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## **Planning Commission Staff Report**

Meeting Date: January 22, 2024

From: Isaak Simmers, Planner

**Location:** 1791 Clarkson Rd.

**Description:** Clarkson Square Adj. Lot 1: Amended Architectural Elevations and Landscape

Plan for a retail building, zoned "C-8" Planned Commercial located on the

northwest corner of Baxter Road and Clarkson Road.

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

Dawdy and Associates, on behalf of the Capital Land Company, has submitted Amended Architectural Elevations and a Landscape Plan for a proposed exterior renovation to an existing stand-alone multitenant retail building in Clarkson Square Subdivision.



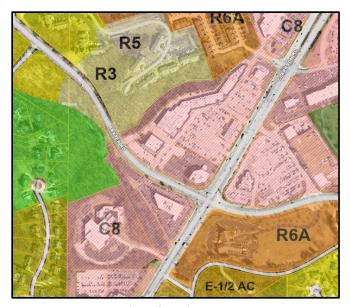
Figure 1: Subject Site

#### **HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE**

The site was zoned "C-8" - Planned Commercial under St. Louis County Zoning prior to City of Chesterfield incorporation. In 1995, Ordinance 1100 amended St. Louis County's Ordinance 13013 authorizing a "C-8" Planned Commercial District under the City of Chesterfield zoning code. The ordinance for Clarkson Square Subdivision has been amended three times since its adoption. In 2005, the Capital Land Company submitted a request to amend their elevations and landscape plan for an existing 25,401 SF retail building into the current multi-tenant retail building. The upper-level tenant space was previously occupied by Petco but has since been closed and remains vacant due to the low demand for larger retail tenant spaces per the applicant.

#### **ZONING & LAND USE**

The subject site is zoned "C-8" Planned Commercial under governing Ordinance 2020 with an amendment to Section 3 of its Attachment A included in Ordinance 2999.



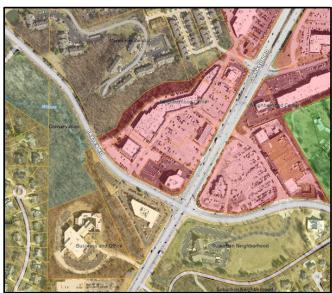


Figure 2: Zoning Map

Figure 3: Land Use Map

#### **COMPRHENSIVE PLAN**

The City of Chesterfield's Comprehensive Land Use Plan indicates the subject site as being part of the Neighborhood Center land use designation. The City of Chesterfield provides a character description for this area as, "Land that supports small-scale, commercial centers that provide good and services to surrounding neighborhoods. Their proximity to neighborhoods requires that operations be low-intensity, unobtrusive and at a scale and design compatible with nearby residential development. The design of neighborhood centers transitions effectively between residential and non-residential uses, and includes safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access for nearby residents. While this is primarily a commercial category, some neighborhood commercial centers may include upper story residential". The development policies for Neighborhood Center are listed on the following page:

- Encourage preservation of existing residential neighborhood's identity;
- New residential development should reinforce existing residential development patterns by continuing to reinforce high quality site and subdivision design, layout, and planning practices;
- Uncover the anticipated expense (cost of municipal infrastructure) for each new or redevelopment residential development.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

#### A. Circulation System, Parking and Access

The proposed renovation will be utilizing the existing circulation system, parking, and access points on site which is in compliance with the Section 405.04.040 of the Unified Development Code. Per the applicant, there is estimated to be little or no increased impact on the surrounding commercial area once complete because a multi-tenant retail space already exists prior to the request to amend the elevations.

#### B. Landscape Design

A landscape plan was provided in 2005 during the last review by Planning Commission and the requested landscaping has been updated from the original plan by replacing the plantings that are missing today, and adjusting materials as required to accommodate the renovation.

#### C. Screening

Existing black steel fencing will be expanded around the renovated front covered porch for patron safety.

#### D. Materials and Design

The applicant is proposing modifications to the east elevation (see Figure 4 and Figure 5) of the existing building. The design intent is to divide the existing tenant upper level of the building into a multi-tenant space.



Figure 4: East Elevation (Clarkson view)



Figure 5: South Elevation (Baxter view)

The new canopy element will be slightly below the existing mansard roof coping and will provide future tenants the opportunity to position their signage with sight lines from Clarkson Road. The materials and colors were chosen to be compatible with the existing building aesthetics, with the main material being the EFIS signage band (see Figure 5).

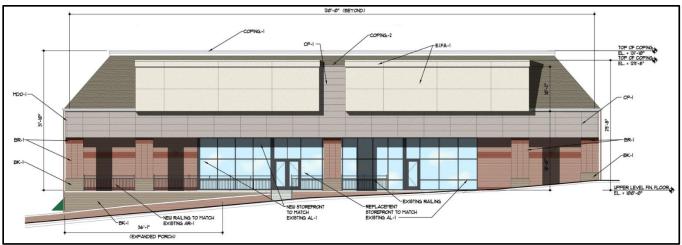


Figure 5: East Elevation

#### E. Lighting

Existing lighting will remain and new cut-off LED lighting fixtures will be installed under the renovated canopy for safety during and after operation hours. All site lighting is in compliance with Section 405.04.030 of Unified Development Code.

#### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

This project was initially reviewed by Architectural Review Board (ARB) on November 9, 2023 and the main points of concern raised by the Board included the massing of the sign band and the overall cohesiveness of the standalone structure with the rest of the site. The applicant made the request to hold and addressed the Boards concerns in a redesign that was reviewed again by ARB on December 14, 2023. The Board recommended approval as presented.

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#### RENDERING



#### **DEPARTMENT INPUT**

Staff has reviewed this proposed development and found it to be in compliance with the City's Unified Development Code and site-specific ordinance. All outstanding comments have been addressed at this time and Staff recommends approval of the Amended Elevations and Landscape Plan for Clarkson Square, Adj. Lot 1.

#### **MOTION**

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

- 1. "I move to approve (or deny) the Amended Architectural Elevations and Landscape Plan for Clarkson Square, Adjacent Lot 1, as presented."
- 2. "I move to approve the Amended Architectural Elevations and Landscape Plan for Clarkson Square, Adjacent Lot 1 with the following conditions..." (Conditions may be added, eliminated, altered or modified).

#### Attachments:

1. Applicant Submittal Packet

# ADJUSTED LOT 1 RETAIL RENOVATION CLARKSON SQUARE

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#### **ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT OF DESIGN-Clarkson Square**

#### Introduction:

The project incorporates a tenant improvement of the existing retail building located on Adjusted Lot 1 within the Clarkson Square Shopping Center.

The design intent is to divide the existing single tenant upper level of the building into a multitenant space while respecting and harmonizing with the existing shopping center architecture. The design also strives to provide identity and a visual cue for the tenants as the frontage of the building is set back such a distance from Clarkson Road. This is achieved with the new sign band element and extended canopy.

#### 1. Scale

The scale of the new canopy element will be at the slightly higher that the existing mansard roof coping but lower than the existing peaked sign element which is to be removed. With the building so far removed from Clarkson Road, 550'+ back from the centerline of the road, this will provide the tenants with an opportunity to position their signage higher up which will help with sight lines from Clarkson Road.

#### 2. Design

The new element will provide for a covered sidewalk along the width of the building affording protected access to the shops even during inclement weather and help shade the storefront from morning sun.

While the balance of the building will remain unchanged, the new elements will complement the look and feel of the overall shopping center.

#### 3. Materials and Colors

Materials and colors were chosen to be compatible with the existing building aesthetics. The main material will be an EFIS sign band chosen for its aesthetic characteristics, ease of construction, serviceability in the event of changing tenants, and its durability. The balance of the materials were chosen to match the existing building materials.

#### 4. Landscape Design and Screening

The landscape plan has been updated from the original plan developed when the building was constructed in 2006 and it identifies replacement of original plantings missing today while adjusting materials as required to accommodate the expanded "porch" area at the south end of the east façade.

### 5. Signage and Sign Package

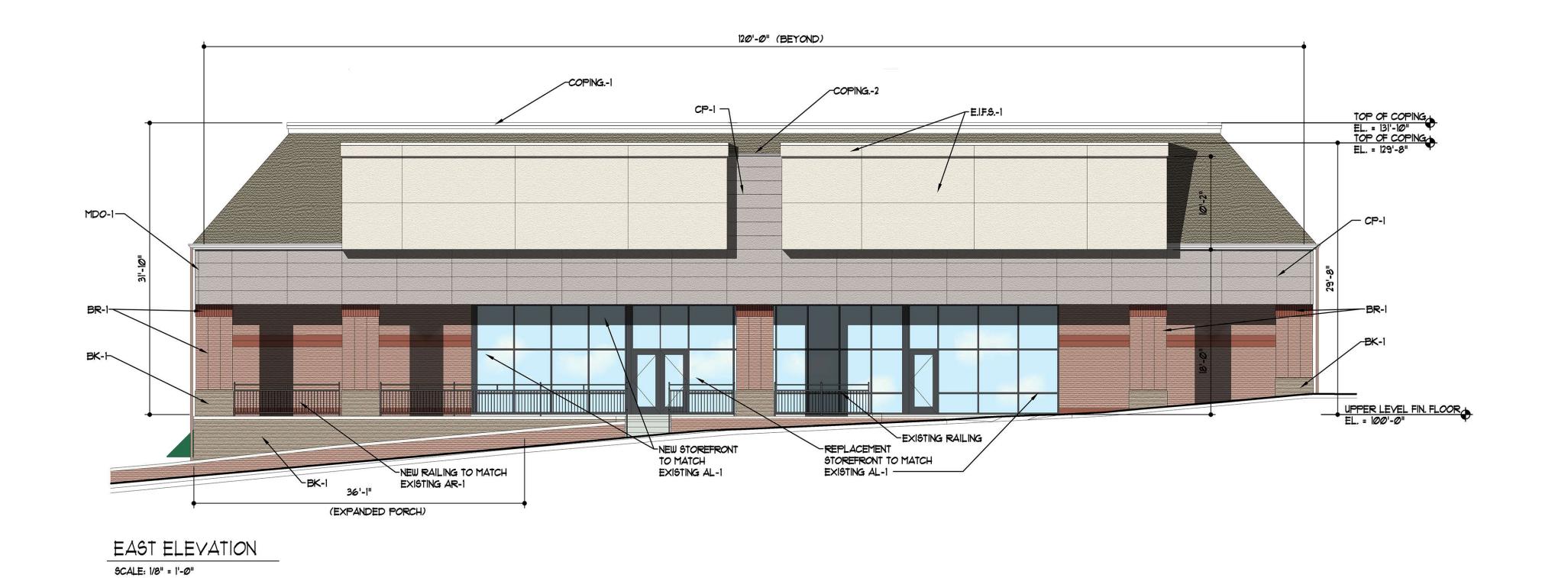
All signage will be incorporated through a separate submittal.

#### 6. Site Lighting

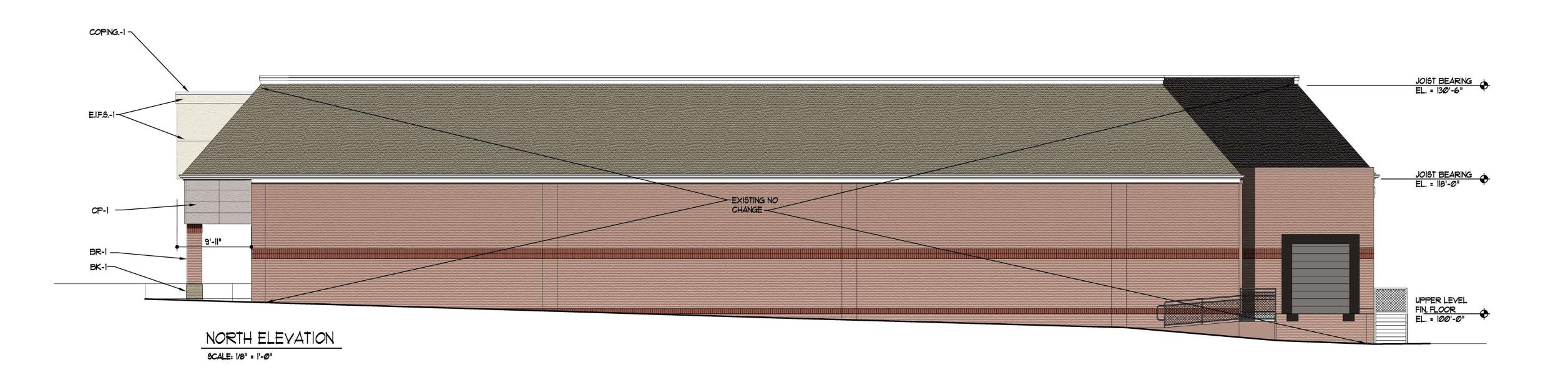
Existing Site lighting will remain in its current condition. New energy efficient LED fixtures will provide a maintain a safe walkway under the element canopy.

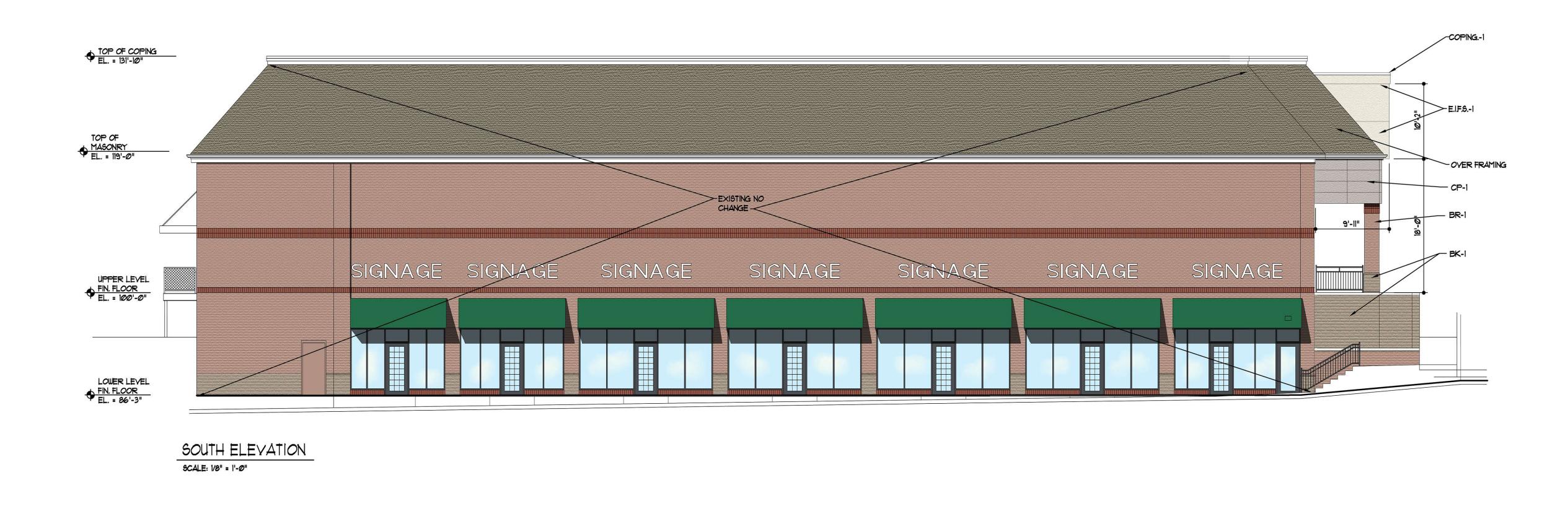


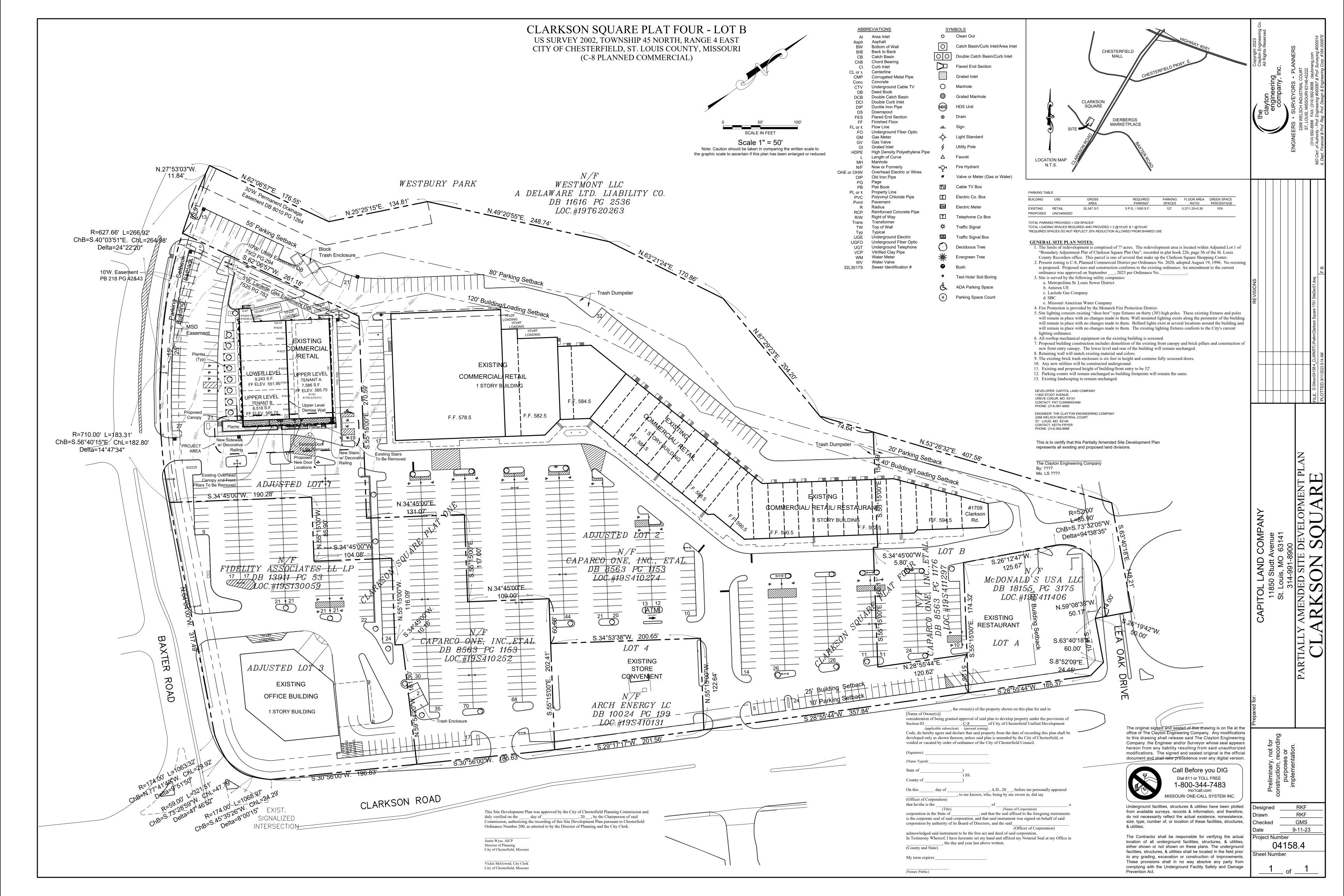
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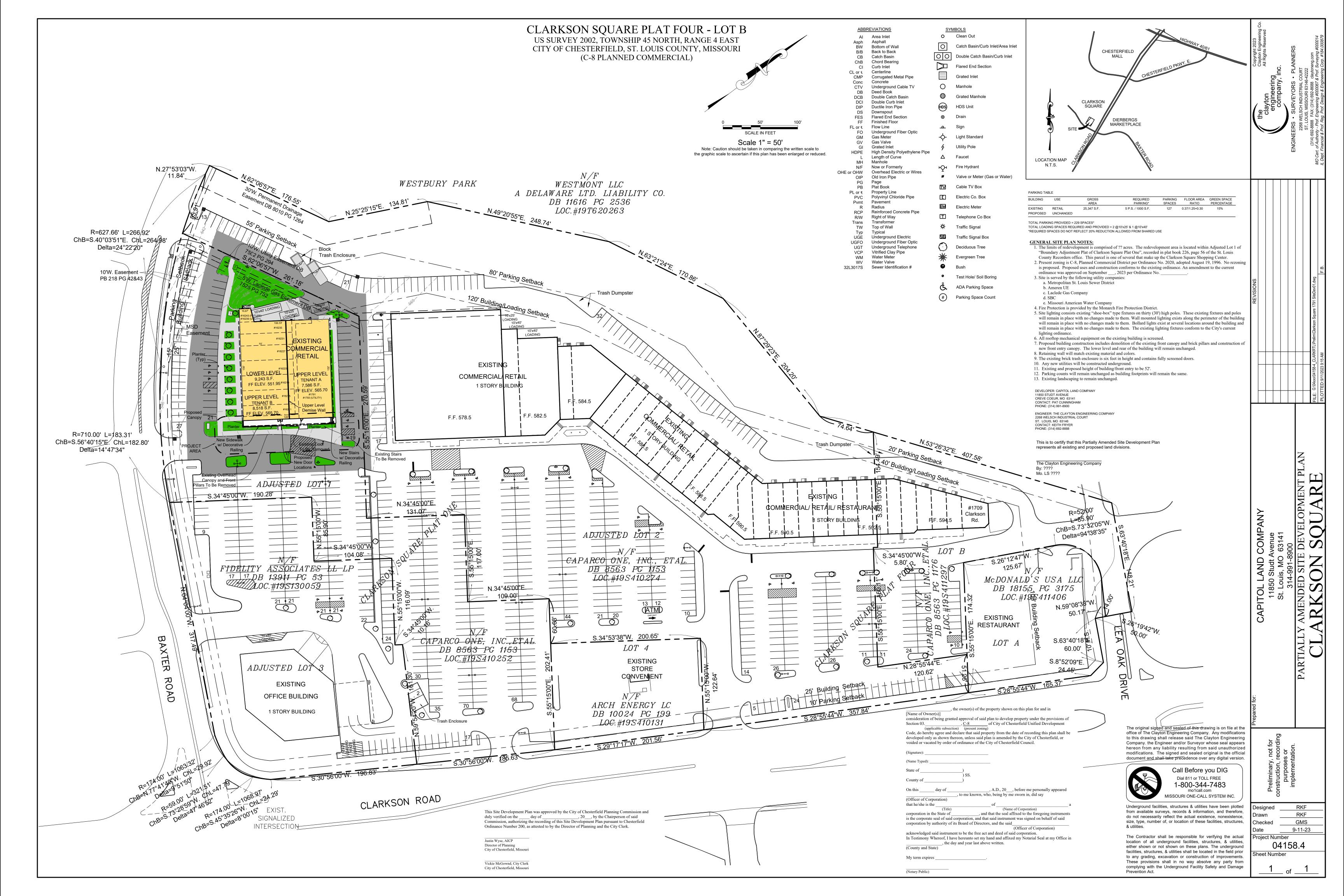


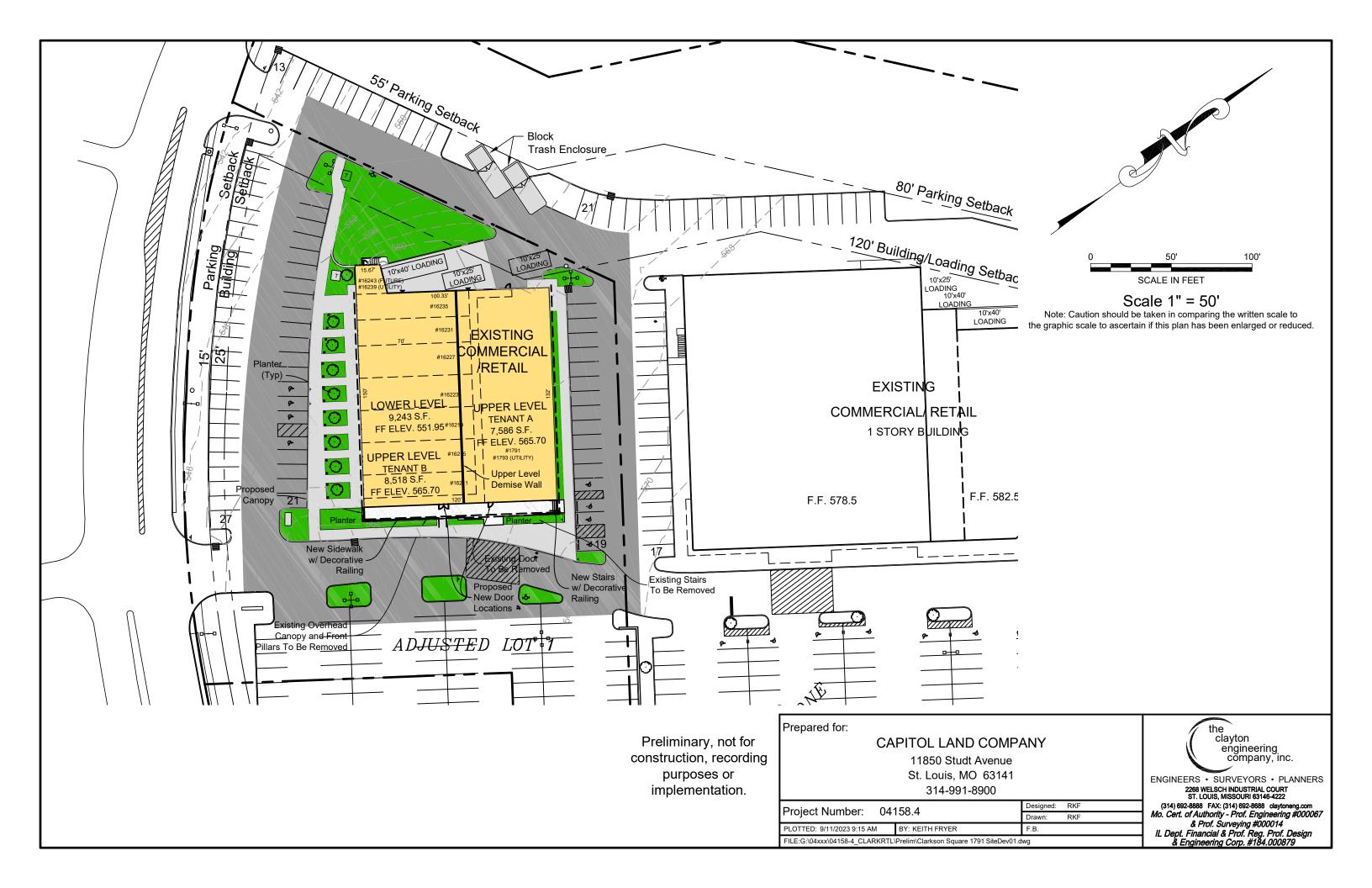
MATERIAL	COLOR	REMARKS	COMPANY				
AL-1	DARK BRONZE	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	TBD				
AR-I	MATCH EXISTING	ALUMINUM RAIL TO MATCH EXISTING	TBD				
BR-1	MATCH EXISTING	MATCH EXISTING BRICK	TBD				
BK-I	MATCH EXISTING	MATCH EXISTING SPLIT FACE BLOCK	TBD				
COPING-1	BONE WHITE	PREFINISHED SHEET METAL COPING	MCELORY METAL				
COPING-2	MATCH CP-1	PREFINISHED SHEET METAL COPING	MCELORY METAL				
E.I.F.SI	DOVER WHITE SW6385	E.I.F.S. FINE FINISH	DRYVIT				
CP-I	GRAY	FIBER CEMENT BOAD SIDING	NICHIHA				

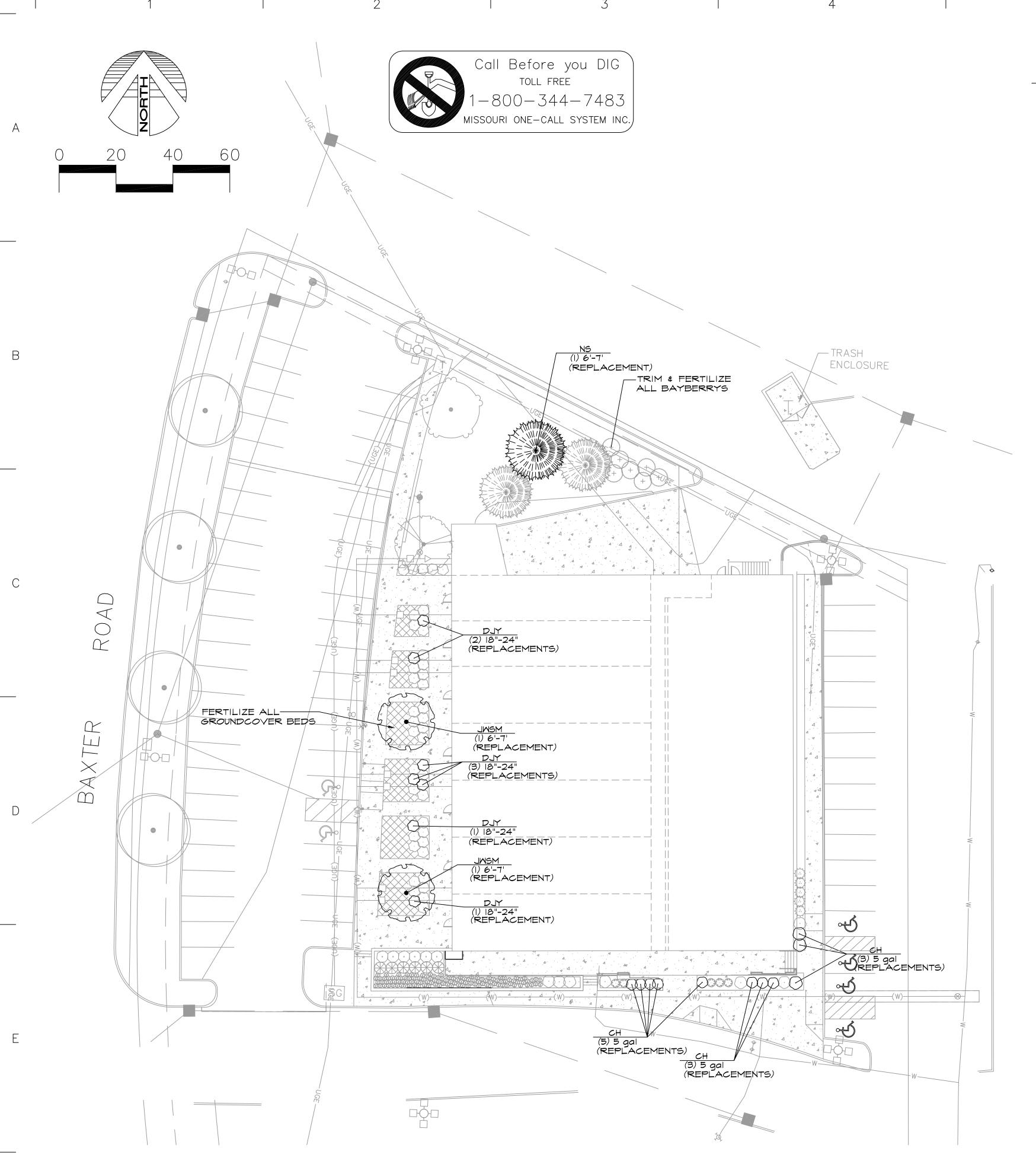












COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME

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DENSE JAPANESE YEW / TAXUS CUSPIDATA 'DENSIFORMIS'

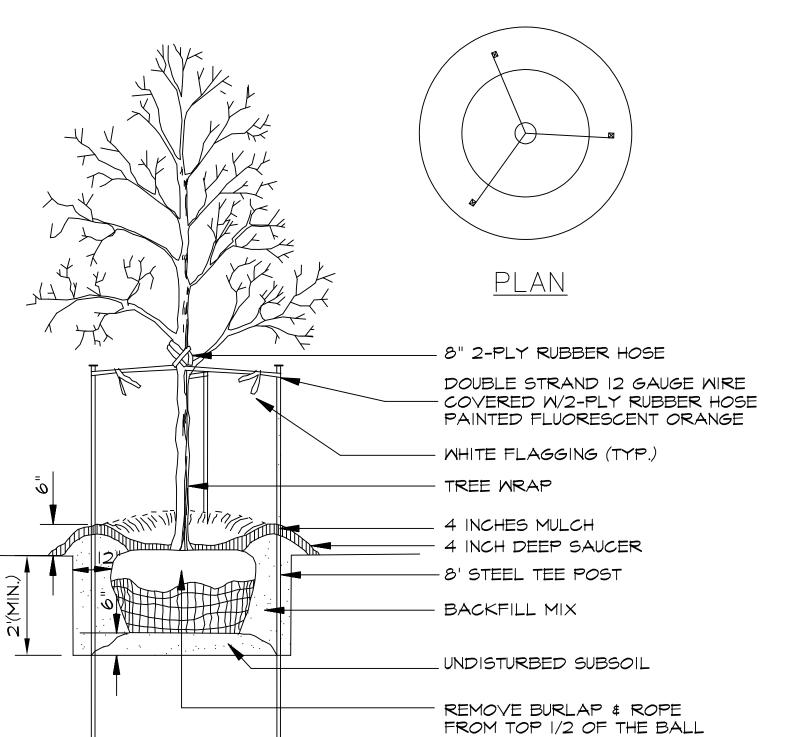
## NOTES:

- All natural vegetation shall be maintained where it does not interfere with construction or the permanent plan of operation. Every effort possible shall be made to protect existing structures or vegetation from damage due to equipment usage. Contractor shall at all times protect all materials and work against injury to public.
   The landscape contractor shall be responsible for any coordination
- 2.) The landscape contractor shall be responsible for any coordination with other site related work being performed by other contractors. Refer to architectural drawings for further coordin-
- ation of work to be done.

  3.) Underground facilities, structures and utilities must be considered approximate only. There may be others not presently known or shown. It shall be the landscape contractor's responsibility to determine or verify the existence of and exact location of the above (Call I-800-DIG-RITE).
- 4.) Plant material are to be planted in the same relationship to
- grade as was grown in nursery conditions.

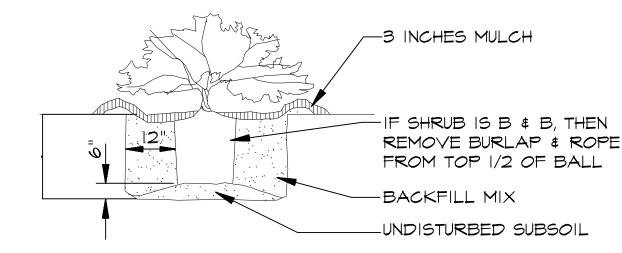
  5.) All mulch to be shredded Oak Bark at 3" depth over fabric (after compaction) unless otherwise noted. Mulch shall be clean and free of all foreign materials.
- 6.) It shall be the landscape contractor's responsibility to:

  A.) Verify all existing and proposed features shown on the drawings prior to commencement of work.
  - B.) Report all discrepancies found with regard to existing conditions or proposed design to the landscape architect immediately for a decision.
  - C.) Stake the locations of all proposed plant material and obtain the approval of the owner's representative or
- landscape architect prior to installation.
  7.) All plant material (excluding ground cover, perennials and annuals) are to be warranted for a period of 12 months after installation at 100% of the installed price.
- 8.) All disturbed lawn areas to be seeded with a mixture of Turf-Type fescue (300# per acre) and bluegrass (18# per acre). Landscape contractor shall offer an alternate price for sod in lieu of seed. Lawn areas shall be unconditionally warranted for a period of 90 days from date of final acceptance. Bare areas more than one square foot per any 50 square feet shall be replaced.
- q.) Items shown on this drawing take precedence over the material list. It shall be the landscape contractor's responsibility to verify all quantities and conditions prior to implementation of this plan. No substitutions of types or size of plant materials will be accepted without written approval from landscape architect.
- 10.) If the estimated materials cost of new landscaping indicated on the Site Development Plan, as required by the Planning Commission, exceeds one thousand (1,000) dollars, as determined by a plant nursery, the petitioner shall furnish a two (2) year bond or escrow sufficient in amount to guarantee the installation of said landscaping.
  11.) Upon release of the landscape Installation Bond, a two (2) year Landscape Maintenance Bond shall be required.



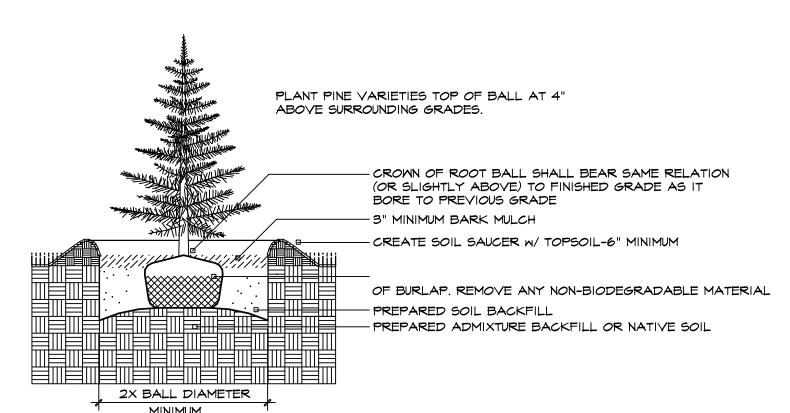
DECIDUOUS TREE PLANTING

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NOTE: USE SHREDDED BARK MULCH ONLY

# SHRUB PLANTING



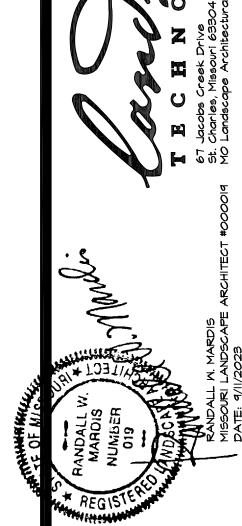
EVERGREEN TREE PLANTING

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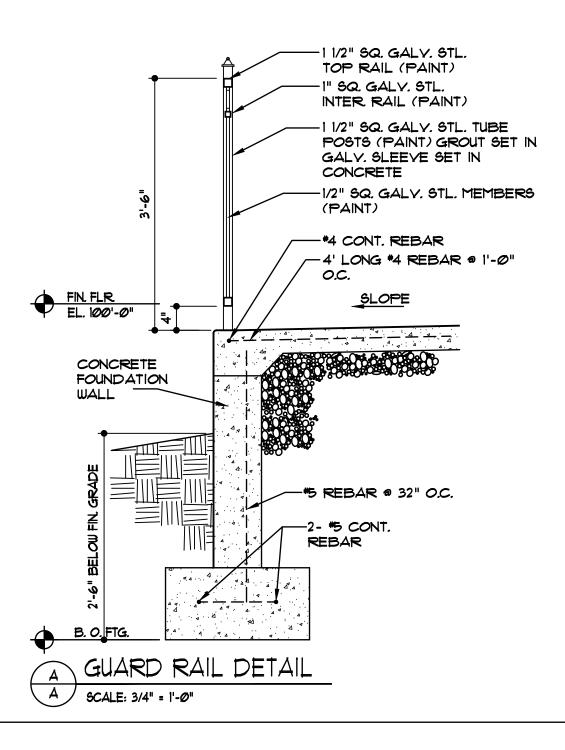
PLANT_SCHEDULE																				
EVERGREEN TREES	l l	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE	Slow	Moderate	Fast	< 6"	6 - 18"	18 - 36"	> 3'	< 18"	3 - 6'	6 - 10'	10 - 15'	> 15'	< 15 <sup>1</sup>	15 - 25'	25 - 40'	40 - 65'	> 65'
NS	I	NORWAY SPRUCE / PICEA ABIES	6'-7'		×	×													×	
JWSM	2	SMEETBAY MAGNOLIA / MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA 'JIM WILSON'	6'-7'		×												×			

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