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Planning Commission Staff Report

Project Type: Amended Architectural Elevations

Meeting Date: December 10, 2012

From: Purvi Patel

Project Planner

Location: South side of Swingley Ridge Road, west of the intersection with Olive

Boulevard

Applicant: Michael Doster on behalf of H.V. Real Estate Corporation

Description: 16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank): Amended Site Development

Plan, Amended Landscape Plan, Amended Architectural Elevations, an Architect's Statement of Design and Tree Preservation Plan for a 1.915 tract of land zoned "C8" Planned Commercial District located on the south side of

Swingley Ridge Road, west of the intersection with Olive Boulevard.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Michael Doster, on behalf of H.V. Real Estate Corporation, has submitted an Amended Site Development Plan, Amended Landscape Plan, Amended Architectural Elevations, an Architect's Statement of Design and Tree Preservation Plan for the office building at 16100 Swingley Ridge Road. The request is for approval of site improvements for the new user, Sterling Bank.

The proposed exterior renovations to the building include adding composite aluminum panels at top parapet around the perimeter; staining the existing brick to a darker burgundy color; painting the window frames black; and installing a metal roof feature over the north courtyard to match the proposed parapet color. The proposed project also includes the addition of a drive-thru facility on the west side of the property; a private landscaped sculpture park on the east side of the property and three fountains on the site.

LAND USE AND ZONING HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE

The subject site was originally zoned "C8" Planned Commercial 1985 via St. Louis County Ordinance 12,155. In 1986, the ordinance was amended by St. Louis County Ordinance 12,792 and the site was developed in 1987 with the development standards and regulations set forth in this ordinance. The site has functioned as a multi-tenant office building since its construction in 1987.

Land Use and Zoning of Surrounding Properties:

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Direction	Land Use	Zoning
North	Hampton Inn, U.S. Post Office, EDSI	"PC" Planned Commercial District,
	Consulting Engineering Office	"C8" Planned Commercial District
	Building	"C2" Shopping District
East	Herman Stemme Complex	"C8" Planned Commercial District
South - West	I-64 and Drury Plaza Hotel	"PC" Planned Commercial District



STAFF ANALYSIS

Zoning Regulations

The subject site is currently zoned "C8" Planned Commercial District. The submittal was reviewed against the requirements of St. Louis County Ordinance 12,792 and all other applicable sections of the City Code and found to be in compliance with all requirements.

Traffic Access and Circulation

Vehicular access to the site will remain at the single access point off Swingley Ridge Road. Vehicles will enter and exit the proposed drive-thru facility from the western edge of the existing parking lot. Pedestrian access to the proposed private landscaped park will be via a new sidewalk from the building.

Landscaping and Tree Preservation

The proposed modifications to the existing landscaping are intended to complement the building improvements and improve views of the building, sculpture and fountain areas. A number of trees along Swingley Ridge Road and on the western portion of the site will be preserved, while some trees located on the property and within the MoDOT right-of-way to the south of the site that are found to be in poor condition will be removed. In addition, screening of the existing dumpster location will be provided by the use of White Pines and White Spruce trees.

Building Landscaping

The proposal includes enhancing the building perimeter with the use of landscape beds consisting of hardy shrubs and native perennials and grasses. These plantings will be massed together into landscape beds to provide for greater visual impact and ease of maintenance. There is a tiered fountain proposed on the south side of the building and a fountain with low features proposed on along the north entrance on the building.

Parking and Drive Area Landscaping

Proposed landscaping for the parking area consists of deciduous shade trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, perennial flowers and ground covering located in the parking islands and along the vehicular entrance. The drive-thru facility will be complemented by deciduous shade trees along its perimeter, while ornamental Sweet Bay Magnolias, shrubs, perennial flowers, and ornamental grasses will fill the drive-thru island.

Sculpture Park Landscaping

Finally, the landscape proposal for the private sculpture park area, a key existing site feature, includes a spray fountain partially surrounded by deciduous shrubs and seasonal flowers. The walkway from the building to the sculpture park area will be lined by a seating wall constructed of masonry to match the building.

Mitigation Plan

The Tree Preservation and Landscape Requirements (City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2512) requires 30% of the existing wooded canopy on site be retained. The site currently has 15,000 square feet of tree canopy coverage and based on the requirement to preserve 30% of the existing tree canopy, 4,500 square feet of canopy coverage is required to be retained unless special conditions are found to exist on the site.

A request for special conditions was submitted to the Planning and Development Services Director in accordance with Section XV of the City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2512. As required by ordinance, a statement from a Tree Specialist and a mitigation plan were submitted to justify the request and mitigate the proposed landscaping on the site. The mitigation plan included 3 additional trees that account for 1,200 square feet of canopy coverage in replacement of 4 trees equaling 1,180 square feet of canopy coverage. The plan was reviewed by the City Arborist and Project Planner and was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on November 29, 2012.

Architectural Elevations

The project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board on November 8, 2012. The Board made a motion to forward to the Planning Commission the Amended Architectural Elevations for

16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank) as presented with a recommendation for approval. This motion passed with a voice vote of 4 to 0.

Lighting

Existing parking and building mounted lighting is proposed to be utilized as part of the amended elevations. New CLR-Recessed Canopy Lights are proposed to be installed under the proposed drive-thru canopy for safety and security. Finally, outdoor wall lamps mounted to the seating wall are proposed along the walkway from the building to the sculpture area. Both these fixtures adhere to City Code requirements.

DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

Staff has reviewed the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations, an Architect's Statement of Design and Tree Preservation Plan and has found the proposal to be in conformance with St. Louis County Ordinance 12,792 and all other applicable sections of the City Code. Staff recommends approval of the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations, an Architect's Statement of Design and Tree Preservation Plan.

MOTION

The following options are provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this application:

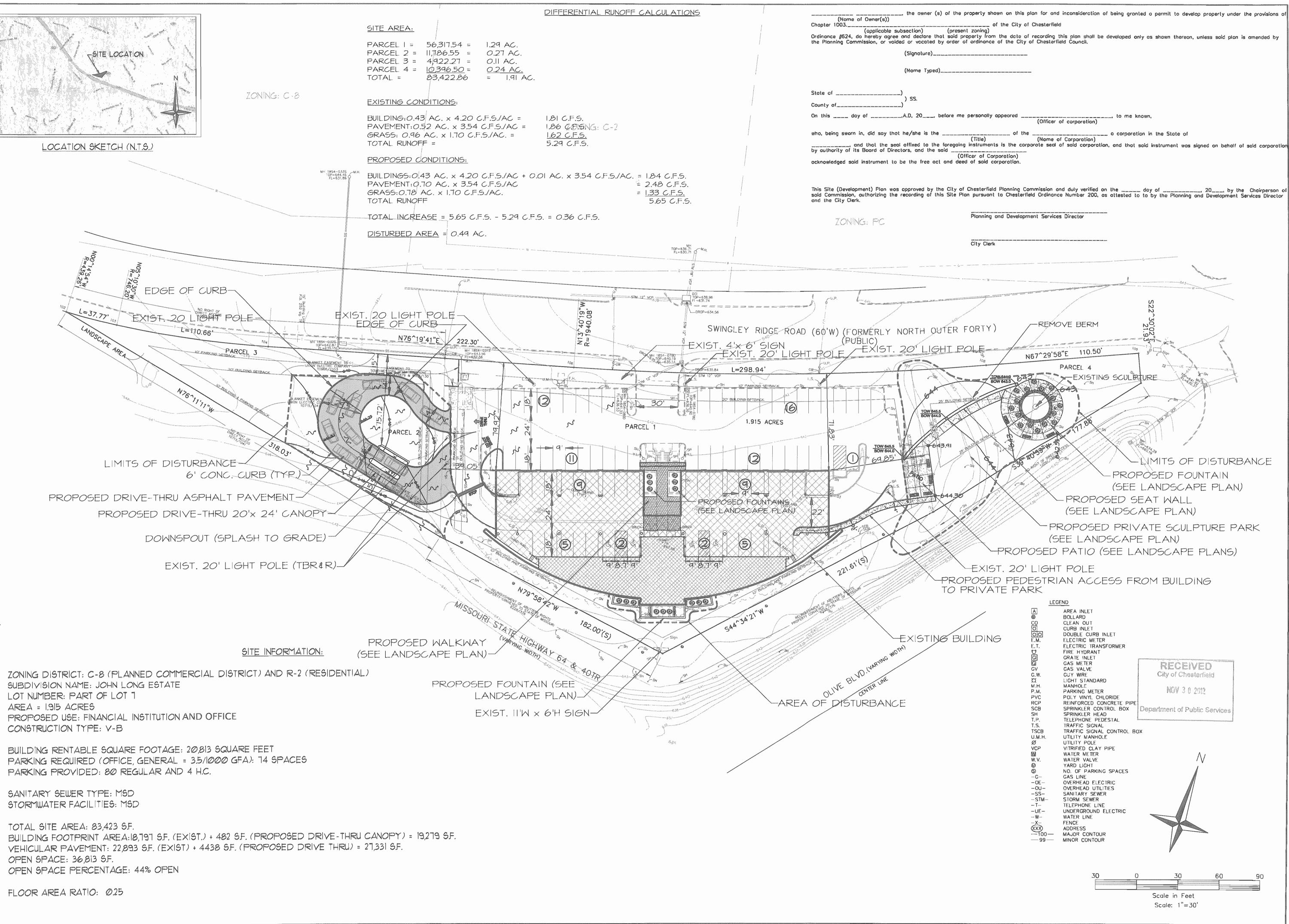
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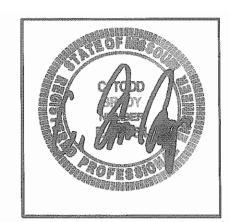
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Attachments: Amended Site Development Plan

Landscape Plan

Tree Preservation Plan Architectural Packet





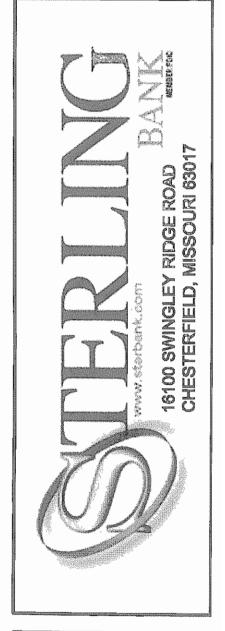
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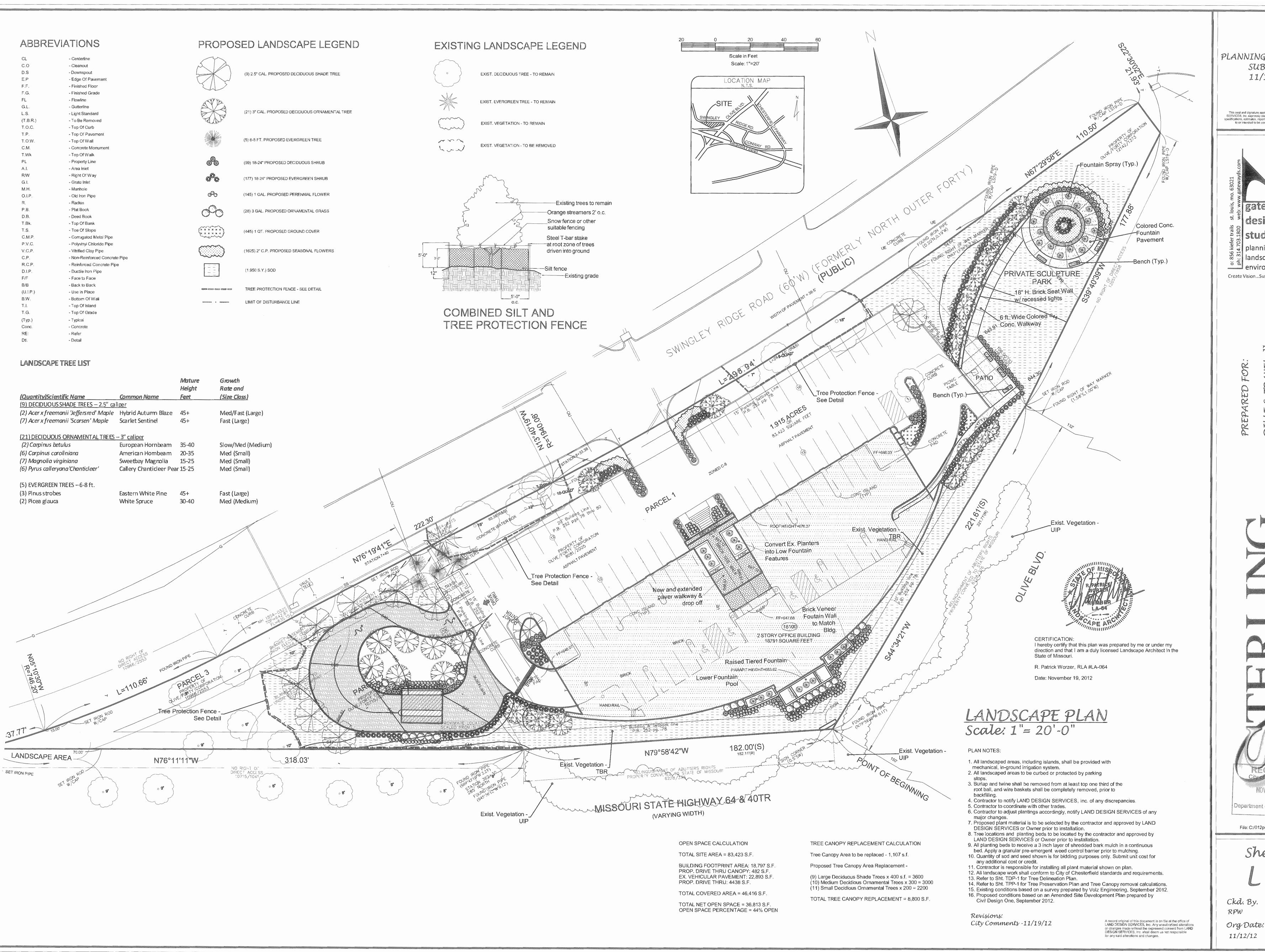


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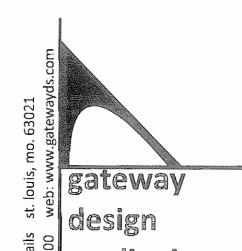
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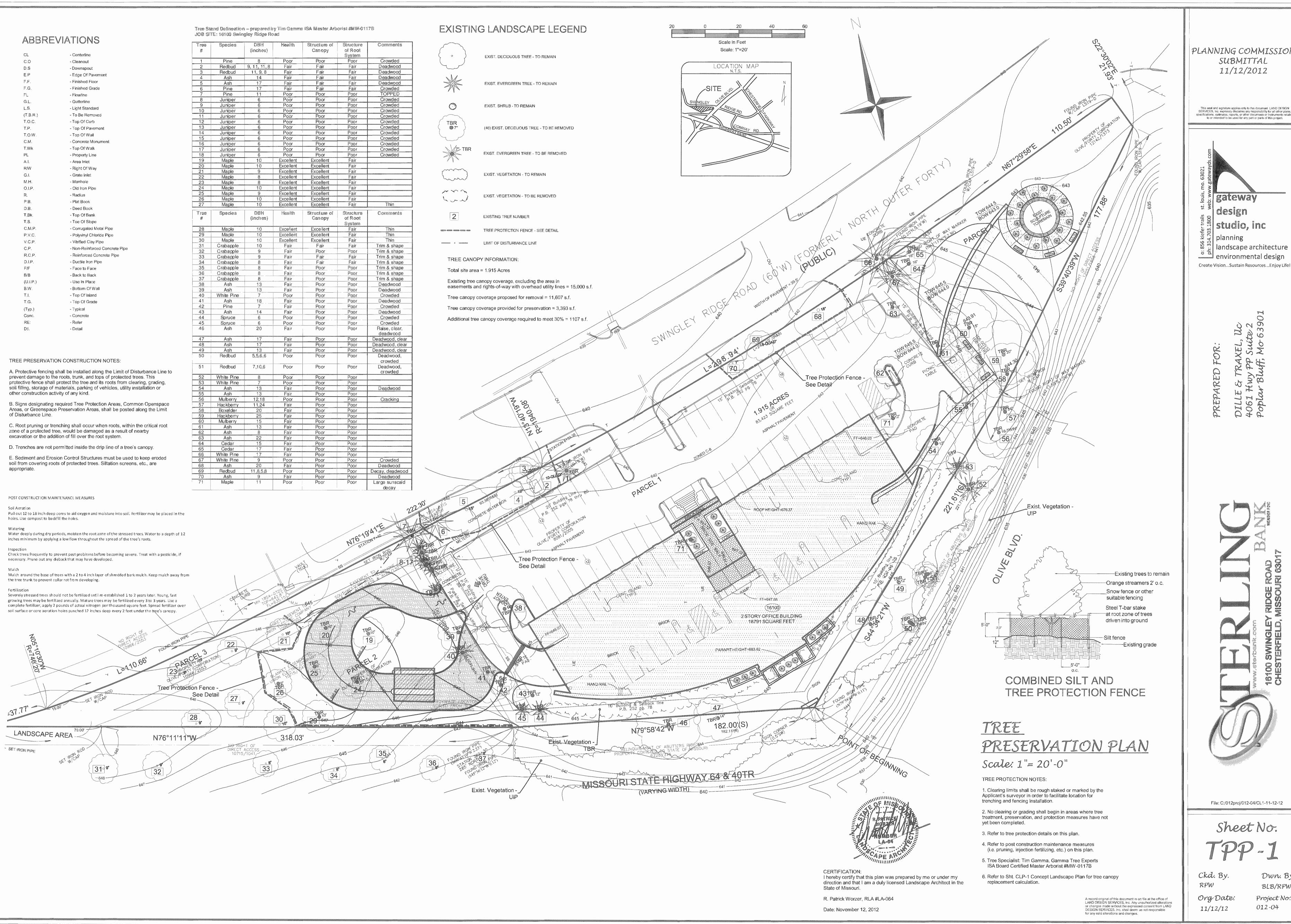
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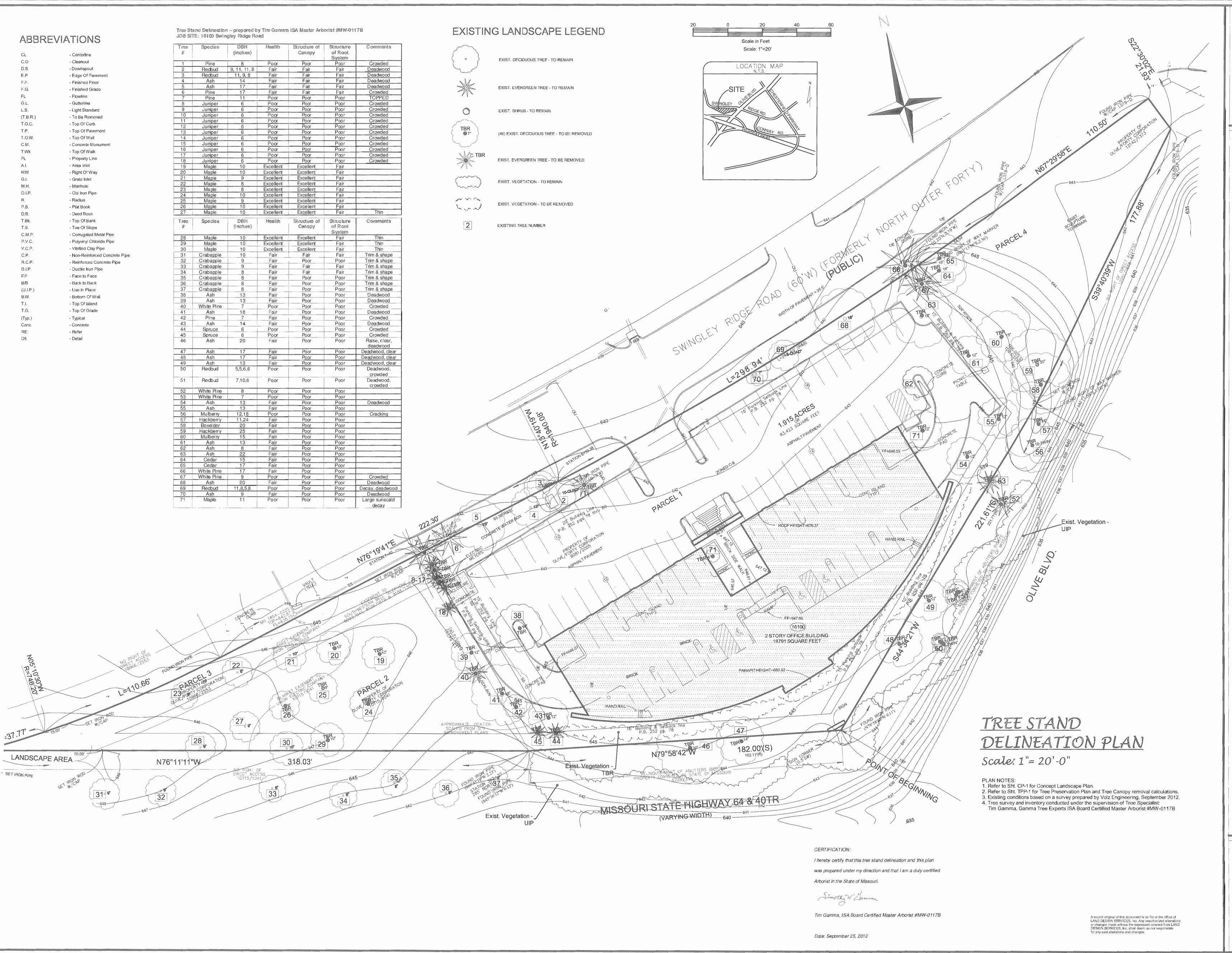


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Sterling Bank, Chesterfield

ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT OF DESIGN

The proposed renovation/design of this existing development into a financial facility is one that enhances the original design qualities of the site and building in its surroundings. The building sits comfortably with prominent views from all directions with its unique curved glass wall façade facing South and main entrance on the North side. The site includes a new drive thru canopy, a variety of landscape plantings, paved courtyard, walks, fountain features within nicely landscaped sculpture park on East side. The site design, layout, materials and colors all compliment the building and surrounding developments.

Centered on the South glass wall is an existing vertical masonry element that helps break the horizontal glass walls and concrete banding. There is a tiered fountain proposed and centered at the base of this feature on South side. Brick masonry veneer cover the N, E & West elevations. The exterior building will include new composite aluminum panels at top parapet around the perimeter, existing brick to be stained a darker burgundy color, window framing painted black and roof feature over North courtyard with metal roof to match the parapet color. See drawings attached for additional details.

The proposed project includes the addition of a drive-thru facility and landscaped sculpture park associated with the existing two-story office building which has a footprint of 18,791 square feet at 16100 Swingley Ridge Road. The subject site is 1.915 acres in size, and governed under the terms and conditions of City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 12792

The interior of the building will be renovated with no additional square footage proposed.

General requirements for Site Design

Site Relationships:

The subject site is currently occupied by an existing two-story, 18,791 square feet footprint office building. The proposed drive-thru facility will be on the western portion of the site, and connect to the existing parking lot on the northern side of the site. The proposed landscaped sculpture park will be on the eastern portion of the site and have pedestrian access via a new sidewalk from the building. The site is 1.915 acres surrounded to the Northwest by a Hampton Inn, to the North by the EDSI Consulting Engineering Inc. office building, to the Northeast by the US Post Office, all across Swingley Ridge Road. Across Olive Blvd. to the Southeast is the 16090 Swingley, and across the intersection of Olive Blvd. and I-64 there is an undeveloped parcel. To the southwest, across I-64 there is a Drury Plaza Hotel.

Circulation System and Access:

There are no proposed changes to vehicular access to the subject site. Vehicles would access the site from the existing entrance off of Swingley Ridge Road, access the drive-thru facility via the existing parking lot, and exit the site at the same location. No additional vehicular access is being requested. Pedestrian access to the proposed private landscaped park will be via a new sidewalk from the building.

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Topography:

In general the topography of the site has relatively gentle sloping contours with a variety of landscape elements. The proposed drive-thru facility will be constructed at or close to the existing grade with very little cut or fill necessary. The existing berm to the east of the parking lot will be removed and a private landscaped, sculpture park with fountain will be installed.

Retaining Walls:

Low height landscape/seating walls are created along the walkway to the East sculpture park. See attached drawings.

General requirements for Building Design

Scale:

The prominent location, open space and dramatic views from all directions allows for this existing 2 story building to have a nice setting and proportion in relation to adjacent properties and buildings in the area. The proposed new composite aluminum parapet design adds approximately 3' to the overall height at perimeter which blocks some views of the low slope roof and helps to clearly define the top of the building with a contrasting material.

Design:

This building is unique in form with a curved glass front facing the South and masonry veneer façade facing North, East and West. The proposed exterior renovation keeps this unique form as is but does enhances the top parapet with the aluminum panels as currently the top parapet is undefined. There is some parking below the upper floor plan on North. The North side roof feature helps define the entry courtyard and main entrance to building.

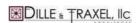
Material and Colors:

The existing building materials will not change other than the top parapet as described above. The existing brick will be stained a dark burgundy, the window frames will be painted black, the existing rooftop preformed metal screening will be painted to match the composite aluminum parapet panels. The structure over the North courtyard will be painted black with a silver standing seam metal roof to match the color of the composite aluminum panels. The landscape materials and color palate will all compliment the proposed building design as shown in attached drawings.

Landscape Design and screening:

DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPING

The landscape development for the overall site is to enhance the existing site with new plantings around the building, parking and private sculpture park area. Some of the existing trees within the property and MODOT right of way will be removed which exhibit poor quality and block potential open views of the new building improvements. Significant views of the building and sculpture fountain area are opened up and improved by this proposed landscape scheme, while still preserving some of the existing trees along Swingley Ridge Road and the west side of the site. Screening is provided by use of White Pines and White Spruce trees around the existing dumpster location.



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BUILDING LANDSCAPING

Building landscape is enhanced with a mix of hardy shrubs and native perennials and grasses which will be dwarf in size and massed into landscape beds for greater visual impact and ease of maintenance. The sculpture park is an important focal feature of the site and the landscape development will naturally reflect the modern and clean contemporary design of the existing artwork and building. Callery Chanticleer Pear trees frame both ends of the front of the building which will offer seasonal color and interest.

PARKING/DRIVES AREA LANDSCAPING

Landscaping for the parking area and drives is primarily focused around the proposed ATM drive through and within the parking lot islands. Scarlet Sentinel Maple is proposed around the outside of the drive through lanes and Hybrid Autumn Blaze Maple is proposed within the parking islands. In addition, ornamental trees are proposed within the drive through island which will be Sweet Bay Magnolia complimented with shrubs, perennials and ornamental grasses around the ATM structure. These trees and plantings will offer seasonal color and interest for this significant addition to the site.

WALLS AND FENCING

The Private Sculpture Park features a plaza seating area and walkway to a fountain spray plaza area for the existing sculpture. As part of the development of this key existing feature, a proposed seat wall is planned along the walk connection to the sculpture/fountain area. This wall will be constructed of masonry to match the building. The walkway will be lit with recessed lighting within the wall and have a decorative precast concrete cap stone. No fencing is proposed for the site.

SCREENING

Screening for the site will be only done for the existing dumpster location with the addition of White Pines and White Spruce as shown on the plans. The intent of most of the site is to open views and visibility of the building and new site development features and amenities.

Signage:

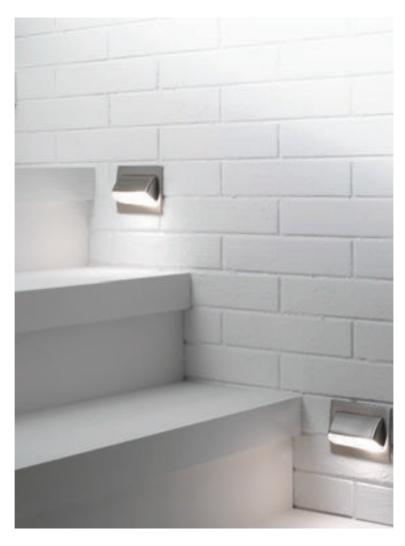
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Lighting:

The only new building lighting are can lights under the new proposed drive thru canopy (see attached drawings and cut sheet)



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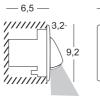
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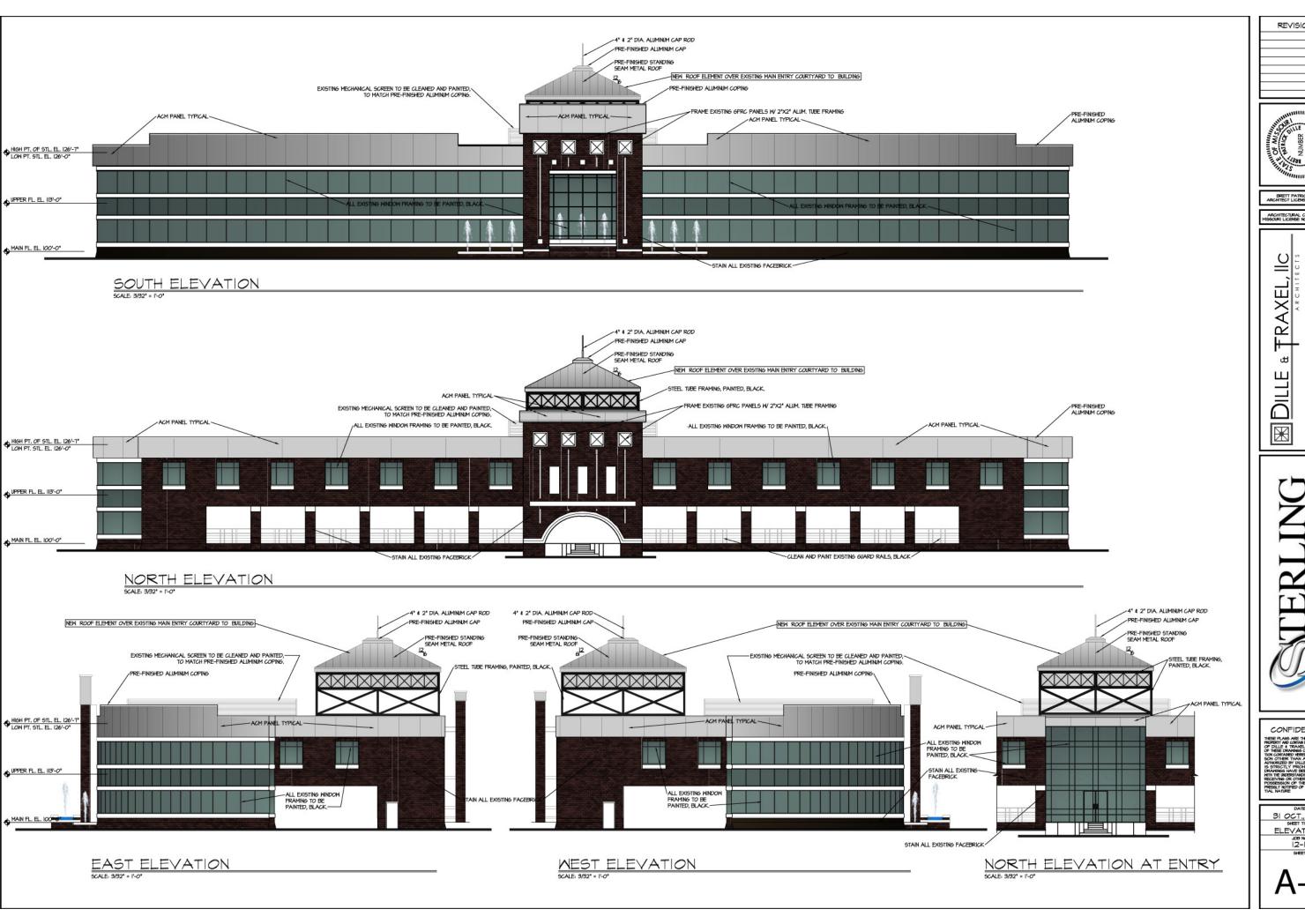


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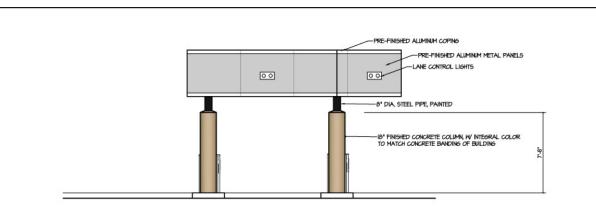
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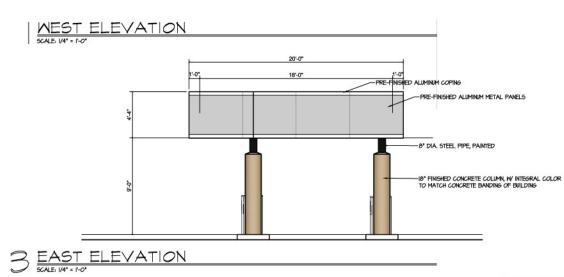


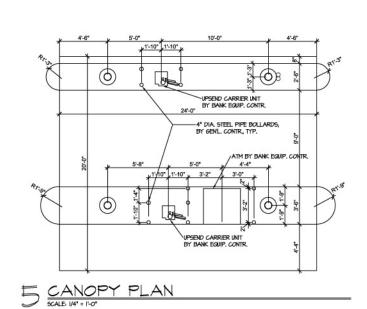
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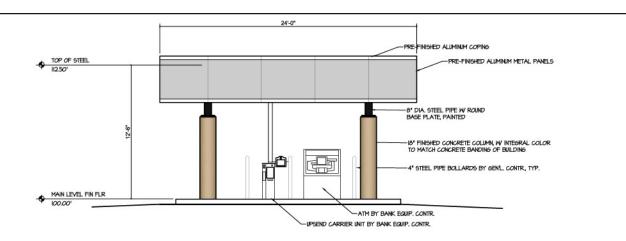
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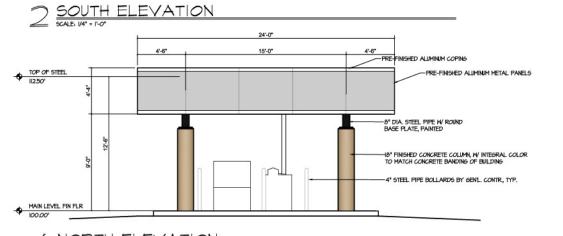
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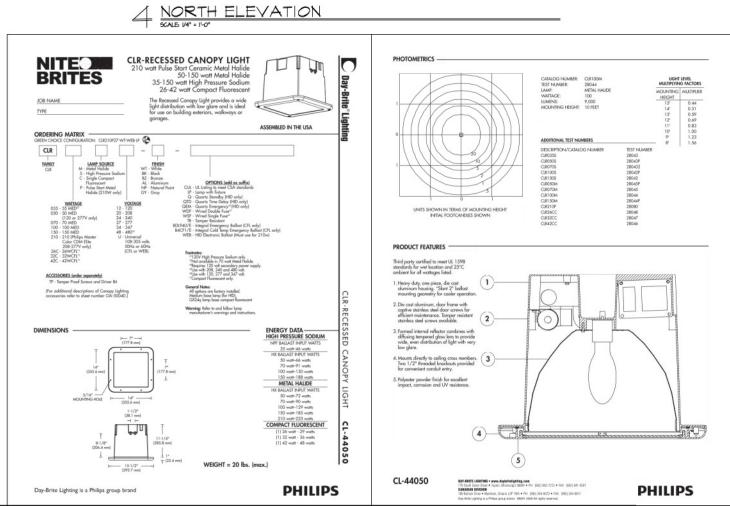


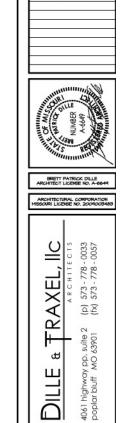












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