

# City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Agenda Item: 6A

<u>To</u>: Planning Commission

From: John Jay, Associate Planner

Subject: Public Hearing on Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR/DEIR)

for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Canopy

Residential Project at 1009-1011 Gravenstein Hwy North

Recommendation: Receive draft report and provide comments

Applicant/Owner: Samantha Hauser/City Ventures LLC

File Number: 2022-095

Address: 1009-1011 Gravenstein Highway North CEQA Status: Draft Environmental Impact Report

General Plan: Office Light Industrial (OLI)
Zoning: Office/Light Industrial (OLM)

### **Introduction:**

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been drafted and made public since December 7, 2023, for the Canopy Residential Project at 1009-1011 Gravenstein Highway North ("Project"). This project is a residential housing development proposing 80 units with a potential of 16 American with Disabilities (ADA) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). The City of Sebastopol Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public and representatives of public agencies to provide input regarding the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR evaluates impacts on the following: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public, interested agencies, and the Planning Commission to provide public comments on the Draft EIR. All comments received during the public comment period related to the Environmental Impacts, both at the hearing and directly to the Planning Department, will be responded to in the Final EIR. Comments received that are related to entitlements (but not environmental impacts) will be accepted, but will be addressed at the future public hearing on the project entitlements described below.

### **Project Location and Surrounding Land Uses:**

The project site is located at 1009-1011 Gravenstein Highway North, on the east side of Gravenstein Highway North southeast of its intersection with Mill Station Road, within the City of Sebastopol. The project site encompasses approximately 6.1 acres across two parcels. The project site consists of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 060-261-028 and 060-261-026 and

is adjacent to the City of Sebastopol's northwestern boundary. The project site is roughly bounded by the O'Reilly Media Center to the west, Gravenstein Highway North to the north, and primarily residential uses to the east and south.

### **Project Description:**

The proposed project would involve the construction of 80 solar all-electric, three-story townhome-style condominiums, with the potential for up to 16 ADA ADUs. The project will require the City's approval of a conditional use permit, site development review, design review, tree removal permit, and vesting tentative tract map. In addition, the project applicant proposes the use of a State Density Bonus to allow for a waiver to increase the building height to three stories. These entitlements are not under review at this time; a public hearing will be scheduled after the DEIR comment period and preparation of a Final EIR.

The project site is zoned Office/Light Industrial (OLM), which allows residential only development with approval of a conditional use permit and consistent with the R7-Multifamily Residential standards.

	Required (R7)	Proposed		
Front Setbacks	10'	10'		
Side Setbacks 5'-9'		9'		
Rear Setbacks	20'-30'	20'-30'		
Maximum density	153	80 with 16 potential ADUs		
Minimum density 74		80 with 16 potential ADUs		
Building Height	30', 2 stories	Up to 40' with State Density bonus		
		waiver, 3 stories		
Lot coverage 40%		26%		

Access to the proposed residential units and garages would be taken from newly constructed private streets between the buildings, which would connect to Gravenstein Highway North. Access to the site via Gravenstein Highway North would be provided by two new inlet and outlet points at the northwest and southwest portions of the site on either side of the existing O'Reilly Media Center site. The project would include a total of 160 parking spaces in garages and 58 surface spaces across the site. The project would include construction of landscaped internal walkways throughout the site, including a new, enhanced 6-foot-wide pedestrian pathway to connect the West County Trail to Gravenstein Highway along the southern border of the site; a bicycle repair station is proposed at the same location. The project would include 96 bicycle parking spaces, with 80 long-term spaces located in each residential garage and 16 spaces in onsite bicycle racks.

The proposed project would involve the removal of 21 trees (20 protected native trees including Oaks, Redwoods and Douglas Fir) while preserving the remaining 111 trees primarily along the perimeter of the site. An existing large, mature coast live oak tree would be retained at the primary entrance to the project entry. Proposed landscaping would include new plantings throughout the open spaces, along drive aisles, roadways, and streets, and surrounding the proposed buildings. Other amenities, including gardens, active and passive seating areas, children's play areas, and a meditation hammock garden are also proposed.



### **Environmental Review:**

As noted above, the purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public, interested agencies, and the Planning Commission to provide public comments on the Draft EIR.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15161, staff has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to assess and mitigate the potential adverse environmental effects of the project. The EIR evaluates impacts that would occur as a result of project changes for Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. The EIR also evaluates potential cumulative and growth-inducing effects of the proposed project.

Impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources were found to be potentially significant but mitigable to a less than significant level. Impacts to other resource areas and environmental topics evaluated in the EIR were found to be less than significant without mitigation.

Included in this report are some of the mitigation measures for the project

- Cultural Resources: The project includes a Cultural Resources Evaluation which was
  completed by Archaeological Resource Management in June of 2023. This report
  determined that there were no resources on site. However, if during the construction
  phase there is a discovery of resources on site, construction shall halt within 100 feet of
  the find and an Archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional
  Qualifications Standards for archaeology shall be contacted immediately to evaluate the
  find.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The project would create in Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) during the construction phase, but construction equipment would be subject to USEPA Construction Equipment Fuel Efficiency standards and thus would minimize inefficient fuel consumption. The project would also increase the GHG emissions based on transportation however, the Transportation Impact Study provided by W-Trans notes that the Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) per capita is 13.07 which is below the 15 percent County wide average per capita of 14.11. The project also includes a 6-foot public access to the West County Trail to Gravenstein highway, 96 bicycle parking spaces, and a bicycle repair station to promote alternative forms of transportation which reduces the use of gasoline for vehicles.
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Development of the project would result in a net increase in impervious surfaces of the site as the site is currently undeveloped. These new impervious surfaces would increase the rate of surface runoff and general permit Best Management Plans (BMP) which relate to erosion control would be required. However, stormwater runoff would be captured and controlled by the proposed on-site stormwater detention facilities and through the implementation of these regulatory requirements the project would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site.
- Noise: The project would create noise during the construction and demolition phases of the project and would be subject to State regulations. However, the Sebastopol Municipal Code exempts construction noise from projects when construction occurs during the daytime hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.
- Tribal Cultural Resources: As part of the Tribal Cultural Resources identification process pursuant to California Assembly Bill 52 (AB52) the City sent certified mail on January 27, 2023, to ten Native American tribal contacts as identified to be traditional and culturally affiliated with the project vicinity by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). Tribes that received this letter had 30 days to respond to the City for a consultation request and the City received no consultation requests. However, if cultural resources of Native American origin are found, all earth work within 50 feet of the find shall cease and desist until an archaeologist has evaluated the nature of the find. If the City, in consultation with the local Native American tribes, determines the resource is of cultural significance than a mitigation plan shall be prepared and implemented in accordance with state guidelines.
- Transportation: The project was subject to a Traffic Impact Study which assessed the VMT which refers to the amount and distance of automobile travel. As mentioned in the GHG section the project would produce 13.07 VMT and is below the Countywide VMT per capita level of 14.11 and thus the impact to VMT would be less than significant. The Traffic Impact Study includes a mitigation measure for the pedestrian facilities to include a pedestrian pathway from the center of the site to the HAWK crossing at the northern section of the of the Danmar and Highway 116 intersection. This connection would then meet the Sebastopol General Plan Action CIR 1f which tasks the Planning, Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments to ensure developments adequately connect

transportation improvements along frontages, provide complete streets when feasible, provide adequate onsite pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and minimize driveway cuts.

After the draft EIR was released, the applicant reviewed Impact TRA-1 related to the new pedestrian pathway, which would require an easement through the adjoining property (O'Reilly). The adjacent property owner where the pathway is proposed is not amenable to the pathway in that location, but is open to a pedestrian pathway to the south side of their buildings. This is an acceptable mitigation to staff, as it will still meet the intent of providing a pathway through the site which will connect to the proposed HAWK crossing at the intersection of Highway 116 and Danmar Drive. Staff will incorporate this into the final EIR as a project cannot be conditioned upon the approval of another property owner, and the mitigation is still provided.

### **City Departmental Comments:**

Relevant City departments have provided information for and reviewed the DEIR for consistency with their respective areas of responsibility.

### **Public Comment:**

Pursuant to CEQA guidelines section **15807 Public Review Of Draft EIR** The lead agency shall provide public notice of availability of a draft EIR at the same time as it sends a notice of completion to the Office of Planning and Research. The lead agency, City of Sebastopol, completed that task on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the draft EIR has been made available since that date.

As prescribed by Section 17.460 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Department completed the following: (1) Provided written notice to all property owners within 600 feet of the external boundaries of the subject property; (2) provided a written notice that was published in the Press Democrat; and (3) posted three written notices publicly on and within vicinity of the subject property.

Public comments received as of this staff report are included in the Attachments to this staff report.

### Recommendation:

Hear report, hold a public hearing, and provide comments from the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

### **Attachements:**

Application Materials
Draft Environmental Impact Report
Public Comment

# THE CANOPY

1009 - 1011 Gravenstein Highway North, Sebastopol, CA





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## **Project Summary**

City Ventures is pleased to provide this project overview for The Canopy Project, located at 1009-1011 Gravenstein Hwy North in Sebastopol, CA.

The project site is comprised of a vacant 6.1-acre parcel, located in Northwest Sebastopol. The site is adjacent to the O'Reilly Media Center, to the west, beyond which is Gravenstein Hwy North. To the north is Sebastopol Charter School, to the east are single-family homes, and to the south are existing automotive commercial uses and single-family homes.

Though vacant, the existing site boasts beautiful mature trees and an informal pedestrian pathway that connects the Joe Rodota Trail to the O'Reilly Media Center parking lot. Our vision for The Canopy centers around these two elements—creating urban forestry and bolstering the connection to the Joe Rodota Trail. The project entry is located so that residents and visitors arrive at a magnificent Coast Live Oak, the pinnacle of the project site. Oak trees and redwoods are preserved throughout the site. Additional trees, such as Native Maples, Madrone and Dogwood, are proposed to create onsite ecosystems that attract birds and butterflies. Plants that attract butterflies and bees are also contemplated. Amenities, including gardens, active and passive seating areas, children's play areas, and an area of repose – a meditation hammock garden – are designed around the existing and proposed urban forests. A new, enhanced 6' wide pedestrian pathway is proposed to connect the Joe Rodota Trail out to Gravenstein Highway on the south border of the site. A bicycle repair station has been incorporated at the connection point of the pathway to the Trail.

This project prioritizes pedestrians and bicyclists, thereby facilitating a strong neighborhood feel. Each home would come standard with solar and be all-electric. Ample green space and connectivity emphasizes the environmental focus of this neighborhood. Well-designed internal streets and paseos encourage engaged community living. Members of the community who walk through the site will experience the mature oaks, large redwoods, and health-focused plantings.

The site is zoned Office/Light Industrial, which allows for R7-Multifamily Residential (12.1-25 du/ ac). Consistent with existing land use, as well as the forthcoming Housing Element, City Ventures is proposing 80 solar all-electric, three-story townhome-style condominiums, with the potential for  $\pm 16$  ADA accessible accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The homes are contemplated to have a modern agrarian aesthetic with steep pitched roofs, and materials like lapped and board-and-batten siding. The homes will incorporate a specific focus on healthy, energy efficient living. For-sale homes will range from two to four bedrooms and include rental opportunities by providing options for accessible ground floor Accessory Dwelling Units. Select for-sale homes will have the option for personal elevators and will provide additional ADA accessibility beyond what is required by the building code ( $\pm 35\%$ , rather than 10% required). The Canopy will have units with accessible/ adaptable features in every building, thus an accessible path of travel will connect all buildings. Providing diverse unit types within this development encourages inherent affordability and provides housing opportunities for households at a variety of income levels and life stages. The project proposes onsite parking consistent with the City's municipal code. The project is a Housing Development Project within the meaning of Government Code section 65589.5(h)(2) and has been designed to comply with applicable objective general plan and subdivision standards and criteria as described in Government Code section 65589.5(j). The project is not requesting any variances to the general plan.

City Ventures is providing an SB330 application, and respectfully requesting a Conditional Use Permit, Site Development Review, Vesting Tentative Tract Map, and consideration under state Density Bonus law. The State Density Bonus will allow for a waiver to increase the building height to three stories. No concession is being requested at this time.

City Ventures is looking forward to collaborating with the City of Sebastopol on a project that will bring vibrancy, lush greenery, and much needed housing that complements the neighborhood. We look forward to your comments on our application.

### **Project Information**

009-1011 Grevenstein Highway North, Sebastopol 060-261-026 & 028

12.1 to 25 DU/acre = 73.8 to 1,525 DU/acre 13.1 DU/acre

Maximum Height

30' and 2 stories

Density Bonus Waiver (Up to 40'+/- and 3 stories)

Setbacks

Front: 10' Side: 5'-9'

Rear: 20'-25' (20% of lot depth)

Front: 10'

Rear: 20'-30' (20% of lot depth)

Lot Coverage

**Open Space** 

**Total Site Area:** 6.1 Acres (265,833 sf)

(0) Required for Accessory Dwelling Units (22) 3 bedroom x 2 spaces = 44 spaces (58) 4 bedroom x 3 spaces = 174 spaces

Common Open Space: 1,340 sf/ unit

Private Open Space at upper level decks:

75 sf - 230 sf/ unit

Private Open Space at grade: 216 sf/ unit average

218 spaces 160 garage spaces 41 standard surface spaces 17 compact surface spaces

**Existing Zoning:** Office/Light Industrial (OLI) - R7 with CUP

**Proposed Zoning:** Office/Light Industrial (OLI) - R7 with CUP

40% or 106,333 sf

50 sf/ unit

26% or 69,317 sf +/-

**Electric Vehicle Charging** 

Pre-wire service at all garages 10% of on site surface parking (6 spaces) with pre-wire per Cal Green requirement

**Bicycle Parking** 40 spaces

0.5 spaces/ unit

80 in garages; each garage to include 1 bicycle rack

16 on-site bicycle racks

80 Total Units

(11) Plan 1: 3 Bedroom 1,503 sf (11) Plan 2: 3 Bedroom 1,354 sf 1,773 sf (14) Plan 3: 3 Bedroom (Optional Bed 4) (15) Plan 4: 3 Bedroom (Optional Bed 4) 1,736 sf (13) Plan 5: 3 Bedroom (Optional Elevator and/or Bed 4) 1,926 sf (16) Plan 6: 3 Bedroom (Optional ADU or Bed 4) 2,017 sf

## **Project and Unit Matrix**

Building Type and Unit Summary						
Building Type	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom	Total Units Per Building	Number of Buildings on Site	Total Three Bedroom	Total Four Bedroom
100	0	3	3	5	0	15
200	2	1	3	3	6	3
300	2	2	4	5	10	10
400	2	3	5	3	6	9
500	0	4	4	2	0	8
600	0	5	5	1	0	5
700	0	8	8	1	0	8
			Totals	20	22	58
					Total Units: 80	

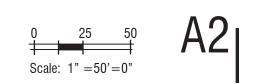
Buildilng Area Summary						
Buidling Type	First Floor	Second Floor	Third Floor	Total	Number of Buidlings on Site	Totals
100	2,650	2,989	2,936	8,575	5	42,875
200	2,377	2,620	2,490	7,487	3	22,461
300	3,176	3,529	3,376	10,081	5	50,405
400	4,351	4,428	4,008	12,787	3	38,361
500	3,874	3,910	3,440	11,224	2	22,448
600	4,708	4,818	4,238	13,764	1	13,764
700	7,547	7,629	6,693	21,869	1	21,869
						212,183

**Total Ground** 69,317 Floor Footprint

# **Project Information**

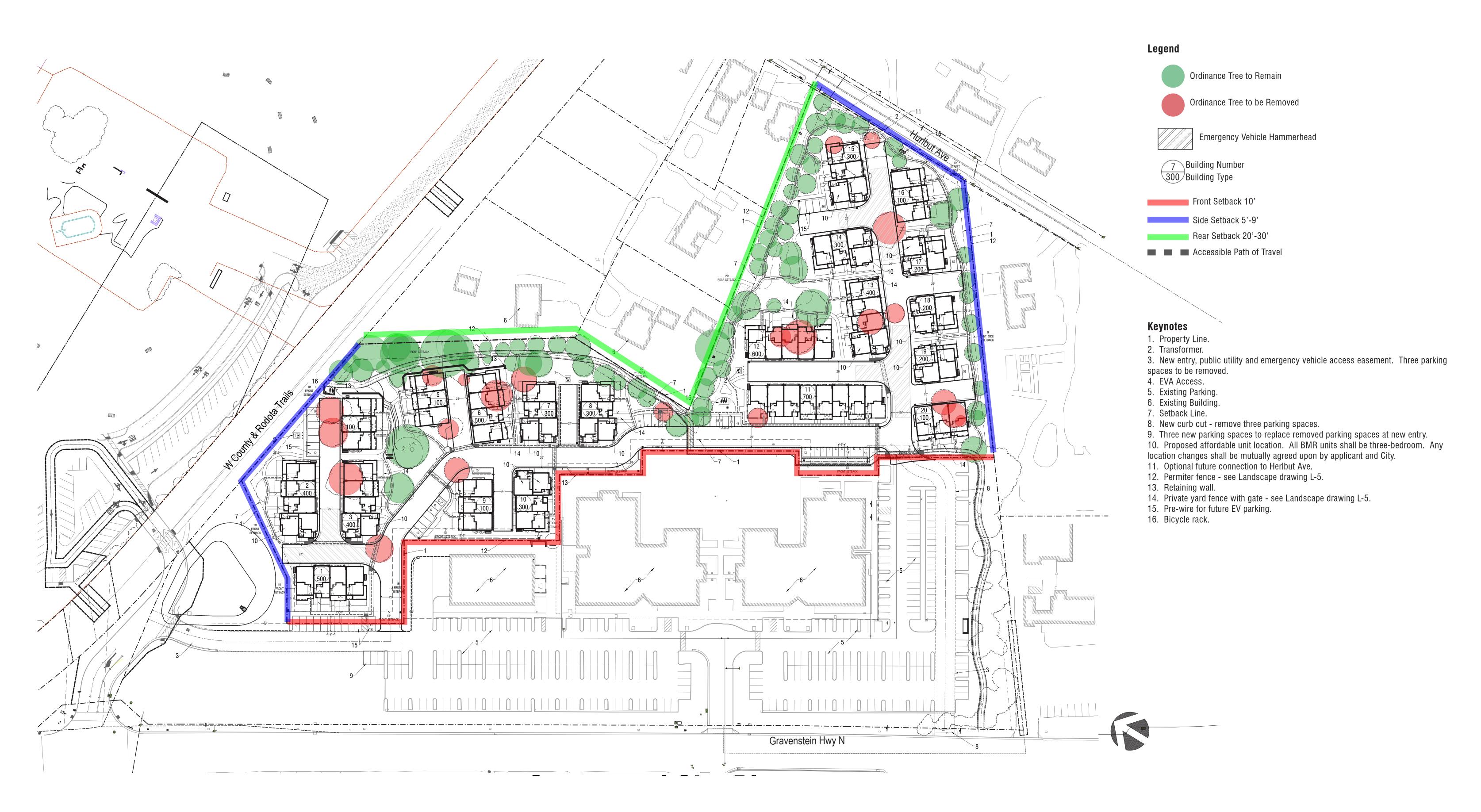


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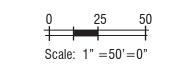






## Site Plan

# The Canopy









# Streetscape Elevation at Gravenstien Highway Looking East



**Building 100 - Conceptual Perspective** 









**Precedent Imagery** 

**Building 100** 









**Right Elevation** 



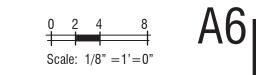
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**Left Elevation** 

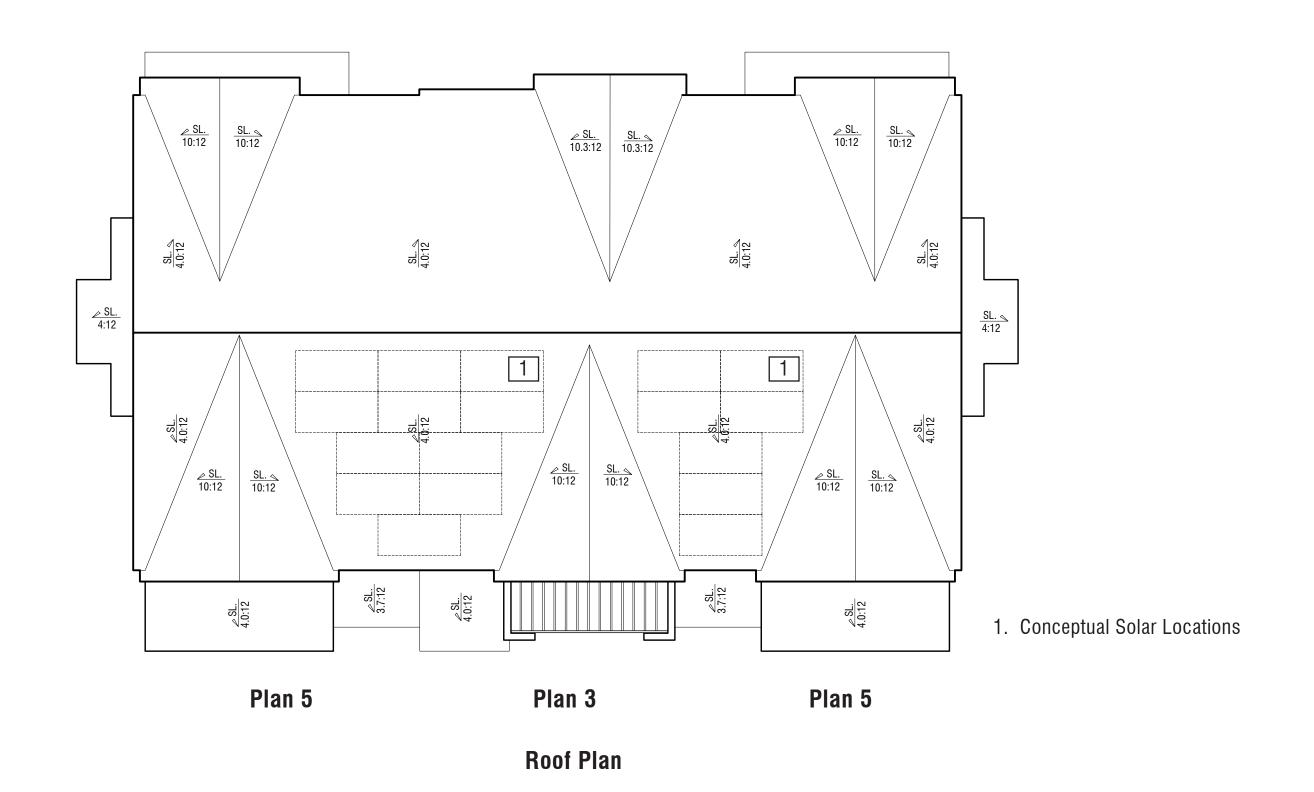
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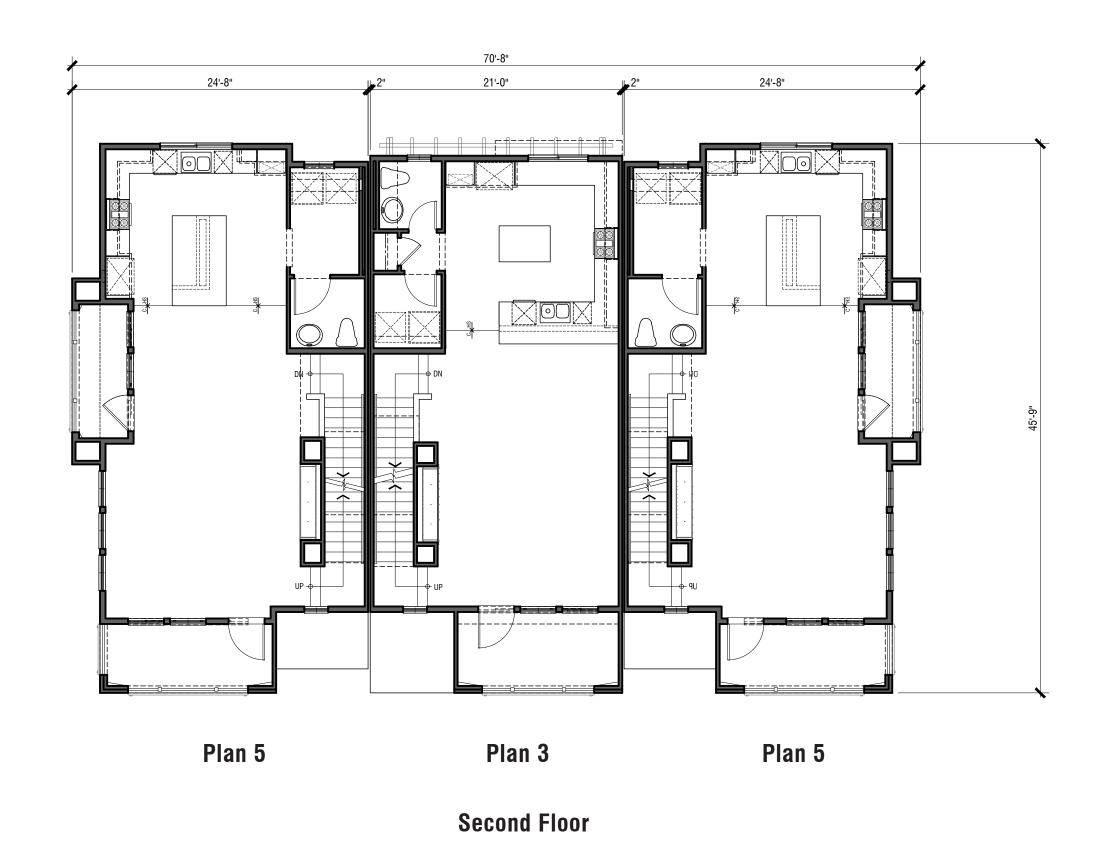
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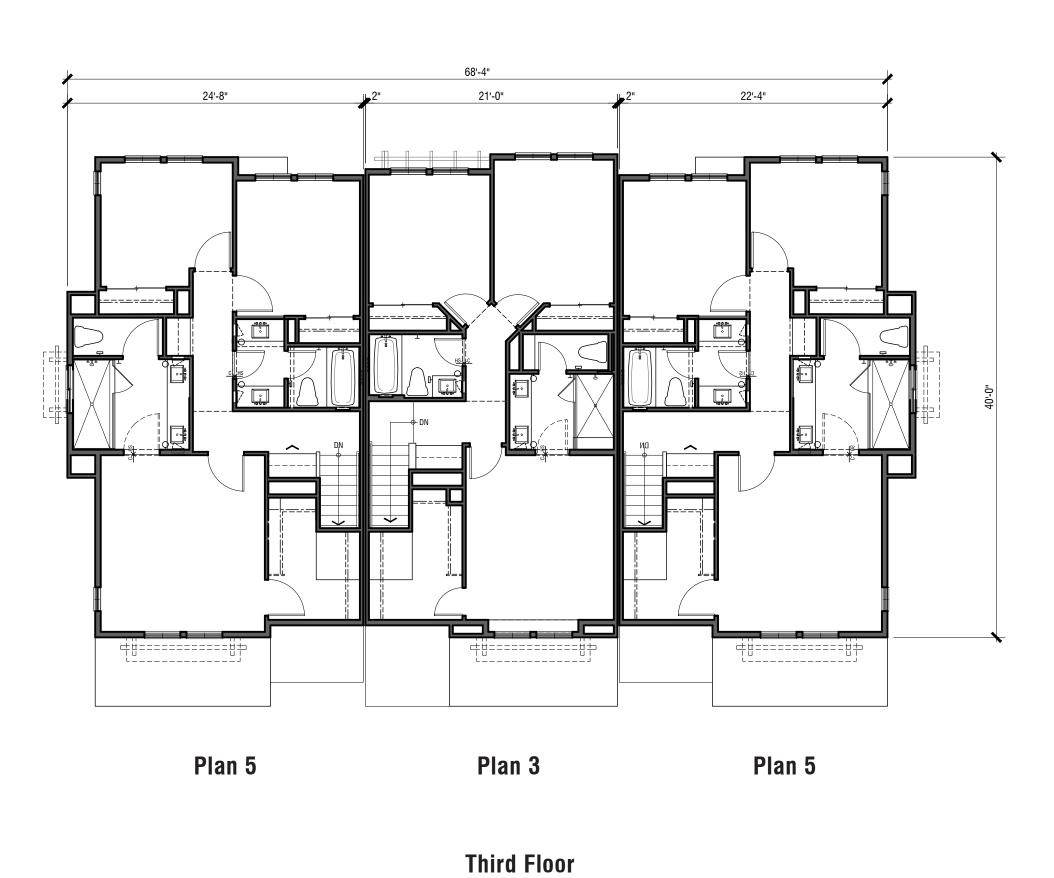


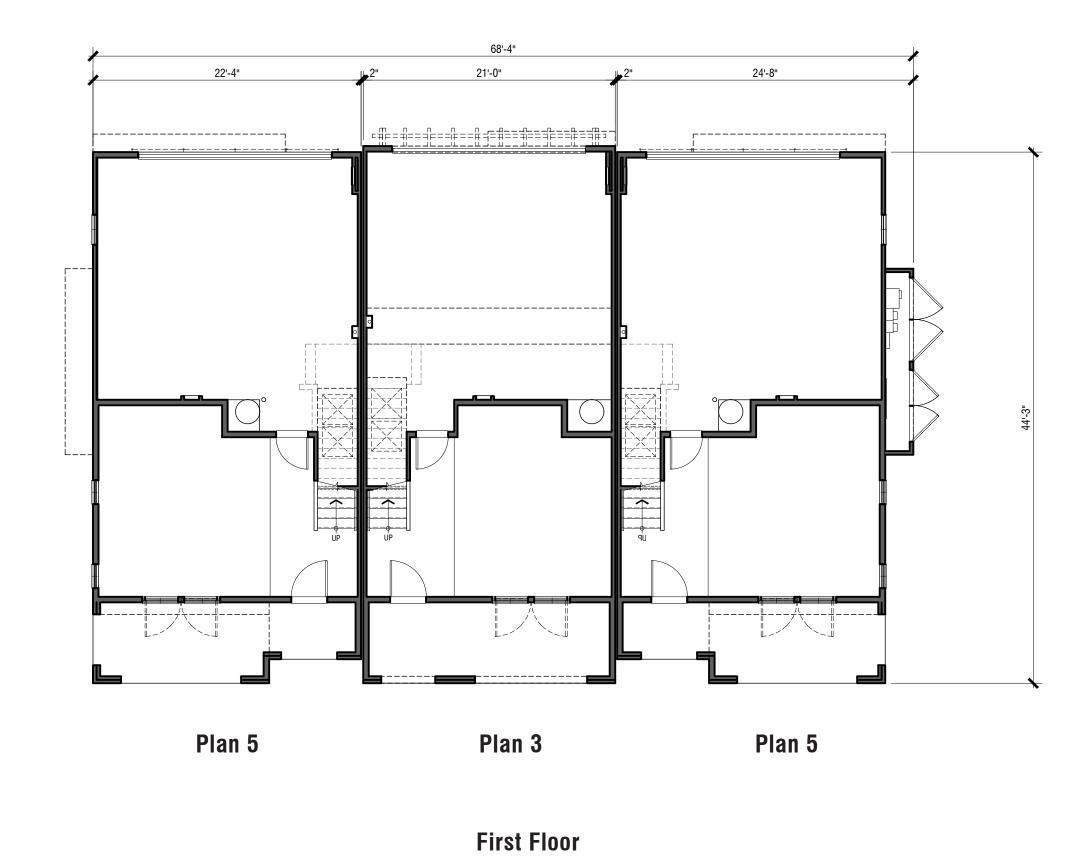










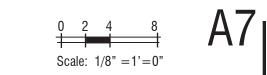


**Building 100** 

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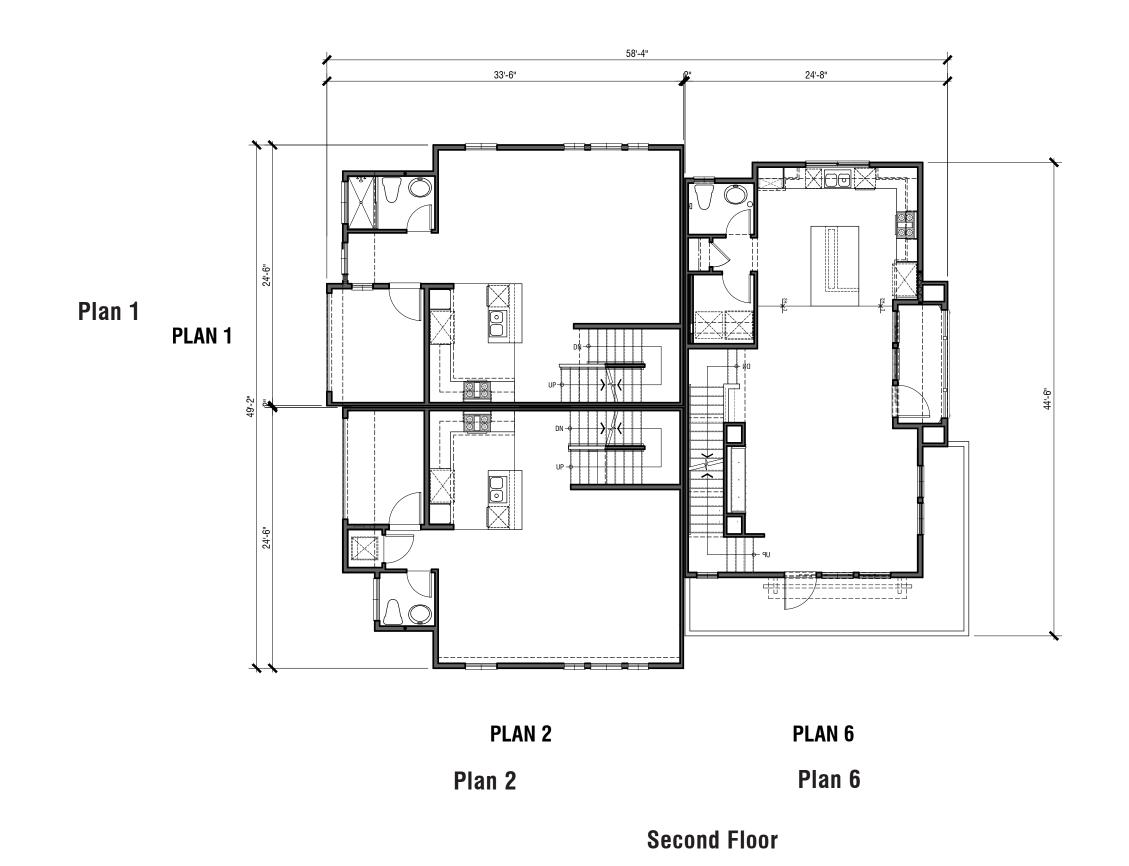
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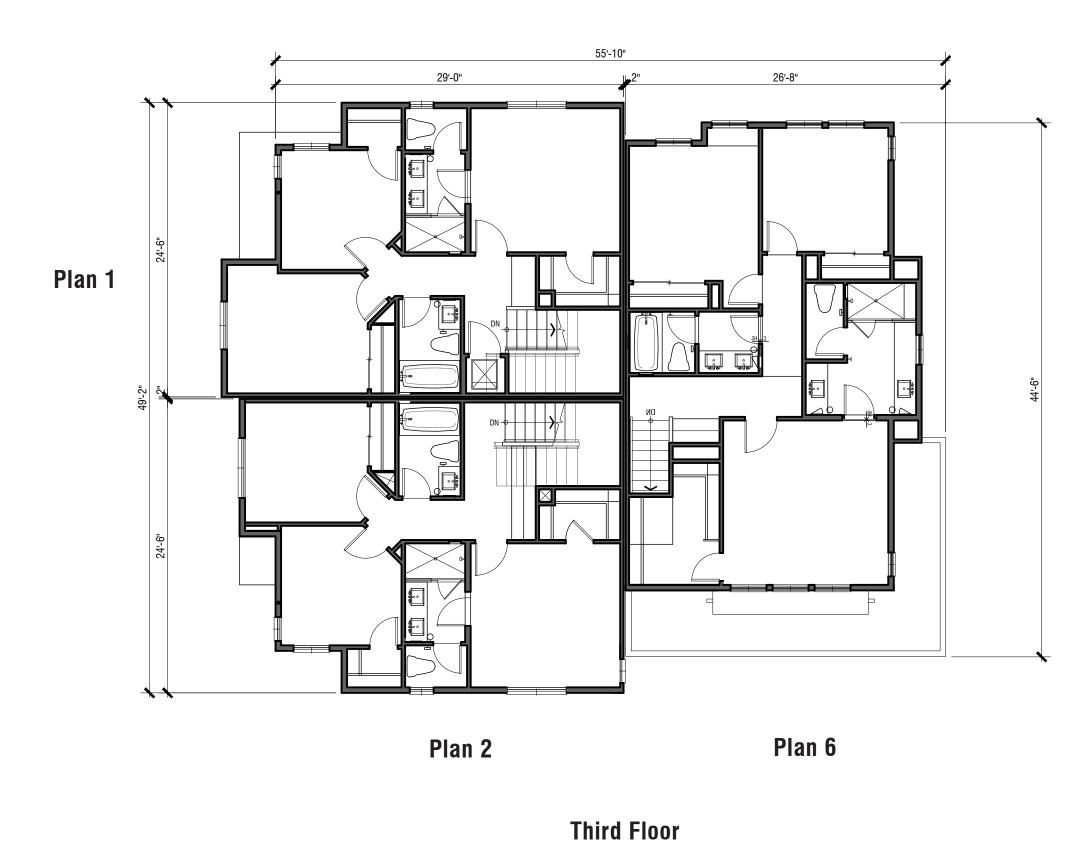
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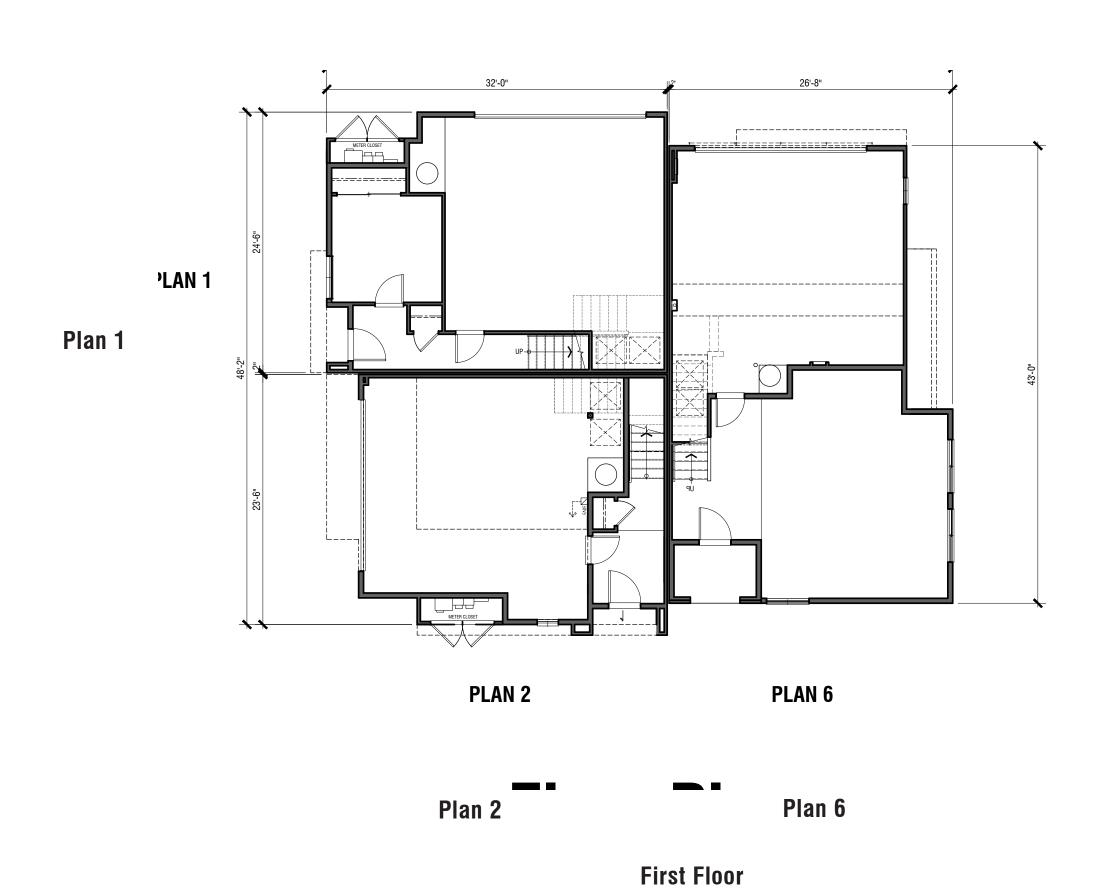








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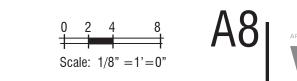


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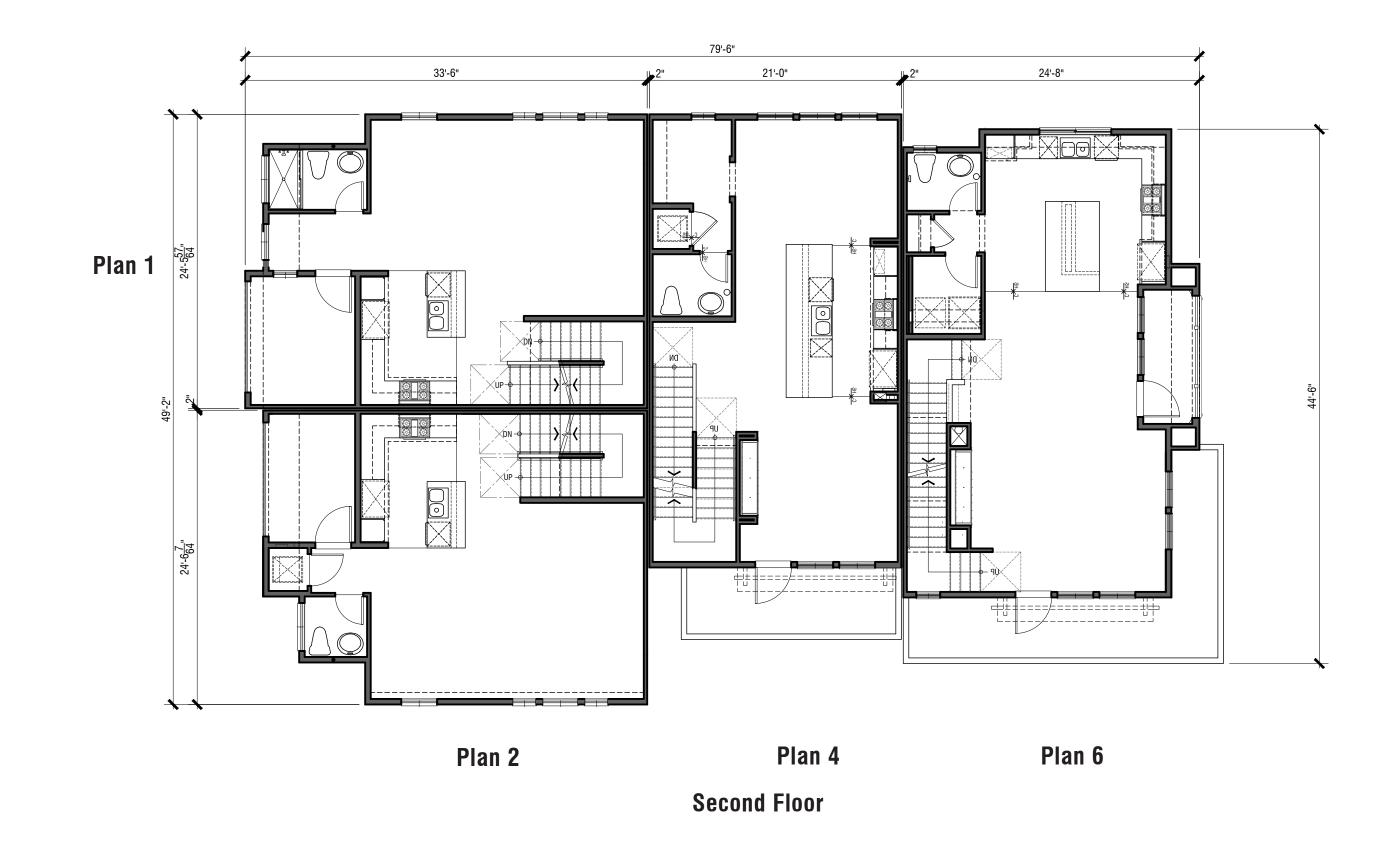
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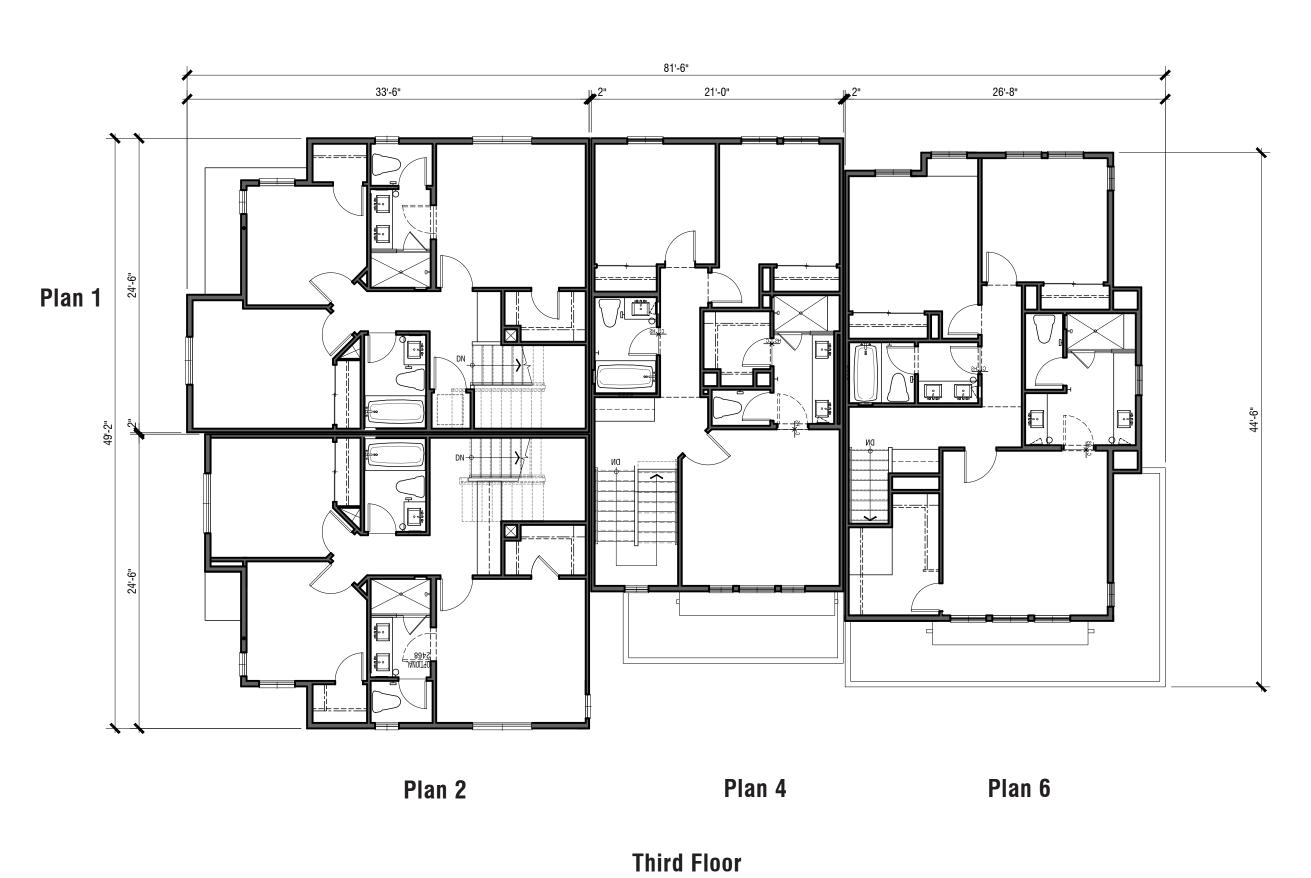
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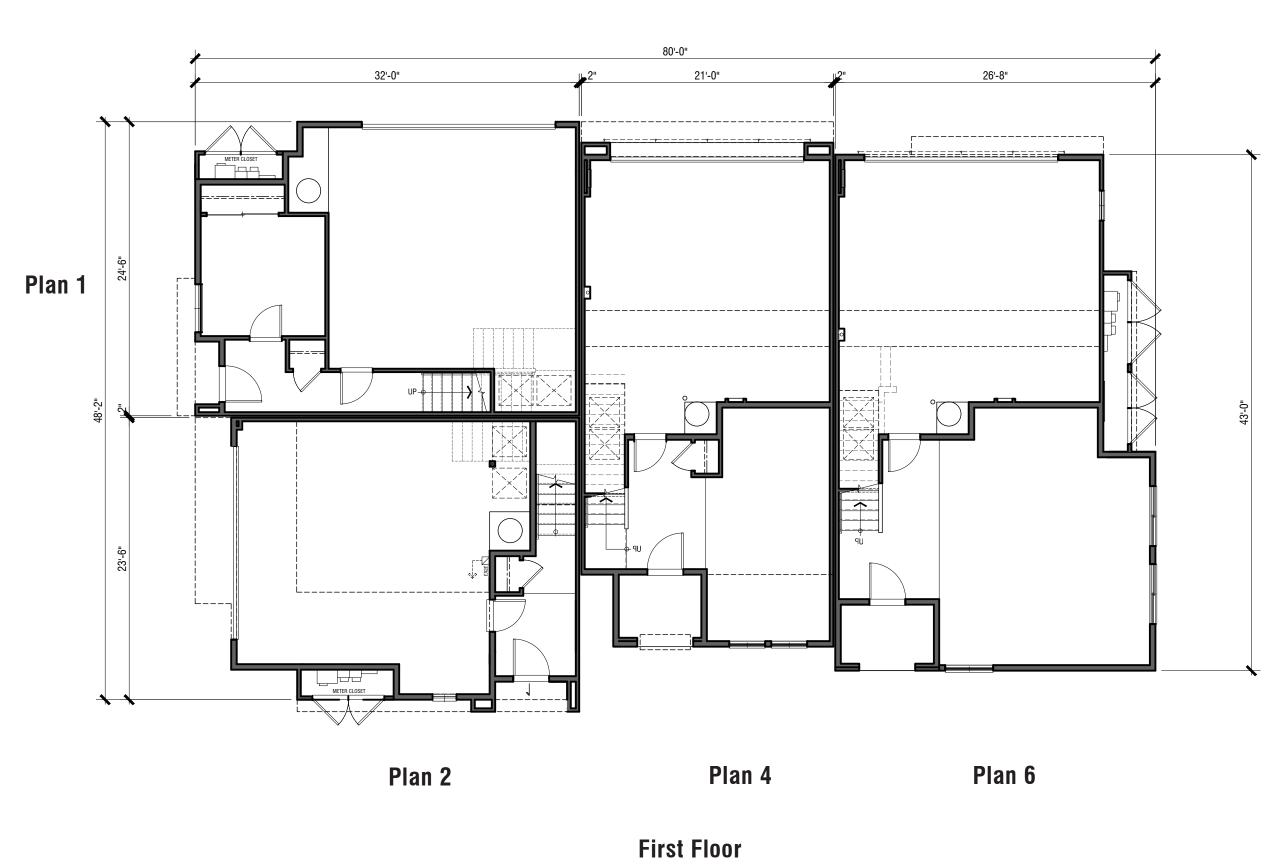










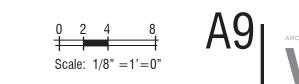


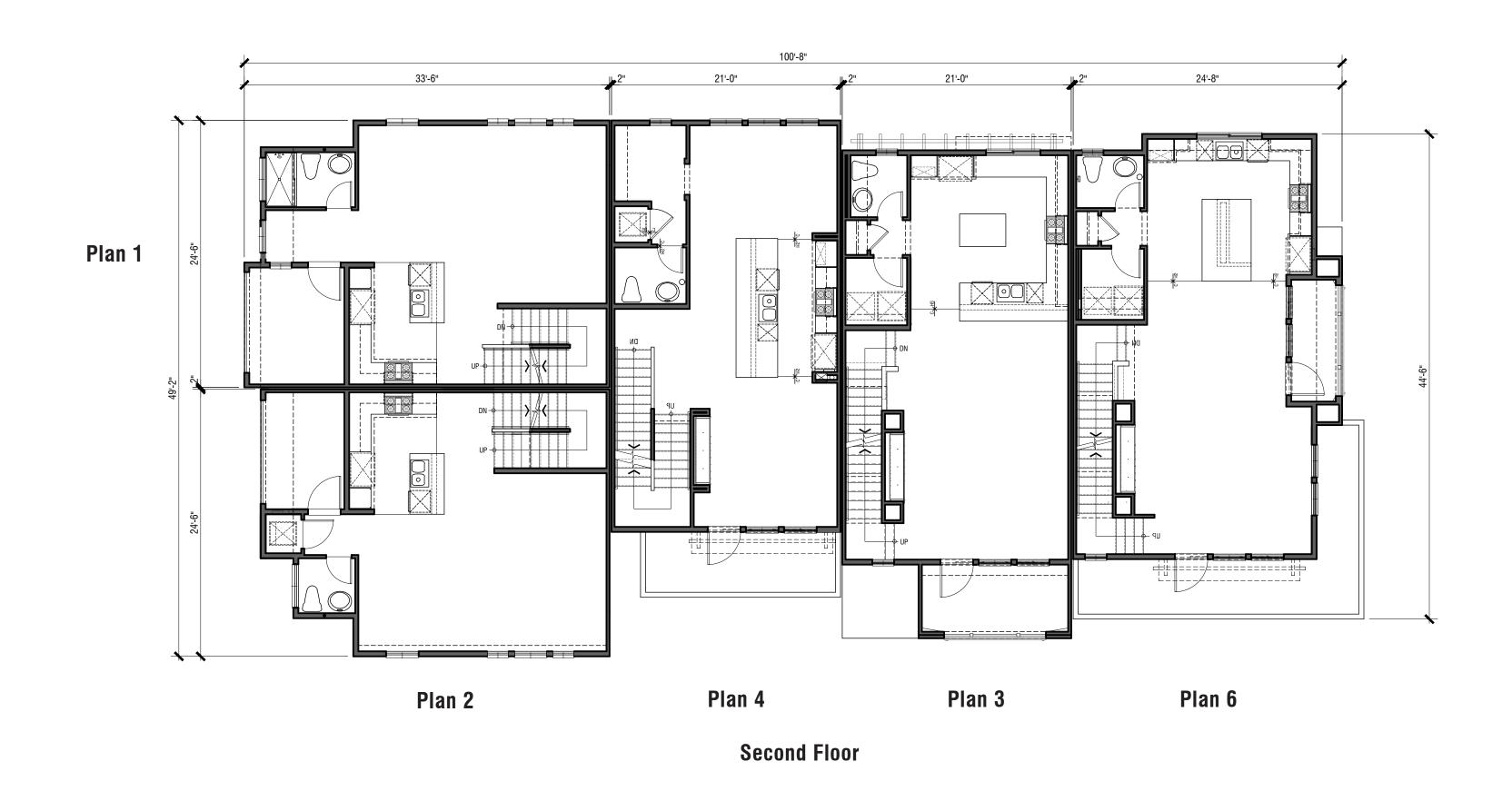
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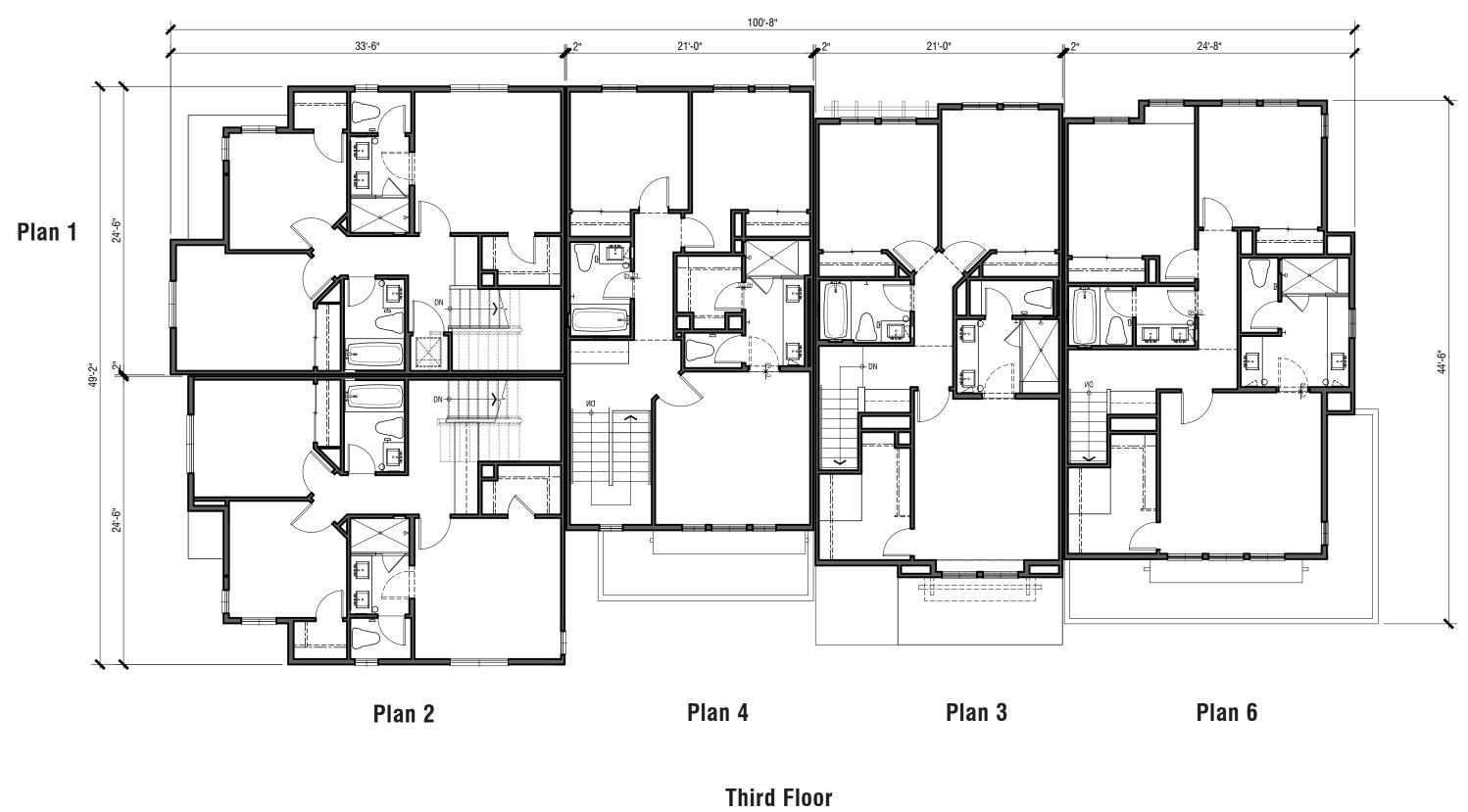
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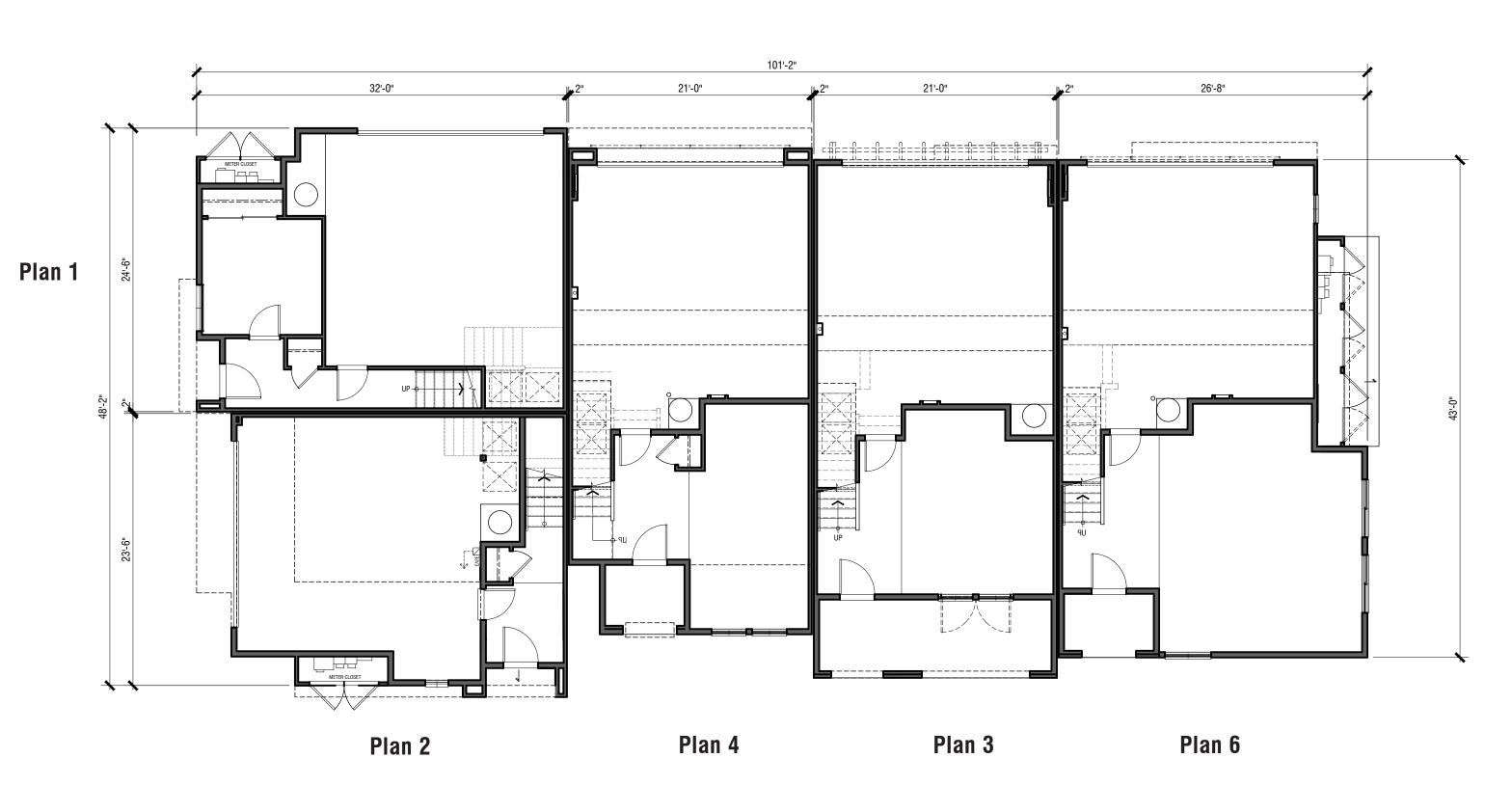
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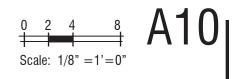
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First Floor

**Building 400** 5 Units (1) Plan 1 (1) Plan 2 (1) Plan 4 (1) Plan 3 (1) Plan 6 4,351sf First Floor: 4,428sf 4,008 sf **12,787 sf** Second Floor: Third Floor: Total:

**Buidling 400 Floor Plans** 





**Building 500 - Conceptual Perspective** 









Precedent Imagery

**Building 500** 





**Front Elevation** 



**Right Elevation** 

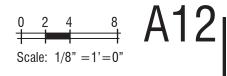


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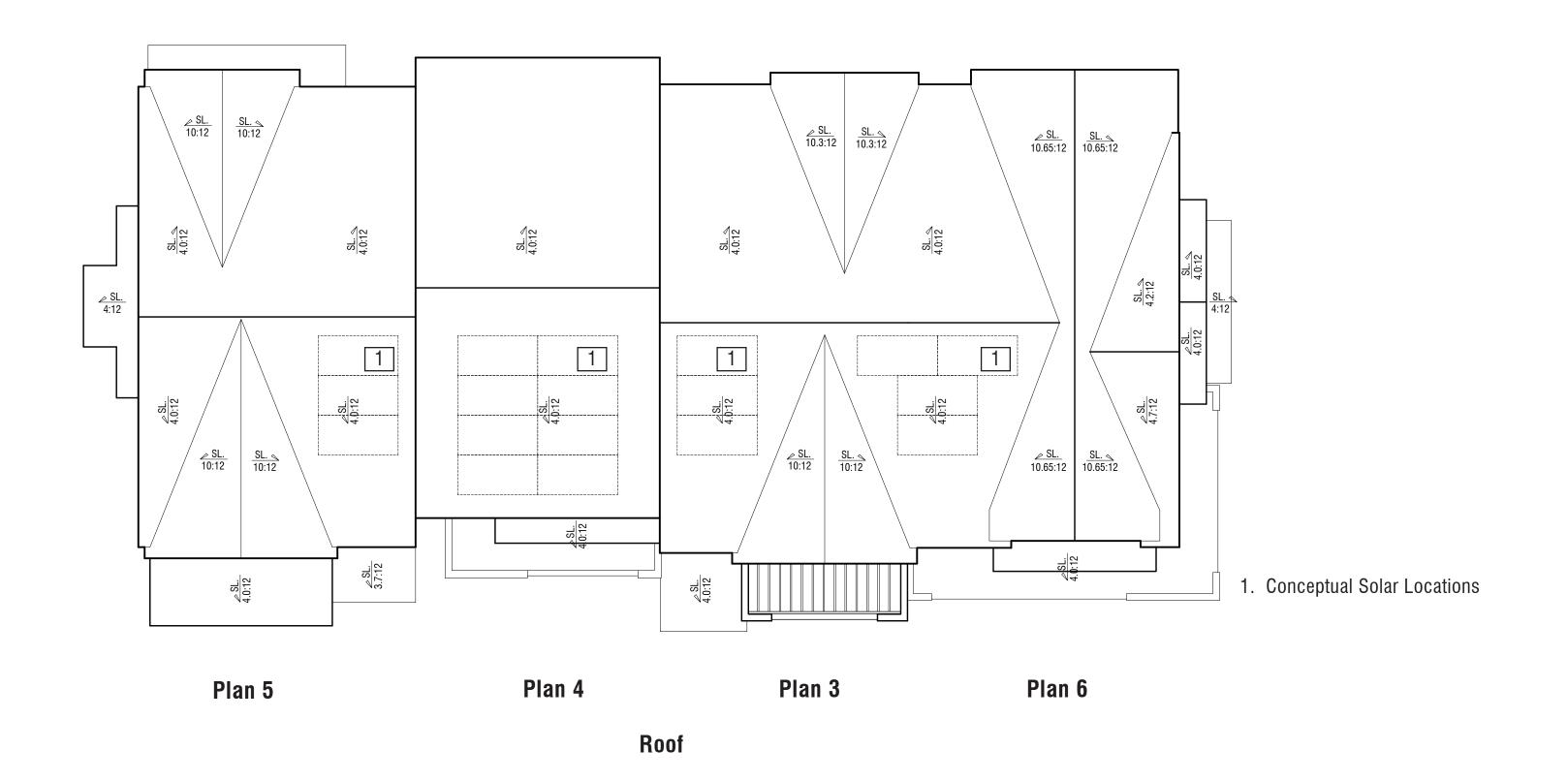
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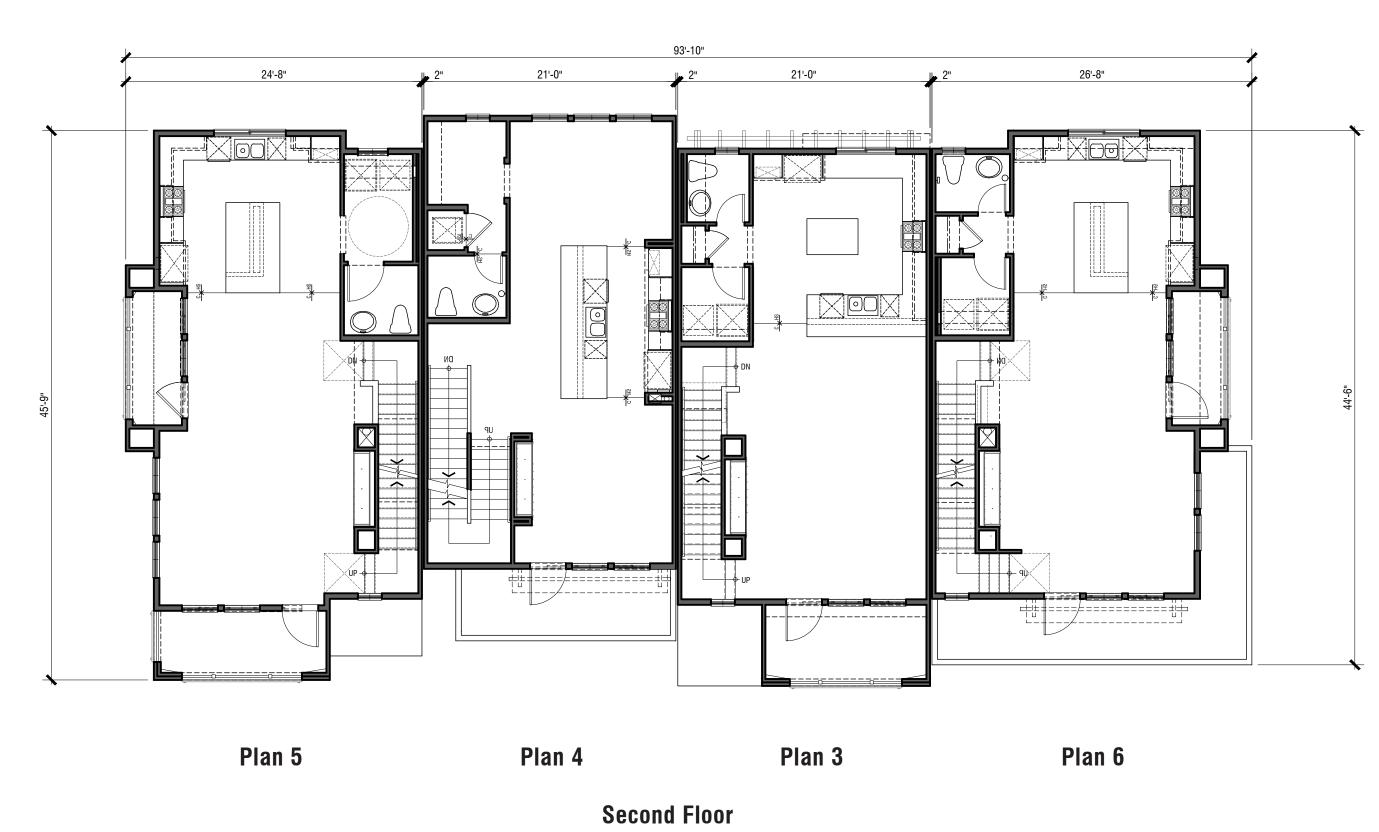
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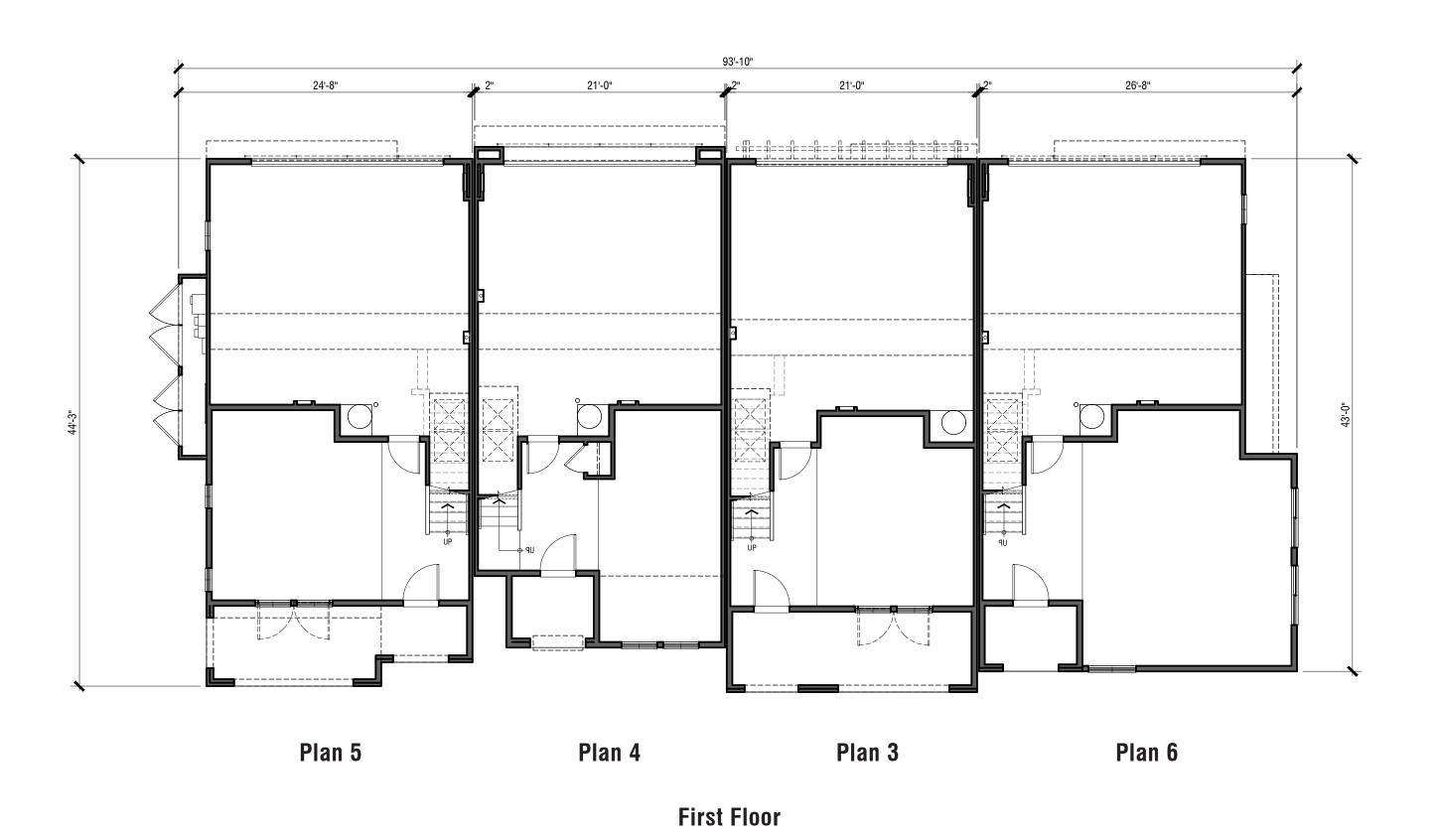












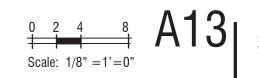
4 Units
(1) Plan 3
(1) Plan 4
(1) Plan 5
(1) Plan 6

First Floor: 3,8

**Building 500** 

First Floor: 3,874 sf
Second Floor: 3,910 sf
Third Floor: 3,440 sf
Total: 11,224 sf

**Building 500 Floor & Roof Plans** 





**Building 600 - Conceptual Perspective** 







**Precedent Imagery** 

**Building 600** 







**Right Elevation** 

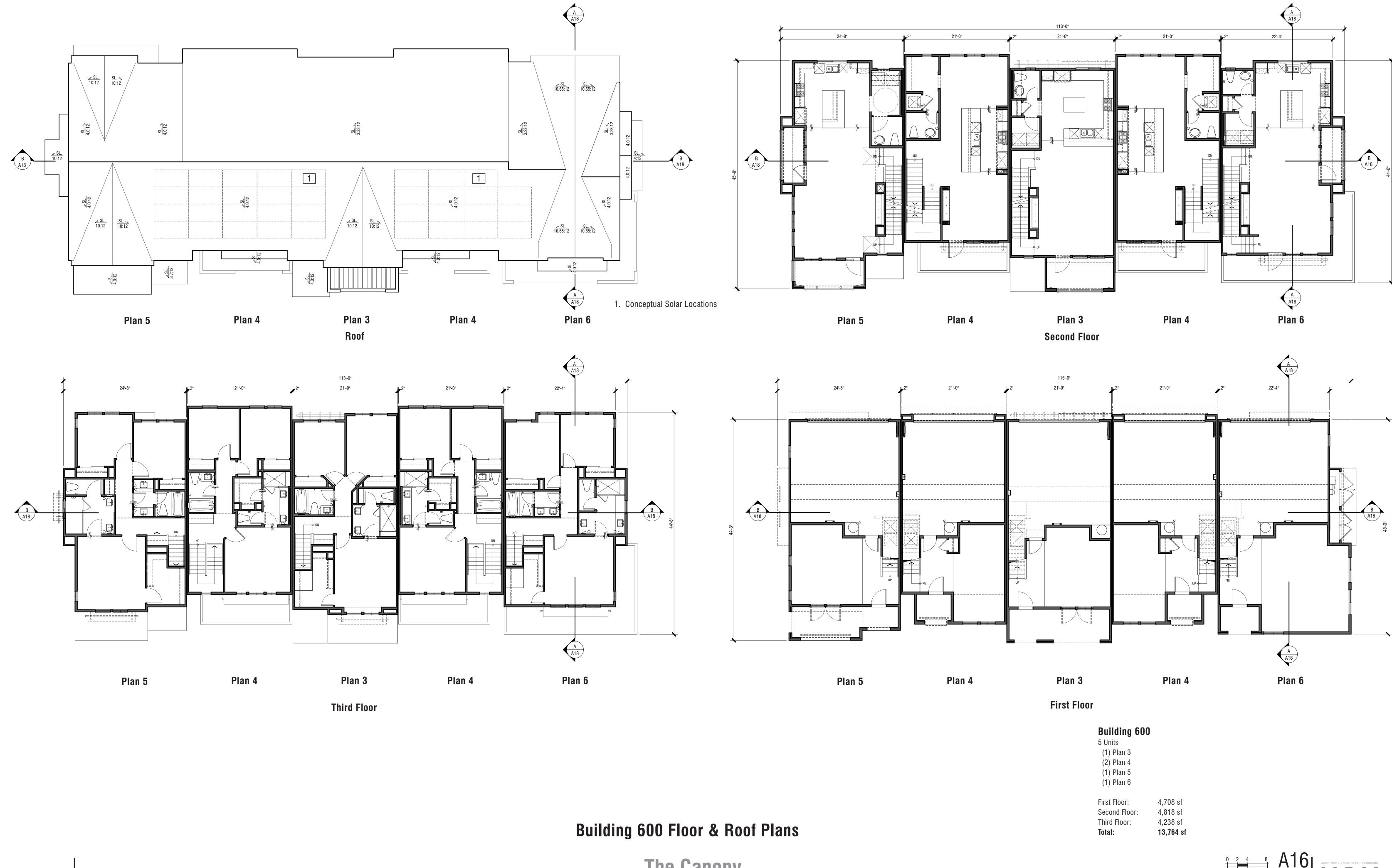


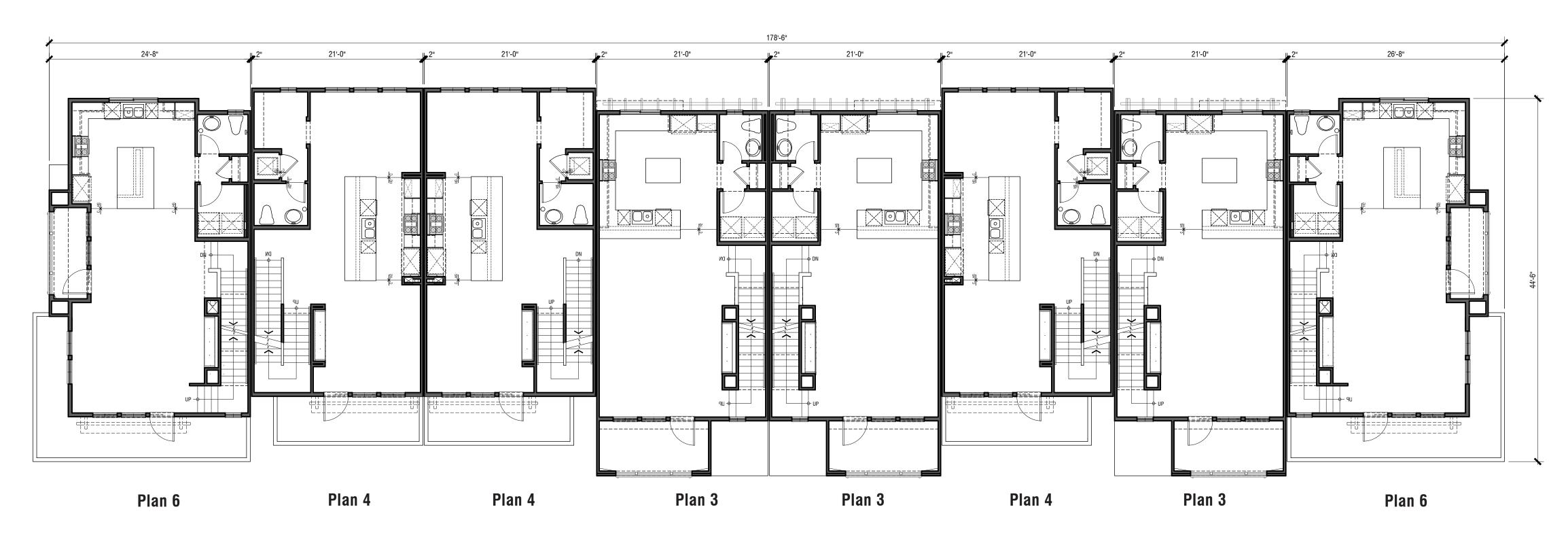


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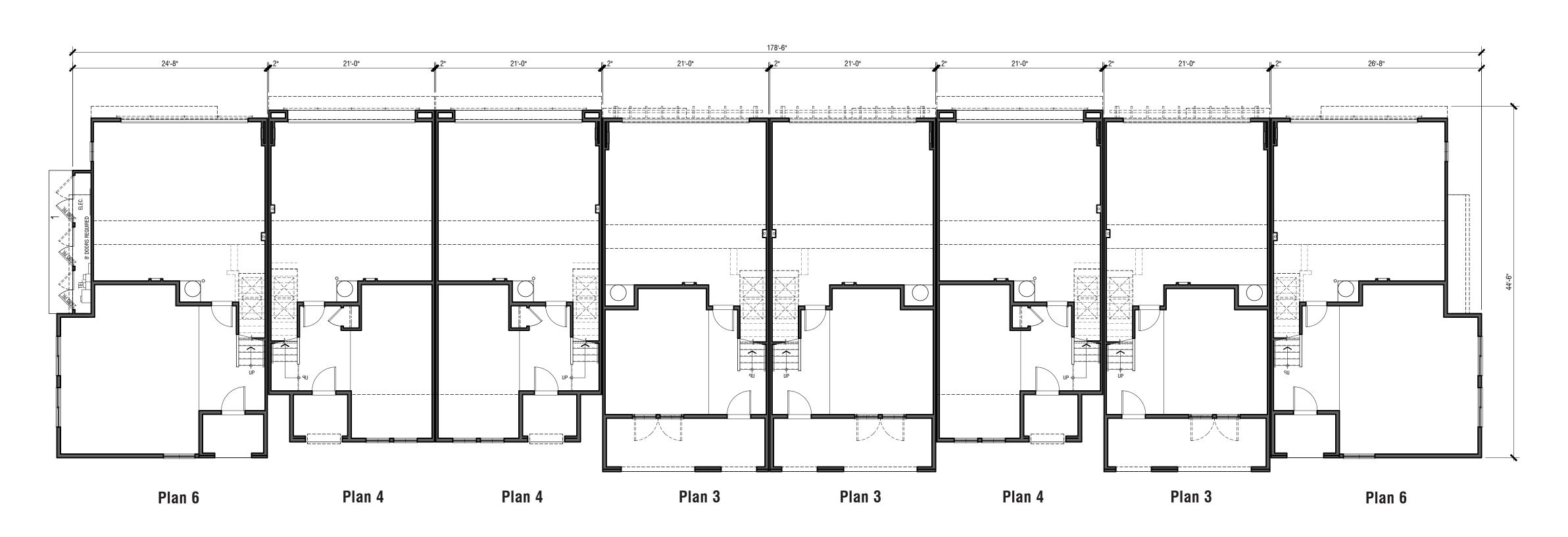
# **Building 600 Conceptual Elevations**







**Second Floor** 



First Floor

## **Building 700**

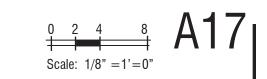
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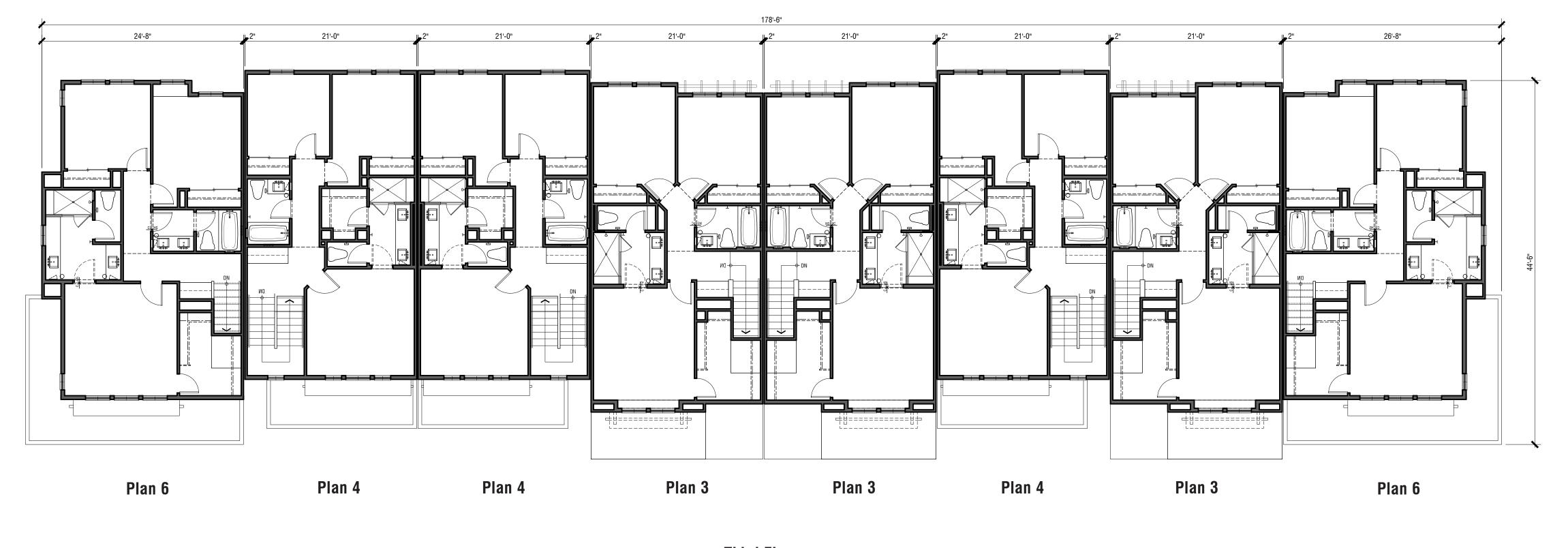
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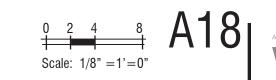
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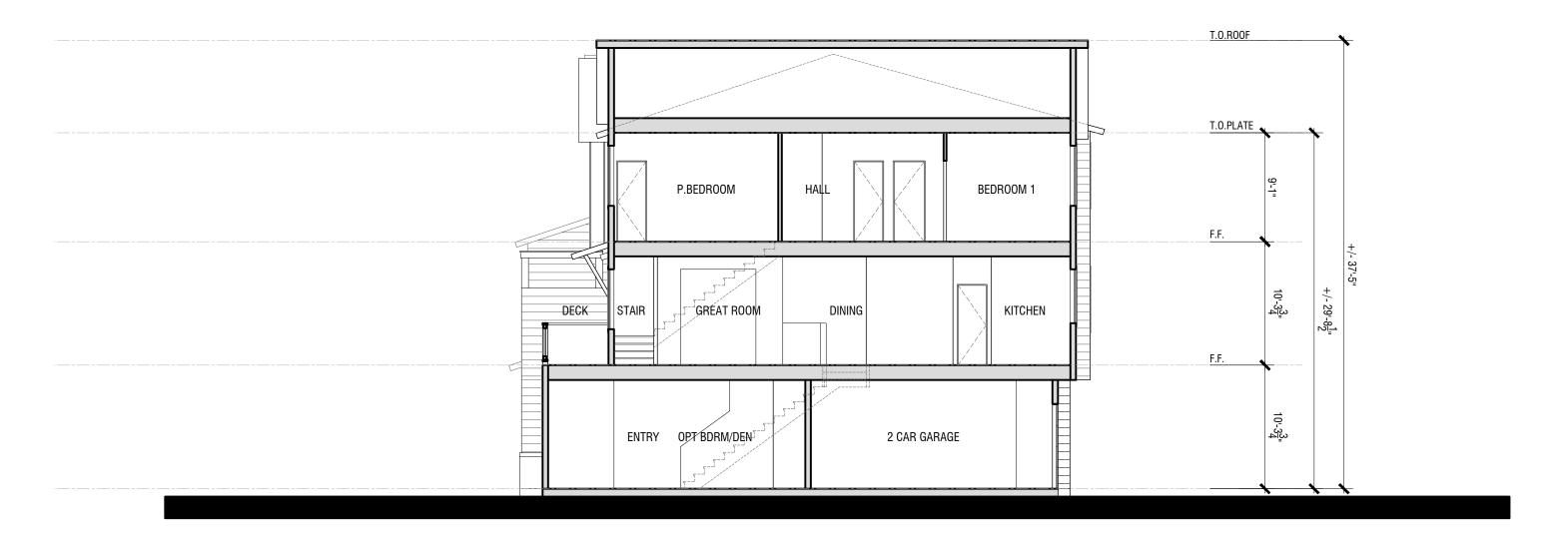
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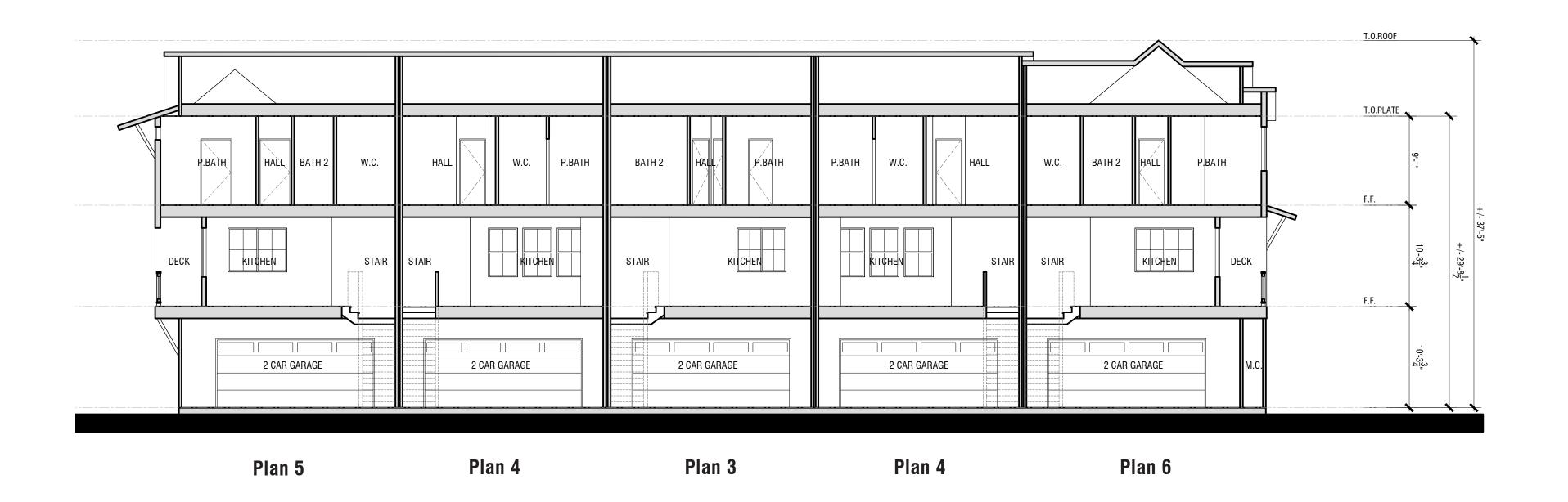
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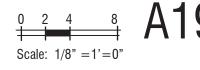


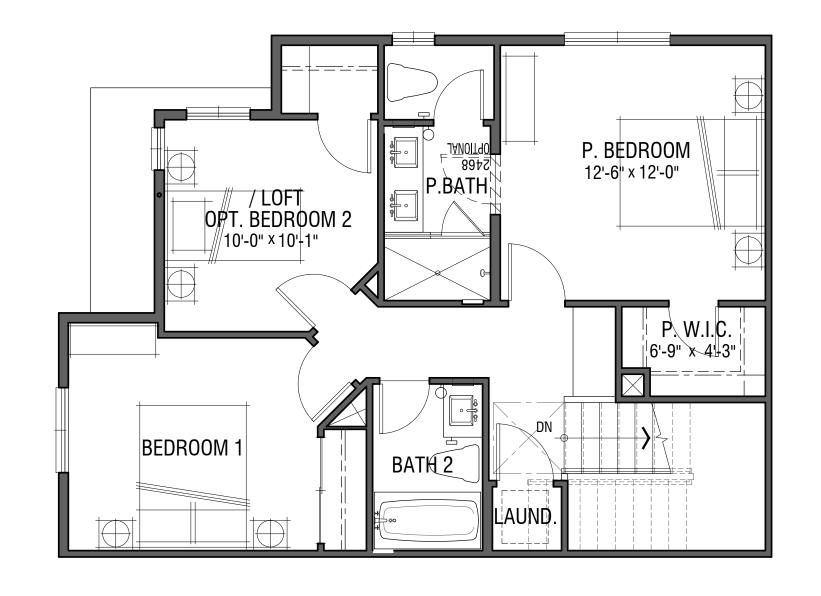


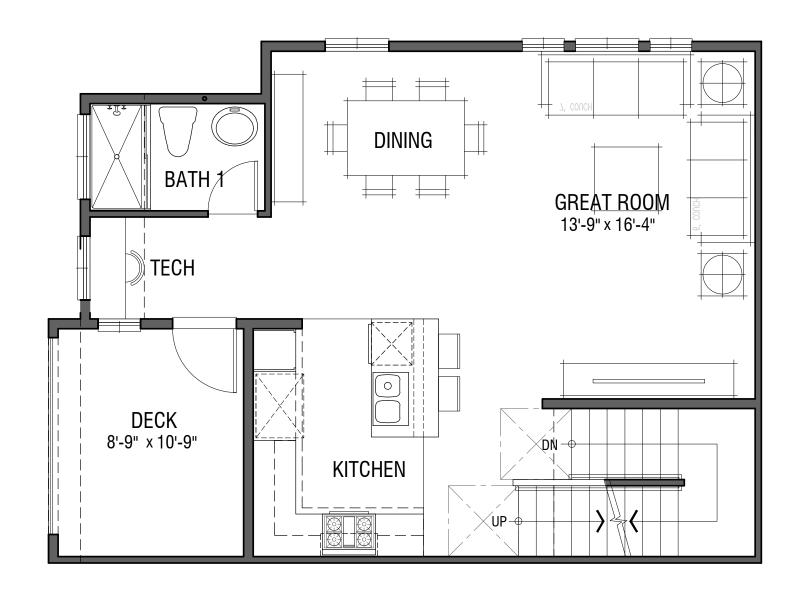
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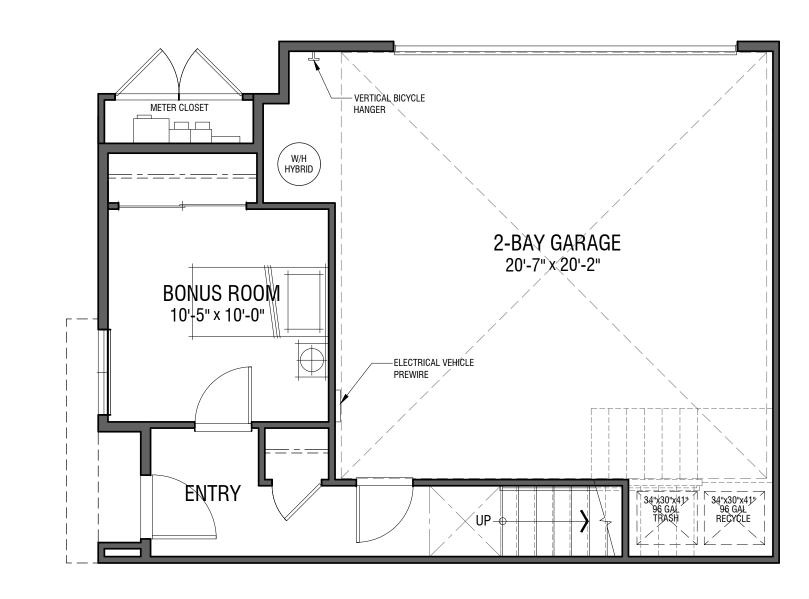


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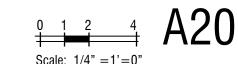




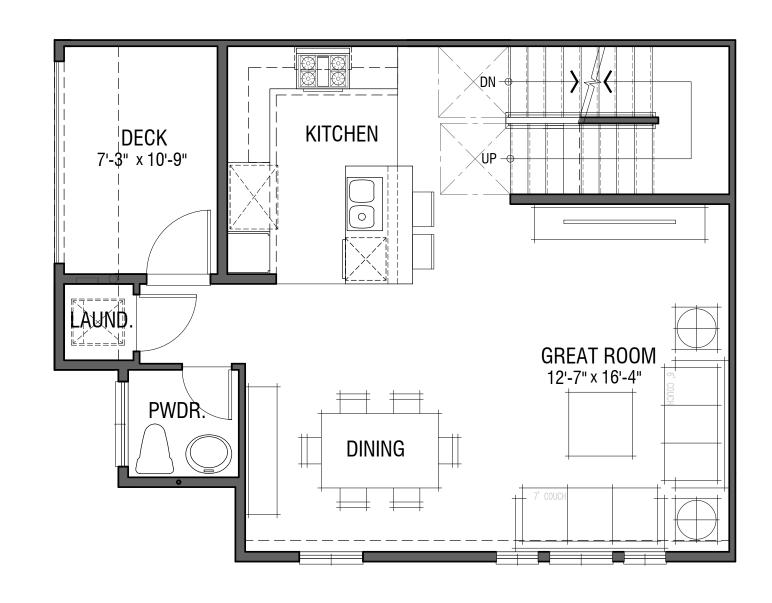


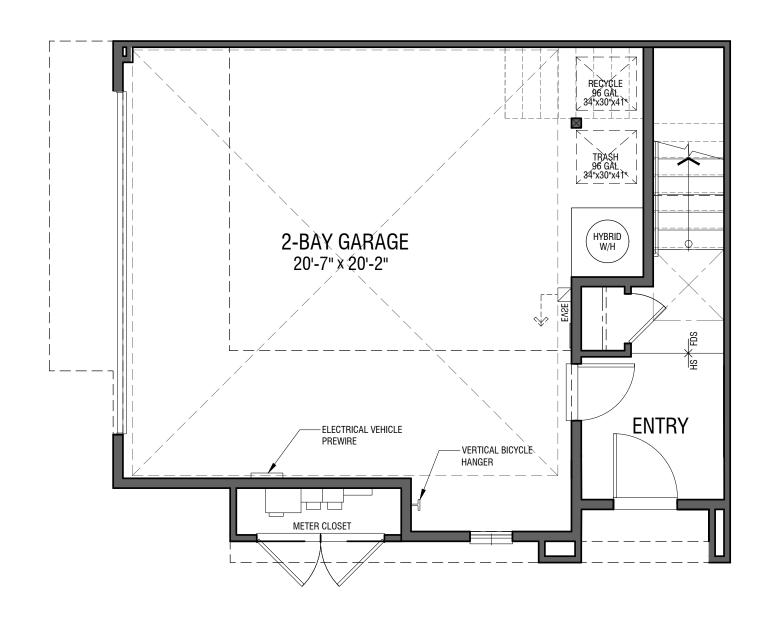
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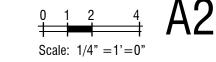


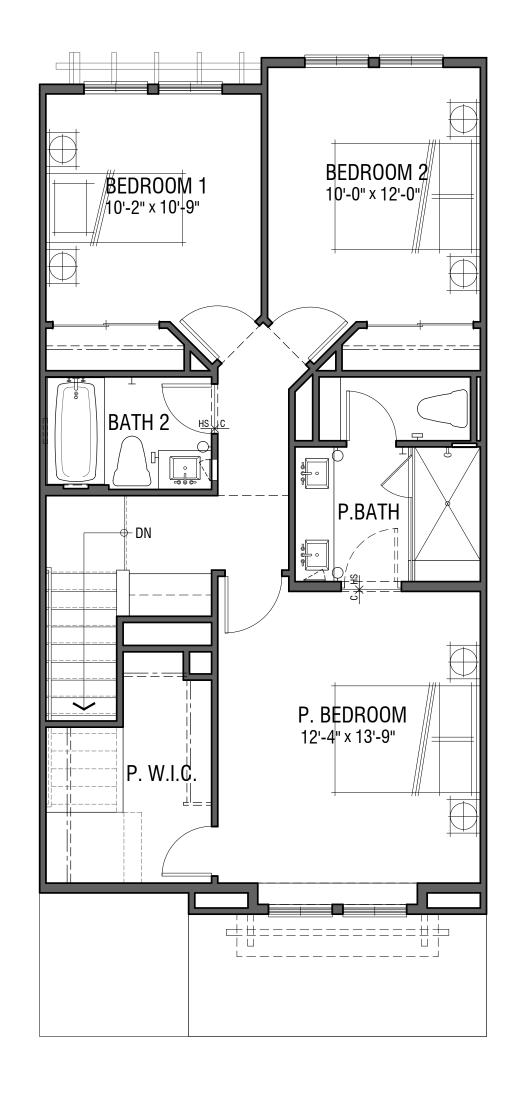


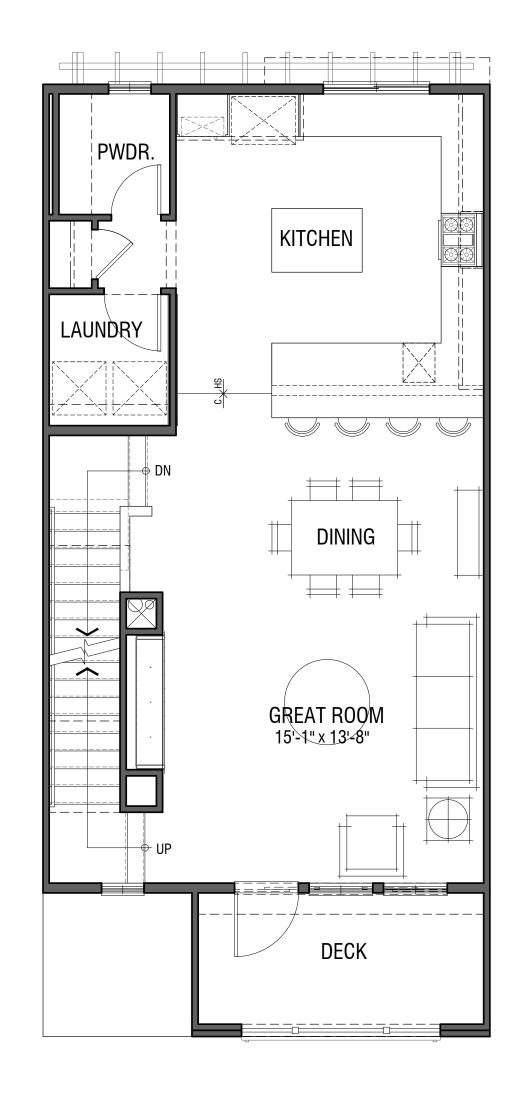


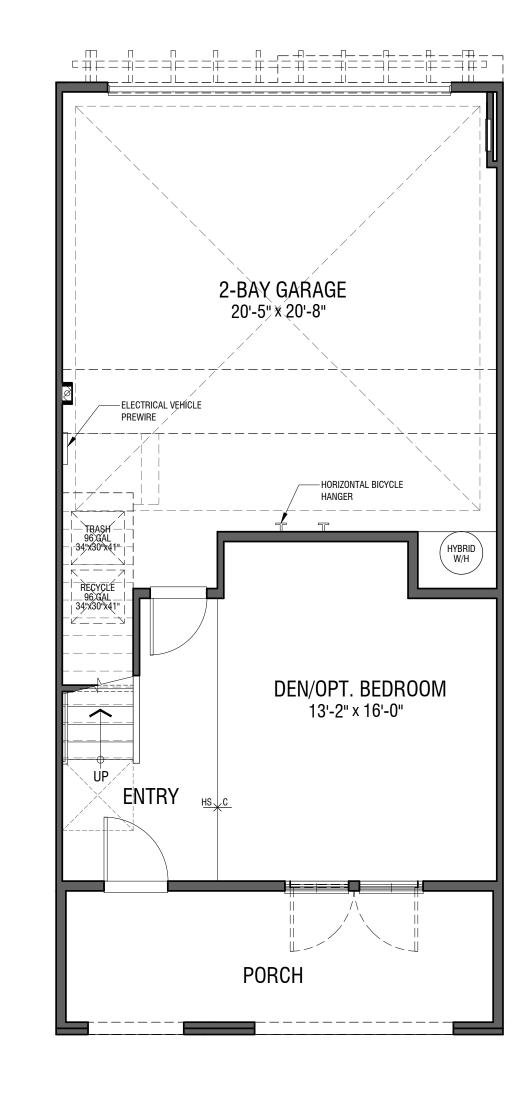
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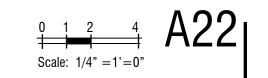




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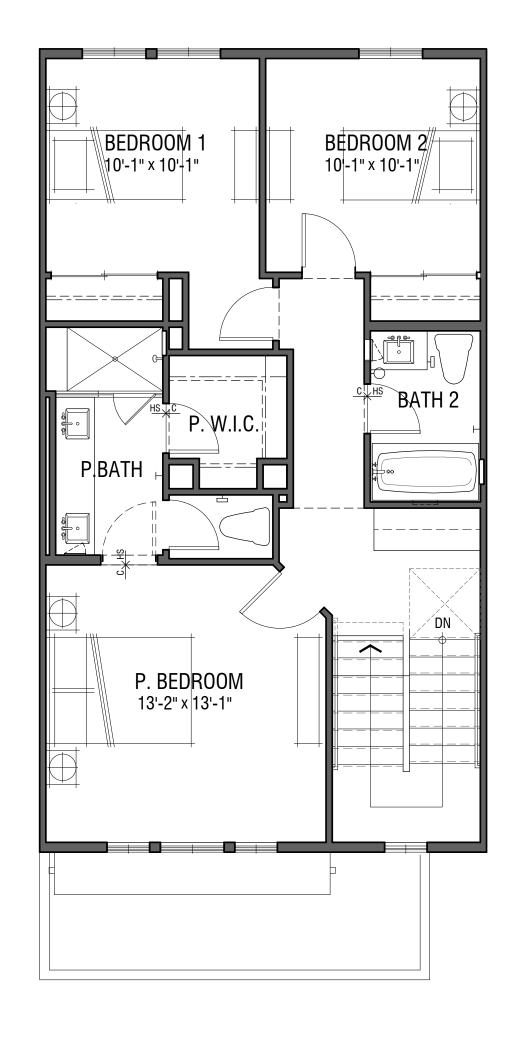
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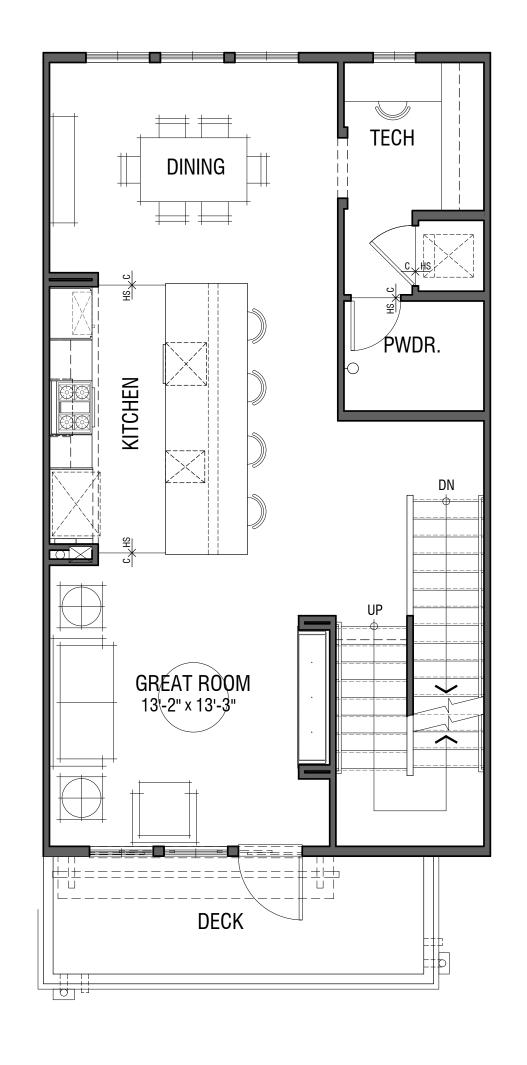


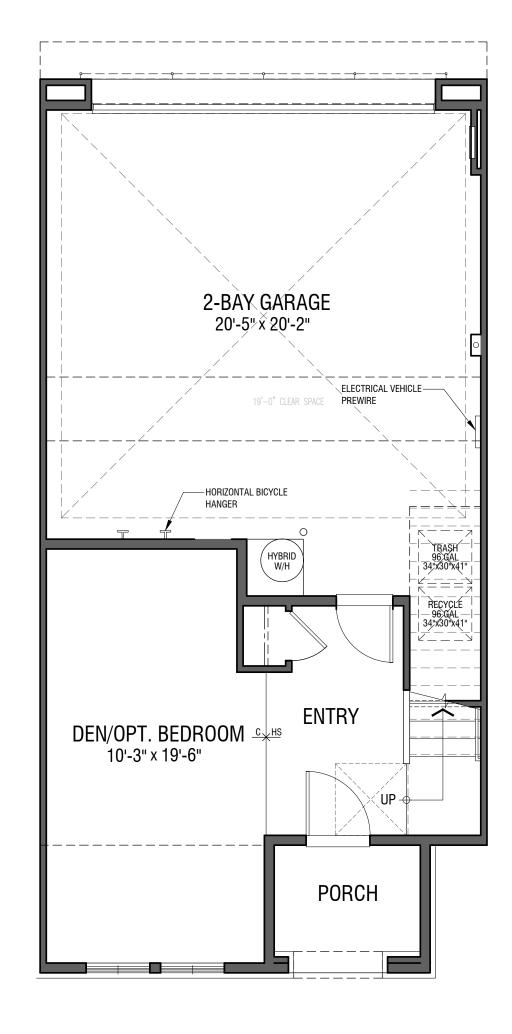










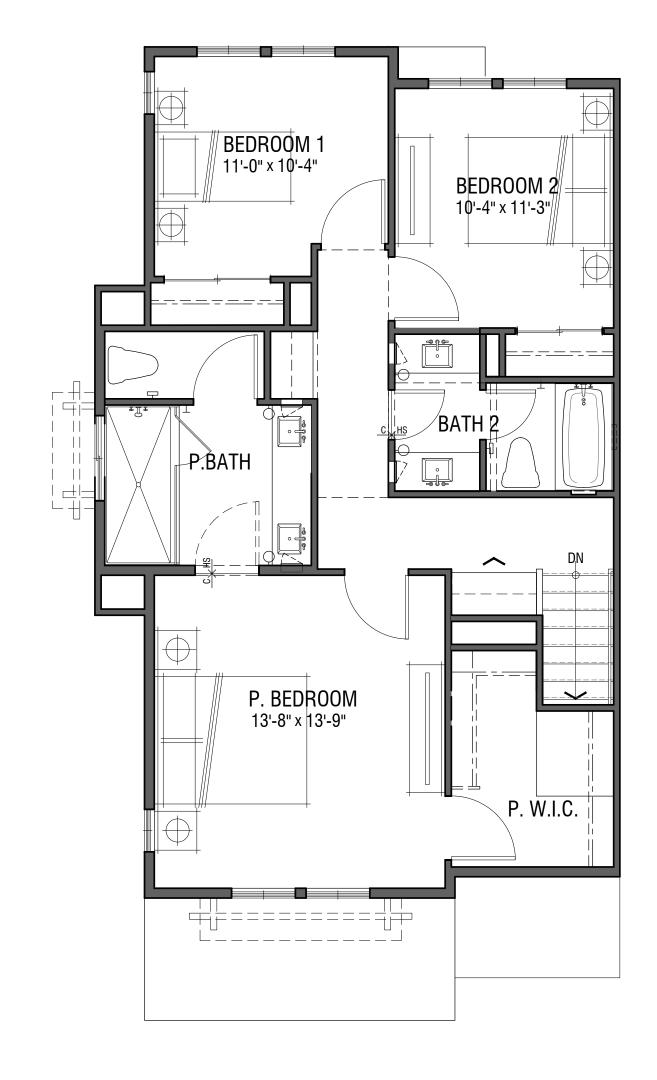


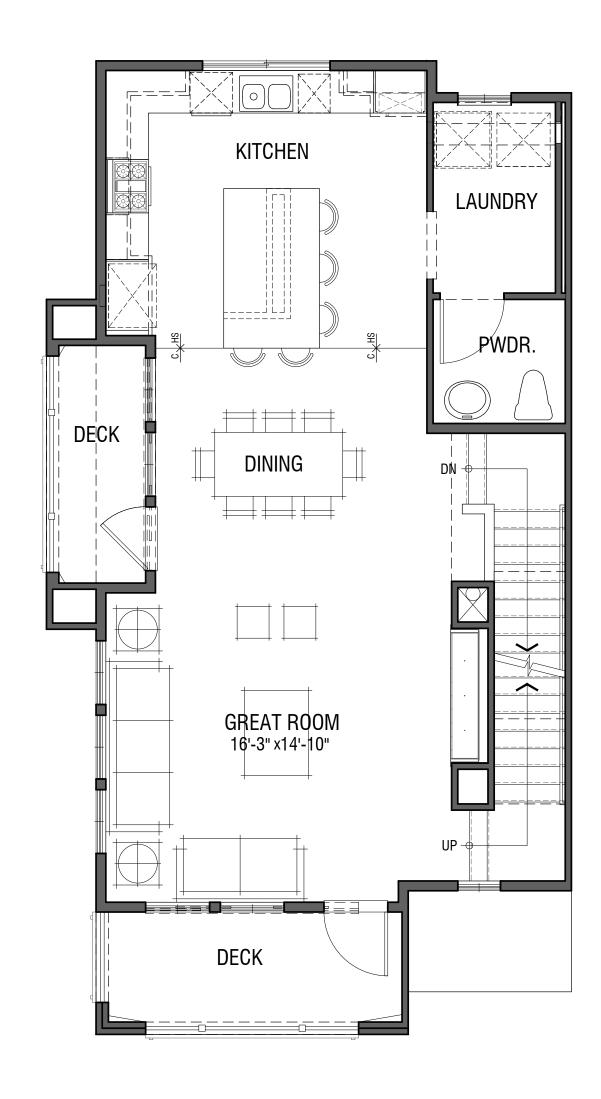
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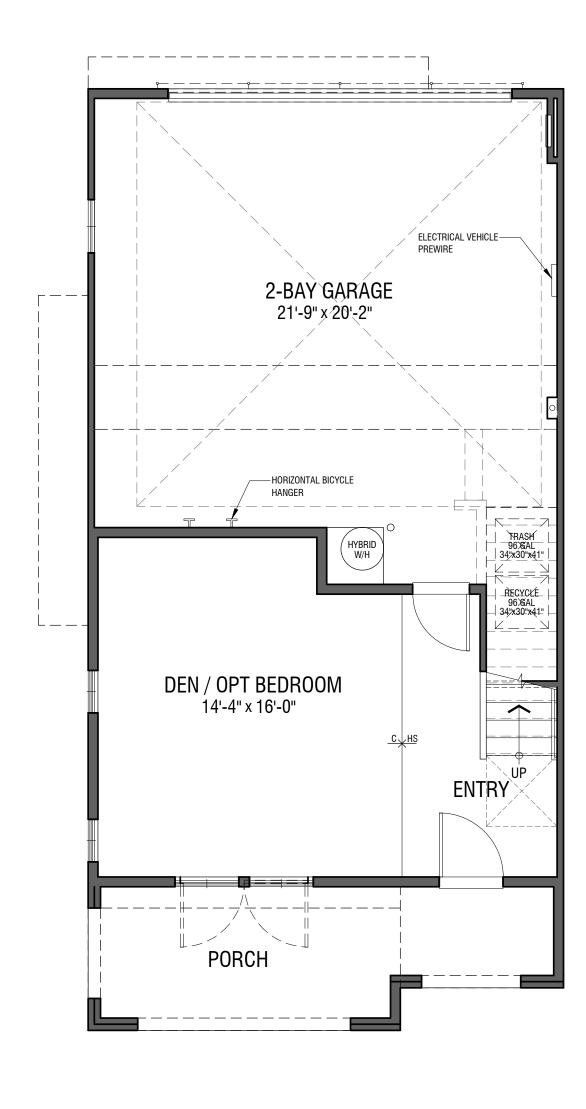
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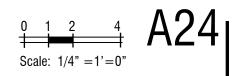
Note: For personal elevator option, see Sheet A24.

Second Floor Third Floor First Floor



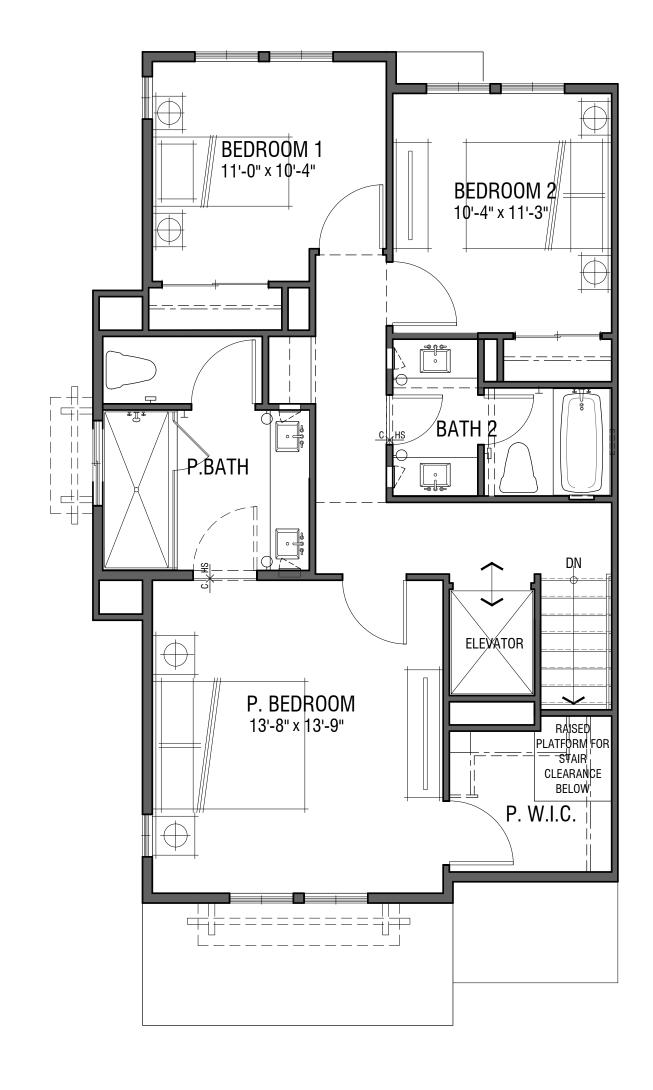
3 Bedroom |2.5 Bath 1 Optional Room / Den 2 Car Garage 1,926 sf

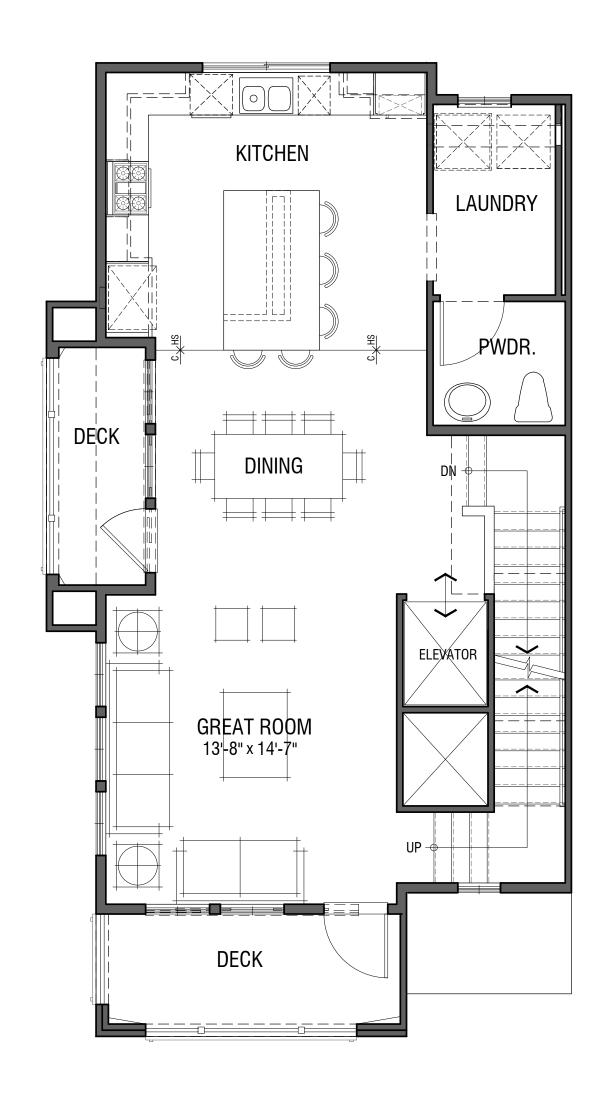
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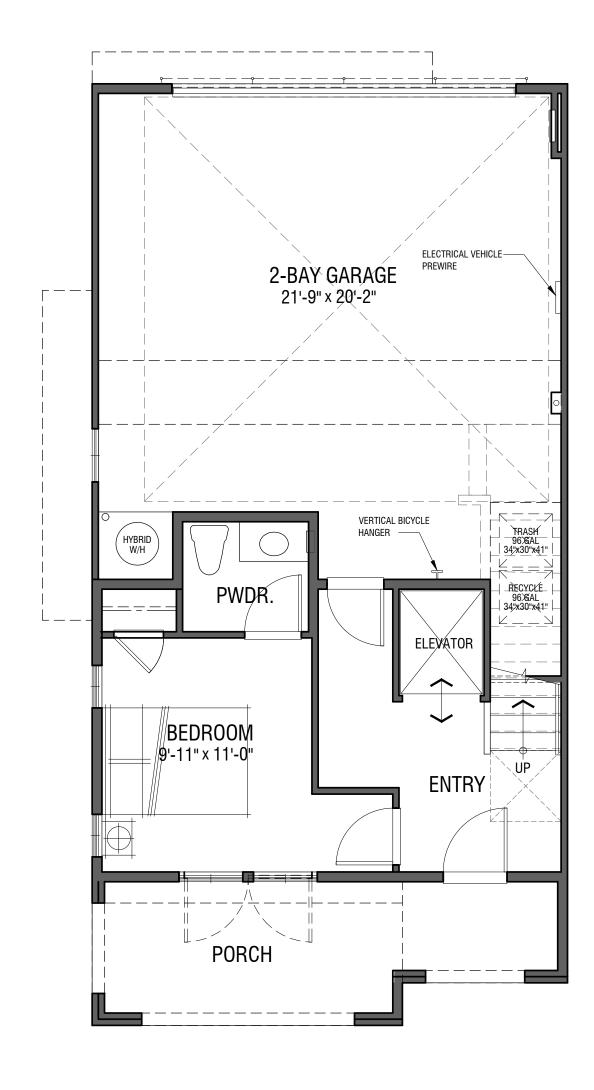










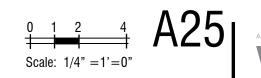


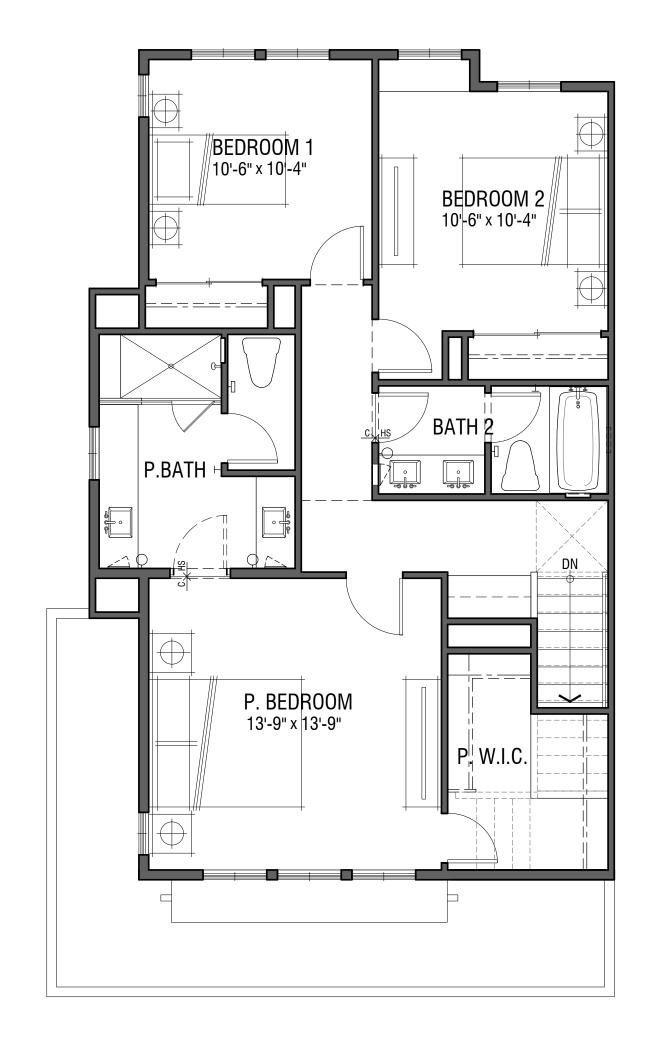
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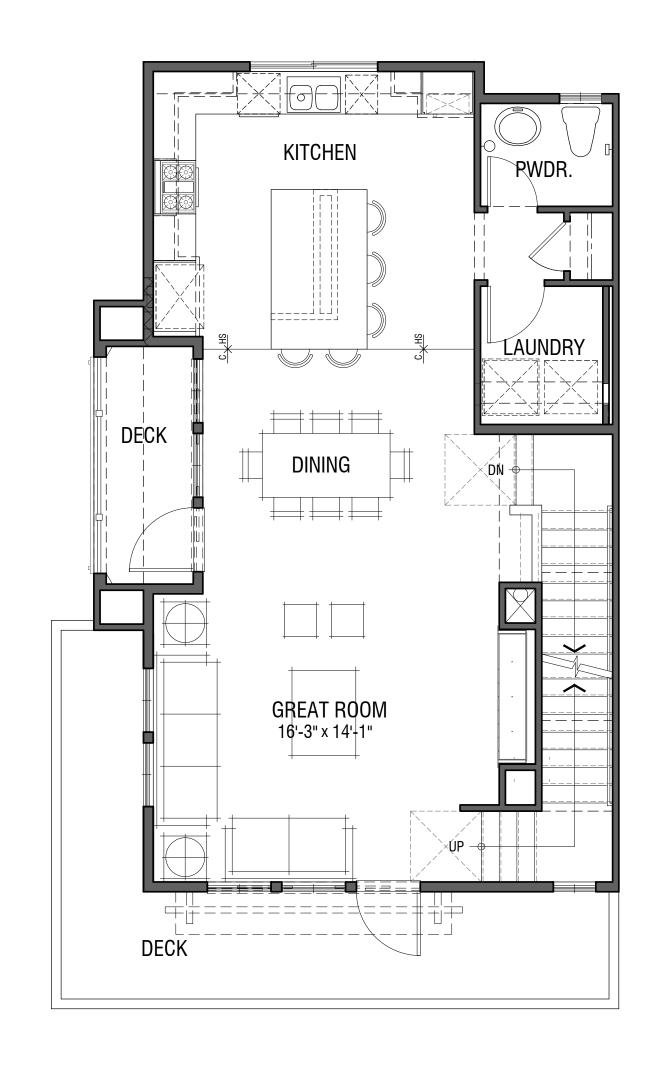
4 Bedroom | 2.5 Bath 2 Car Garage 1,926 sf

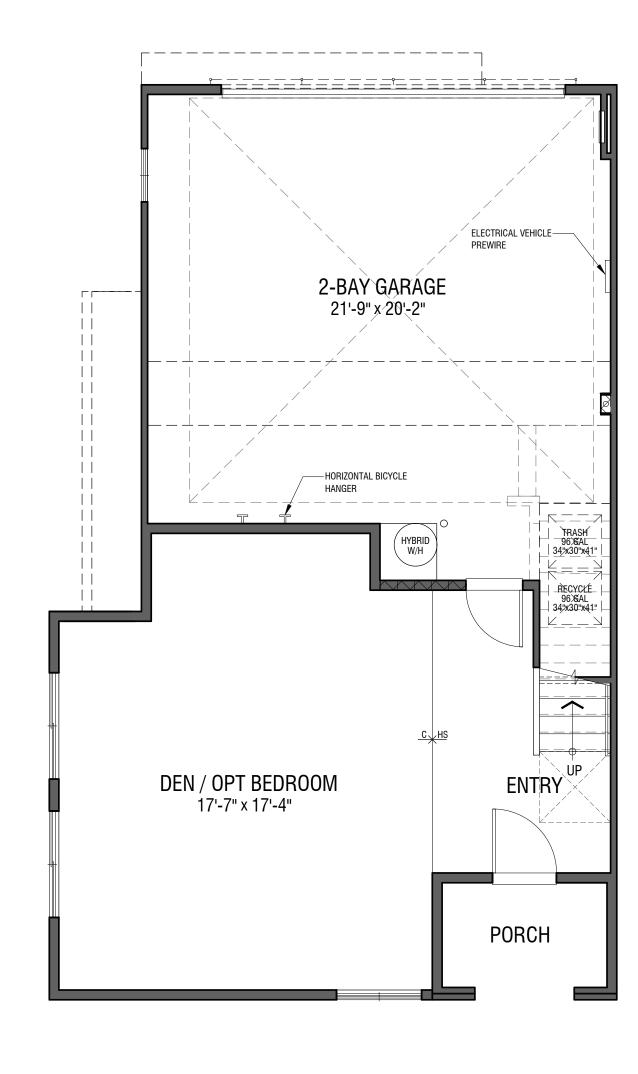












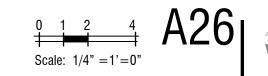
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Third Floor
Second Floor

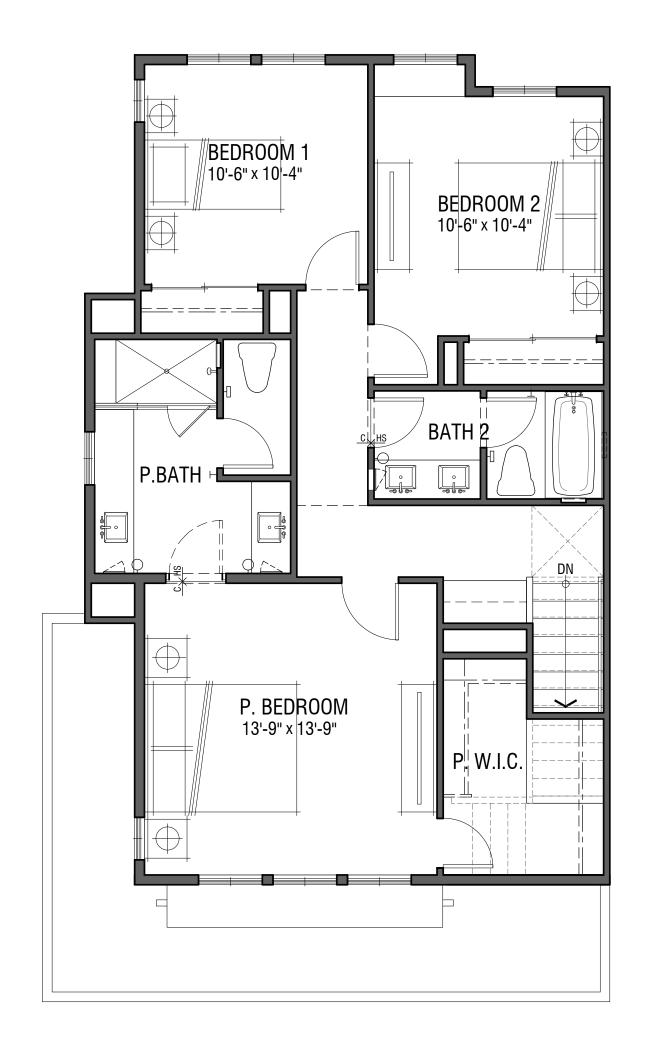


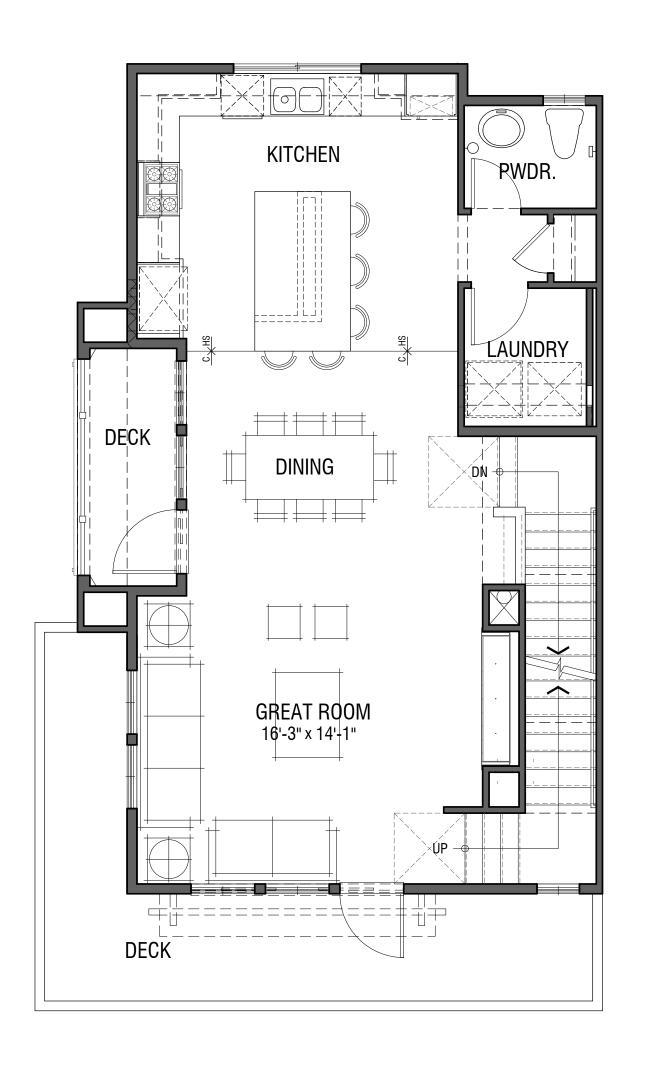
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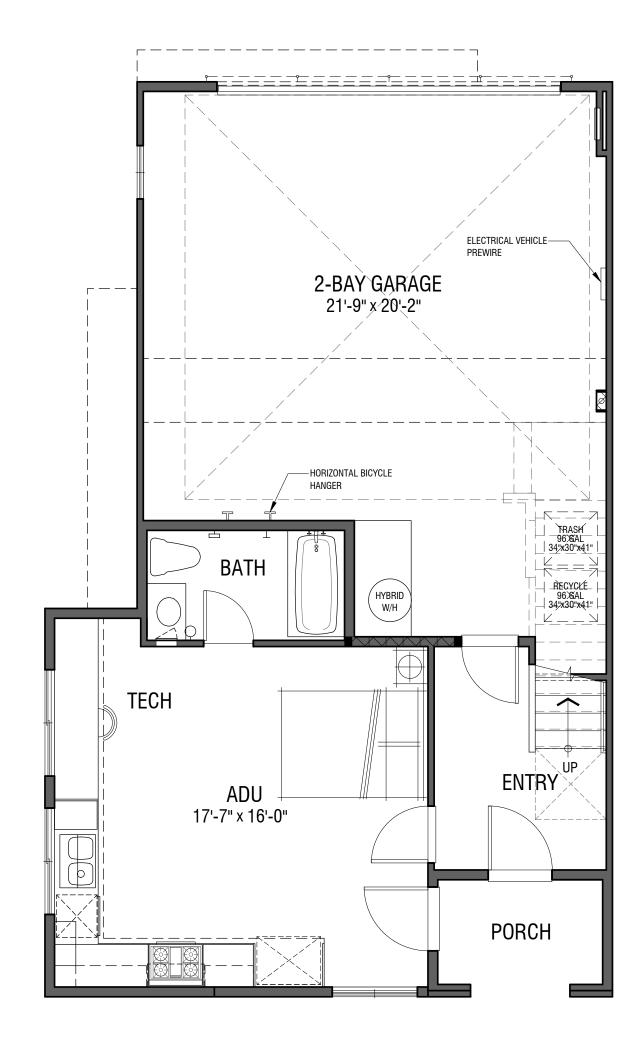
3 Bedroom |2.5 Bath 1 Optional Room / Den 2 Car Garage 2017 sf











Second Floor First Floor Third Floor



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# Plan 6 with Accessory Dwelling Unit option

3 Bedroom |2.5 Bath Accessory Dwelling Unit with Bathroom 2 Car Garage 2,017 sf



# **Conceptual Colors and Materials**

Colored Doors with White Fiber Cement Trim

White Exterior Decorative Shutters

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Guardrail

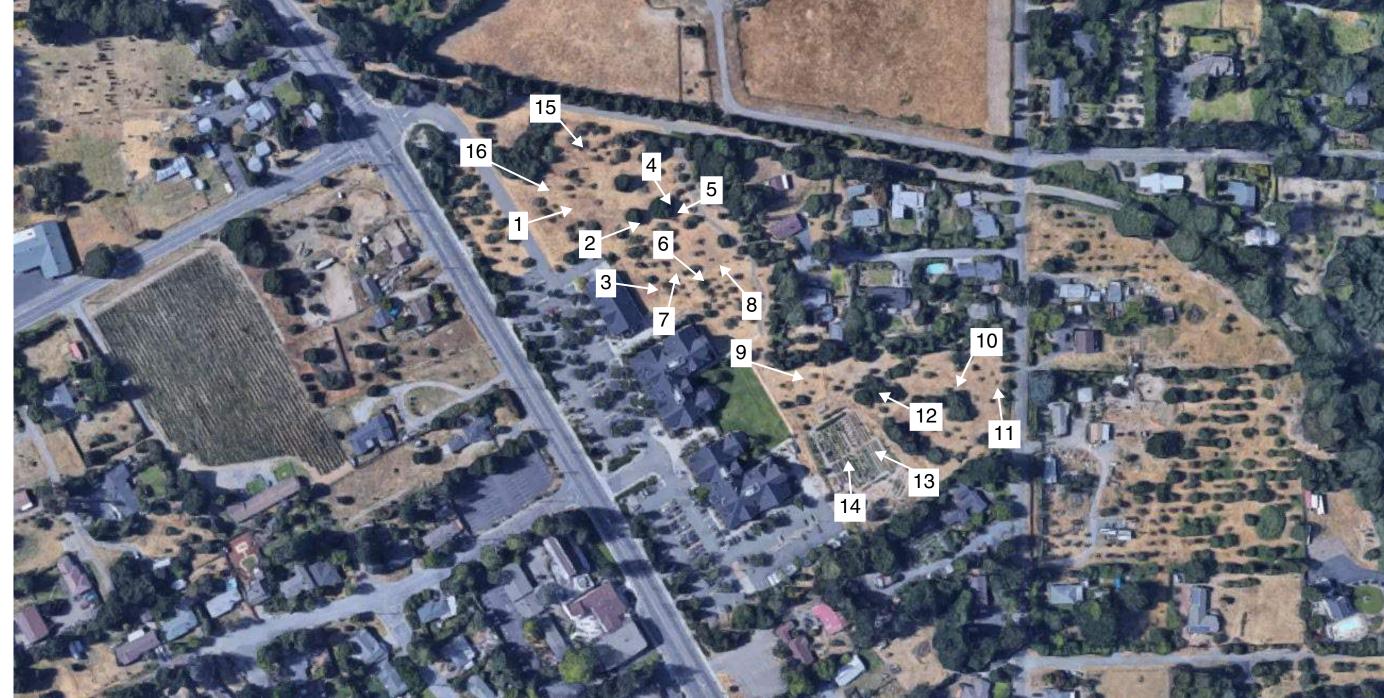
Dark Vinyl Windows with White Fiber Cement Trim

Ashbery Path Light









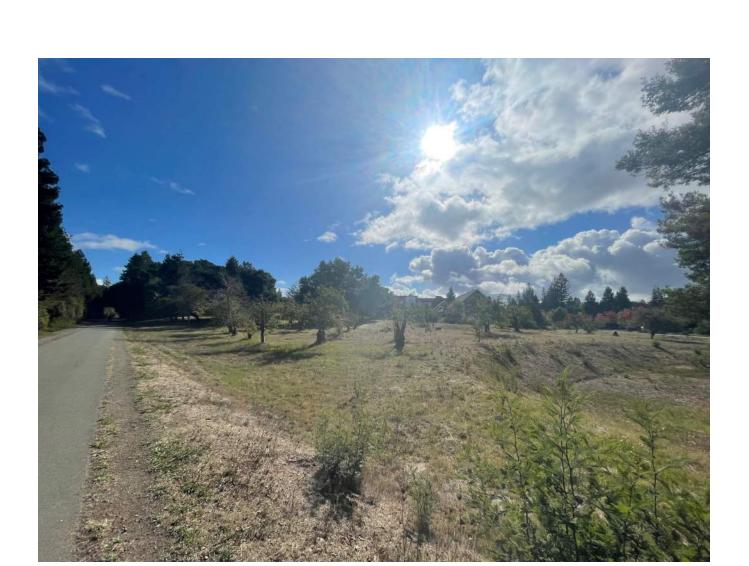
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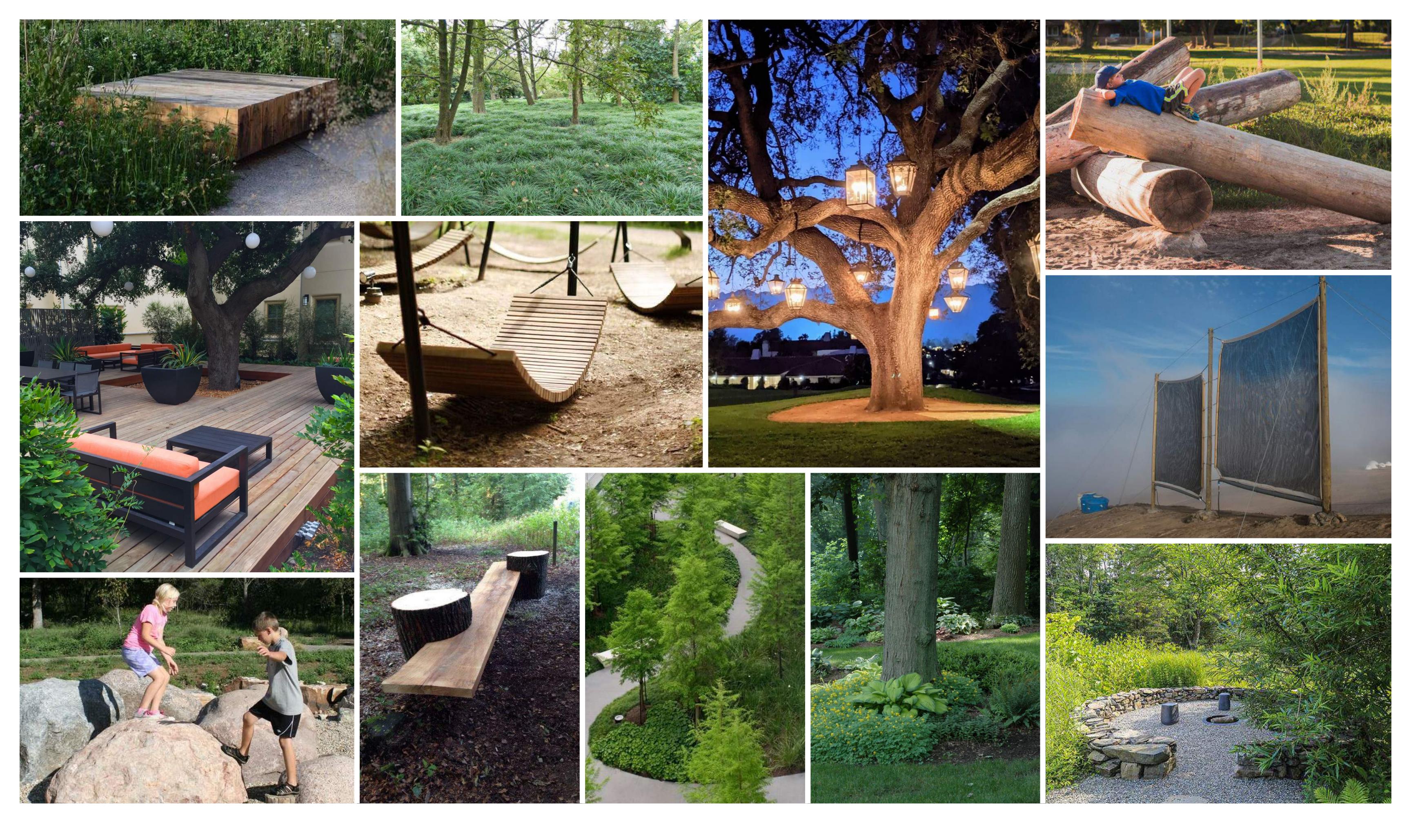








**Existing Site Photos** 



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN IMAGERY

The Canopy





# SEBASTOPOL CHARTER SCHOOL ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL 16 6 11 16 ADJACENT MIXED COMMERCIAL GRAVENSTEIN HIGHWAY 116

# LEGEND

- 1 Homes per Architect
- Primary Entry Through existing parking lot.
- **3** Secondary Entry Off existing road.
- 4 Street per Civil Engineer.
- Common Area Walks (4' Wide)
- 6 Amenity Path (6' Wide)
- Private Yards
- 8 Common Area Landscape
- 9 Bicycle Repair Station and Racks
- Social Space (Large)
  - Deck
  - Soft Seating
  - Decorative Down Lights in Heritage Tree
- Social Space (Small)
  - Wood Deck
  - Bench (or Chair Seating)
- 12 Mailbox Plaza
  - Cluster Box Units
  - Heritage Tree
- Recreation Area (See Sheet L-4)
- 14 Fog Catchers
- **15** Council Ring
- 16 Transformer
- Vegetated Buffer Zone (Stormwater Swale)
- 18 Property Line
- 19 Existing Trees to Remain
- 20 Street Trees
- 21 Accent Trees
- Pedestrian Access Sign
- Optional Pedestrian Gate to Hurlbut Ave.
- 24 Bike Rack







# LEGEND

- 1 Homes per Architect
- 2 Street per Civil Engineer
- Common Area Walks (4' Wide)
- 4 Amenity Path (6' Wide)
- Private Yards
- 6 Common Area Landscape
- Bicycle Repair Station and Racks
- 8 Social Space (Large)
  - Deck
  - Soft Seating
  - Decorative Down Lights in Heritage Tree
- 9 Transformer
- 10 Property Line
- **11** Existing Trees to Remain
- 12 A/C Units
- Street Trees
- 4 Accent Trees

CONCEPTUAL HERITAGE TREE SOCIAL SPACE AND AMENITY PATH CONNECTION







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CONCEPTUAL RECREATION AREA

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- Organic Children's Play Area

- Hammock Garden

- Seating

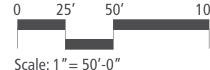




Fence
(6' HT, ~1,750 Linear Feet)

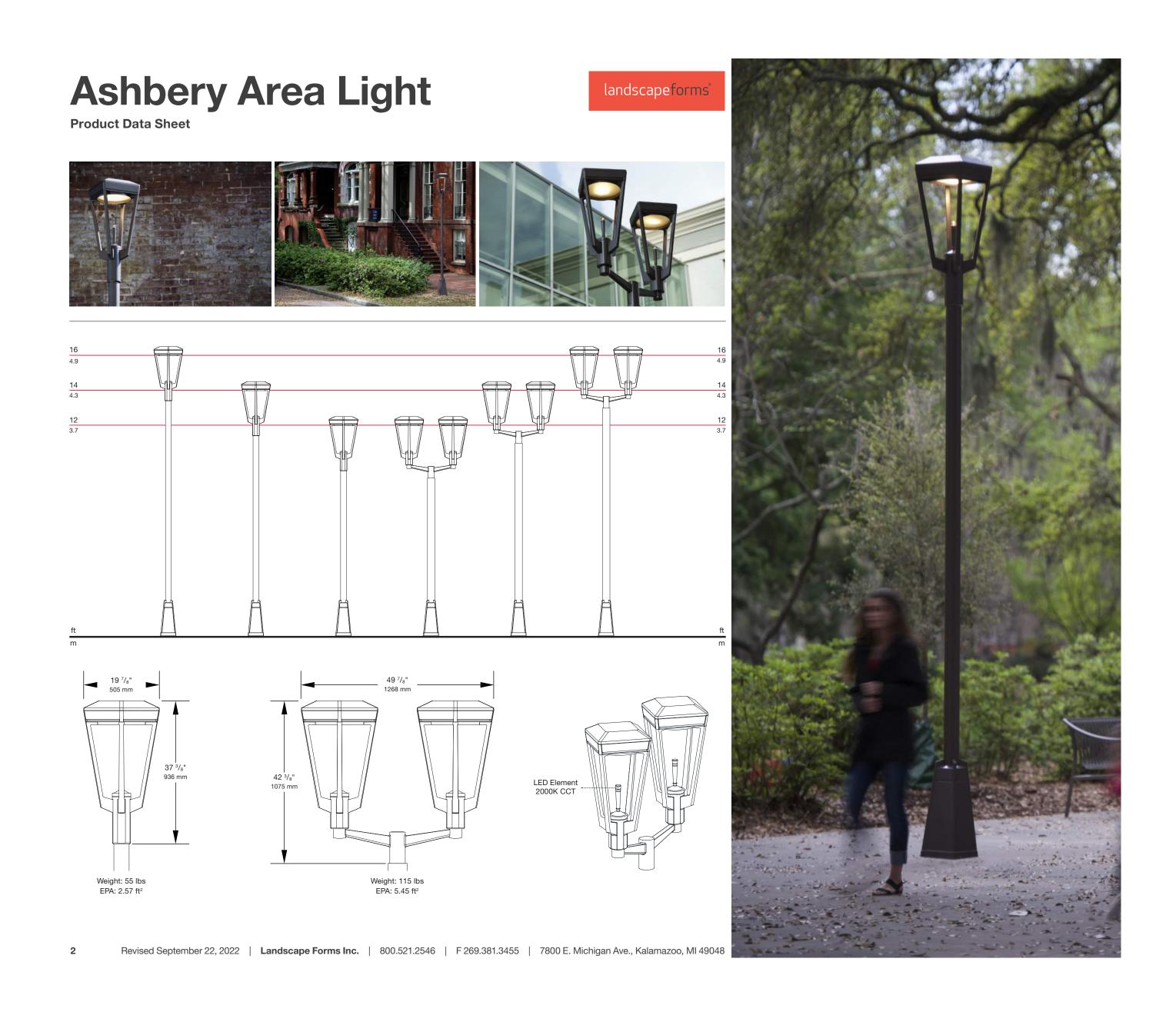
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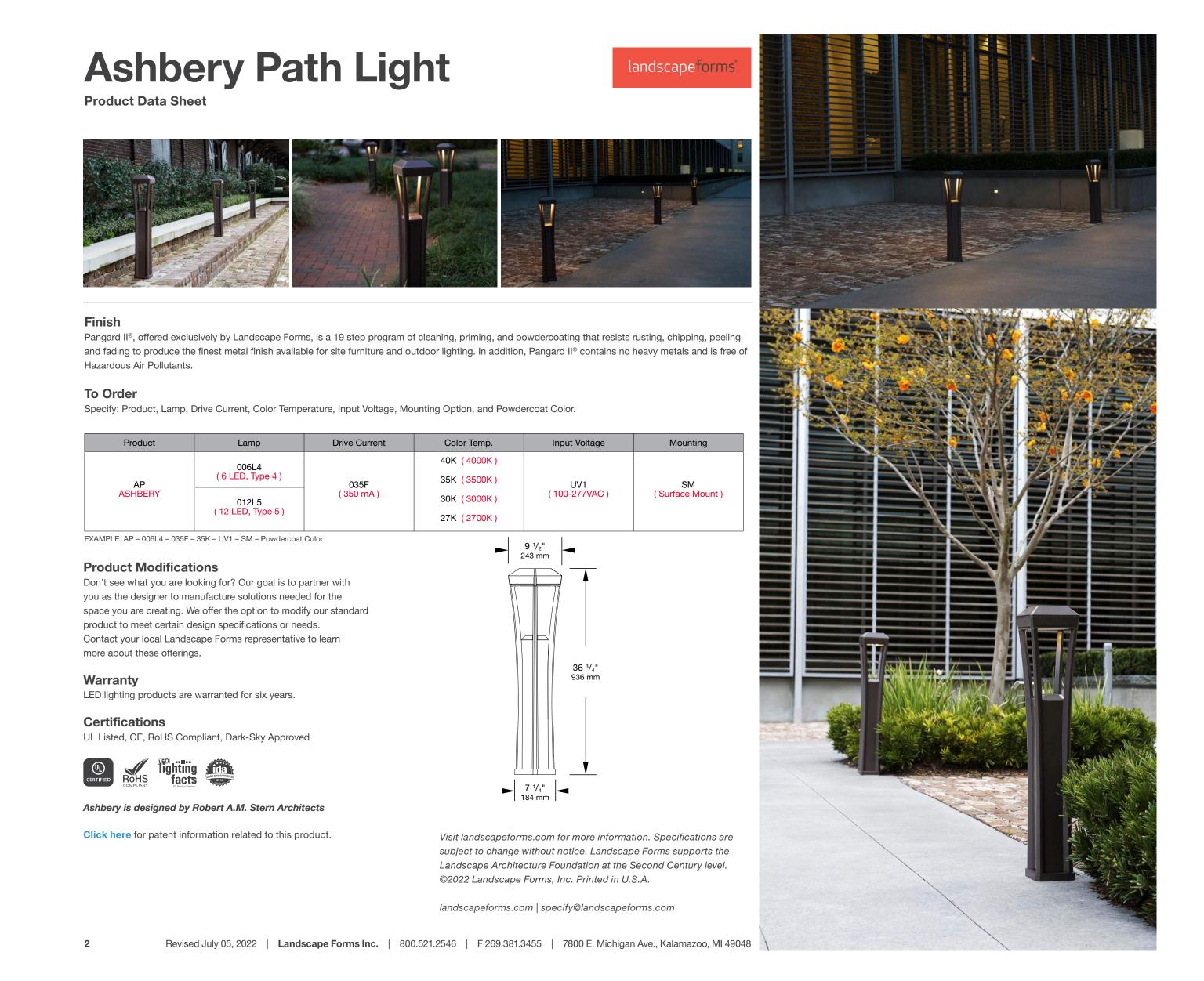
Retaining Wall (per Civil)
(3' HT, ~330 Linear Feet)











CONCEPTUAL POLE LIGHT [OR EQUAL] SCALE: NTS

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CONCEPTUAL BOLLARD LIGHT [OR EQUAL] SCALE: NTS

> NOTE: PROJECT TO MEET ALL PHOTOMETRIC REQUIREMENTS OF CITY. FULL LIGHTING AND PHOTOMETRIC PLANS WILL BE SUBMITTED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PHASE.

CONCEPTUAL LIGHTING DETAILS

The Canopy



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# CONCEPTUAL PLANT PALETTE

### EXISTING TREES SCIENTIFIC NAME

Alnus rhombifolia Calocedrus decurrens Cedrus deodara Pinus radiata Pinus spp. Pseudotsuga menziesii Quercus agrifolia Quercus kelloggi Quercus lobata Salix matsudana "Tortuosa" Sequoia sempervirens

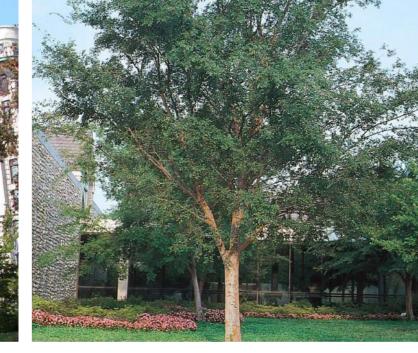
### COMMON NAME

Alder Incense Cedar Deodar Cedar Monterey Pine Pine Douglas-Fir Coast Live Oak Black Oak Valley Oak Curly Willow Coast Redwood American Elm











### PROPOSED TREES SCIENTIFIC NAME

Acer macrophyllum Apple 'Gravenstein' Arbutus menziesii Betula spp. Cercis canadensis Cercis occidentalis Cornus florida 'Rubra' Ginkgo biloba 'Goldspine' Platanus racemosa

Ulmus americana

### COMMON NAME

Big-leaf Maple Gravenstein Apple Madrone Birch Eastern Rosebud Western Redbud Pink Flowering Dogwood Autumn Gold Maidenhair Tree Sycamore









### SHRUBS, GRASSES, AND GROUNDCOVER SCIENTIFIC NAME COMMON NAME

Manzanita

Arctostaphylos spp. Calycanthus occidentalis Camellia spp. Carex tumulicola Ceanothus sp. Cornus sericea Cornus sericea ssp. Occidentails Dianella spp. Equisetum hyemale Frangula californica Grevillea spp. Heuchera spp. Heteromeles arbutifolia llex spp. Iris douglasiana Juncus patens Lavandula ssp. Leymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince' Lomandra sp. Lonicera ssp. Mimulus sp. Muhlenbergia ssp. Myoporum p. 'Putah Creek' Olea europaea 'Little Ollie' Phormium spp. Pittosporum spp. Podocarpus elongatus 'Icee Blue' Polystichum munitum Prunus ilicifolia

Spice Bush Camellia Foothill Sedge Wild Lilac Creek Dogwood Western Dogwood Flax Lily Horsetail Coffeeberry Grevillea Coral Bells Toyon Holly Douglas' Iris California Gray Rush Lavender Canyon Prince Wild Rye Dwarf Mat Rush Honeysuckle Monkey Flower Deer Grass Creeping Myoporum Little Ollie Dwarf Olive New Zealand Flax Pittosporum lcee Blue Yellow-wood Western Sword Fern Hollyleaf Cherry Western Azalae Rose Rosemary Stonecrop Giant Chain Fern Coast Rosemary





































### VINE AND ESPALIER SCIENTIFIC NAME

Eriobotrya ssp. Lonicera japonica 'Halliana' Rosa banksiae Vitis 'Rogers Red'

Rhododendron occidentale

Rosmarinus officinalis

Woodwardia ambriata

Rosa spp.

Sedum spp.

Westringia sp. Turf Grass

## COMMON NAME

Loquat Hall's Honeysuckle Lady Banks'Rose Roger's Red Grape

CONCEPTUAL PLANT PALETTE AND IMAGERY



### **APPLICANT ARCHITECT LANDSCAPE** THE CANOPY - VESTING TENTATIVE MAP PACKAGE City Ventures Homebuilding LLC William Hezmalhalch Architects C2 Collaborative 444 Spear Street, Suite 200 1201 J Street, Suite 200 100 Avenida Miramar San Francisco, CÁ 94105 San Clemente, CA 92672 Sacramento CA, 95814 1009 & 1011 GRAVENSTEIN HIGHWAY NORTH Phone: (949) 622-8737 (646) 522-4260 Phone: (949) 366-6624 SURVEYOR ENGINEER Sebastopol, California Aaron R Smith PLS 7901 David R. Brown RCE 41833 Adobe Associates, Inc. Adobe Associates, Inc. APN 060-261-026 & 028 1220 N Dutton Avenue 1220 N Dutton Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Phone: (707) 541-2300 Phone: (707) 541-2300 Fax: (707) 541-2301 Fax: (707) 541-2301 GRADING QUANTITIES: SHEET INDEX Site Grading is based upon subgrade to existing grade. No account has been taken for strippings, expansion or TITLE SHEET & TYPICAL STREET SECTIONS contraction. Volumes should be verified and determined independently by the contractor. 2-3. C1.1 1.2 SITE LAYOUTS **DEMOLITION PLAN** 4,549 CY 7,211 CY 2,662 CY 2,002 CY C2.0 2.1 PRELIMINARY GRADING & DRAINAGE PLANS Excess material to be off-hauled to an approved location GRADING-SOILS PLAN or placed onsite under the direction of the project Soils Engineer. Earth materials placed onsite not shown on PRELIMINARY UTILITY PLANS these plans may require revisions(s) to the grading permit. TENTATIVE VESTING MAP Area of Disturbance = 5.35 Acres **LEGEND** SITE INFORMATION PROPERTY BOUNDARY TOTAL NO. OF LOTS: LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION 6.1 ACRES SITE AREA: SANITARY SEWER & MANHOLE PRESENT ZONING OLM (R7 w/ CUP) PROPOSED ZONING: OLM (R7 w/ CUP) WATER MAIN & GATE VALVE LIMIT OF FIRE HYDRANT HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE: NO CONSTRUCTION STORM DRAIN & CATCH BASIN (CB) PVT DWY EASEMENT PVT SD EASEMENT PVT ACCESS EASEMENT/ PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT \_\_\_\_\_ PATH OF VEHICLE TRAVEL EXISTING TREE WITH TAG NUMBER FROM ARBORIST REPORT. "X" INDICATES REMOVAL SEE HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATES REPORT DATED APRIL 10, 2019. HATCHING LEGEND: EXISTING/ALTERNATE ACCESS LIMIT OF **ABBREVIATIONS** CONSTRUCTION ADOBE ASSOCIATES, INC. AGGREGATE BASE NOT TO SCALE PRIVATE ACCESS EASEMENT AREA DRAIN ACCESS EASEMENT PROPERTY LINE ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER PS PLANTER STRIP PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT CATCH BASIN PRIVATE REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER RIGHT OF WAY EXISTING COMMERCIAL CLEANOUT SEE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS COMMERCIAL OFFICE BLDG STORM DRAIN DOCUMENT NUMBER OFFICE BLDG SEE LANDSCAPE PLANS EXISTING EXISTING GROUND SQUARE FEET WAREHOUSE 060-261-029 SEE PLAN VIEW **ELEVATION** SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT SANITARY SEWER CLEANOUT EXISTING FINISH GRADE STANDARD FIRE HYDRANT FINISHED SURFACE SIDEWALK EASEMENT GRATE TOP OF CURB INVERT GRADE TYPICAL WATER JOINT TRENCH LINEAR FEET WATER EASEMENT MAXIMUM WATER SERVICE MANHOLE 060-261-029 UTILITY & ACCESS ESMT (TYP) BLDG GRAVENSTEIN HWY NORTH OVERALL SITE PLAN STREET A - TYPICAL SECTION SCALE : 1" = 60' (NO SIDEWALK) UTILITY & ACCESS ESMT (TYP) UTILITY & ACCESS ESMT (TYP) 35' TYP 18' TYP 36' TYP 18' TYP UTILITY & ACCESS ESMT (TYP) UTILITY & ACCESS ESMT (TYP) 14' PARKING (COMPACT) 17' PARKING 24' OR 26' (SEE C1.1 & C1.2) BLDG 0.5'\_\_| (TYP) AC ON — CL II AB AC ON — CL II AB BLDG 0.5' (TYP) AC ON CL II AB BLDG TYPICAL STREET SECTION STREET A - TYPICAL SECTION (STREET C ~ K) STREET B - TYPICAL SECTION STREET B - TYPICAL SECTION (WITH SIDEWALK) NTS NTS

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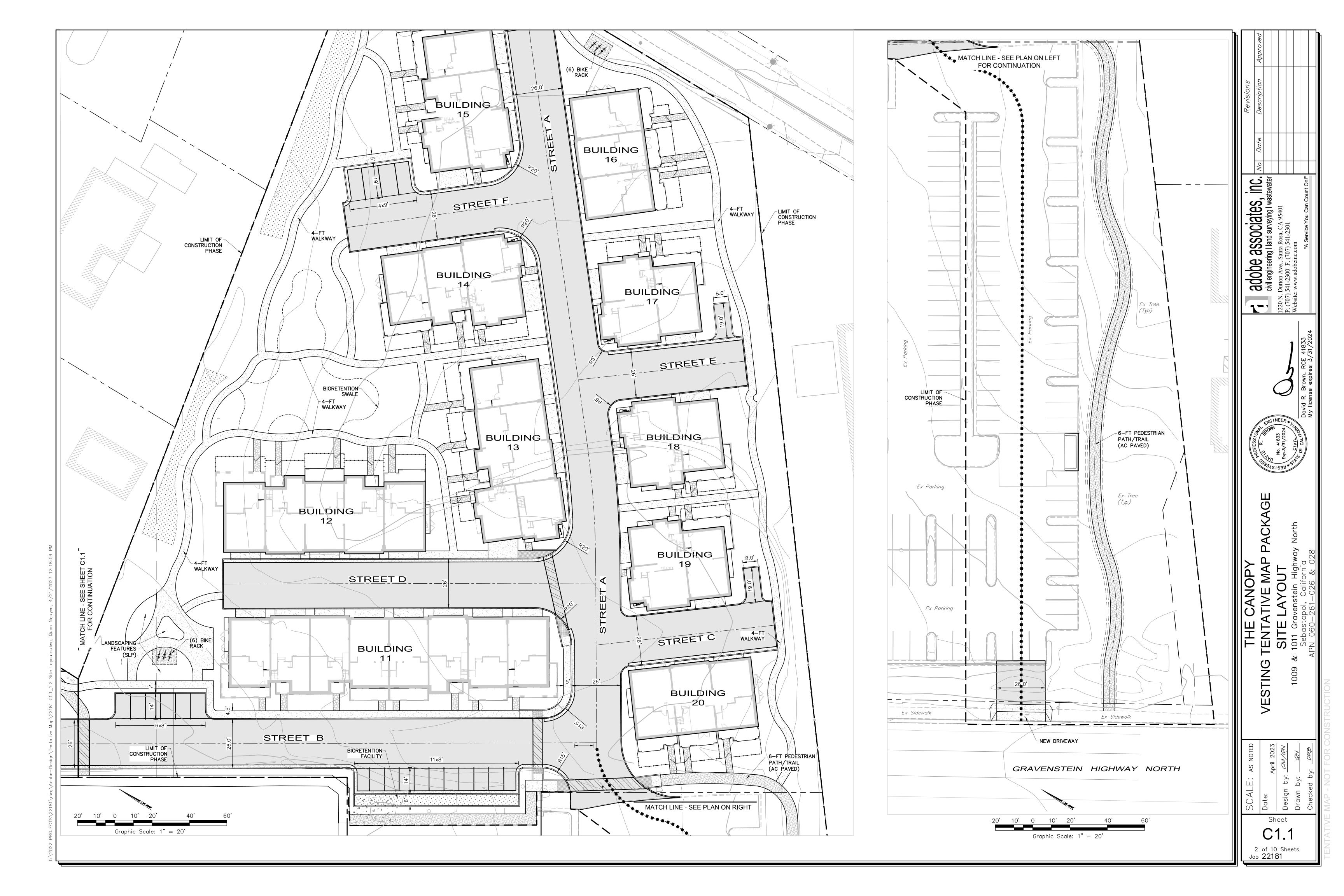
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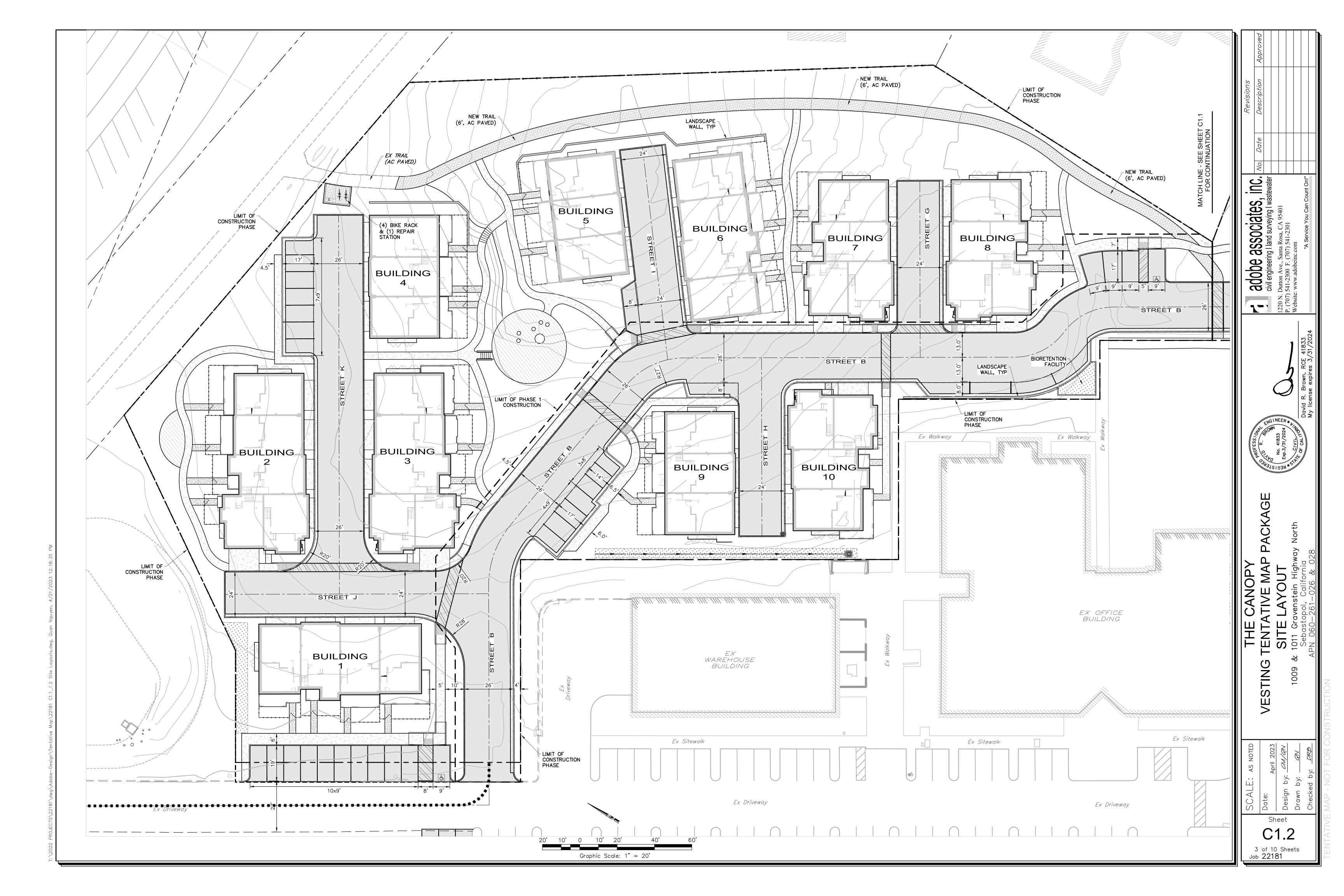
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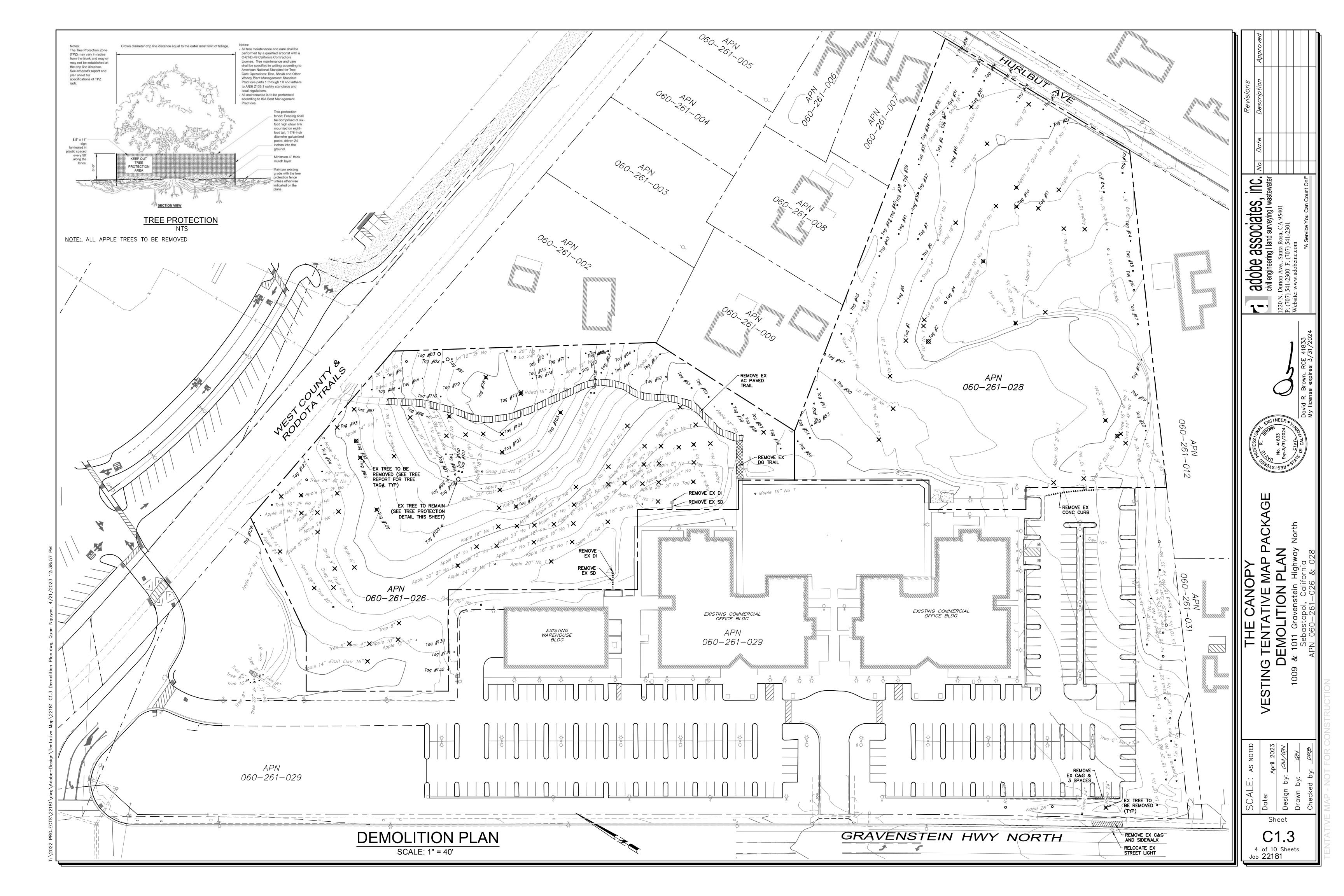
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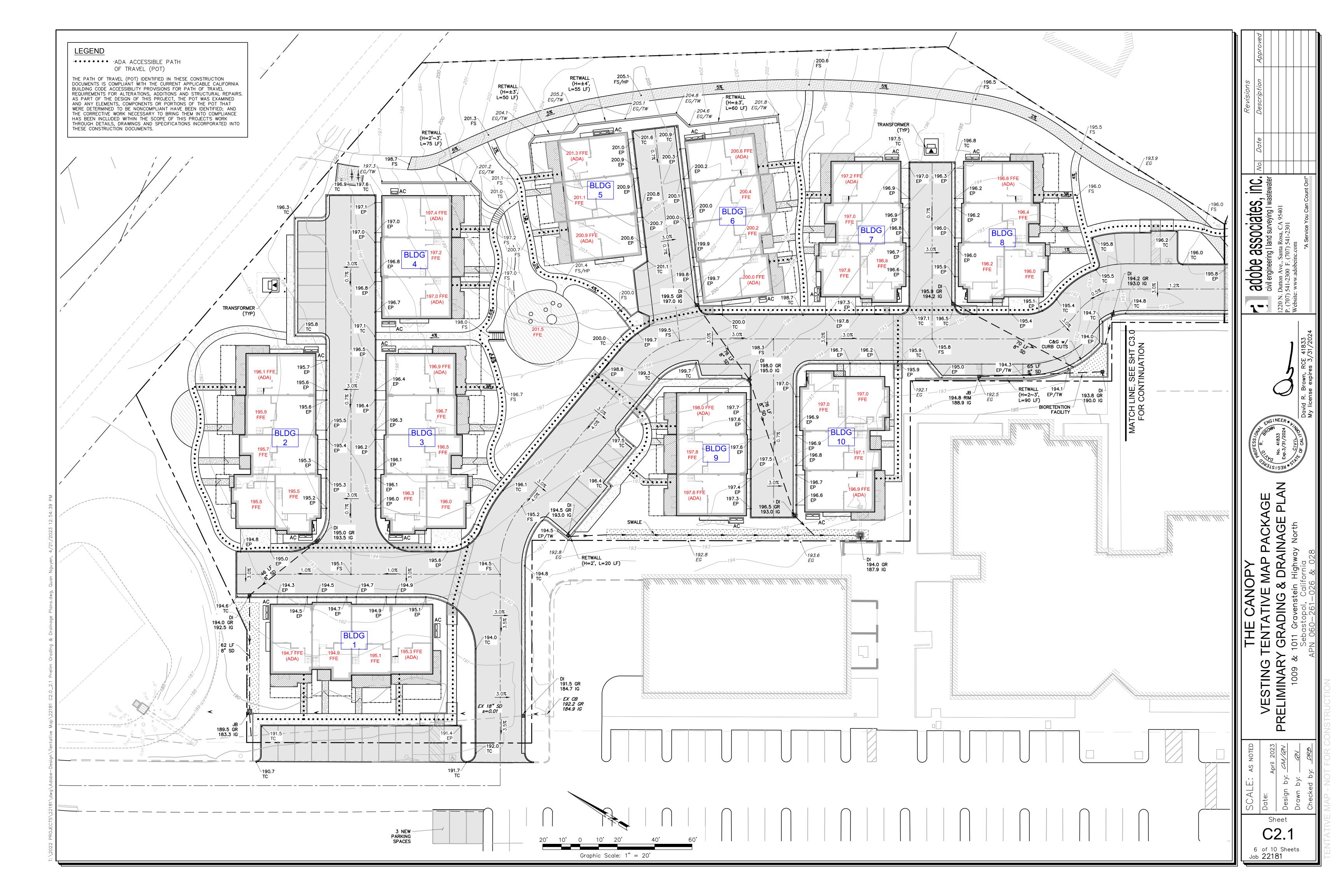
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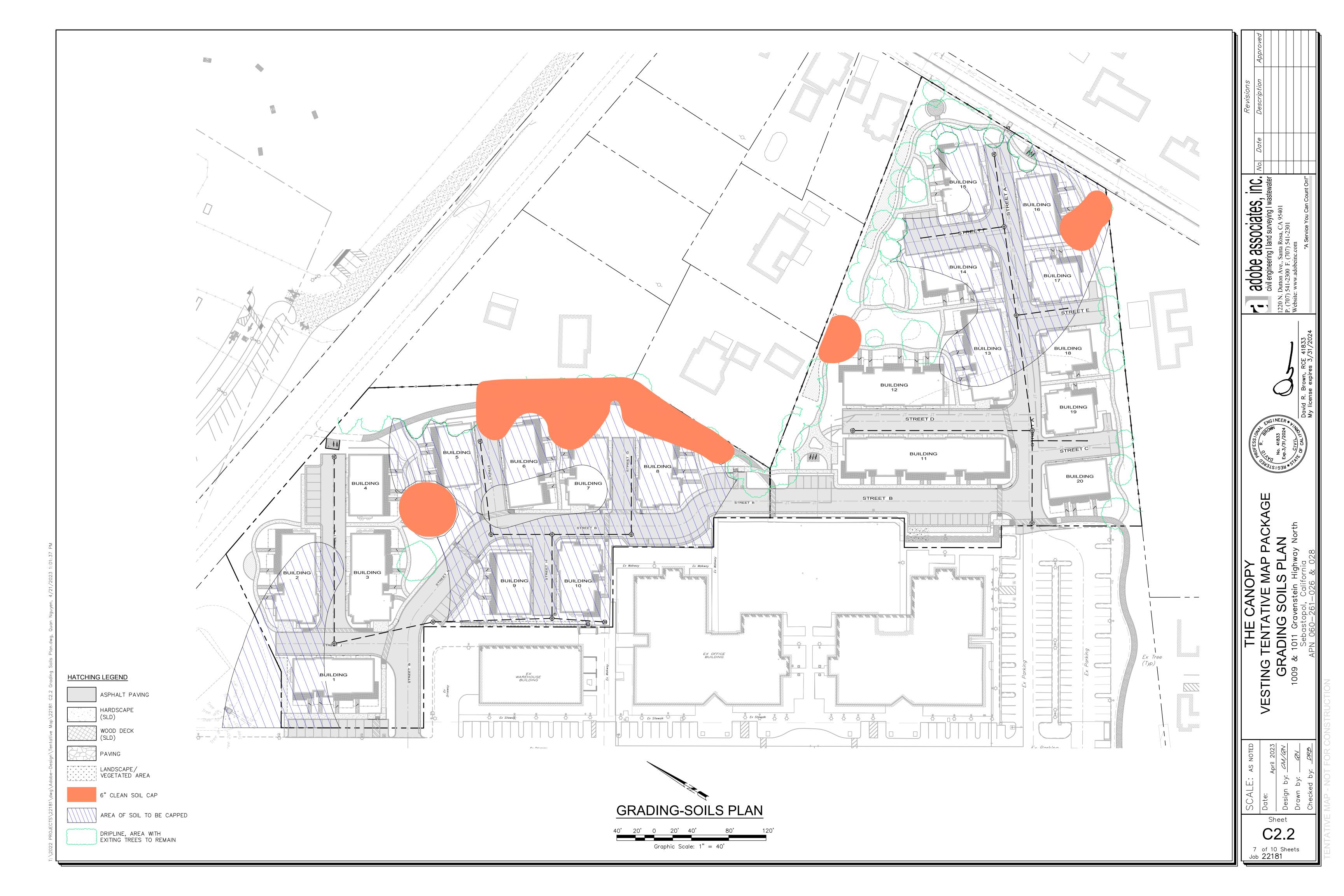


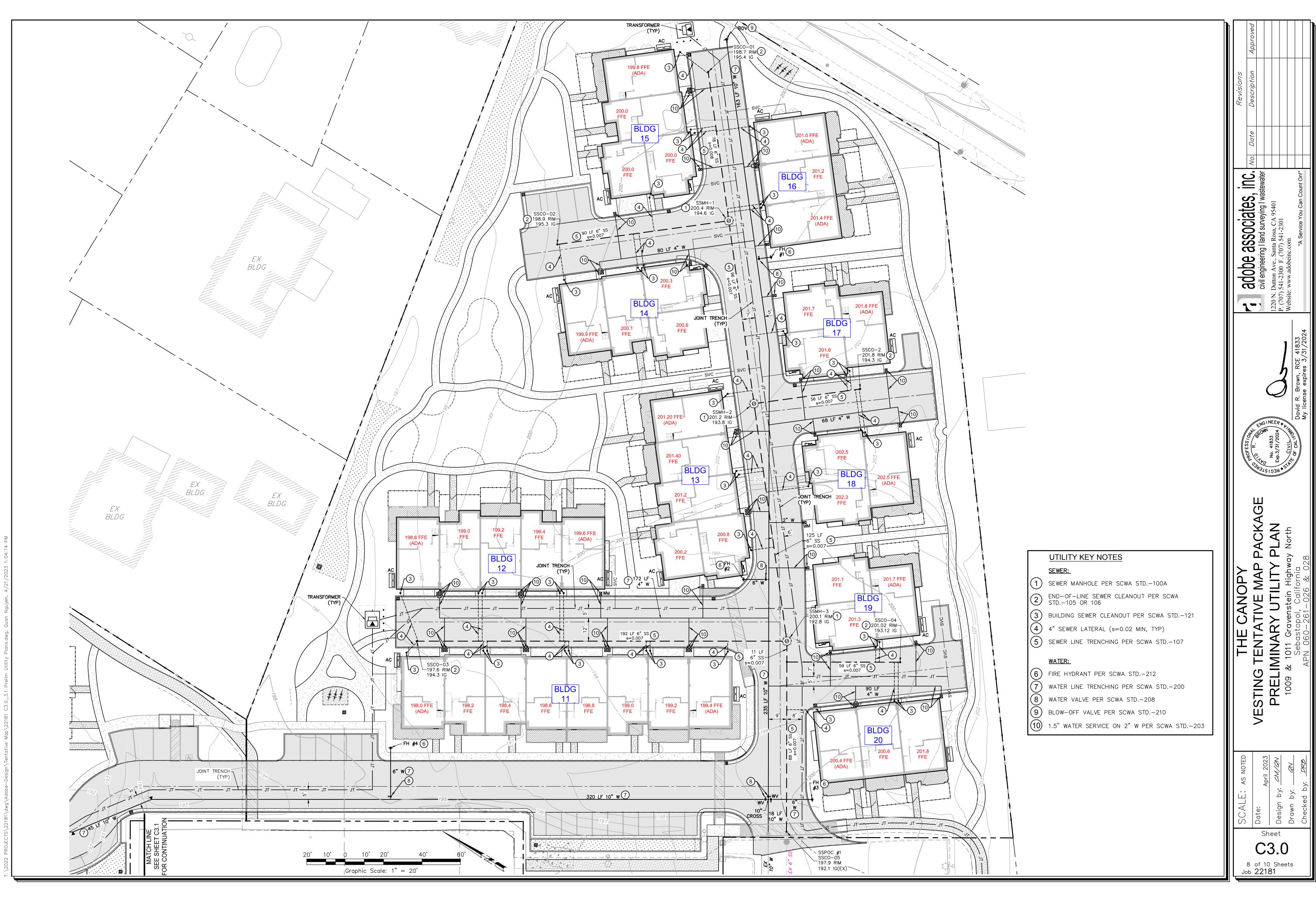


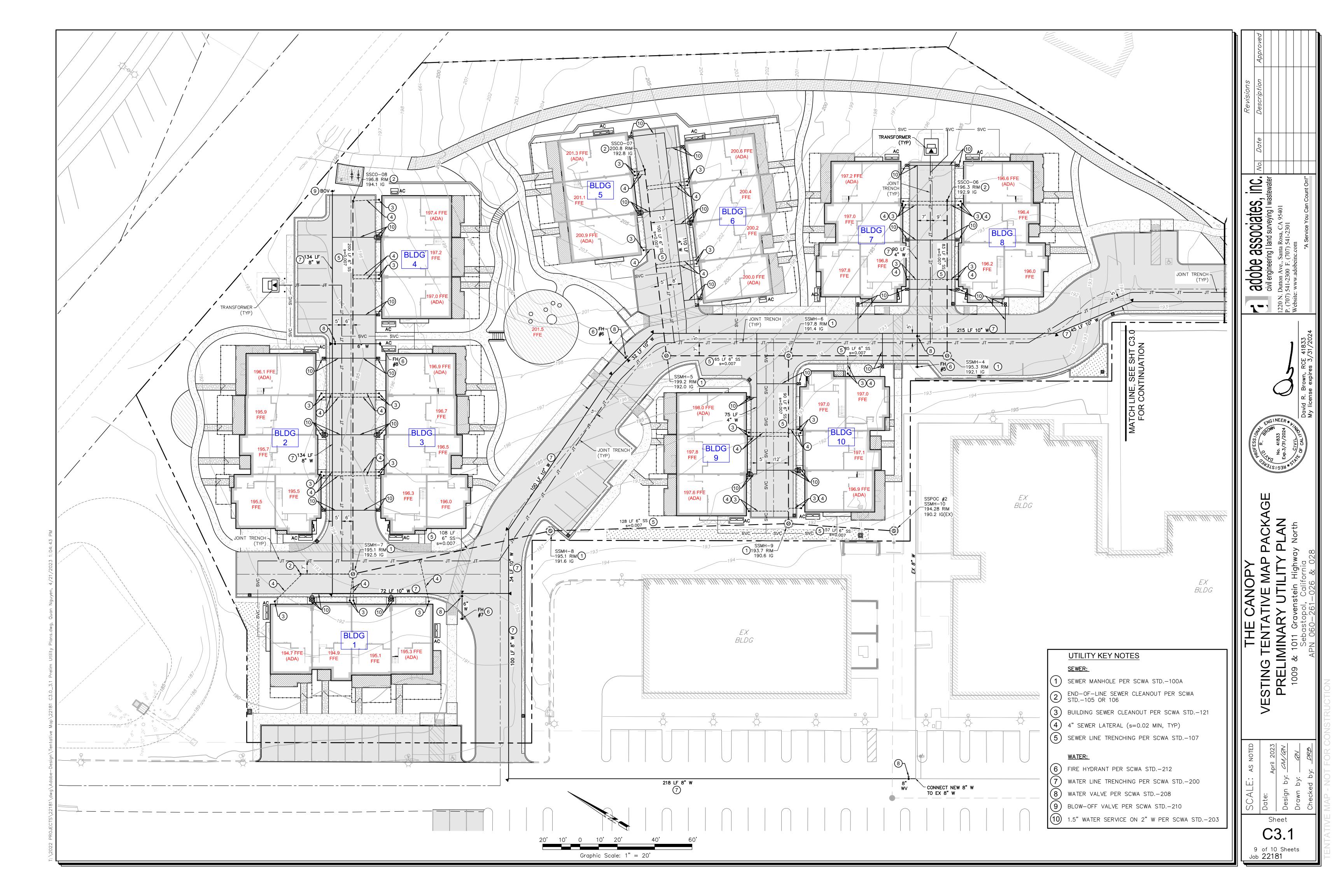


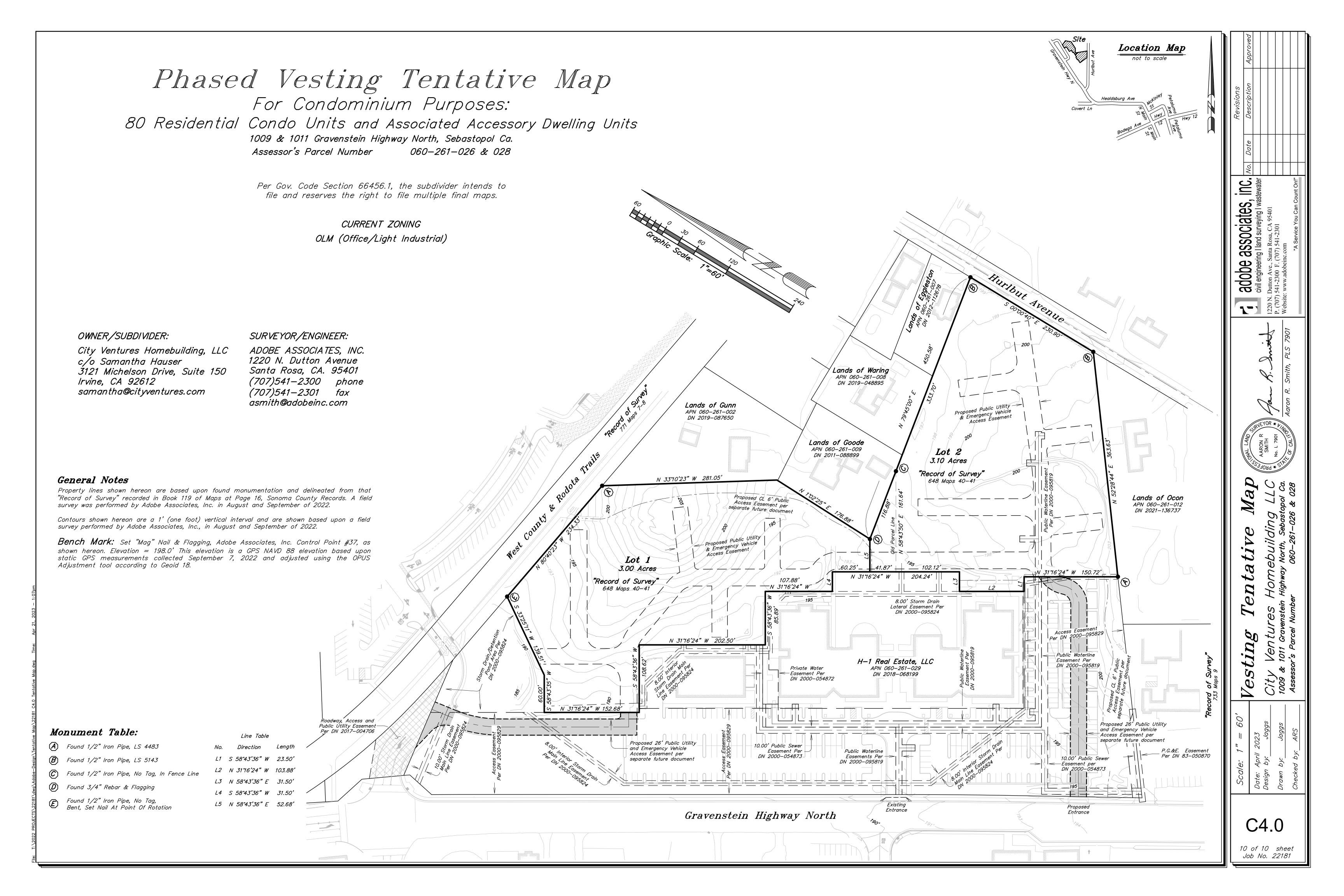














December 20, 2023

To: Katie Green, Rincon Consultants

Re: Canopy Draft EIR public comments.

Hello Katie,

I received a phone call from Linda Berg on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and her comments are listed below for the project.

- How and why is there no significant impact to traffic and emergency services from this project.
- How are they estimating only 684 trips per day for this project.
- Adding vehicles to the Healdsburg corridor is not a good idea.
- Why is the cumulative congestion used and does this account for the new 22 units proposed at 845 Gravenstein Highway North.

Sincerely,

John Jay, Associate Planner <a href="mailto:jiay@cityofsebastopol.gov">jiay@cityofsebastopol.gov</a>

### John Jay

From:

Tor Allen **∢** 

Sent:

Monday, January 8, 2024 9:23 PM

To:

John Jay; Kari Svanstrom

Cc:

Steven Pierce

Subject:

Observation @ Canopy Project.... solar related

Hi John, Kari,

I was just reviewing the Draft EIR for the Canopy project

https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Canopy-DEIR-with-Appendices.pdf

I wanted to share 2 observations regarding this development for consideration.

1. pg. 46, front facade of the building. shows an architectural roof 'feature' that renders much of the solar viable roof space unusable or not ideal. the architecture 'feature' is just that - it's something the architect thinks makes the building look better. I'm hoping that this can be modified such that the south and west facing roof space can be maximized for solar array placement. One would think that by now architects that claim their development is 'solar' would at least make an attempt at optimizing the roof. Title 24 solar requires a bare minimum solar array size. One should really design a solar array that allows for adding modules if a homeowner wishes, beyond the bare minimum that the developer will install initially.





- 2. roof vents while this report might not show this detail, it's important. One can reference Barlow Crossing for how NOT to do it. All vents can be placed on the north or east side of the roof leaving the south and west facing roof space free of obstructions. It's really not that hard to do. Habitat for Humanity projects know how to do this, so ...
- 3. require a Battery per unit. With the change in Net Metering law, dramatically lowering the value of any exported solar electrons to the grid, new residential solar systems are considered incomplete without a battery to help store energy for use during peak afternoon/evening periods especially with an all electric home. City of Sebastopol is allowing a waiver for this project for the 3 story height. Perhaps it can require an appropriate sized battery as well?

Thanks!

Tor

Tor Allen
The Rahus Institute <u>rahus.org</u>
Solar Schoolhouse <u>solarschoolhouse.org</u>
Sebastopol Carbon Conversations
<u>rahus.org/scc</u>
Sebastopol, California

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### John Jay

From:

John Jay

Sent:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 10:24 AM

To:

John Jay

Subject:

FW: Comments on "The Canopy" proposed development

Hello Kari,

Please share our comments below with the Planning Commission members. Thank you!

Dear Planning Commission members,

We live on Hurlbut Avenue and would like to offer input on the proposed high-density housing development in our neighborhood. We generally support providing housing on appropriate sites where equitable housing opportunities are needed, but this project appears primarily aimed at a specific higher-end market, with no units fewer than three bedrooms and few below-market units. The project as proposed is out of character with the neighborhood in terms of density and scale. We would like to see reduced housing density, reduced building height, confirmation that there will not be impacts on groundwater supply, and a solid plan for mitigating the impacts of lost native oak trees. Following are our additional comments and questions. Thank you for your consideration.

### Trees:

- The biological section of the CEQA document indicates that 41 native trees are being removed. Please clarify the plan for mitigating those losses. If it will be off-site, is the City confident that \$75 is adequate to purchase, plant, and maintain through establishment trees of similar value to those that are being removed? Where will these be planted? Would the trees be replaced in kind (i.e., native oaks for native oaks), or would they more likely be small street trees such as crape myrtles or ornamental pears, which provide much reduced biological and shade values?
- Will project grading (cut and/or fill) and soil capping have any negative impact on trees to be preserved? The root
  protection zone for native trees is typically considered to extend 1.5 times the width of the canopy; grading within that
  zone often leads to tree loss. If additional trees will be impacted by grading, they should be included in the count of trees
  lost and mitigated for.
- The plan indicates that one of the few mature oaks to be protected within the site will be permanently lit with multiple lanterns. Please consider omitting that lighting as it would reduce the habitat value of the heritage oak for birds and other wildlife, as well as contribute to light pollution.
- The project description notes that native trees will be used for landscaping, and mentions maple, dogwood, and madrone. Madrone is appropriate for the site. Big-leaf maple is a riparian tree (needing significant water) and we suggest it be replaced with black or Oregon oak, which are drought-tolerant and would occur naturally on the site. Dogwood is also a riparian tree/shrub not suitable for this site without ongoing irrigation; we suggest it be removed from the palette. Many of the shrubs and perennials listed are native, drought-tolerant, and appropriate to the site. The plant palette also lists birch, which is not native and requires high water input; we suggest that species be removed. Plans appear to call for turf grass around one of the preserved heritage oaks; summer irrigation can kill native oaks, so lawns should be avoided within the oaks' root protection zone.

### Wildlife:

• The biology report does not address current wildlife use of the site and lacks a list of wildlife species observed on-site during the assessment. We live in a similar nearby setting of an aging apple orchard with scattered oak trees and know that this setting is heavily used by many bird, bee, and butterfly species, as well as deer, foxes, coyotes, and other native

Hundreds of people experience this trail corridor every day, enjoying its quiet, natural, tree-lined setting away from the urban realm, and these values should be considered in analyzing the project's impact. The dense development of 40+' tall buildings and parking immediately along the trail could change the experience of that stretch of trail from that of a wooded linear park to more of an urban sidewalk. The human health benefits of walking in natural settings are increasingly well-documented by researchers and worth protecting from incremental losses. We would like to see an increased setback from the trail, lowered building heights, and a commitment to a screen of native trees here.

- This project is proposed in the transition zone between the developed corridor of 116 and rural residential areas. Contrary to statements in the report, the proposal is not consistent with the existing residential scale of the neighborhood. Dense, extensive 40'+ tall residential buildings represent a dramatic visual change in the neighborhood. That height is consistent only with the O'Reilly buildings, and those were also out of character and highly controversial when built (and now stand underutilized). Please consider reducing the height and density of the project, particularly on the edges meeting the West County Trail, the surrounding residences, and Hurlbut.
- The noise section indicates that solid, eye-level walls will be needed to prevent significant ongoing noise impacts from equipment. Please identify these on project drawings and details. How much will existing noise in the adjacent neighborhoods be increased by the project? The report does not clearly state this.
- Plans indicate that the site will be surrounded by fencing, but the fencing is not shown on the elevation drawings or Highway 116 views. Extensive fencing has a significant impact on neighborhood views, social interactions, and aesthetics. Please provide view illustrations that include the proposed fencing, as well as the solar panels and other project infrastructure not currently shown.
- Fencing along Hurlbut Avenue is shown as 42" tall. Does this exceed the allowable fence height in Sebastopol within the setback from the road centerline?
- Will there be deed restrictions to prevent residents from installing security or other lighting that conflicts with Dark Sky
  guidelines? Being able to see many stars is one of the great pleasures of living here, often noted by friends and family who
  visit from other regions.
- We suggest omitting the art features such as fog catchers and using that space instead to incorporate native landscape
  plantings, helping to offset the loss of native trees and improving bird and pollinator habitat on-site while also providing a
  beautiful setting for residents.

In the future we hope the City is able to encourage redevelopment of existing developed but under-utilized sites, like the largely empty and neglected strip mall across 116 from the site, or the O'Reilly building itself, while protecting some remnant fragments of open space within town.

We understand that there are many considerations to weigh for the City and the Planning Commission. Thank you for including our input, and that of other project neighbors, as part of the process.

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