within the city or a specified portion thereof.
- (6) Making, publishing, and distributing maps, plans, and reports and recommendations relating to the master plan and development of the city to public officials and agencies, public utility companies and civic, educational, professional, and other organizations and citizens.
- (7) Recommending to the executive or legislative officials of the city programs for public improvements and the financing thereof.
- (8) Reviewing all proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance, the subdivision ordinance, and the zoning map, and making recommendation as per Garden City Code Section 90-201 in each case to the city council for approval or denial.
- (9) Approving site and development plans as per Garden City Code Sections 90-43, 90-47, 90-48 and 90-49.
- (10) Approving certain uses in the mixed-use zoning districts as per Garden City Code Section 90-49.

## PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ZONING DECISIONS BEFORE GARDEN CITY'S MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF CITY COUNCIL'S ZONING POWER

#### Procedures for Conducting Public Hearings on Proposed Zoning Decisions:

All public hearings conducted by the Board of Zoning Appeals for Garden City, Georgia, on proposed zoning decisions shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) All public hearings by the Mayor and Council on zoning amendments shall be chaired by the Mayor.
- (2) The Mayor shall open the hearing by stating the specific zoning amendment being considered at the public hearing and further stating that printed copies of the adopted standards governing the exercise of the Mayor and Council's zoning power and the procedures governing the hearing are available to the public.
- (3) The Director of the City's Planning and Zoning Department shall advise the Mayor and Council of the recommendation of the Planning Commission when applicable.
- (4) The Mayor shall determine the number of attendees who desire to testify or present evidence at the hearing.
- (5) When there is a large number of individuals wishing to testify at a hearing, the Mayor may invoke time limits on individual speakers. In such cases, these time limits shall apply to all speakers. Proponents, including the petitioner or the petitioner's agent requesting the zoning decision, shall have no less than ten (10) minutes for the presentation of data, evidence, and expert opinions; opponents of the proposed decision shall have an equal minimum period of time. The Mayor may grant additional time; provided, however, an equal period of time shall be granted both sides.
- (6) The petitioner requesting such zoning decision, or the applicant's agent, shall be recognized first and shall be permitted to present and explain the request for the zoning decision. Thereafter, all individuals who so desire shall be permitted to speak in favor of the zoning decision.
- (7) After all individuals have had an opportunity to speak in accordance with subparagraph (6) above, those individuals present at the public hearing who wish to speak in opposition to the requested zoning decision shall have an opportunity to speak.
- (8) The Mayor may limit repetitious comments in the interest of time and may call for a show of hands of those persons present in favor of or opposed to the proposed decision.
- (9) It shall be the duty of the Mayor to maintain decorum and to assure the public hearing on the proposed decision is conducted in a fair and orderly manner.
- (10) Once all parties have concluded their testimony, the Mayor shall adjourn the public hearing.

#### Standards Governing the Exercise of The Zoning Powers of Garden City's Mayor and Council:

Prior to making a zoning amendment, the Mayor and Council shall evaluate the merits of a proposed amendment according to the following criteria:

- (1) Is this request a logical extension of a zoning boundary which would improve the pattern of uses in the general area?
- (2) Is this spot zoning and generally unrelated to either existing zoning or the pattern of development of the area?
- (3) Could traffic created by the proposed use or other uses permissible under the zoning sought traverse established single-family neighborhoods on minor streets, leading to congestion, noise, and traffic hazards?
- (4) Will this request place irreversible limitations or cause material detriment on the area similarly zoned as it is or on future plans for it?
- (5) Is there an imminent need for the rezoning and is the property likely to be used for the use requested?
- (6) Would the proposed use precipitate similar requests which would generate or accelerate adverse land use changes in the zone or neighborhood?

Opening: Acting Chair Perry welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Jenecia Perry; Acting Chair, Michael Bruner; Parliamentarian, Jeff Ashley, Chad Flowers, Wayne Joyner, Yuridia Maldonado, Charlie Orrell and Misty Selph.

Staff: Denise Grabowski (Planning Manager -Consultant), Robert Wellmaker; Building Official, and Jonathan Trego (Planning and Zoning Supervisor)

Visitors: Enclosed

Acting Chair Perry called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Selph made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Commissioner Ashley; vote passes with no opposition.

Acting Chair Perry asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Orrel made a motion to approve with second by Commissioner Selph; the vote passes with no opposition.

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

PC-4-24-1079: Efren Figueroa request a variance to install a chain link fence for the perimeter of property located at 4912 Ogeechee Road; PIN 60957 01006.

Acting Chair Perry gave a reading of the item. Denise Grabowski gave an overview of the proposal and said the City Staff recommendation of the use request for the application is for denial.

Mr. Figueroa stated his neighbor installed a chain-link fence.

Commissioner Orrel said are their circumstances to allow a chain-link fence?

Denise Grabowski said color does not define the variance's circumstance; the property is commercial and adjacent to residential zoning district.

Mr. Efren said chain link on the side with wood on the back is a possibility; I want what's in the area.

Commissioner Selph said barbed wire isn't allowed in commercial districts.

Denise Grabowski said it's allowed in the storage area.

Mr. Efren said barbed wire is for safety of the future business and to prevent the dumping of trash. He said I am expecting an approval, the person who was doing the fence were caught and five days later they received a permit.

Acting Chair Perry said the fence next to the property is chain link.

Denise Grabowski said per the Building Inspector the fence has been in place.

Commissioner Selph said barbed wire is allowed in Industrial.

Denise Grabowski gave an overview of fence requirements in Industrial zoning districts.

Mr. Efren said I am utilizing the same fence company as my neighbor; I will do wood in the back and chain link on the sides if required.

Commissioner Selph said are there screening requirements?

Denise Grabowski said there are screening requirements of fabric or mesh for a particular use; this is a vacant lot.

Commissioner Ashley said is the Building Official familiar with the stop work order for the fence?

Robert Wellmaker said there has been continuous problems with dumping; I approved the permit to eliminate and control blight due to illegal dumping.

Mr. Efren said this is the same issue; I want to have a fence all the way around – this has been a process of two months.

Commissioner Orrel said we recognize the issues on the property.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional comments; being none she called for those in opposition. With no opposition, she called for a motion. Commissioner Selph made a motion to approve the request with condition of wood material abutting the residential property and with screening on the chain link fence. Commissioner Ashley seconds the motion; vote passes with no opposition.

PC-4-24-1080: Amanda Wilkinson request a variance of Sec. 90-47(b)(6) to convert a detached 2 car garage into a mother-in-law suite at 113 Camellia Avenue; PIN 6009 01015A.

Acting Chair Perry gave a reading of the item. Denise Grabowski gave an overview of the proposal and said the City Staff recommendation of the use request for the application is for approval.

Charles Wilkinson said his mom is living in a home in Brooklet due to my brother passing away in Iraq.

Commission Orrel said are these changes inside only?

Mr. Wilkinson replied correct.

Don Bethune; 2621 Woodlawn Avenue said three years ago I came before the Board for the exact same request; we turned a 900 sq. ft. into an apartment.

Kim Tice; 19 Briarwood Drive said we need more of these in the community for seniors. Housing prices are not affordable; I am for this request.

Andrew Chase Rosen, 4109 Fenwick Village Drive said this should be an allowed use by right.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional comments; being none she called for those in opposition. With no opposition, she called for a motion. Commissioner Orrel made a

motion to approve the request. Commissioner Selph seconds the motion; vote passes with no opposition.

PC4-24-1081: Virginia M. Nichols request to establish a use for repairing trucks and trailers to be located at 112 Airport Park Drive; PIN 60988D 02016.

Acting Chair Perry gave a reading of the item. Denise Grabowski gave an overview of the proposal and said the City Staff recommendation of the use request for the application is for approval.

Virginia Nichols said I am the CFO for Low Country Fleet Services; we started on Lynah Avenue in 2004 then built buildings on Bryce Industrial Drive; we met with Scott Robider and he sent an email that it was approved. We have been in the process of getting the business license. We do mobile work of repairing trucks and trailers.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional comments; being none she called for those in opposition. With no opposition, she called for a motion. Commissioner Bruner made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Selph seconds the motion; vote passes with no opposition.

Acting Chair Perry called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orrel made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Selph; the motion passes with no opposition.

#### **Planning Commission**

PC-3-24-1077: Robert L. McCorkle, III request to rezone 5231 Ogeechee Road; PIN 60991 06004 from R-A to I-1, Ogeechee Road; PIN 60991 06003 from C-2 to I-1 and Ogeechee Road; PIN 60990D 01006 from C-2 to I-1 for proposed use as a general office/warehouse and cross-dock facility for SAIA LTL freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking.

Acting Chair Perry gave a reading of the item. Denise Grabowski gave an overview of the proposal.

Robert McCorkle said we are asking for a continuance at this time regarding the availability of water and sewer. We prefer a continuance of the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

Denise Grabowski said given the additional information needed the recommendation is to table.

Acting Chair Perry said we want to give anyone who wants to speak the opportunity to do so.

Don Bethune said I am opposed, there was another piece that was to be Commercial and rear as Industrial – staff dropped the ball.

Andrew Chase Rosen said I live in the area and being sandwiched between this property; the change would not be good.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional questions or comments; being none she called for a motion. Commissioner Selph made a motion to continue request to the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Ashley seconds the motion; vote passes with no opposition.

PC-3-24-1076: Joshua Yellin request a general development review of 2301 Hwy 80: PIN 60881 04001 for proposed development as a service station for electric fleet vehicles.

Acting Chair Perry gave a reading of the item. Denise Grabowski gave an overview of the proposal and said City Staff recommendation is approval of the general development plan as presented.

Amira Streeter; Voltera gave an overview presentation and said we are asking for help to bring this project into fruition. Voltera builds, owns and operates electric vehicles. There will be 127 stalls upon completion; offers job opportunity, creates a pathway for electric vehicles that provide zero emissions, offers community benefits. The use the Board is looking for is automobile service station, the use is meant to be a place to charge trucks for up to six hours, tire change and truck washing. We want to ensure the best practices, we are committed to safety, we are working on emergency response plan to be a management of any fire hazards. Voltera is not new to this type of development and want to be positive fixture. We have opened a site in the past month in California and hoping to generate a tax revenue, create jobs and contribute to underutilize parcels.

Josh Yellin said there are other members and the project engineer of the Voltera team to answer any questions, the site plan has been revised to meet use requirements. Voltera received confirmation on 12/2022. He said we have added conditions to

eliminate concerns, the primary use is charging of vehicles, there is no truck assembly, no container storage, no storage of goods and if these are violated this puts the business license at risk. This is a charging facility not a truck terminal. Voltera encourages the elimination of polluted emissions, there's no negative impact that is what's in the Industrial area. We have met every criteria of the plan. The use is permitted by right per meetings with Staff and we will address additional concerns. The project engineer can address any traffic concerns - this site is zoned C-2, there are other allowed uses that have more traffic impact. We are asking for approval of the site plans as we have met the criteria.

Acting Chair Perry said how was Garden City determined and chosen as location for this project; was it easy to work with Garden City?

Amira Streeter said we wanted to find sites that fit certain criteria, this is the best use that fits the criteria. We are in a good working condition with City Staff.

Calera Chrisma with Voltera said I have a background in fuel. I am familiar with the types of fire hazards. We work under local and federal guidelines and take the approach of asking for help and hire engineering firms to help with the design and how it should be built because the batteries burn fast and hot; there is an armory to the right and a church to the left.

Commissioner Selph asked has the City reviewed what's needed to fight the fire? The infrastructure needs to be addressed prior to approval.

Denise Grabowski said this will happen during the stage of the building review. We are not at that stage; this is an extensive process and requires approvals for permits. This is the first step in the process, if it gets to a point where this needs to be addressed then the process stops.

Commissioner Selph asked if there are fees passed along to the applicant?

Denise Grabowski said yes; fire, utilities and structural fees.

Acting Chair Perry asked if there will be charging stations for cars?

Josh Yellin said there are plans of stations for those working at the facility – the employees working at the site, there is a federal grant submitted to open an additional

site. The conversations today were relating to fire mechanisms; there have been ongoing communication with the submittal of the fire plan. Lthium batteries are everywhere, this is no more catastrophic than a regular car.

Commissioner Selph said there is currently heavy commercial traffic in the area. I am a ½ mile from the proposed request and I spend ten minutes in the morning and afternoons to get onto the roadway.

Harrison Dean; Traffic Engineer said we studied five intersections, there is no reduction to the level of service, this is not shipping demanded, this actually less. We did a comparison of Quick-Trips and they add over 5000 vehicles per day.

Amira Streeter said the hours of operation is 24/7 but this is not a typical parking lot, the trucks are charging for six hours; the different operation schedule will be staggered.

Commissioner Bruner said what are the drivers doing for six hours?

Amira Streeter said there is a breakroom area in the building.

Josh Yellin said there will be no trailers or chassis.

Commissioner Ashley said you have an existing location that you have referred to; is it in operation?

Amira Streeter said the California location has been operational since September; we are pioneers and filling a gap with multiple pieces falling into place. We are working to expand Arizona.

Commissioner Ashley said are there any special apparatuses for the buildings – what type materials are the roofs?

Amira Streeter said solar roofing. The three operational buildings have fire extinguishers and smoke alarms.

Commissioner Asley said we don't want to take the responsibility of the hazards such as the containment of drainage from washing of batteries on the adjoining property.

Amira Streeter said we want to be good neighbors; we will address concerns with safety and adhere to all regulations. The technology installed is in order to mitigate hazards.

Commissioner Ashley said the betterment of the community is not to have 800 trucks.

Amira Street said this number is for all vehicles; trucks and employee vehicles.

Commissioner Ashley said was a site plan given when the letter was signed off?

Robert Wellmaker replied yes, the site plan is in the packet.

Commissioner Ashley said Mr. Yellin please define how you determined automobile use.

Josh Yellin reads an overview of the ordinance and stated motor vehicles includes all types of vehicles on the road.

Commissioner Bruner said automobiles and trucks are defined; this use does not allow trucks.

Josh Yellin said this was the interpretation of the City Manager. We relied on the information provided when the application was submitted.

Commissioner Selph said the interpretation by Staff is incorrect.

Gwyn Hall; City Councilmember said there has been conversation to create an ordinance for electric vehicles and trucks.

Commissioner Selph said what are the plans for truck washing and stormwater?

Thomas Ashley with Voltera said it will be a dry wash, normal washing – safety drainage is an option – we will look at options as determined by the City.

Commissioner Ashley said what are the use of the buildings?

Thomas Ashley said the front building is for both administrative Staff or for drivers, we do not have a hard head count as this time.

Commissioner Ashley said what would those need to be in the building for, I have a problem voting on a design that is unknown.

Commissioner Bruner asked Robert Wellmaker are you able to repair trucks per section 90-47, # 66 and #66a, #57 and #58?

Denise Grabowski reads an overview of the ordinance and stated these are primary uses.

Robert Wellmaker said this is incidental to the usage.

Commissioner Bruner said the definitions for automobile service and repair; we don't have a permitted use for EV charging facility; an ordinance should have been written.

Robert Wellmaker said I was instructed to find a use to place the request.

Josh Yellin said new uses come in often that are not in the ordinances and Staff has to make a determination.

Acting Chair Perry said the Board is taking this matter very seriously. She then asked for further questions; being none she called for those in opposition.

Don Bethune said I am opposed to the request; this is the wrong location. I am in favor of electric vehicles; this is a stretch that this is a service station. Could someone put electric vehicles within an Enmarket proposal?

Denise Grabowski said based on comments from Council an ordinance may occur.

Richard Lassiter; City Councilman said something of this magnitude needs to be addressed; I am not against EV vehicles but we have to understand this is not a service station.

Andrew Chase Rosen said I am opposed; this is not the proper area for this type development, this is similar to a transformer; this has been hashed out repeatedly. The area needs walkability and safety – need to facilitate pedestrian traffic.

Gwyn Hall said we are in favor of electrical vehicles will need in the future to create for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles.

Commissioner Orrel said the zoning use, pumps and tanks are class 3 – the operation creates congestion across from Sharon Park; these are prohibited uses.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional questions or comments; being none she then called for a motion. Commissioner Orrel made a motion to deny. With no second, Commissioner Orrel retracts the motion.

Commissioner Ashley said the Board has three new members; in my opinion we should table and move to next month and have a workshop with a video of previous cases.

Acting Chair Perry asked for additional questions or comments; being none she then called for a motion. Commissioner Ashley made a motion to table with a workshop. Commissioner Bruner seconds the motion; vote passes with no opposition. Staff agrees to coordinate a workshop date with question submittal for workshop.

PC-3-24-1078: City of Garden City request an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia as amended, to revise Chapter 90, Article VI, pertaining to signs, for the purpose of revising the provisions thereof regarding the limitations, safeguards, and controls for the location of outdoor advertising or separate use signs; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Denise Grabowski gave an overview and staff recommendations. Denise Grabowski talked about changes since the last proposal.

Commissioner Selph mentioned not wanting to limit billboards in commercial areas and that she believes the City is missing revenue opportunities from installs.

Chair Perry asked if there were any additional questions.

Alex Voss from Lamar said that permit fees were roughly ten times what other jurisdictions charge.

Commissioner Orrell asked Commissioner Ashley about his thoughts.

Commissioner Ashley mentioned doing a line-by-line comparison.

Alex Voss stated that every existing billboard would be nonconforming.

Commissioner Bruner asked about the distance from residences that other cities require.

Alex Voss said it often ranges from 200'-500' and talked about modern light mitigation technology.

Commissioner Ashley made comments about ordinance changes.

Denise clarified that this is simply to provide a recommendation to City Council.

Chair Perry asked if the changes are necessary.

Denise said that this is a proposal for City Council for the benefit of the City.

Commissioner Bruner asked how many spaces for new billboards are left.

Alex Voss speculated on some numbers.

Drew Well who lives near Woodlawn spoke and does not like the new billboard at the Chus.

Commissioner Orrel made a motion to table the item, Commissioner Selph seconded. The motion passes with no opposition.

#### Nominations

Commissioner Selph nominated Commissioner Ashley for parliamentarian. No other nominations for this role. Commissioner Ashley wins 7-0.

Commissioner Ashley nominates Commissioner Perry for Vice Chair. No other nominations for this role. Commissioner Perry wins 8-0.

Commissioner Perry nominated Commissioner Bruner for Chair. No other nominations for this role. Commissioner Bruner wins 7-0.

Commissioner Selph gave welcoming remarks to the new members.

Commissioner Perry gave a thank you message to the members, guests, public, elected officials, and staff.

Commissioner Selph made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Orrell seconded. Motions passes with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

TTR and JRT

## **City of Garden City Variance Application**



### **Development Information**

Property Address	the state of the s
4102 4th ST, Garden City, GA 31408	Married and the second and the secon
Address formerly known as 521 Davis A	ove, Garden City, GA 31408
Current Zoning	Current Use
R-2 Residential	vacant lot
Parcel ID	Total Site Acreage
6001906014	0.14
Section of the zoning code from which you are	(1997) (1997)
Bulding Setbacks	Final Juran's
Describe the variance request you are request	ing.
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## **City of Garden City Variance Application**



## **Applicant Information**

Owner		
Name	Address	
Latasha Hall	16 Lazy Hammock Ct, Savannah, GA 31419	
Phone	Email	
912-656-0266	tashahallhouses@yahoo.com	
Nature of Ownership Interest		
Is the Owner an: ■ Individual □ Partnership □ Sole Prop Note: If a corporation, submit a list of officers, directors & ma If a partnership: Submit list of all partners with name, addre	ss and title.	
Engineer/Surveyor		
Company Name	Contact (Individual Name)	
Phone	Email	
Authorized Agent (Requires Authorized Agent Form)	☐ Check here to receive staff review comments via email  Contact (Individual Name)	
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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Garden City Planning Commission & Board of Appeals

From: Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP, Planning Manager Consultant

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Re:** PC-5-24-1085 – 4102 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Application Type	Variance
Case Number	PC-5-24-1085
Applicant	Latasha H <mark>all</mark>
Name of Project	NA
Property Address	4102 4 <sup>th</sup> Street
Parcel IDs	60019 06014
Area of Property	0.14 acre
Current Zoning	R-2 Residential
Current Land Use	Va <mark>cant lot</mark>

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Project Description*: The applicant is requesting a variance from section 90-72 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, which requires a side setback of eight feet. The applicant is requesting a one-foot reduction in the side setback requirement from eight feet to seven feet.

#### **FINDINGS**

Staff has determined this application is complete and contains all the required information. In conformance with the City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance Section 90-213(3), the Board of Appeals may authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the zoning ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter will, in an individual case, result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship. Such variance may be granted in such individual cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship upon a finding by the board of appeals that:

1. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography;

This is a narrow lot (40' wide) located in Rossignol Hill.



- 2. The application of this chapter to this particular piece of property would create practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship;
  - The current zoning ordinance does not account for the narrow lots in this neighborhood, which were largely platted prior to the adoption of the ordinance.
- 3. Conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and Yes.
- 4. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of this chapter.
  - Approval of the variance would not be a detriment to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of this chapter.

#### **ACTIONS**

The Planning Commission shall take one of the following formal actions:

- Approve the variance as presented;
- ii. Approve the variance with modifications or conditions, in conformance with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance;
- iii. Defer action of the variance upon motion of the Planning Commission or at the request of the applicant. The applicant may revise the proposal based on the comments at the meeting and resubmit it for formal action at a future meeting; or
- iv. Deny the variance as presented.

#### RECOMMENDATION

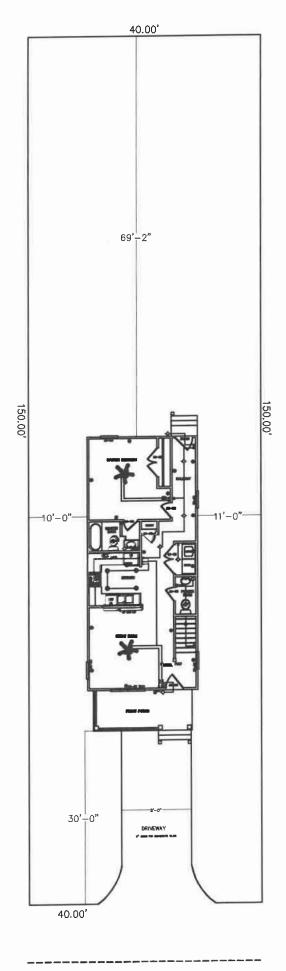
**Approval** of the variance for application PC-5-24-1085.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

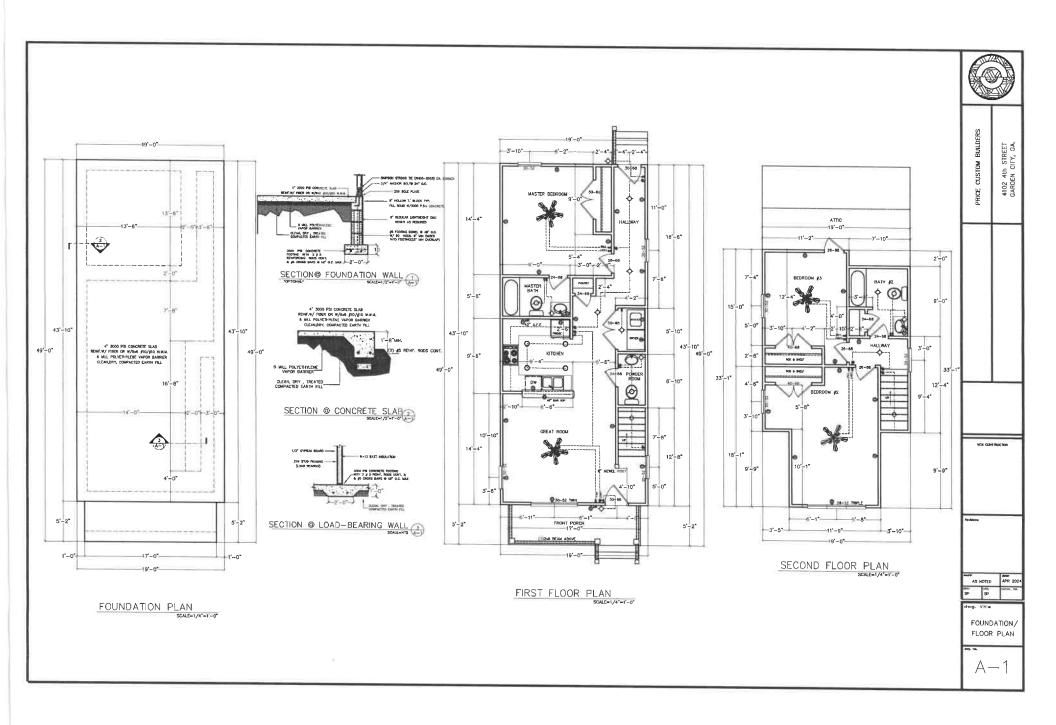
I move to approve the variance for application PC-5-24-1085.

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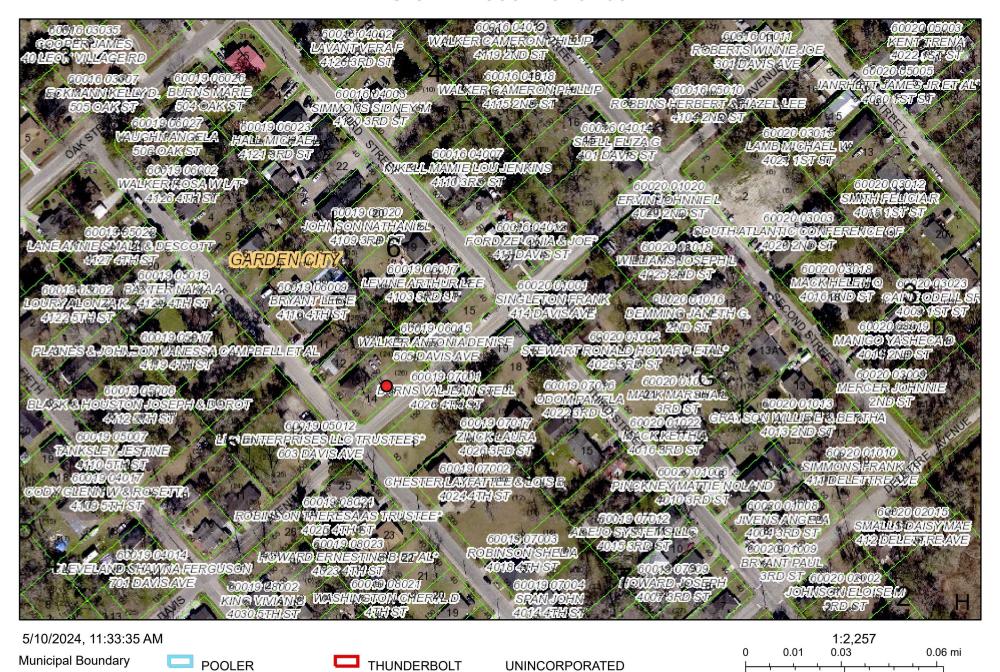
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4102 4th STREET
PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT



#### PC-5-24-1085: Variance



Owner, PIN and Address Labels

Property Boundaries (Parcels)

TYBEE ISLAND

VERNONBURG

BLOOMINGDALE PORT WENTWORTH

SAVANNAH

**GARDEN CITY** 

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## **City of Garden City Rezoning Application**



## **Development Information**

Development Name (If applicable)	
Colonial Transportation Solutions Fleet Maintenance Facility	
Property Address	
1580 Dean Forest Rd, Savannah, GA 31408	
Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning
P-C-2A	I-1
Current Use	Proposed Use
Fueling Station/Office	Fueling Station/Office/Fleet Maintenance
Parcel ID	Total Site Acreage
60988 02018	3.85
Proposed Water Supply	Proposed Sewage Disposal
■ Public □ Private	■ Public □ Private
Describe the current use of the property you wish to rezone, inclu	ding property characteristics (developed, wooded, cleared, etc.)
Corporate fueling with a small office, vacant property in the rear.	
	,
Describe the use that you propose to make of the land after rezon	ing
Continue providing corporate fueling, expanded office space prov	ide truck lieet maintenance.
Describe the uses of the other property in the vicinity of the property	erty you wish to rezone
Auto parts store, motorcycle repair service, auto mart, container storage	e, guns and ammunition store, sign company, mobile home park
	,
Describe how your rezoning proposal will allow a use that is suital	ple in view of the uses and development of adjacent and nearby
property	
The desired use after rezoning is compatible with the uses and de	evelopment of adjacent and nearby properties.
Will the proposed zoning change result in a use of the property, w streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools? Describe the	
No, access point will remain on Dean Forest Rd.	
Please provide any additional information that you deem relevant	
The maintenance and repair service is only for Colonial Group.	

## **City of Garden City Rezoning Application**



## **Applicant Information**

Owner				
Name	Address			
Shannon Bradley	2112 Ran	kin St, Savannah, GA 31415		
Phone	Email			
912-236-1331	sbradle	sbradley@colonialgroupinc.com		
Nature of Ownership Interest				
Note: If a corporation, submit a list of officers, directly a partnership: Submit list of all partners with nar	me, address and title.	ress and title.		
		ceive staff review comments via email		
Company Name	Contact (Individual Name	e)		
Coleman Company, Inc.		Charles Singleton		
Phone	Email			
912.200.3041		ngleton@cci-sav.com		
Authorized Agent (Requires Authorized Agent For		ceive staff review comments via email		
Company Name	Contact (Individual Name	e)		
Coleman Company, Inc.		Scott Allison		
Phone	Email			
912.200.3041		sallison@cci-sav.com		
Campaign Contribution				
List below the names of local government officials, years immediately preceding the filing of this applic made having a total value of \$250.00 or more.				
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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Garden City Planning Commission & Board of Appeals

From: Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP, Planning Consultant

**Date:** May 8, 2024

Re: PC-5-24-1084- 1580 Dean Forest Road

Application Type	Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)
Case Number	, ,
	PC-5-24-1084
Applicant	Shannon Bradley
Name of Project	Colonial Transportation Solutions Fleet Maintenance Facility
Property Address	1580 Dean Forest Road
Parcel ID	60988 02018
Area of Property	3.85 acres
Existing Zoning	P-C-2A
Existing Land Use	Fueling station/Office
Proposed Zoning	I-1
Proposed Land Use	Fueling station/Office/Fleet Maintenance
Comp Plan – Future Land Use	Commercial

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Project Description*: Continue providing corporate fueling, expanded office space, and truck maintenance for the company's fleet.

#### **FINDINGS**:

Staff has determined this application is complete and contains all the required information. In conformance with the City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance Section 90-201(c), the following factors are to be considered for a rezoning request:

1. Is this request a logical extension of a zoning boundary which would improve the pattern of uses in the general area?

This property is located on the border of the City of Garden City with the City of Savannah across Dean Forest Road. Adjacent parcel uses and zoning:

North – Motorcycle repair shop and sign business – zoned C-2A

South: Office, zoned C-2A

East – Mobile home park, zoned I-1;

West – Undeveloped, zoned I-2 and C-2 (City of Savannah).



2. Is this spot zoning and generally unrelated to either existing zoning or the pattern of development of the area?

The properties along Dean Forest Road, within Garden City, are predominantly zoned C-2A. There are several parcels just south of the subject property zoned I-1 along Dean Forest and properties just north of the subject property are zoned I-2.

- 3. Could traffic created by the proposed use or other uses permissible under the zoning sought traverse established single-family neighborhoods on minor streets, leading to congestion, noise and traffic hazards?
  - The subject property is already in use for truck fueling. The size of the parcel limits the scale of the proposed maintenance building and office building. The property is accessed directly from Dean Forest Road, so no impacts are anticipated on minor streets.
- 4. Will this request place irreversible limitations or cause material detriment on the area similarly zoned as it is or on future plans for it?

  The character of this area is predominately heavy commercial and light industrial. The property to the east of the subject parcel is zoned I-1, but is residential in use (mobile home park). Staff recommends the rezoning is conditioned on retaining the existing vegetation on the eastern edge of the property line and adding a fence.
- 5. Is there an imminent need for the rezoning and is the property likely to be used for the use requested?

  The property, if rezoned, will continue to be used by Colonial Oil group.
- 6. Would the proposed use precipitate similar requests which would generate or accelerate adverse land use changes in the zone or neighborhood?

  The rezoning of this property is not anticipated to have significant impacts.
- 7. Such other matters as the Planning Commission deems relevant.

  This rezoning request is not fully consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Future Land Use Map indicates this area as Commercial to Louisville Road. However, the current development pattern between the subject property and Louisville Road is already industrial.



#### **ACTIONS**

The Planning Commission shall take one of the following formal actions:

- Recommend approval of the proposed zoning decision as presented;
- ii. Recommend approval of the proposed zoning decision with modifications or conditions;
- iii. Defer action of the proposed zoning decision upon motion of the Planning Commission or at the request of the applicant. The applicant may revise the proposal based on the comments at the meeting and resubmit it for formal action at a future meeting; or
- iv. Recommend denial of the proposed zoning decision.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Approval** of the rezoning request from Heavy Commercial (C-2) to Industrial (I-1) with the condition that the existing buffer on the eastern property line remains intact and fenced.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move to recommend the **approval** of rezoning application PC 5-14-1077 to the City Council, with the condition that the existing buffer on the eastern property line remains intact and fenced.

#### Note:

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# Project Narrative For Colonial Group Property Rezoning March 21, 2024

Prepared By: Coleman Company, Inc.

1480 Chatham Parkway Suite 100

Savannah, GA 31405

912.200.3041

CCI # 23-430.00

Submitted To: City of Garden City

Department of Planning and Economic Development

100 Central Avenue

Garden City, GA 31405

Request: Rezoning/Map Amendment

Owner/Petitioner: Colonial Group, Inc.

2112 Rankin St

Savannah, GA 31415

Property Address: 1580 Dean Forest Rd

Garden City, GA 31408

PIN: 60988 02018

#### 1.0 Introduction

The subject property totals 3.85 acres in size and is located at 1580 Dean Forest Road. The parcel is currently zoned for P-C-2A with frontage along Dean Forest Road and utilized for fleet fueling and office. The adjacent property to the north is zoned P-C-2A with a current function as a motorcycle repair shop and sign business. The adjacent properties to the south include an office building zoned P-C-2A and open land for shipping container storage zoned I-1. The adjacent property to the east is zoned I-1 and currently functions as a mobile home community. The western properties across Dean Forest Road include two parcels zoned I-2 and C-2 that are pending further development. Ultimately, the property owner of 1580 Dean Forest Road would like to rezone the subject parcel to I-1 in order to provide maintenance services to their truck fleet while continuing to provide corporate fueling and maintain the on-site office location.

#### 2.0 Rezoning/Zoning Map Amendment Request



Current Garden City Zoning: P-C-2A (Planned Commercial With Alcoholic Sales)

Based on review of the criteria for enactment in the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, the proposed rezoning meets the criteria for decision making on rezonings in every category.

The subject property is connected to two separate I-1 zoned parcels, is facing an I-2 parcel across Dean Forest Road, and adjacent to the northern property which functions as automotive repair. The parcel possesses an equivalent functionality that blends in seamlessly with the surrounding land use and zoning. There is no indication that rezoning this property would in any

way inhibit traffic and create congestion within local residential communities. This request will not cause any material detriment to the subject parcel or surrounding parcels, as the proposed use after rezoning fits the current standard of Garden City's industrial use code. There is an imminent need for the rezoning to accommodate Colonial Group's business functionality. The proposed use would not create an acceleration of a variety of land use changes in the neighborhood.

#### 3.0 Conclusion

In conclusion, after demonstrating how the rezoning request is consistent with the Garden City criteria for decision making for map amendments, we respectfully request approval of the rezoning of 1580 Dean Forest Road from P-C-2A (Commercial) to I-1 (Industrial) zoning district for the future intended use of providing truck fleet maintenance, to coincide with the existing corporate fleet fueling and office uses.

Thank you,

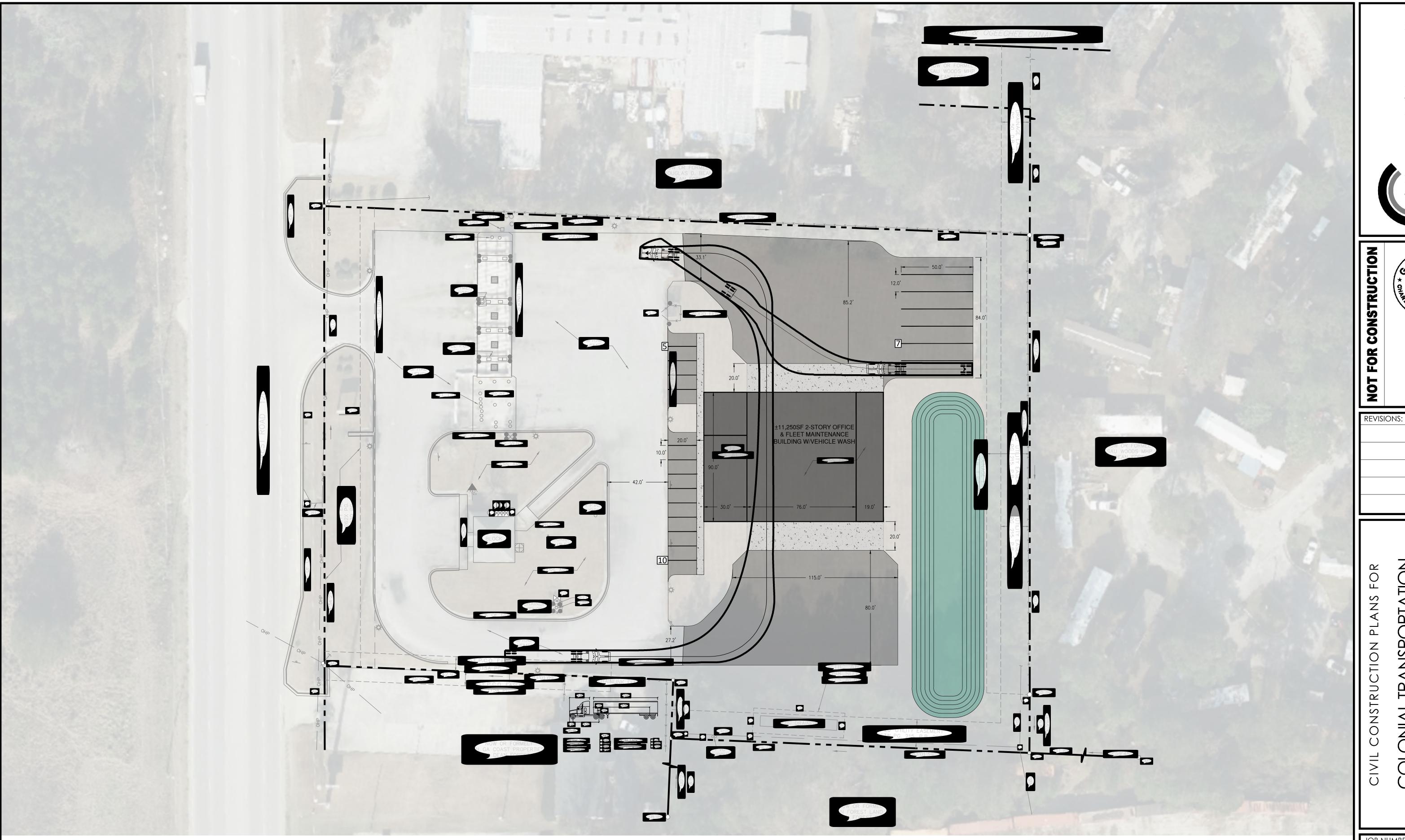
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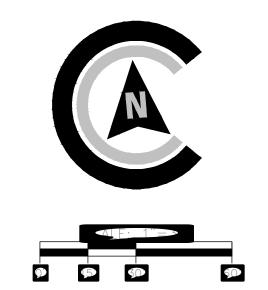
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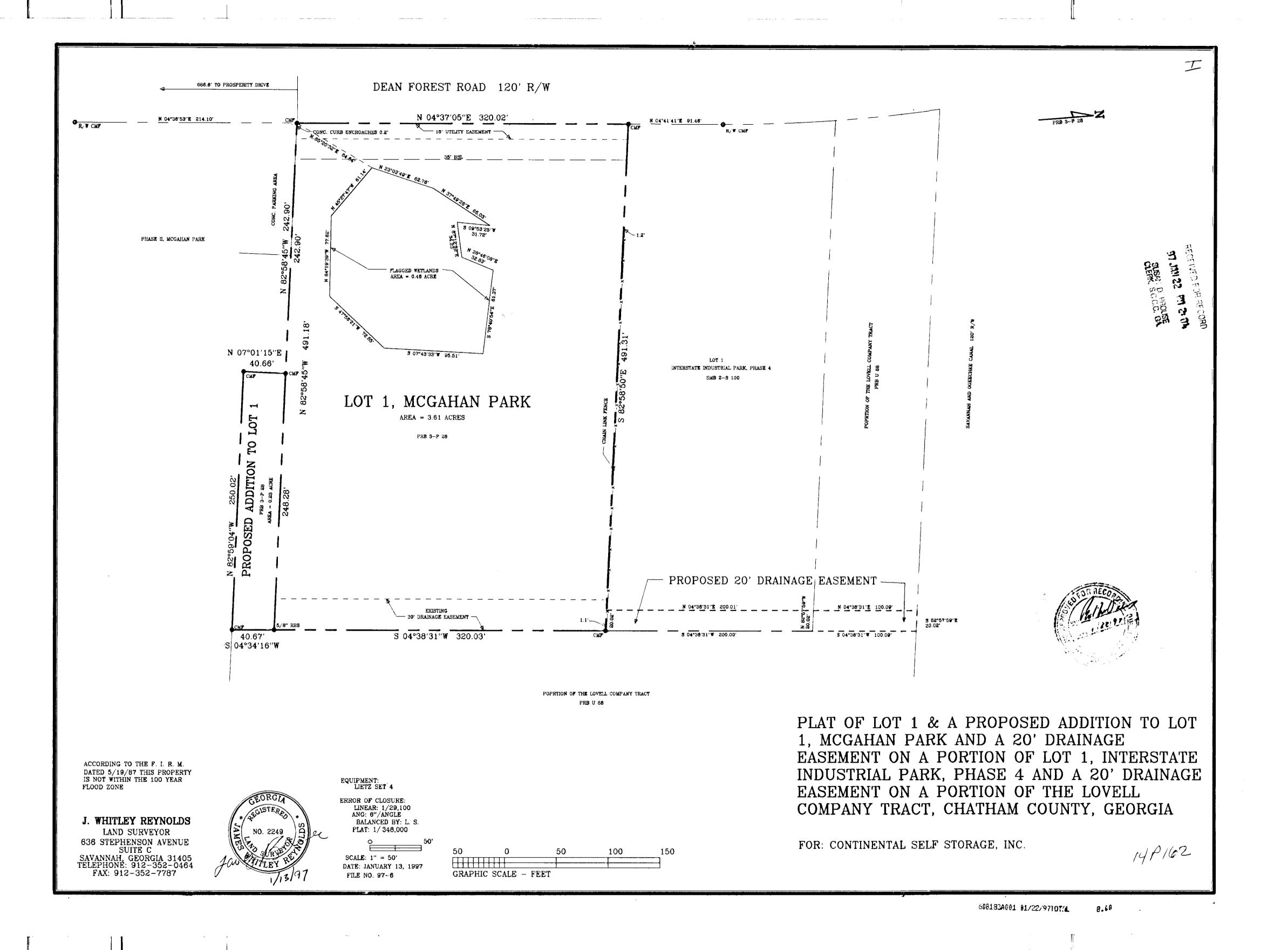
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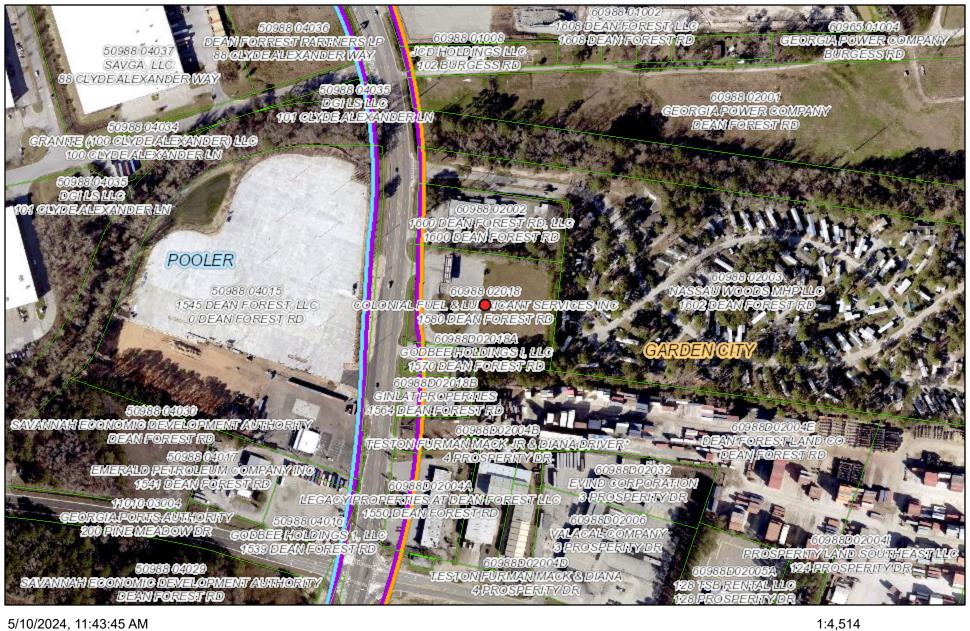
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DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S CREDENTIALS:

ENGINEER'S NAME (PRINTED): CHARLES C. SINGLETON, PE
GEORGIA PE NUMBER: 033676
GSWCC LEVEL II CERTIFICATION NUMBER: 12472



## PC-5-24-1084: Rezoning





## **City of Garden Site Plan Application**



## **Development Information**

Development Name				
Voltera - EV Charging Facility				
Property Address				
2301 West US Highway 80				
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Phased development?		If yes, indicate prop	osed number of phase	25:
■ Yes □ No		2		
Parcel ID	Total Site Acreage		Zoning	
60881-04001	7.92		C-2	
Project Description	7.02		102	
Service station (electric fleet vehicles)	1			
Water Supply		Sewage Disposal		
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Applicant Information				
Owner				
Name		Address		
SAVANNAH EV HOLDI	NGSTLC	230	01 West US Highw	vav 80
Phone		Email	31 1100t 00 1 mg/m	tay oo
		astreeter@v	olterapower.com	
Engineer/Surveyor	me as authorized agen		to receive staff review	comments via email
Company Name		Contact (Individual N	lame)	
Kimley-Horn		Jeffrey Sallee		
Phone		Email		
757-213-8635		jeffrey.sallee@k	kimlee-horn.com	
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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Garden City Planning Commission & Board of Appeals

From: Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP, Planning Manager Consultant

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Re:** PC 2304 – 2202-2205 US Highway 80

Application Type	General Development Plan
Case Number	PC 2304
Applicant	Joshua Ye <mark>llin</mark>
Name of Project	Voltera EV Fleet Charging Hub
Property Address	2301 US Highway 80
Parcel IDs	60881 04001
Area of Property	7.91 acres
Current Zoning	C-2, Commercial
Proposed Land Use	Service station for electric fleet vehicles

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Project Description*: The applicant is proposing to develop a state-of-the-art electric vehicle (EV) charging facility with 127 truck charging stalls and 127 vehicle parking stalls, 4,800 square-foot operations building, and 4,500 square-foot maintenance building.

Additional Background: A general development plan for this proposed development was presented to the Planning Commission on May 9, 2023. PC 3-24-1076 is a new application. The layout is the same as previously presented with the additional clarifying note added to the plans (see note 8, pages 3 and 4):

- 8. FACILITY SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE FOLLOWING USES:
  - 8.1. TRUCK ASSEMBLY
  - 8.2. DISPATCHING
  - 8.3. LOADING/UNLOADING OF TRUCKS
  - 8.4. STORAGE OF GOODS
  - 8.5. CONTAINER STORAGE

#### **FINDINGS**

Staff has determined this application is complete and contains all the required information. In conformance with the City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance Section 90-48, the following factors are to be considered for a General Development Plan review:



- 1. Proposed uses and overall development plan
  - This facility is the first of its kind in the area and will provide charging facilities for electric vehicles and trucks. The project is proposed for development in two phases. The first phase will include both buildings, passenger vehicle parking, and 37 truck charging stations. The second phase will add an additional 90 truck charging stations.
- 2. Façade elevation plan indicating building orientation and scale; exterior construction materials, including texture and color; roof shape, window and door openings, porches, and balconies; architectural style or structure and the facade architectural treatment. The operations building will be located adjacent to US Highway 80 and features metal and spandrel panels with storefront glazing (windows). A smaller maintenance facility is located adjacent to the western property line and will be constructed of masonry.
- 3. Fences, landscaping, and buffers.
  - The perimeter of the site will be surrounded by 8' wrought iron fencing. A black chain-link fence will be located around the truck charging stations. The required landscape buffer along US Highway 80, as well as tree islands in the parking lot, will be provided. A 25' landscape buffer is also required along the southern property line. The plans include a note that states the site, buffer, and parking lot landscaping will be designed in compliance with the City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance.
- 4. Driveway and parking orientation, in keeping with the established character in the area. Site access is provided via US Highway 80, with the addition of a right-hand deceleration lane on US Highway 80. The site is designed to separate passenger vehicles from trucks immediately after entering the site.
- 5. Scale, design, and location of exterior signs. Special sign restrictions may be required based on the location and character of the development and surrounding area.

  A monument sign will be provided adjacent to US Highway 80. Signage shall comply with the City of Garden City ordinances and will require a sign permit.

The applicant has provided the required information.

#### **ACTIONS**

The Planning Commission shall take one of the following formal actions:

- i. Approve the general development plan as presented;
- ii. Approve the general development plan with modifications or conditions. The Planning Commission may impose conditions and restrictions so long as the intent of the Zoning Ordinance is carried out and the zoning district regulations established herein are not varied so as to make them less restrictive. The Planning Commission shall specifically state the requirements that must be met before an applicant may be granted final site plan approval;
- iii. Defer action on the general development plan upon motion of the Planning Commission or at the request of the applicant. The applicant may revise the proposal based on the comments at the meeting and resubmit it for formal action at a future meeting; or
- iv. Deny the general development plan based upon the findings that the proposed plan fails to comply with the requirements for approval.



#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Approval** of the General Development Plan as presented.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

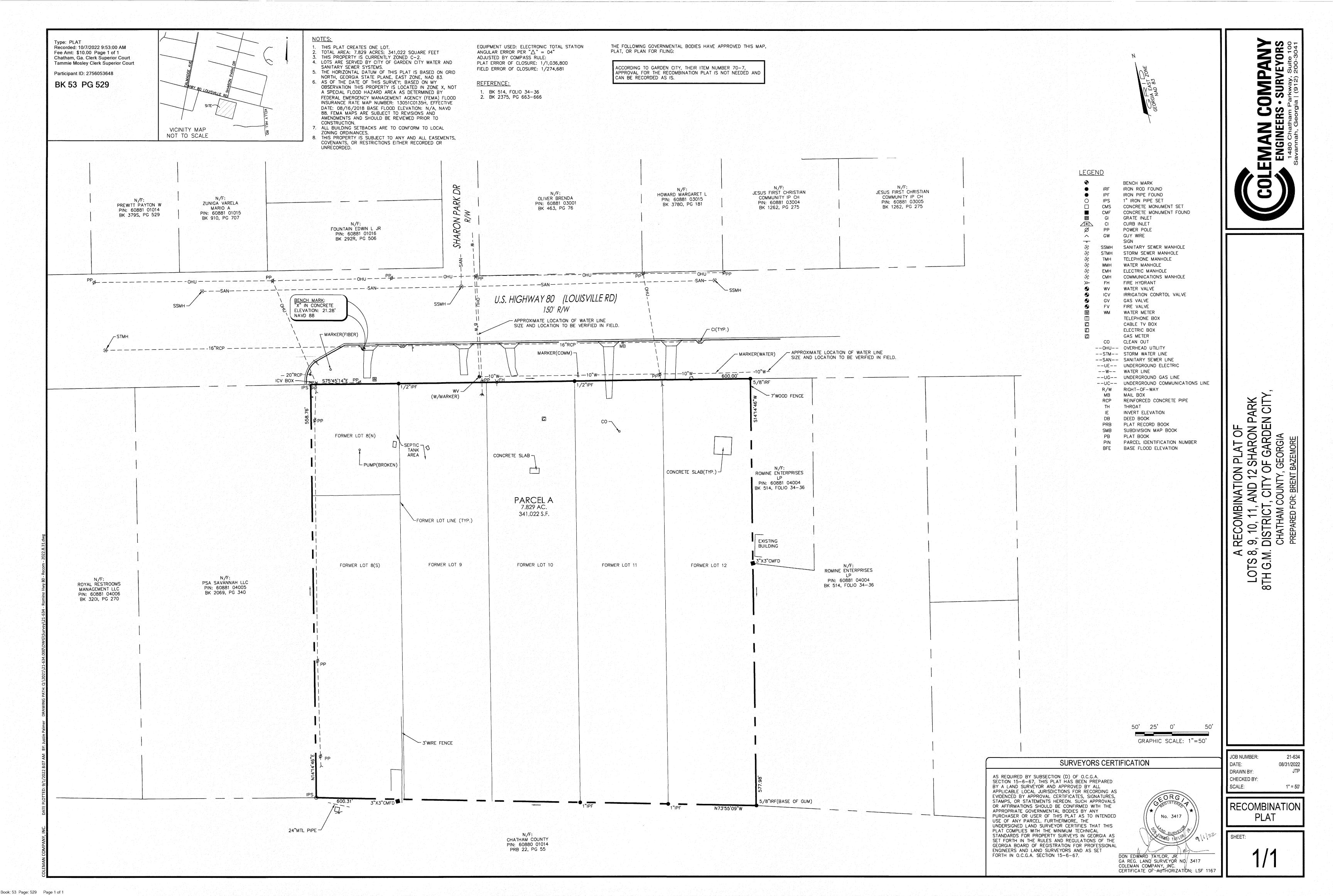
I move to recommend the **approval** of the general development plan for PC 3-24-1076.

#### Note:

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## SITE PLAN APPLICATION PLANS

FOR



# VOLTERA EV FLEET CHARGING FACILITY

2303 US HIGHWAY 80 GARDEN CITY, GA 31408 CITY OF GARDEN CITY

CONSOLIDATED PARCELS: 6-0880-01-012, 6-0880-01-013, 6-0881-04-001, 6-0881-04-002, 6-0881-04-003, 6-0881-04-004

**APPLICANT:** 

VOLTERA POWER, LLC CONTACT: PETER THOMAS PHONE: (513) 221-9761

EMAIL: PTHOMAS@VOLTERAPOWER.COM

**PROPERTY OWNER:** SAVANNAH EV HOLDINGS, LLC

CONTACT: PETER THOMAS PHONE: (513) 221-9761 PTHOMAS@VOLTERAPOWER.COM

**PROJECT TEAM** 

**LOCATION MAP** 

CONTACT: DEAN APOSTOLERIS PHONE: (914) 368-9199 EMAIL: DEAN.APOSTOLERIS@KIMLEY-HORN.COM

**PROGRAM MANAGER:** KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

CONTACT: JEFFREY SALLEE, P.E. PHONE: (757) 213-8635

EMILY.OLOUGHLIN@MG2.COM

**MECHANICAL ENGINEER:** KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC. CONTACT: MICHAEL STREICH MIKÉ.STREICH@KIMLEY-HORN.COM

**ARCHITECT:** 

CONTACT: EMILY O'LOUGHLIN

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CONTACT: BRIAN CLOUSER, P.E.

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEER:** 

KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

PHONE: (703) 564-8484

**CIVIL ENGINEER:** 

PHONE: (912) 328-4448

**SURVEYOR:** 

JAMES M. ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. CONTACT: MATT ANDERSON, PLS

**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER:** TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.

CONTACT: GUOMING LIN, P.E. PHONE: (912) 200-9114 GUOMING.LIN@TERRACON.COM

EMAIL: KERRI.DOYLE@TERRACON.COM

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. CONTACT: KERRI DOYLE

PHONE: (912) 200-9109

ALL WORK AND MATERIALS SHALL BE PERFORMED AND INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT EDITIONS OF THE BUILDING/ DWELLING, STRUCTURAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES NOTHING IN THESE PLANS IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED TO PERMIT WORK NOT CONFORMING TO THE LOCAL

GOVERNING AUTHORITIES CODES.

**CODE BLOCK** 

**VICINITY MAP** 

THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO DEVELOP A STATE-OF-THE ART, ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING
FACILITY FOR FREIGHT VEHICLE FLEET OPERATION AND CHARGING. A TOTAL OF 127 CHARGING STALLS
ARE PROVIDED FOR CLASS 8 TRUCKS WITH A 1:1 RATIO OF PASSENGER VEHICLE PARKING STALLS. A
PROPOSED 4,800 SQUARE-FOOT OPERATIONS BUILDING WILL SERVE THE FACILITY WITH INTERIOR OFFICE
SPACE, IN ADDITION TO A 4,500 SQUARE-FOOT MAINTENANCE BUILDING WITH 3 TRUCK BAYS.

C-2.0	EXISTING CONDITIONS
C-3.0	CIVIL LAYOUT PLAN - PHASE 1
C-3.1	CIVIL LAYOUT PLAN - PHASE 2

**SHEET TITLE** 

**COVER SHEET** 

**SHEET NUMBER** 

OLD LOUISVILLE RD SITE TELFAIR PI

**US HIGHWAY 80 GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET** 

**PROJECT NARRATIVE** 

	ES-1.0	SITE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT LAYOUT - PHASE 1
	ES-1.1	SITE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT LAYOUT - PHASE 2
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	M-1.2	MAINTENANCE BUILDING MECHANICAL PLAN - LEVEL 1
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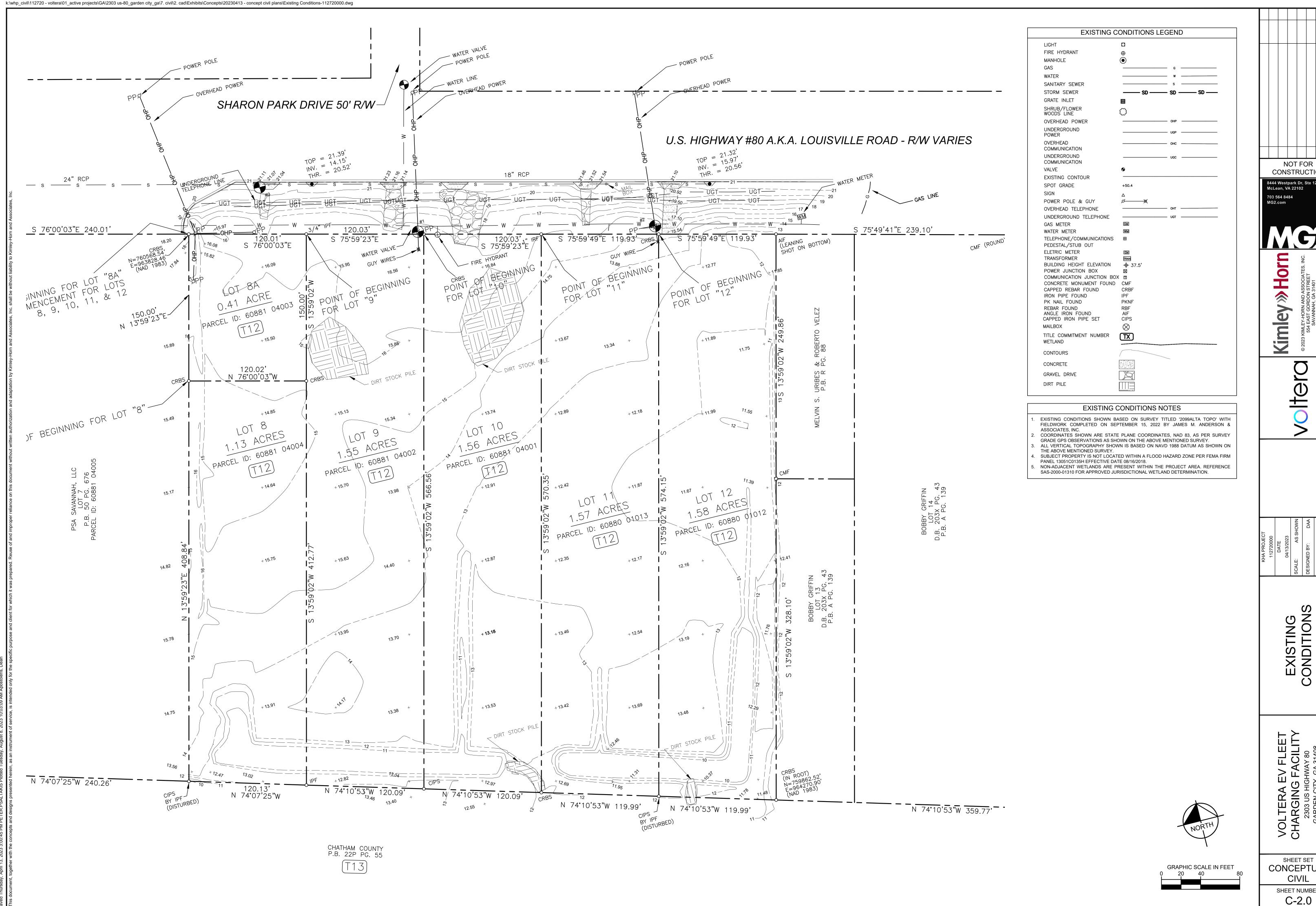
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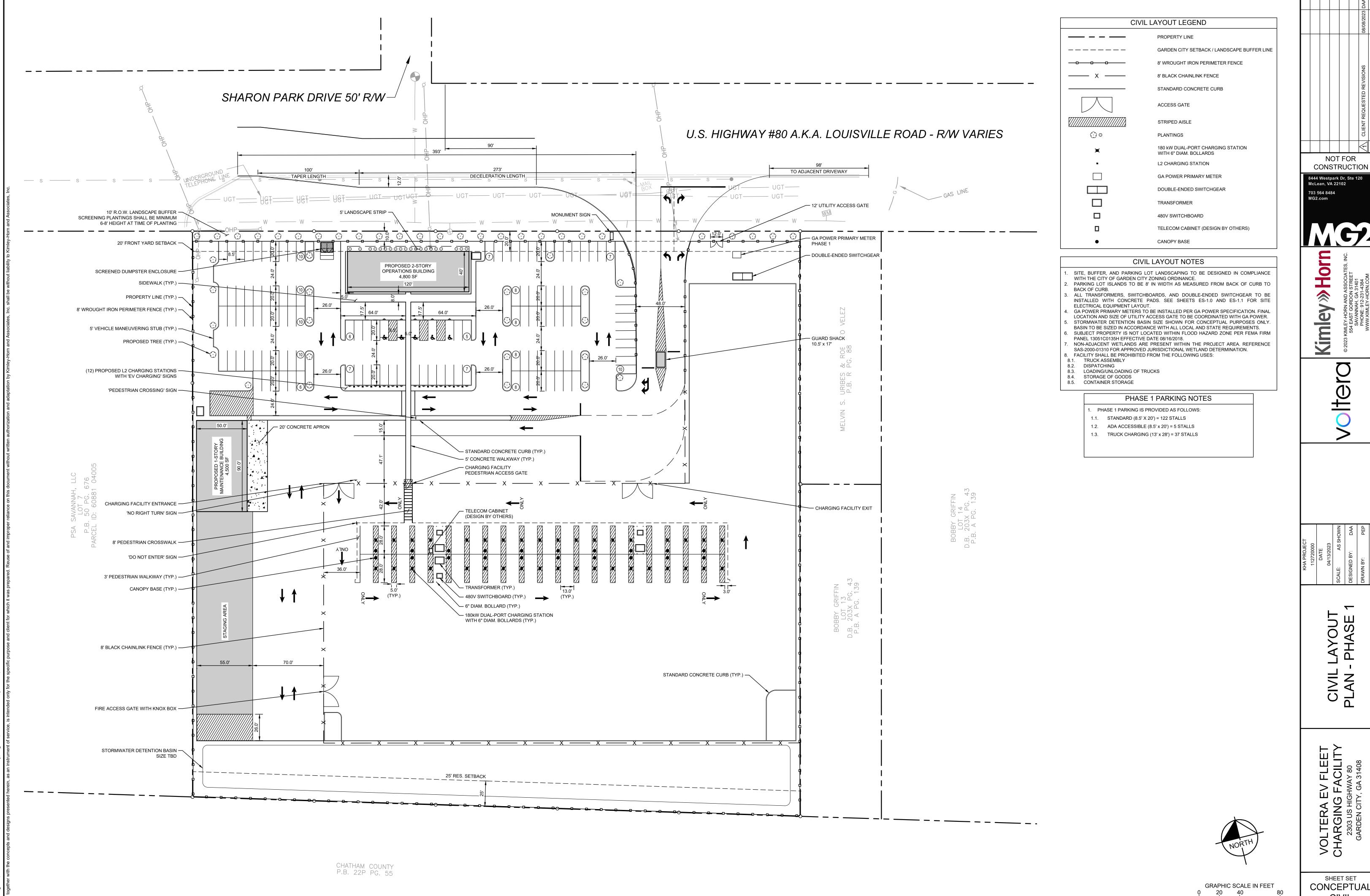


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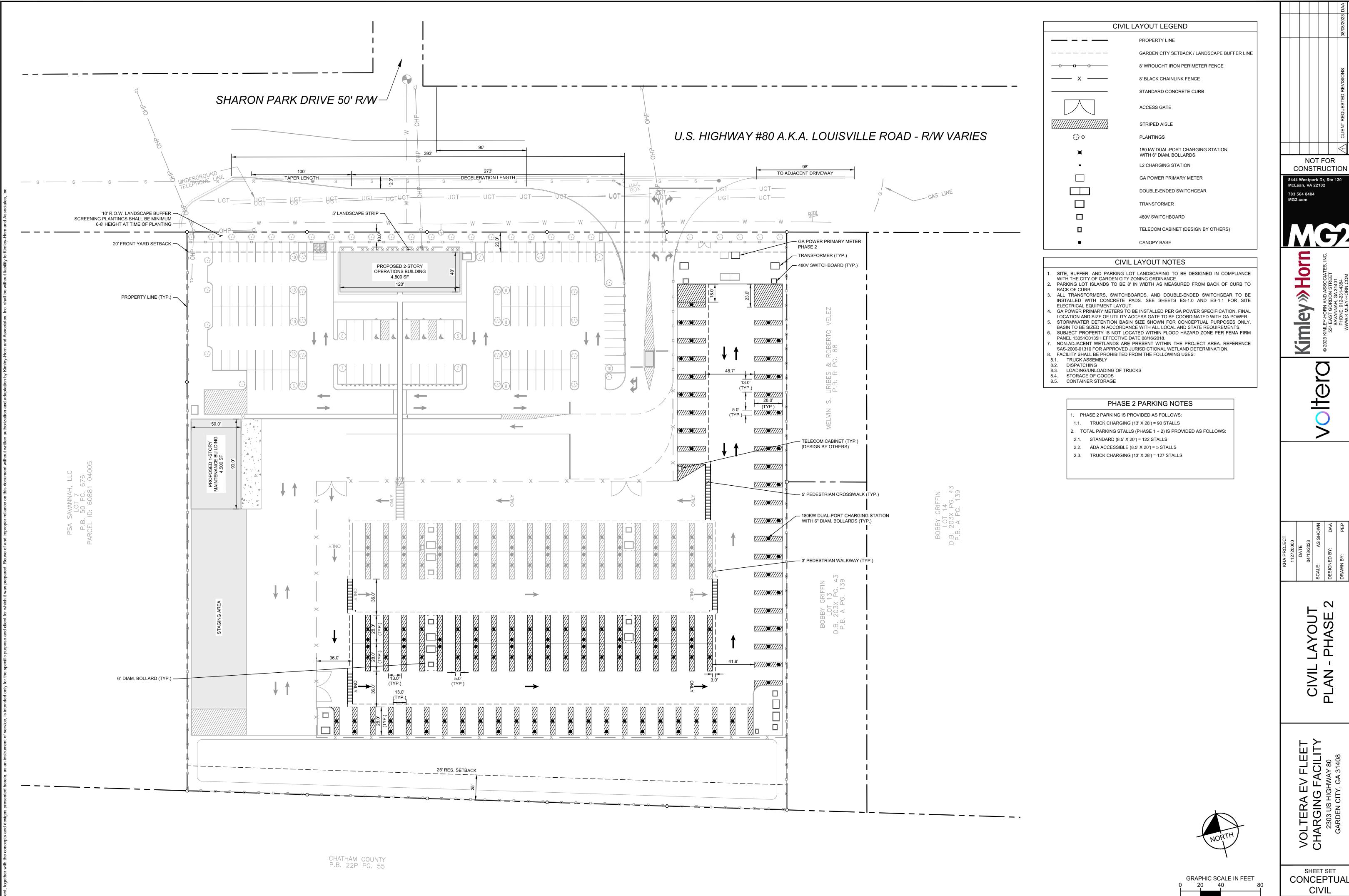


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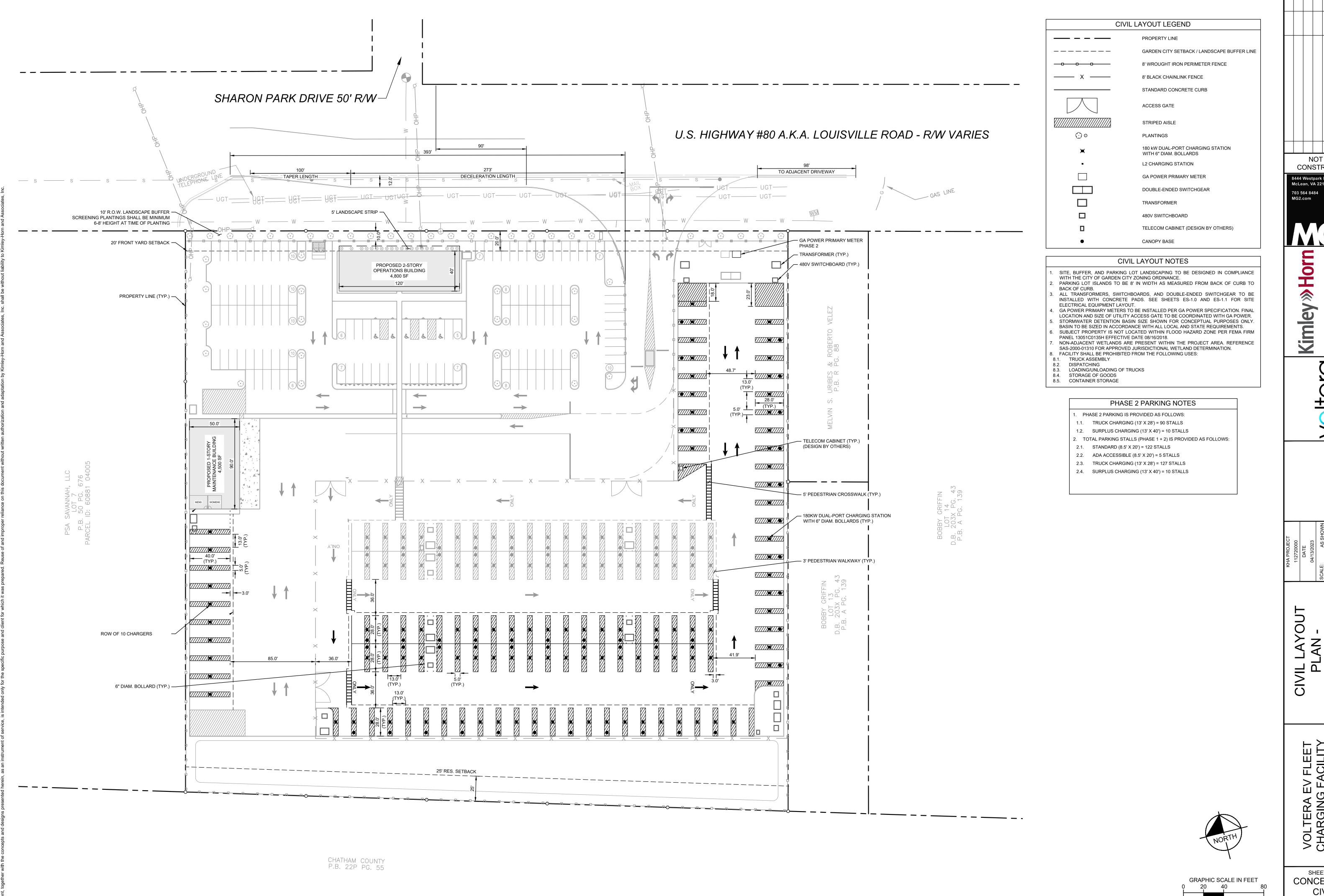


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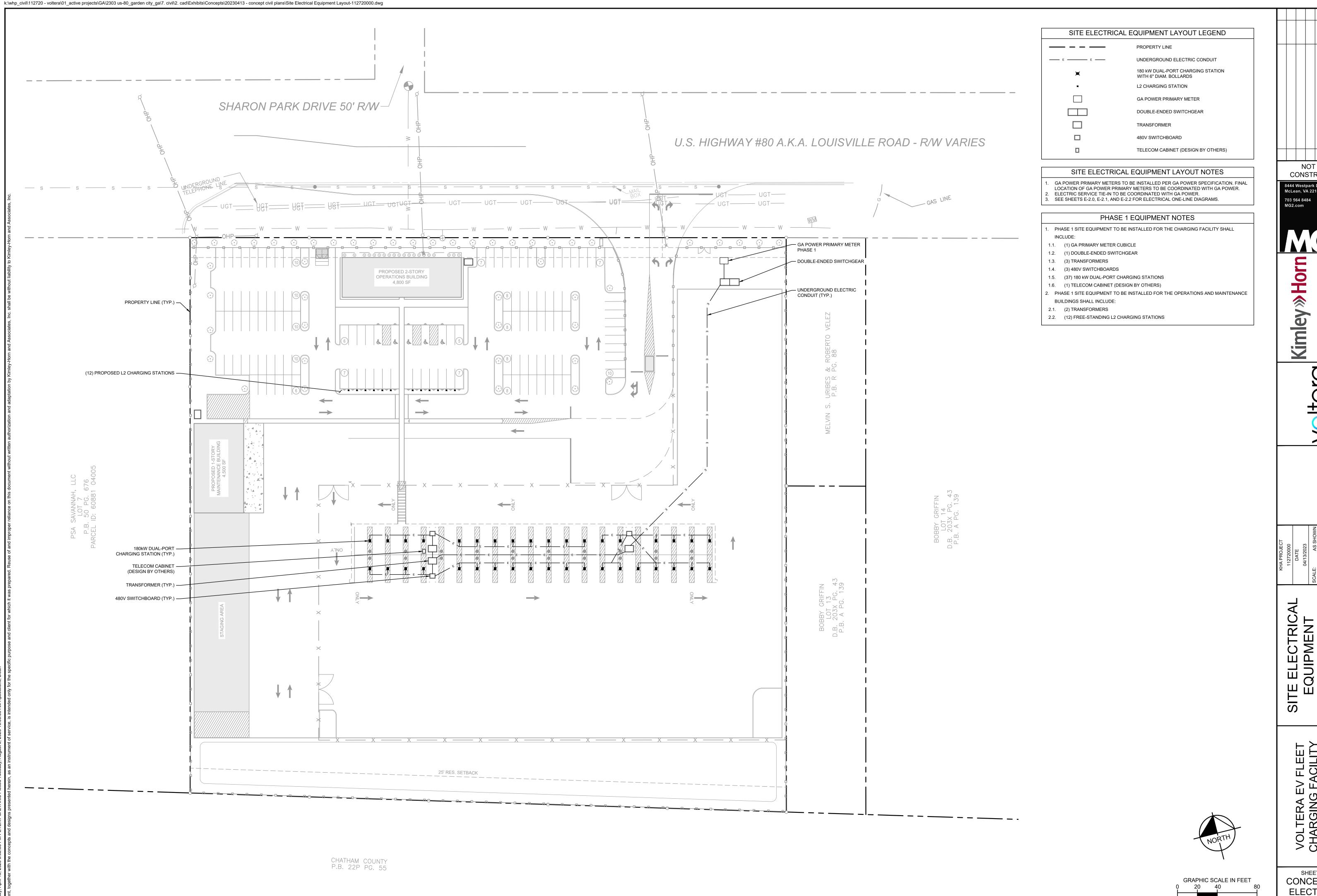


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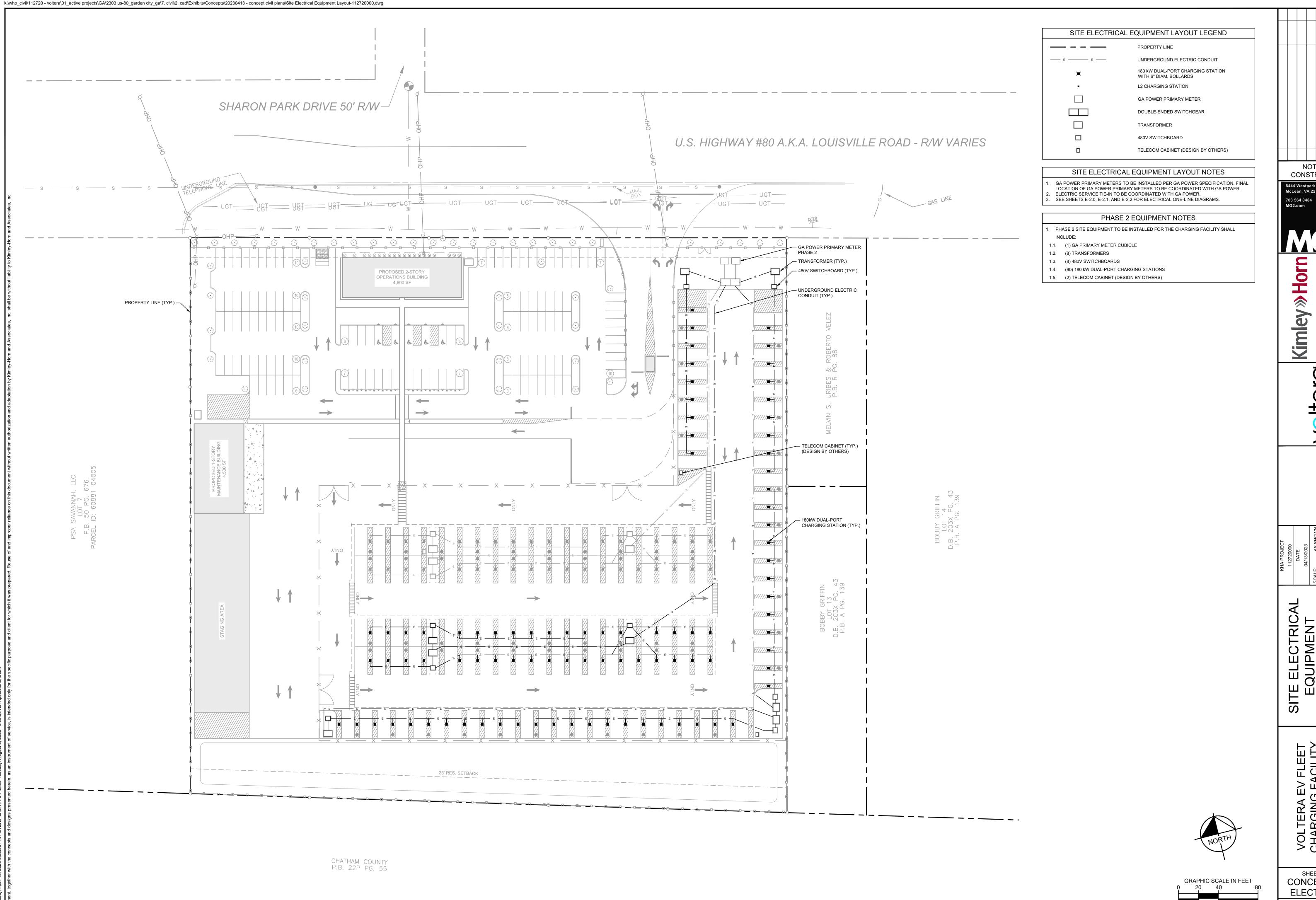
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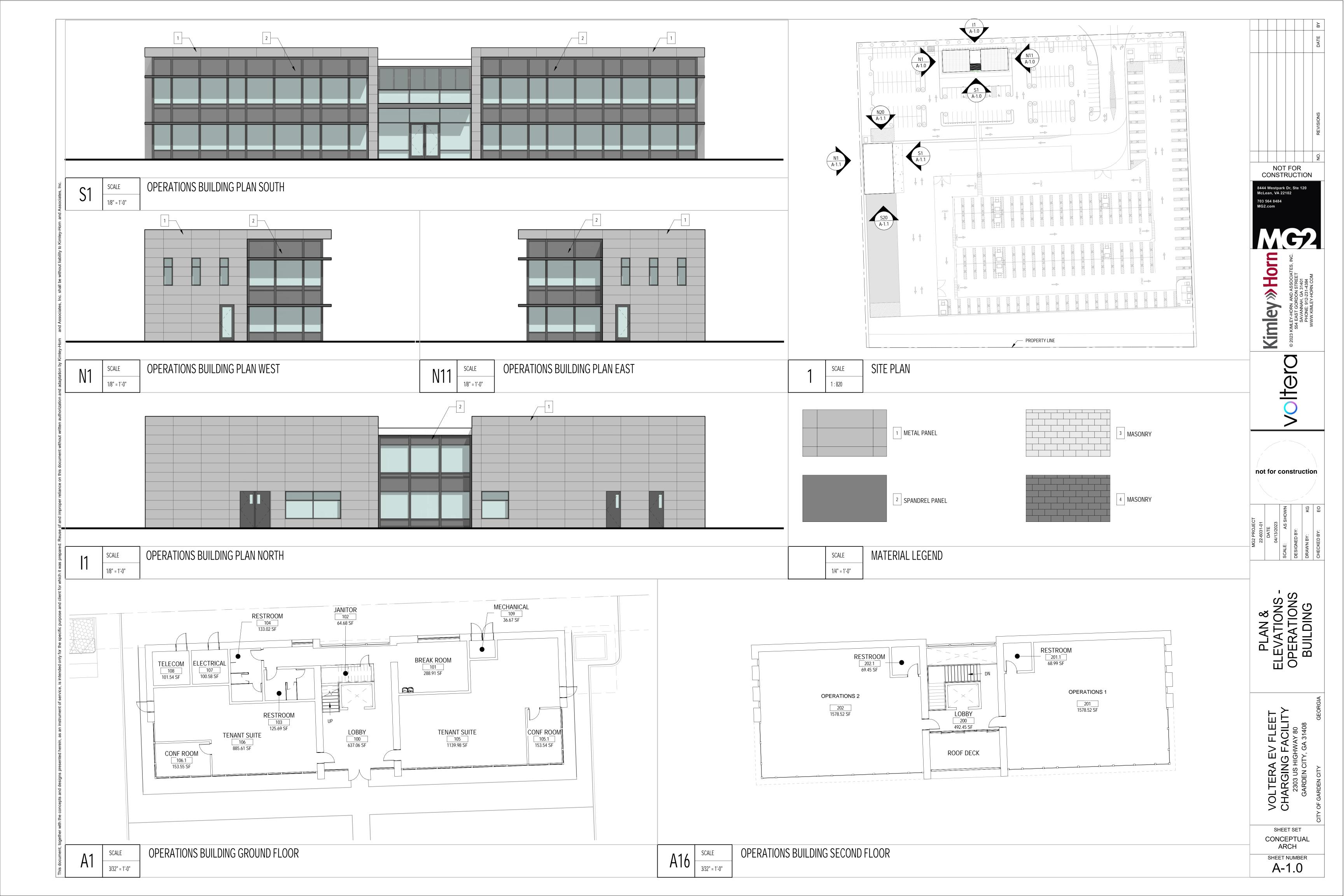
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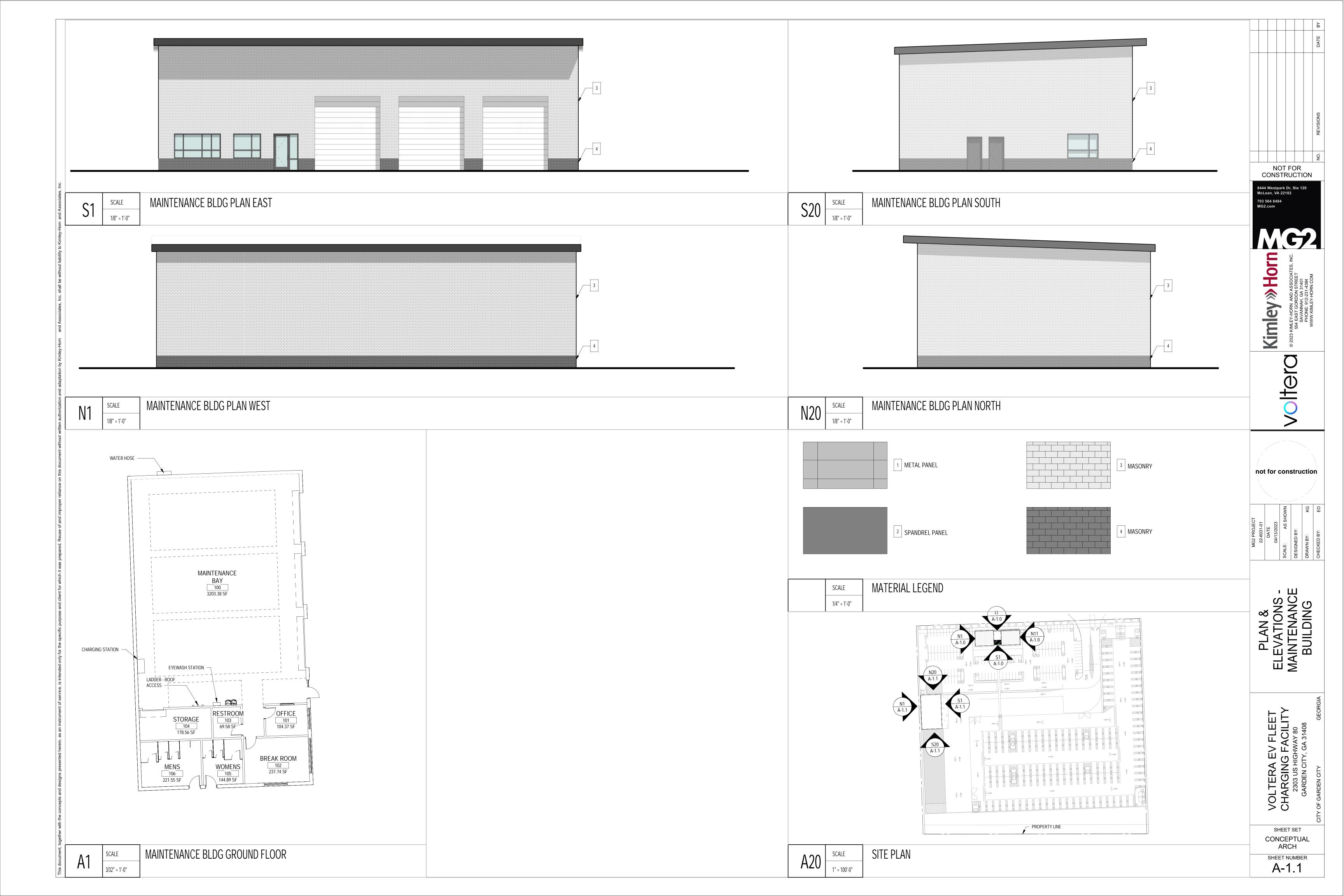
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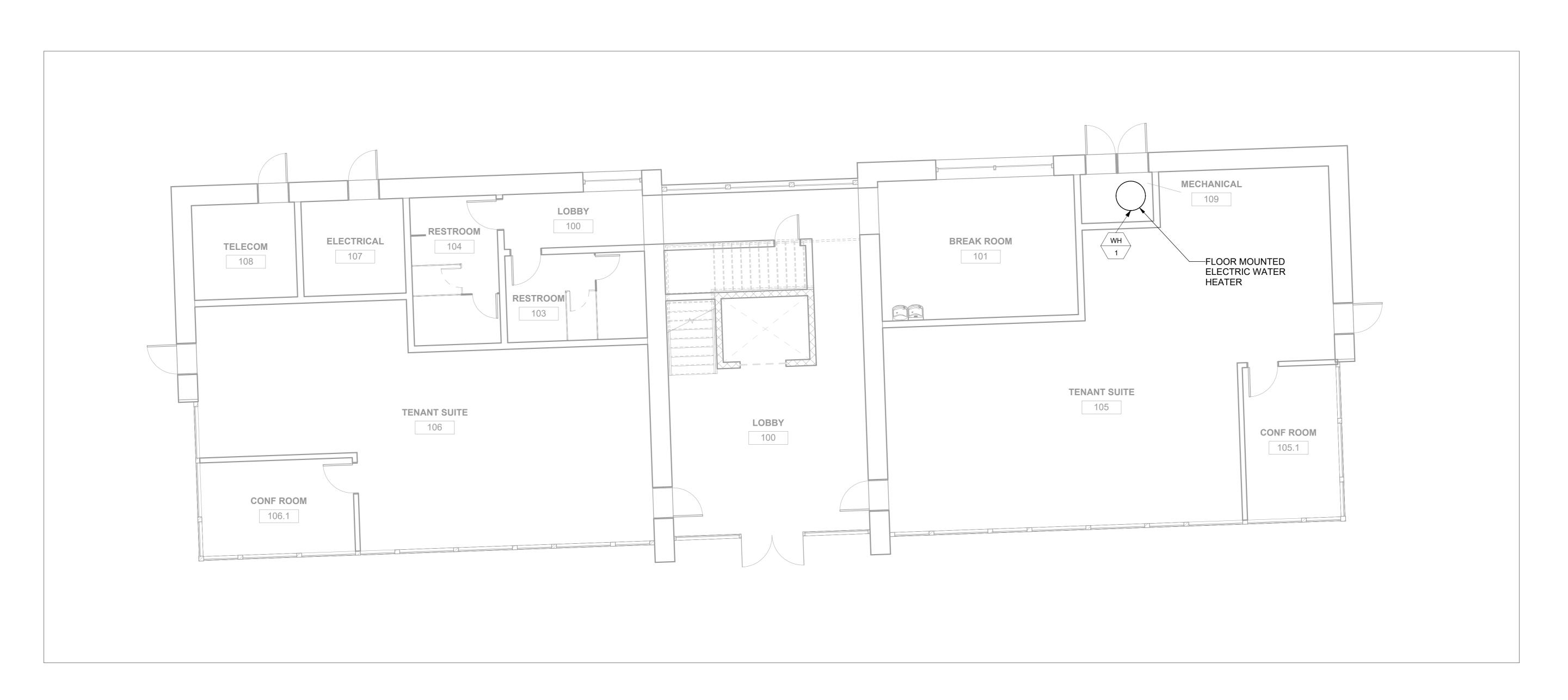
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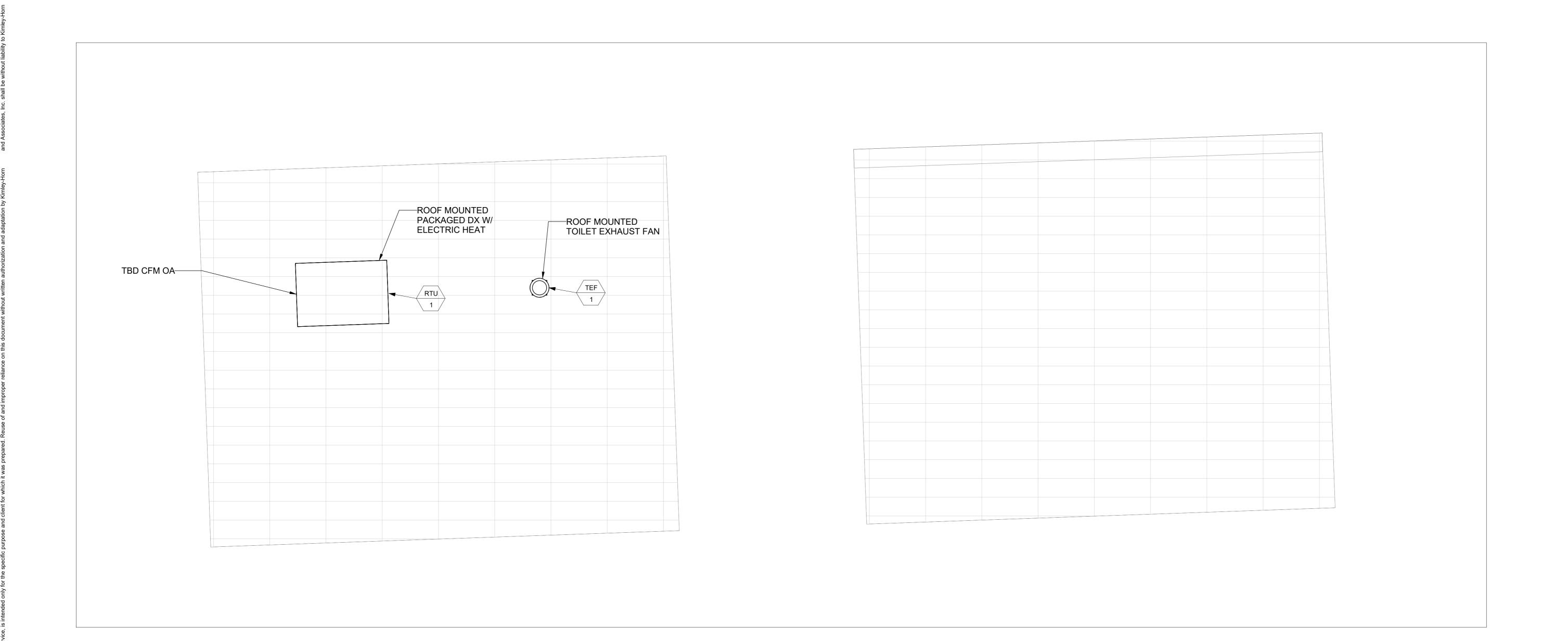
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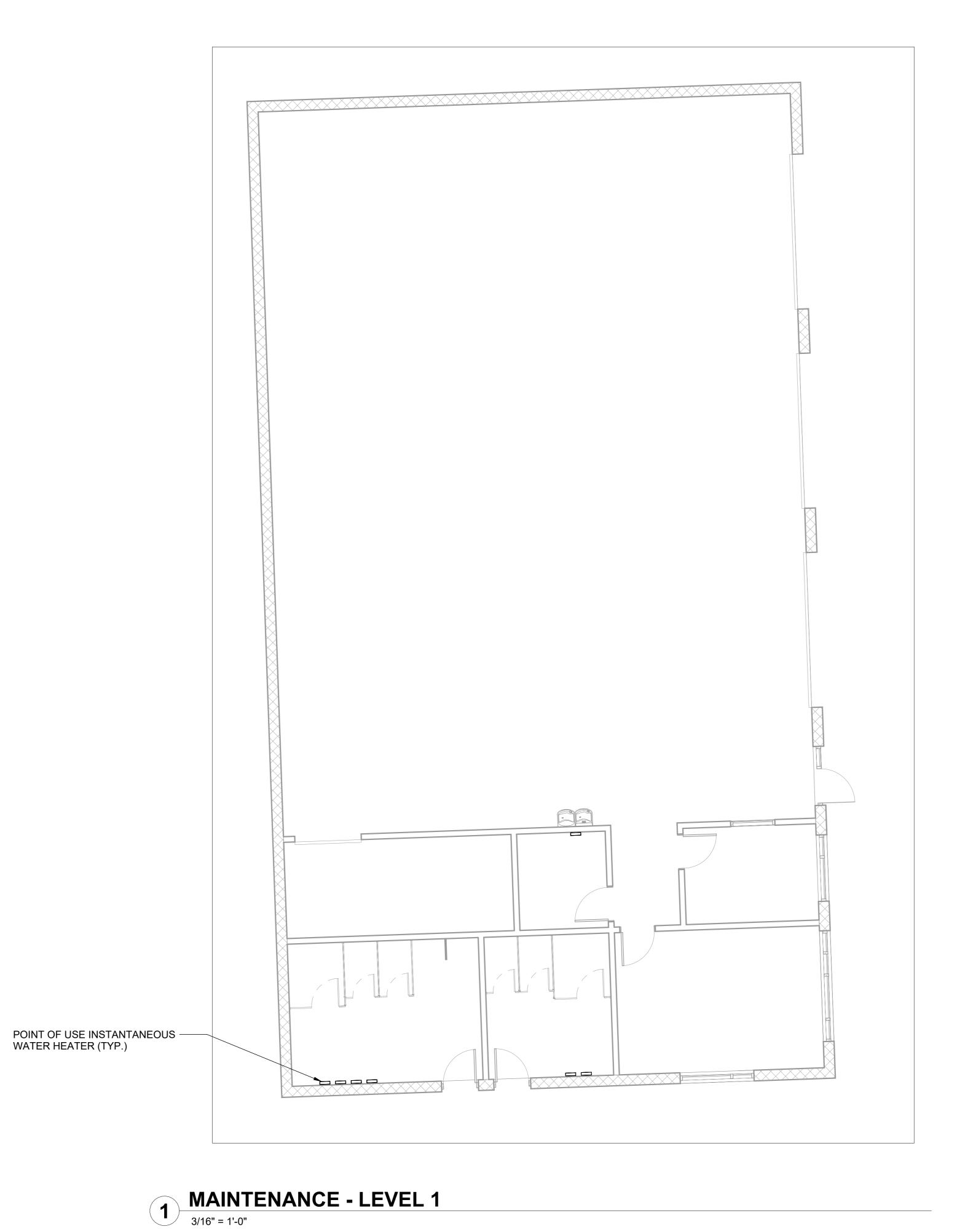
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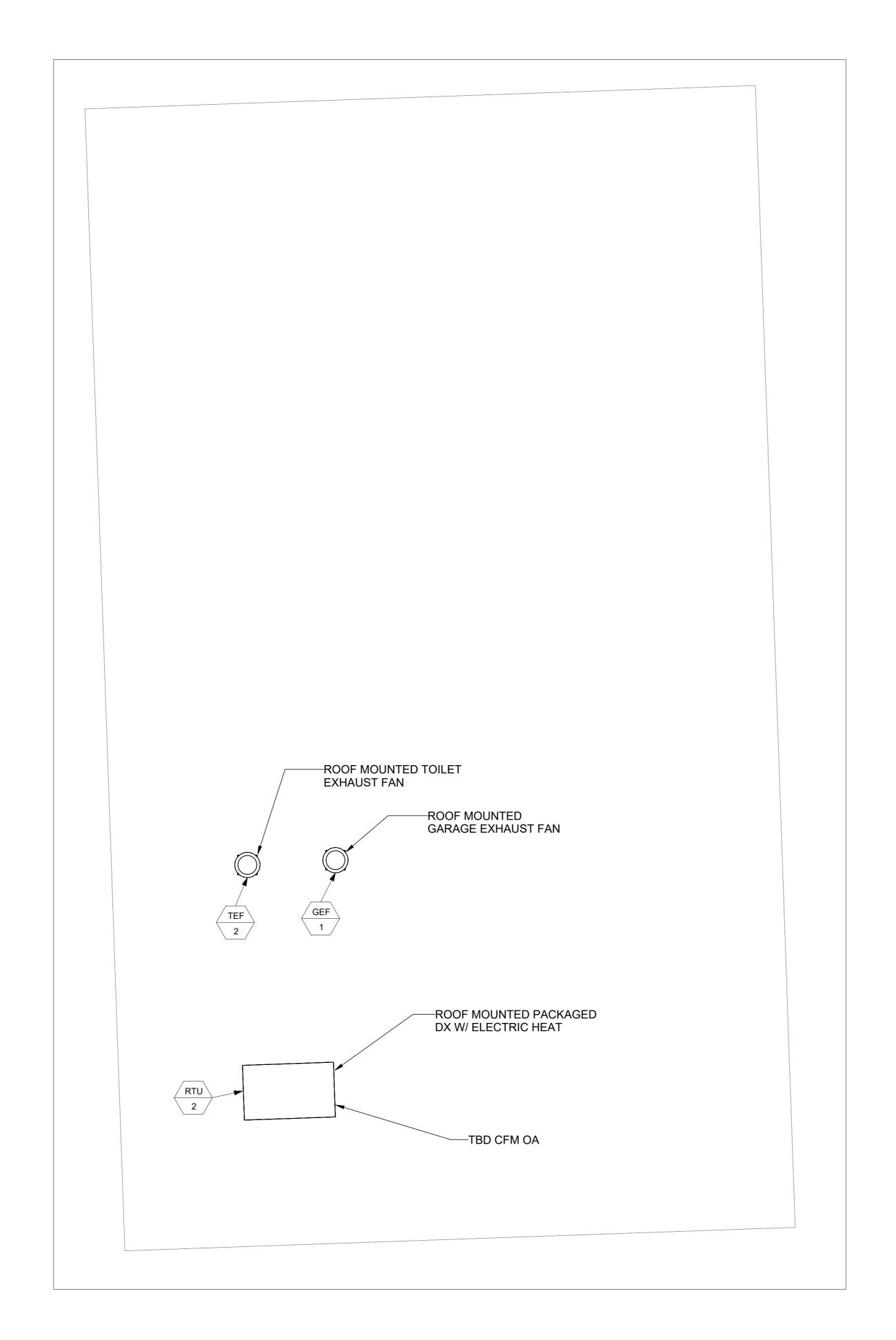
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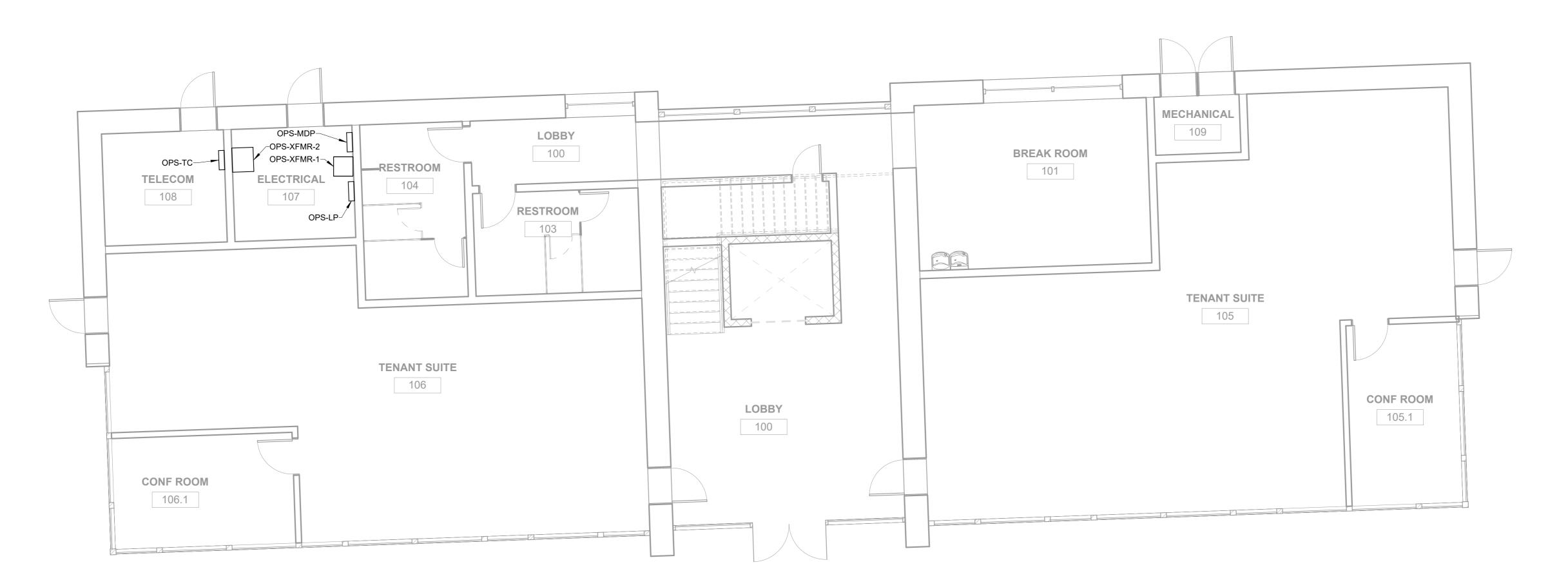
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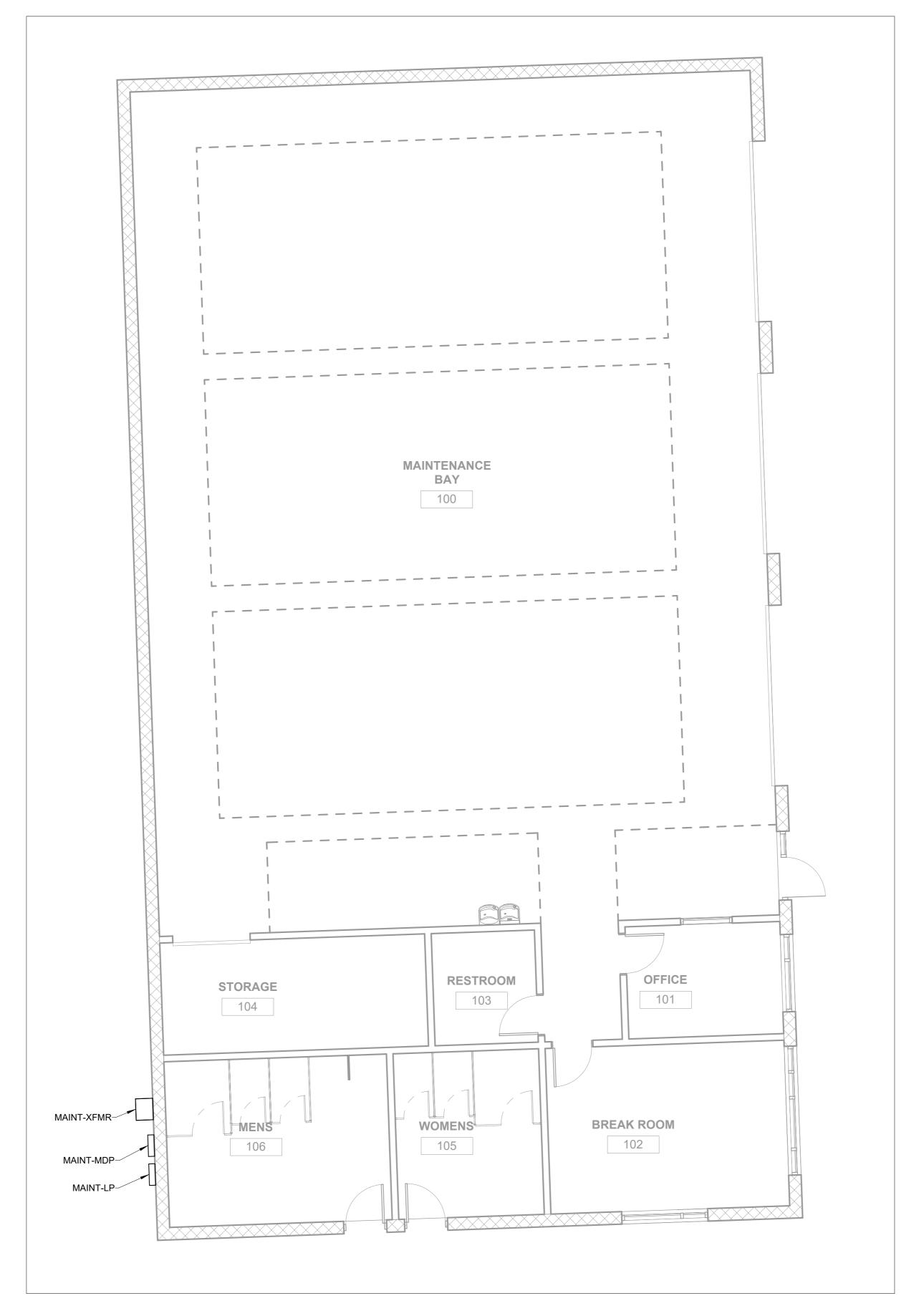
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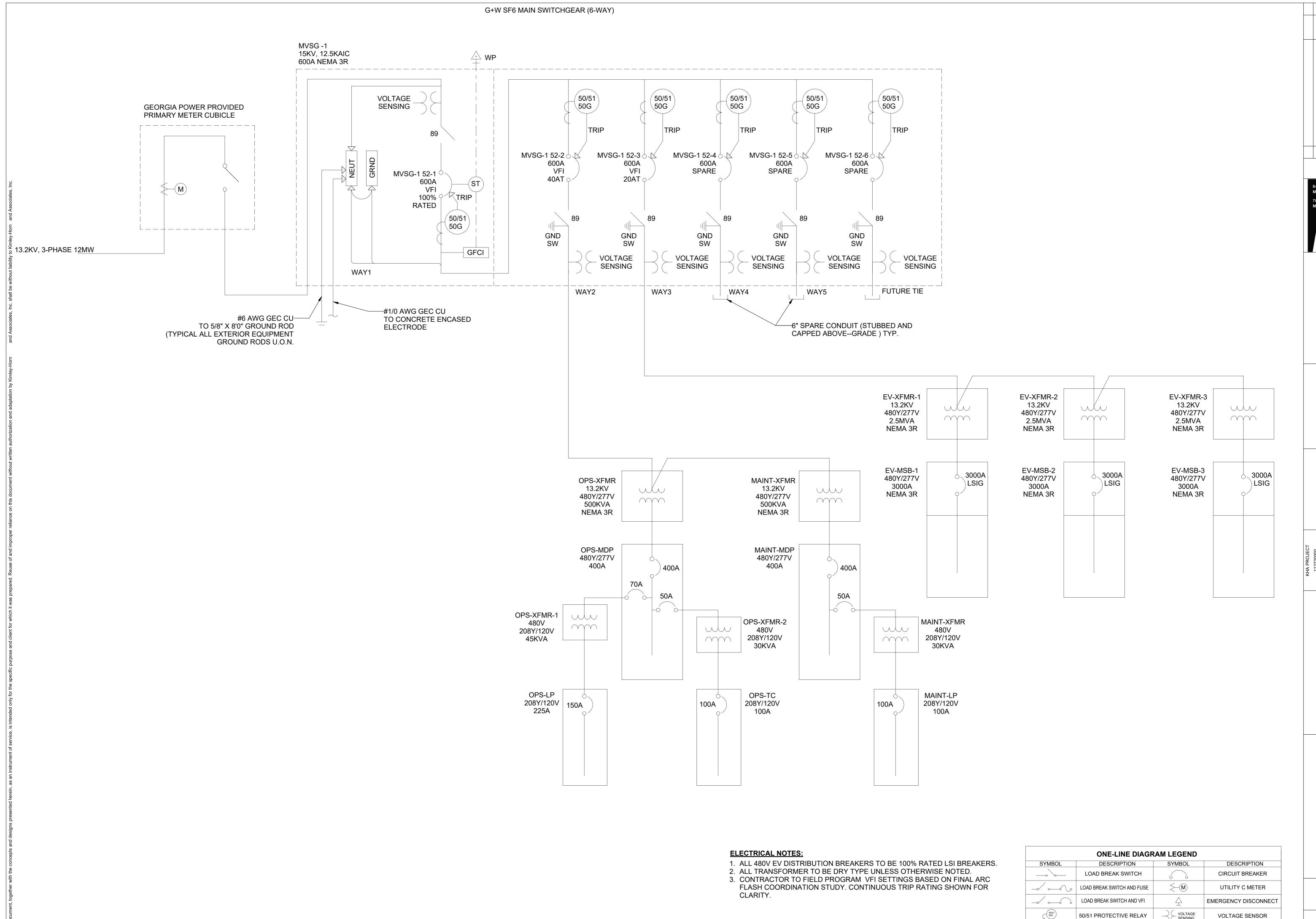
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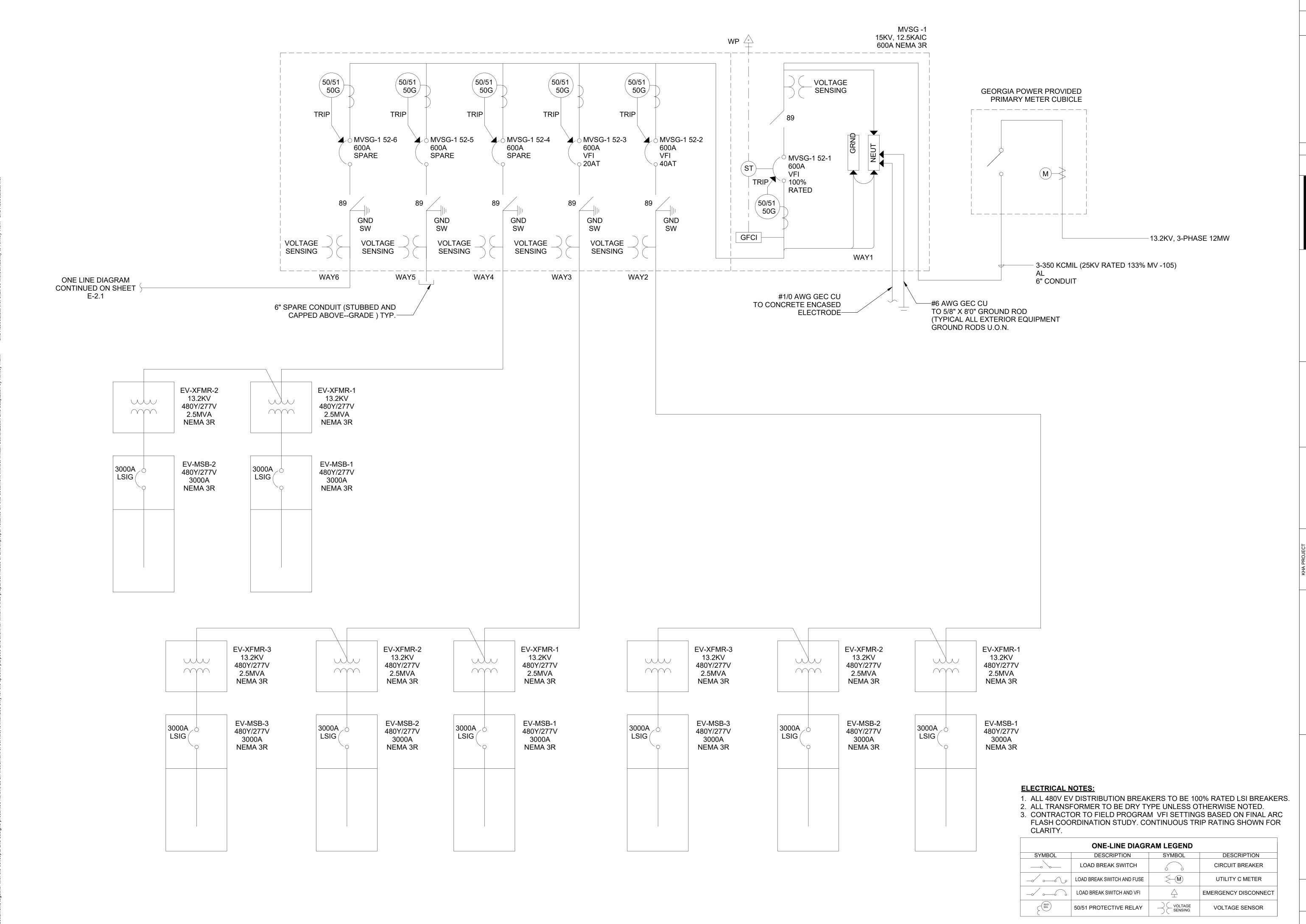
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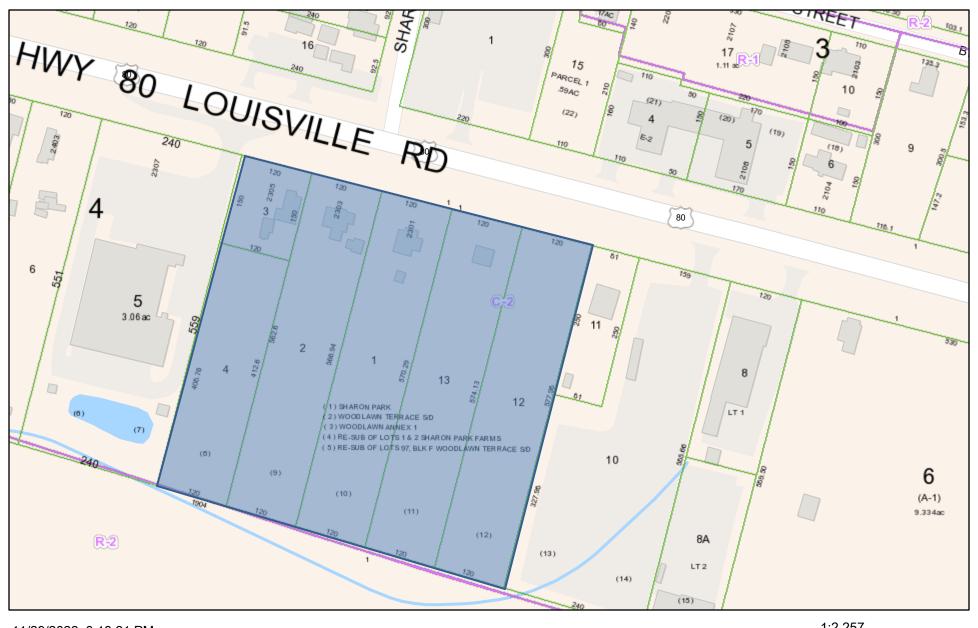
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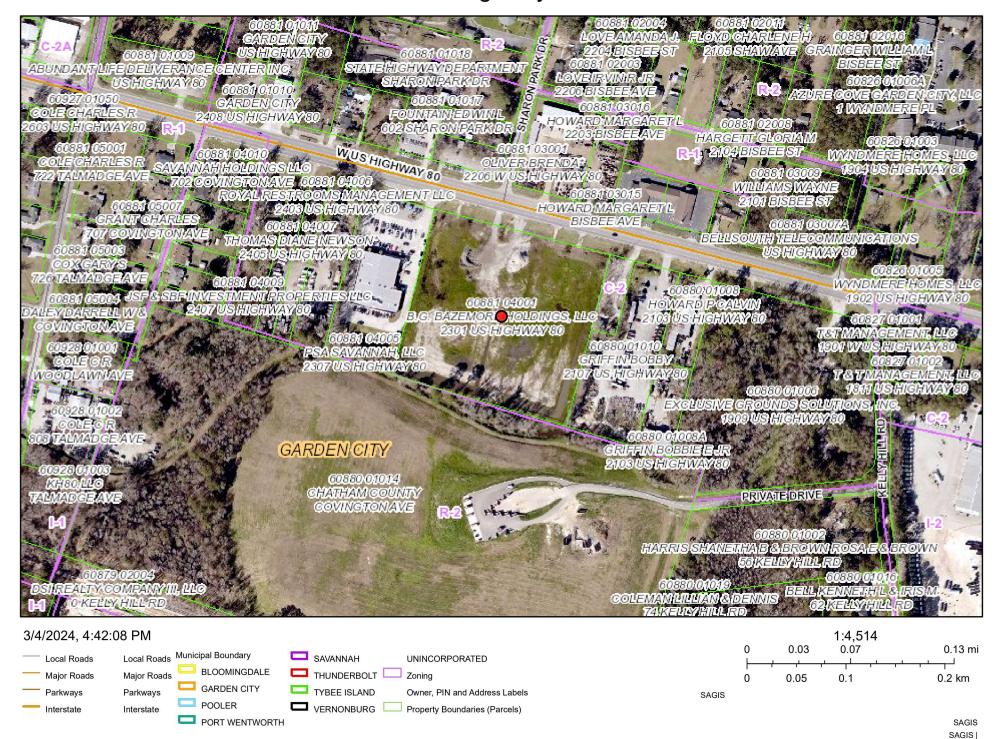
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## **SAGIS Map Viewer**





## 2301 US Highway 80: GDP



## City of Garden City Rezoning Application



## **Development Information**

Development Name (If applicable)		
SAIA Savannah Project		
Property Address		
5231 Ogeechee Road		
Savannah, Georgia 31419		
Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning	
C-2, RA	I-1	
Current Use	Proposed Use	
Vacant land, single family residence	Office/Warehouse, Cross Dock, Ancillary Parking	
Parcel ID	Total Site Acreage	
60990D 01006, 60991 06003, 60991 06004	28.57	
Proposed Water Supply	Proposed Sewage Disposal	
□ Public ■ Private	□ Public ■ Private	
Describe the current use of the property you wish to rezone, inclu	ding property characteristics (developed, wooded, cleared, etc.)	
Wooded lot, single family residence		
Describe the use that you propose to make of the land after rezon	ing	
General office/Warehouse and cross-dock facility for SA	IA LTL freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking	
Describe the uses of the other property in the vicinity of the property	erty you wish to rezone	
Truck terminal, vacant land		
Describe how your rezoning proposal will allow a use that is suital property	ole in view of the uses and development of adjacent and nearby	
The proposed use is consistent with nearby uses and de	evelopment patterns. Site designed for buildings and car	
parking in front, truck parking in rear.		
Will the proposed zoning change result in a use of the property, w streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools? Describe the		
No. The proposed use is consistent with nearby uses and development patterns.		
Please provide any additional information that you deem relevant.		

## **City of Garden City Rezoning Application**



## **Applicant Information**

Owner	
Name	Address
See Attached Schedule "A"	
Phone	Email
Nature of Ownership Interest	多。"我们是一种的人的自己的人,但是我们的人,但是是这种"多。"这个人是
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Engineer/Surveyor	agent
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Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc.	Marc Liverman
Phone	Email
912-236-6471	marc.liverman@atlcc.net
Authorized Agent (Requires Authorized Agent Form)	Check here to receive staff review comments via email
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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Garden City Planning Commission & Board of Appeals

From: Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP, Planning Consultant

**Date:** May 9, 2024

Re: PC 3-24-1077 – SAIA Savannah Project - 5231Ogeechee Road

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Application Type	olication Type Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)	
Case Number	PC 3-24-1077	
Applicant	Kevin Bec <mark>kwith</mark> , Belinda Lee Kimke <mark>r, John Kimker III, Eric</mark> Kimker, Joseph Kimker	
Name of Project	SAIA Savannah Project 5231Ogeechee Road	
Property Address		
Parcel ID	60990D 01006, 60991 06003, 60991 06004	
Area of Property 28.57 acres		
Existing Zoning		
Existing Land Use		
Proposed Zoning  -1		
Proposed Land Use	Warehouse, Cross Dock, Ancillary Parking	
Comp Plan – Future Land Use	Commercial	

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Project Description: General office/warehouse and cross-dock facility for SAIA LTL Freight with ancillary truck and trailer parking.

#### FINDINGS:

Staff has determined this application is complete and contains all the required information. In conformance with the City of Garden City Zoning Ordinance Section 90-201(c), the following factors are to be considered for a rezoning request:

1. Is this request a logical extension of a zoning boundary which would improve the pattern of uses in the general area?

This property is located on the border of the City of Garden City with unincorporated Chatham County. Adjacent parcel uses and zoning:

North – Salt Creek Boat Ramp and Park and Progressive Recreation Center (across US Hwy 17) – zoned C-1;

South: undeveloped, R-A (unincorporated Chatham County);



East – truck terminal, zoned I-1 and undeveloped, zoned R-A (unincorporated Chatham County);

West – Salt Creek, zoned R-A (unincorporated Chatham County).

2. Is this spot zoning and generally unrelated to either existing zoning or the pattern of development of the area?

Within the city limits of Garden City, several other small, industrially zoned properties are located to the east. These properties are not contiguous to the subject properties. The majority of the properties along US 17/Ogeechee Road in Garden City are zoned commercial.

- 3. Could traffic created by the proposed use or other uses permissible under the zoning sought traverse established single-family neighborhoods on minor streets, leading to congestion, noise and traffic hazards?
  - The subject property is located on US 17/Ogeechee Road just east of Dean Forest Road. While it is not anticipated that traffic on residential streets will be impacted, the ingress/egress will be across the street from Salt Creek Boat Ramp and Park and the Progressive Recreation Center. US 17/Ogeechee Road is a four-lane highway with a center, dual-left turn lane. Trucks leaving the site to access Dean Forest Road, the Georgia Ports Authority, and I-16 will make a left turn across US 17, which is of particular concern.
- 4. Will this request place irreversible limitations or cause material detriment on the area similarly zoned as it is or on future plans for it?

  This property is located directly across from the Chatham County Park and Boat Ramp, which is the only boat ramp in Garden City and includes a community park with a pavilion, picnic tables, and playground. This is also a major gateway into Garden City for travelers heading north on US 17/Ogeechee Road. US 17 is also the north/south corridor of the Georgia Bicycle Route for coastal Georgia as designated by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Two of the adjacent properties are also zoned as residential-agricultural. Rezoning of these properties to industrial could have a detrimental impact on the area.
- 5. Is there an imminent need for the rezoning and is the property likely to be used for the use requested?
  - The property, if rezoned, would likely be viable for a warehouse facility, particularly close to the Savannah Port of the Georgia Ports Authority.
- 6. Would the proposed use precipitate similar requests which would generate or accelerate adverse land use changes in the zone or neighborhood?
  The rezoning of this property could increase pressure on the additional in the vicinity to petition for industrial zoning.
- 7. Such other matters as the Planning Commission deems relevant.
  This rezoning request is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Future Land Use Map indicates this area as Commercial.



#### **ACTIONS**

The Planning Commission shall take one of the following formal actions:

- i. Recommend approval of the proposed zoning decision as presented;
- ii. Recommend approval of the proposed zoning decision with modifications or conditions;
- iii. Defer action of the proposed zoning decision upon motion of the Planning Commission or at the request of the applicant. The applicant may revise the proposal based on the comments at the meeting and resubmit it for formal action at a future meeting; or
- iv. Recommend denial of the proposed zoning decision.

#### RECOMMENDATION

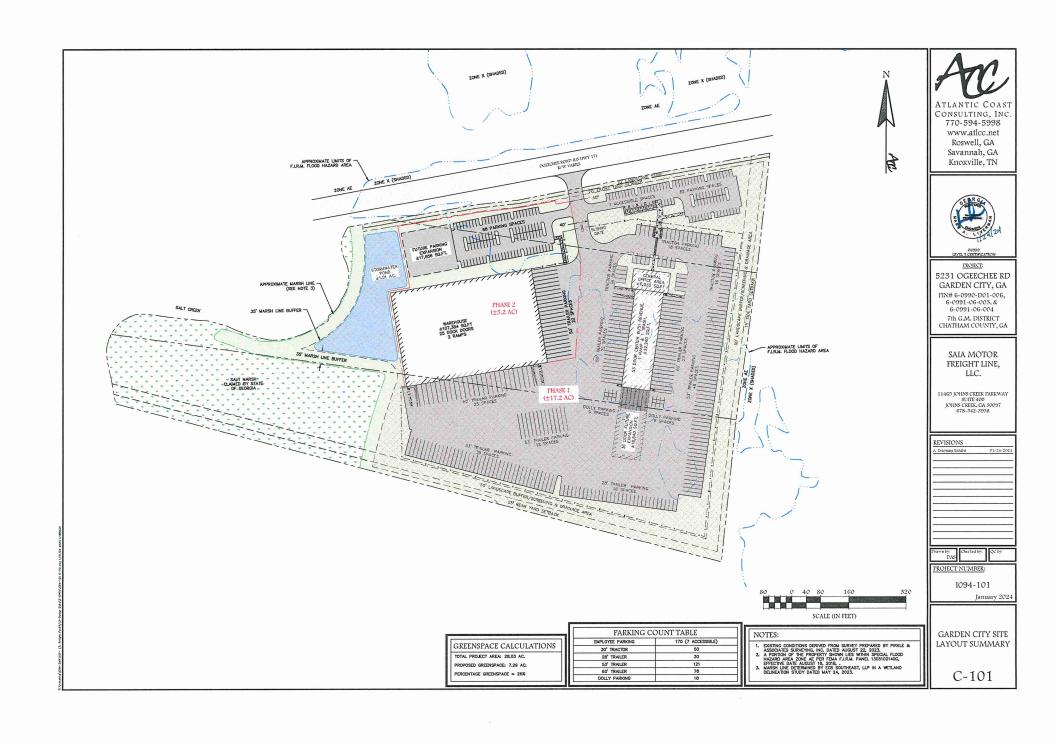
**Denial** of the rezoning request from Heavy Commercial (C-2) and Residential-Agriculture (R-A) to Industrial (I-1).

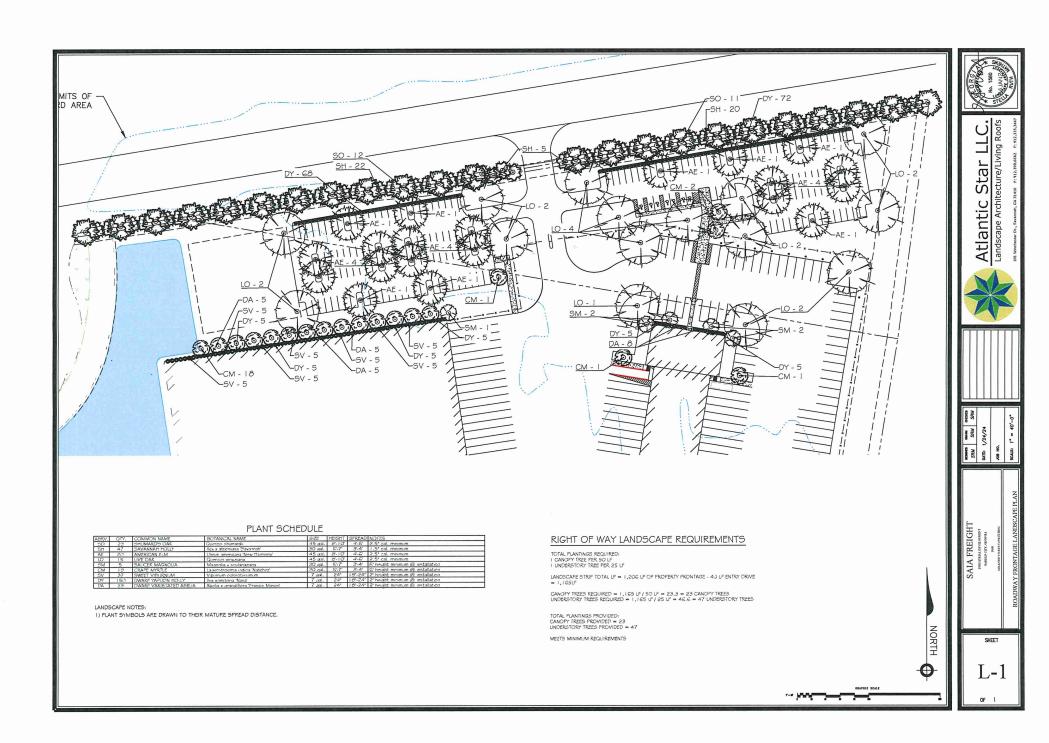
### RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to recommend the **denial** of rezoning application PC 3-24-1077 to the City Council.

#### Note:

Approval, if granted, by the Planning Commission only constitutes the initial step in the overall process and additional requirements still must be met prior to commencement of any construction activities. The Petitioner should note that final approval of the site plan will require City staff approval of the detailed engineering plans for the project through the City's standard process and a Land Disturbance Activity (LDA) Permit must be issued prior to construction. The Petitioner should also note that final approval of the site architectural plans will require City staff approval via its standard process and a building permit must be issued before vertical construction shall commence.









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SAIA LTL FREIGHT - SAVANNAH, GA
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DRIVER PERSPECTIVE ~ OGEECHEE ROAD SOUTHBOUND

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DRIVER PERSPECTIVE ~ OGEECHEE ROAD NORTHBOUND

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PROJECT:

## 5231 OGEECHEE RD GARDEN CITY, GA

PIN# 6~0990~D01~006, 6~0991~06~003, & 6~0991~06~004 7th G.M. DISTRICT CHATHAM COUNTY, GA

## SAIA MOTOR FREIGHT LINE, LLC.

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 678~542~3938

01/24/2024

PROJECT NUMBER:

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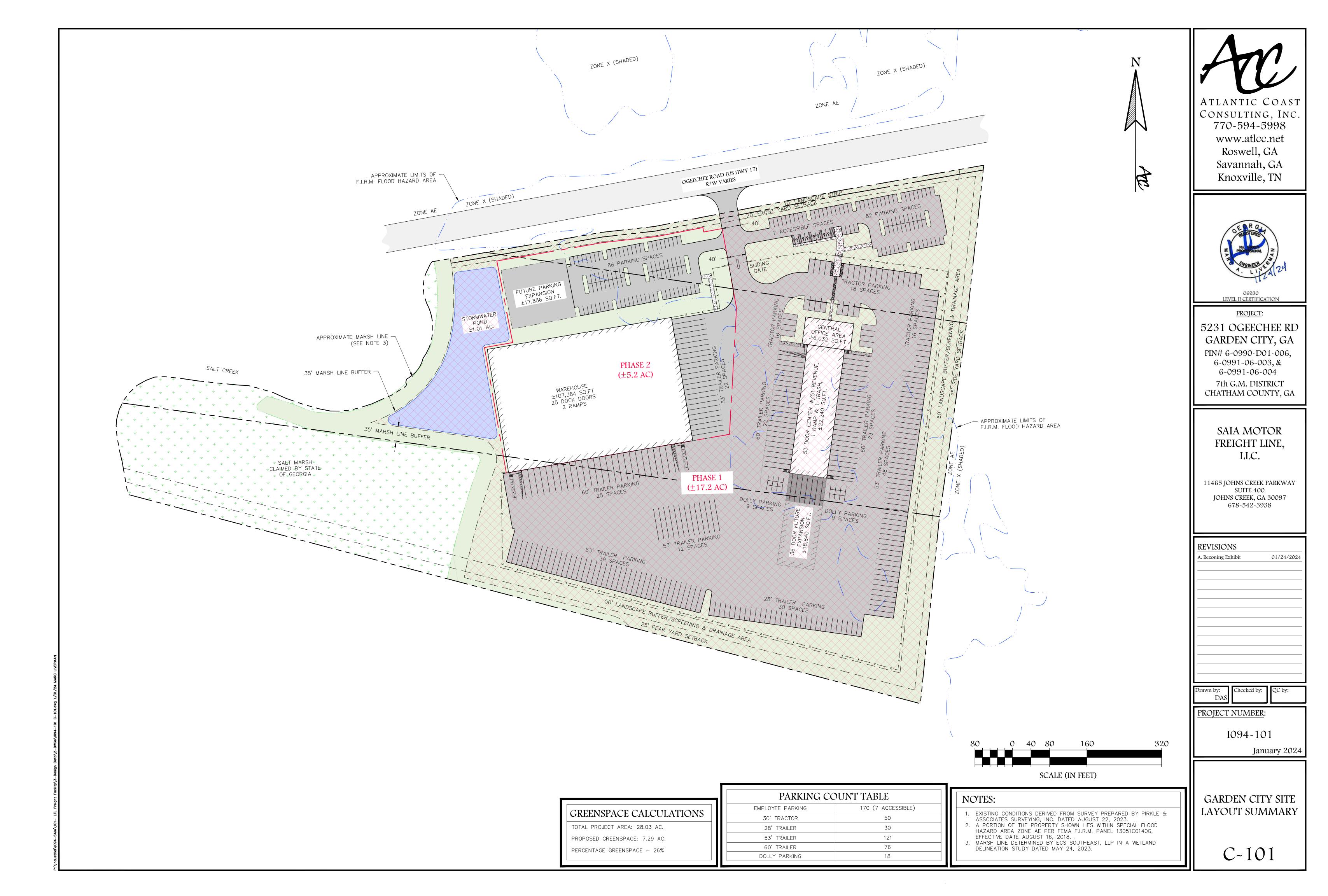
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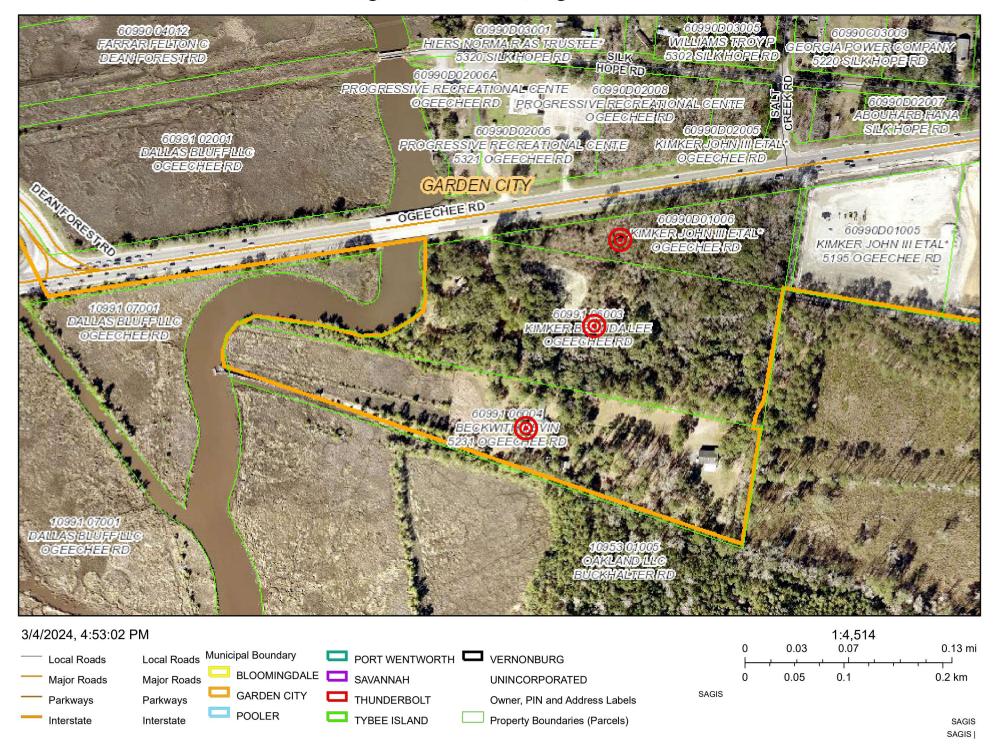
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## 5231 Ogeechee Road; Ogeechee Road





## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Garden City Planning Commission & Board of Appeals

From: Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP, Planning Manager Consultant

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Re:** PC 2325 – Zoning Text Amendment – Chapter 90, Article VI, Sec. 90-174.

City Council enacted moratorium on the issuance of permits for new outdoor advertising or separate-use signs within the city limits on September 18, 2023. City Council extended this moratorium until June 4, 2024.

The City Attorney has prepared the following text amendment for review and consideration by the Planning Commission.

## Summary of changes:

- Revised zoning districts to heavy commercial (C-2) or industrial (I-1 and I-2);
- Revised size from 480 square feet with dimensions not exceeding 12 feet in height or 42 feet in width to 382 square feet with dimensions not exceeding 10.5 feet in height or 36 feet in width;
- Limit outdoor advertising or separate-use signs to state or federal highways;
- Revised required separation between signs from 1000 feet to 1500 feet;
- Modifies the required distance of an outdoor advertising or separate-use signs from intersections from 150' to 400'; from a church, school, cemetery, public park from 200' to 1000'; from residentially zoned areas from 100' to 1000';
- Prohibits outdoor advertising or separate use signs on a building wall or roof;
- Modifies the required distance between LED signs from 2,500 feet to 5,000 feet;
- Adds a maximum number of LED signs, with a provision for the conversion of existing nonconforming signs to LED signs; and,
- Adds criteria for the consideration of outdoor advertising and separate use signs by the Planning Commission;
- Requires GDOT permit for tree removal and/or pruning.

## **ORDINANCE 2024-**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE VI, PERTAINING TO SIGNS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF REGARDING THE LIMITATIONS, SAFEGUARDS, AND CONTROLS FOR THE LOCATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OR SEPARATE USE SIGNS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY The Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof that:

Section 1. Chapter 90, Article VI, of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, relating to signs placed in Garden City, Georgia, is hereby amended by deleting Section 90-174 pertaining to outdoor advertising and separate use signs in its entirety, and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 90-174. Outdoor Advertising or Separate Use Signs.

To preserve and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Garden City, Georgia, to maintain and enhance the visual environment, and to preserve the right of citizens to enjoy Garden City's scenic beauty, to improve pedestrian and traffic safety, and to minimize the possible adverse effect of outdoor advertising or separate use signs on nearby public and private property, the following regulations shall govern the location of such signs within the City unless otherwise expressly provided for in Chapter 90 to the contrary:

- (1) An outdoor advertising or separate use sign may be located on any property located in a heavy commercial (C-2, C-2A, and C-2A (B&W)) or industrial (I-1 and I-2) zoning district in addition to any other freestanding signs authorized by this Article so long as such sign complies with the pertinent provisions of the Garden City Code of Ordinances.
- (2) Outdoor advertising or separate use signs are allowed on only parcels fronting state or federal highways. Such signs are limited to 382 square feet in sign area with dimensions not exceeding 10.5 feet in height or 36 feet in width.
- (3) A Georgia DOT permit must be obtained for all outdoor advertising and separate use signs.

- (4) Outdoor advertising or separate use signs shall be erected to a height of not more than 50 feet above the highest point of the driving surface of the highway lanes closest to the sign.
- (5) All portions of a sign face and support members of any outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall be set back from all buildings, structures, and property lines at least 75 feet.
- (6) Only one outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall be allowed per platted lot. Outdoor advertising or separate use signs shall be no less than 1,500 feet apart, measuring from the two closest points and only one sign face shall be allowed to face the same direction per location. This allows back-to-back or "V" formation signs but prohibits two signs side-by-side or over-and-under, facing the same direction. The faces of a sign constructed in the form of a "V" shall not exceed 45 degrees.
- (7) No outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall be installed or erected at any time where there are fifty five (55) or more existing outdoor advertising or separate use signs within the City. For purposes of this provision, lawfully constructed outdoor advertising and separate use signs that exist as of the effective date of this Ordinance which have less than 50 square feet of sign area shall not be included.
- (78) No outdoor advertising or separate use sign, or any part thereof, shall be erected, used, operated, or maintained:
  - within 400 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of another intersecting right-of-way;
  - within 1,000 feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park or public building;
  - c. overhanging a public right-of-way; or a private road or drive;

- within 1,000 feet from any residentially zoned area as measured from the outermost perimeter of the sign; or,
- e. obstructing a scenic view including, but not limited to, marshes, natural waterways, pastures, forests, and other pastoral scenery.
- (§9) Sign illumination shall not cause beams or rays of light to be directed to a roadway or adjacent properties. Flashing illumination such as, without limitation, flashing, running, or sequential lights are prohibited except as expressly provided herein.
- (940) The following outdoor advertising or separate use signs are expressly prohibited unless specifically stated otherwise in this Article:
  - Signs employing movement including, but not limited to, changeable copy signs, pennants, flags, banners, streams, propellers, discs, and search lights.
  - Signs that include lights which flash, blink, or turn on and off intermittently, but not including time and temperature signs.
  - Signs employing direct, indirect, or internal flashing, or other illumination with light sources or reflectivity of such brightness that constitute a hazard to ground or air traffic or a nuisance as defined by Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 41-1-1 et seq. 7-as
     determined by the City Manager.

 Inflatable signs including, but not limited to, balloons.

e. Roof billboards which are erected or painted on a roof or which extend in height above the roof line of the building on which the sign is erected.

f. Any sign which may be confused with or obstruct

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the view of any authorized traffic sign or signal, obstructs the site distance triangle at any street or highway intersection, or extends into the public right-of-way.

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  Department of Transportation rules and regulations
  applicable to electronic changeable message signs
  which do not conflict with this Article.
- o. Effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, no more than three
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signs that correspond to a ratio is removed, unless provided herein. The ratio shall be 2.5 square feet of existing nonconforming outdoor advertising or separate use sign face space for every 1.0 square foot of LED outdoor advertising or separate use sign face to be erected. Nonconformity shall be determined by the applicable sections of this Ordinance.

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- (167) The potential impacts of an outdoor advertising and separate use signs are significant given the size and height of such structures. It is in the best interest of the City to adopt criteria for assessing such impacts. Accordingly, an outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall be subject to approval by the Planning Commission which shall be guided by the following factors in determining whether approval of an application for an outdoor advertising or separate use sign is appropriate:
  - a. Whether the size of the lot is sufficient to allow compliance with all setbacks considering the relationship of the proposed outdoor advertising or separate use sign to adjacent lots and development patterns in the area;
  - The impact the proposed outdoor advertising or separate use sign may have on the view of noteworthy features of the landscape as viewed by motorists and adjacent property owners, and the aesthetic impact on surrounding properties;
  - The effect the proposed outdoor advertising or separate use sign may have on traffic safety;
  - Any accompanying or unique feature of the proposed outdoor advertising or separate use sign, including plans for lighting and landscaping; and,
  - e. Any other factor related to the suitability of the proposed outdoor advertising or separate use sign

for the proposed site, including any conditions or limitations proposed by the applicant.

- f. Notwithstanding the above criteria, the content of an outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall not be among the factors considered by the Planning Commission in deciding an application to erect such a sign.
- (128) Each outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall have attached thereto a legend identifying the agent or agency responsible for the erection and maintenance of such sign. Such legend shall set forth the permit number issued by the City for such sign.
- (189) Every outdoor advertising and separate use sign, including its supports, braces, guys, and anchors, shall be maintained in a safe, presentable, and good structural material condition at all times, which includes the repair or replacement of defective parts, painting, repainting, cleaning, and other acts required for the maintenance of said sign. The surrounding premises of each sign shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish, and weeds.
- (1920) The advertising or copy area shall be replaced periodically to maintain good appearance. When the sign displays no advertising copy, its face shall continue to have a tight, closed, or solid surface concealing the sign's supporting apparatus, and shall be of a uniform color."

Section 2. This Ordinance and its parts are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, word, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole. All parts of the Ordinance not declared invalid or unconstitutional shall remain in full force and effect as if such portion so declared or adjudged unconstitutional or invalid were not originally part of the Ordinance, even if the surviving parts of the Ordinance result in greater restrictions after any unconstitutional or invalid provisions are stricken. The City Council declares that it would have enacted the remaining parts of the Ordinance if it had known

that such portion thereof would be declared or adjudged unconstitutional or invalid. The City Council declares its intent that should this Ordinance be declared in part or in whole unconstitutional or invalid, signs are to be subject to regulations applicable to "structures" contained in the Zoning Ordinance. If any part of this Ordinance is found to be in conflict with any other Ordinance or with any other part of this Ordinance, the most restrictive or highest standard shall prevail. If any part of this Ordinance is explicitly prohibited by federal or state statute, that part shall not be enforced.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of passage.

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ADOPTED this day	of, 2024.	
	Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles Clerk of Council	
RECEIVED AND APPROVED this the day of, 2024		
	BRUCE CAMPBELL, Mayor	
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## ORDINANCE 2024-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE VI, PERTAINING TO SIGNS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PROVISIONS THEREOF REGARDING THE LIMITATIONS, SAFEGUARDS, AND CONTROLS FOR THE LOCATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OR SEPARATE USE SIGNS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY The Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof that:

Section 1. Chapter 90, Article VI, of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, relating to signs placed in Garden City, Georgia, is hereby amended by deleting Section 90-174 pertaining to outdoor advertising and separate use signs in its entirety, and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 90-174. Outdoor Advertising or Separate Use Signs.

To preserve and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Garden City, Georgia, to maintain and enhance the visual environment, and to preserve the right of citizens to enjoy Garden City's scenic beauty, to improve pedestrian and traffic safety, and to minimize the possible adverse effect of outdoor advertising or separate use signs on nearby public and private property, the following regulations shall govern the location of such signs within the City unless otherwise expressly provided for in Chapter 90 to the contrary:

- (1) An outdoor advertising or separate use sign may be located on any property located in a heavy commercial (C-2, C-2A, and C-2A(B&W)) or industrial (I-1 and I-2) zoning district in addition to any other freestanding signs authorized by this Article so long as such sign complies with the pertinent provisions of the Garden City Code of Ordinances.
- Outdoor advertising or separate use signs are allowed on only parcels fronting state or federal highways. Such signs are limited to 382 square feet in sign area with dimensions not exceeding 10.5 feet in height or 36 feet in width.
- (3) A Georgia DOT permit must be obtained for all outdoor advertising and separate use signs.

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- (6) Only one outdoor advertising or separate use sign shall be allowed per platted lot. Outdoor advertising or separate use signs shall be no less than 1,500 feet apart, measuring from the two closest points and only one sign face shall be allowed to face the same direction per location. This allows back-to-back or "V" formation signs but prohibits two signs side-by-side or over-and-under, facing the same direction. The faces of a sign constructed in the form of a "V" shall not exceed 45 degrees.
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  - b. within 1,000 feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park or public building;
  - c. overhanging a public right-of-way;
  - d. within 1,000 feet from any residentially zoned area as measured from the outermost perimeter of the sign; or,
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- or sequential lights are prohibited except as expressly provided herein.
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