ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Orangetown 20 Greenbush Road

Orangeburg, New York 10962

(914) 359-8410 (ex. 4331)

Date: March 8, 2024 TO: OBAPAE

Environmental Management and Engineering

Rockland County Sewer District #1

New York State Dept. of Transportation
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Orangetown Highway

Review of Plans: Fisher Site Plan, 7 Berachah Avenue, South Nyack, NY

Section 66.61 Block 1 Lot 19-2 R-12HC zone

This matter is scheduled for:

Rockland County Drainage
Rockland County Health

Rockland County Planning Rockland County Highway

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Zoning Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024



# OFFICE OF BUILDING, ZONING, PLANNING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

# TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

20 GREENBUSH ROAD ORANGEBURG, N.Y. 10962

Jane Slavin, RA Director (845) 359-8410

Fax: (845) 359-8526

Date:

March 7, 2024

To:

Zoning Board of Appeals

From:

Jane Slavin, RA.,

Director O.B.Z.P.A.I

Subject:

Fisher Site Plan

7 Berachah Avenue, South Nyack

Section 66.61, Block 1, Lot 19.2, R-12HC zoning district

### Submission Reviewed:

Final Subdivision Plan as prepared by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers, LLP, signed by South Nyack Planning Board Chair, 6-22-2005Site Plan as prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood PLLC, last revised 2/26/2024 and Architectural Plans as prepared by Kier B. Levesque, RA, last revised 2/23/2024.

- 1) This parcel is part of a cluster sub-division approval. The parcel is located in the R-12HC Zoning District, however per Chapter 43, Attachment 19.3, Table 3.13, "If any conflict shall arise between the applicability of the SN-R-12H regulations and those identified on the filed plan, those on the filed plan shall prevail." The approved subdivision plan indicates RG-8 Zoning.
- 2) Per RG-8 Zoning district chart on page 7 of the subdivision plan the following variances are required;
  - a) front yard setback to carport is 4 feet, with 55 feet required to accessory structures.
  - b) proposed carport is 505 square feet which results in a lot coverage of 10.6% with 7% required for accessory structures.
  - c) Maximum lot coverage permitted is 45% with 55% proposed.
  - d) Side yard required is 15 feet with 12.8 feet proposed.
  - e) Total side yard required is 30 feet with 27 feet proposed.
- 3) Per Chapter 43, Article XVIII (18), section 18.33, number 2, "Relation of accessory buildings to streets. No accessory building shall project nearer to the street on which the principal building fronts than such principal building. Should topographic conditions be such that practical difficulties would be caused by this requirement with respect to the location of a garage, the Planning Board may authorize the erection of such garage within not less than 10 feet of the street

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- 5) College Avenue is a private road, a 280-A Variance is required.

Please check all th	nat apply:	
Planning Board  XX Zoning Board of Appeals	Residential Historical Board Architectural Board	
Subdivision Number of Lots Site Plan Conditional Use  Special Permit Variance Performance Standards Review Use Variance Other (specify):	Consultation Pre-Preliminary/Sketch Preliminary Final Interpretation  PERMIT#: ASSIGNED INSPECTOR:  Referred from Planning Board: YES / NO If yes provide date of Planning Board meeting:	
Project Name: Fisher Residence		
Street Address: 7 Berachah Ave. South Nyack,	NY 10960	
Tax Map Designation: Section: 66.61 Block: Block: Directional Location:	Lot(s): 19.2 Lot(s):	
On the westside ofBerachah Ave.  300	, approximately n of _Terrace Dive, in the South Nyack  Zoning District _ SN RG-8H  Postal District _ Nyack  Fire District _ Nyack Joint Fire Dist.  Sewer District _ O-town	
Project Description: (If additional space required, ple New residence and carport. Narrative is attached revised carport per ZBA request		
The undersigned agrees to an extension of the statutory time loate: March 4, 2024 Applicant's Signature:	limit for scheduling a public hearing.	

# APPLICATION REVIEW FORM

# FILL IN WHERE APPLICABLE. (IF THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT APPLY PLEASE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PAGE)

If subdiv	sion:
1)	Is any variance from the subdivision regulations required?
2)	Is any open space being offered? If so, what amount?
3)	Is this a standard or average density subdivision?
If site pla	n:
1	) Existing square footage
2	) Total square footage
3	Number of dwelling units
If special	permit, list special permit use and what the property will be used for.
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## ADDRESS

2 Berachah Av, So Nyack, NY 10960
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26 College Ave, Nyack, NY 10960
15 College Ave, South Nyack, NY 10960
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22 College Ave, So Nyack, NY 10960
9 Berachah Av, South Nyack, NY 10960
7 Berachah Ave, South Nyack, NY 10960
5 Berachah Av, S Nyack, NY 10960
P.O. Box 894, Nyack, NY 10960

August 22, 2022

Robert Marc Fisher 301 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Apt. 18E New York, NY 10017

Town of Orangetown – Building Department 20 Greenbush Rd. Orangeburg, NY 10962

Re:

Written authorization for agent to appear on owner behalf

7 Berachah Ave.

South Nyack, NY 10960

Dear Zoning Board members,

I hereby authorize Kier B. Levesque Architect to appear on my behalf before the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals as agent for the above referenced property.

Sincerety

Robert Marc Fisher 917-704-3355

# KIER B. LEVESQUE ARCHITECT

49 Third Avenue Nyack, New York 10960

February 15, 2024

revised 2.27.24

Mr. Ric Oliver Town of Orangetown Building Department 20 Greenbush Road Orangeburg, NY 10962

Re:

Robert Marc Fisher permit application

7 Berachah Ave.

South Nyack, NY 10960

SBL: 66.61-1-19.2

Job # 2021113

### **NARRATIVE**

This re-submission is as requested by the ZBA at it's public hearing on January 3, 2024 and as follows;

- 1. The site plan and architectural plans show the requested reduction in the size of the carport. The Max. Lot Coverage calculations have been reduced from 2,759 sf (59%) to 2,586 sf (55%). The area under roof has been reduced from 616 sf to 505 sf. The overall dimensions have been reduced from 24'6" x 31" to 21' x 24'. The setbacks for the carport are front yard 4'-0" South side is 96.3' and rear is 15/3'.
- 2. There is no change in the height of the carport requiring a variance for an accessory structure in the front yard.
- 3. The location of the change in College Ave. from public street to private road has been confirmed by the highway department's Brian DeBonis and has been recorded on the site plan by the surveyor with metes and bounds. Also included is Jade Abstract's description and finding of the private road.

These revisions require a new denial so we may reappear before the zoning board with revised information. Two copies of additional pertinent information accompany the revised plans for your consideration.

Please let me know if there is any other information that is required to process this application.

Submitted by:

Kier B. Levesque Architec

Lic# 15938

email kblevesque@optonline.net

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TOWN OF ORANGETOWN BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## Fisher Project 7 Berachah Ave.

# Proposed Impervious Areas

• Dwelling 931 s. f.

• Carport 799 s. f.

• Walks and steps 375 s. f.

Decks 314 s. f.
 Utility pads 21 s. f.

• Adjoining Driveway 319 s. f. (Seiler property)

Total 2,759 s. f.

Bill J.

William M. Johnson Senior Staff Engineer Sparaco and Youngblood, PLLC PO Box 818 Harriman, NY 10926 845-782-8543 ext. 105

# Project floor areas

First floor 908 s. f.

Second floor 484 s. f.

Total 1,392 s. f.

Carport 799 s. f.

2.12.24 revisions

Reduce carport to 626 sf

Reduction of 173 sf.



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**BUILDING DEPARTMENT** 

From: Brian DeBonis <bdebonis@orangetown.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:15 PM

Fisher 7 Berachah Ave. South Nyack

**To:** kblevesque@optonline.net **Subject:** College Ave S. Nyack

Hi Mr. Kier

The Public part of College Ave ends at the change of the Blacktop. The part with out the top course is private part of the road.

Brian DeBonis Orangetown Highway Highway Maintenance Supervisor 845-359-6500 'INBOUND NOTIFICATION : FAX RECEIVED SUCCESSFULLY \*\*

TIME RECEIVED
December 21, 2023 at 2:46:53 PM EST

REMOTE CSID 5343463548 DURATION

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# **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center 50 Sanatorium Road, Building T Pomona, New York 10970 Phone: (845) 364-3434 Fax: (845) 364-3435

DEC 2 2 2023

Douglas J. Schuetz Acting Commissioner

Richard M. Schiafo Deputy Commissioner

Date Review Received: 11/11/2023

December 21, 2023

Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals 20 Greenbush Road Orangeburg, NY 10962

Tax Data: 66.61-1-19.2

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M

Map Date: 05/02/2023

Item: FISHER RESIDENCE SITE PLAN - 7 BERACHAH AVENUE (O-2460A)

A variance application to permit construction of a two-story single-family dwelling on 0.34 gross (0.11 net) acres in the R-12HC zoning district and Mountainous Area critical environmental area. Variances are required for lot coverage, side yard, total side yard, front yard setback to accessory structures, lot coverage of accessory structures, relation of accessory buildings to streets, and height for a portion of the carport roof. A variance is also required for New York Town Law Section 280-a, regarding driveway access from a private road.

East side of Chase Avenue, opposite of College Avenue

#### Reason for Referral:

New York State Thruway, US Route 9W

The County of Rockland Department of Planning has reviewed the above item. Acting under the terms of the above GML powers and those vested by the County of Rockland Charter, I, the Commissioner of Planning, hereby:

#### \*Recommend the following modifications

1 The applicant requires multiple variances to construct a single-family dwelling and carport. Permitting development that does not comply with the applicable bulk standards can set an undesirable land use precedent and result in the overutilization of individual sites. The proposed structures almost double the overall maximum allowed lot coverage, and the carport itself exceeds the maximum allowed lot coverage for accessory structures by 127%. Additional yard and setback variances are necessary to accommodate an oversized residential building. The side and total side yards are 20% and 10% deficient, respectively. The carport is proposed along the northern property line, fully encroaching into the 55-foot front setback required for an accessory structure. We caution the Town to consider precedent before granting substantial variances for lot coverage, yards, and setbacks. These bulk standards can define neighborhood character. Granting development coverage and yard variances of great magnitude will set a precedent that may result in nearby property owners seeking the same relief. An increase of impervious surface area will result in a neighborhood characterized by less green space and may also lead to increased stormwater runoff. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) must consider the cumulative and community impacts of permitting such development. Given that this is a steeply sloped site, subject to significant lot area deductions, and located within the Mountainous Area critical environmental area, we recommend that the proposal be scaled back to more closely comply with the bulk regulations of the RG-8 zoning district, as per the letter from the Orangetown Office of Building, Zoning, Planning Administration and

# FISHER RESIDENCE SITE PLAN - 7 BERACHAH AVENUE (O-2460A)

Enforcement (OBZPAE), dated November 9, 2023.

- 2 A review must be done by the Rockland County Department of Health to ensure compliance with Article XIX (Mosquito Control) of the Rockland County Sanitary Code.
- 3. A review must be completed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and any required permits obtained.
- 4 The proposed development significantly exceeds the maximum allowed lot coverage. To help reduce the impact of this development, reduction of impervious surface should be considered. It is recommended that porous pavers or porous concrete be considered to replace the use of conventional asphalt. If installed correctly and property maintained partial partial partial based have been about to be official in holping manage off oito runoff of stormwater. In addition to permeable pavers, other green infrastructure techniques should be considered such as bioswales, rain gardens, and rainwater capture. For long term effectiveness of permeable pavers and other green infrastructure techniques it is recommended that the Village and the applicant review Chapter 5 "Green Infrastructure Practices" of the 2015 NYSDEC Stormwater Design Manual.
- 5 The lot coverage calculations must be broken down in further detail, such as by structures and other site improvements, rather than just impervious surfaces.
- 6 The Hudson Valley Natural Resources Mapper (https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/hvnrm/) identifies the subject site as a Significant Biodiversity Areas (SBAs). SBAs are landscape areas in the Hudson River Estuary that contain high concentrations of biodiversity or unique ecological features. These areas contribute to and serve as a framework for conservation partnerships and voluntary protection efforts. One of the most significant threats to biodiversity is habitat destruction, alteration, and fragmentation. Careful consideration should be given to development impacts with an SBA. Proactive planning that avoids or minimizes impact to the habitat of Important areas and maintains habitat connections for wildlife movement will contribute to the long-term biodiversity of the region.
- 7 The following additional comments are offered strictly as observations and are not part of our General Municipal Law (CML) review. The Board may have already addressed these points or may disregard them without any formal vote under the GML process:
- 7.1 All County interests within 500 feet of the site, and all corresponding Referral Agencies, must be indicated on Page 6 of the Town of Orangetown Application Review Form.

7.2 A north arrow shall be included on the vicinity map.

Douglas J. Schuetz

ngetown Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor Teresa Kenny, Orangetown

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

New York State Department of Transportation

New York State Thruway Authority

Rockland County Department of Health

Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC

Kier B. Levesque Architect

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Rockland County Planning Board Members

\*NYS General Municipal Law Section 239 requires a vote of a 'majority plus one' of your agency to act contrary to the above findings.

# FISHER RESIDENCE SITE PLAN - 7 BERACHAH AVENUE (O-2460A)

The review undertaken by the County of Rockland Department of Planning is pursuant to, and follows the mandates of Article 12-B of the New York General Municipal Law. Under Article 12-B the County of Rockland does not render opinions, nor does it make determinations, whether the item reviewed implicates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The County of Rockland Department of Planning defers to the municipality forwarding the item reviewed to render such opinions and make such determinations if appropriate under the circumstances.

In this respect, municipalities are advised that under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the preemptive force of any provision of the Act may be availed (1) by shanging a palisy or provides that may result in a authoritial burden an religious exercise, (2) by retaining a palisy or providing exempting the substantially burdened religious exercise, (3) by providing exemptions from a policy or practice for applications that substantially burden religious exercise, or (4) by any other means that eliminates the substantial burden.

Proponents of projects are advised to apply for variances, special permits or exceptions, hardship approval or other relief.

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §239 m(6), the referring body shall file a report of final action it has taken with the County of Rockland Department of Planning within thirty (30) days after final action. A referring body which acts contrary to a recommendation of modification or disapproval of a proposed action shall set forth the reasons for the contrary action in such report.



# **ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1**

4 Route 340 Orangeburg, New York 10962 Phone: (845) 365-6111 Fax: (845) 365-6686 RCSD@co.rockland.ny.us

Michael Specht Chairman

Michael R. Saber, P.E. Executive Director

January 3, 2024

Ms. Deborah Arbolino Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals 20 South Greenbush Road Orangeburg, NY 10962

Re: Fisher Residence Site Plan
7 Becarah Avenue, South Nyack
Tax Lot 07/66.61-1-19.2 (formerly 7-125-1209.6/1/2)

Dear Ms. Arbolino:

Our office has received and reviewed plot plan that was last revised on September 19, 2023, which Sparaco & Youngblood prepared for the above referenced project. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. Our comments are as follows:

1. Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 does not object to the plan as shown. This project does not affect any sanitary sewers within the District. We request no future correspondence for this site.

Please inform us if any developments in this project change to affect the District. If you have any questions, please contact this office at 845-365-6111.

Very truly yours,

Minus King

Nicholas King Engineer I

cc: M. Saber

M. Dolphin

J. LaFiandra

Jake Palant – Rockland County Department of Planning

File: TOO 66.61-1-19.2 – 7 Becarah Avenue

Reader

# Town of Orangetown Planning Board Meeting Wednesday, February 8, 2023

<u>Project Name</u>: Fisher Residence Site Plan – Critical Environmental Area, South Nyack

Location of Parcel: The site is located at 7 Berachah Avenue, South Nyack, Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, New York, and as shown on the Orangetown Tax Map as Section 66.61, Block 1, Lot 19.2 in the R-12HC zoning district.

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- ( ) Comments Attached (or to be provided prior to Meeting date noted above)
- ( ) No Comments at this time. Please send future correspondence for review.
- ( ) No future correspondence for this site should be sent to this agency. Plans reviewed and this agency does not have any further comments.
- This project is out of the jurisdiction of this agency and has no further comments.

Dated: 01.65, 2023

Rockland Cty Huy Dept.
Agency Name
By: Dyan Rajasinguam
Please Print Name





#### **CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center 50 Sanatorium Road, Building D Pomona, New York 10970 Phone: (845) 364-2608 Fax: (845) 364-2025



EDWIN J. DAY
County Executive

**SAMUEL RULLI, PE**Director, Environmental Health

DEC 27 2023

December 19, 2023

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Re:

Fisher Residence

Site Plan

Tax lot 66.61-1-19.2

Dear Ms. Arbolino:

We have received an application and plans as prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC, revised through May 2, 2023, for the above referenced project. Comments are as follows:

1. Application is to be made to the RCDOH for review of the storm water management system for compliance with the County Mosquito Code.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Mello, P.E.

Senior Public Health Engineer

(845) 364-2616

cc:

Jake Palant, Rockland County Department of Planning

Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC

MBSP (via email)

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X		This project is out of the jurisdiction of this agency and has no further comments.

Dated: 1 03 33

Rockland County Environmental Resources 50 Sanatorium Road – Building A – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Pomona, New York 10970

Please Print Name



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Orangetown 20 Greenbush Road

Orangeburg, New York 10962 (914) 359-3410 (ex. 4331) Date: November 13, 2023

TO: OBAPAE

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Name Liz Mello date: 12/19/23

Permit #BLDG #1784-22

PB #23-04: Fisher Site Plan
Critical Environmental Area-South Nyack
Preliminary Site Plan Approval Subject to Conditions
Neg. Dec.

Town of Orangetown Planning Board Decision October 25, 2023 Page 1 of 16

TO: Kier Levesque,

FROM: Orangetown Planning Board

RE: Fisher Site Plan – Critical Environmental Area: The application of Kier Leveque, applicant for Robert Marc Fisher, owner, for review of a site plan to be known as "Fisher Site Plan", in accordance with Article 16 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Land Development Regulations of the Town of Orangetown, Chapter 21A of the Code of the Town of Orangetown and to determine the environmental significance of the application pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. The site is located at 7 Berachah Avenue, South Nyack, Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, New York, and as shown on the Orangetown Tax Map as Section 66.61, Block 1, Lot 19.2 in the RG-8H zoning district.

Heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Orangetown at meetings held **February 8, July 12 and October 25, 2023** at which time the Board made the following determinations:

#### February 8, 2023

Kier Leveque appeared and testified before the Board.

The Board received the following communications:

- 1. Project Review Committee Report dated January 25, 2023.
- 2. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Office of Building, Zoning, Planning Administration and Enforcement, Town of Orangetown, from Jane Slavin, Director, Deputy Building Inspector dated January 26, 2023.
- 3. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Department of Environmental Management and Engineering (DEME), Town of Orangetown, signed by Bruce Peters, P.E. dated February 6, 2023.
- 4. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Fire Prevention Bureau, Town of Orangetown, signed by David Majewski, dated January 24, 2023.
- 5. Letter from Brooker Engineering, signed by Kenneth DeGennaro, PE, dated February 7, 2023.
- Letter from Rockland County Department of Planning, signed by Douglas Schuetz, Acting Commissioner of Planning dated January 27, 2023.
- 7. Letter and Notice from Rockland County Department of Health, signed by Elizabeth Mello, P.E., Senior Public Health Engineer dated January 11, 2023.
- 8. Notice from the Rockland County Department of Highways, signed by Dyan Rajasingham, Engineer II dated January 5, 2023.
- 9. Letter from Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, signed by Joseph LaFiandra, dated January 20, 2023.
- 10. Email from Orange and Rockland Utilities, from Alfred Gaddi, PE, dated January 3, 2023.
- 11. Notices from the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals, signed by Patricia Castelli, Acting Chairman, dated January 4, 2023.
- 12. Notice from the Rockland County Environmental Resources, dated January 3, 2023.



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- 13. Project Narrative prepared by Kier Leveque, RA, dated November 21, 2022.
- 14. Short Environmental Assessment Form signed by Kier Leveque, RA, dated September 6, 2022.
- 15. Hydrologic Analysis, prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, dated August 1, 2022.
- 16. Building Permit Referral dated August 4, 2022, prepared by Rick Oliver, Building Inspector.
- 17. Plans as follows:

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Final Subdivision Plan prepared by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers, LLP, signed by South Nyack Planning Board Chair, 6-22-2005,

Plot Plan as prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC, last revised 9/22/2022, Architectural Plans as prepared by Kier B. Levesque, RA, dated August 1, 2022.

18. Email from Alissa and Barry Schurr, 9 Berachah, South Nyack, with attachments.

The Board reviewed the plans. The hearing was then opened to the Public.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting by Andrew Andrews and second by Michael McCrory and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, absent; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, aye; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

#### **Public Comments:**

Barry Schurr, 9 Berachah Avenue, presented photographs to the Board. He noted that the site is very steep with soil and water erosion. Mr. Schurr's property is downhill form the site and he is concerned with protecting himself and neighbors during construction. He held that the new construction on Willow Street has impacted his neighborhood. Also, he noted that in 2022, the catch basin failed on Route 9W.

Roger Seiler, 5 Berachah Avenue, raised concerns that water is already a problem in the area.

Allyssa Schurr, 9 Berachah Avenue, requested that the applicant place the proposed carport in another location.

Patricia Burchell, 26 College Avenue, raised concerns that mud and water sliding down College Avenue from Willow Street.



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There being no one else to be heard from the Public, a motion was made by Andrew Andrews and seconded by Denise Lenihan and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, absent; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice-Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, aye; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

The applicant requested a CONTINUATION.

#### July 12, 2023

Kier Leveque appeared and testified before the Board.

The Board received the following communications:

- 1. Project Review Committee Report dated June 28, 2023.
- 2. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Office of Building, Zoning, Planning Administration and Enforcement, Town of Orangetown, from Jane Slavin, Director, Deputy Building Inspector dated July 6, 2023.
- 3. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Department of Environmental Management and Engineering (DEME), Town of Orangetown, signed by Bruce Peters, P.E. dated July 7, 2023.
- 4. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Fire Prevention Bureau, Town of Orangetown, signed by David Majewski, dated June 21, 2023.
- 5. Letter from Brooker Engineering, signed by Kenneth DeGennaro, FE, dated July 11, 2023.
- 6. The following plans were submitted:

Architectural Plans prepared by Kier Levesque, RA, last revised May 3, 2023, Site Plan prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, dated May 2, 2023,

Landscape Plan prepared by Kier Levesque, RA, dated March 15, 2023.

- 7. Drainage Report prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, dated May 3, 2023. The Board reviewed the plans. The hearing was then opened to the Public.
- 8. Project Narrative prepared by Kier Levesque, RA, dated May 8, 2023

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting by Andrew Andrews and second by Michael McCrory and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, aye; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

There being no one to be heard from the Public, a motion was made by Andrew Andrews and seconded by Denise Lenihan and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, absent; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice-Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, aye; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

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Kier Leveque and Robert Fisher appeared and testified before the Board. The Board received the following communications:

- 1. Project Review Committee Report dated October 11, 2023.
- 2. Interdepartmental memorandum from the Office of Building, Zoning, Planning Administration and Enforcement, Town of Orangetown, from Jane Slavin, Director, Deputy Building Inspector dated October 19, 2023.
- 3. Interdepartmental memorandums from the Department of Environmental Management and Engineering (DEME), Town of Orangetown, signed by Bruce Peters. P.E. dated July 31 and October 20, 2023.
- 4. An interdepartmental memorandum from the Fire Prevention Bureau, Town of Orangetown, signed by David Majewski, dated October 6, 2023.
- 5. Letter from Brooker Engineering, signed by Kenneth DeGennaro, PE, dated October 24, 2023.
- 6. Project Narrative, prepared by Kier B. Levesque, dated September 26, 2023
- 7. Letter from Clifford Davis, Attorney at Law, counsel for Alissa and Barry Schurr, dated October 25, 2023.
- 8. The following plans were submitted:
  - Plan entitled "Fisher Residence Parking Platform Plan", prepared by Kier
     B. Levesque, RA, signed and sealed by Kier B. Levesque, PA, drawings
     A-1A, A-1 through A-1, S-1, last revised May 3, 2023
  - "Fisher Site Plans", prepared by Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC, signed and sealed by Steven M. Sparaco, PE, Sheets 1-5, dated 09/19/2023
  - "Final Cluster Subdivision Plat" prepared by Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers LLP, signed and sealed by Gary Rich, LLS, last revised 03/04/05

The Board reviewed the plans. The hearing was then opened to the Public.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting by Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman and second by Michael McCrory and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, absent; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

#### **Public Comments:**

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Clifford Davis, 200 Mamaroneck Avenue, counsel for downhill neighbors, Schurr, who do not want water coming into their house. He referenced Rockland County Planning letter regarding concerns for variances and setting precedence. He requested that the Board require the applicant to make the scope of work smaller, thereby lessening the impact to his client's property.

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There being no one to be heard from the Public, a motion was made by Andrew Andrews and seconded by Denise Lenihan and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice-Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, absent; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

#### SEQRA

The proposed action is classified as an "unlisted action" as defined by Section 617.2 (al) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (SEQRR). No agency, other than the Orangetown Planning Board will have any significant involvement in the review process, pursuant to Section 617.6 of SEQRA.

On motion by Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman and seconded by Andrew Andrews and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, absent; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tarra Heidger (alternate member), absent, and Andrew Andrews, aye; the Board declared itself Lead Agency.

Pursuant to New York Code, Rules & Regulations (NYCRR) Section 617.7, the Town of Crangetown Planning Board, as lead agency, for the reasons articulated in this Board's analysis of all of the submissions by the applicant, interested agencies, departments and the public, with respect to this project including the Environmental Assessment Form, which reasons are summarized in the motion, hereby determines that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will not be prepared.

After having identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, namely drainage, surface water runoff, land clearing, vegetation, fauna, traffic and noise levels, and after having taken a hard look at said environmental issues, and after having deliberated regarding such concerns, and having heard from the applicant, and the applicant's consultant and having heard from the following offices, officials and/or Departments: (Town of Orangetown): Office of Building, Zoning, Planning Administration and Enforcement and Department of Environmental Management and Engineering; and having heard from the following involved and interested agencies: Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals, Rockland County Department of Health, Rockland County Sewer District #1, and having reviewed the drawings presented by the applicant's professional consultants; a summary of the reasons supporting this determination are, and the Planning Board finds that the proposed action:



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- · Will not significantly affect existing air quality or noise levels;
- Will not significantly affect existing surface water quality or quantity or drainage;
- Will not significantly affect existing ground water quality or quantity;
- Will not significantly affect existing traffic levels;
- Will not create a substantial increase in solid waste production;
- Will not create a potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
- Will not have a significant adverse impact on the environmental characteristics of the critical environmental area or environmentally sensitive sites or features;
- Will not have an impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological or architectural aesthetes;
- Will not have an impairment of the character or quality of important aesthetes;
- Will not have an impairment of existing community or neighborhood character;
- · Will not remove or destroy large quantities of vegetation or fauna;
- Will not remove or destroy large quantities of wildlife species or migratory fish;
- · Will not have a significant adverse impact to natural hemes;
- Is consistent with the Town of Orangetown Comprehensive/Master Plan;
- Will not have adverse economic or social impacts upon the Town;
- · Will not create a hazard to human health; and
- Will not create a substantial change in the use of land, open space or recreational aesthetic.

On motion by Andrew Andrews and seconded by Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman and carried as follows: Thomas Warren – Chairman, aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, absent; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tara Heidger, (alternate member) absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye, the Board made a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

**DECISION:** In view of the foregoing and the testimony before the Board, the application was granted **Preliminary Site Plan Approval Subject to the Following Conditions:** 



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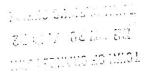
- 1. The following note shall be placed on the Site Plan: "At least one week prior to the commencement of any work, including the installation of erosion control devices or the removal of trees and vegetation, a pre-construction meeting must be held with the Town of Orangetown Department of Environmental Management and Engineering, Superintendent of Highways and the Office of Building, Zoning and Planning Administration and Enforcement. It is the responsibility and obligation of the property owner to arrange such a meeting."
- 2. The following note shall be placed on the Site Plan regarding Stormwater Management Phase II Regulations: Additional certification, by an appropriate licensed or certified design professional shall be required for all matters before the Planning Board indicating that the drawings and project are in compliance with the Stormwater Management Phase II Regulations.
- 3. All outdoor construction activities, including site clearing operations if applicable, shall take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No such activities shall take place on Sunday or a legal holiday. The same criteria shall apply to indoor construction activities, except that such activities may take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- **4.** The applicant is reminded that no work can begin and no permit will be issued until all comments are met from the various agencies, all approvals are obtained, the Final Site Plan is stamped and the construction plans are reviewed and approved by the inspector.
- **5.** This parcel is part of a cluster sub-division approval. The parcel is located in the R-12HC Zoning District, however per Chapter 43, Attachment 19.3, Table 3.13, "If any conflict shall arise between the applicability of the SN-R-12H regulations and those identified on the filed plan, those on the filed plan shall prevail." The approved subdivision plan indicates RG-8 Zoning.
- **6.** Per RG-8 Zoning district chart on page 7 of the subdivision plan the following variances are required from the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals;
  - a) Front yard setback to carport is 0 feet, with 55 feet required to accessory structures.
  - b) Proposed carport is 753 square feet which results in a lot coverage of 15.9% with 7% required for accessory structures.
  - c) Maximum lot coverage permitted is 30% with 50% proposed.
  - d) Side yard required is 15 feet with 8.7 feet proposed.
  - e) Total side yard required is 30 feet with 27 feet proposed.

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- 7. Per Chapter 43, Article XVIII (18), section 18.33, number 2, "Relation of accessory buildings to streets. No accessory building shall project nearer to the street on which the principal building fronts than such principal building. Should topographic conditions be such that practical difficulties would be caused by this requirement with respect to the location of a garage, the Planning Board may authorize the erection of such garage within not less than 10 feet of the street line where the natural slope of the ground within 25 feet of such line is between 12% and 20% and within not less than five feet of the street line where such slope within 25 feet of such line exceeds 20%." Variance required from the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 8. Per Chapter 43, Article XVIII (18), section 18.35, "Maximum building height applicability. In considering maximum height per Hamlet of South Nyack General Use, Bulk and Parking Regulations, per Figure 1, when considering a front yard setback variance for any structure, allowable roof height to the topmost extremity shall not extend above a line drawn from 5 1/2 feet above the nearest point on the front lot line to a point 30 feet above the required front yard setback. An exception to this limit may be granted only if there is no other feasible alternative and if the balancing of benefits to the applicant if granted, versus benefits to the community if not granted, weigh strongly in favor of the applicant." Variance required from the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals as a portion of the carport roof is outside of the envelope, see sketch.
- 9. Address is Berachah Avenue, however the driveway entrance is on College Avenue and it appears that College Avenue is a private road. If College Avenue is in fact a private road, a 280-A Variance is required from the Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals.
- **10.** Review and approval is required from the Town of Orangetown Architecture and Community Appearance Board of Review (ACABOR.)
- 11. The Short Environmental Assessment Form appears to be in order.
- 12. The architectural plans indicate new front concrete steps and landing; however, the plot plan shows all existing, which is correct?





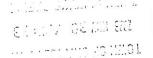
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- **13. DEME** herby rescinds comment/ recommendation #2 DEME letter to the Planning Board dated July 7, 2023:
- "2. The drawings shows that stormwater runoff from the new carport roofing will flow into piping that crosses the existing sanitary sewer easement. This is not acceptable. A separate stormwater system shall be designed for the carport and on the "Carport side" of the easement possibly south of the proposed carport, preferably close to the road for ease of maintenance. An overflow with level spreader shall be designed for said system. The design calculations for this system shall be added to the drainage calculations. The drainage report project narrative shall describe this system as well."

This comment is rescinded with the proviso that the property owner prepares and signs a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Town of Orangetown/Sewer Department, that indemnifies the Town and that states that if the drainage piping from the Carport roof ever needs to be removed in order to repair, reconstruct, maintain the existing sanitary main, the Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with any repair and or replacement of the piping system. The precise language of the agreement shall be coordinated with the Town of Orangetown Town Attorney's Office. The Hold Harmless Agreement shall be submitted to DEME and the Town Attorney's Office for review and approval.

- 14. The revised drainage calculations submitted are under review. However, determination of groundwater elevations shall be performed at all of the of the proposed subsurface detention system location. These tests/ investigations shall be performed in the spring or fall when the ground water table is typically at its highest. These tests shall be performed PRIOR to this proposal receiving Final Approval to ensure the adequacy of the design. The information/ test results/ elevations shall be added and incorporated into the drainage calculations. DEME shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance of these field tests/ investigations. Copies of all correspondence related to this issue shall be submitted to DEME.
- **15.** DEME is aware that, as per DEME recommendation to the Board in our letter of 8/16/23, the applicant/ applicant's attorney has prepared a Hold Harmless agreement for the proposed work (at grade wooden walkway & 6-inch drain pipe) within the Town of Orangetown Sanitary Sewer Easement for filing.
- **16.** A detailed plan and elevation view shall be provided for the proposed dual 48-inch stormwater detention system, which shows: interconnection via manifold, top & invert elevations, etc. Only a cross-section is provided.





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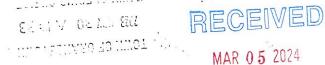
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- 17. A profile for the proposed 6-inch carport drainage piping shall be added to the
- 18. All drainage piping materials shall be labeled on the plans, profiles and
- 19. Sheets 2 & 3 label the "P Storm inlet/ outlet" manhole as #4. However, the detail for same on sheet 5 labels it as manhole #2. The labels shall be coordinated.
- 20. A note shall be added to sheets 2 & 3 saying "The Town of Orangetown Sewer Inspector shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance of ANY work being done on or near the existing sanitary sewer main and or the proposed sanitary building connection."
- 21. A post construction stormwater maintenance agreement (in accordance with NYSDEC Phase II regulations) for the proposed stormwater systems shall be submitted to DEME and the Town Attorney's office for review and approval. Said agreement shall include a maintenance and management schedule, inspection check list, contact person with telephone number, yearly report to be submitted to DEME, etc.
- 22. The Town of Orangetown Bureau of Fire Bureau reviewed the submitted information and had no comments at this time.
- 23. Drainage Review Recommendation Brooker Engineering The application has demonstrated that potential significant impacts with respect to drainage can be mitigated. Brooker Engineering therefore recommends that the Fisher Site Plan be approved for drainage subject to the following Project Comments.

**Project Description:** 

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This is the third drainage review report for this project; the last review was dated July 11, 2023. The proposed action consists of the construction of a new singlefamily home, deck, detached carport, and walks. The lot contains steep slopes and slopes downhill to the east, towards Berachah Avenue. The lot has street frontage on both Berachah Avenue and College Avenue; access to the site is from the uphill Berachah Avenue. The home portion of the development, including the stormwater management detention system, is located on the portion of the lot that fronts directly on Berachah Avenue. The area containing the carport is located uphill of an adjacent off-site developed downhill lot; stormwater runoff will be piped from the carport to the stormwater management system around this adjacent lot. The proposed drainage detention system has capacity to store six inches of rainfall runoff over the new 1,830 SF of impervious area.





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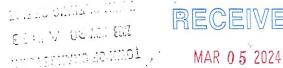
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Continuation of Condition #23 ...

### **Project Comments:**

- 1. As per the July 11, 2023 drainage review, change the label on "Inlet/Outlet Manhole #2" on the Detail Sheet to "Inlet/Outlet Manhole #5 to match the
- 2. As per the July 11, 2023 drainage review, the drainage calculations support the no net increase in peak runoff rates; however, Brooker Engineering recommends the 12-inch overflow pipe elevation be raised from the proposed elevation of 290.6 to take full advantage of the storage available in the 48-inch pipes for the 100-year storm. If this cannot be accomplished, provide a narrative response that supports why the change cannot be made.
- 24. Rockland County Department of Planning had the following comments which are incorporated herein as conditions of approval:
  - The Bulk Table on the Site Plan by Sparaco & Youngblood, PLLC indicates that the property is within the RG-8H zoning district per Map #7769 filed June 22, 2005. The GML Referral Form and the GIS Mapping data maintained by the Rockland County GIS Division (updated to reflect the adoption of Orangetown Local Law 3 of 2022), indicates that the subject property is zoned R-12HC. According to Section 3.13, lots within the R-12HC zoning district are subject to the bulk requirements of the R-12H district. This discrepancy must be resolved and the Bulk Table corrected.
  - Permitting development that does not comply with the applicable bulk standards can set an undesirable land use precedent and result in the over utilization of individual sites. The proposal exceeds the maximum lot coverage for the R-12H and RG-8H districts by 11% and 67%, respectively. We caution the Town to consider precedent before granting substantial variances for lot coverage. This bulk standard, in particular, can define neighborhood character. Granting development coverage variances of great magnitude will set a precedent that may result in nearby property owners seeking the same relief. An increase of impervious surface area will result in a neighborhood characterized by less green space and ay also lead to increased stormwater runoff. The Planning Board must consider the cumulative and community impacts of permitting such development. Given that this is steeply sloped site, subject to significant lot area deductions, and located within the Mountainous Area critical environmental area, we recommend that the proposal be scaled back to more closely comply with the maximum lot coverage standard.





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#### Continuation of Condition #24 ...

- To help reduce the impact of this development, a reduction of impervious surfaces should be considered. Permeable pavers and additional green infrastructure techniques should be considered such as bioswales, rain gardens, and rainwater capture. It is recommended that the applicant review Chapter 5 "Green Infrastructure Practices" of the 2015 NYSDEC Stormwater Design Manuel.
- A review must be completed by the Rockland County Department of Health to ensure compliance with the Rockland County Sanitary Code, Article XIX, Mosquito Control.
- As question 12b of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) is answered affirmatively, a review must be completed by the NYS Office of Historic Preservation.
- Prior to the start of construction or grading, all soil and erosion control measures must be in place for this steep site. These measures must meet the latest edition (November 2016) of the NYS Standards for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control.
- There shall be nonet increase in the peak rate of discharge from the site at all design points.
- Despite a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) not being required, due to the steep slopes on the site, the Planning Board must be satisfied that the hydrologic analysis prepared for the subject site and the proposal for managing construction and post-construction stormwater is adequate.
- For installation of a sanitary sewer system, engineering plans and specifications shall be reviewed and approved by the RC Department of Health prior to construction.
- Water is a scare recourse in Rockland County; thus, proper planning and phasing of this project is critical to supplying the current and future residents of the Villages, Towns, and County with an adequate supply of water. If any public water supply improvements are required, engineering plans and specifications for these improvements shall be reviewed and approved by the Rockland County Department of Health prior to construction in order to ensure compliance with Article II (Drinking Water Supplies) of the Rockland County Sanitary Code and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.





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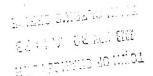
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#### Continuation of Condition #24....

- The Narrative in the November 21, 2022 letter from Kier B. Leveque Architect states that a lot coverage of 61% is being requested. The Bulk Table on the Site Plan indicates a lot coverage of 50% is proposed. All application materials should be consistent and accurate.
- The lot coverage calculations must be broken down in further detail, such as by structure and other sites improvements, rather than just impervious surfaces.
- Sheet 1 of the site plan by Sparaco & Youngblood PLLC depict the slopes of the property as patterns, which are overlain with different features, making the plan difficult to read. A separate sheet must be used to illustrate the slopes.
- The Hudson Valley Natural Resources Mapper identifies the subject site as Significant Biodiversity Areas (SBAs). SBAs are landscape areas in the Hudson River Estuary that contain high concentrations of biodiversity or unique ecological features. These areas contribute to and serve as a framework for conservation partnerships and voluntary protection efforts. One of the most significant threats to biodiversity is habitat destruction, alteration and fragmentation. Careful consideration should be given to development impacts with an SBA. Proactive planning that avoids or minimizes impact to the habitat of important areas and maintain habitat connections for wildlife movement will contribute to the iong-term biodiversity of the region.
- 25. The Rockland County Department of Health reviewed the information and offered the following comment;
  - Application is to be made to the Rockland County Department of Health for review of the system for compliance with the County Mosquito Code.
- **26.** Rockland County Sewer District #1 does not object to the plan as shown. This project does not affect any sanitary sewers within the District and no future correspondence is requested for this site.
- 27. Orange and Rockland Utilities reviewed the submitted information and offered the following comment:

The proposed work will most likely be in conflict with the existing gas facilities. Please confact O&R's new business department for any disconnects/reconnects. All code 753 rules must be followed.





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- 28. The following agencies do not object to the Town of Orangetown Planning Board assuming responsibilities of lead agency for SEQRA purposes:
- Town of Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals
- Rockland County Health Department
- Rockland County Sewer District No.1
- **29.** The applicant shall comply with all pertinent items in the Guide to the Preparation of Site Plans and Board Decision prior to signing the final plans.
- **30.** All reviews and approvals from various governmental agencies must be obtained prior to stamping of the Site Plan.
- 31. All of the conditions of this decision, shall be binding upon the owner of the subject property, its successors and /or assigns, including the requirement to maintain the property in accordance with the conditions of this decision and the requirement, if any, to install improvements pursuant to Town Code §21A-9. Failure to abide by the conditions of this decision as set forth herein shall be considered a violation of Site Plan Approval pursuant to Town Code §21A-4.
- 32. TREE PROTECTION: The following note shall be placed on the Site Plan: The Tree Protection and Preservation Guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 21-24 of the Land Development Regulations of the Town of Orangetown will be implemented in order to protect and preserve both individual specimen trees and buffer area with many trees. Steps that will be taken to reserve and protect existing trees to remain are as follows:
- a. No construction equipment shall be parked under the tree canopy.
- b. There will be no excavation or stockpiling of earth underneath the trees.
- c. Trees designated to be preserved shall be marked conspicuously on all sides at a 5 to 10-foot height.
- d. The Tree Protection Zone for trees designated to be preserved will be established by one of the following methods:
  - One (1) foot radius from trunk per inch DBH
  - Drip line of the Tree Canopy. The method chosen should be based on providing the maximum protection zone possible. A barrier of snow fence or equal is to be placed and maintained one yard beyond the established tree protection zone. If it is agreed that the tree protection zone of a selected tree must be violated, one of the following methods must be employed to mitigate the impact:

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- Light to Heavy Impacts – Minimum of eight inches of wood chips installed in the area to be protected. Chips shall be removed upon completion of work.



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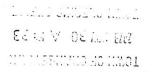
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#### Continuation of Condition #32...

 Light Impacts Only – Installation of ¾ inch of plywood or boards, or equal over the area to be protected.

The builder or its agent may not change grade within the tree protection zone of a preserved tree unless such grade change has received final approval from the Planning Board. If the grade level is to be changed more than six (6) inches, trees designated to be preserved shall be welled and/or preserved in a raised bed, with the tree well a radius of three (3) feet larger than the tree canopy.

- **33.** All landscaping shown on the site plans shall be maintained in a vigorous growing condition throughout the duration of the use of this site. Any plants not so maintained shall be replaced with new plants at the beginning of the next immediately following growing season.
- **34.** Prior to the commencement of any site work, including the removal of trees, the applicant shall install the soil erosion and sedimentation control as required by the Planning Board. Prior to the authorization to proceed with any phase of the site work, the Town of Orangetown Department of Environmental Management and Engineering (DEME) shall inspect the installation of all required soil erosion and sedimentation control measures. The applicant shall contact DEME at least 48 hours in advance for an inspection.
- **35**. The contractor's trailer, if any is proposed, shall be located as approved by the Planning Board.
- 36. If the applicant, during the course of construction of any required public improvements or private sanitary or storm sewer improvements, encounters such conditions as flood areas, underground water, soft or silty areas, improper drainage, or any other unusual circumstances or conditions that were not foreseen in the original planning, such conditions shall be reported immediately to DEME. The applicant (or the applicant's engineer) shall submit their recommendations as to the special treatment or design modification to be given such areas to secure adequate, permanent and satisfactory construction. DEME shall investigate the condition(s), and shall either approve the applicant's (applicants' engineer's) recommendations to correct the condition(s), or order a modification thereof. In the event of the applicant's (applicants engineer's) disagreement with the decision of DEME, or in the event of a significant change resulting to the subdivision plan or site plan or any change that involves a wetland regulated area, the matter shall be decided by the agency with jurisdiction in that area (i.e. Federal Wetlands U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).





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- 37. Permanent vegetation cover of disturbed areas shall be established on the site within thirty (30) days of the completion of construction.
- **38.** Prior (at least 14 days) to the placing of any road sub-base, the applicant shall provide the Town of Orangetown Superintendent of Highways and DEME with a plan and profile of the graded road to be paved in order that these departments may review the drawings conformance to the approved construction plans and the Town Street Specifications
- **39**. The Planning Board shall retain jurisdiction over lighting, landscaping, signs and refuse control.

The foregoing Resolution was made and moved by Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman and seconded Andrew Andrews and carried as follows: Thomas Warren, Chairman – aye; Denise Lenihan, aye; Michael Mandel, Vice Chairman, aye; Kevin Farry, absent; Michael McCrory, aye; Lisa DeFeciani, aye; Tara Heidger, (alternate member), absent; and Andrew Andrews, aye.

The Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to sign this **DECISION** and file a certified copy in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Office of the Planning Board.

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Dated: October 25, 2023

Cheryl Coopersmith

Town of Orangetown Planning Board

Attachment

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State Environment al Quality Review Regulations NEGATIVE DECLARATION Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

PB #23-04: Fisher Site Plan Permit #BLDG #1784-22
Critical Environmental Area-South Nyack
Preliminary Site Plan Approval Subject to Conditions
Neg. Dec.

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This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Regulation) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The PLANNING BOARD, TOWN OF ORANGETOWN, as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

NAME OF ACTION: Fisher Site Plan - Critical Environmental Area-South Nyack

SEQR STATUS: Type I \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted XXXXXX CONDITIONED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No XXXXXX

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: Preliminary Site Plan Approval Subject to Conditions Neg. Dec.

**LOCATION:** The site is located at 7 Berachah Avenue, South Nyack, Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, New York, and as shown on the Orangetown Tax Map as Section 66.61, Block 1, Lot 19.2 in the RG-8H zoning district. REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:

The Orangetown Planning Board, as Lead Agency, determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will not be prepared. The reasons supporting this determination are as follows:

The project will not have a significant impact upon the environment and a DEIS need not be prepared because the proposed action does not significantly affect air quality, surface or ground water quality, noise levels or existing external traffic patterns. In addition, it will have no impact upon the aesthetic, agricultural or cultural resources of the neighborhood. No vegetation, fauna or wildlife species will be affected as a result of this proposed action. The proposed action is consistent with the Town of Orangetown Master Plan and will not have any adverse economic or social impacts upon the Town or its businesses or residences.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, the specific mitigation is provided on an attachment.

For Further Information contact:

Office of Building, Zoning and Planning Administration and Enforcement

20 Greenbush Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962

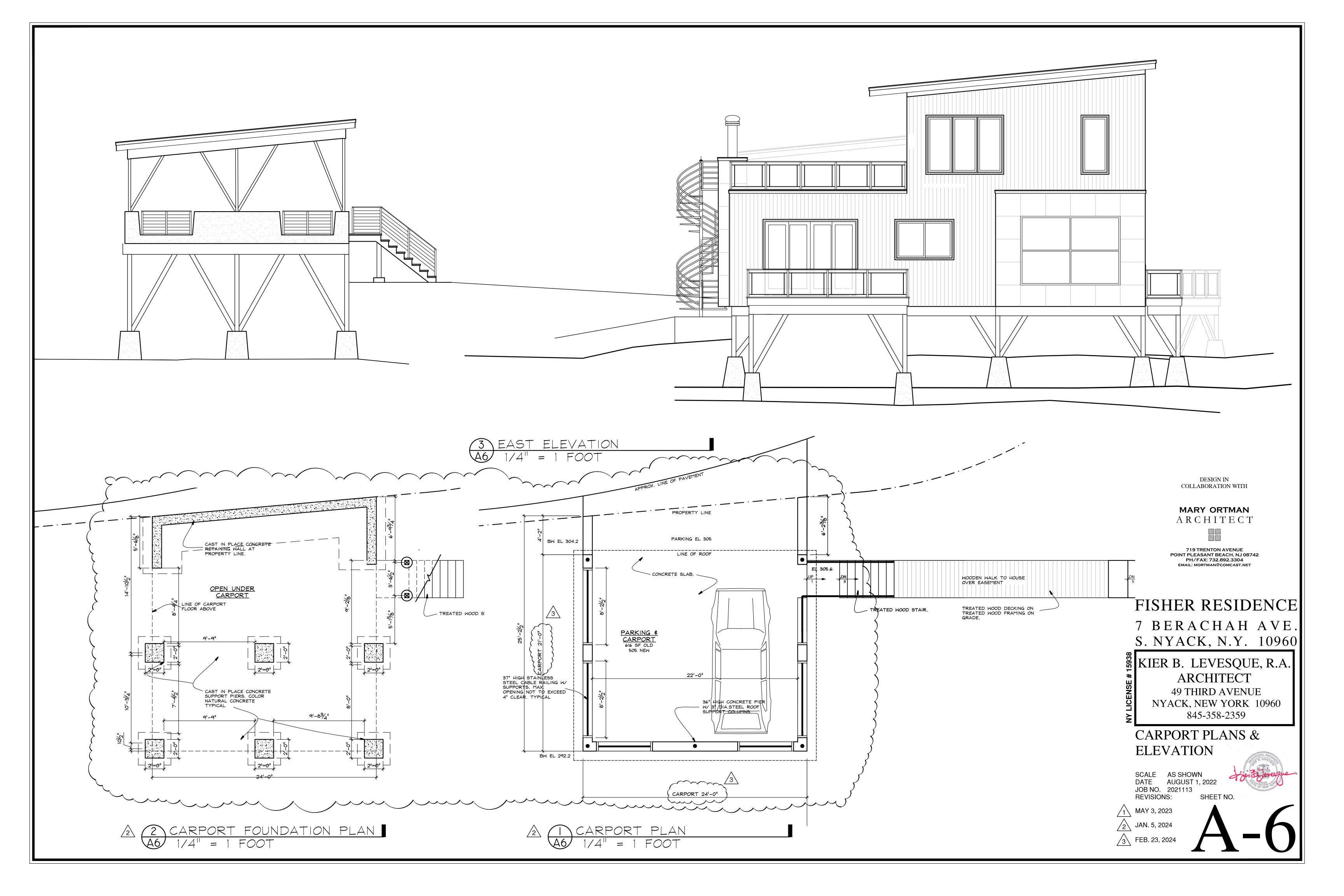
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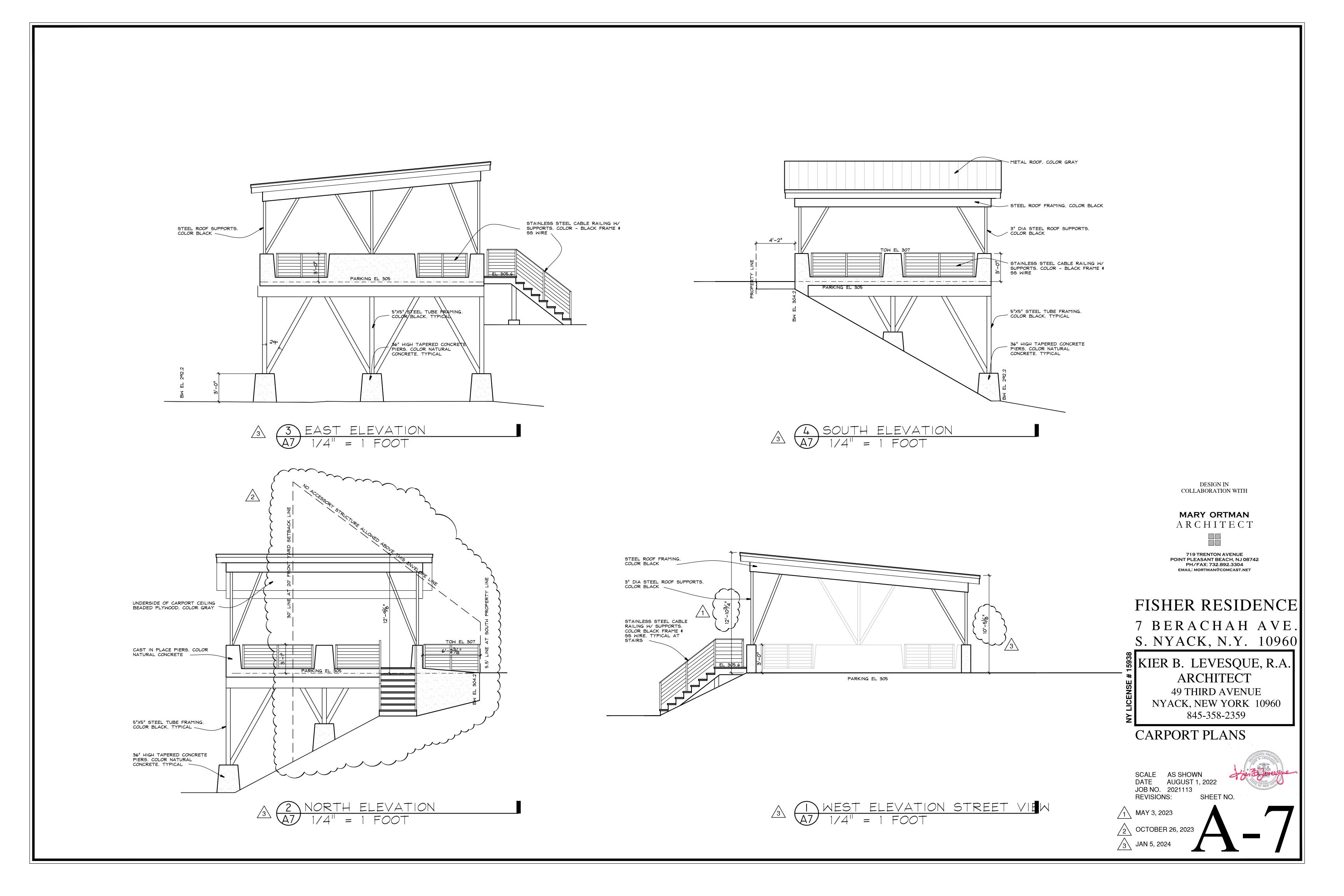
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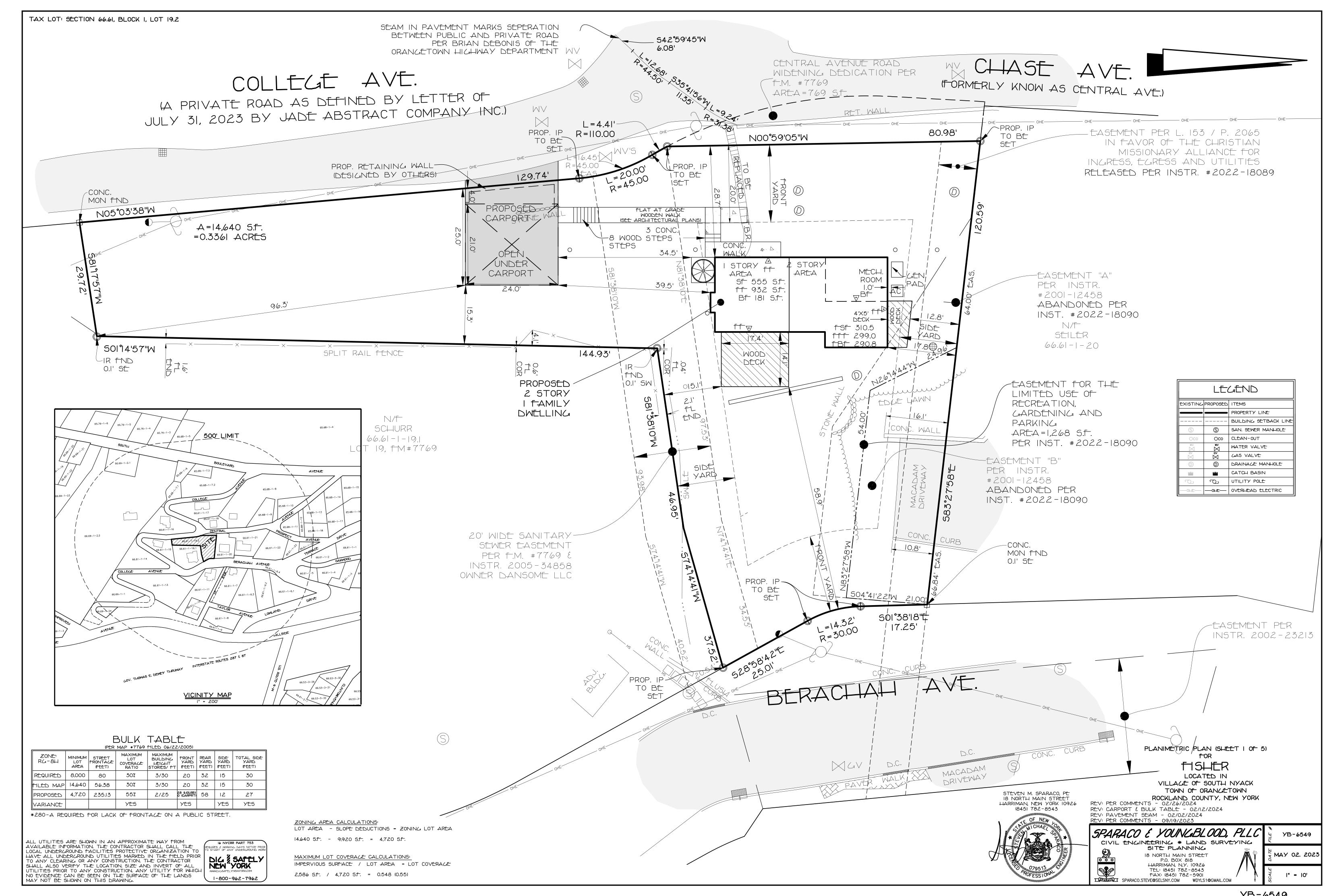
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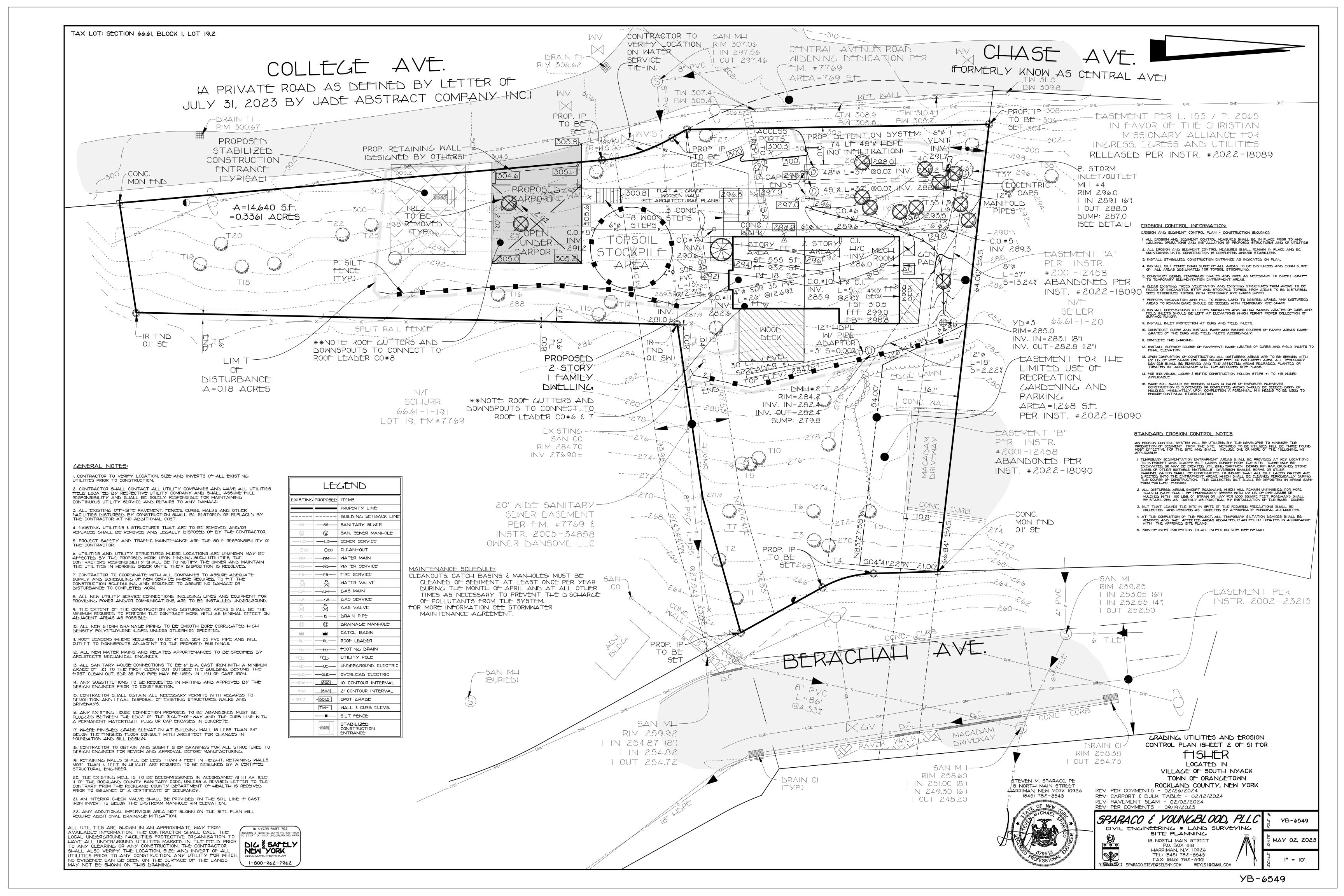
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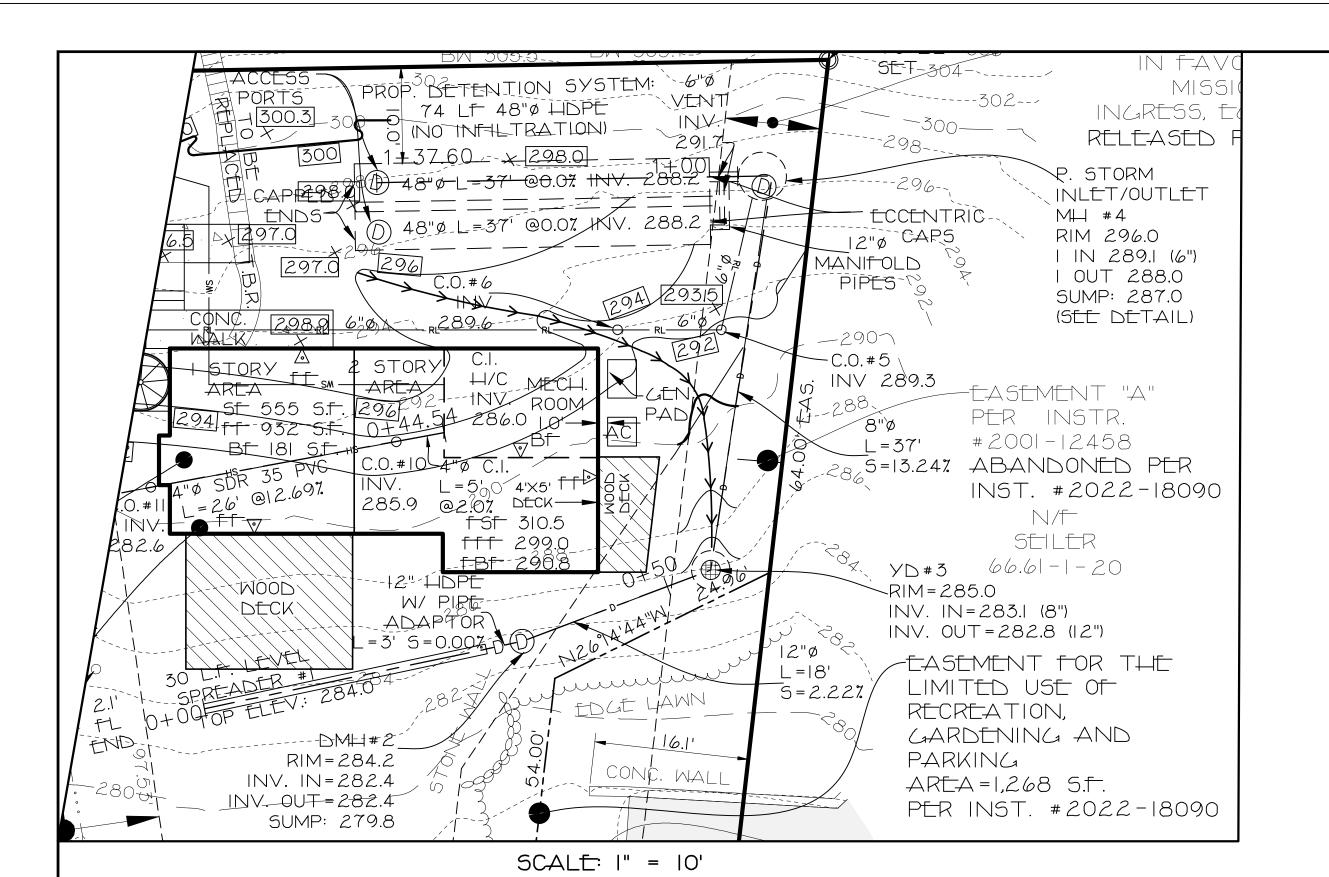
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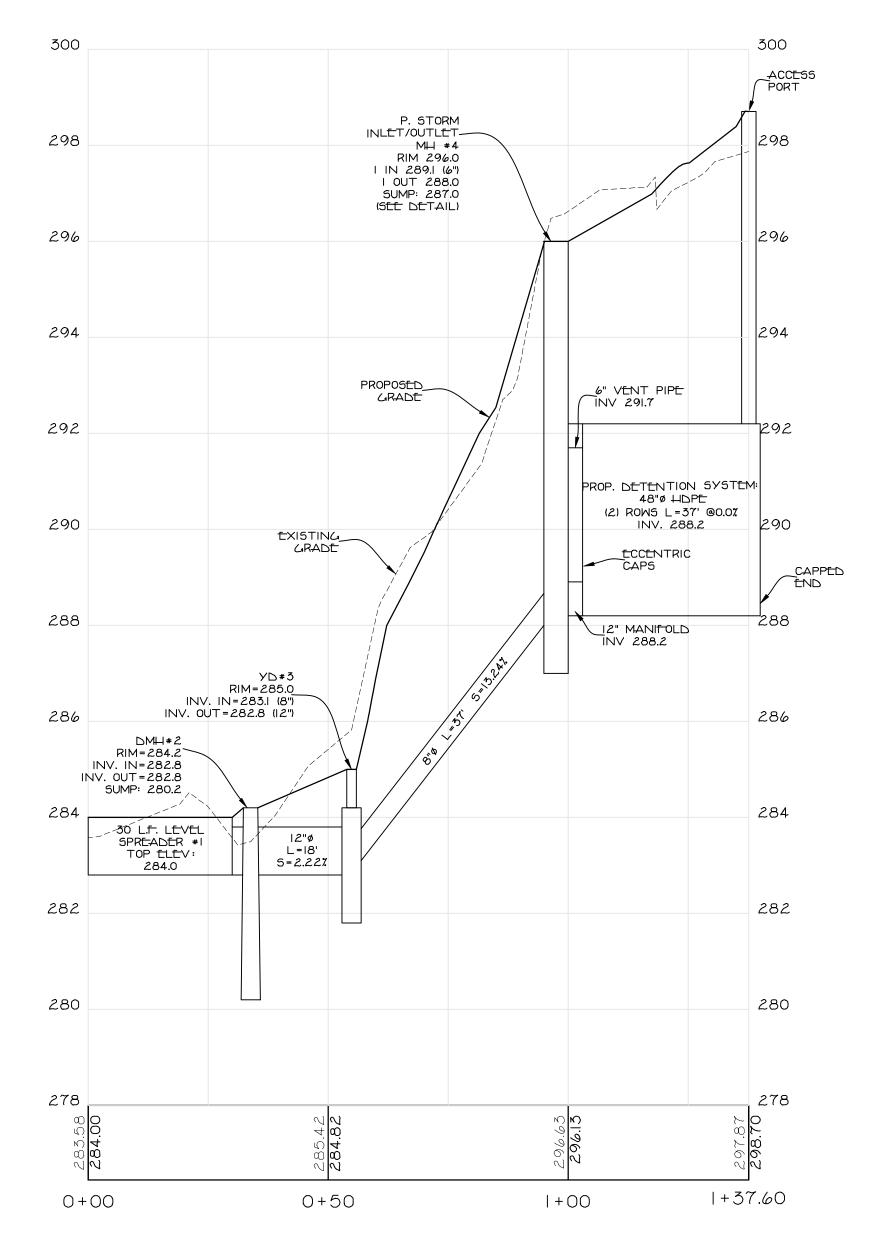






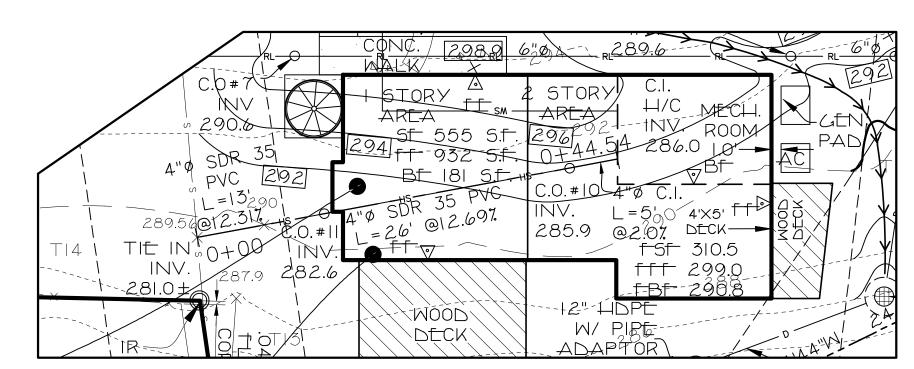




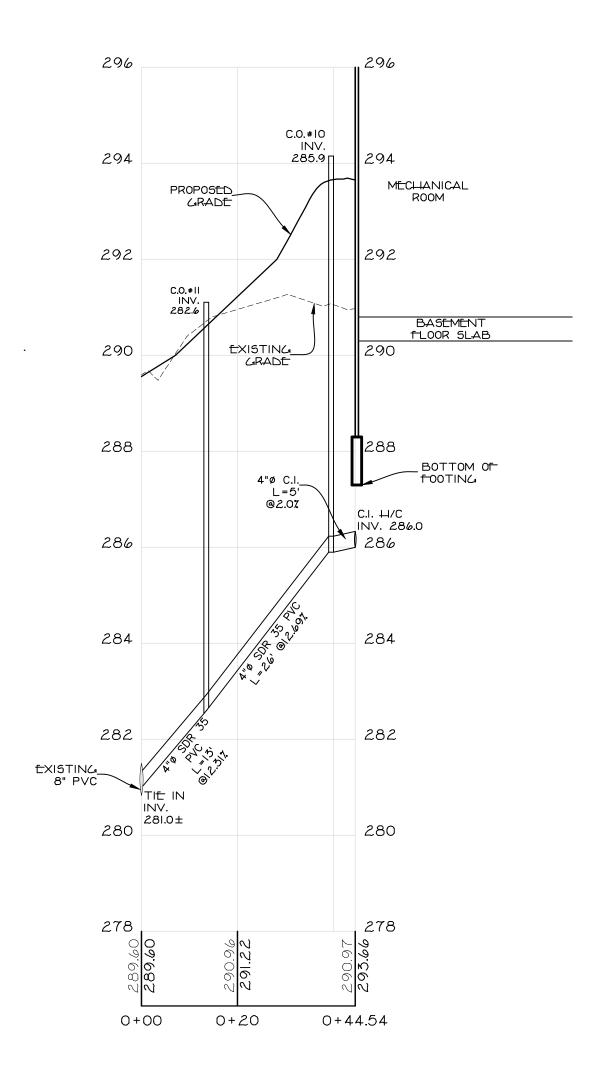


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SCALE: |" = 10'



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