



CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 6:00 PM EST

Pleasant View Senior Center; Media Room

328 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Elizabeth Stoughton opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

2. CALL THE ROLL

Present	Elizabeth Stoughton, Chair Jason Gumpert, Vice Chair Thomas O'Brien, Clerk Anthony Zampiceni Megan Logan
Absent	Will Arment
Staff Present	Alex Grigorov, Planning & Conservation Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 12/10/2025 – Open Session Minutes

Clerk Thomas O'Brien motioned to approve the 12/10/2025 Open Session Minutes; Vice Chair Jason Gumpert seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed and zero (0) abstentions.

4. PROJECT MONITORING

A. Wetlands Violation at 34 Pease Road

Vice Chair Jason Gumpert motioned to take Wetlands Violation at 34 Pease Road out of order; Clerk Thomas O'Brien seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed and zero (0) abstentions.

Stoughton summarized past events beginning with a cease and desist letter issued to the residents of 34 Pease Road for clearing within a wetland or its buffer. A site visit was conducted with the attendance of Stoughton, Zampiceni, and Grigorov where it was determined that the residents were clearing hazards from the areas they walk. Grass clippings dumped from neighboring properties were also noted within this area. Grigorov noted they have utilized the hazard tree policy for some trees within the maintained lawn post cease and desist. Stoughton reaffirmed the need to a definitive pathway no more than 30 inches wide where deadwood could be managed. Deadwood outside of this pathway must be left.

5. NOTICE OF INTENT

A. **NOI-2025-02:** Notice of Intent at 391 North Main Street (Assessor's Parcel ID 13-23-0) for the dredging of Blackmon Pond to remove sediment as well as other park improvements subject to the Wetlands Protection Act 310 CMR 10.00 and local wetland bylaws Chapter 424 Wetlands Protection. Applicant: Town of East Longmeadow, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA 01028 Continued from 10/8/2025)

Kris Baker of Berkshire Design was in attendance for this application. Baker started by addressing both DEP and staff comments and status of fulfillment for each. Beginning with DEP comments Baker noted

that the hearing remained open until MEPA certification could be completed as recommended by DEP. Baker explained that the project did not need to be submitted as a limited project due to meeting the performance standards. Bathymetry data formatted as existing and proposed was within plans however it was difficult to see. Revised plans show existing and proposed more clearly now. Bank restoration is now on the slope with 1' of BVW clearly distinguished above spanning the 1600' perimeter. O'Brien requested foundational information for the proposed piers. Baker noted the piers would be wood on helical pilings. Stoughton requested that revised plans be submitted to show open water and BVW being different colors to allow for more clear representation. DEP noted no illicit discharge statement was included, Baker has since uploaded it and the Commission is now in receipt. Operations and Maintenance plan was revised with more information on the raingarden and log books.

Baker moved forward to responses to staff comments. The exact square footage of BVW was clarified to be 1600 square feet. Staff has recommended wetland monument markers which Baker noted had not been added to revised plans. Stoughton reaffirmed that the Commission would like wetland monuments added to plans. The Commission discussed further and agreed that wetlands monuments every 50' along the BVW perimeters, with an exception of the pond BVW would be acceptable. Baker addressed a staff recommendation to add additional plantings as a stronger buffer where human activity is close to resource areas. 15 additional plantings were added to the revised plans.

Gumpert asked for more information in regards to the erosion controls for the project. Grigorov noted that the project details state that erosion controls will consist of a straw waddle and silt fence combination.

O'Brien requested more information on the pond dredging. Baker explained that the pond will be drained in sections, and the sediment will be extracted and placed in a staging area to dry before being trucked away. Filters will be placed to ensure sediment does not travel outside of the pond.

Gumpert requested more information on the fertilizer plan. With the playing fields being within buffer zones and very close to the wetland in some locations, a specialized fertilizer plan should be implemented for those sensitive areas. Stoughton reaffirmed a fertilizer plan should be included.

Grigorov listed the requests made by the Commission:

- Revise BVW and open water being the same color on plans.
- Wetlands monuments 50' apart.
- Detailed fertilizer plan for the fields.

Denise Ginser asked about an approximate start date. Stoughton noted that no timing has yet been proposed.

Vice Chair Jason Gumpert motioned to continue the public hearing to February 11, 2026; Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed and zero (0) abstentions.

6. PROJECT MONITORING

A. 383 Porter Road Restoration Plan

Grigorov noted they are not removing any plantings presently in the area and only adding more. The Commission reviewed the plan and requested the residents notify of the start date as well as a post planting inspection.

B. Wetlands Violation at 172 Fernwood Drive

The Commission reviewed photos of the violation. Stoughton noted the tractor on town property and in resource area has been moved away. Grigorov noted brush dumping, trails, and a hunting stand on town property. Zampiceni noted it would be a good idea to place a no hunting sign at the main entrance for the trails. Grigorov noted that one of the projects working in the background is to develop more trails in town. Added signage would be part of this process. The Commission agreed that the trail leading to 172 Fernwood drive must be closed by dragging the brush dumped on town property

over the trail to prevent further encroachment. The DPW will remove the hunting stand if it has not already been removed.

Stoughton noted it would be ideal for some educational information on wetlands and its regulations to be posted. Grigorov noted that last year he had made an educational pamphlet on the subject which he now provides to those living in applicable areas. This pamphlet could also be uploaded to the website.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning and Community Development Department Staff Report

Grigorov noted 0 Prospect Street will be returning at our January 28 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Anthony Zampiceni motioned to adjourn the January 14, 2026 meeting at 6:58 PM; Vice Chair Jason Gumpert seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed and zero (0) abstentions.

Attachments:

A- Revised Plans for Heritage Park 391 North Main Street



January 28, 2025

East Longmeadow Conservation Commission

60 Center Square

East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Re: **NOTICE OF INTENT PERMIT APPLICATION – RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FILE No. 150-0476**
Heritage Park, 391 North Main Street and Gates Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01028
Assessors map and block number: 13-23, 12B-23, 12B-61-203

Dear Commission Members,

The following items are responses to comments received following the Conservation Commission Hearing on January 14, 2026.

1. *Plans should use different colors for the BVW and open water.*

Revised Existing Conditions Sheets LC-000, LC-001, LC-002, and LC-003 are enclosed with the BVW depicted as a green shading and the LUWW depicted as a blue shading. The callouts to these areas have also been revised to label the type of wetland resource area for clarity.

2. *Permanent Wetland markers should be installed no more than 50 feet apart along Wetland boundaries to prevent future encroachment or dumping of lawn clippings/leafy debris.*

Sheet LC-111, LC-112, and LC-113 have been revised to include wetland markers in areas where proposed improvements are planned less than 100 feet away from Bordering Vegetated Wetland areas. The wetland markers are proposed to be 6" by 6" wooden posts with wetland signage, as shown on the revised Sheet LC-506, Detail 8. The markers are placed at intervals of 50 feet. There are a total of 80 markers proposed.

We appreciate your time in reviewing this application and please don't hesitate to contact me with any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

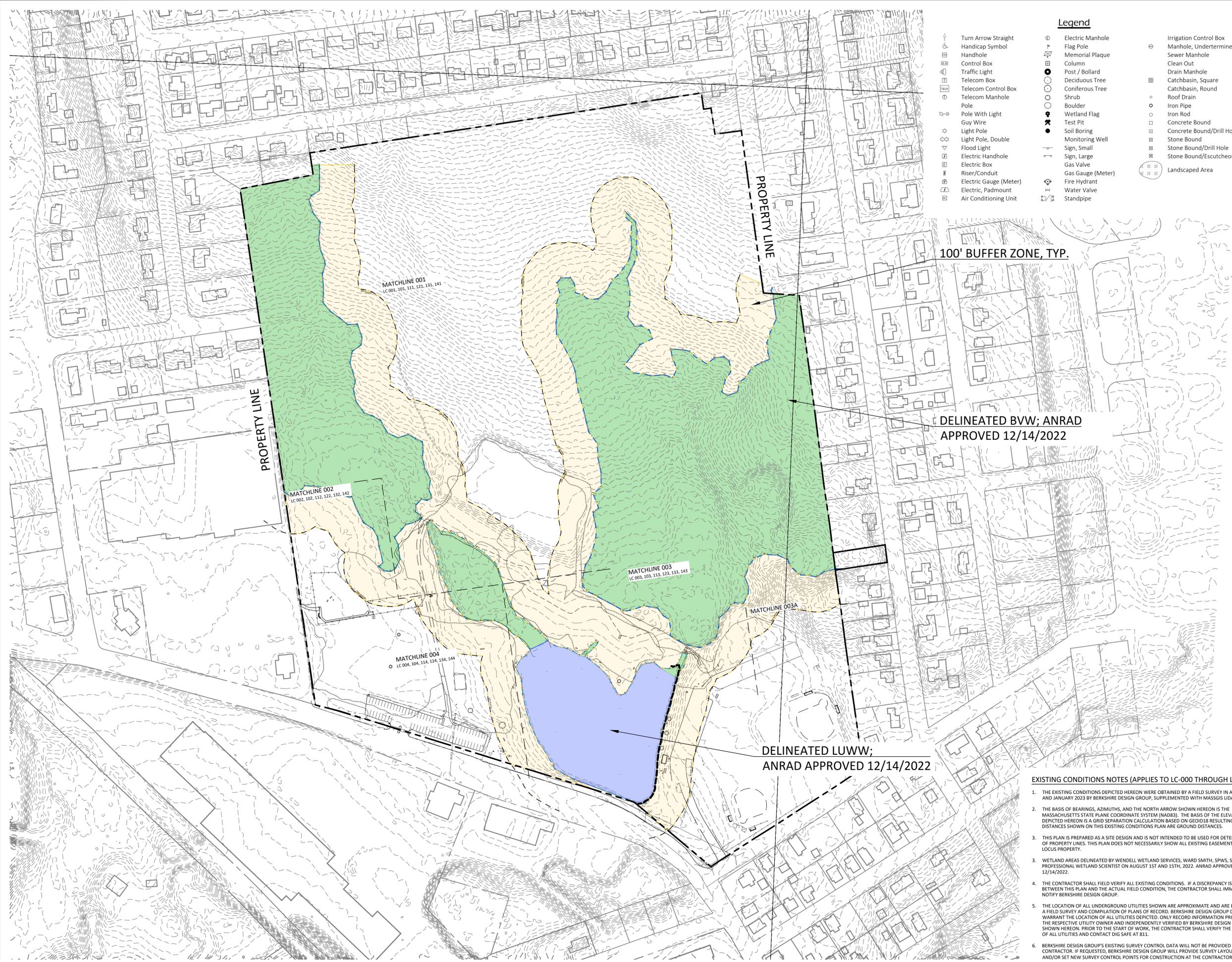
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Baker", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kris Baker, P.E.,
Berkshire Design Group

Enclosures:

Revised Sheets LC-000, LC-001, LC-002, LC-003, LC-111, LC-112, LC-113 and LC-506

Legend					
↑	Turn Arrow Straight	⊕	Electric Manhole	⊗	Irrigation Control Box
♿	Handicap Symbol	⚑	Flag Pole	⊙	Manhole, Underdetermined
⊠	Handhole	⚙	Memorial Plaque	⊚	Sewer Manhole
⊠	Control Box	⌚	Column	⊛	Clean Out
⚡	Traffic Light	⦿	Post / Bollard	⊜	Drain Manhole
⊠	Telecom Box	🌳	Deciduous Tree	⊝	Catchbasin, Square
⊠	Telecom Control Box	🌲	Coniferous Tree	⊞	Catchbasin, Round
⊠	Telecom Manhole	🌱	Shrub	○	Roof Drain
⊠	Pole	🪨	Boulder	○	Iron Pipe
⊠	Pole With Light	🌿	Wetland Flag	○	Iron Rod
⊠	Guy Wire	⚠	Test Pit	⊠	Concrete Bound
⊠	Light Pole	⚪	Soil Boring	⊠	Concrete Bound/Drill Hole
⊠	Light Pole, Double	⚪	Monitoring Well	⊠	Stone Bound
⊠	Flood Light	⚪	Flood Light	⊠	Stone Bound/Drill Hole
⊠	Electric Handhole	⚪	Sign, Small	⊠	Stone Bound/Drill Hole
⊠	Electric Box	⚪	Sign, Large	⊠	Stone Bound/Drill Hole
⊠	Riser/Conduit	⚪	Gas Valve	⊠	Stone Bound/Drill Hole
⊠	Electric Gauge (Meter)	⚪	Gas Gauge (Meter)	⊠	Landscaped Area
⊠	Electric, Padmount	⚪	Fire Hydrant		
⊠	Air Conditioning Unit	⚪	Water Valve		
		⚪	Standpipe		



100' BUFFER ZONE, TYP.

DELINEATED BWV; ANRAD APPROVED 12/14/2022

DELINEATED LUWW; ANRAD APPROVED 12/14/2022

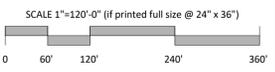
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OVERALL EXISTING CONDITIONS

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EXISTING CONDITIONS NOTES (APPLIES TO LC-000 THROUGH LC-003)

1. THE EXISTING CONDITIONS DEPICTED HEREON WERE OBTAINED BY A FIELD SURVEY IN AUGUST 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 BY BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP, SUPPLEMENTED WITH MASSGIS LIDAR DATA.
2. THE BASIS OF BEARINGS, AZIMUTHS, AND THE NORTH ARROW SHOWN HEREON IS THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (MAD83). THE BASIS OF THE ELEVATIONS DEPICTED HEREON IS A GRID SEPARATION CALCULATION BASED ON GEODIS RESULTING IN NAVD88. DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN ARE GROUND DISTANCES.
3. THIS PLAN IS PREPARED AS A SITE DESIGN AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR DETERMINATION OF PROPERTY LINES. THIS PLAN DOES NOT NECESSARILY SHOW ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS ON THE LOCUS PROPERTY.
3. WETLAND AREAS DELINEATED BY WENDELL WETLAND SERVICES, WARD SMITH, SPWS, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL WETLAND SCIENTIST ON AUGUST 1ST AND 15TH, 2022. ANRAD APPROVED 12/14/2022.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY ALL EXISTING CONDITIONS. IF A DISCREPANCY IS FOUND BETWEEN THIS PLAN AND THE ACTUAL FIELD CONDITION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP.
5. THE LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED UPON A FIELD SURVEY AND COMPILATION OF PLANS OF RECORD. BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP DOES NOT WARRANT THE LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES DEPICTED. ONLY RECORD INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE RESPECTIVE UTILITY OWNER AND INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED BY BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP IS SHOWN HEREON. PRIOR TO THE START OF WORK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THE LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES AND CONTACT DIG SAFE AT 811.
6. BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP'S EXISTING SURVEY CONTROL DATA WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRACTOR. IF REQUESTED, BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP WILL PROVIDE SURVEY LAYOUT SERVICES AND/OR SET NEW SURVEY CONTROL POINTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

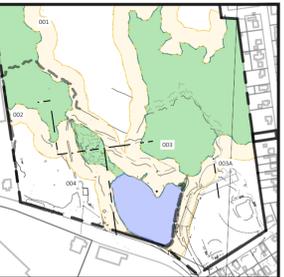
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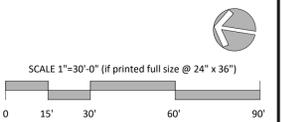
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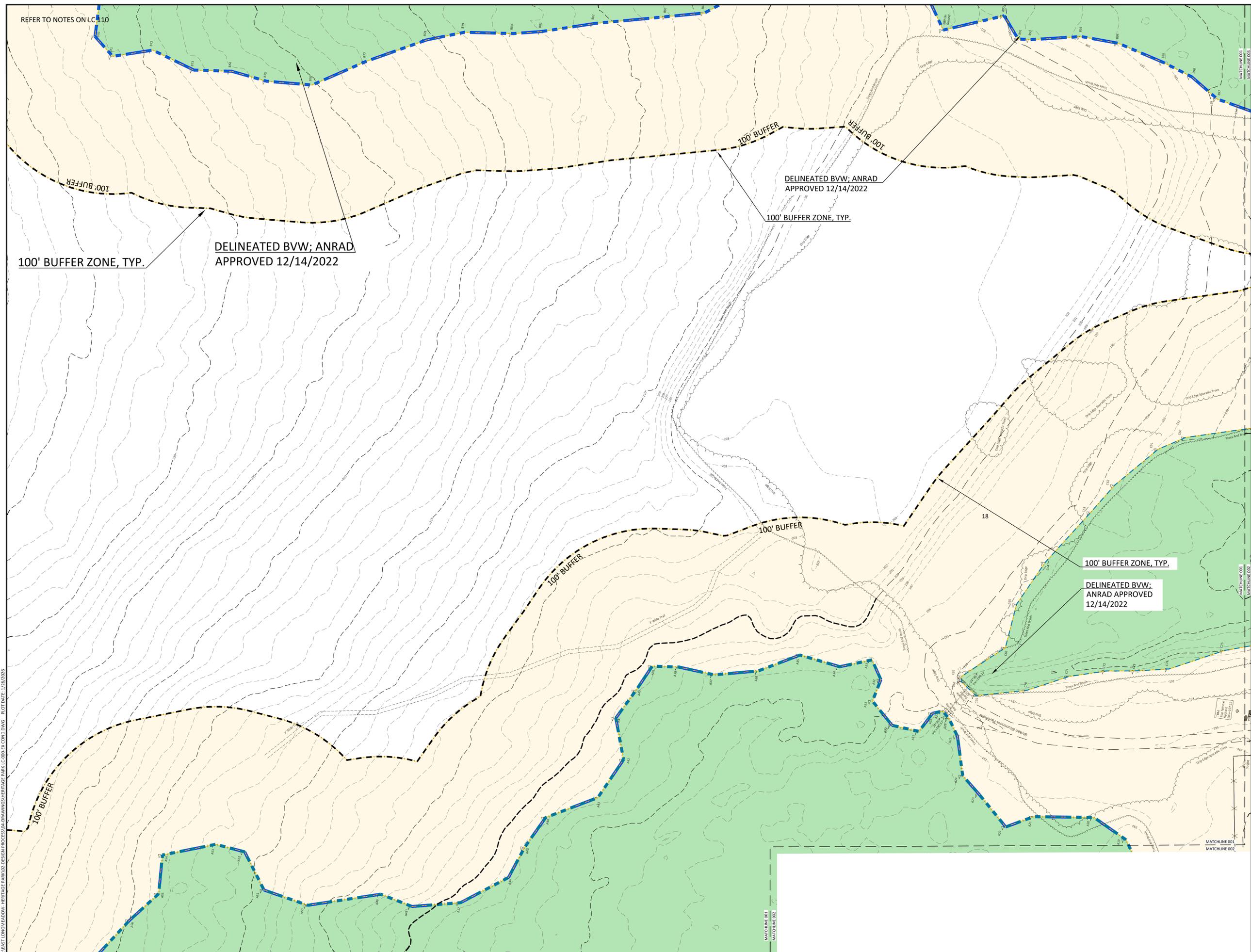
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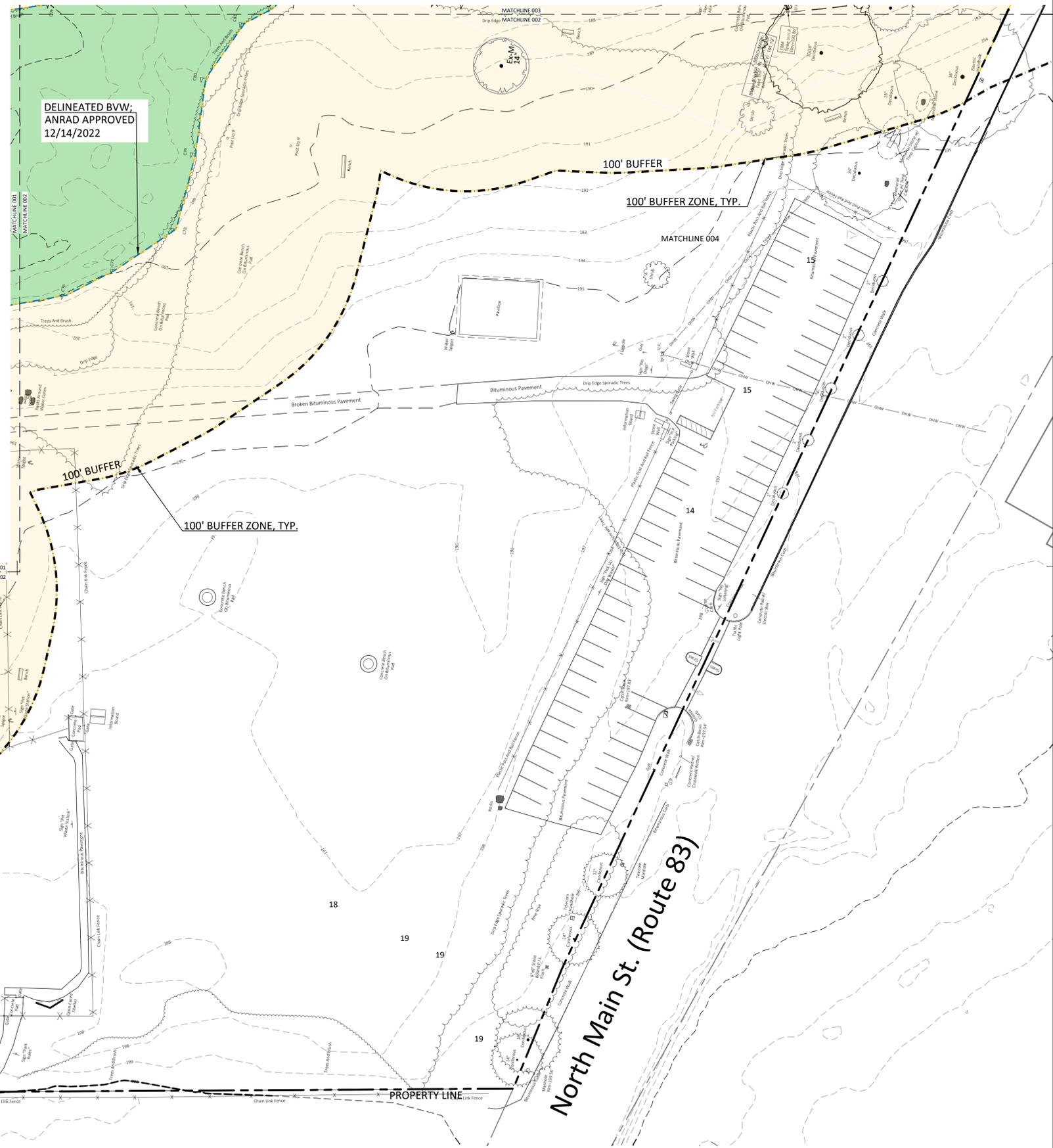
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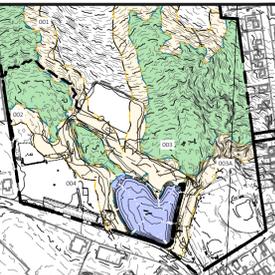
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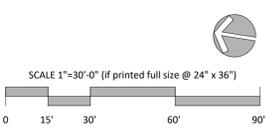
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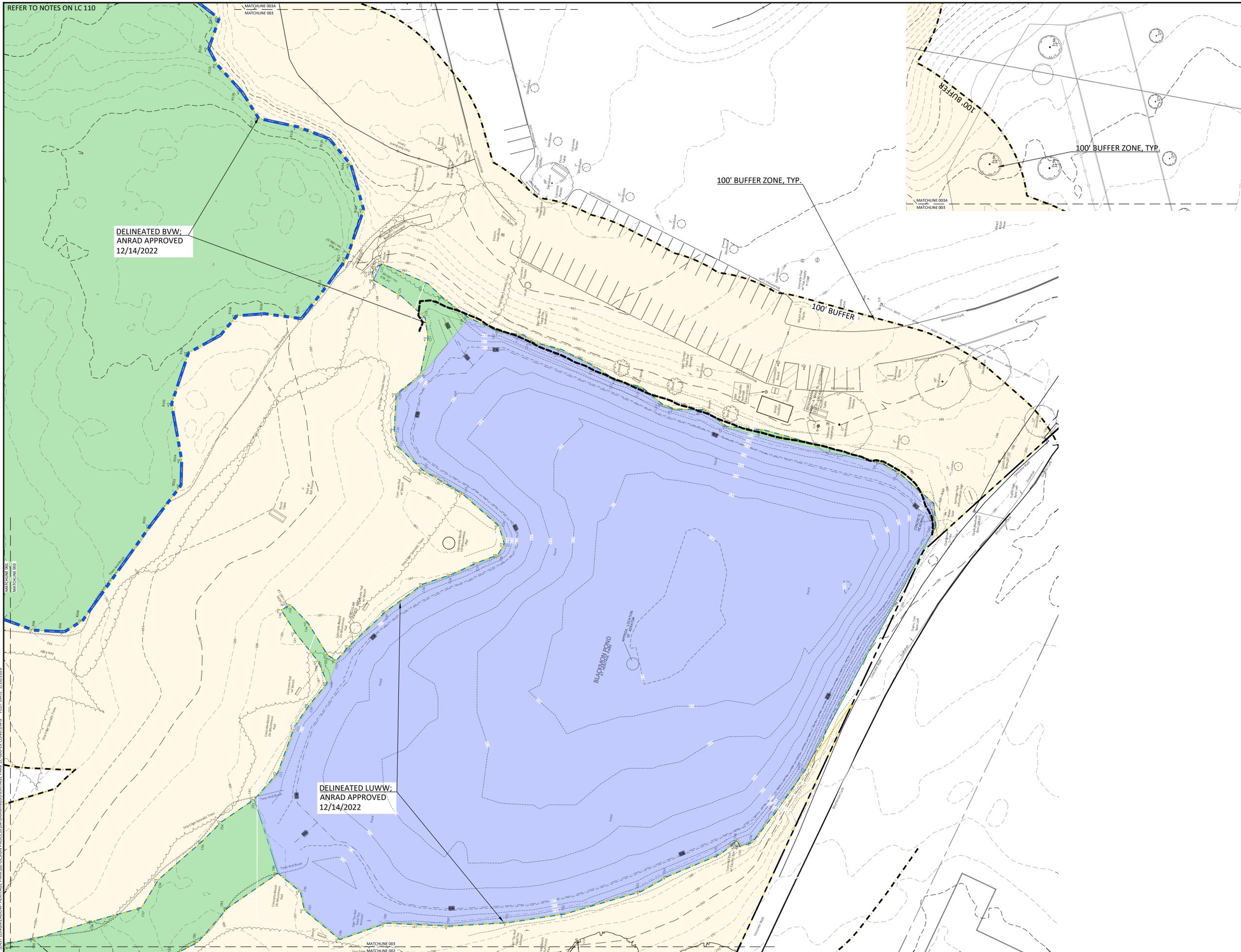
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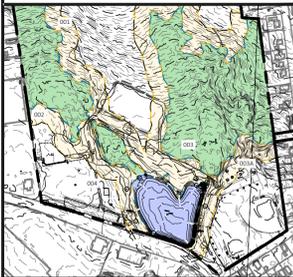
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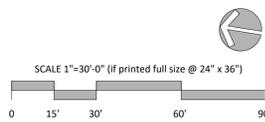
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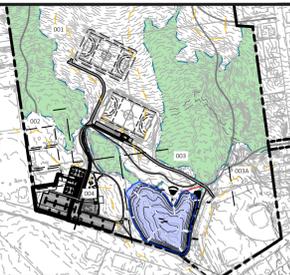
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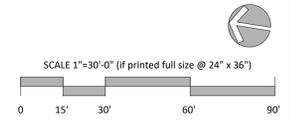
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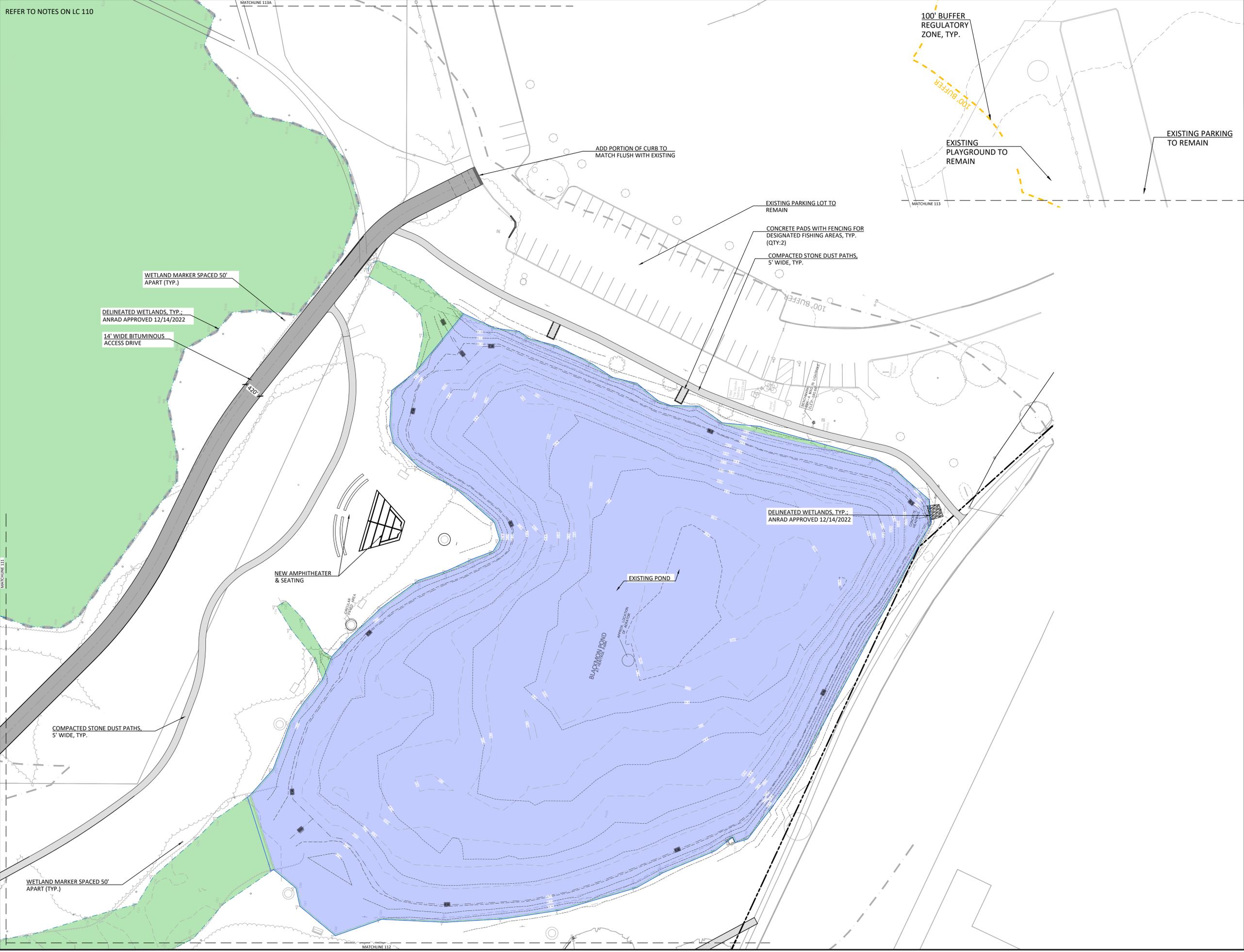
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December 15, 2025: Update Details 1 and 2
JANUARY 26, 2026 - ADD WETLAND MARKER DETAIL

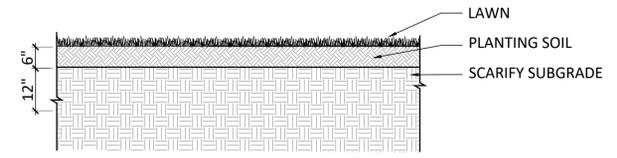
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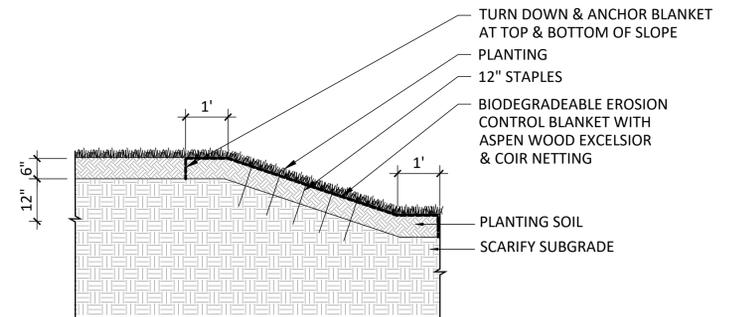
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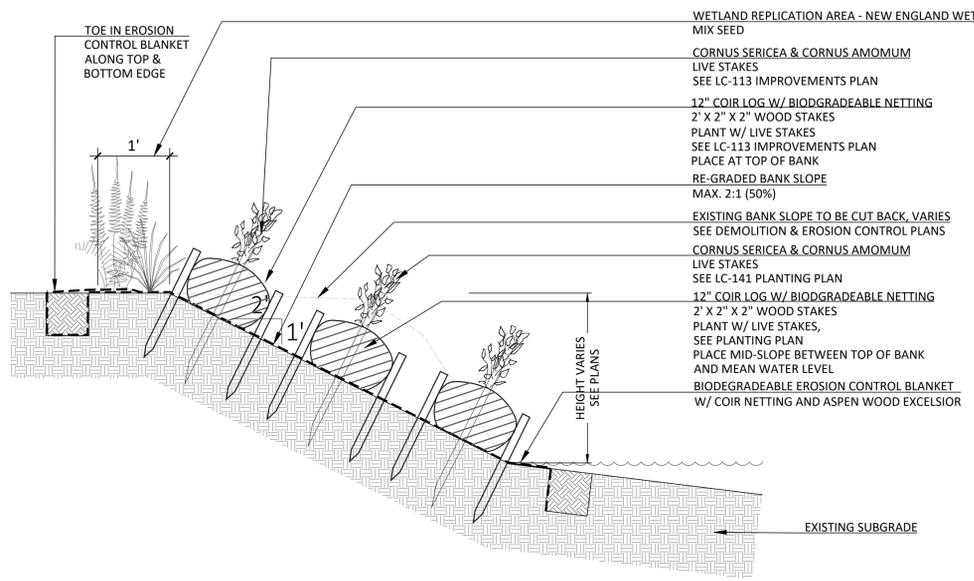
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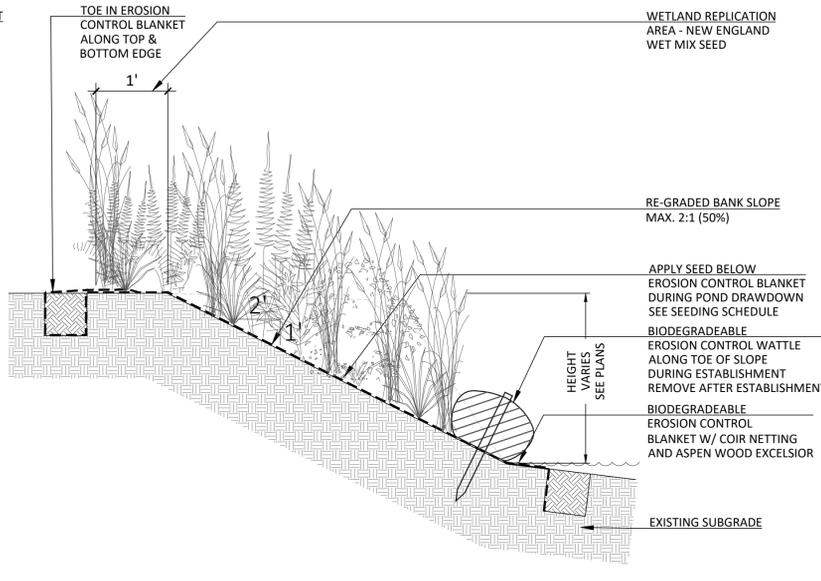
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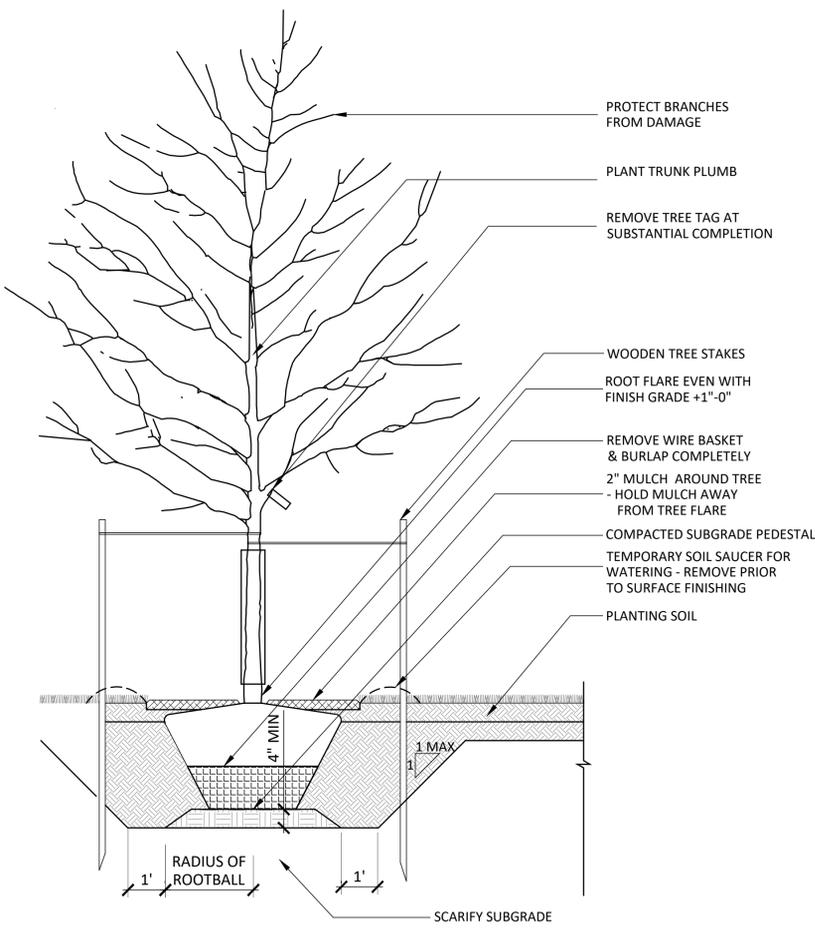
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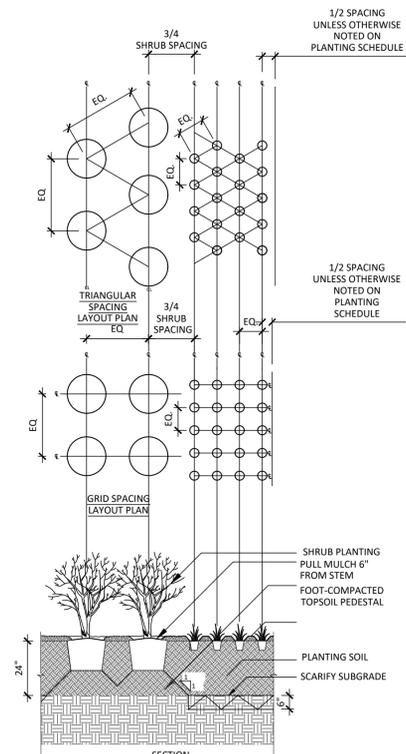
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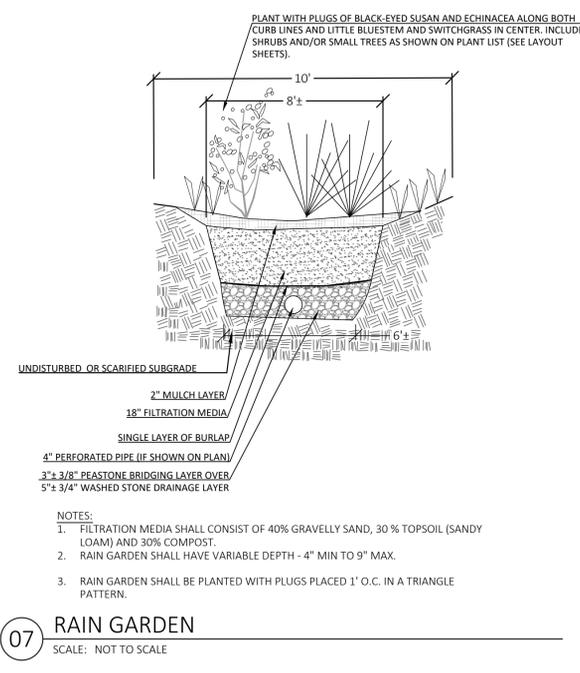
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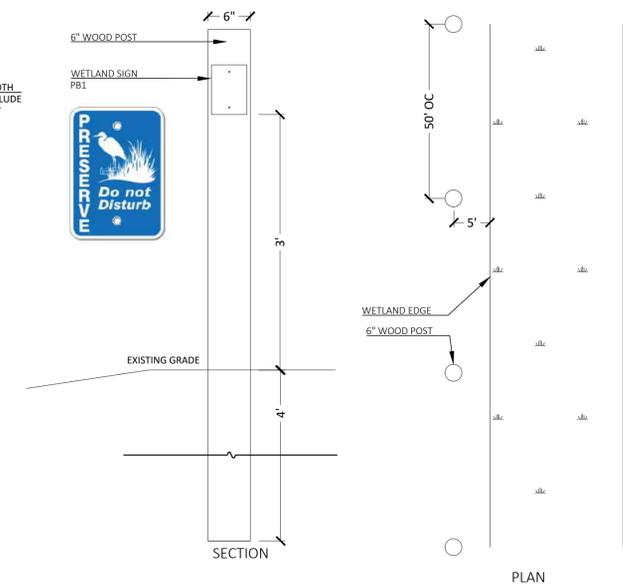
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07 RAIN GARDEN

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08 WETLAND MARKERS

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