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PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: December 9th, 2021

- Application: CU 2279 Ron Sutton (Winward Village)
- Applicant: Ron Sutton 55 W. Main St Middletown, DE 19709
- Owner: Christopher Land, LLC 10461 White Granite Drive Suite 250 Oakton, VA 22124
- Site Location:Lying on the east side of Kent Ave. (S.C.R 361) approximately 0.66mile south of Garfield Parkway. (Route 26)
- Current Zoning: Medium Density (MR) Zoning District
- Proposed Use: Multi-Family (11 Units)

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Reference: Coastal Area

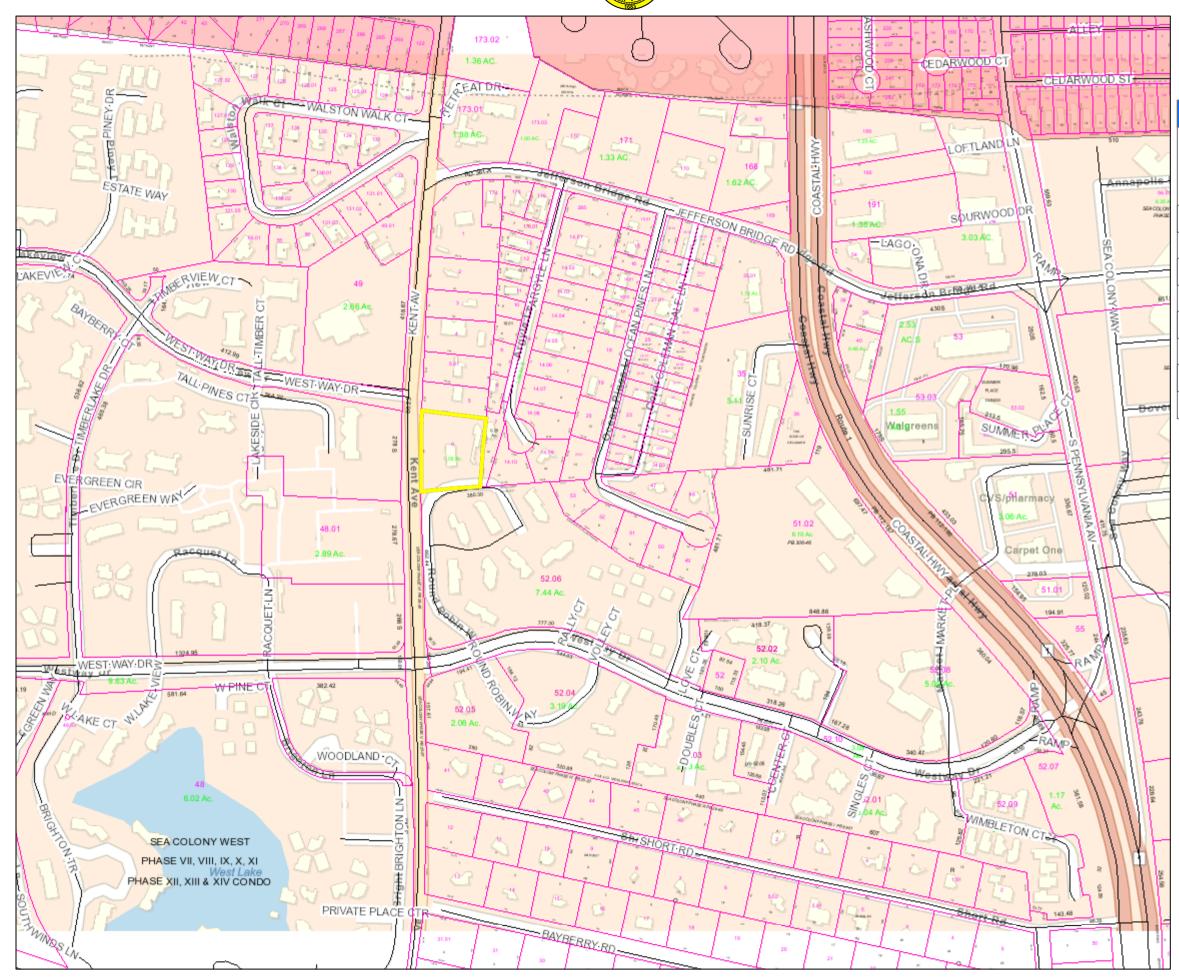
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Councilmanic District:	Mr. Hudson
School District:	Indian River School District
Fire District:	Bethany Beach Fire Department
Sewer:	Artesian
Water:	Sussex County
Site Area:	1.035 acres +/-
Tax Map ID.:	134-17.11-6.00



Sussex County



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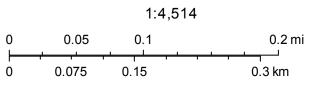
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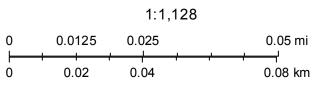
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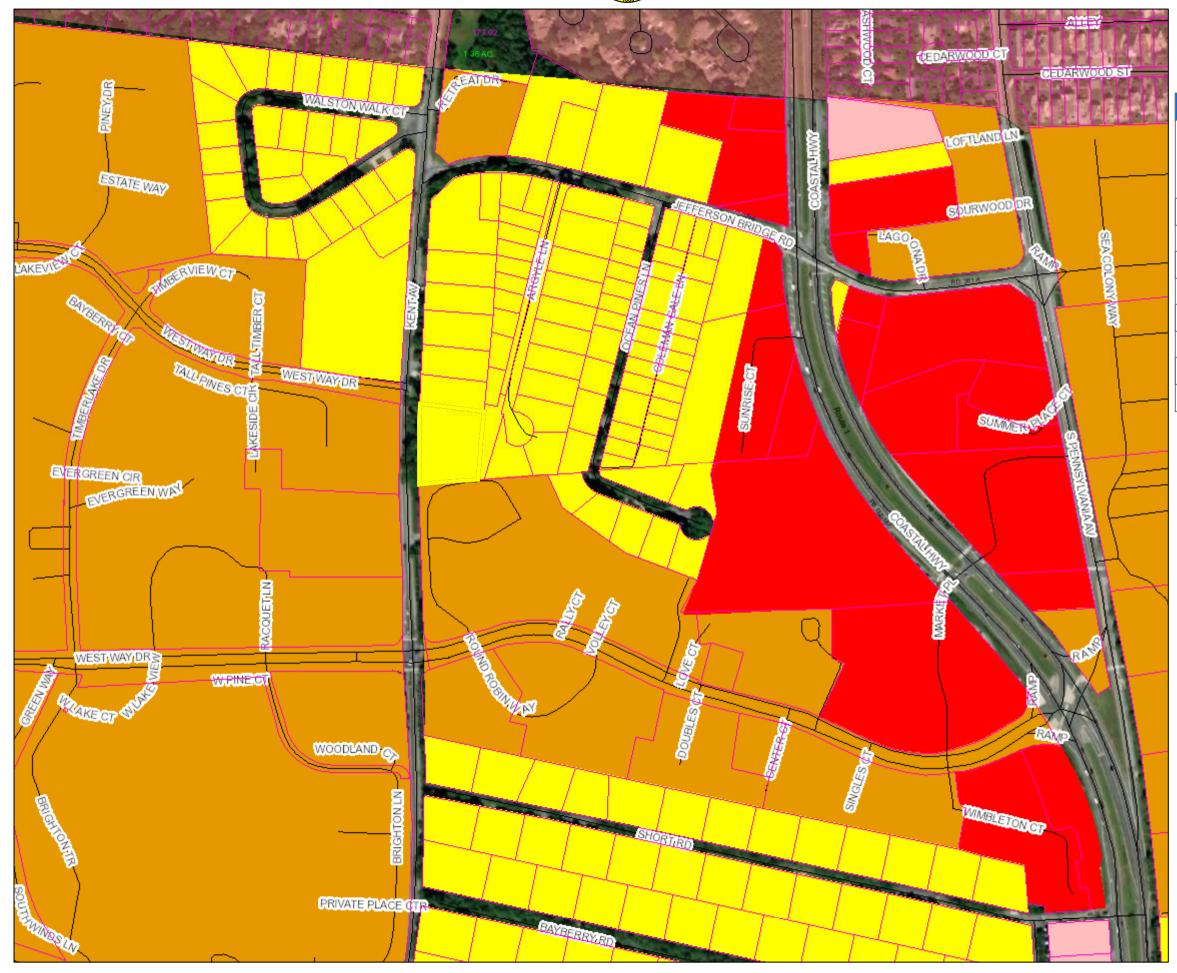
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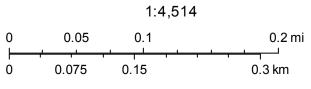
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Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members From: Christin Scott, Planner I CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and Applicant Date: December 2, 2021 RE: Staff Analysis for CU 2279 Ron Sutton

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application CU 2279 Ron Sutton to be reviewed during the December 9, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. This analysis should be included in the record of this application and is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Conditional Use for Tax Parcel: 134-17.11-6.00 to allow for multi-family condominiums. The parcel is lying on the east side of Kent Avenue (S.C.R. 361), approximately 0.66 mile south of Garfield Parkway (Route 26). The parcel consists of 1.035 acres +/-.

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use map in the plan indicates that the parcel has a designation of "Coastal Area". The surrounding and adjacent parcels to the north, south, west and east also contain the "Coastal Area" land use designation.

As outlined within the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Areas are areas that can accommodate development provided that special environmental concerns are addressed. A range of housing types should be permitted in Coastal Areas, including single-family homes, townhomes, and multi-family units. Retail and office uses are appropriate, but larger shopping centers and office parks should be confined to selected locations with access along arterial roads. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed.

The subject property is zoned Medium Residential (MR). The adjacent properties to the north and east of the subject site are also zoned Medium Residential (MR). The adjacent properties to the south and across Kent Avenue are zoned High Density Residential (HR-1). Properties further east are zoned General Commercial (C-1) Zoning District.

Since 2011, there has been one (1) Conditional Use application within a 1-mile radius of the application site. Conditional Use No. 2222 was approved by the Sussex County Council on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, through Ordinance No. 2713, to allow for a mini golf course.

Based on the analysis of the land use, surrounding zoning and uses, the Conditional use for multifamily condominiums, subject to considerations of scale and impact, could be considered as being consistent with the land use, area zoning and surrounding uses.



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Type of Application: (please check applica Conditional Use <u>√</u> Zoning Map Amendment	ble)		
Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning M	ap Amendmen	t	
33309 Kent Ave Bethany Beach, DE 19930			
Type of Conditional Use Requested: MULTI-FAMILY CONDOMINIUMS	2		
Tax Map #: 134-17.11-6.00		Size of Parcel(s):	1.035 Ac
Current Zoning: <u>MR</u> Proposed Zon	ning: MR	_Size of Building:	N/A
Land Use Classification: RESIDENTIAL		0	
Water Provider: ARTESIAN WATER CO	Sewer	Provider: SUSSEX	COUNTY
Applicant Information			i.
Applicant Name: <u>RON SUTTON</u>			
Applicant Address: 55 W. MAIN STREET			
City: <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>		ZipCode:	
Phone #: <u>(302) 574-2444</u>	_ E-mail: <u>RON@</u>	CEA-DE.COM	
Owner Information			
Owner Name: CHRISTOPHER LAND, LLC	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		
Owner Address: 10461 WHITE GRANITE DRI			2. Second second detection and
City: OAKTON			
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Agent/Attorney/Engineer Information			
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✓ Provide Fee \$500.00

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✓ DelDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response

____ PLUS Response Letter (if required)

The undersigned hereby certifies that the forms, exhibits, and statements contained in any papers or plans submitted as a part of this application are true and correct.

I also certify that I or an agent on by behalf shall attend all public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sussex County Council and any other hearing necessary for this application and that I will answer any questions to the best of my ability to respond to the present and future needs, the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the inhabitants of Sussex County, Delaware.

Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney

Signature of Owner

For office use only: Date Submitted: 4/8/202 Staff accepting application: NAT Location of property: _

Date: 3-24-2

Date:

Fee: \$500.00 Check #: <u>2623</u> Application & Case #:

Subdivision:	
Date of PC Hearing:	Recommendation of PC Commission:
Date of CC Hearing:	Decision of CC:



STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 800 BAY ROAD P.O. Box 778 Dover, Delaware 19903

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March 24, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Civil Engineering Associates** proposed land use application, which we received on February 12, 2021. This application is for an approximately 1.00- acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 134-17.11-6.00). The subject land is located east of Kent Avenue (Sussex Road 361). The subject land is currently zoned MR (Medium-Density Residential) and the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to build 11 Condominiums.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volume along Kent Avenue (Sussex Road 361), from Westway Drive to Atlantic Avenue (Sussex Road 26), is 3,903 vehicles per day.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day. This number of trips is below DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. DelDOT's regulations specify the minimum TIS warrants as 50 vehicle trips in any hour and/or 500 vehicle trips per day. Because the proposed land use would generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **diminutive** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as diminutive with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is diminutive in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 March 24, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

J. William Brochenbrough, J.

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr. County Coordinator Development Coordination

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Enclosure

cc:

Civil Engineering Associates, Applicant
Russell Warrington, Sussex County Planning & Zoning
Constance C. Holland, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues
Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination
Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations
Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination
Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination
James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations
Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination
Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination
Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

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Service Level Evaluation Request Form

This form **shall** be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Office and a response **shall** be received back from DelDOT prior to the applicant being able to submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Office.

Date: 2/12/21

Site Information:

Site Address/Location: 33309 Kent Ave Bethany Beach, DE 19930

Tax Parcel Number:134-17.11-6.00Current Zoning:MRProposed Zoning:MR

Land Use Classification: Residential

Proposed Use(s): Multifamily residential - condominiums (Conditional Use)

Square footage of any proposed buildings or number of units: 11

Applicant Information:

Applicant's Name: Civil Engineering Associates

Applicant's Address: 55 W. Main Street

City: Middletown

State: DE

Zip Code: 19709

 Applicant's Phone Number:
 (302) 584-6632

 Applicant's e-mail address:
 sroberts@cea-de.com



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES 2 THE CIRCLE I PO BOX 417 GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE 19947

SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

TO: Jamie Whitehouse

REVIEWER:	Chris Calio
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DATE: **11/23/2021**

APPLICATION: CU 2279 Ron Sutton (Winward Village)

APPLICANT: Ron Sutton

FILE NO: **OM-3.07**

PARCEL(S): 134-17.11-6.00

- LOCATION: Lying on the east side of Kent Ave. (SCR 361), approximately 0.66 mile south of Garfield Parkway.
- NO. OF UNITS: Multi-Family (11 units)

GROSS ACREAGE: **1.035**

SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 4

SEWER:

TAX MAP &

(1). Is the project in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water district?

Yes 🛛

No 🗆

- a. If yes, see question (2).
- b. If no, see question (7).
- (2). Which County Tier Area is project in? Tier 1
- (3). Is wastewater capacity available for the project? **Yes** If not, what capacity is available? **N/A**.
- (4). Is a Construction Agreement required? **Yes** If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.
- (5). Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? No If yes, how many? There are currently 4.67 EDU's being billed on the parcel.
 If those are disconnected as part of the project that would result in a 4.67 EDU credit. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? Yes

If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is **Unified \$6,600.00** per EDU. Please contact **Denise Burns** at **302-855-7719** for additional information on charges.

(6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? **N/A**

□ Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.

- (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? N/A
- (8). Comments: The parcel is currently served with one 6-inch lateral, and at a minimum, will need to be upgraded to an 8-inch lateral.
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? **Yes, Contact Utility Planning** at 302-855-1299 to apply
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? Yes
- (11). <u>All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design</u> <u>standards.</u>

UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman Sr. Manager of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E. Lisa Walls Denise Burns

WINDWARD VILLAGE

DESIGN SUMMARY & SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION CU-2279

Proposed MR – Multifamily Dwelling Structures

Tax Parcel 1-34-17.00-6.00

BALTIMORE HUNDRED SUSSEX COUNTY DELAWARE



FOR:



PREPARED BY:



CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC

55 W. Main Street Middletown, DE 19709 (302) 376-8833

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APPENDIX A

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FORM

Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check applicable) Conditional Use <u>√</u> Zoning Map Amendment ____

Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment

33309 Kent Ave Bethany Beach, DE 19930

Type of Conditional Use Requested: MULTI-FAMILY CONDOMINIUMS

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Tax Map #: <u>134-17-116.0</u>			Size of Parcel(s): 1.035 Ac
Current Zoning: <u>MR</u>	Proposed Zoning		Size of Building:
Land Use Classification:	RESIDENTIAL		
Water Provider:	AN WATER CO	Sew	er Provider: SUSSEX COUNTY
Applicant Information			
Applicant Name: RON SU	JTTON		
Applicant Address: 55 W.	MAIN STREET		
		te: DE	ZipCode: <u>19709</u>
Phone #: (302) 574-2444	E-r	nail: <u>RON</u>	ZipCode: <u>19709</u> I@CEA-DE.COM
Owner Information			
Owner Name: <u>CHRISTOP</u>	HER LAND, LLC		
Owner Address: 10461 WI	HITE GRANITE DRIVE, S	UITE 250	
City: OAKTON	St	ate: <u>VA</u>	Zip Code: <u>22124</u>
Agent/Attorney/Enginee	er Information		
Agent/Attorney/Enginee	r Name: <u>SAME AS AP</u>	PLICANT	
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Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney

Signature of Owner

Date: <u>3-24-21</u>

Date: 3-23-

For office use only: Date Submitted: ______ Staff accepting application: ____ Location of property: ______

Fee: \$500.00 Check #: ______ Application & Case #:_____

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Recommendation of PC Commission: ______ Decision of CC: _____

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APPENDIX B

PROPERTY SURVEY & DEED

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1-34-17.11-6.00 Prepared By/Return To: The Lawson Firm, LLC 402 Rehoboth Avenue, P.O. Box 739 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

day of August, 2015 THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, made this

OF

- BETWEEN -

ASSESSMENT

SUSSEX

REVERE HIGH YIELD FUND, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, of 105 Rowayton Avenue, Suite 100, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853, party of the first part

- AND -

MERGARD, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, of P.O. Box 730, Bethany Beach, Delaware, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, without consideration, hereby remises, quitclaims and releases unto the party of the second part, its successors and/or assigns, in fee simple,

33309 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, Sussex County, State of Delaware, identified as Tax ID: 1-34-17.11-6.00, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, lying on the east side of the County Road leading from Bethany Beach to Jefferson's Bridge and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING on the east side of the said County Road, thence, with lands now or formerly of George W. Bunting to lands now or formerly of John G. Bunting; thence, in a southerly direction with the east line of lands now or formerly of George W. Bunting to lands now or formerly of Louis L. Drexler, known as Farlow tract, thence, with said Drexler's tract to east side of County Road; thence, with the same having a frontage of about 249 feet to the place of beginning. Containing one acre of land, be the same more or less, with all improvements thereon.

BEING the same lands and premises conveyed unto Revere High Yield Fund, LP, by deed of MerGard, L.L.C., dated December 17, 2014, and recorded on June 25, 2015, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County, Delaware, in Deed Book 4412, Page 305.

SUBJECT to any restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, agreements, etc. of record.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, said real property, with all appurtenances, estate, title and interest thereto belonging to said Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, forever.

Said Party of the First Part does hereby covenant with said Party of the Second Part that said Party of the First Part, its successors and representatives, shall warrant and defend title to said real property unto said Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons claiming, by and through or under said Party of the First Part, but now otherwise.

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

MerGard, L.L.C. P.O. Box 730 Bethany Beach, DE 19930

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto caused its hand and seal to be hereunto set, the day and year aforesaid.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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company, its General Partner Clark Briner, Manager

By: Revere GP, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability

Revere High Yield Fund, LP

STATE OF GOTGIN) ss: COUNTY OF (hatham)

fide as therein set forth.

COUNTY OF CHARAN I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this day of August, 2015, personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, Glark-Briner, Manager of Revere GP, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company, the General Partner of Revere High Yield Fund, LP, who acknowledged the foregoing Quitclaim Deed to be the act of said company and made oath in due form of law that no consideration in said Quitclaim Deed is true and bona

AS WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal.

Recorder of Deeds

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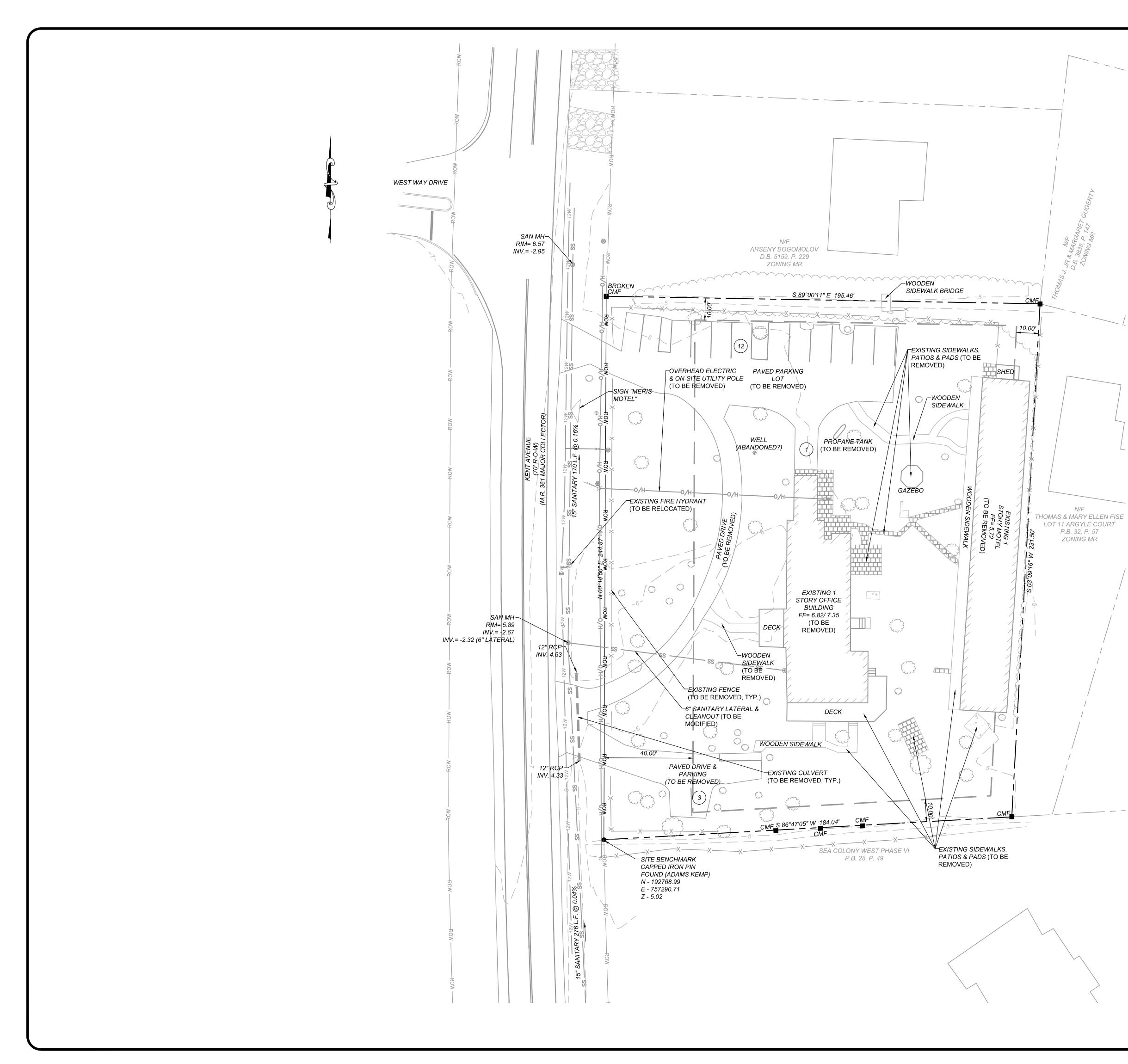
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Notary Public Roy Harley es Printed Name: June 29, 2019 My Commission Expires:

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OFFICIAL SEAL LES RAY HARLEY Notary Public, Georgia CHATHAM COUNTY My Commission Expires JUNE 29, 2019

White, Authorized Signatory

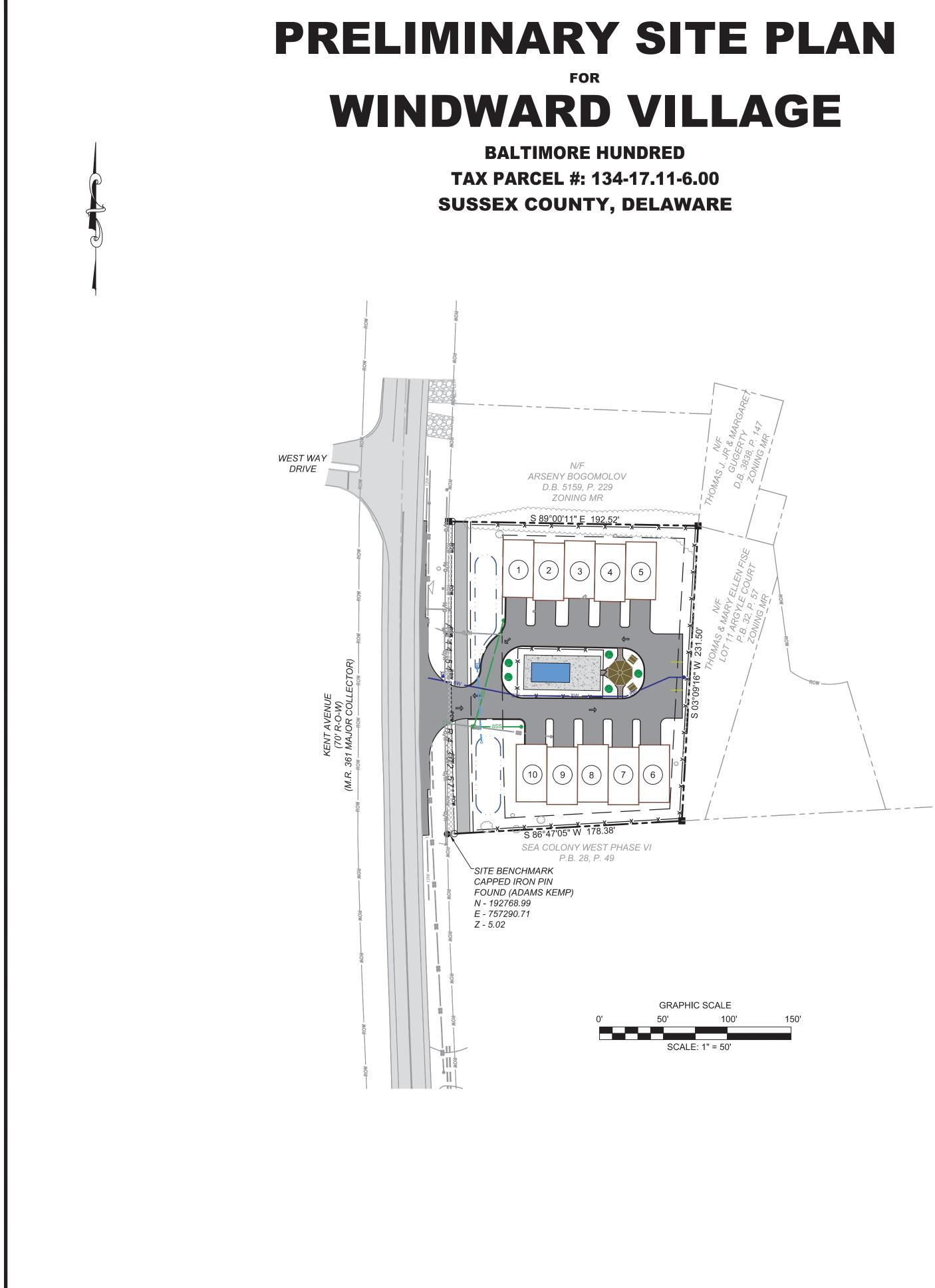


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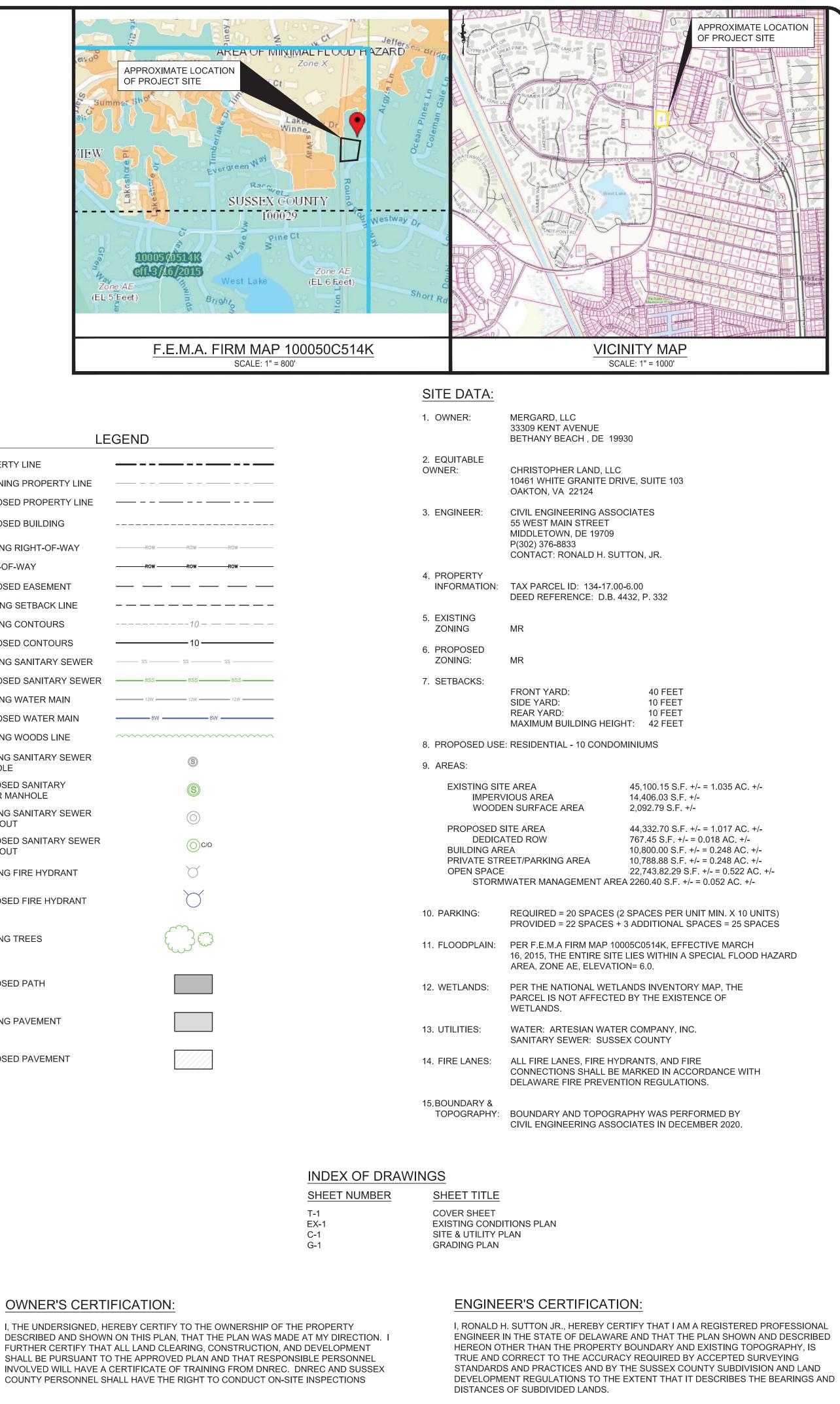
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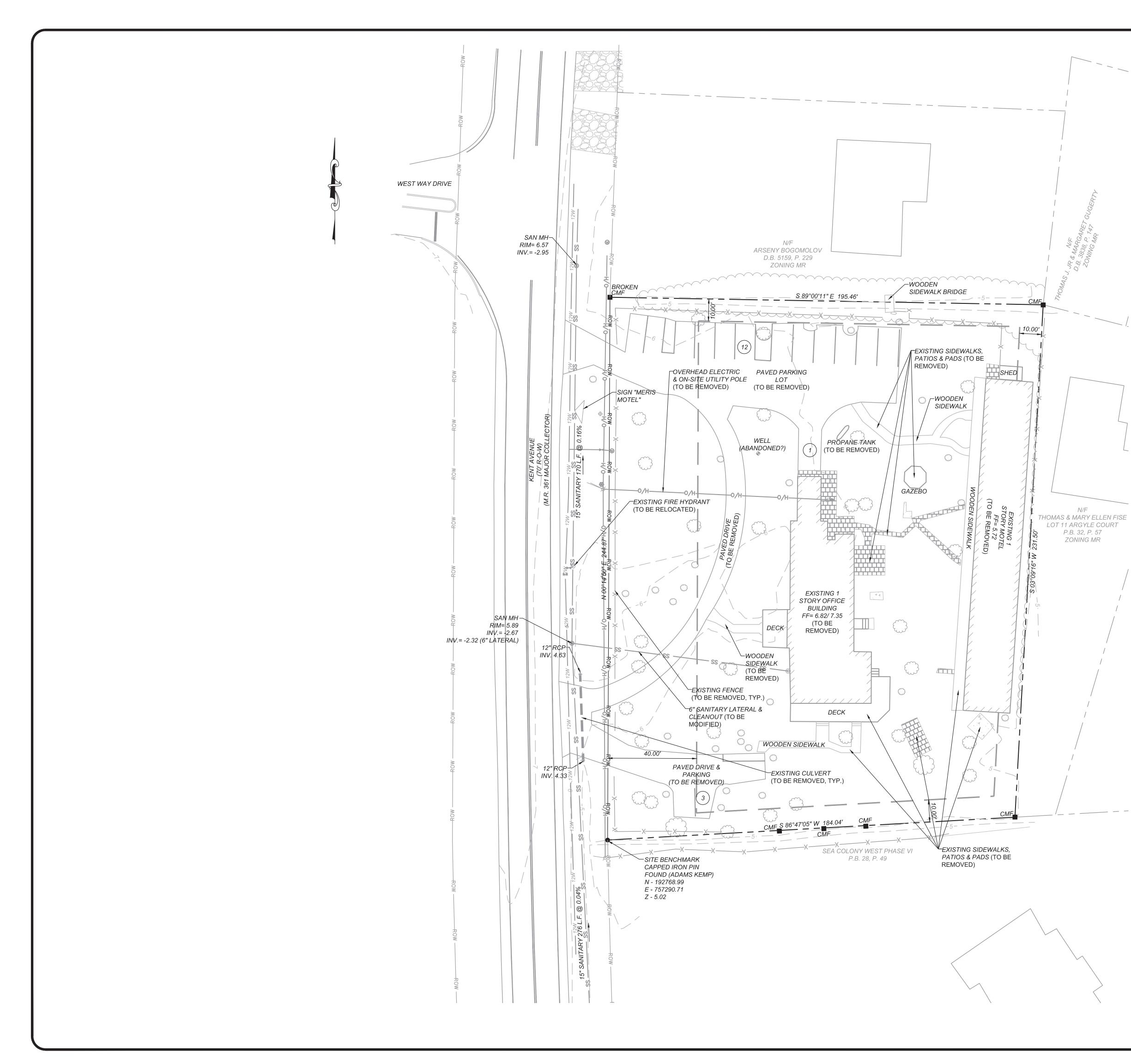
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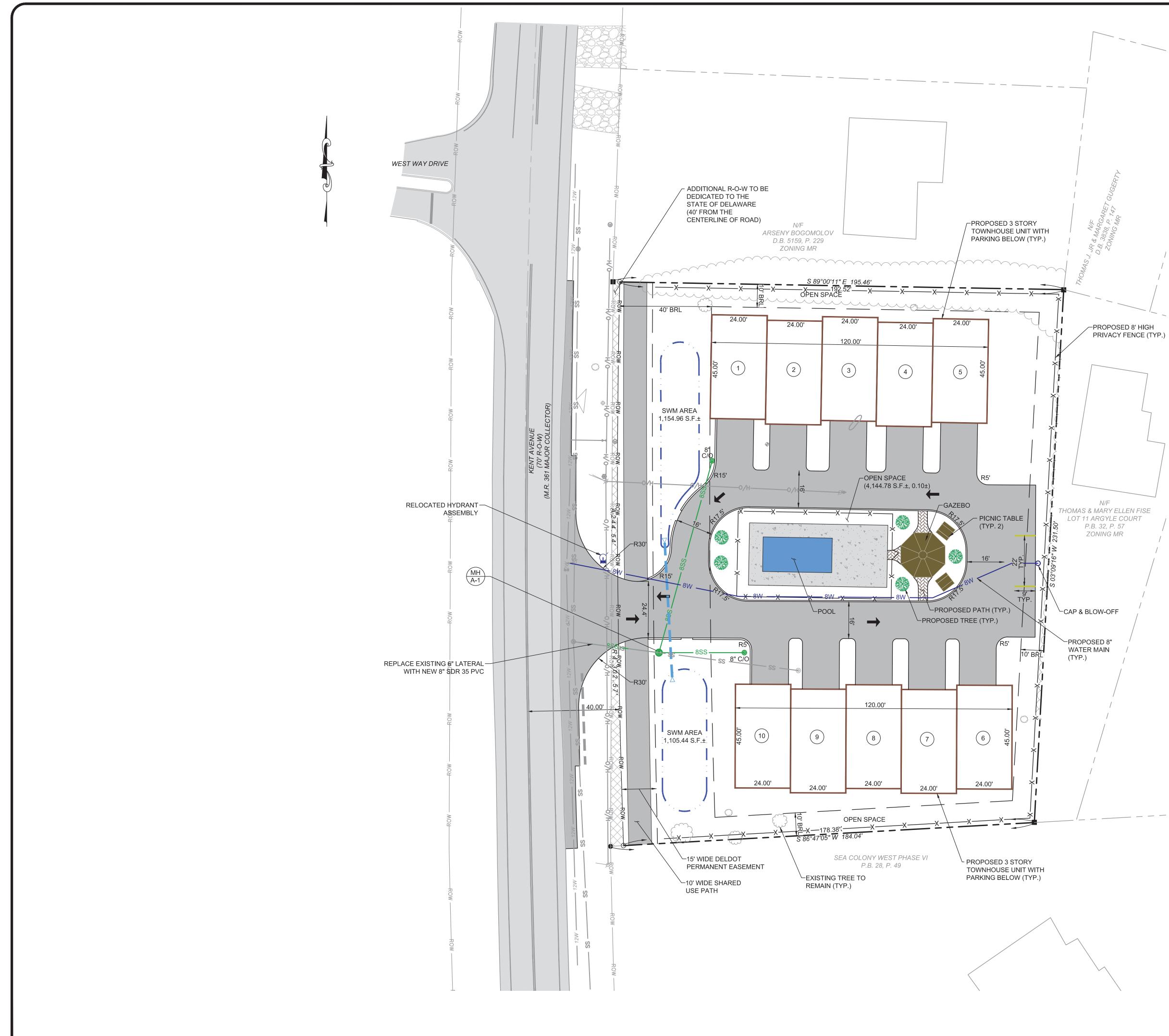
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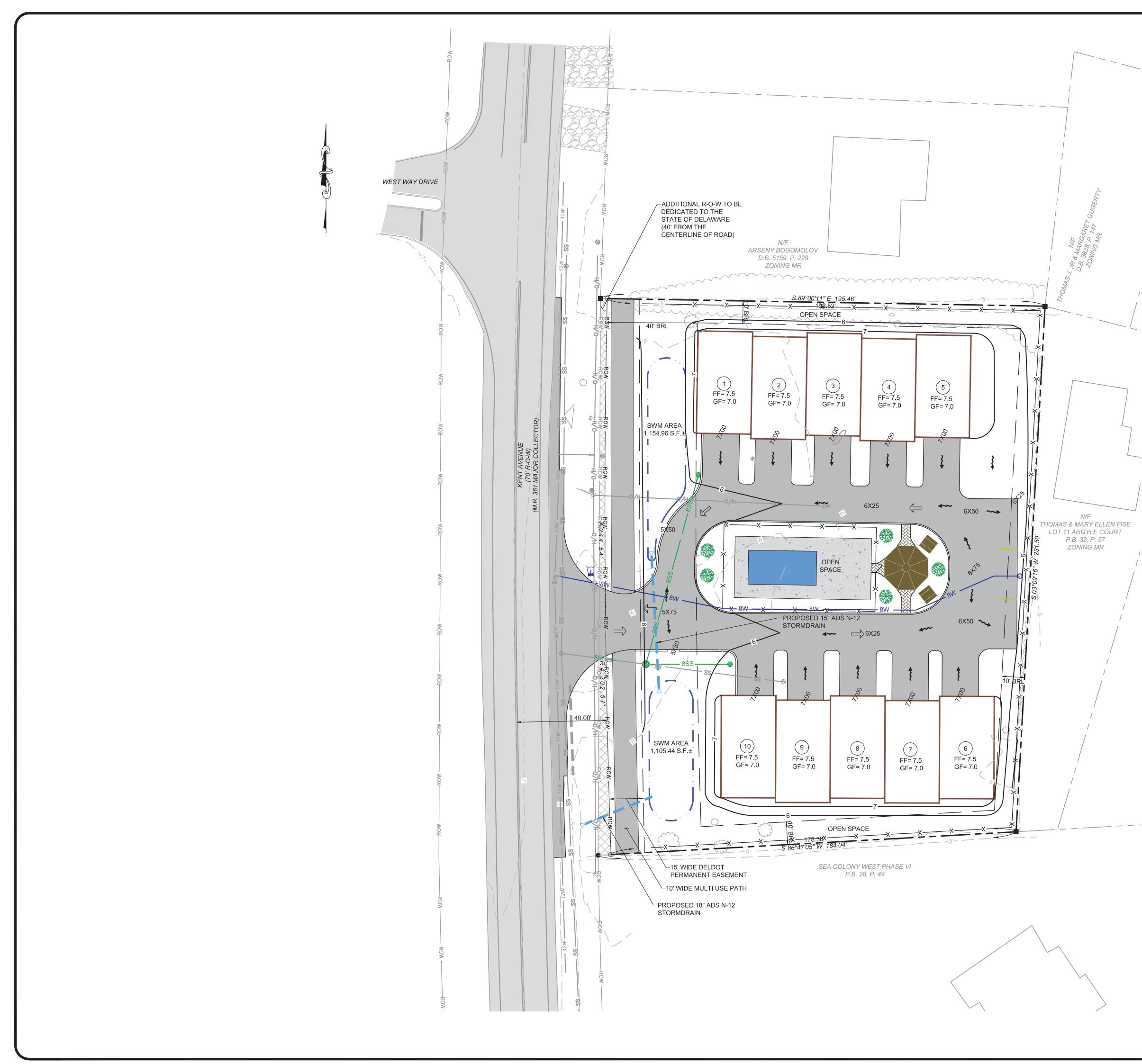
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APPENDIX D

SUSSEX COUNTY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS (SECTION 99-9 C.)

INTEGRATION OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION INTO EXISTING TERRAIN AND SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE

The proposed project is a redevelopment of an existing bed & breakfast/motel and will consist of 10 condominiums. The property is surrounded by existing landscaping/woods that will be maintained. Sufficient landscaping will be installed to supplement the surrounding woods.

MINIMAL USE OF WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAINS

There are no wetlands existing on site.

PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AND HISTORICAL FEATURES

As stated, this is a redevelopment of an existing motel. There are no existing natural or historical features.

PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND SCENIC VIEWS

Because this is a redevelopment surrounded by other development as well as fairly dense vegetation, there are no scenic views from the property. Proposed open space will exceed the 30% requirement.

MINIMIZATION OF TREE, VEGETATION AND SOIL REMOVAL AND GRADE CHANGES

The existing motel and associated access roads will be removed. Care will be taken to preserve as many of the large trees surrounding the property as well as any vegetation not impinging on the development. Proposed grades will closely match existing to tie-into the surrounding developed areas.

SCREENING OF OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES FROM NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES AND ROADWAYS

As stated above, the property is surrounded by existing woods which will be maintained and supplemented with additional landscaping. In addition, there will be an 8-foot privacy fence surrounding the property.

PROVISION FOR WATER SUPPLY

Water will be provided by Tidewater Utilities.

PROVISION FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sanitary sewer will be provided by Sussex County.

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER

Surface and groundwater pollution will be prevented with the onsite stormwater management system. All surface runoff will be conveyed into the 2 stormwater facilities along Kent Avenue. All stormwater design will be reviewed and approved by Sussex Conservation District.

MINIMIZATION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION, MINIMIZATION OF CHANGES IN GROUNDWATER LEVELS, MINIMIZATION OF INCREASED RATES OF RUNOFF, MINIMIZATION OF POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING AND DESIGN OF DRAINAGE SO THAT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE IS MAXIMIZED

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PROVISION FOR SAFE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SITE AND TO ADJACENT WAYS

The proposed layout of the road consists of a 16-foot wide one-way travel lane around

an internal amenity area with access to each individual condominium unit. A shared use path is proposed along the frontage of the property to allow for pedestrian movement.

EFFECT ON AREA PROPERTY VALUES

We anticipate that property values in the surrounding area will increase due to this project.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF FARMLAND

As stated before, a bed & breakfast/motel currently occupies this property, there is no existing farmland to be preserved.

EFFECT ON SCHOOLS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

No negative impact to the surrounding school, public buildings, or community is expected due to proposed development.

EFFECT ON AREA ROADWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

We do not anticipate any negative impacts to the roadways or public transportation. The existing bed & breakfast/motel consists of 14 rooms and an office generating approximately 25 trips per day. The proposed project will produce an additional 28 trips per day for a total ADT of 53. No auxiliary lanes are required by DelDOT as the existing ADT of Kent Avenue is 3,103 trips.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER AREA LAND USES

The surrounding land uses consists of residential homes (both seasonal and offseason). We are proposing a residential use to replace the existing bed and breakfast/motel which is compatible with the surrounding areas.

EFFECT ON AREA WATERWAYS

We do not anticipate any effects on area waterways due to the re-development.

APPENDIX E

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

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FOR

WINDWARD VILLAGE

BALTIMORE HUNDRED SUSSEX COUNTY DELAWARE

PREPARED BY:



CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC

55 West Main Street Middletown, DE 19709 (302) 376-8833

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

This Report has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 115 – Zoning: Article XXV Supplementary Regulations, 194.3 Coastal Area of the Sussex County Code. This Report provides a summary of site-specific information and accompanies the Preliminary Plans submittal, dated February 3, 2021.

Scope of Project:

The proposed project will include ten (10) condominiums on the property currently known as the Meris Gardens Bed and Breakfast located on Kent Avenue in Bethany Beach, Delaware. The existing zoning designation is MR.

The project will involve typical construction activities associated with new roads, stormwater management facilities, home construction, and utility installation. The utilities for the site will consist of electric, telecommunications, sewer, and water services to each home. Stormwater management for the site will be provided by two (2) stormwater management areas.

B. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Drainage and Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater quality will be met by managing the Resource Protection Event (RPv) and quantity management will be met by managing the Conveyance Event and the Flooding Event (Cv and Fv) this will be achieved through the proposed stormwater management area and will be denoted on the plans as Stormwater Management Area. It will discharge into an existing ditch that is in good working condition.

The runoff from the areas that are being developed will be collected and directed to the proposed stormwater management areas by downspouts or by grass lined swales.

Potable Water

A water connection to Tidewater Utilities facilities is anticipated along Kent Avenue. During the Sussex County approval process, Water Plans will be submitted to Tidewater Utilities for approval as well. Once the Tidewater Utilities approves the connection, both domestic and fire flows will be provided.

No private wells are expected to be impacted.

Wastewater Treatment and Disposal

The proposed site lies within the South Bethany Sanitary Sewer District, it is anticipated to connect and be served by an existing gravity sewer line situated along Kent Avenue. Ordinance No. 38 Plans will be submitted to the County for approval.

No impacts to the surrounding surface or groundwaters are expected.

Impacts to Surrounding Roadways

The Windward Garden development is proposed to contain 10 condominium units. Based upon the latest Institute of Transportation Engineers Traffic Generation Manual, a condominium (multifamily midrise) is anticipated to generate approximately 5.44 vehicle trips per day (1/2 entering the site, ½ leaving the site), and the site is anticipated to generate approximately 53 vehicle trips per day (27 entering, 26 leaving).

Based upon the 2020 DelDOT Traffic Counts, Kent Avenue currently carries 3,103 average annual daily vehicles. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Windward Village development will not cause any adverse impacts to the surrounding road network.

Endangered or Threatened Species

Based upon a review of the site, existence of any endangered or threatened species is not expected.

Preservation and Protection of Tidal and Non-Tidal Wetlands

Based on site evaluations and a review of the National Inventory Mapping it has been determined that no wetlands exist on this site.

Open Space and Buffers

The total area of the site is 1.035 acres. Proposed open space will be comprised of approximately 0.397 acres, or 38.4% which fulfills the required minimum open space of 30%.

A forested buffer is not proposed nor is required for this project; however, sufficient landscaping will be installed to supplement the exiting woods surrounding the property.

Proposed Public and Private Infrastructure

This is a redevelopment of an existing project. Public infrastructure exists on site and impacts to surrounding areas will be minimal

Economic & Recreational Benefits

The proposed project is anticipated to provide several economic benefits. These benefits include:

- Anticipated increase the tax base of Sussex County
- Increase to surrounding home values

The proposed project is a private condominium complex and will provide recreational benefits to the private condominium owners.

Historic and Cultural Resources

There is no presence of any historic or cultural resources listed on the National register of Historic Places at the site.

Affirmation of Conformance with Sussex County Comprehensive Plan

The proposed development has been designed in accordance to the current Sussex County Comprehensive Plan.

Actions Taken to Mitigate Proposed Impacts of the Development

No negative impact to the environment and its surrounding community is projected to originate from the proposed development.

APPENDIX F

DELDOT SERVICE LEVEL EVALUATION REQUEST FORM/DELDOT RESPONSE

PLANNING & ZONING Jamie Whitehouse, AICP, MRTPI Director (302) 855-7878 T (302) 854-5079 F





Service Level Evaluation Request Form

This form **shall** be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Office and a response **shall** be received back from DelDOT prior to the applicant being able to submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Office.

Date:

Site Information:

Site Address/Location:

Tax Parcel Number: Current Zoning: Proposed Zoning: Land Use Classification:

Proposed Use(s):

Square footage of any proposed buildings or number of units:

Applicant Information:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Address: City:

State:

Zip Code:

Applicant's Phone Number: Applicant's e-mail address:





STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 800 BAY ROAD P.O. BOX 778 DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

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March 24, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Civil Engineering Associates** proposed land use application, which we received on February 12, 2021. This application is for an approximately 1.00- acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 134-17.11-6.00). The subject land is located east of Kent Avenue (Sussex Road 361). The subject land is currently zoned MR (Medium-Density Residential) and the applicant seeks a conditional use approval to build 11 Condominiums.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volume along Kent Avenue (Sussex Road 361), from Westway Drive to Atlantic Avenue (Sussex Road 26), is 3,903 vehicles per day.

Based on our review, we estimate that the above land use will generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day. This number of trips is below DelDOT's minimum warrants for determining that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should be required for a particular development. DelDOT's regulations specify the minimum TIS warrants as 50 vehicle trips in any hour and/or 500 vehicle trips per day. Because the proposed land use would generate fewer than 50 vehicle trips per day, we consider the development's traffic impact to be **diminutive** in the context of our agreement with the County regarding land development coordination and we do not recommend that the applicant be required to perform a TIS for the subject application. DelDOT's description of this application as diminutive with regard to warranting a TIS does not mean that it is diminutive in other respects. We recommend that the applicant not be required to perform a TIS for the subject application.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 March 24, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

J. William Brochenbrough of

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Enclosure

 cc: Civil Engineering Associates, Applicant Russell Warrington, Sussex County Planning & Zoning Constance C. Holland, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

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ZONING & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONTEXT & MAPPING



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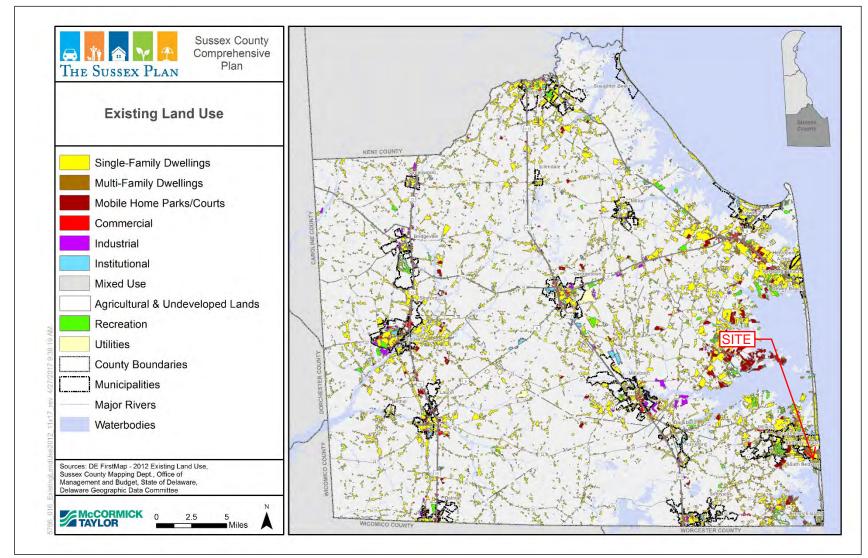




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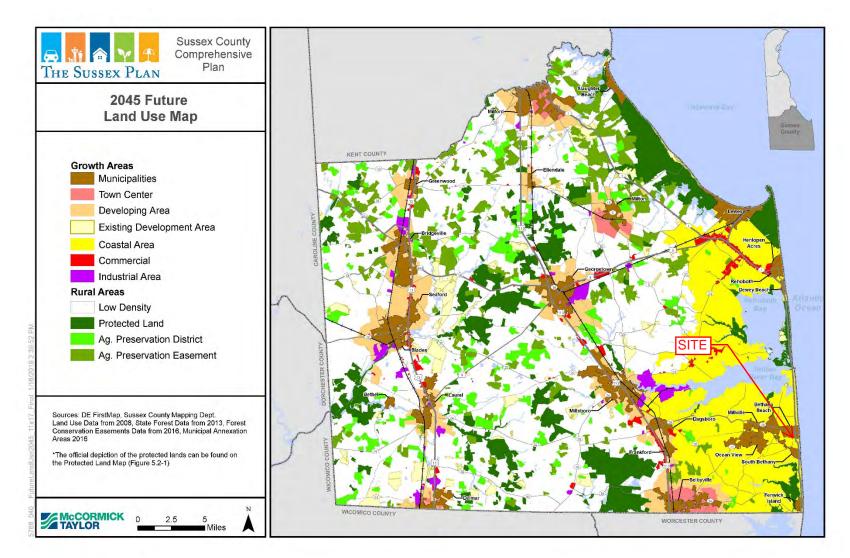




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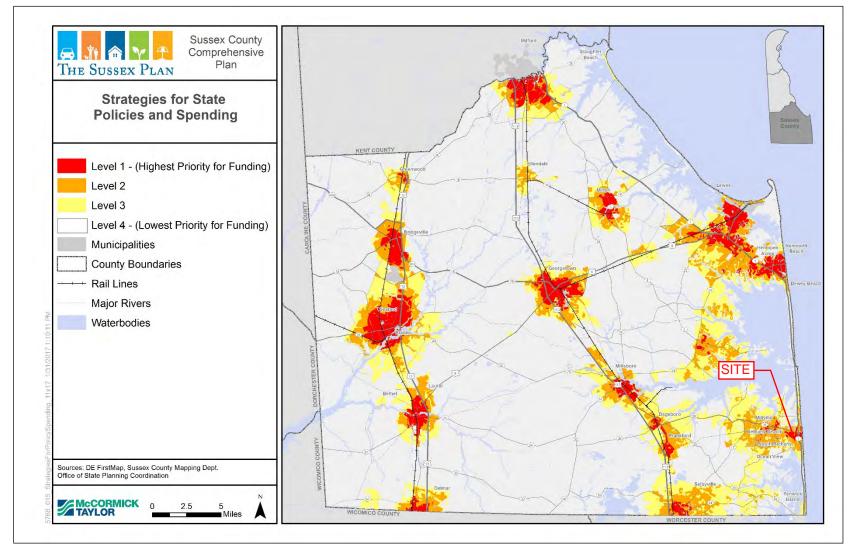
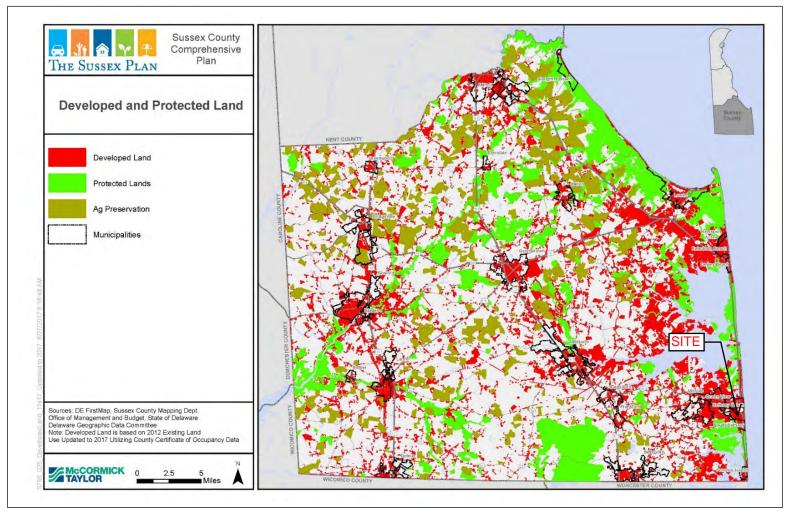




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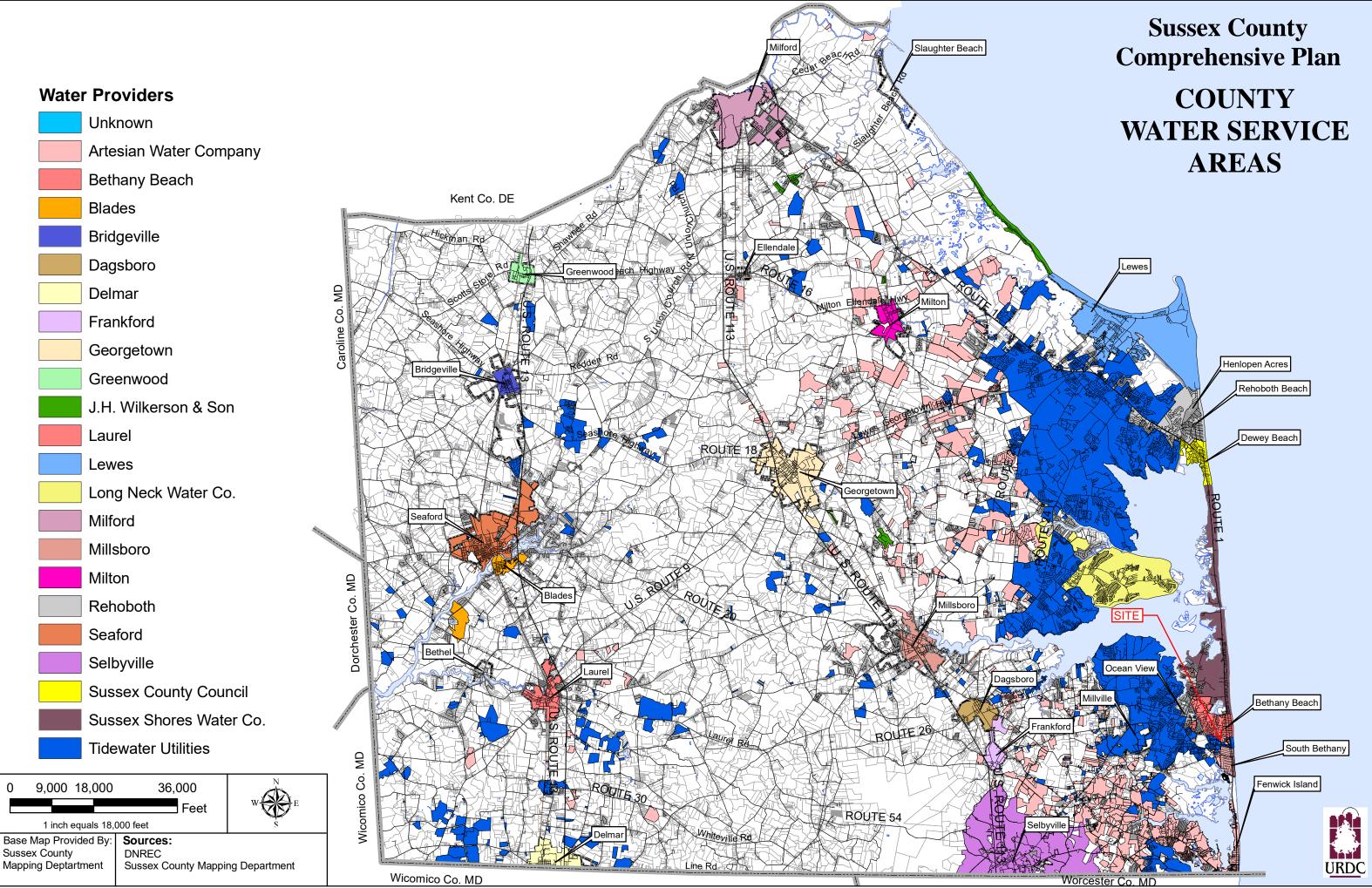
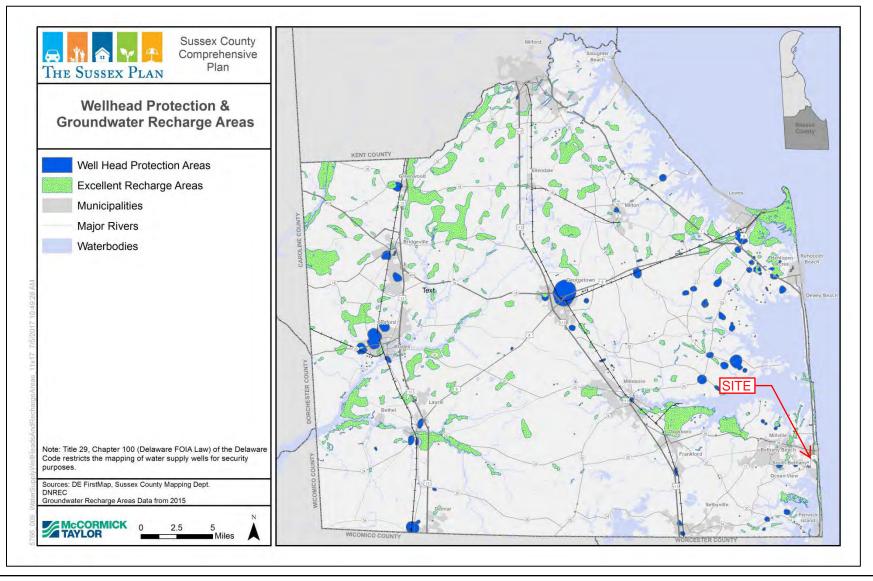




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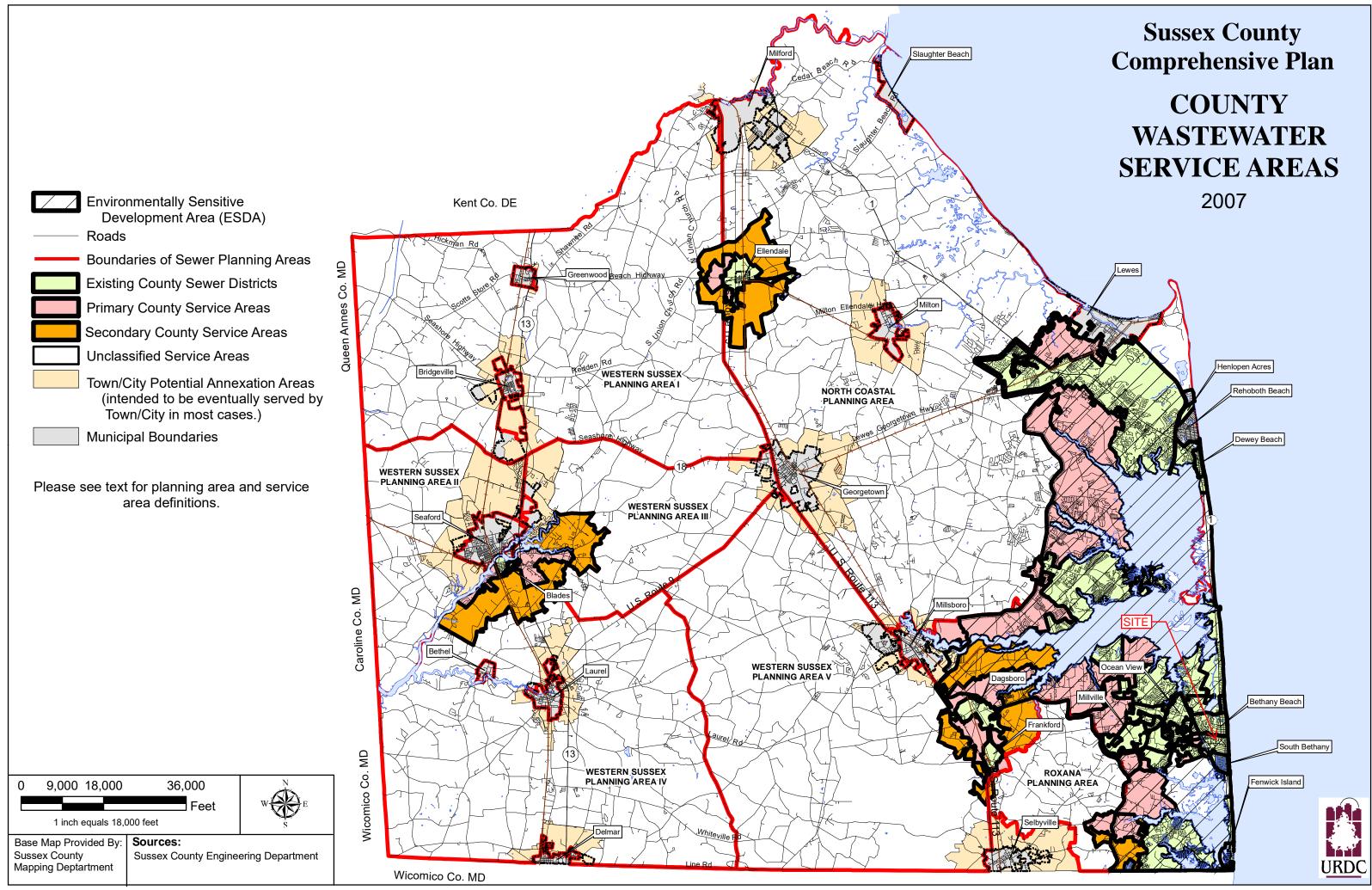




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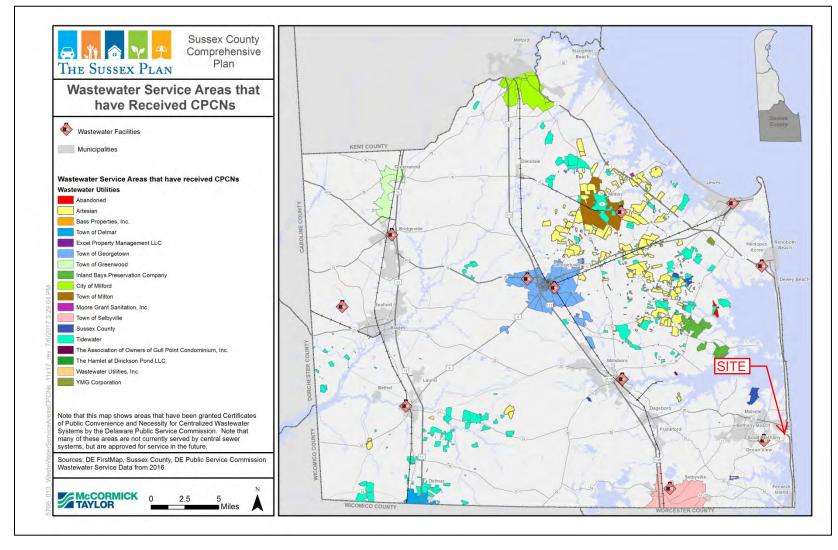
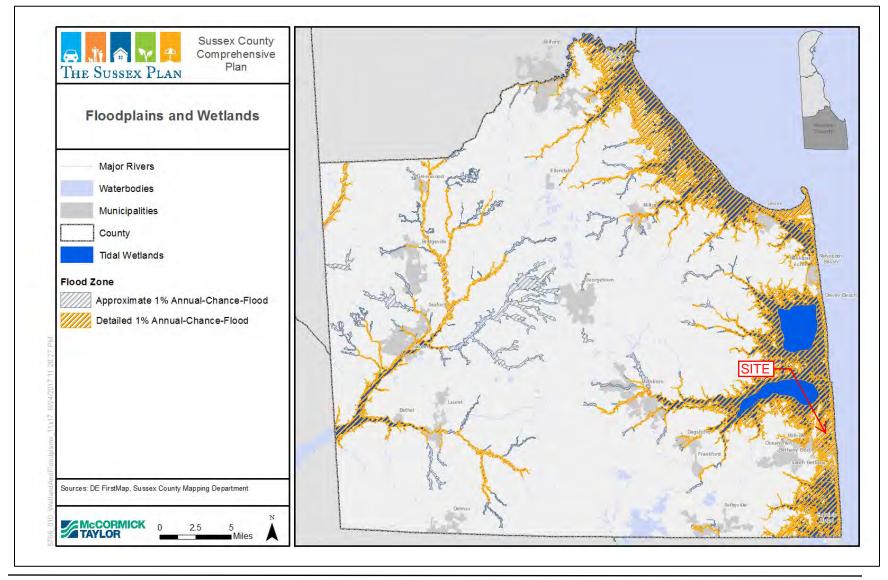
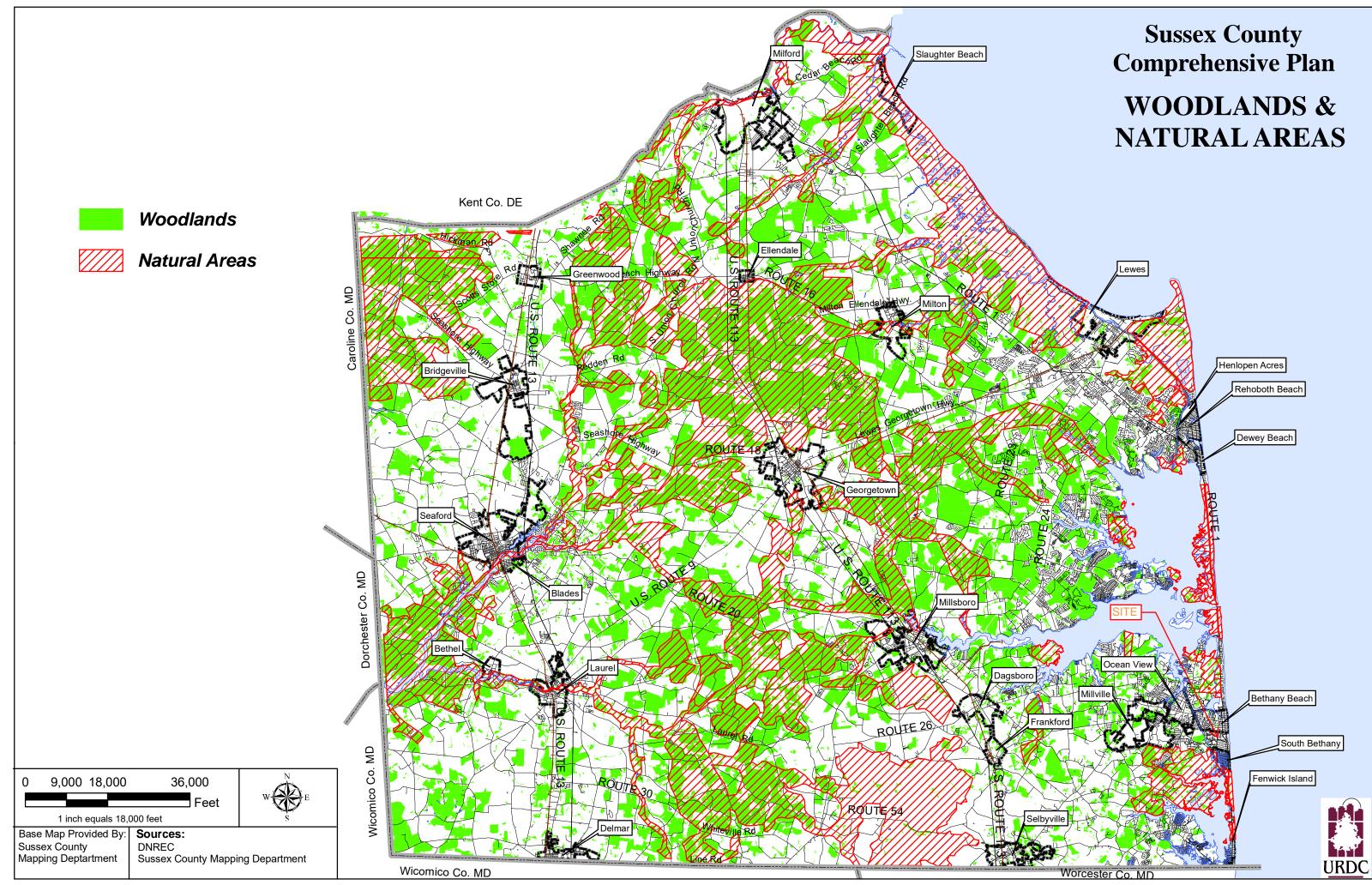




Figure 5.2-4 Wetlands and Floodplains





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SUSSEX COUNTY SSCE COMPLETED FORM



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WINDWARD GARDENS SEWER SERVICE CONCEPT EVALUATION SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

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Civil Engineering Associates 55 W. Main Street Middletown, De 19709 Scott Roberts 302-584-6632

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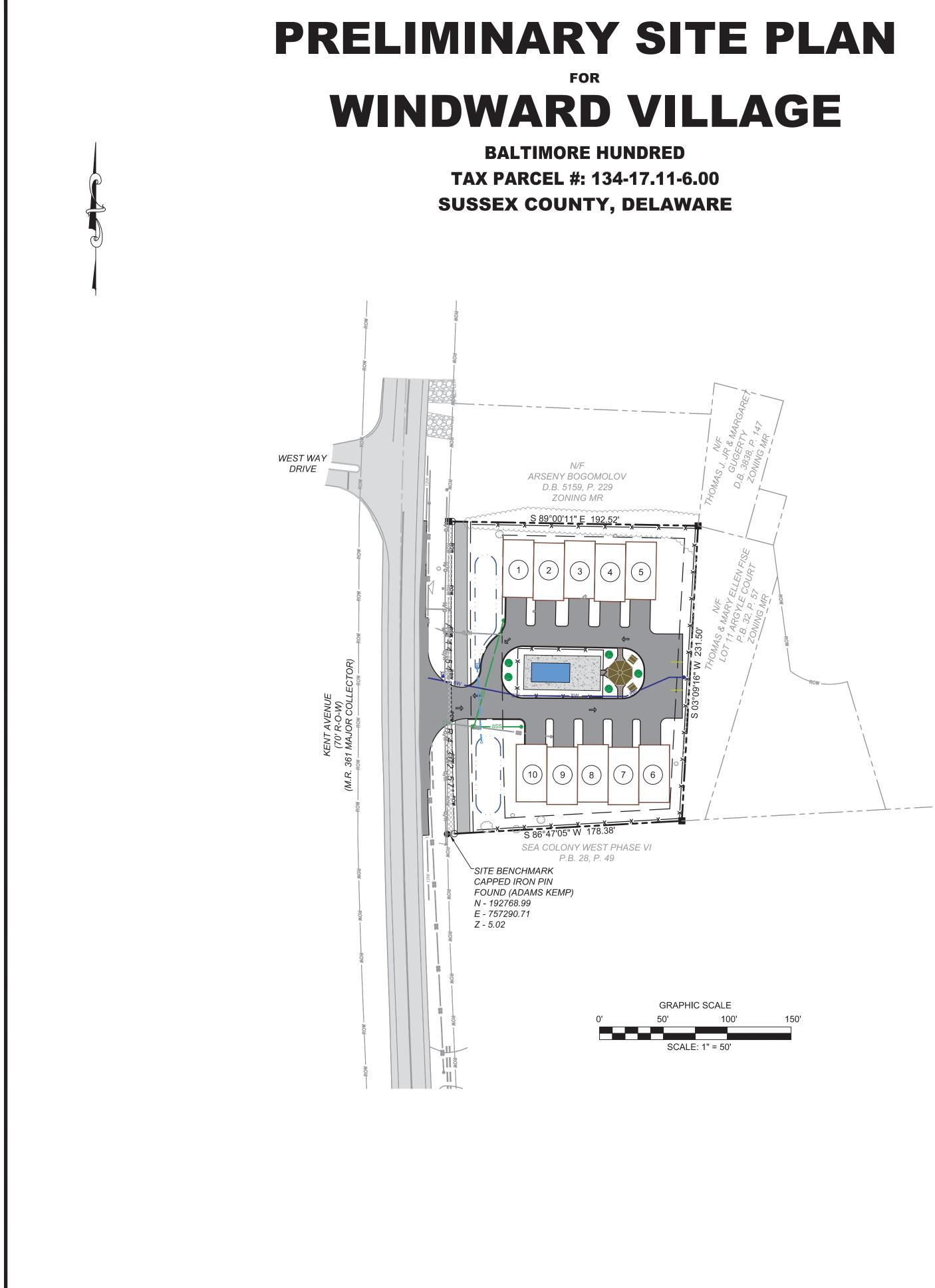
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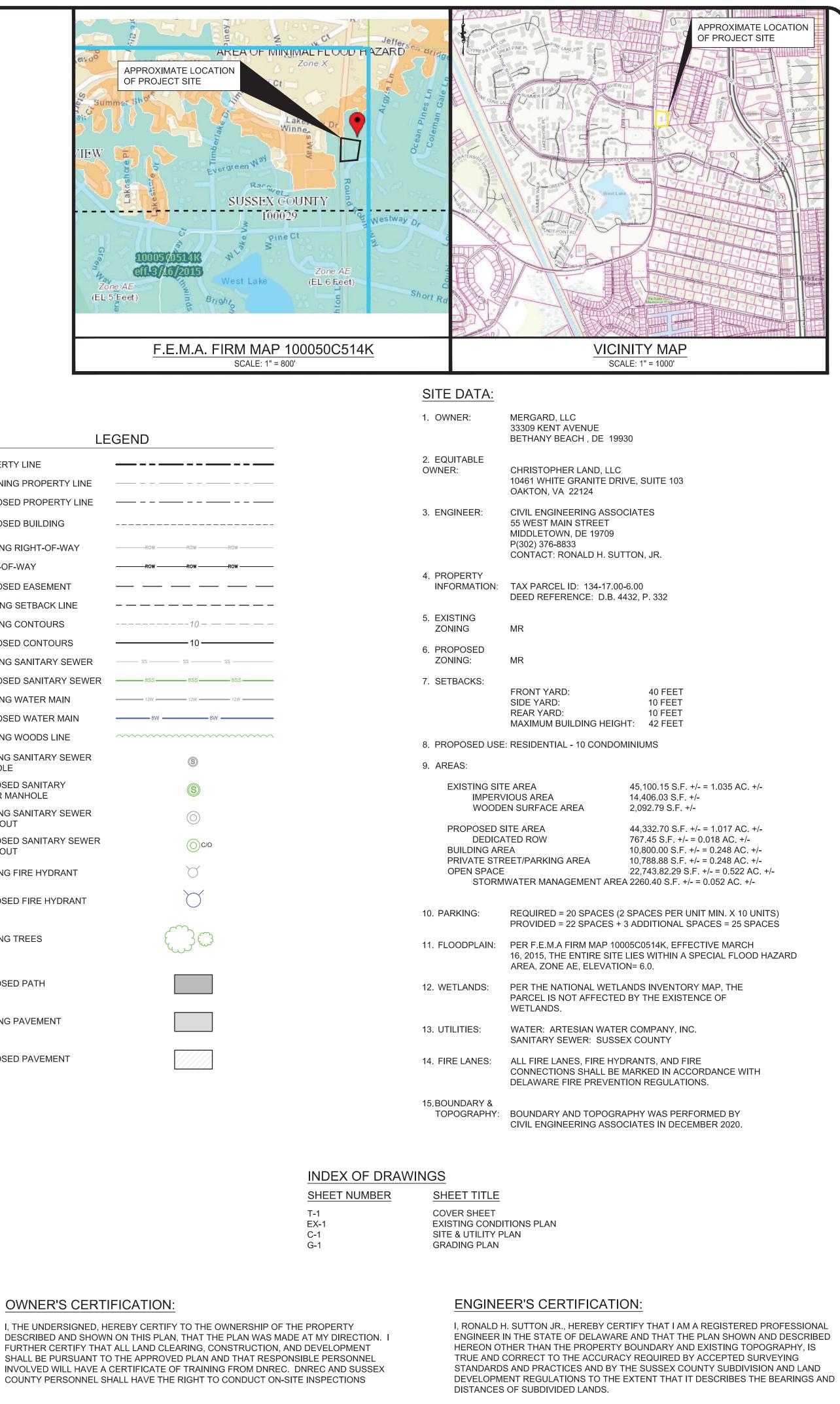
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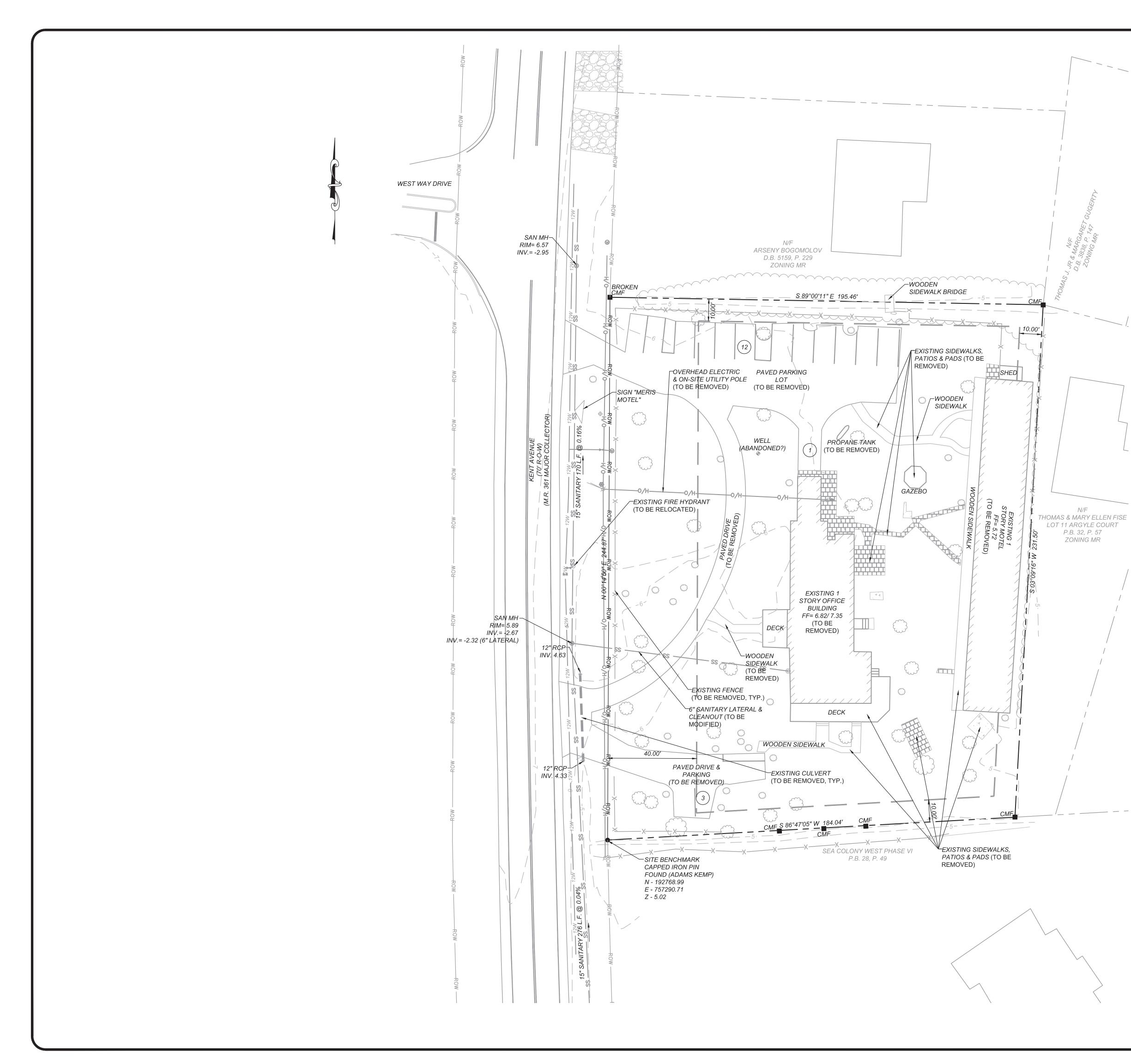
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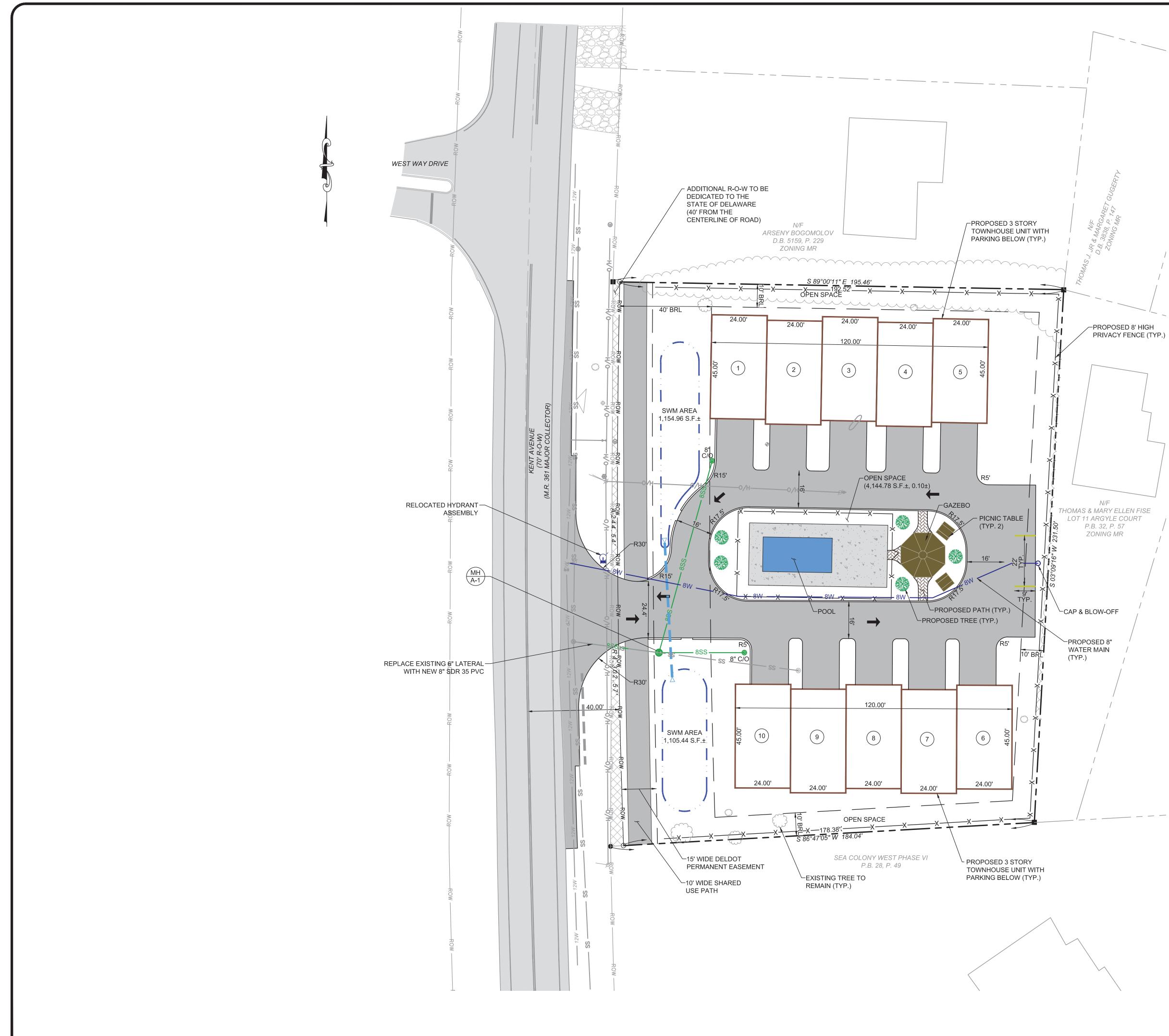
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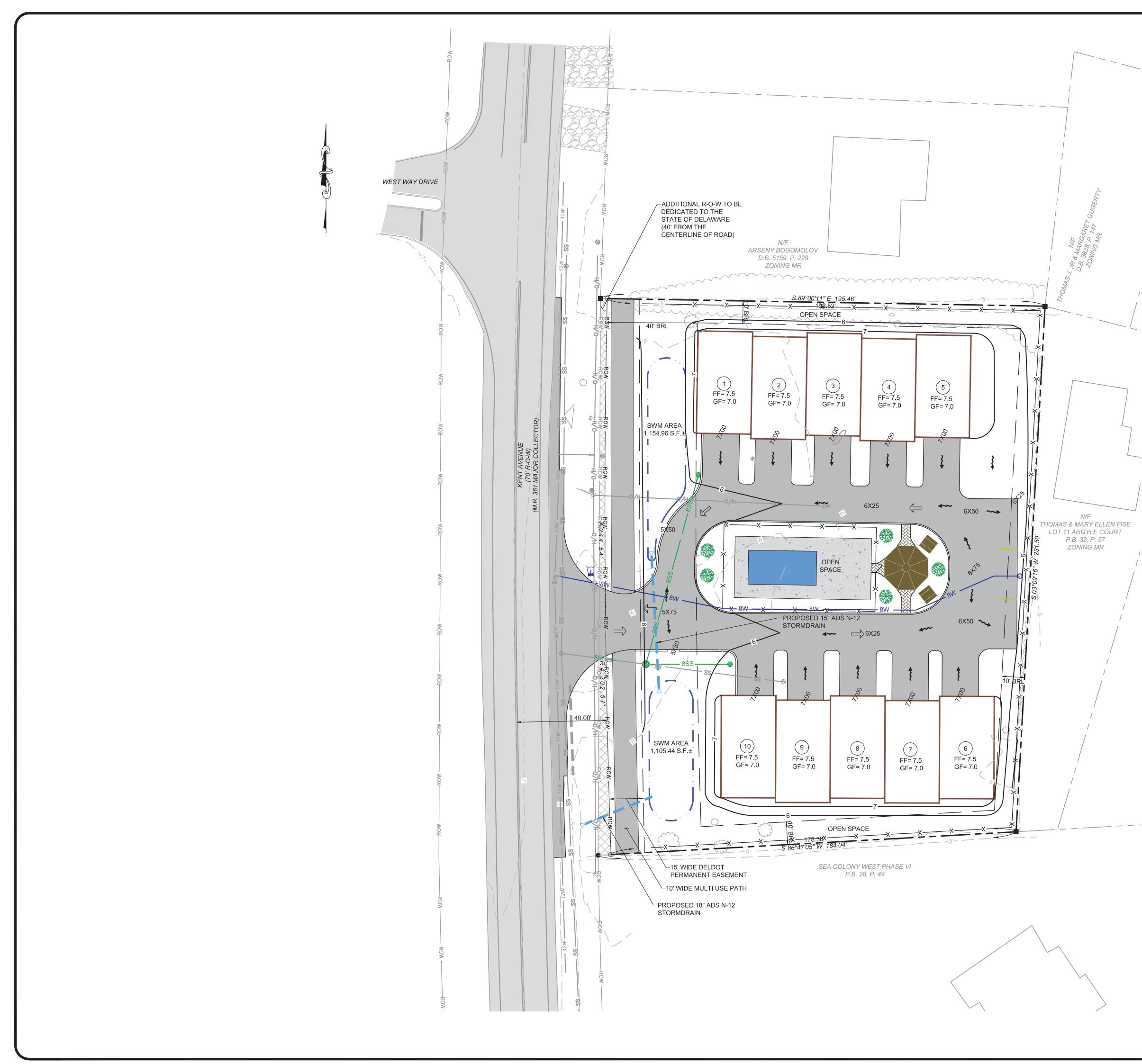
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Department of Planning and Zoning Attn: Planning & Zoning Commission 2 The Circle P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: Opposition to #C/U2279 Ron Sutton Site: 33309 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE 19930; TMP 134-17.11-6.00

Dear Commissioners:

The County has a history of working hard to be responsive to concerns on longtime property owners/residents.

You may already know exactly the concerns you'd like to state which is terrific. As you think about what you might say, you may note a couple of topics that were raised at the Octobe 27th meeting and mentioned in my prior email:

Areas of objection raised at the October 27 meeting included:

- 1. **11 is way too many units.** The issue that we want to emphasize is that the proposed density is not in character with homes adjacent to and in the immediate vicinity of the Site—the Meris Bed & Breakfast consists of two one-story buildings, eleven units of one bedroom each which is a long way from 11 condos with 44 bedrooms.
- 2. **42** foot height for this many buildings would change the character of the neighborhood. This is a big issue and what the developer is proposing is not in character with single family homes nearby. The vast majority of nearby homes are single family dwellings; those multi-family units nearby--the Sea Colony villas—are only two-story buildings.
- 3. Lighting from traffic on property will be a nuisance to surrounding homes. Picture 44 cars (when these four BR homes are fully leased or otherwise occupied) coming in and out of the complex in the evening. There may be additional concerns from spotlights or

other building lighting given that the plan calls for the buildings to be within 10 feet of the property line.

4. Traffic-

a. Adding 44 BRs and 44 cars (and likely more in July/August) to the traffic and parking mix.

b. Jefferson Bridge Rd. traffic, already treacherous (one recent pedestrian fatality), will be made much worse because Sea Colony is erecting a gate as an absolute limit on people driving west to east through Sea Colony.

- 6. Swails—runoff, ditches and storm drainage already are a big overflow problem in the area already near the old motel/planned condo; likely would be made worse by new construction, congestion and many more people. We should recognize that State law has created and requires the developer to go through an agency approval process with the Sussex Conservation District (SCD), so Commissioners generally tend to defer to the Sussex Conservation District as to opposition based on stormwater issues. This suggests NOT making this your dominant point; perhaps just emphasizing that developer's plan would double the current lot coverage and while we understand that the developer will have to comply with Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, we have experienced, and have continued concern with present stormwater issues that may be exacerbated by the development of the site in the manner proposed by the Applicant.
- 7. **Condos Developers will leave all enforcement of rules to a condo board.** The developer/applicant held a preliminary meeting on October 27, during which the developer representatives repeatedly suggested that many of our concerns would be addressed down the road in community governing documentation. We recognize that the design of this project will be determined by the Commission and ultimately the Council, hopefully in a manner that will address our concerns <u>now</u> rather than post site plan approval in condominium governing documents where owners of the surrounding community of long-term, primarily single-family dwellings will be very unlikely to have any voice.

Respectfully,

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RE: Opposition to #C/U2279 Ron Sutton Site: 33309 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE 19930; TMP 134-17.11-6.00

Dear Commissioners:

We represent Thomas and Mary Ellen Fise, property owners of three parcels (TMP 134-17.11-14.09, 14.10, 20.01) located towards the southern end of Argyle Lane in Bethany Beach, Delaware and in the immediate vicinity of the Applicant's proposed multi-family condominium project, Windward Village, proposed to be located at 33309 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE 19930 (the "Site"). We write to express opposition to the above-referenced application (the "Application") as it is presently postured, and further, to respectfully request that the Commission either deny or place several limitations on any approval of the Application to address serious concerns with the projects proposed design, height, area, and bulk requirements, parking, lot coverage, and the project's impact on Kent Avenue and Jefferson Bridge Road traffic and pedestrian safety.

The Property is presently subject of a conditional use for what we believe to be a bed and breakfast. It is also our understanding based off a newspaper article from 2010 that this Site was subject of a previous conditional use application to redevelop the previously existing fourdecade-old Westward Pines Motel into 16 townhome units with a pool.¹ We requested more information on both applications from the County, but the Planning & Zoning Department was unable to find records of either application. However, the Sussex County Mapping Application confirms that a Conditional Use was granted for the Site.² It also should be noted that Lot 5 on Kent Avenue has been sold since the 2010 application, so the site for proposed Winward Village is roughly 70% of the size of the larger lot proposed in 2010 for 16 townhouse units.

Now, more than a decade later a new Applicant is seeking a conditional use to develop the Site into a multifamily development complex. Planned since February 2021, the Windward

¹ See Exhibit A.

² See Exhibit B.

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Village developers propose to use the small, one-acre parcel located on the east side of Kent Avenue, approximately .66 miles south from Garfield Parkway, and adjacent to and in the immediate vicinity of the single-family homes located on the southern side of Argyle Lane, to build *eleven (11), 4-story, 42-feet-high multi-family condominium units, featuring 44 bedrooms and 44 new parking spaces* to replace Meris Gardens Bed & Breakfast that consists of single-story motel units and an office building.

On October 27, 2021, the developer and its engineer held a public interest meeting to familiarize the neighborhood with the project. Property owners adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Site, including Mr. Fise, voiced concerns about the project's proposed design, density, height, parking arrangement, lot coverage and lighting, and the proposed project's serious impact on Kent Avenue and Jefferson Bridge Road traffic, and need for privacy screening between the Site and nearby single-family residential uses.

Section 115-31 of the Sussex County Zoning Code confirms that multi-family dwelling structures in the MR-Medium Residential District may be permitted as conditional uses. Section 115-171 of the Code explains the purpose of the Conditional Uses stating as follows:

The purpose of this Article is to provide for certain uses which cannot be well adjusted to their environment in particular locations with full protection offered to surrounding properties by rigid application of the district regulations. These uses are generally of a public or semipublic character and are essential and desirable for the general convenience and welfare, but because of the nature of the use, the importance of the relationship to the Comprehensive Plan, and possible impact, not only on neighboring properties, but on a large section of the county, require the exercise of planning judgment on location and site plan."

Stated differently, a conditional use permit is only permitted where it is desirable and will neither impact the integrity and character of the zoned district nor be detrimental to the public health, welfare, and morals. As the Commissioners understand, an Application may meet statutory requirements but still be denied if it is determined that the proposed land use does not promote the health, safety, and morals of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County. Mr. and Mrs. Fise oppose the Application because the present design proposed by the Applicant is neither essential or desirable for the general convenience and welfare and is not in character with the surrounding community for the following reasons.

Points of Opposition

1) **Density:** The MR District permits 4 dwelling units/acre for single-family dwellings like the single-family dwellings that surround the Site. The Code also permits 12 dwelling units/acre for multi-family dwelling units based off a minimum lot area requirement of 3,630 square feet per dwelling unit. The Applicant proposes 11 multi-family condominium units immediately adjacent to single-family homes. 11 dwelling units per Baird Mandalas Brockstedt November 24, 2021 Page 3

> acre meets the density and minimum lot area requirements of the Code, but the location of an 11-unit multi-family complex adjacent to and in the vicinity of single-family homes is not in character with the neighborhood. It is true that Sea Colony is in the vicinity of the Site, which were permitted at 18 dwelling units/acre, but the nearest Sea Colony townhome is located a greater distance from the Fise properties than the proposed condominium complex that will be located 10 feet from the rear yard property line of the Site.

- 2) Height: The project proposes to build the multi-family units to the Code's permitted 42 feet maximum height, a height limitation that may be permitted by Code but that is out of character with the one- to two-story homes adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Site and the two-story Sea Colony multi-family units nearby. Mr. and Mrs. Fise are reasonably concerned that the proposed units will tower over the Argyle Lane properties. The construction of decks on the top story of the proposed 42 feet high structures is an additional point of contention for Mr. and Mrs. Fise concerned about their potential new neighbors staring down on their properties and invading their privacy.
- 3) Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic: Mr. and Mrs. Fise are concerned that the proposed project will increase traffic and congestion on already beleaguered Kent Avenue and Jefferson Bridge Road. The project proposes the addition of 44 bedrooms and 44 parking spaces. Property owners, their guests or tenants may trespass and park, legally or illegally, on surrounding streets like Argyle. Mr. and Mrs. Fise are also concerned about trespassing foot traffic for those who may seek to use Argyle as a shortcut to the beach. Added to the Jefferson Bridge Road traffic concern, is the fact that Sea Colony plans to erect a gate as an absolute limit on people driving west to east through Sea Colony, which will significantly increase traffic on Kent Avenue and Jefferson Bridge in the near future.
- 4) Stormwater and Sewer Capacity: There is a general concern that the development will nearly double the Site's lot coverage because there is presently an issue with stormwater runoff from the Site onto Argyle Lane properties. Mr. and Mrs. Fise understand that the Applicant will be required to comply with Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, but they remain reasonably concerned that this development will exacerbate an existing stormwater runoff issue with the increased lot coverage proposed by the Applicant. The attached press report also noted that the sewer capacity was deemed less than 60% of what would be required to permit construction of 16 townhomes on the larger 1.45 acre tract presented in the 2010 plan (10 EDUs contrasted to the 5.67 EDUs allocated).
- 5) Existing Vegetation and Landscape Buffer: Many trees on the Site will be removed to develop the project which will result in the removal of the presently existing landscape buffer that exists between the Site and the Fise property identified as Parcel No. 14.10. Mr. and Mrs. Fise are reasonably concerned that the existing vegetation will be removed and replaced with multi-family structures proposed 10 feet from the rear yard property line of the Site. Yes, Sea Colony is also located adjacent to their property, but

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> geographically separated from the Fise properties by presently existing trees that serves as a natural buffer between Sea Colony and the Fise properties unlike the proposed project that will be located 10 feet from the rear yard property line, with a five feet fence and what appears to be a tree line rather than a tree buffer. Section 115-218 of the Code permits the imposition of a condition requiring the Applicant to install a forested or landscape buffer when approving a conditional use for multifamily dwellings, a condition that Mr. and Mrs. Fise consider necessary to impose should the Application be approved.

6) Light Pollution: The Preliminary Site Plan suggests that the planned traffic pattern will direct all headlights to shine on the properties located on Argyle Lane. The Preliminary Site Plan proposes installation of a five (5) feet fence, lower than the six (6) feet existing fence of the Bed and Breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Fise respectfully request that a condition of approval be required to install a seven (7) feet high, enclosed fence to shield the properties located on Argyle Lane from headlights.

While it may not be realistic to think development can be averted completely, the sheer density of the proposed development is excessive, applying maximum limits to height, number of condominiums, number of bedrooms in each condominium, number of new parking spaces, impact on drainage, which is neither sensitive to, nor at all consistent with the character of this peaceful neighborhood.

For all the reasons set forth above, Mr. and Mrs. Fise respectfully request that the Commission recommend denial of the Application. If you vote to recommend approval of the Application in some degree, then we respectfully request that you impose conditions to address the concerns stated herein.

In closing, I ask that this letter be included as part of the record of your December 9th, 2021 public hearing, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mackenzie M. Peet

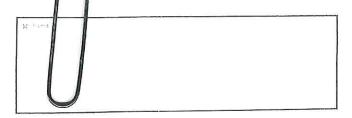
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By M. Patricia Titus News Editor

Sussex County Council members this week heard a request to grant a conditional use that would allow the owner of the Westward Pines Motel and neighboring singlefamily home on Kent Avenue near Bethany Beach to convert the property into a multi-family townhome-condominium development.

The project has already been considered by the county's Planning and Zoning Commission, which last month deferred a decision on whether to recommend the conditional use be approved but is expected to vote at their next meeting. According to attorney Dennis Schrader, representing owner Mary P. Kelly, Kelly would like to redevelop the four-decade-old motel and the adjacent home, sitting on 1.45 acres on the east side of Kent Avenue, south of Jefferson Bridge Road, into 16 townhome units with a pool.

The site is inside an existing medium-density residential zone, but a conditional use is required in order to be able to build (6 units there...Schrader said he felt the density shouldn't be an issue, as neighboring Sea Colony units were approved at up to 18 units per acre, and this project is proposed for less than 12 units per acre.

But a complicating factor is that the two parcels, as they are currently used, have been allocated just 5.67 equivalent dwelling units (EDU) that determine what level of sewer service the county expects to provide there. County engineers noted on Tuesday that the motel units were each allocated just .33 EDUs each, owing to not having the washing machines or dishwashers that a normal residence might have.

In order to build 16 townhomes on the site, the sewer capacity allocated to the property will have to increase by more than 10 EDUs.

Officially, the county engineering department recommends against approving projects with more EDUs needed than the allocated, and just last month the county council deferred indefinitely a decision on a project in the West Rehoboth sewer district that requires an increase in the allocation of EDUs, after extensive discussion of the larger issue of sewer capacity. This week, the issue arose again in discussion of the Westward Pines project, with

This week, the issue arose again in discussion of the Westward Pines project, with Councilman George Cole again telling fellow council members that he thinks the county should stick with its existing sewer capacity plan – which allocates just 5.67 units there.

"My concern is that you set a precedent," Cole said. "Does the sewer system have the capacity to double your capacity and then double the next one?" he asked, pointing to the potential for more projects to ask for such accommodations in the future. "Where do we draw the line? We do have a plan. Should we follow the plan?" he asked Schrader.

"I think your county plan would not permit this type of project," Schrader replied. "But the debate you need to have is between your philosophy and what the county engineering department is capable of doing. There may be some projects built that



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