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Charles W. Woodward High School, Final Forest Conservation Plan, MR2020022

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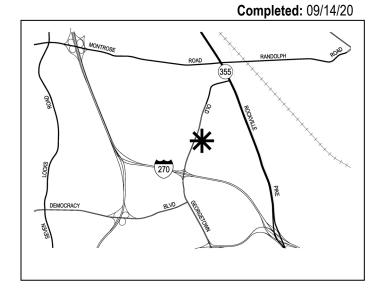
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Description

- Final Forest Conservation Plan associated with the Mandatory Referral for the construction of the Charles W. Woodward High School; requesting to clear 2.68 acres forest and a variance request to remove and impact specimen trees;
- 11211 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville MD;
- 27.31 acres zoned R-90;
- 1992 North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan;
- Applicant: Montgomery County Public Schools;
- Filing date: April 27, 2020.



Summary

- Staff recommends approval with conditions.
- Staff has received community correspondence regarding the north parking lot placement, location of the Phase 2 stadium, and tree removal for this Application.
- The Applicant has received approval of a Stormwater Management Concept and confirmed the final limits of disturbance.
- Staff recommends approval of the Variance request to remove 27 trees and impact, but save, 4 additional trees.
- The Applicant must provide the trail connection to Timberlawn Local Park to justify the removal of Tree No.17 per Phase 1, with the final location of the trail to be confirmed by the M-NCPPC Parks Department during the Park Permit approval process.
- Pursuant to Chapter 22A of the County Code, the Planning Board's actions on Forest Conservation Plans are regulatory and binding.

INTRODUCTION

The Final Forest Conservation Plan is limited to Phases 0 and 1, with Phase 2 anticipated at a later date. The Planning Board action on the Forest Conservation Plan is regulatory and binding.

RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS

Staff recommends approval of Final Forest Conservation Plan No. MR2020022, subject to the following regulatory and binding conditions:

- 1. Prior to issuance of a building permit for this development Application, the Applicant must record an M-NCPPC approved Certificate of Compliance in an M-NCPPC approved off-site forest bank within the Lower Rock Creek or Cabin John watershed to satisfy the reforestation requirement for a total of **6.82** acres of mitigation credit. The offsite requirement may be met by purchasing from a mitigation bank elsewhere in the County, subject to Staff approval, if forest is unavailable for purchase within the Lower Rock Creek or Cabin John watershed.
- 2. The Limits of Disturbance on the Sediment Control Plan must be consistent with the Limits of Disturbance as shown on the approved Final Forest Conservation Plan to be approved by the Planning Board.
- 3. The Applicant must provide the trail connection to Timberlawn Local Park to justify the removal of Tree No.17 per Phase 1, with the final location of the trail to be confirmed by the M-NCPPC Parks Department during the Park Permit approval process.
- 4. The Final Forest Conservation Plan must show the planting locations of at least 145 total caliper inches of native shade trees, each at least three inches caliper, to mitigate the removal of 579 inches of specimen trees. The planting locations must be approved by Planning staff. All trees to be planted as mitigation for trees protected under Section 22A-12 must be planted prior to issuance of the Use and Occupancy Certificate of Phase 1.
- 5. All trees credited towards variance mitigation must be at least five (5) feet away from any structures, stormwater management facilities, PIEs, PUEs, ROWs, utility lines, and/or their associated easements.
- 6. The Applicant must comply with all tree protection and tree save measures shown on the approved Final Forest Conservation Plan. Tree save measures not specified on the Final Forest Conservation Plan may be required by the M-NCPPC Forest Conservation Inspector.
- 7. Prior to any demolition or land disturbing activities, the Applicant must hold a pre-construction meeting with the M-NCPPC Forest Conservation Inspector.
- 8. The Certified Final Forest Conservation Plans must include an updated worksheet to show 2.68 acres of forest being cleared.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site of the future Charles W. Woodward High School is located at 11211 Old Georgetown Road in Rockville, Maryland. The Property, owned by the Board of Education, is comprised of a parcel that is approximately 27.31 acres. The Property is bounded by Old Georgetown Road to the west, Cedarwood Drive and M-NCPPC property (Timberlawn Local Park) to the south, residential properties to the east, and the County-owned Edson Lane property and residential properties to the north. The Property is currently developed with Tilden Middle School, as well as athletic fields, tennis courts, parking for the school, and an existing cellular tower. The site slopes down from west to east and has a drop in elevation of approximately thirty (30) feet. The Property has no streams, wetlands, floodplains or associated buffers but has 2.68 acres of high priority forest. The property is located in both the Lower Rock Creek and Cabin John watersheds, with the majority of the property located in the Lower Rock Creek watershed.



Figure 1: Site Vicinity



Figure 2: Subject Property

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of the Project is to provide a new facility for the re-opening of the Charles W. Woodward High School in the fall of 2025. Before the school opens at Woodward High School it will be a temporary holding space for Northwood High School from September 2023 through June 2025 as Northwood High School undergoes reconstruction.

The Project will be implemented in three (3) phases, as summarized below:

- Phase 0 includes demolition of the existing Tilden Middle School building and construction of sediment control basins for entire site, sized for all phases of work.
- Phase 1 includes the construction of a comprehensive high school with tennis and basketball courts as well as parking for cars and buses.
- Phase 2 includes additional parking in a parking structure, full athletic facilities, and an addition to the school building for a special core program.

This Final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP) only includes the work associated with Phase 0 (demolition) and Phase 1 (construction). A separate Mandatory Referral application as well as a new NRI and either an amended FFCP or a new FFCP will be required for Phase 2, and submitted separately at a later date.

This Final Forest Conservation Plan shows removal of 2.68 acres of high priority forest and impacts to thirty-one (31) specimen trees. Twenty-seven (27) of the impacted trees with a DBH of 30" or greater are proposed for removal. Due to the topography of the site, several retaining walls are also needed.

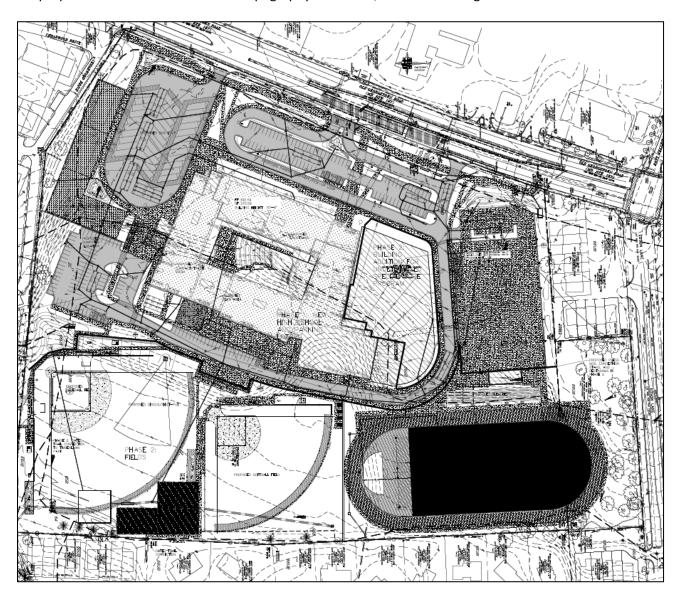


Figure 3: Phase 2 Recreational Field Concept

SUMMARY OF ISSUES ADDRESSED FROM PRELIMINARY FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN

The Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan (PFCP) was reviewed by the Planning Board on July 23, 2020. During the review of the PFCP, the Planning Board expressed concern that the Stormwater Management Concept was not approved, which could alter the final limits of disturbance (LOD). Since the July 23 Planning Board hearing, the Applicant has worked with Parks staff and Planning staff to address a number of items that were unresolved when previously presented to the Planning Board.

The first item that has been resolved is that the Applicant has received approval of a Stormwater Management Concept and confirmed the final limits of disturbance. The second item that has been resolved is that the Applicant has also worked with Planning staff and Parks staff to provide a trail connection between Timberlawn Local Park and the subject Property as well as enhance the tree plantings along the Old Georgetown Road frontage, consistent with the Green Corridors Policy included in the 1992 North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan.

The remainder of this staff report describes the Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan (PFCP) conditions and the revisions included within the Final Forest Conservation Plan (FFCP), submitted September 1, 2020.

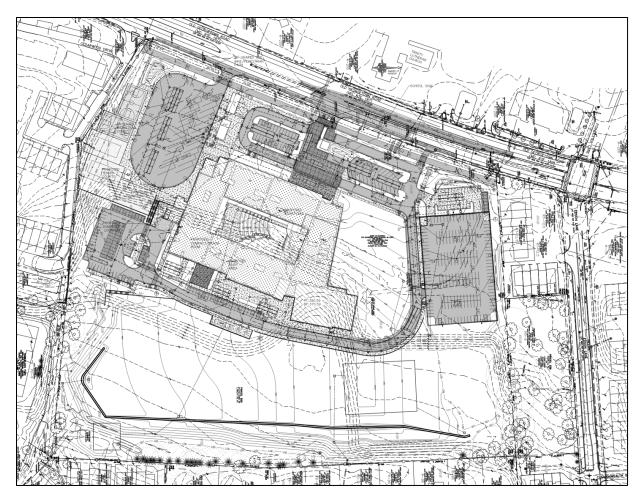


Figure 3: Updated Mandatory Referral Plans - Phases 0 and 1

The revisions to the FFCP are discussed in greater detail in the following points:

- 1. The Limits of Disturbance (LOD) shown on the Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan (PFCP) was larger than necessary for the demolition and construction shown on the associated Mandatory Referral. The FFCP provides an accurate LOD and Tree Variance request for the disturbance that corresponds to Phase 0 and Phase 1.
- 2. The Applicant has provided an approved Stormwater Management Concept letter dated August 5, 2020 from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MCDPS). The LOD reflects the locations of facilities shown on the Final Forest Conservation Plan. The Stormwater Management Concept approval identifies the need for a Park Permit for Phase 1.
- 3. The Applicant has agreed to provide the pedestrian trail connection from the school Property to Timberlawn Local Park in Phase 1. This improvement is now shown on the FFCP. This trail connection necessitates the removal of Variance Tree No. 17.
- 4. The LOD as shown on the FFCP includes Phases 0 and 1 and a portion of Phase 2. All areas within the LOD are tied to the sediment control permit for Phases 0 and 1 and not for future construction associated with Phase 2.

The remainder of this staff report will provide further details regarding the review and approval of the FFCP.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Planning Staff has received correspondence regarding concerns associated with the FFCP. The community has expressed concerns regarding the removal of trees along the northern boundary of the site for the proposed parking structure associated with Phase 2. Further description of this area is in the <u>Variance Request section</u> (page 10) of this report.

The community also raised a concern regarding the maintenance of a nest of chimney swifts that currently live in the old Tilden Middle School building (to be demolished). Though it is not an issue for the FFCP, Planning staff suggested the Applicant pursue establishing a nesting structure somewhere onsite to encourage the chimney swifts to maintain their habitat on the site. The Applicant has acknowledged the concern and stated they could not accommodate this request within their program.

The community also raised concerns regarding the design and location of the future stadium, anticipated with Phase 2. They have expressed concerns with the approach to discuss the issues related to the stadium at a later phase and felt it is more pertinent to determine the best location (on site or offsite) as a part of Phase 1 to ensure the most feasible option for the community and the Applicant. The location of the stadium does not impact this Final Forest Conservation Plan, however the location will affect the Mandatory Referral associated with Phase 2 of this project. The Applicant has determined to delay consideration of the athletic fields and associated limits of disturbance to a subsequent Mandatory Referral.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Environmental Guidelines

Staff approved a Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation (NRI/FSD # 420200230) for the Subject Property on October 4, 2019. The Property includes two forest stands for a total of 2.68 acres of forest onsite. There are some steep grades on the north-eastern and southern sides of the Property; some of the moderate slopes are on erodible soils. The site contains no wetlands, streams or stream buffers, critical habitats, or cultural features. The NRI/FSD does not include the "Edson Property," a forested 1.75-acre parcel north of the Property, which will be included in Phase 2 (see Attachment 1 for NRI).



Figure 5: Edson Property

Forest Conservation

The Property is subject to the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law (Chapter 22A of the County Code). The Property has 2.68 acres of forest, all of which is categorized as being the highest priority for retention due to the presence of slopes greater than 25 percent and the presence of numerous specimen trees, per COMCOR 22A.00.01.07.

The Applicant has proposed to remove 2.68 acres of forest onsite in Phases 0 and 1. The resulting forest mitigation requirement of 6.82 acres will be met by providing equivalent credit in an approved off-site forest mitigation bank. The mitigation must occur in the same watershed as the school location. Since

the school Property is located in both the Lower Rock Creek and Cabin Branch watersheds, the mitigation must occur in either of those watersheds. If there are no approved mitigation banks in either of those watersheds, then the Applicant could use any mitigation bank elsewhere in the county. There also will be impacts to thirty-one (31) specimen trees. Twenty-seven (27) of the specimen trees are to be removed.

The Applicant has provided appropriate justification to justify the impacts/removals of the variance tree impacts associated with Phases 0 and 1. Since the Stormwater Management Concept is now approved, staff can confirm if the impacts to the variance trees are associated with the proposed stormwater management sediment control infrastructure.

At the July 23 Planning Board hearing for the PFCP, there were conditions of approval requiring adjustments to the plan. These adjustments are reflected in the submitted FFCP.

Variance Request

Section 22A-12(b) (3) of Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law provides criteria that identify certain individual trees as high priority for retention and protection. Any impact to these trees, including removal of the subject tree or disturbance within the tree's critical root zone (CRZ) requires a variance. An applicant for a variance must provide certain written information in support of the required findings in accordance with Section 22A-21 of the County Forest Conservation Law. The law requires no impact to trees that: measure 30 inches or greater, DBH; are part of a historic site or designated with a historic structure; are designated as a national, State, or County champion tree; are at least 75 percent of the diameter of the current State champion tree of that species; or trees, shrubs, or plants that are designated as Federal or State rare, threatened, or endangered species.

On August 25, 2020, the Applicant submitted an amended variance request in association with the FFCP (see Attachment 4. As stated, the Project will require disturbance of the root zones of a total of thirty-one (31) specimen trees. Twenty-seven (27) of the impacted trees will be required to be removed and are considered high priority for retention under Section 22A-12(b) (3) of the County Forest Conservation Law.

Table 1: Applicant's Tree Variance Table

	TREE VARIANCE TABLE											
Tree	Species	Species	D.B.H	CRZ	IMPACT	IMPACTS	Tree	Comments	Status	Variance	Mitigation	Impact Comments
#	(Scientific Name)	(Common Name)	(inches)	(SF)	(SF)	(%)	Condition					
1	QUERCUS PALUSTRIS	PIN OAK	36	9161	9161	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, OHW	REMOVE	YES	YES	SIDEWALK CONNECTION
2	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	40	11310	11310	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, SPLIT @ 5'	REMOVE	YES	YES	SIDEWALK CONNECTION & PARKING LOT REMOVAL
3	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	32	7238	7238	100	GOOD	SPLIT @ 6"	REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
4	MORUS RUBRA	RED MULBERRY	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
5	MORUS RUBRA	RED MULBERRY	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
6	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	35.5	8908	8908	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS	REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED UTILITIES & RETAINING WALLS
7	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	38.5	10477	10477	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED UTILITY, GRADING & RETAINING WALL
8	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	50	17671	17671	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
9	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	38	10207	10207	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
10	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
11	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	42	12469	12469	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED PARKING LOT & GRADING
12	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	40	11310	11310	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED PARKING LOT & GRADING
14	ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	45	14314	1276	9	GOOD		SAVEPROTECT	YES	NO	PROPOSED SEWER UTILITY & GRADING
15	PRUNUS SEROTINA	BLACK CHERRY	30	6362	605	10	GOOD		SAVEPROTECT	YES	NO	PROPOSED SEWER UTILITY & GRADING
17	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	50	17671	17671	100	GOOD	SPLIT @ 5'	REMOVE	YES	YES	PROPOSED SEWER CONNECTION
22	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	8171	8171	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED STORM STRUCTURE & GRADING
30	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	30	6362	445	7	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	GRADING
37	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	31	6793	2379	35	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	MAJOR AMOUNT OF GRADING
38	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	31	6793	2191	32	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	MAJOR AMOUNT OF GRADING
49	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITEOAK	41	11882	2137	18	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
50	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
51	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
52	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
53	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
54A	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	8171	8171	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
54B	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	8171	8171	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
57	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PROPOSED DRIVE AISLE
59	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITEOAK	44	13685	13685	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	EXISTING SCHOOL DEMO, PROPOSED DRIVE AISLE
60	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	32	7238	7238	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL
61	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD	TRIPLE@5	REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL
62	PINUS STROBUS	WHITEPINE	35	8659	8659	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL

Staff continues to recommend the Planning Board grant variance approval for the removal of tree numbers 57, 59, 60, 61, and 62 (see Figures 6 & 7). No alternative design will avoid the removal of the trees within the center of the Property.

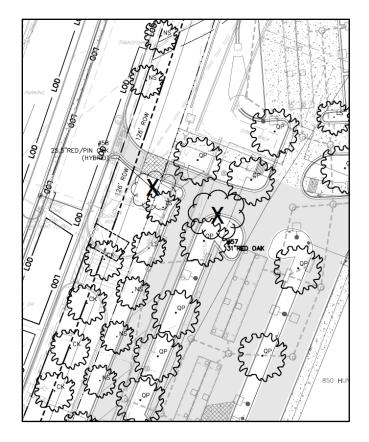


Figure 6: Plan Sheet L-1.4

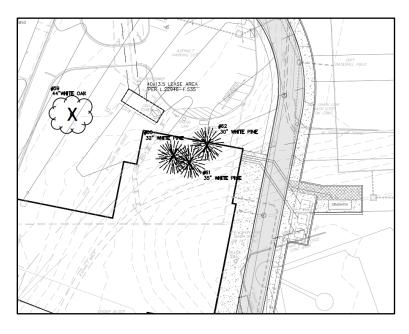


Figure 7: Plan Sheet L-1.1 part 1

Variance tree numbers 37 and 38 are located on the eastern boundary adjacent to existing single-family homes (see Figure 8). The impact to these trees is due to significant grading associated with the site development. Staff supports this requested variance.

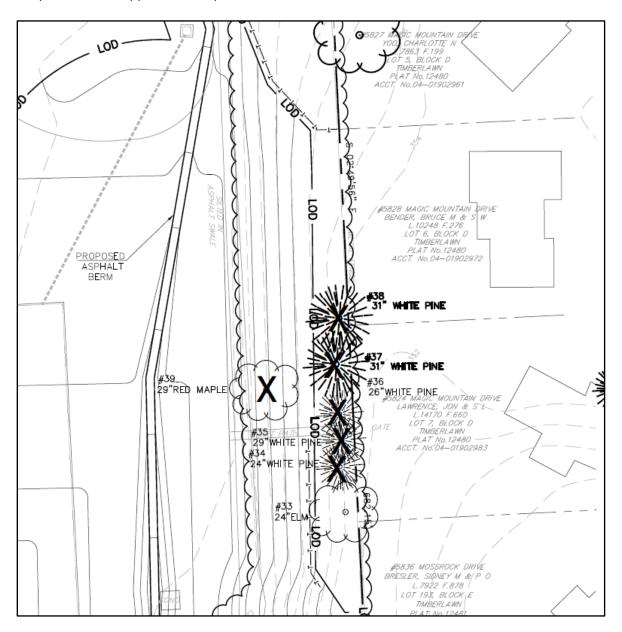


Figure 8: Plan Sheet L-1.1 part 2

Variance trees numbers 50, 51, 52, 53, 54a, and 54b are located along the northern boundary and are proposed for removal to create the proposed parking lot (see Figure 10). The community raised concerns regarding tree removal along this portion of the site. Planning Staff supports this request due to the need for parking facilities associated with development of the school program. In addition, leaving these trees with a high level of impact to the critical root zone of each tree could result in an ensuing hazardous condition as some of the trees are highly susceptible to construction impacts.

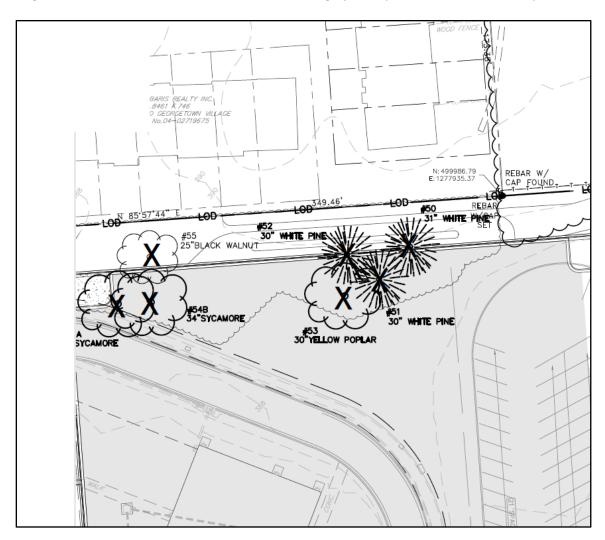


Figure 10: Plan Sheet L-1.1 part 4

Variance trees number 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are located on the southern boundary (see Figure 11). Planning staff understands these trees will impacted due to proposed retaining walls, grading and electric utilities. Planning Staff recommends approval to impacts to these trees.

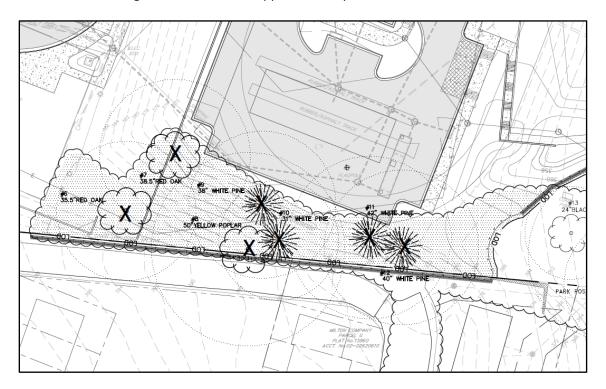


Figure 11: Plan Sheet L-1.2 part 1

Variance tree number 17 is located on the southern boundary of the Property, in a location proposed for a sewer connection and pedestrian path to connect to Timberlawn Local Park (see Figure 12) as a part of a Park Permit process. Planning staff supports the sewer connection and path to impact Variance tree number 17.

Variance tree number 22 (see Figure 12) is being removed due a proposed storm drain structure and grading constraint. Planning staff support this request.

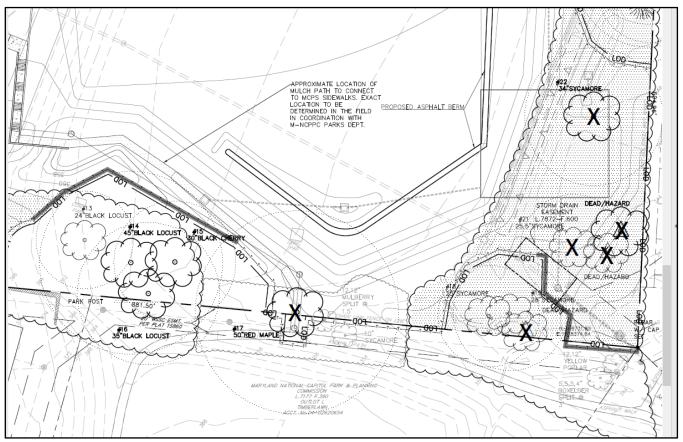


Figure 12: 4Plan Sheet L-1.2 part 2

Variance trees number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are located on the southeastern boundary corner (see Figure 13). These trees are located in an area with grade constraints and the Applicant proposes to provide retaining walls and a sidewalk connection into the site. Planning staff support this request to remove these trees.

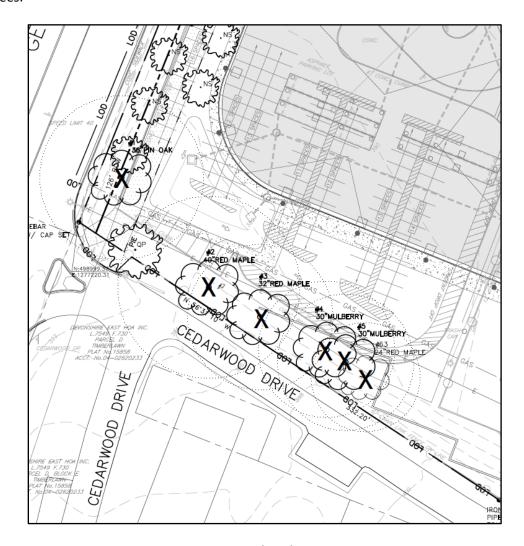


Figure 13: 5Plan Sheet L-1.3

Unwarranted Hardship

Per Section 22A-21, a variance may only be granted if the Planning Board finds that leaving the requested trees in an undisturbed state will result in unwarranted hardship. While the Property is sizable in developable acreage, it is also challenging due to existing grading and slopes along the edges.

The proposed school building will be constructed in the center of the Property. The proposed arrangement of site elements prioritizes the separation of car and school bus traffic to optimize pick-up and drop-off activities, and to treat stormwater run-off on-site. Development is generally confined to areas outside of the forest.

Most of the variance trees are along the perimeter of the Subject Property, except for trees number. 57, 59, 60, 61 and 62, which are located within the center of the Subject Property.

Leaving the requested trees in an undisturbed state would result in an unwarranted hardship because the Applicant could not remove the existing features or build a larger and modern school with necessary additional capacity to serve the community, new recreation facilities built to current state standards, separated student drop-off areas, site grading and stormwater management facilities.

Variance Findings

The following findings are required for the Planning Board to approve the variance request:

1. Granting the variance will not confer on the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants.

Removal of and disturbance to the trees is due to the need for the construction of a new high school to serve the public. Granting this variance will not confer a special privilege on the Applicant as disturbance of the specified trees is a result of the need to reconfigure the Property while minimizing impacts to the forest. Redevelopment of the Subject Property is a continuation of an existing permitted use.

2. The need for the variance is not based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of the actions by the applicant.

The requested variance is not based on conditions or circumstances that are the result of actions by the Applicant. The variance is necessary due to the need to address stormwater runoff on-site and the requirements to reconstruct new facilities.

3. The need for the variance is not based on a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on a neighboring property.

The requested variance is a result of the location of trees on the Subject Property and the impacts by the proposed layout with the school building, and not a result of characteristics or conditions of land or building use on a neighboring property.

4. Granting the variance will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.

Tree removals have been minimized by compact design of the layout ensuring the preservation of as many specimen trees as possible. In addition, this property will be developed in accordance with the latest Maryland Department of the Environment criteria for stormwater management. This includes Environmental Site Design to provide for protecting the natural resources to the Maximum Extent Practicable. This includes limiting the impervious areas and providing on-site stormwater management systems. Additional improvements to the property include control of erosion and outfall stabilization. The specimen trees being removed outside of forest areas will be mitigated by the planting of 49 three-inch caliper trees on-site. In time, the canopy growth of the new trees will replace the water quality form and function of the trees proposed for removal. Specimen trees being removed as part of the overall forest removal are

included in the mitigation for the forest removal. Therefore, the proposed activity will not degrade the water quality of the downstream areas and will not result in measurable degradation in water quality.

County Arborist's Recommendation on the Variance

In accordance with Montgomery County Code Section 22A-21(c), the Planning Department is required to refer a copy of the variance request to the County Arborist in the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection for a recommendation prior to acting on the request. As of the date of this staff report, the County Arborist has not submitted correspondence regarding the variance request with mitigation.

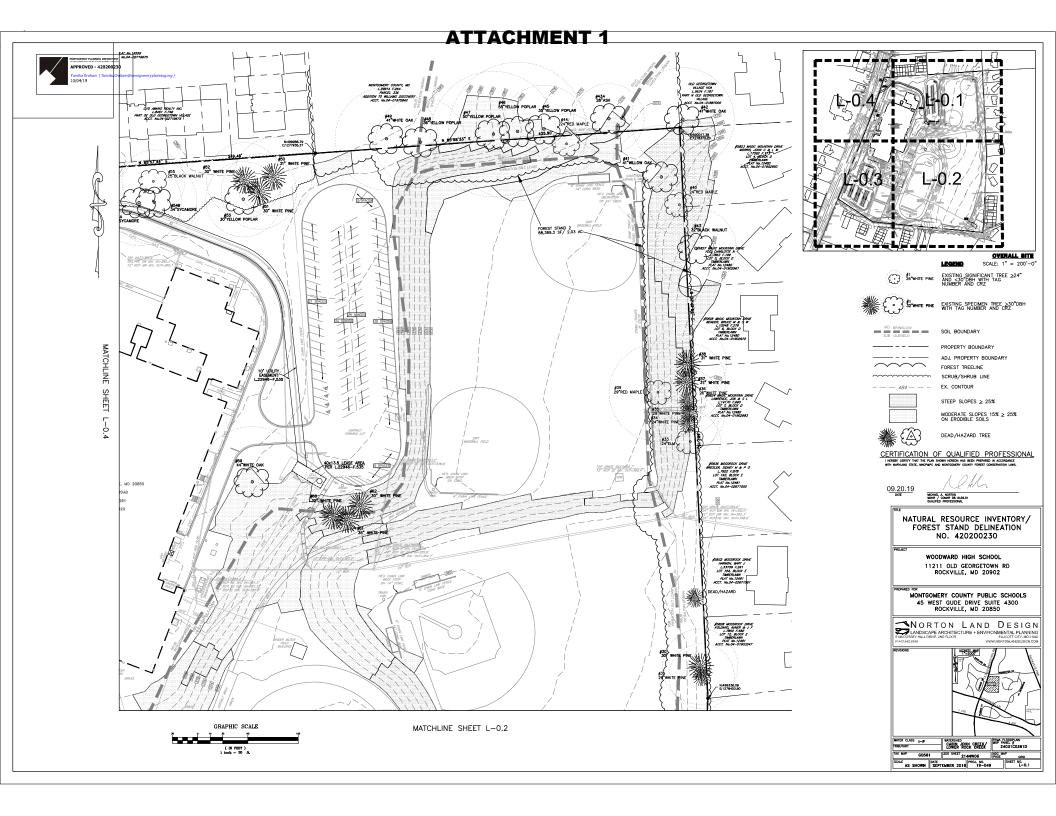
Variance Recommendation
Staff recommends that the variance be granted.

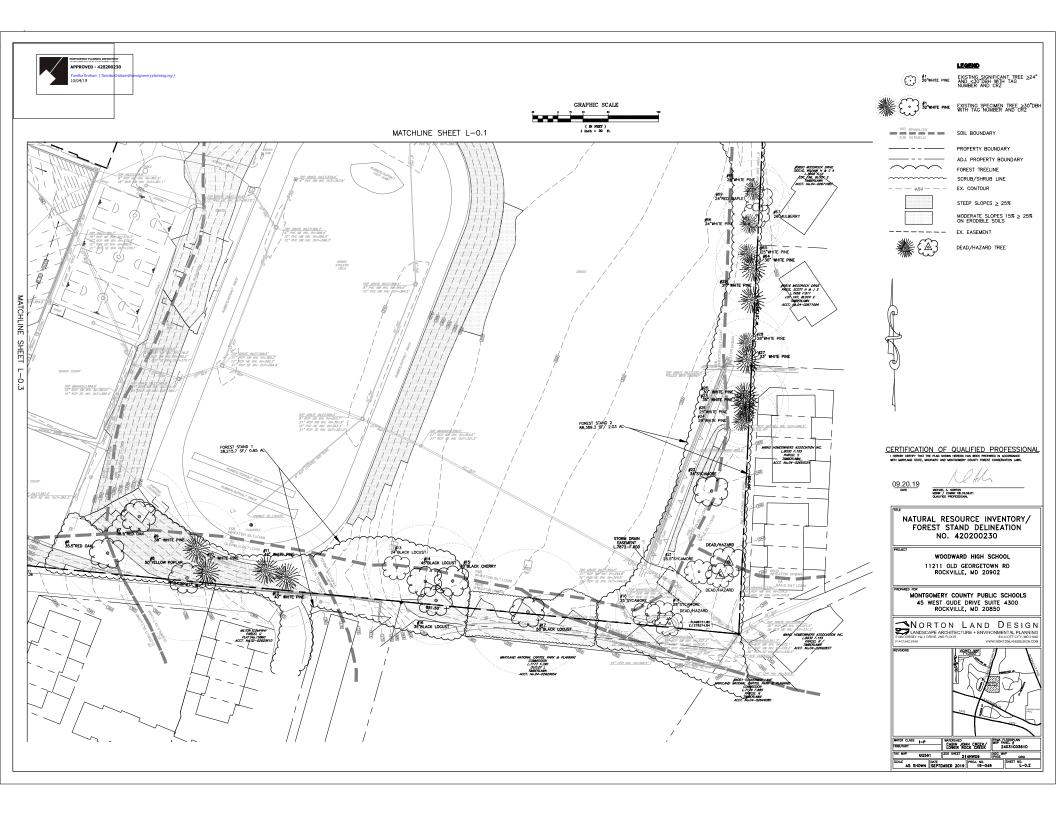
Conclusion

The proposed Final Forest Conservation Plan meets the requirements of Chapter 22A Forest Conservation Law. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Planning Board approve the Final Forest Conservation Plan and associated variance, with the above conditions.

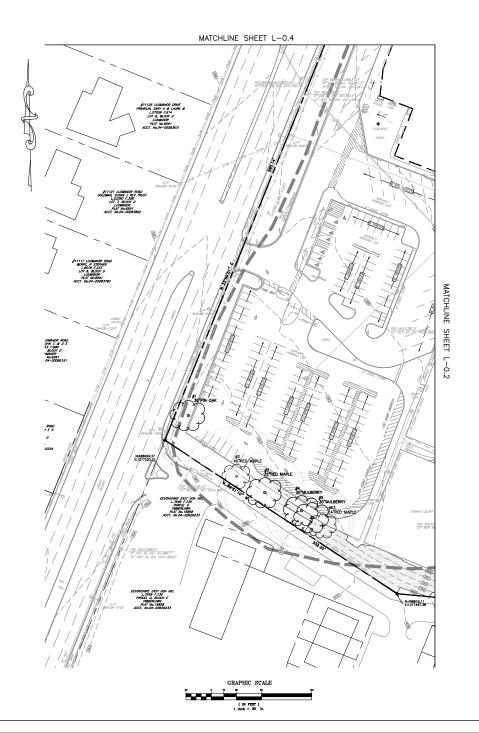
Attachments:

- 1. NRI
- 2. September 1, 2020 Final Forest Conservation Plan
- 3. August 5, 2020 Storm Water Approval Letter
- 4. Tree Variance request August 25, 2020











26"WHITE PINE EXISTING SIGNIFICANT TREE ≥24" AND <30"DBH WITH TAG NUMBER AND CRZ



32 WHITE PINE EXISTING SPECIMEN TREE >30"DBH WITH TAG NUMBER AND CRZ

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NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY/ FOREST STAND DELINEATION NO. 420200230

WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL 11211 OLD GEORGETOWN RD ROCKVILLE, MD 20902

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ROCKVILLE, MD 20850



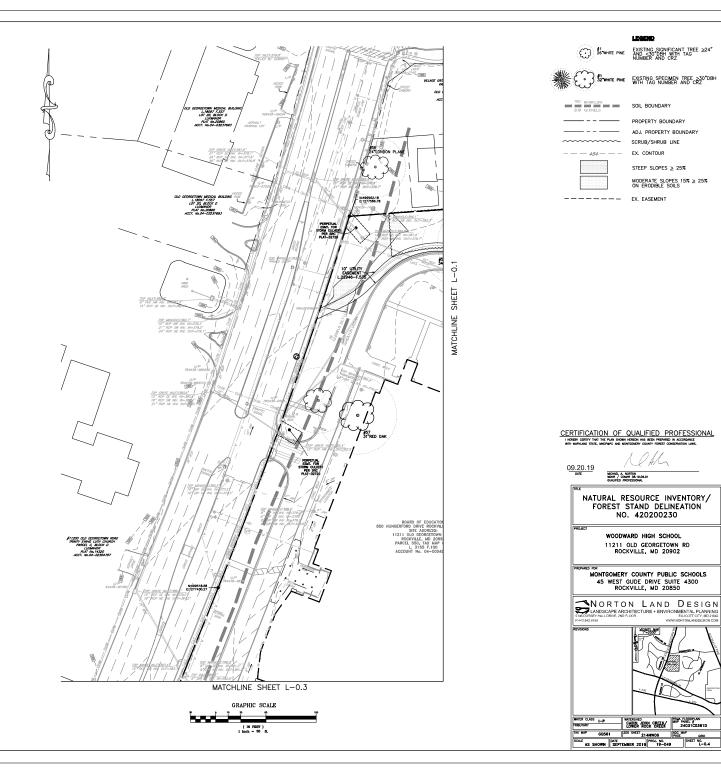


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Tree	Species	Species	D.B.H	Summary 24"	Comments
Ħ	(Scientific Name)	(Common Name)	(inches)	Condition	Comments
1	QUERCUS PALUSTRIS	PINOAK	36	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, OHW
2	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	40	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, SPLIT @ 5"
3	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	32	GOOD	SPLIT @ 6'
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10	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	GOOD	
11	PINUS STROBUS PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE WHITE PINE	42	GOOD	
12	ROBINA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	24	GOOD	
14	ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	45	GOOD	
15	PRUNUS SEROTINA	BLACK CHERRY	30	GOOD	
16	ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	35	GOOD	
17	ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	50	GOOD	SPLIT @ 5'
18	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	25	GOOD	3
19	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	28	GOOD	
21	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	25.5	GOOD	
22	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	GOOD	
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	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	GOOD	
	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	GOOD	
	FINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	26	GOOD	
33	ULMUS AMERICANA	AMERICAN ELM	24	GOOD	
	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	24	GOOD	
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36	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	26	GOOD	
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	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	GOOD	
39	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	29	GOOD	
40	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	24	GOOD	
41	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	41	GOOD	
42 43	QUERCUS ALBA FUGLANS NIGRA	WHITE OAK	41 32	GOOD	
	FRAXINUS SP.	BLACK WALNUT ASH SP.	28	GOOD	
43A	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	24	GOOD	
	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	35	GOOD	
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_	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	50	GOOD	
	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	38	GOOD	
49	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITE OAK	41	GOOD	
50	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	GOOD	
51	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	GOOD	
52	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	GOOD	
53	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	30	GOOD	
	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	GOOD	
54B 55	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS FUGLANS NIGRA	SYCAMORE BLACK WALNUT	34 25	GOOD	
	PLATANUS X ACERFOLIA	LONDON PLANETREE	25	GOOD	
57	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	31	GOOD	
58	QUERCUS RUBRA/PALUSTRIS		25.5	GOOD	
59	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITE OAK	44	GOOD	
60	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	32	GOOD	
61	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	GOOD	TRIPLE @ 5'
62	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	35	GOOD	
63	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	24	GOOD	
64	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	GOOD	
65	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	25	GOOD	
66	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	24	GOOD	
	MORUS RUBRA	RED MULBERRY	36	GOOD	
68	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE RED MAPLE	24	GOOD	
	ACER RUBRUM		24		

*SKIPPED IN FIELD: #20, #32

* BOLD TYPE DENOTES SPECIMEN TREES

Condition Scoring System	
No Apparent Problems	Excellent
Minor Problems	Good
Major Problems	Fair
Extreme Problems	Poor

NRI/FSD TABULATION TABLE

ACREAGE OF TRACT:	27.3
ACREAGE OF EX. FOREST:	2.68
ACREAGE OF EXISTING WETLANDS	0.00
ACREAGE OF FORESTED WETLANDS	0.00
ACREAGE OF WETLAND BUFFERS	0.00
ACREAGE OF STREAM BUFFERS	0.00
ACREAGE OF FORESTED STREAM BUFFER	0.00
ACREAGE OF 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN	0.00
LINEAR EXTENT OF STREAMS	0
AVERAGE WIDTH OF STREAM BUFFER	0'

GENERAL NRI/FSD NOTES

- . THIS PROPERTY IS ZONED R-90.
- THE TOTAL TRACT AREA IS 27.31 ACRES
- 3. SITE FIELD WORK WAS PERFORMED AUGUST, 2019, BY BRANDON PARSONS
- (REVIEWED BY MICHAEL NORTON), NORTON LAND DESIGN LLC.
 4. THE PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER(S) ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLAN ARE
- 5. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT WITHIN AN SPA OR PMA
- 6. 2' TOPOGRAPHY & BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS PROVIDED FROM POTOMAC
- 2 TOPOGRAPHY & BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS PROVIDED FROM POTOMAC VALLEY SURVEYS.
 THERE IS PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS ON THE PROPERTY (SEE SOIL TABLE).
 THERE IS EROBBIEL SOIL ON THE PROPERTY (SEE SOIL TABLE).
 ALL TREES 24" AND GREATER ON THE PROPERTY ARE SURVEY LOCATED AND
- MEASURED WITH A FORESTERS DIAMETER TAPE MEASURE.

 10. ALL TREES 24" AND GREATER OFFSITE ARE LOCATED AND MEASURED BY
- OCCULAR ESTIMATE ONLY.

 11. NO RARE. THERATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES WERE OBSERVED ON OR OFFSITE AT THE TIME OF THE FIELD INVESTIGATION.

 12. NO TREES OCCUR WITHIN THE STUDY AREA WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED AS
- CURRENT STATE CHAMPION TREES.

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS NOT LISTED AS INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITES AS

SOIL TABLE

SOILS	ERODIBLE	HYDRIC	CONTAINS 15-25% SLOPES	CONTAINS > 25% SLOPES	CAPABILITY SUBCLASS SYMBOL	PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOIL
2B GLENELG SILT LOAM 3-8% SLOPES	NO	NO	NO	YES	lle	YES
2C GLENELG SILT LOAM 8-15% SLOPES	YES	NO	NO	YES	Ille	NO
6A BAILE SILT LOAM 0-3% SLOPES	NO	YES	NO	NO	IVW	NO
65B WHEATON SILT LOAM 0-8% SLOPES	YES	NO	YES	YES	lle	NO
66UB WHEATON-URBAN LAND COMPLEX 0-8% SLOPES	NO	YES	NO	YES	lle	NO
66UC WHEATON-URBAN LAND COMPLEX 8-15% SLOPES	NO	YES	NO	YES	Ille	NO

SITE NARRATIVE AND FOREST SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Norton Land Design completed a Natural Resource Inventory & Forest Stand Delineation for the project Known as Woodward High School located in Rockville, Mortgomery Contry, MD in August, 2019. The delineation was conducted using the guidelines set forth in the MONIT diese Forest Conservation Technical Manual MNOPPC Trees, Approved Technical Manual.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This is a 27.31-acro site that consists of Liber: 3165.8 Folio: 100, owned by Montgomery County Board of Education. The site is currently developed. The site is bordered by residents on the northern, southern, eastern, and western sites. The site has vehicular access from 0xf Georgetown Rd. The site is exitten the capital county of the county of the

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN

The FEMA flood map Community-Panel # 24031C 0360D indicates there is no floodplain on the property.

The Soil Survey of Montgomery County, Maryland describes the soil types that are present on the property as follows. The general soil association for this part of the county is Urban Land-Wheaton-Glenely.

Soil type 2B - Glenelg slit loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes. This soil is very deep and well drained. It is usually found on broad ridgetope in upland areas. The elopes are generally smooth, but some are diseasced by drainegways. This soil is well suited for dwellings and urban development. The only imitation is its moderate permeability which may be a suited to the substantial state of the substantial states. can limit the absorption from septic fields.

Soil type 2C - Gleneig silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes. This soil is very deep and well drained. It is usually found on broad ridgetops and upland areas. The potential as belatist for openitive widtles and own drained widtles good. There are only sight to be considered to the potential and the soil of t

Soil type 6A - Baile silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes. The high water table and slow permeability are the main limitations on sites for septic tank absorption fields. Mos areas are used as woodland or pasture. The suitability for Wild herbaceous piants hardwood trees, and coniferous plants is good. The potential as habitat for openle wildlife and woodland wildlife is good. These soils are classified as hydric soils.

Soil type 65B - Wheaton silt loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes. This very deep, well drained soil is in areas that have been graded, cut, and filled for recreational use such as golf courses, playgrounds, or athletic fields. Moderate permeability is the main limitation for this soil. This soil also has a high water table.

soil type ecub — vimetant - urban land complex, by to a percent slopes. Typical or this soil, it has been graded, cut, filled, or otherwise disturbed during stabilization. Yards, open areas between buildings and streets, and other areas that have not been urbanized are suitable for laws, shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and gardens. Areas that have been deeply excavated are poorly suited for vegetation.

Soil type 66UC - Wheaton - Urban land complex, 8-15 percent slopes. Typical of Some this soil, it has been graded, cut, filled, or otherwise disturbed during stabilization. Yards, open areas between buildings and streets, and other areas that have not been urbanized are suitable for lawns, shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and

NONTIDAL WETLANDS

There were no wetlands observed within 100' of the property during the field investigation. No wetland buffers exist near the property.

STREAMS AND DRAINAGEWAYS

There were no streams observed onsite and within 100' of the property. The site is within the Northwest Branch Watershed, Use IV.

There are areas of steep slopes on the property, on the north-eastern and southern side of the property. Some areas of steep slopes appear to be located on forest area. There are are some areas of moderate slopes on uncodate sollar source and southern side of the property. Some areas of steep slopes appear to be located on forest area. The stand is dominated by 30° while piec. The campy also includes red maple, sycamore, and white locks. The understood promised of located and multiples is a moderate super

The MDNR has been notified of the project area and description. There appears to be no critical wildlife habitats from the field inspection. Copies of correspondence will be provided.

CULTURAL FEATURES

Soil type 68UB - Wheaton - Urban land complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes. Typical of

FOREST STAND INFORMATION

The forest stand plot sample was done in a random method as outlined in *Natural Resources Measurement*, Avery, T. E., 1975, and *Simplified Plont Sample Crusing*, Ashley, B.D. 1991. The plot size was 1170 acc. The Forest Stand is Contains (2) two forest sample plot. This plot was conducted to inventory the most representative area of the forest stand.

The site contains forests with a total of 2.68 acres of forest onsite. There are significant and specimen trees located within the forest stand. A list of the significant and specimen recent receives writing user users status. A list of the significant and specimen frees in the study area along with the visual health is within shown on this drawing. The forest is summarized below.

Forest Stand 1 (28.215.74sq. ft. / 0.65 ac) is an upland hardwood area. The stand is dominated by 30± * and cask. The cancey also includes yellow popilar. The understory consists of Locate and othery. There is an ordered amount of herbaceous cover. A moderate amount of downed woody material is present throughout the stand: Invasive nucleus mutilifact once and vdy, and honeysuckite. The forest appears to be relatily and in good condition. Retention and regenerative potential are good. The priority for this down it is 19th Relation.

FOREST STAND #2

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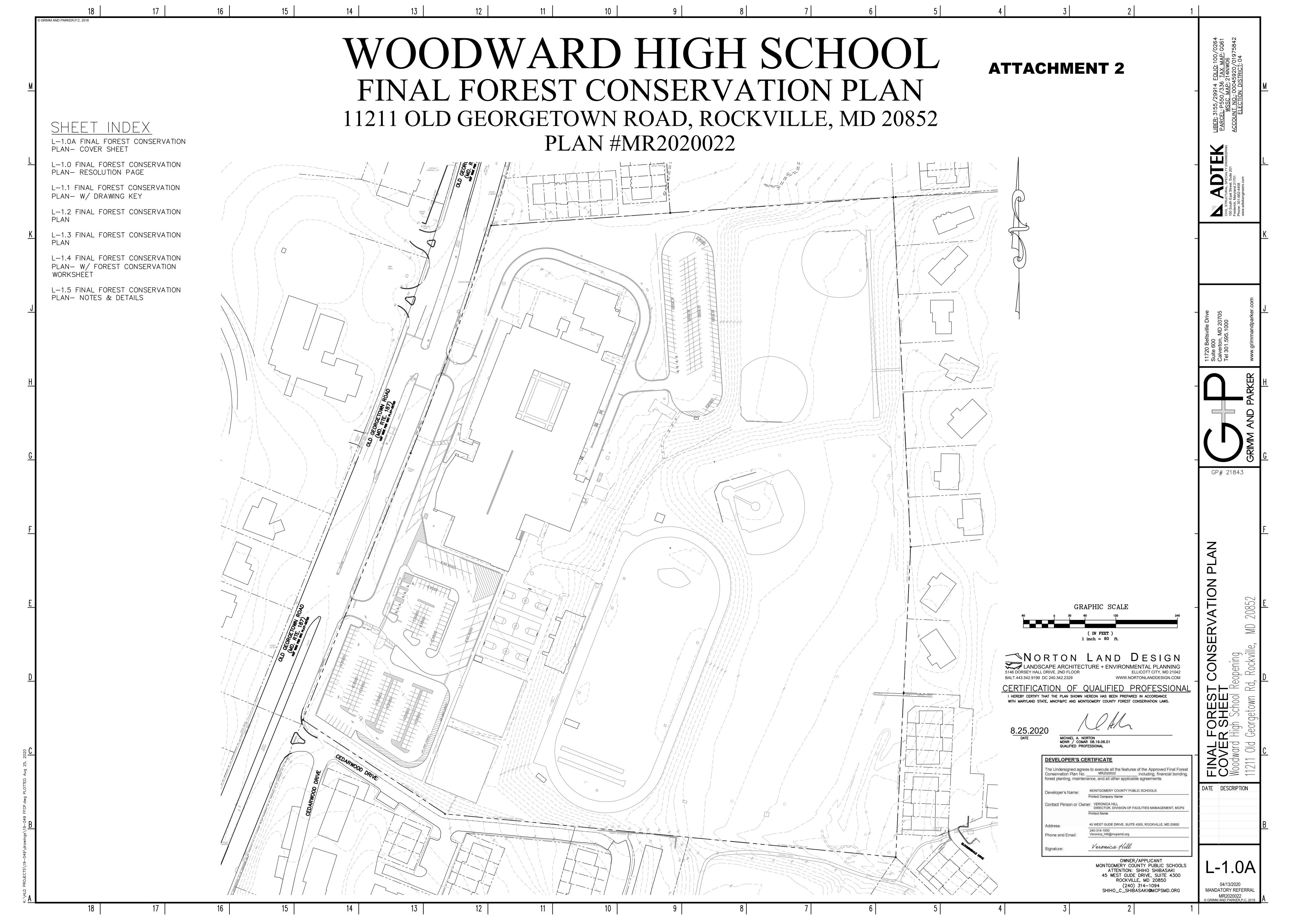
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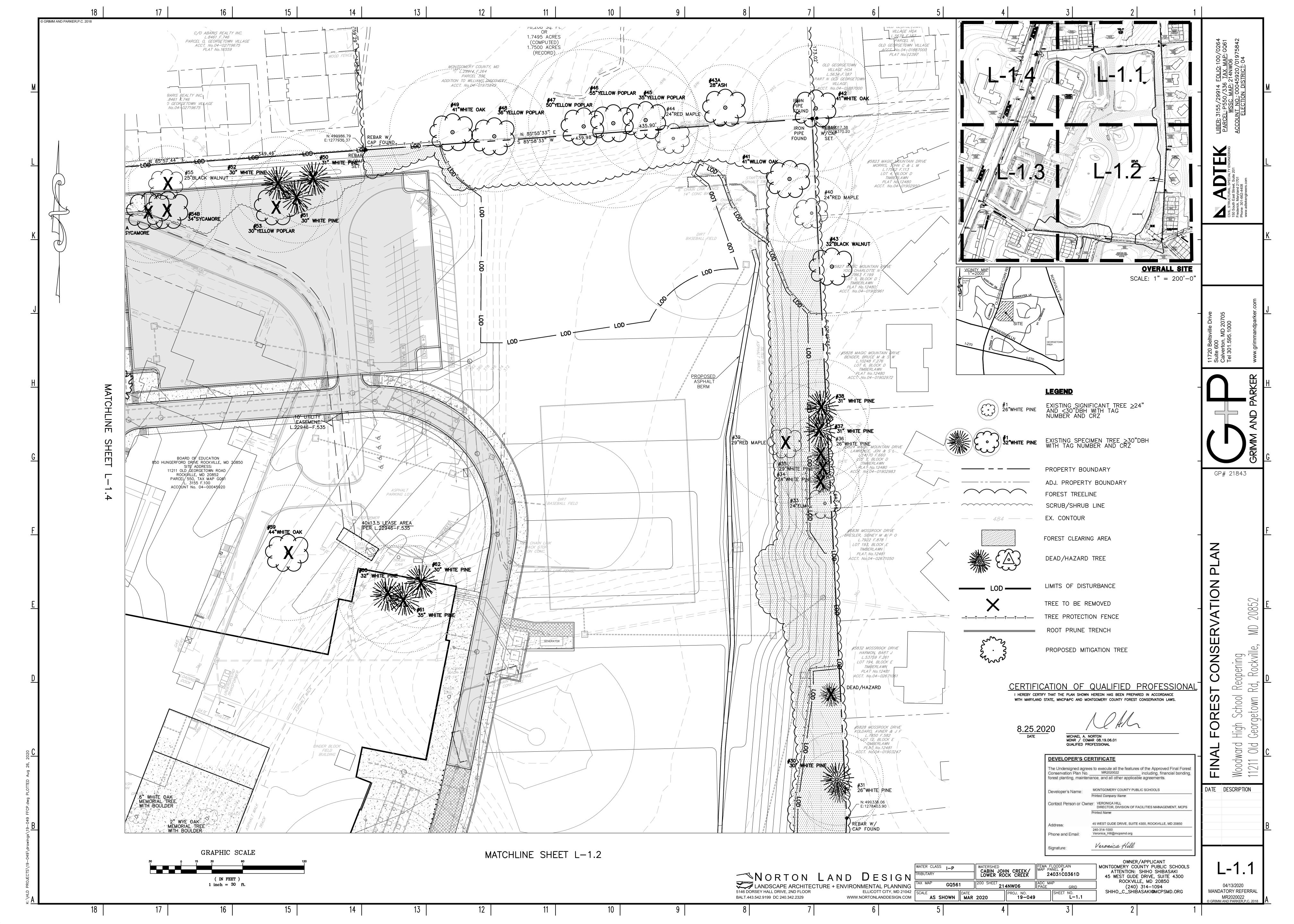
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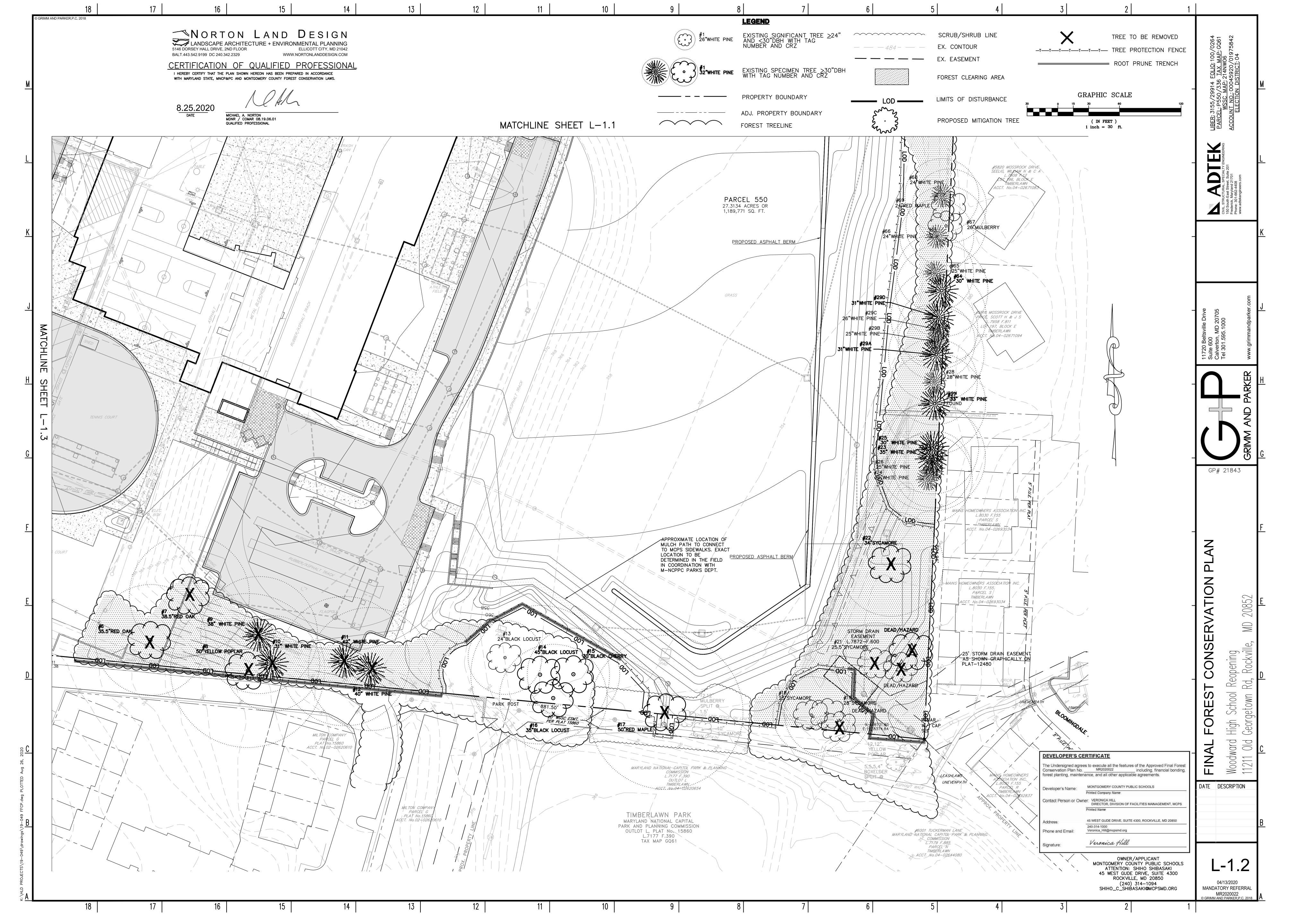
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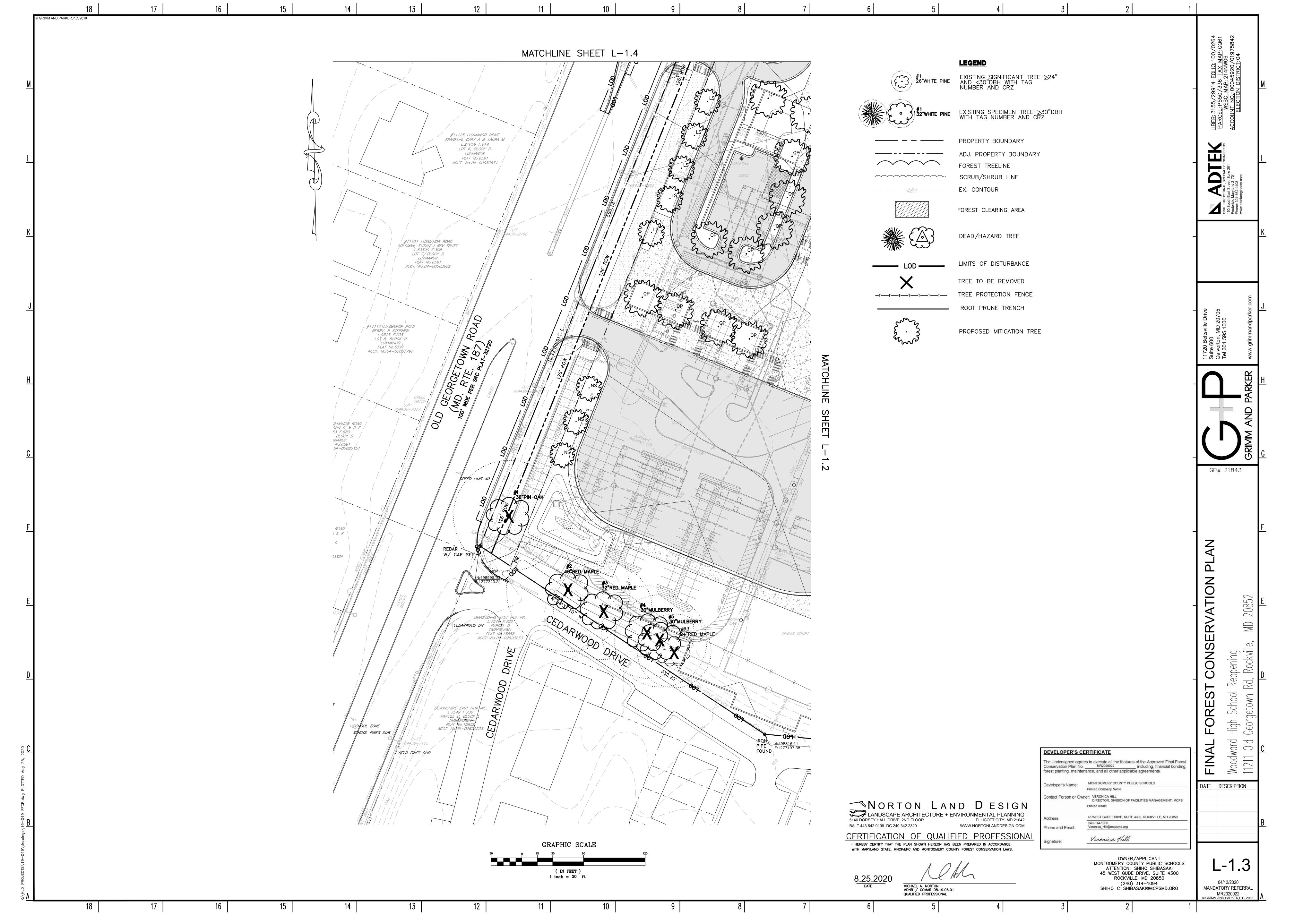


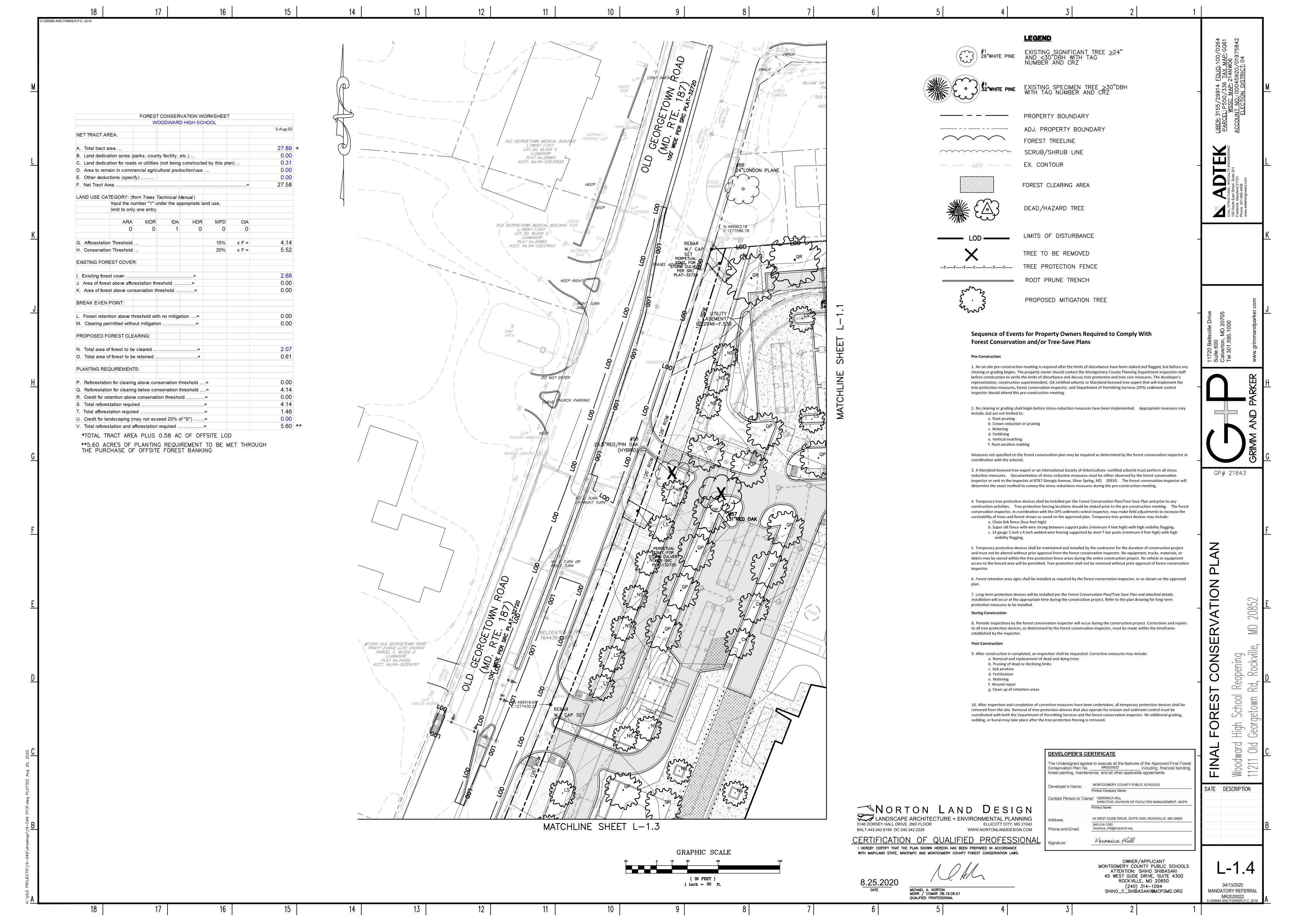
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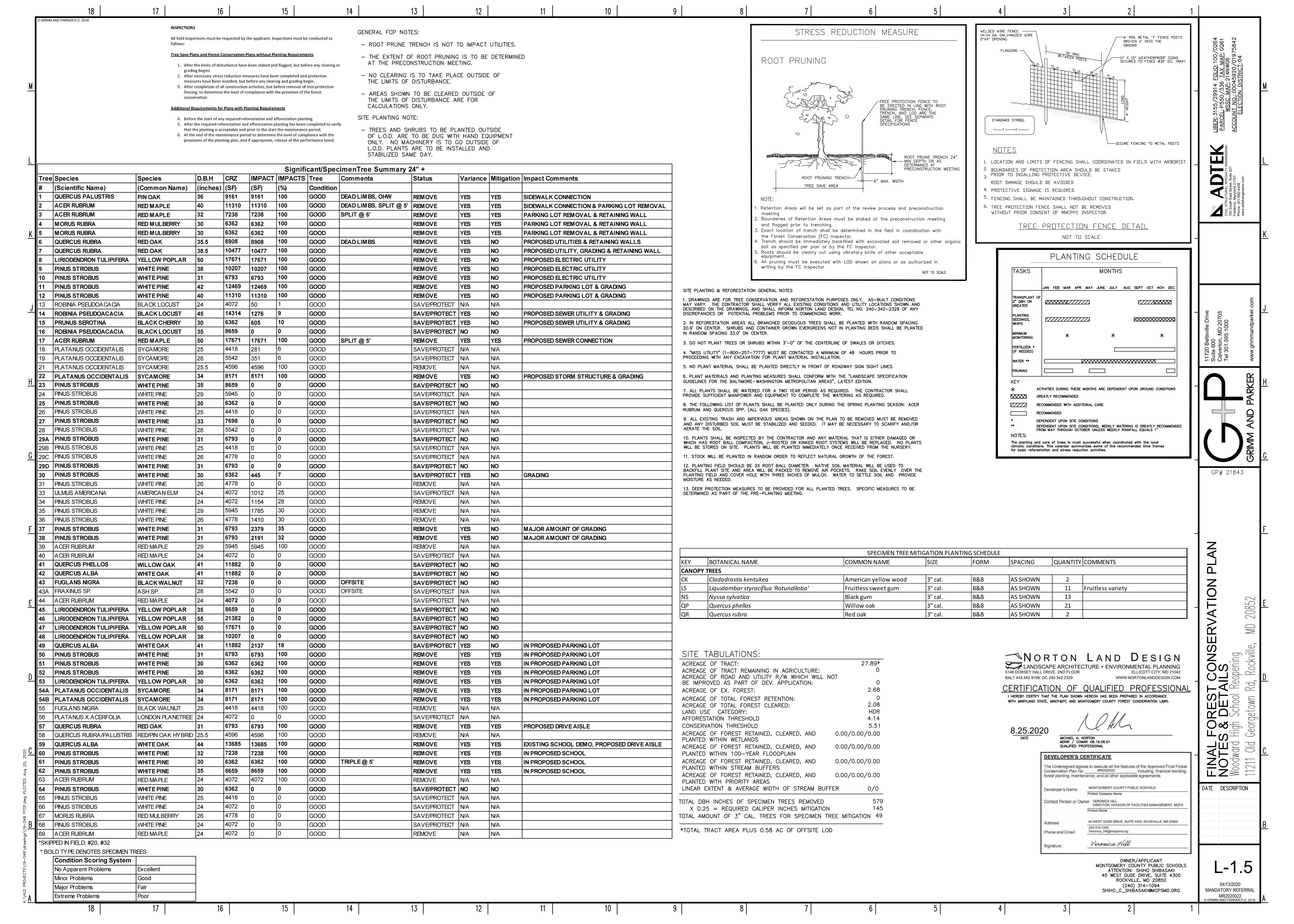












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ATTACHMENT 4

August 25, 2020

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Woodward High School

Request for Specimen Tree Variance

MR# - MR 2020022 NRI# - 42020230 Norton# 19-049

Dear Intake Division,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Public Schools and pursuant to Section 22A-21 *Variance provisions* of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Ordinance and recent revisions to the State Forest Conservation Law enacted by S.B. 666, we are writing to request a variance(s) to allow impacts to or the removal of the following trees identified on the approved Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation for the above-named County construction project:

Project Description:

The proposed school is going to replace an existing school; Tilden Middle School, located at 11211 Old Georgetown Rd, in Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. This is a 27.31-acre site that owned by the Montgomery County Board of Education. The site currently hosts an existing school, associated parking, athletic fields and play areas. The site is bordered by residential properties on east, north and south sides, as well as a portion of park property on the north and south sides. The site has vehicle access from Old Georgetown Rd Ave.

Proposed construction consists of a new building to replace the existing, new parking circulation, and stormwater management.

Requirements for Justification of Variance:

Section 22A-21(b) Application requirements states that the applicant must:

(1) Describe the special conditions peculiar to the property which would cause the unwarranted hardship;

- (2) Describe how enforcement of these rules will deprive the landowner of rights commonly enjoyed by others in similar areas;
- (3) Verify that State water quality standards will not be violated or that a measurable degradation in water quality will not occur as a result of the granting of the variance; and
- (4) Provide any other information appropriate to support the request.

Justification of Variance:

(1) Describe the special conditions peculiar to the property which would cause the unwarranted hardship;

Response: As part of the program, the task is to provide the community with an updated school facility that includes safe access to school by way of updated vehicle circulation. The school must be large to handle growing student capacity. Stormwater management is designed to ensure environmental quality following the construction of the new building and parking areas.

This work will require disturbance of the root zones of a total of thirty-one (31) specimen trees. Twenty-seven (27) of the impacted trees will be required to be removed. Impact justification for each variance tree is provided in the "Tree Variance Table" below. The limits of disturbance has been re-evaluated to maximize tree survival.

If MCPS is not allowed to impact the trees, the school will not be able to be constructed due to the close proximity of specimen trees to the proposed school, parking, amenities, site grading, and updated stormwater utilities. As such, this would cause an *unwarranted hardship* to the community that it serves.

(2) Describe how enforcement of these rules will deprive the landowner of rights commonly enjoyed by others in similar areas;

Response: If the County were required to keep all improvements outside the root zones of the specimen trees, the building, safe access drive aisles, stormwater facilities, and parking would fail to be built due to the close proximity of specimen trees.

(3) Verify that State water quality standards will not be violated or that a measurable degradation in water quality will not occur as a result of the granting of the variance;

Response: Tree removals have been minimized by compact design of the layout ensuring the preservation of as many specimen trees as possible. In addition, this property will be developed in accordance with the latest Maryland Department of the Environment criteria for stormwater management. This includes Environmental Site Design to provide for protecting the natural resources to the Maximum Extent Practicable. This includes limiting the impervious areas and providing on-site stormwater management systems. A Stormwater Management Concept is currently under review by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services to ensure that this criterion is enforced. Additional

improvements to the property include control of erosion and outfall stabilization. Therefore, the proposed activity will not degrade the water quality of the downstream areas and will not result in *measurable degradation in water quality*.

(4) Provide any other information appropriate to support the request.

Response: Specimen tree mitigation will be required due to removals. Additional canopy planting will serve to create greater ecological quality while establishing further buffering of adjacent land uses (residential).

As further basis for its variance request, the applicant can demonstrate that it meets the Section 22A-21(d) *Minimum criteria*, which states that a variance must not be granted if granting the request:

(1) Will confer on the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants;

Response: The proposed school is in conformance with the County's General plan. As such, this is not a *special privilege* to be conferred on the applicant.

(2) Is based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of the actions by the applicant;

Response: Montgomery County Public Schools has taken no *actions leading to the conditions or circumstances* that are the subject of this variance request.

(3) Arises from a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or nonconforming, on a neighboring property; or

Response: The surrounding land uses (residences) do not have any inherent characteristics or conditions that have created or contributed to this particular need for a variance.

(4) Will violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.

Response: Granting this variance request will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality.

	TREE VARIANCE TABLE											
Tree	Species	Species	D.B.H	CRZ	IMPACT	IMPACTS	Tree	Comments	Status	Variance	Mitigation	Impact Comments
#	(Scientific Name)	(Common Name)	(inches)	(SF)	(SF)	(%)	Condition					
1	QUERCUS PALUSTRIS	PIN OAK	36	9161	9161	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, OHW	REMOVE	YES	YES	SIDEWALK CONNECTION
2	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	40	11310	11310	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS, SPLIT @ 5'	REMOVE	YES	YES	SIDEWALK CONNECTION & PARKING LOT REMOVAL
3	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	32	7238	7238	100	GOOD	SPLIT @ 6'	REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
4	MORUS RUBRA	RED MULBERRY	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
5	MORUS RUBRA	RED MULBERRY	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PARKING LOT REMOVAL & RETAINING WALL
6	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	35.5	8908	8908	100	GOOD	DEAD LIMBS	REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED UTILITIES & RETAINING WALLS
7	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	38.5	10477	10477	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED UTILITY, GRADING & RETAINING WALL
8	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	50	17671	17671	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
9	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	38	10207	10207	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
10	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED ELECTRIC UTILITY
11	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	42	12469	12469	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED PARKING LOT & GRADING
12	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	40	11310	11310	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED PARKING LOT & GRADING
14	ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA	BLACK LOCUST	45	14314	1276	9	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	PROPOSED SEWER UTILITY & GRADING
15	PRUNUS SEROTINA	BLACK CHERRY	30	6362	605	10	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	PROPOSED SEWER UTILITY & GRADING
17	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	50	17671	17671	100	GOOD	SPLIT @ 5'	REMOVE	YES	YES	PROPOSED SEWER CONNECTION
22	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	8171	8171	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	PROPOSED STORM STRUCTURE & GRADING
30	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	6362	445	7	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	GRADING
37	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	6793	2379	35	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	MAJOR AMOUNT OF GRADING
38	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	6793	2191	32	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	NO	MAJOR AMOUNT OF GRADING
49	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITEOAK	41	11882	2137	18	GOOD		SAVE/PROTECT	YES	NO	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
50	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
51	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
52	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
53	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	YELLOW POPLAR	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
54A	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	SYCAMORE	34	8171	8171	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED PARKING LOT
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57	QUERCUS RUBRA	RED OAK	31	6793	6793	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	PROPOSED DRIVE AISLE
59	QUERCUS ALBA	WHITEOAK	44	13685	13685	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	EXISTING SCHOOL DEMO, PROPOSED DRIVE AISLE
60	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	32	7238	7238	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL
61	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	30	6362	6362	100	GOOD	TRIPLE @ 5'	REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL
62	PINUS STROBUS	WHITE PINE	35	8659	8659	100	GOOD		REMOVE	YES	YES	IN PROPOSED SCHOOL

Conclusion:

For the above reasons, the applicant respectfully requests that the Planning Board APPROVE its request for a variance from the provisions of Section 22A of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Ordinance, and thereby, GRANTS permission to impact/remove the specimen trees in order to allow the construction of this vital project.

The recommendations in this report are based on tree conditions noted at the time the NRI/FSD field work was conducted. Tree condition can be influenced by many environmental factors, such as wind, ice and heavy snow, drought conditions, heavy rainfall, rapid or prolonged freezing temperatures, and insect/disease infestation. Therefore, tree conditions are subject to change without notice.

The site plans and plotting of tree locations were furnished for the purpose of creating a detailed Tree Protection Plan. All information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and experience. All conclusions are based on professional opinion and were not influenced by any other party.

Sincerely,

Michael Norton