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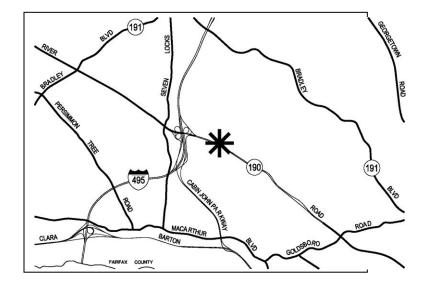
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#### Holton-Arms, Final Forest Conservation Plan Amendment, # CBA-1174C (in response to a violation)

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#### **Description**

- 7303 River Road, Bethesda MD, 20817
- 58.5 acres in the R-200 & R-90 zones, within the Bethesda Chevy Chase master plan area.
- Proposed abandonment of forest conservation easement areas, with 1:1 replacement onsite for high priority forest areas and 2:1 offsite replacement mitigation for part of the moderate priority forest.
- Application submitted on 4/23/2012
- Applicant: Holton-Arms School



#### **Summary**

- Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions
- The application amends the previous forest conservation plans and corrects the associated encroachments.
- The application proposes the abandonment of approximately 1,660 sf of high priority conservation easement area within the Stream Valley Buffer with a 1:1 onsite replacement (inside the SVB). Approximately 20,642 sf of other onsite easements outside of the SVB are proposed for abandonment with mitigation comprised of onsite replacement at a 1:1 ratio and offsite replacement at a 2:1 ratio.
- The proposed plan will comprehensively address a variety of easement/forest conservation issues including existing violations, encroachments by others, access & maintenance conflicts and erosive conditions associated with Park runoff, by providing onsite and offsite mitigation, onsite restoration measures and other environmental enhancements.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the Final Forest Conservation Plan Amendment, subject to the following conditions:

- Provide any invasive control, supplemental plantings and/or removal of encroaching features that may be needed to restore the new 1,170 sf easement area proposed near the School entrance.
- 2. Adjust the locations and increase quantities of the easement boundary posts on the Final Forest Conservation Plans to more appropriately delineate the easement areas, subject to Staff approval.
- 3. Coordinate with Staff to reduce the proposed LOD for the swale installation as feasible and adjust the associated tree protection and plantings accordingly.
- 4. The existing retaining wall and associated fill behind 8023 Summer Mill Court shall be removed from the School property to the extent possible without compromising the stability of the adjacent property.
- 5. Plan references of the split-rail fence installation shall consistently be specified for installation by the School rather than by adjoining owners.
- 6. A split rail fence shall be installed along the School boundary behind 8233 Burning Tree Road.
- 7. Timing of the Final Forest Conservation Plan approval and implementation of the plan shall be performed as follows:
  - a. A revised FFCP must be submitted by the applicant then approved by Staff prior to recordation of the easement.
  - b. The easement recordation must be completed no later than November 2, 2013.
  - c. The removal of encroachments within the Easement areas must begin no later than August 2, 2013 and must be completed by November 2, 2013.
  - d. Installation of the fence and signage must begin no later than August 2, 2013 and must be completed by November 2, 2013.
  - e. The invasive control work must begin as soon as possible but no later than August 2, 2013.
  - f. Swale installation shall be completed prior to the pre-planting meeting.
  - g. The tree and shrub plantings must be installed by December 1, 2013.
- 8. Submission and approval of financial security is required for the plantings, fence and signage specified on the FFCP; and the security must be approved by the M-NCPPC Associate General Counsel Office prior to any land disturbing activities occurring onsite.

- 9. The certificate of compliance for the off-site forest mitigation bank which satisfies the offsite mitigation requirements must be submitted by applicant, then approved by M-NCPPC Associate General Counsel Office prior to any land disturbing activities occurring onsite.
- 10. The revised Category I Easement boundaries must be recorded prior to land disturbing activities occurring onsite.
- 11. The applicant must submit a maintenance and management agreement and have it approved by staff prior to the forest conservation inspector accepting any planting.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property, shown in Image #1 below, is a platted parcel measuring approximately 58.5 acres. The property is located on the north side of River Road, and the main entrance is located approximately 1000 feet east of Burdette Road. The property contains a school and associated outbuildings and recreational facilities. The natural features onsite include Booze Creek stream which runs through and along the property. The stream is a major tributary of Cabin John Creek and is a use I-P watershed<sup>1</sup>. Forest areas, steep slopes, wetlands, floodplains and highly erodible soils occur within portions of the site. A number of rare, threatened and endangered plant species and watch-list species are also associated with the property (refer to appendix for details).

A local park borders the property on the east and an elementary school is located towards the southeast. The site is zoned R-200 on the north and west side of the stream, while areas south and east of the stream are in the R-90 zone.

WATER CONTACT RECREATION, PROTECTION OF AQUATIC LIFE, AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Waters that are suitable for: water contact sports: play and leisure time activities where the human body may come in direct contact with the surface water; fishing; the growth and propagation of fish (other than trout); other aquatic life, and wildlife; agricultural water supply; industrial water supply; and public water supply.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Use I-P.

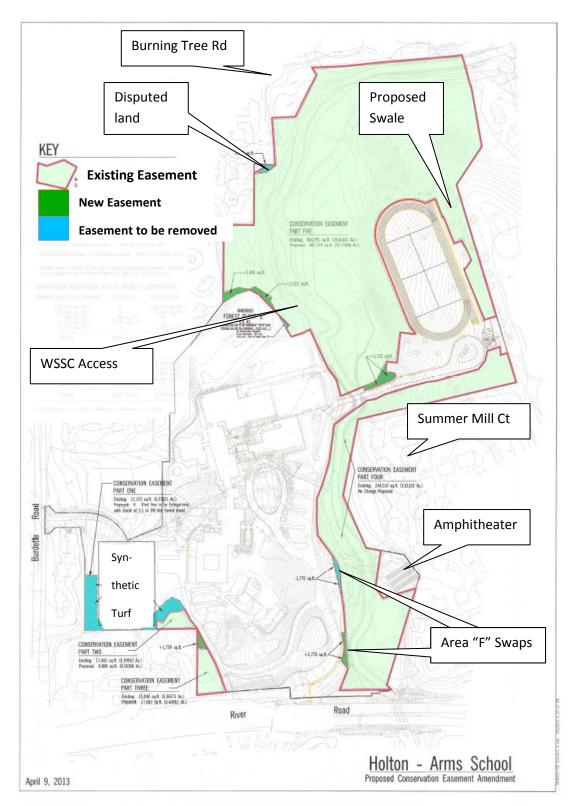


Image #1 Subject property and vicinity NORTH ↑

#### **PROJECT HISTORY**

The Holton-Arms school has been subject to numerous regulatory reviews including multiple final forest conservation plans. Onsite category I forest conservation easements have been established and consist of retained forest and reforestation plantings. (Refer to the appendix for a detailed outline of the project history). There are numerous issues associated with the easement areas which are comprehensively addressed by the current proposal. As recommended by staff all of the issues have been packaged under one application. The issues addressed are related to the following categories:

- Encroachments/excessive maintenance by the applicant within easement areas.
- Encroachments from adjacent residents.
- Lack of signage/fencing which appropriately delineates portions of the easements.
- Erosion within of easement area (near track bleachers).
- Access/maintenance issues for WSSC personnel.
- Unsuccessful reforestation plantings.
- Invasive plant species.



**Image #2** Existing and proposed conservation easements

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#### **CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant proposes a number of modifications to the existing plans and easement areas as described below:

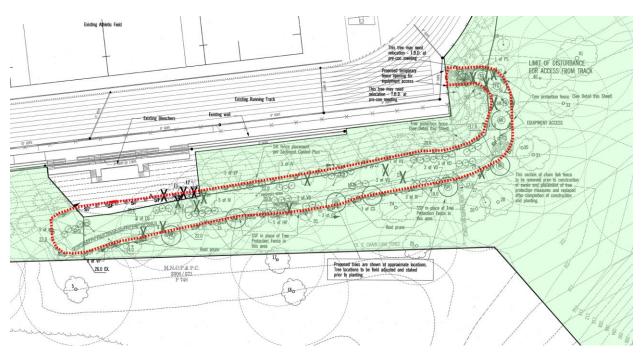


Image #3 Proposed plan for swale installation near track and bleachers



#### 1. Proposed graded swale near bleachers:

The applicant is proposing approximately 10,000 sf of disturbance within the Category I Conservation Easement to install a drainage diversion swale as shown in Image #3 above. The area of disturbance is generally within the footprint of the previous LOD that was approved for site grading. The original disturbance of the area occurred approximately nine years ago for the track and field installation; therefore the currently proposed work does not have an adverse effect on trees of a substantial size. The area does contain numerous young native trees that have naturally regenerated among the reforestation plantings that had also been installed.

The area will remain in a Category I Conservation Easement and stabilized with top-soil and a bio-degradable erosion control matting. The area will also be restored with reforestation plantings. The drainage will be directed to an existing swale within the conservation easement area. The consultant has confirmed that no new erosion will result. The conveyed drainage will run through the valley below the ridge top where the sensitive plant populations were mapped.

### 2. Lower athletic field (synthetic turf area):

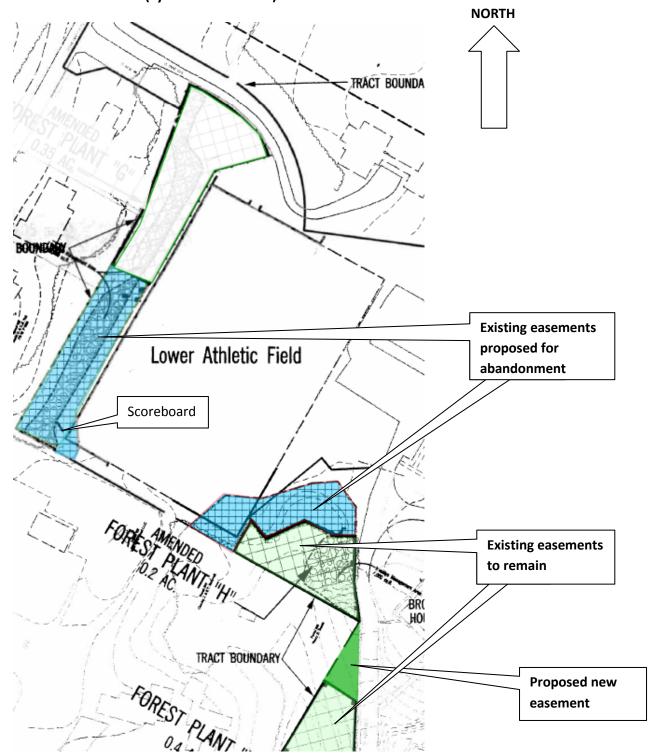


Image #4 Proposed easement abandonments near synthetic turf field

The current proposal is to abandon areas of easement that overlap with the new turf field and abandon additional areas beyond the December 20, 2006 approval (see page 16 for exhibit of approved plan). The additional abandonment is proposed to allow a scoreboard and its associated sight lines to remain. The remaining easement area near the scoreboard would be less than 50' wide and no longer meet forest definition. Furthermore the area is not associated with an environmental buffer, high priority forest or sensitive area. Therefore, the entire easement section is proposed for abandonment and offsite replacement mitigation at a 2:1 ratio<sup>2</sup>. No clearing or thinning of existing trees is actually proposed however the removal of invasive vines is proposed within the area.

The M-NCPPC forest conservation inspector had issued a citation on June 22, 2010 (Attachment C) for violation of the related easement area and the terms of the associated plan approval. The new field installation had occurred prior to the formal abandonment and recording of the easement areas, resulting in encroachments of recorded easements. Further encroachments were actually implemented beyond those allowed by the plan, resulting in additional conflicts (such as the scoreboard and associated sight lines). The citation items have been addressed by the applicant except for the formal abandonment/recording of the applicable easement areas. Staff agreed to defer the abandonment/recordation so that the proposed easement changes could be comprehensively addressed by one plan and associated hearing.

The remaining easement boundaries near the southern end of the turf field will be protected from encroachments by a permanent spilt rail fence with appropriate signage. Supplemental tree and shrub plantings and the control of invasive species is also proposed for the same general area.

#### 3. Proposed WSSC access:

The previously approved FFCPs included overlapping WSSC easements within portions of the Category I Conservation Easements. Such overlap was standard practice at the time of approval but is occurring less frequently. Occasionally, WSSC personnel need to enter the property for inspection and maintenance of the underlying infrastructure. However, an approximate 200' section of the linear and narrow WSSC easement straddles portions of the stream channel and banks (refer to image # 2 for general location). Although WSSC would have the authority to traverse the environmentally sensitive terrain, doing so would be difficult and unnecessarily disruptive. The forest conservation inspector has worked with WSSC and school

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2:1 replacement is the standard ratio for offsite mitigation.

personnel in the past to coordinate WSSC access through an existing pathway within the conservation easement and outside sections of the WSSC easement.

The current application proposes to formalize the bypass on the plans, within the existing conservation easement area to remain. The proposal includes a delineation of the path with split-rail fence and bollards. A provision will be included to provide a woodchip/mulch cover installation over the WSSC access, and if needed to prevent excessive rutting and root compaction.

Allowing the access to continue will further protect the more environmentally sensitive stream banks and channel located immediately adjacent to the access route, while allowing WSSC personnel to appropriately access and maintain their infrastructure.

#### 4. Amphitheater Access and Area "F":

The plans propose the abandonment of 1,770 sf of conservation that is *outside* of the stream valley buffer (SVB) and part of area "F". The original forest conservation plans show the area to receive forest plantings. The area to now be abandoned will be replaced with an area of the same square footage that is located *within* the SVB. The proposed new easement area is located in close proximity to the stream as shown in Image #5 on the following page. Staff supports the proposed swap as it will result in a net improvement for the stream buffer. A condition is recommended for the applicant to further coordinate with Staff to provide any invasive control, supplemental plantings and/or removal of encroaching features that may be needed to appropriately restore the new easement area.

Furthermore the existing easement language includes a provision for maintenance of path/trail and bridges (within the conservation easement) leading to an amphitheater on the east side of the stream (refer to Images #2 and #5 for locations). The maintenance zone for the access is limited to the original LOD and does not allow for general maintenance of easement outside of the access areas. However, some areas of excessive mowing have occurred beyond the access corridor. The areas remaining in easement will now be restored with supplemental native plantings and delineated with mulch and signs.

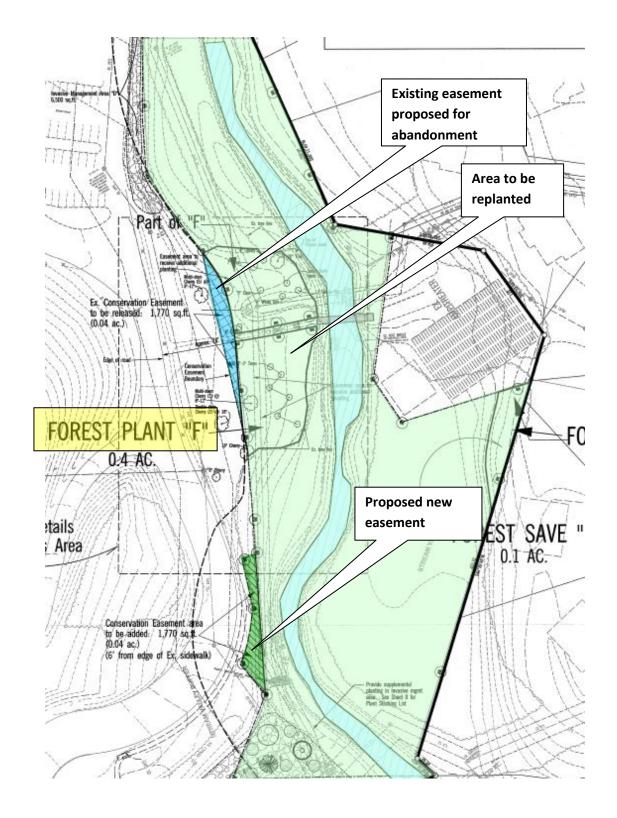


Image #5 Proposed easement swap near school entrance

#### 5. Removal of easement area near north central sports field:

The applicant proposes the release of a portion of easement located in close proximity to a sport field. This area is used mainly for soccer and lacrosse and is needed to appropriately maintain the sports facility. The area is also within the stream buffer but does not contain existing forest. The amount proposed for removal is 0.01 acres (less than 500 sf) and will be replaced onsite by an easement area of higher priority that contains *existing* forest in the stream buffer.

#### 6. Easement encroachments by adjacent residents:

Residents on nearby Burning Tree Road and Summer Mill Court have encroached on the school property and associated easement areas. The encroachments generally consist of various landscape features, lawn areas, and dumping of debris. Restoration measures to be performed by the applicant are shown on the plans and include the following items:

- i. Removal of all landscape fabrics/weed control matting
- ii. Removal of furnishings such as hammocks, tables, chairs, benches
- iii. Removal of ash/debris piles from the bases of trees
- iv. Removal of minor trash/manmade debris such plastic pots, bottles etc.
- v. Removal of general yard waste debris
- vi. Removal of the exposed electrical wires that are protruding from tree trunks (portions of the wires have become embedded in the trees)
- vii. Removal of electrical wires from forest floor (to the extent possible without damaging tree roots).
- viii. Removal of guy lines/wires from plantings
- ix. Demolition of retaining walls and restoration of original grade (minor portions of the wall and fill closest to neighboring property may remain).
- x. Mulching and native plantings to restore, delineate and protect area.
- xi. Installation of split-rail fence and conservation signage to delineate certain easement areas which have experienced ongoing encroachment issues from adjoining neighbors.

An additional area of note associated with encroachments is a portion of easement located adjacent to 8233 Burning Tree Rd. After the posting of the report for the previously scheduled February 14, 2013 hearing for this application, the resident who has been maintaining subject encroachments by mowing that portion of the easement had expressed concerns of the restoration that been recommended by Staff. Furthermore the adjacent resident has claimed ownership through adverse possession of the property in question and also believes that the easement was not valid as a result

of its claim (asserting prior interest to the easement area before the easement was recorded). The School is in dispute with the adjacent resident about the adverse possession claim, but is prepared to settle by transferring a portion of School property to the adjacent resident. Therefore, the school proposes to include that portion of its property - abandoning 1,178 sf of Category I easement. However, the continued claim by M-NCPPC of its easement over that property would hamper, if not prevent the Schools ability to settle with the adjacent resident, and M-NCPPC would be a required party to the threatened litigation between the resident and the School. Regardless of the threat of litigation, since the proposed mitigation for abandonment of the easement area includes the standard of 1:1 onsite replacement of Category I easement for easement within the environmental buffer (high priority forest to replace high priority forest), Staff supports the proposal.

#### 7. Areas of invasive plant control and restoration plantings:

There are a number of areas where invasive species are enveloping some of the forest edges and stream channel areas within the conservation easement. The easement language generally provides for certain restrictions and provisions but does not require owners to actively maintain easement areas or remove invasive species once the maintenance and management period associated with forest conservation plantings has ended. However, as part of the mitigation for release of easement areas the applicant will provide for control of invasive species and reforestation of affected areas. The plans show six distinct areas where invasive species will be controlled.

#### 8. Supplemental Plantings

There are a number of forest retention and reforestation areas approved on the previous plans which are sparsely vegetated due to a variety of factors (such as invasive species, encroachments and planting mortality). As part of the mitigation package, these areas will be replanted to meet appropriate reforestation/density standards. Approximately 120 trees and 72 shrubs will be planted.

#### Master Plan, Environment and Forest Conservation

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan makes specific land use and zoning recommendations for the subject property. On page 192 the Master Plan identifies the school site as a large land user and also shows the stream valley and associated forest as recommended conservation areas, which are further described on page 37 of the Plan.

Section 22A-12(b)(2)(F) of the forest conservation law prioritizes the retention of "areas designated as priority save areas in a master plan or functional plan" in addition to areas of

contiguous forests, areas associated with floodplains, stream buffers, steep slopes and critical habitats among others. The proposed easement swaps will result in a greater footprint of

higher priority areas protected within a Category I Easement than the currently approved plans

provide.

No variance is required since no subject trees are impacted or removed by the plans.

The grading near the track is the only area of proposed construction activity and does not affect subject trees. The remaining work proposed by the plans is generally limited to the control of invasive species, plantings of supplemental native species, and the installation of fence and

signs. The work will be coordinated with the forest conservation inspector and performed in a

manner minimizing disturbance and impact to environmentally sensitive areas.

Conclusion

Staff recommends approval of the application with conditions. Implementation of the proposal will address the existing violations associated with the property. Staff supports the

easement abandonments because the areas to be abandoned are either associated with relatively small isolated forest area or the areas are being replaced onsite with areas of equal or greater size and quality. The net easement footprint will increase the size of protected area

identified within the Master Plans and prioritized by the forest conservation regulation and environmental guidelines. Additionally the applicant proposes a number of enhancements that

will improve the quality of the existing forest.

**APPENDIX**: Outline of Project History

**Attachments:** 

Attachment A – Proposed Plan

Attachment B – July 23, 2009 Staff Memo regarding proposed swale

Attachment C – June 22, 2010 Citation

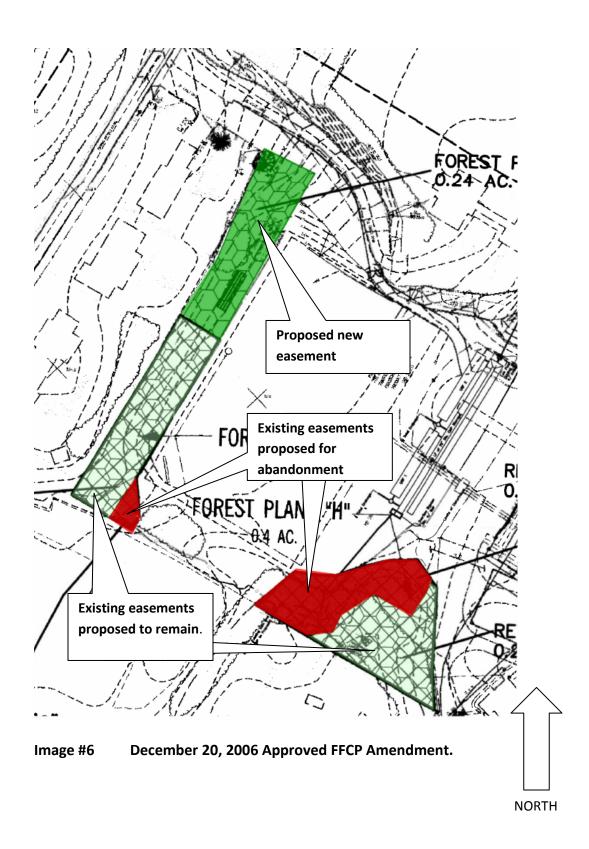
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#### **APPENDIX: OUTLINE OF PROJECT HISTORY:**

- Preliminary Plan 119871710 hearing on December 3, 1987 (opinion mailed December 15, 1987)
  - Re-subdivision so that all of the schools facilities are contained within one recorded property.
  - Plan identified school expansion areas and new track and field.
  - 50' wide conservation easement on either side of stream (among other items). Which was recorded on plat
  - Reforestation and stream maintenance agreement.
- Plat # 573-92/17150 recorded on October 14, 1988
- NRI/FSD 419991320 approved on February 5, 2001
  - Mapped 21.0 acres of onsite forest.
  - Identified a State threatened plant population of narrow melic-grass (Melica mutica) and three state watch-list species, showy skullcap (Scutellaria serrata), shining bedstraw (Galium concinnum) and shingle oak (Quercus imbricaria).
- **FFCP for CBA 1174C approved** on December 20, 2002 (and partially revised on February 22, 2002) for updated plans of school expansion.
  - Forest conservation requirements met by an expanded conservation easement area (Category I) which included a combination of forest retention, on site reforestation. Landscape plantings outside of the easement areas were also credited toward forest conservation.
  - Track and field location shifted further south than previously requested to avoid sensitive plant populations.
  - A stream restoration plan was proffered to further offset adverse impacts associated with the disturbance for the track and field (which was to be constructed entirely within a forested area).
  - The associated May 29, 2002 special exception condition of approval (condition 12) required that the school obtain approval of a stream restoration plan and implement the plan prior to release of permits for proposed work (associated with school expansion).
- Stream restoration FFCP approved by staff on August 12, 2002
- Category I conservation easement recorded by deed on December 19, 2003 (Liber 26189 folio 600). Recordation was made to reflect the easement areas approved on the December 20, 2002/February 22, 2002 FFCP
- The track and field and other modifications were installed without prior implementation of the stream restoration plan occurring:
  - Notice of Violation regarding special exception was issued on November 8, 2005.
  - Applicant coordinated with DPS inspection staff regarding violation and proceeded to obtain pre-requisite approvals/permits to implement stream work.
  - Stream restoration work begins in the fall of 2006.
- **FFCP Amendment Synthetic Turf Field** administratively approved on December 20, 2006 for easement swaps at the southwest tip of the campus (among the areas identified in the plan exhibit in Image #6 further below) to accommodate a new/reconfigured synthetic turf field and encroaching playset:

- Plans resulted in a net increase of easement area (0.02 acres or approximately 871 sf).
- However, the turf field installation proceeded without notification to M-NCPPC staff (in violation of forest conservation regulations).
- The work also occurred prior to the formal abandonment and recording of the easement areas, resulting in encroachments of recorded easements.
- Further encroachments/disturbance was actually implemented beyond those allowed by the plan, resulting in additional conflicts (such as a scoreboard and associated sight lines).
- Administrative Citation issued by M-NCPPC forest conservation inspector on June 22, 2010 for failure to comply with December 20, 2006 FFCP.
- \$500.00 citation paid June 30, 2010.
- o Citation issues resolved except for abandonment/recordation of easement areas.

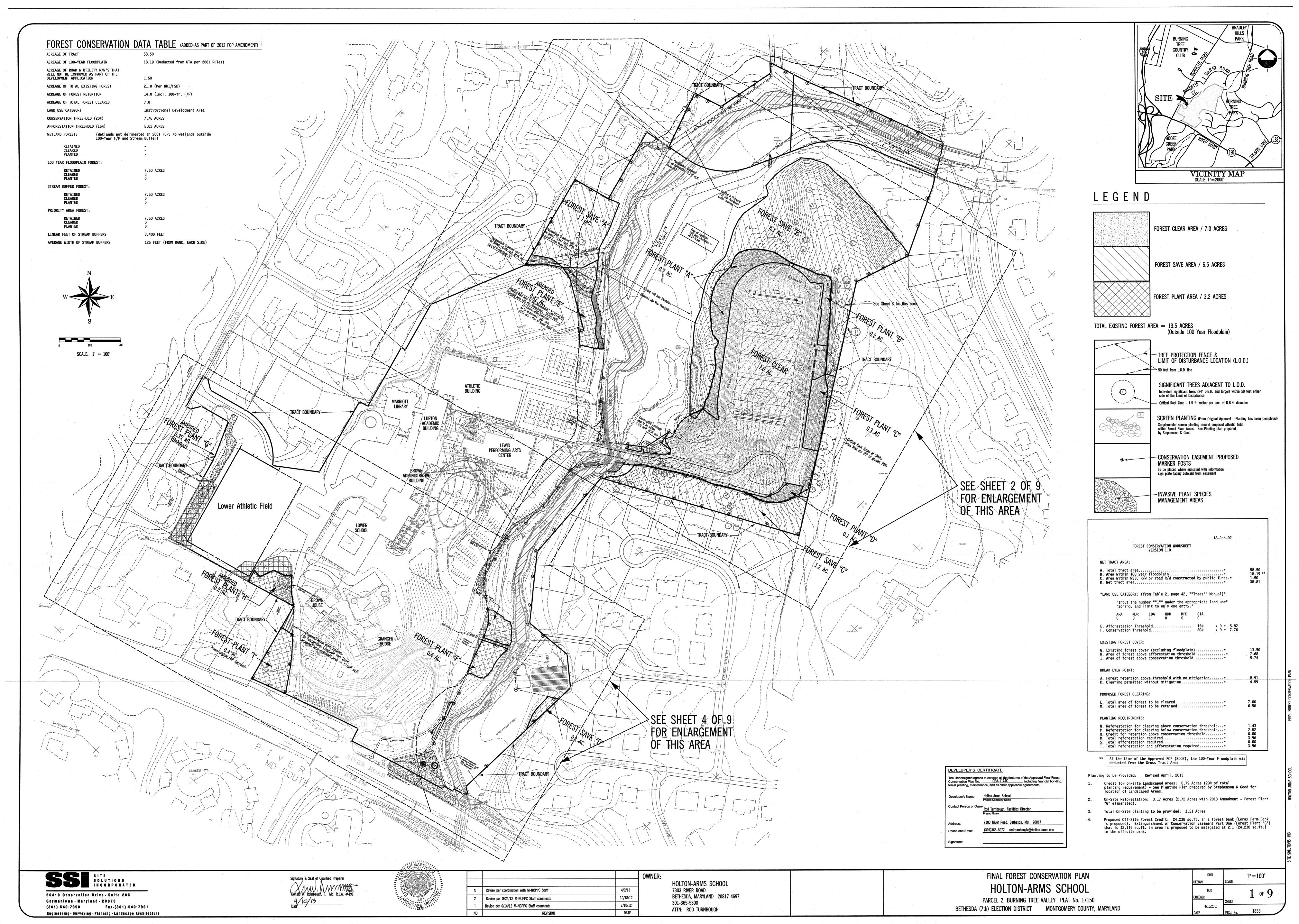
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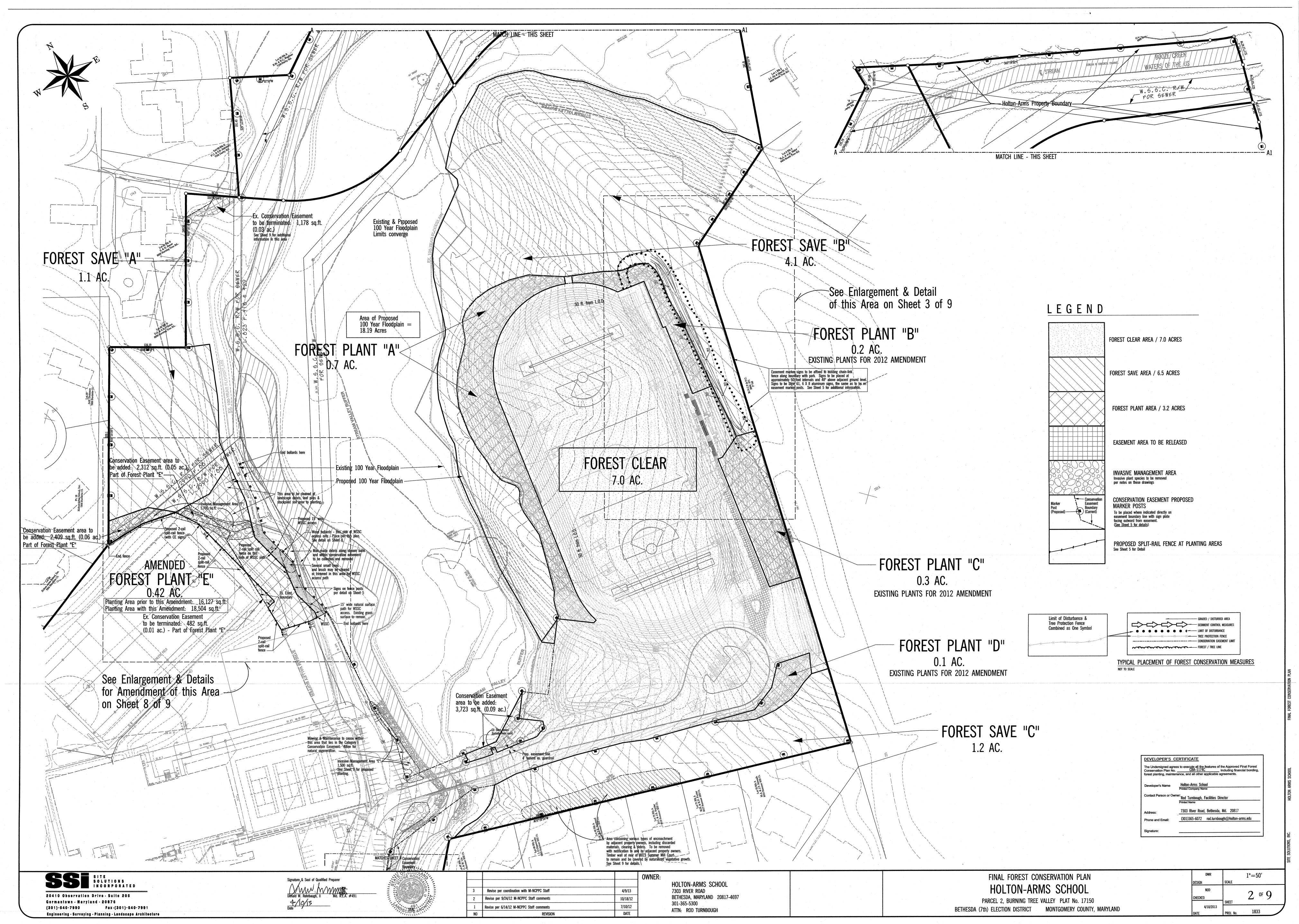


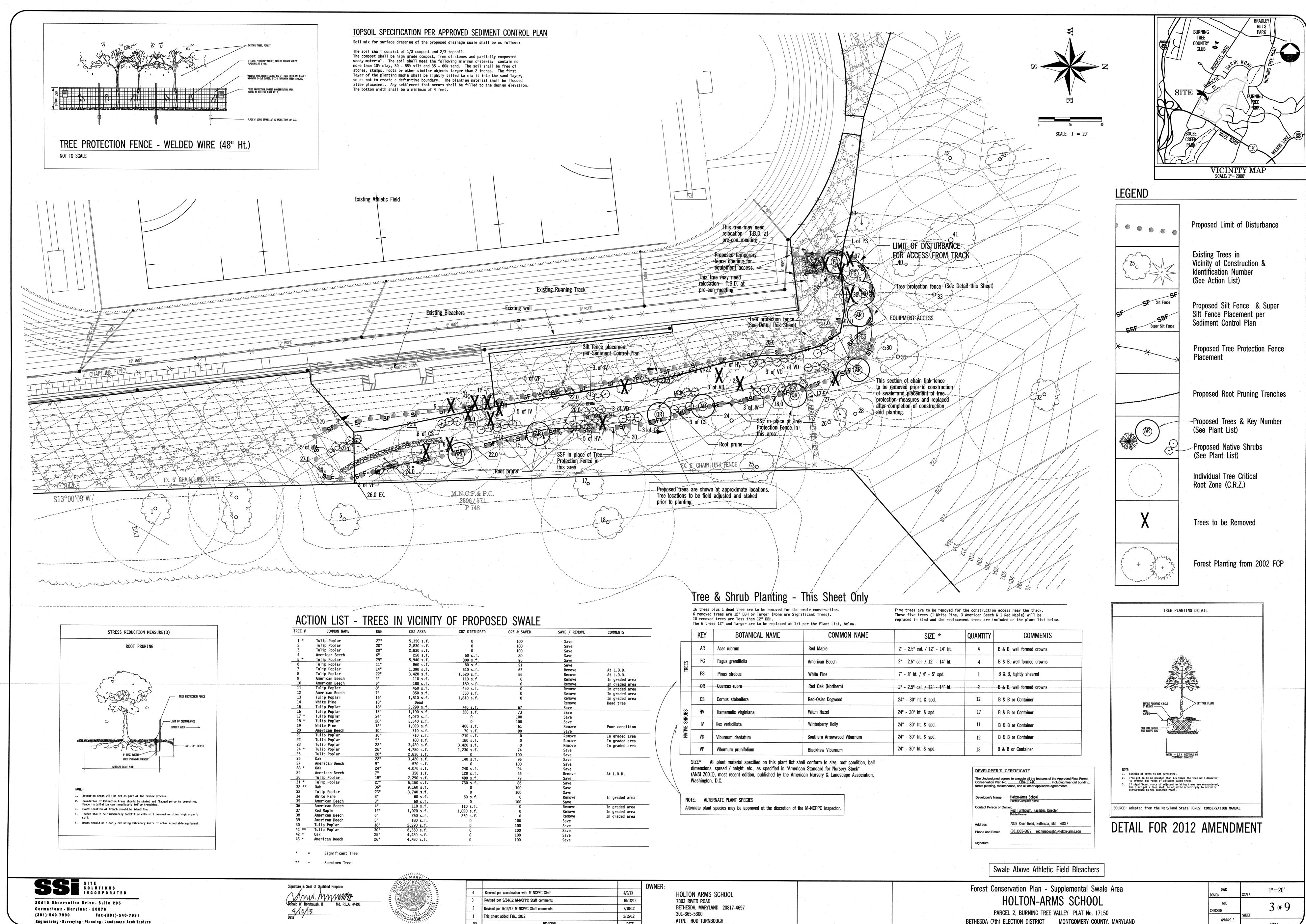
- Concurrent erosion issue at track/bleachers (within Category I Conservation Easement, near eastern center of boundary; Image #3).
  - Erosion associated with runoff from adjacent Park
  - Sediment deposits along school track
  - School staff in periodic contact with M-NCPPC Planning Department Staff regarding issue since 2005.
  - A pre-submission meeting for plans to address the erosion issue with a graded swale was memorialized in a July 23, 2009 memo from Staff.
  - o Required formal FFCP amendment and Planning Board hearing.
- 4/23/2012 comprehensive application received for current FFCP amendment to address the bleacher erosion area and the encroachments associated with turf field scoreboard (along with other modifications described further herein).

The following application numbers are also associated with the Holton-Arms School:

- 420063440
- S2467A
- \$2503 Petition to operate a co-educational summer camp for up to 645 children.
- S2503A
- CBA1174A
- CBA1174B
- **CBA1174D** Modification to a special exception for the operation of a private educational institution (increase enrolment from 650 to 665, among other changes).

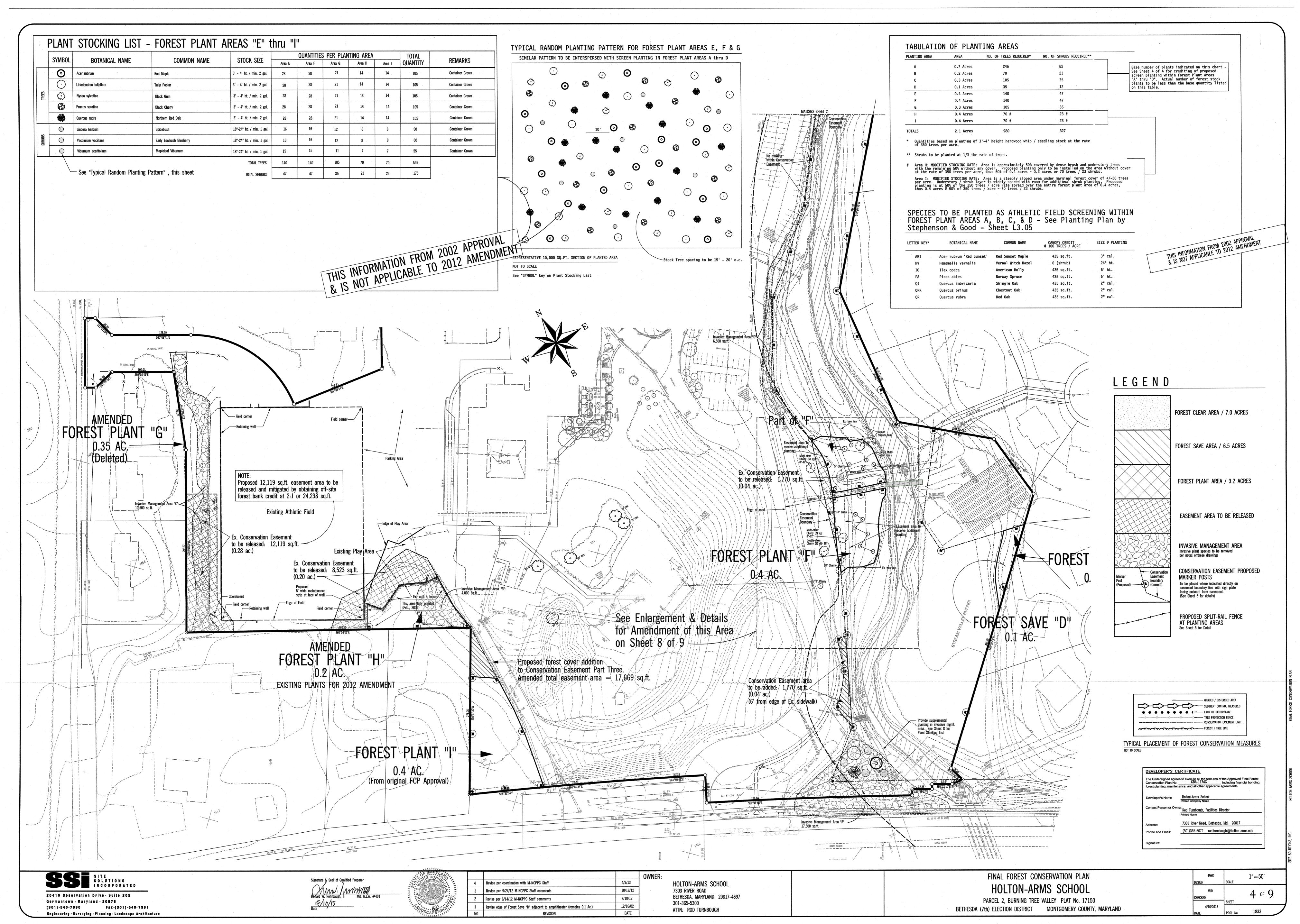


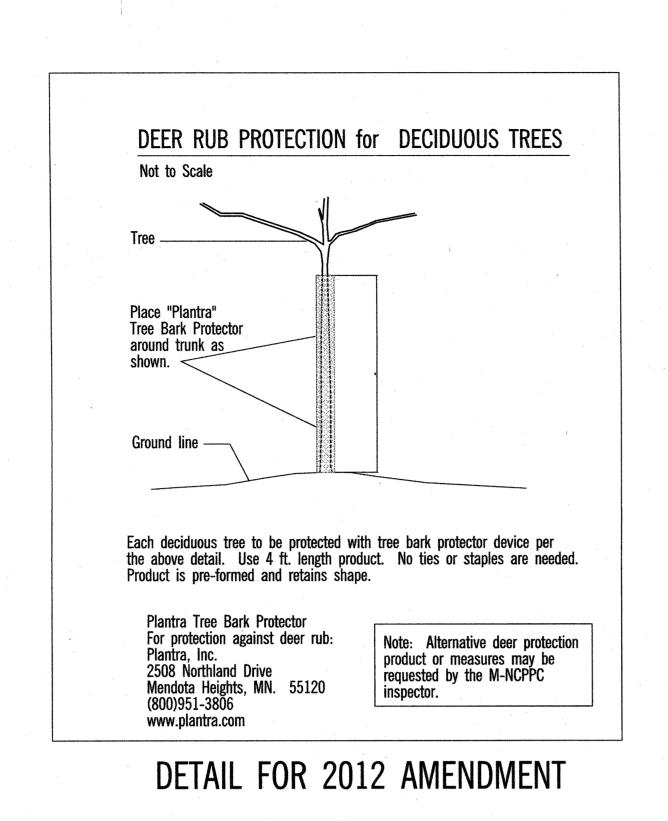


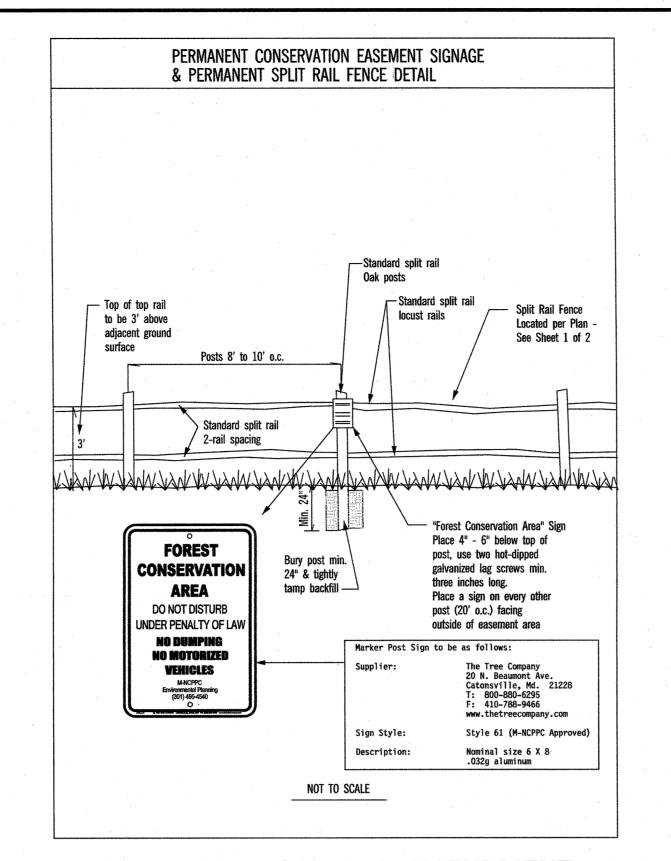


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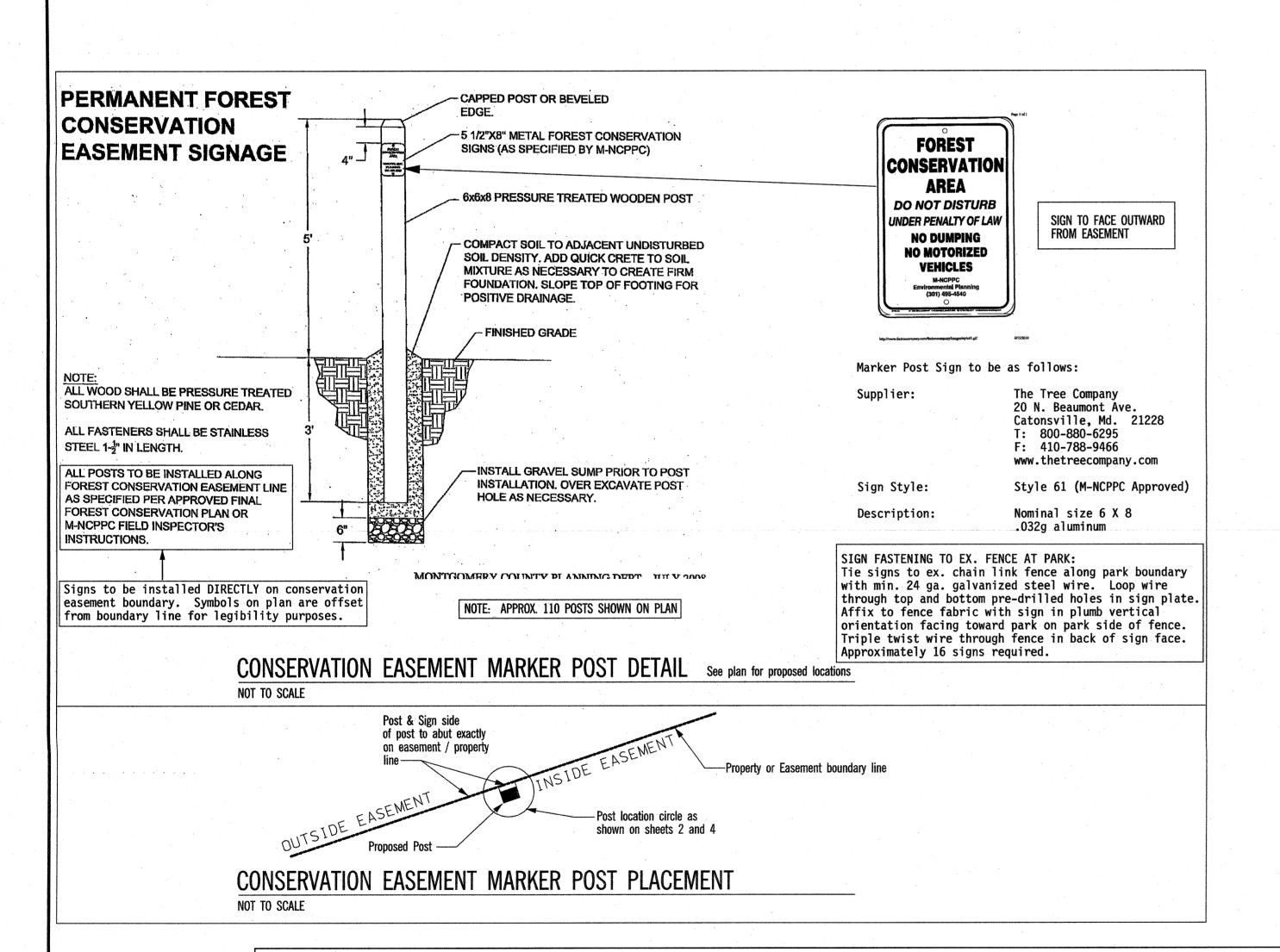




TREE PLANTING DETAIL . Staking of trees is not permitted. . Tree pit to be no greater than 1.5 times the tree ball diameter to protect the roots of adjacent saved trees. SOURCE: adapted from the Maryland State FOREST CONSERVATION MANUAL

DETAIL FOR 2012 AMENDMENT

DETAIL FOR 2012 AMENDMENT SPLIT RAIL FENCE ON SHEET 8 OF 9



PLANT STOCKING LIST - FOREST PLANT AREAS "A" thru "D"

Red Maple

Tulip Poplar

Northern Red Oak

Early Lowbush Blueberry

Mapleleaf Viburnum

Spicebush

- Plant per "Typical Random Planting Pattern", sheet 3 of 4

(Also see "SCREEN PLANTING CREDIT TOWARD REFORESTATION", this sheet, for supplemental planting in Forest Plant Areas "A" thru "D")

**COMMON NAME** 

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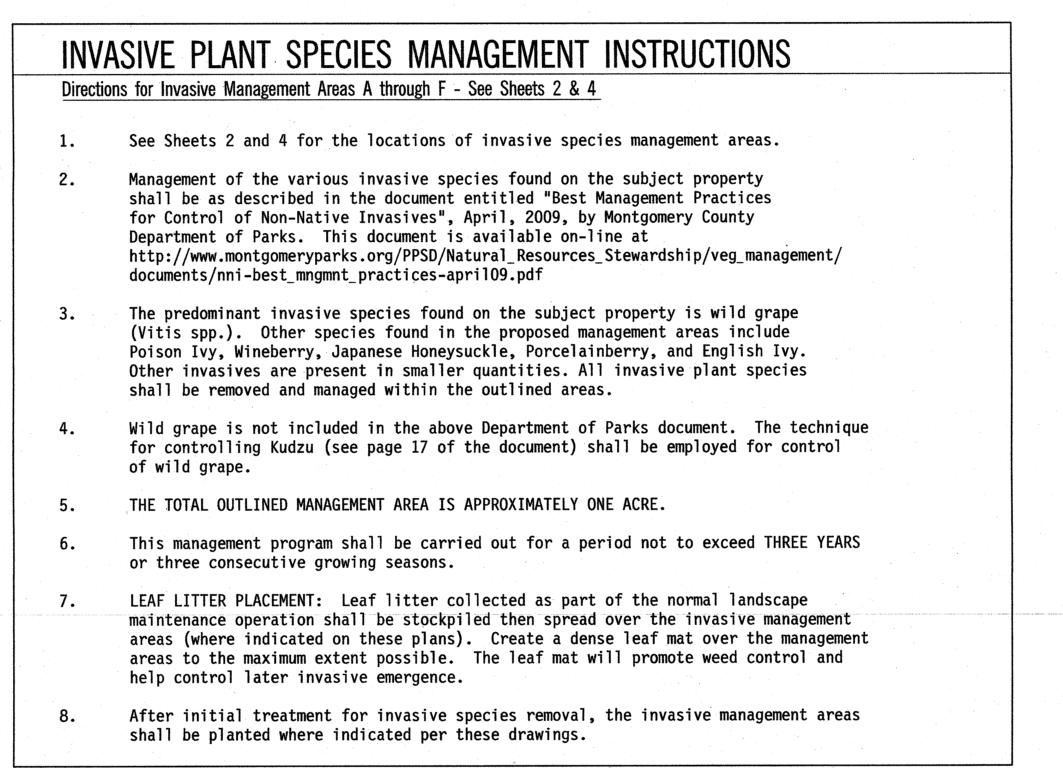
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TOTAL SHRUBS

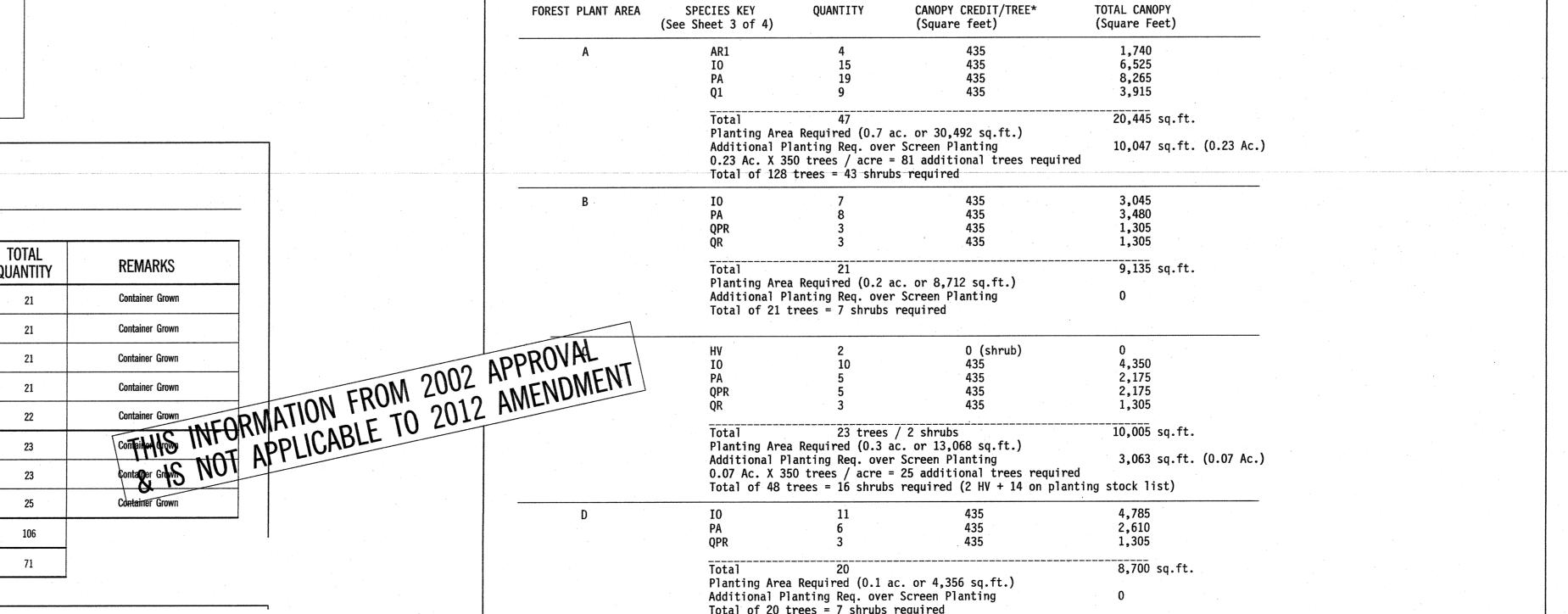




HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL PARCEL 2, BURNING TREE VALLEY PLAT No. 17150 BETHESDA (7th) ELECTION DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY. MARYLAND

FINAL FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN

1'' = 50'5 of 9 4/10/2013



SCREEN PLANTING CREDIT TOWARD REFORESTATION - FOREST PLANT AREAS "A" thru "D" Total of 20 trees = 7 shrubs required

SSI SITE SOLUTIONS INCORPORAT 20410 Observation Drive - Suite 205

QUANTITIES PER PLANTING AREA

Revise per coordination with M-NCPPC Staff 4/9/13 10/18/12 Revise per 9/24/12 M-NCPPC Staff comments Revise per 6/14/12 M-NCPPC Staff comments 7/10/12 7/9/12 Add Marker Post Detail

HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL 7303 RIVER ROAD BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20817-4697 301-365-5300 ATTN: ROD TURNBOUGH

OWNER:

1. Pre-Construction Meeting: After the Limits of Disturbance (LOD)have been staked and flagged, but before any clearing or grading begins, the applicant/owner must request a pre-construction meeting at the construction site. The attendees at this - the developer, contractor and/or project manager

- the on-site (subcontractor) foreman or superintendent in charge of land disturbing, clearing, sediment control - the tree professional contracted by the applicant/owner (if applicable) - the appropriate local inspectors

The purpose of the meeting will be to field verify the limits of clearing specified on the approved plans, authorize necessary adjustments, and approve installation of tree protection devices. Enforcement staff will also discuss the value and importance of the preservation areas and outline responsibilities and the possibility of violations and penalties. An additional inspection may be required after installation of protection devices and/or after initial clearing (if selective clearing is planned) BEFORE CONSTRUCTION IS AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN.

Trees along the edges of forest retention areas shall be evaluated by a qualified tree care professional to determine if they will experience more than 30% disturbance to their critical root zones, altered natural conditions, potential damage by construction activities, or possibly suffer severe weather conditions. - Root pruning shall be as noted on the plan / additional if directed by tree care professional

- Crown reduction, supplemental watering methods, additional fertilizing/feeding, and/or mulching (2-6 inches deep) shall be as recommended by tree care professional 3. The following activities shall NOT TAKE PLACE in forest retention areas:

siting or construction of utility lines

- construction of temporary or permanent access roads

 staging areas material storage areas

temporary parking

stormwater management areas

 impervious surfaces encroachment of any grading activities

. Tree protection devices shall be installed in accordance with the plan and details shown in these drawings.

. Periodic Construction Inspections: During the life of the project, enforcement staff will perform periodic inspections. The inspections shall typically take place during and just after the clearing has taken place, after major storm events, during and after trees have been newly planted, and in response to complaints from citizens. Enforcement staff will give written notice of any problems to the project manager who will be required to correct them in a timely manner. Recommendations from a qualified tree care professional may be required if inspection staff determined that such advice is necessary. FAILURE TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO WRITTEN NOTICE WILL CAUSE THE SITE TO BE PLACED

IN NON-COMPLIANCE STATUS AND PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED. Potential problems caused by construction impacts may include: - Dead, dying or hazardous trees or tree limbs

- Protective barriers in need of replacement or repair - Storage of material, stockpiles or trash in retention areas

- Excessive flooding or siltation of the retention areas

 OVERCLEARING 6. Project Completion:

An inspection should be requested after construction has been completed. At this time, enforcement staff may require that a qualified tree professional be consulted to evaluate the remaining trees and suggest corrective actions. When the problem is DIRECTLY RELATED to damage or impacts which occurred during the construction process, corrective action must be taken. These measures, which must be carried out by a qualified tree professional, include the following:

- removal of dead or dying trees - pruning of dead or declining limbs soil aeration

wound repair

- clean up of retention areas

7. Following the completion of all corrective measures, the applicant/owner will request an inspection by staff. The project inspector will inspect the entire site for compliance with the Forest Conservation Plan. The limits of disturbance (LOD) will be measured against those of the original plan. If any portion of the retention areas are found to be damaged or destroyed, or if trees have died due to negligence, a NONCOMPLIANCE FEE will be assessed per square foot of damaged or destroyed forest area. Penalties shall not apply to trees which are destroyed by natural causes. Noncompliance will also apply to areas where the temporary structures have not been removed and where trash or excessive silt layers are left in the retention areas.

Certification that corrective measures have been undertaken and that the remaining areas are likely to survive may be required by a qualified tree care professional hired by the applicant/owner. Upon receipt of this certification, authorization will be given to remove temporary protection structures.

8. After construction has been completed, it is necessary to remove all temporary structures such as roadways, short-term protection devices, and sediment control devices. During this stage, the following should be considered: - no burial of discarded materials will occur on-site

- no additional clearing or disturbance shall take place around the trees except by hand and as approved by a county official: hand removal of vines, excessive dead material and pre-existing trash may be permitted - no clearing for the purpose of sodding or planting grass shall be permitted within the forest conservation area

9. Extended Maintenance Phase: The extended maintenance phase begins when afforestation or reforestation areas are planted, or as specified in the approved construction timetable. THE APPLICANT/OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN PLANTED AREAS FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD. Ptotection measures such as signage or fencing may be needed during this two year period. At the end of this maintenance period, a final inspection shall be requested. Enforcement staff will authorize release of financial security after confirming that the site meets the survival requirement. If the survival rate falls below the survival requirements, the financial security will not be released until reinforcement planting has been provided.

The criteria for release of the security after the two year maintenance period includes: - 100 trees per acre or at least 75% of the total trees planted per acre (whichever is greater) must be alive

in areas of established forest cover, 75% of the shrubs must also be alive and in good condition after two years

"MISS UTILITY" 1-800-257-7777 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXCAVATION

DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATE

Developer's Name

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Contact Person or Owner: Rod Turnbough, Facilities Director
Printed Name

BEFORE BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION

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Acer rubrum

Quercus rubra

Lindera benzoin

Liriodendron tulipifera

Vaccinium vacillans

Viburnum acerifolium

BOTANICAL NAME

Area B Area C Area D QUANTITY

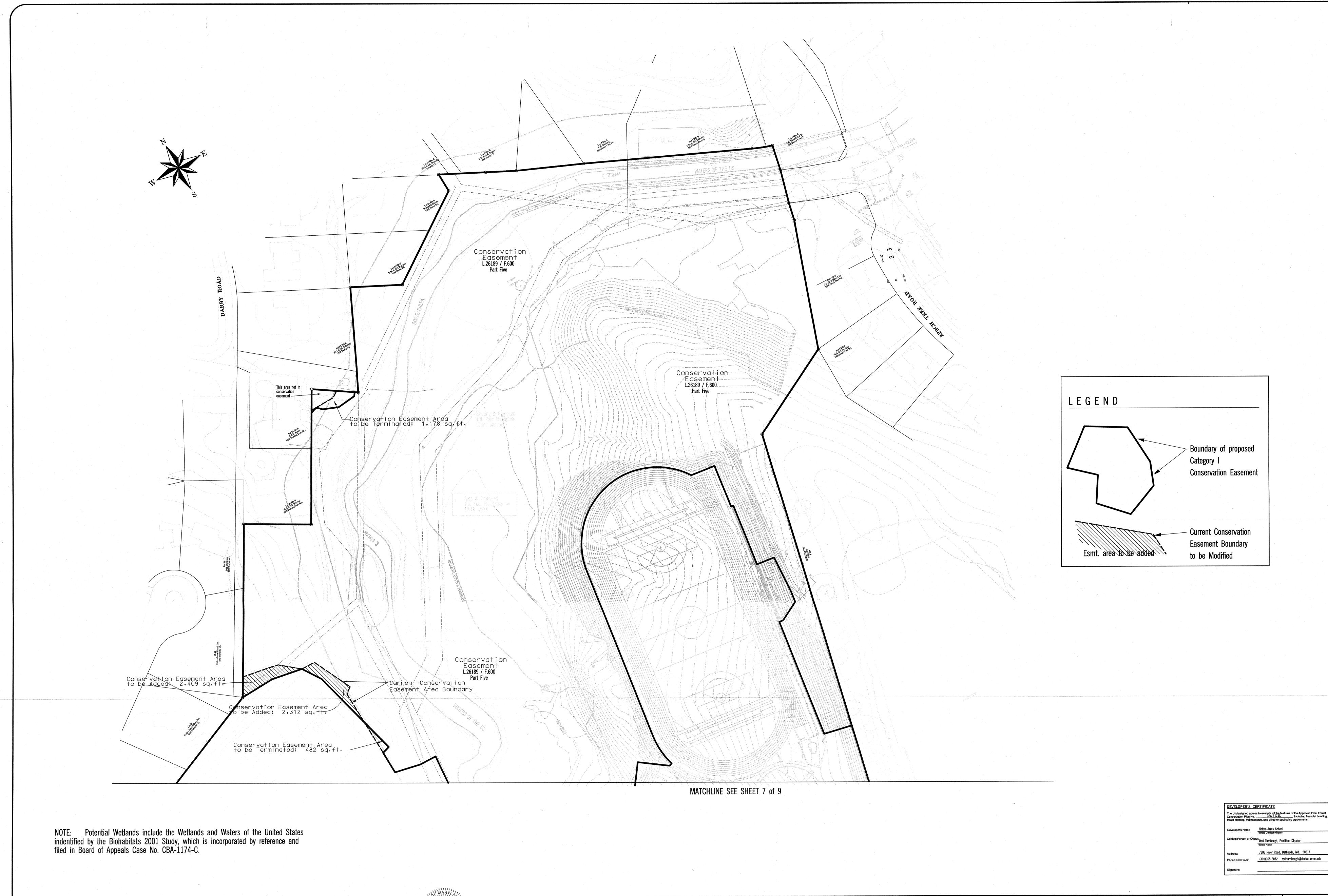
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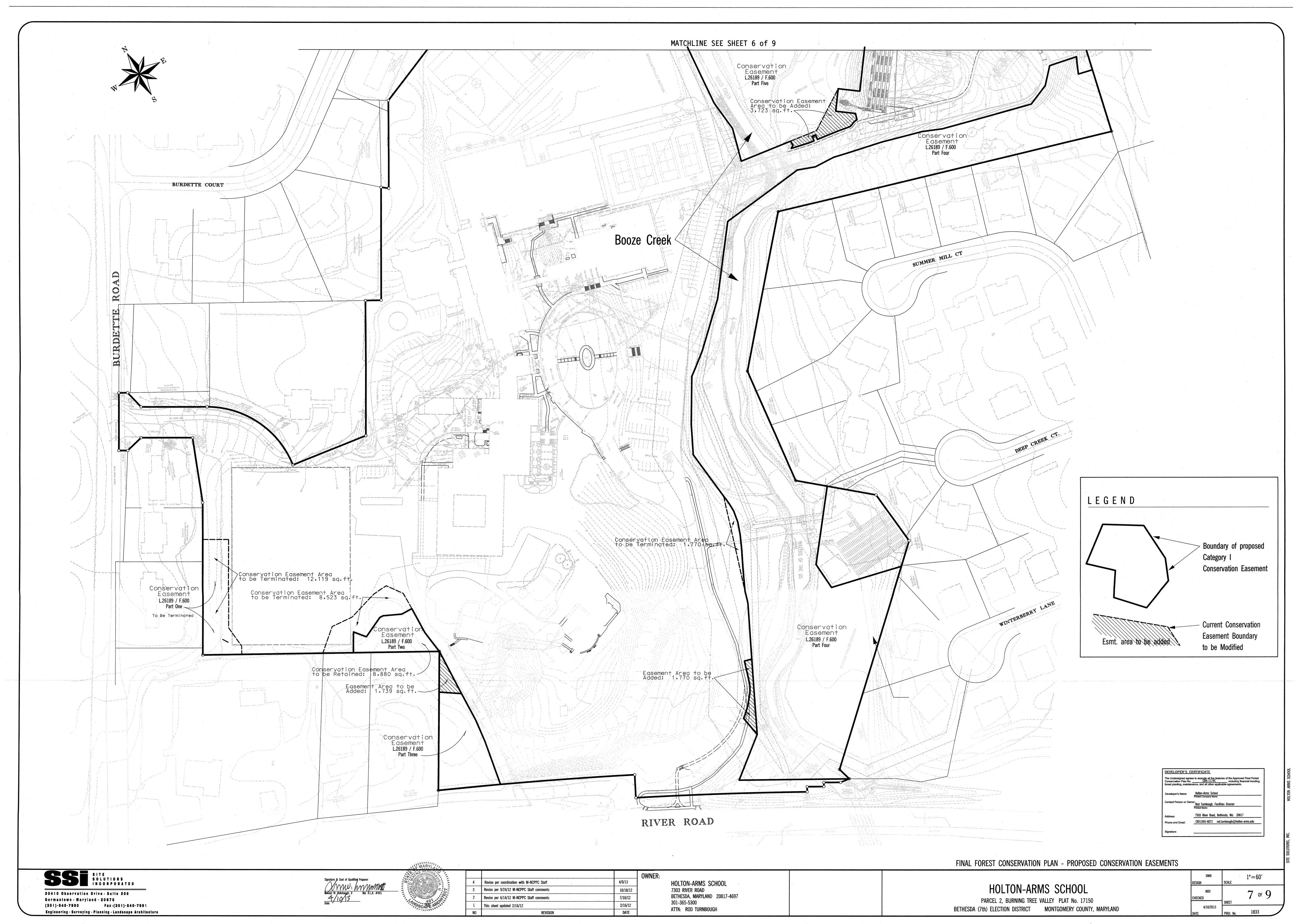
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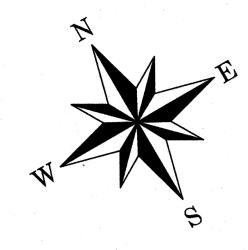
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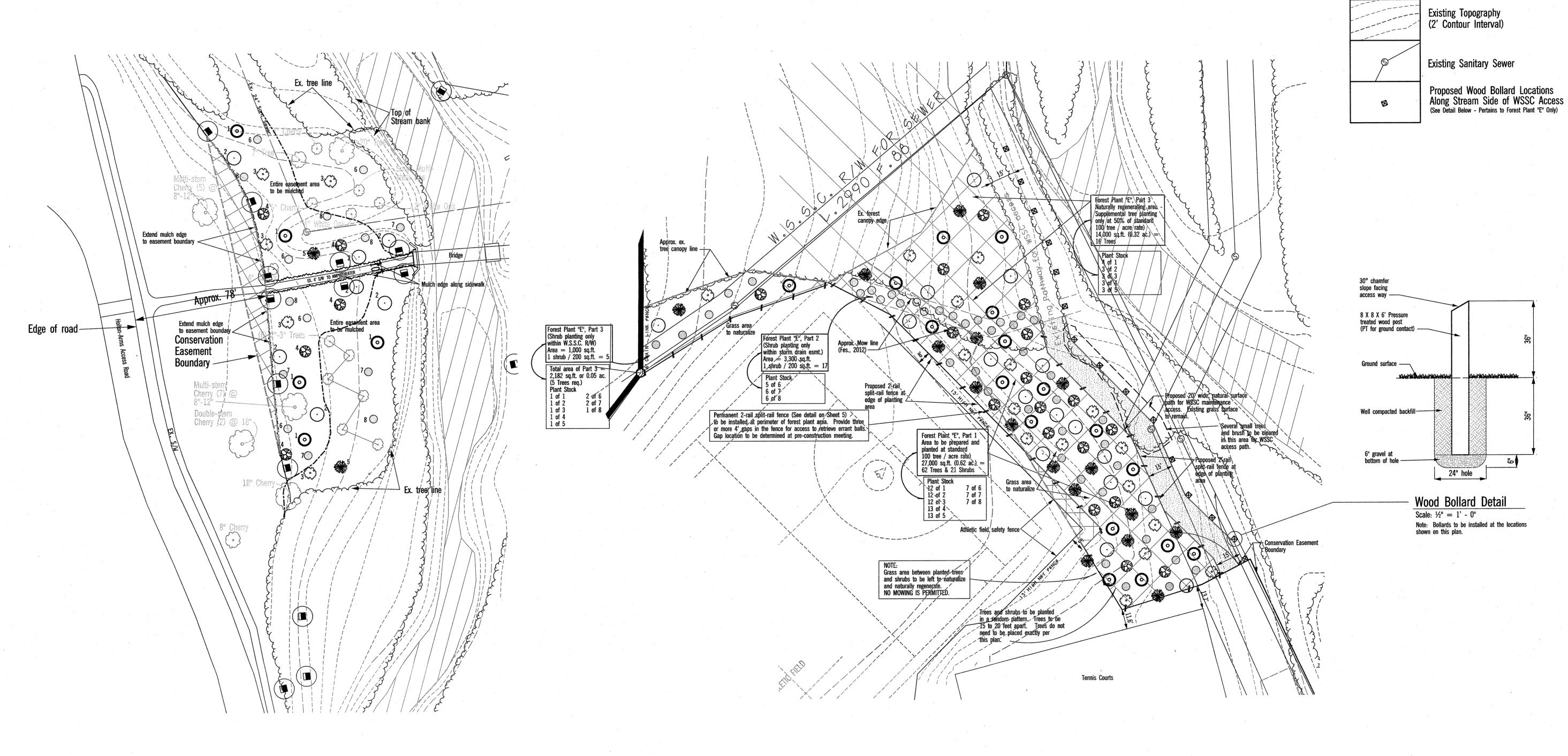
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FINAL FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN - PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

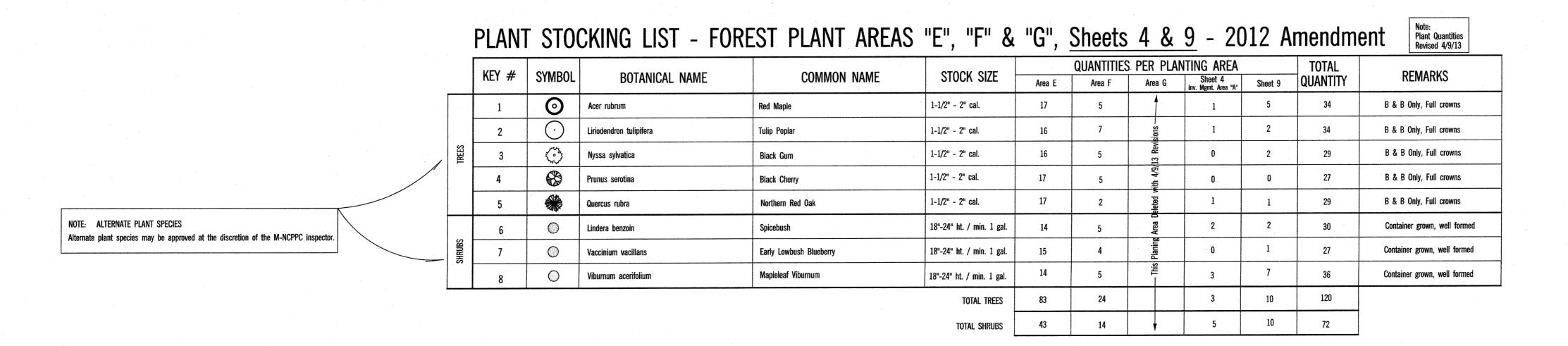
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AMENDED FOREST PLANT "E" SCALE: 1" = 30'



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Developer's Name Holton-Arms School Printed Company Name

Contact Person or Owner: Rod Turnbough, Facilities Director Printed Name

Address: 7303 River Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Phone and Email: (301)365-6072 rod.turnbough@holton-arms.edu

Legend For All Plans, This Sheet

Easement Area to be Terminated

Individual Trees to be Planted (See Plant Stocking List, below)

Individual Shrubs to be Planted (See Plant Stocking List, below)

Existing Tree Canopy Edge

Forest Plant Area

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Signature & Seal of Qualified Preparer

Donald W. Rohrbaugh, II Md. R.L.A. #491

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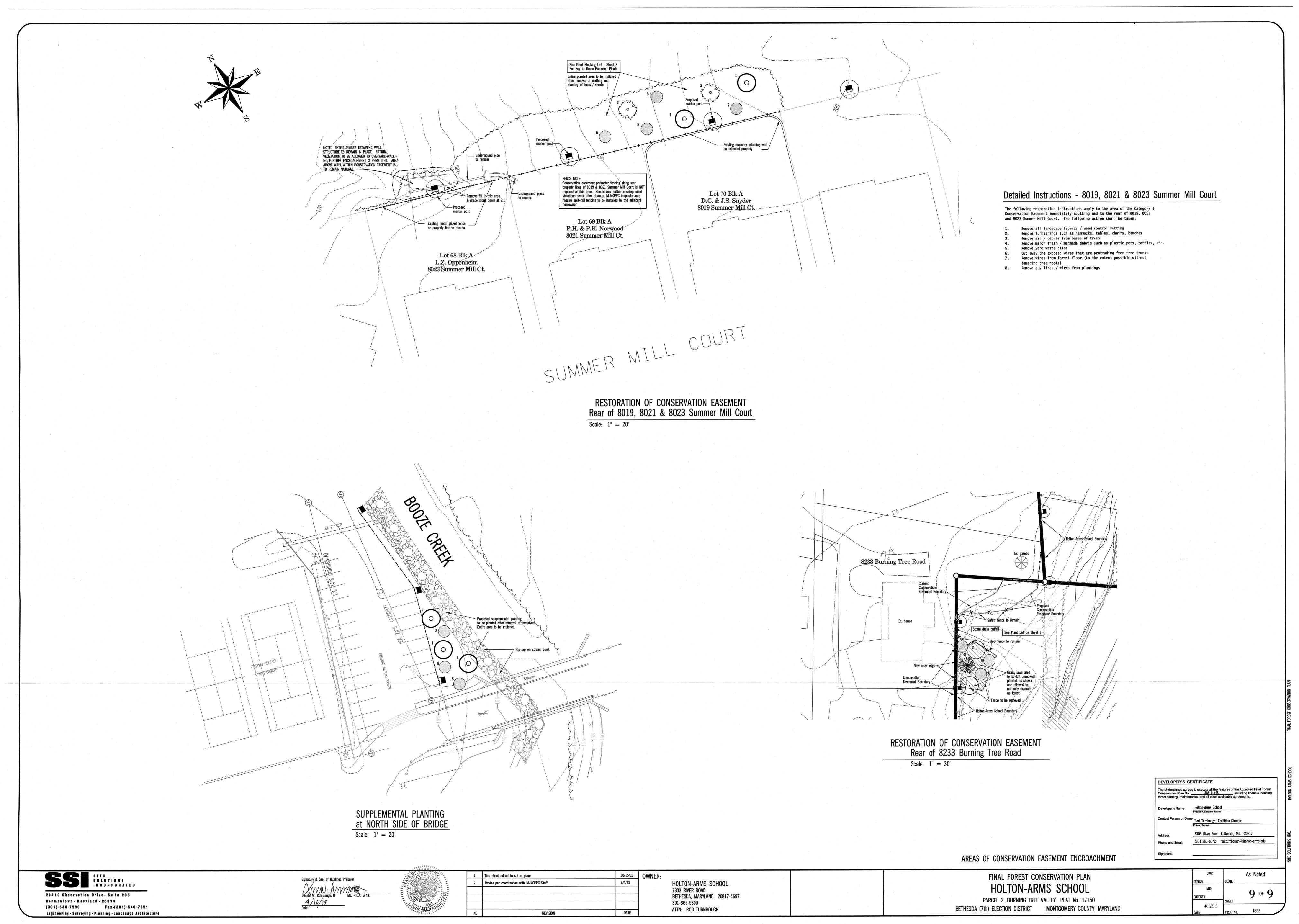
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HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

PARCEL 2, BURNING TREE VALLEY PLAT No. 17150

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## Administrative Citation Forest Conservation

# The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission vs.

Name: Rodney	lurnbough
Company/Position: First Holton - Arms School Middle Oirector	of facilities Last
Address: 303 River Boad Arthesda MD 20811  Phone Number: 301-365-6072 Fax Number:	Email: rod. turnbough & no ton-arms.
Location and Description of Violation:  Address/location of site:  and category conservation Pasements	Goad Bethesda MD 2081)
Pursuant of the M-NCPPC's authority under Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code, it is formally charge	d that the above named defendant on _06/22/10
- (date) at the stated site location did commit the following:  Failure to comply with the conditions of cevis  #CBA-1114C Signed and approved by MNCF	sed final forest conservation plan
In violation of:  Montgomery County Code, Ghapter 22A  Approval of Final Folkst Plan No. # CRA-1114 Other:	·
Civil Fine and Compliance:  1. (a) Day You shall pay a fine of \$	remedial action listed below date). The daily fine shall accrue (until the original
fine is paid.  2.  You shall pay a daily fine of \$ until the remedial action listed below is comp completion of all remedial action.	leted. This fine shall be paid within 15 days of
Checks should be made payable to M-NCPPC and shall be paid during normal business hours at the information Office located at 8787 Georgia Avenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-495-4610. Failure to comply we proceedings and/or issuance of additional citations including additional fines. You may also request a hearing be you elect to request a hearing, you must notify the M-NCPPC Office of the General Counsel, in writing, at 8787 within 15 days of the citation.	ith this citation may result in further enforcement fore the Planning Board or the Board's designee. If
Remedial Action:  1. Comply with all of the conditions set for conservation plan # CBA 11740 for the this at least includes the legal regarding of abandoning of set greas of easement and the area k plus planting of area // Care area // Car	th on the revised that frest is tower school field? A parot currection with the recording of forest plant installation of casement Marker  5,00  a day until work is completed.
2. You have violated Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code, and may be subject to an Administrative	Civil Penalty and additional corrective measures.
Acknowledgment:  I sign my name as a receipt of a copy of this Citation and not as an admission of guilt. I will comply with the request a hearing for the offense(s) charged. If I do not exercise my right to a hearing, I agree to entry by the country by the cou	uirements set forth in this Citation. I have a right to rt judgment on affidavit for the amount of the fine.
Defendant's Signature	6-27-W Date
Affirmation: I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, and upon personal knowledge or based on the affidavit, that the knowledge, information and beliefland that tam competent to testify on these matters.	06/22/2010
Stocker Peck 31-40	Date 4 GLH
Print Name: Phone Number: Phone Number:	



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Don Rohrbaugh Site Solutions Incorporated 20410 Observation Drive, Suite 205 Germantown, Maryland 20876

July 23, 2009

Subject: Pre-submission of final Forest Conservation Plan Amendment CBA-1174C-Holton Arms School

Dear Mr. Rohrbaugh:

This letter is to inform you that the pre-submission of an amendment to final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP) No. CBA-1174C Holton Arms School, has been reviewed. The proposed drainage swale is shown in an existing Category I Conservation Easement previously established at the site. Therefore, the proposal represents encroachment into the easement.

The Montgomery County Planning Board must review the proposed encroachment with a limited amendment to the preliminary plan including the Final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP) at a public hearing. Please contact Ms. Cathy Conlon, Subdivision Section Supervisor, for the preliminary plan amendment requirements. In the submission of the materials for this request, include a completed FCP amendment application and the required review fee. The FCP application is available on the Department's web site at: www:MontgomeryPlanning.org.

If you have any questions about these comments about the FCP amendment process, please contact me at (301) 495-4551 or electronically at lori.shirley@mncppc-mc.org.

Sincerely

Lori Shirley

Planner Coordinator

**Environmental Planning Division** 

Cc:

Cathy Conlon, Montgomery County Planning Department, Acting Subdivision Section

Supervisor

Mike Devine, Site Solutions Incorporated CBA-1174C – Holton Arms School file

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