## City of Syracuse Office of Zoning Administration

#### VARIANCE APPLICATION

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 Office Use
 Filing Date: 12-28-2072
 Case: V-91-67M
 Zoning District: RB (1922)

 VARIANCE REQUESTED
 (Check applicable and briefly describe.)

 Area Variance:
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	Area variance:				
	Cited Zoning Ordinance				
	Part(s), Sec(s), Art(s):				Y
V	Use Variance:				
	Cite Zoning Ordinance	Part B	, Section I, Article	7; Part C, Section III, Artic	les 1 and 2
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TA	X ASSESSMENT ADDRESS	<u>S(ES)</u>	<u>TAX MAP ID(S)</u> (00000-00.0)	OWNER(S)	<u>DATE</u> ACQUIRED
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2) 3)	414 LOPI ST		018-06-72.0	PIKCOOL	
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	isted in the Department of Assessme				
1) <u>PR</u>	Building permit review, Project#46393	2) Check a		3)	
	Demolition (full and partial):				
	New Construction:				
	Façade (Exterior) Alterations:				
1	Site Changes:		all a rain garden/bioreten	tion to manage the stormwater r	unoff from the parking lot
PR	OJECT INFORMATION (Br	iefly de	scribe, as applicable.)		
	siness/Project Name:			ers' One-Million-Gallon Green	Infrastructure Project
Cui	rrent Land Use(s):			oved conditional use as parking lot (for gene	
		The proposed project will not change the land use permitted by the Variance V-91-67			
Nu	mber of Dwelling Units:	0			
Day	vs and Hours of Operation:	24			

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (Provide a brief description of the project, including purpose or need.)

The proposed project is funded by One Million Gallons! (OMG!) program, a joint program by Atlantic States Legal Foundation and Onondaga County, to install a rain garden/bioretention area on this site to capture the stormwater runoff from the parking lot. The project is a part of the effort to manage the combined sewer overflows of the sewer system. The installation of the rain garden will eliminate 2 parking spaces from the current layout permitted by the Variance V-91-67. In addition, one parking space will become the access aisle for a designated handicapped parking space. As a result, the total available parking spaces will be reduced by 3.

Currently 12, proposed project will change it to 9, including one designated handicapped parking spot

Number of Onsite Parking Spaces:

#### **PROPERTY OWNER(S)** (required)

As listed in Department of Assessment property tax records (<u>http://syrgov.net/Assessment.aspx</u> - 315-448-8280). If not listed as the owner, please provide proof of ownership, e.g., a copy of the deed. Attorney's signing on behalf of the owner must include a letter describing the legal arrangement. If the property owner is a Corporation or Organization, the person signing must provide member verification. **Contract purchasers, tenants, architects, engineers, contractors, etc. CANNOT sign on behalf of the owner.** 

Dik	Cool	Owner	Syra	cuse Cu	Itural Workers
First Name	Last Name	Title	Comp		
PO Box 6367	7	Syracuse	NY	13217	Phone: 315-708-5508
Street Address	Apt / Suite / Other	City)	St	Zip ,	Email: dikcool1982@gmail.com
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#### \* OWNER SIGNATURE DECLARATION

I understand that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor, pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York. I declare that, subject to the penalties of perjury, any statements made on this application and any attachments are the truth and to the best of my knowledge correct. I also understand that any false statements and/or attachments presented knowingly in connection with this application will be considered null and void.

APPLICANT(S) (if	(applicable)				
Andy	Mager	Coordinator and Social Movements Liaison	Syra	cuse Cu	Iltural Workers
First Name	Last Name	Title	Comp	any	
400 Lodi Street		Syracuse	NY	13203	Phone: 315.474.1132 x22
Street Address	Apt / Suite / Other	City	St	Zip	Email: andy@syracuseculturalworkers.cor
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<u>USE VARIANCE TEST</u> (see <u>https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/publications/Zoning\_Board\_of\_Appeals.pdf</u>)</u> A Use Variance is permission to establish a land use which is not allowed by the Zoning Rules and Regulations, as amended. New York State law requires applicants to prove that this has caused an unnecessary hardship using all of the four tests below. *Briefly describe below how each of the required Use Variance tests is met and attach all supporting materials.* 

 Describe how the property is incapable of earning a reasonable return on initial investment if used for any of the allowed uses in the district (actual "dollars and cents" proof must be submitted): The property has been used as a parking lot for all 20 years that it has been owned by me, and was used as a parking lot for many years beforehand. As such it has little capacity to earn a return, particularly in a neighborhood with ample on-street parking. The full capacity of the parking lot is rarely used, so eliminating three spaces is a very good exchange for the environmental benefits offered by this project.

2. Describe how the property is being affected by **unique circumstances**, or at least highly uncommon circumstances:

This project seeks to enhance the quality of life for the immediate neighborhood, the city and the region. The goal is to capture stormwater runoff which would otherwise overburden the sewer system and waste treatment plant. It is a small, simple project with significant benefits.

3. Describe how the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential **neighborhood character**: The project will enhance the character of the neighborhood by adding additional greenspace through the creation of a rain garden in part of a parking lot. The slightly less than 600 square feet rain garden, prioritizing indigenous plants will be a benefit to the neighborhood.

4. Describe how the hardship is not **self-created**:

The variance doesn't seek to overcome a "hardship," so much as to enable a small project with significant environmental impact to move forward. This is an enhancement for the immediate neighbors and the city as a whole.

# Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

#### **Instructions for Completing**

**Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1.** Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

#### Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:

Syracuse Cultural Workers One-Million-Gallons Green Infrastructure Project

Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):

408 Lodi Street, Syracuse NY 13203

Brief Description of Proposed Action:

The proposed green infrastructure project will install a 420-sf bioretention area with a trench drain to intercept stormwater runoff from 5420 sf of paved surface of this lot. Once completed, the project will capture 92,000 gallons of runoff annually, to help reduce the combined sewer overflows from the combined sewer system that serves this area. The project is funded by the One Million Gallons! (OMG!) program, a joint effort between Atlantic States Legal Foundation and Onondaga County, to use green infrastructure projects to capture 1,000,000 gallons of runoff each year.

Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 315.474.1132 x22				
Andy Mager	E-Mail: andy@syracuseculturalworkers.com				
Address:					
400 Lodi Street					
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			
Syracuse	NY	13203			
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, log administrative rule, or regulation?	cal law, ordinance,	NO YES			
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to que		hat			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? NO YE					
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: City of Syracuse, building permit	t				
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	0.12 acres				
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 0.01 acres					
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	0.12 acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:					
5. 🗹 Urban 🗌 Rural (non-agriculture) 🗌 Industrial 🗹 Commerci	cial 🗹 Residential (sub	urban)			
Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other(Sp	pecify):				
Parkland					

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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
Wetland 🗹 Urban 🗌 Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?	~	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	~	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,	~	
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	V	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:		~
Stormwater runoff of the entire lot will be intercepted and directed to the bio-retention area. Stormwater will only overflow into the storm sewer system when the bio-retention area reaches its capacity, which is holding 1.25" of rain		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
The proposed bio-retention area is a stormwater infiltration practice that allows maximum ponding depth of 6". The ponding water should infiltrate into the subgrade within 24 hours after a storm		r
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	~	
20.Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
Although the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Mapper shows remediation work on the property, the owner is not aware of any remediation work that has been done on site, or that needs to be done.		~
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE B MY KNOWLEDGE	EST OF	7
Applicant/sponsor/name: Andy Mager Date: 12/22/2022		
Signature: Andy Mager		
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# EAF Mapper Summary Report

## Wednesday, September 14, 2022 11:08 AM

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Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	No
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or	
Endangered Animal]	No
Endangered Animal]	No

Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site] Yes

#### Welch, Lisa

From:	Andy Mager-SCW <andy@syracuseculturalworkers.com></andy@syracuseculturalworkers.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:41 AM
То:	Welch, Lisa; Hongbin Gao
Cc:	Thomas, Kyle (info@naturalsystemsengineering.com)
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: RE: Syracuse Cultural Workers OMG GI
	Project at 408- Project #46393_variance application

Hi Lisa:

Apologies for the delay in responding, but I was away for the first half of the month.

The parking lots are still used primarily for parking for the employees and customers at Syracuse Cultural Workers. In addition, we have given permission for adjacent neighbors who don't have off street parking to use them and they are occasionally used as overflow parking for events at the ArtRage Gallery around the corner on Hawley Ave.

If you need a more formal letter spelling out these details, please let me know.

All the best,

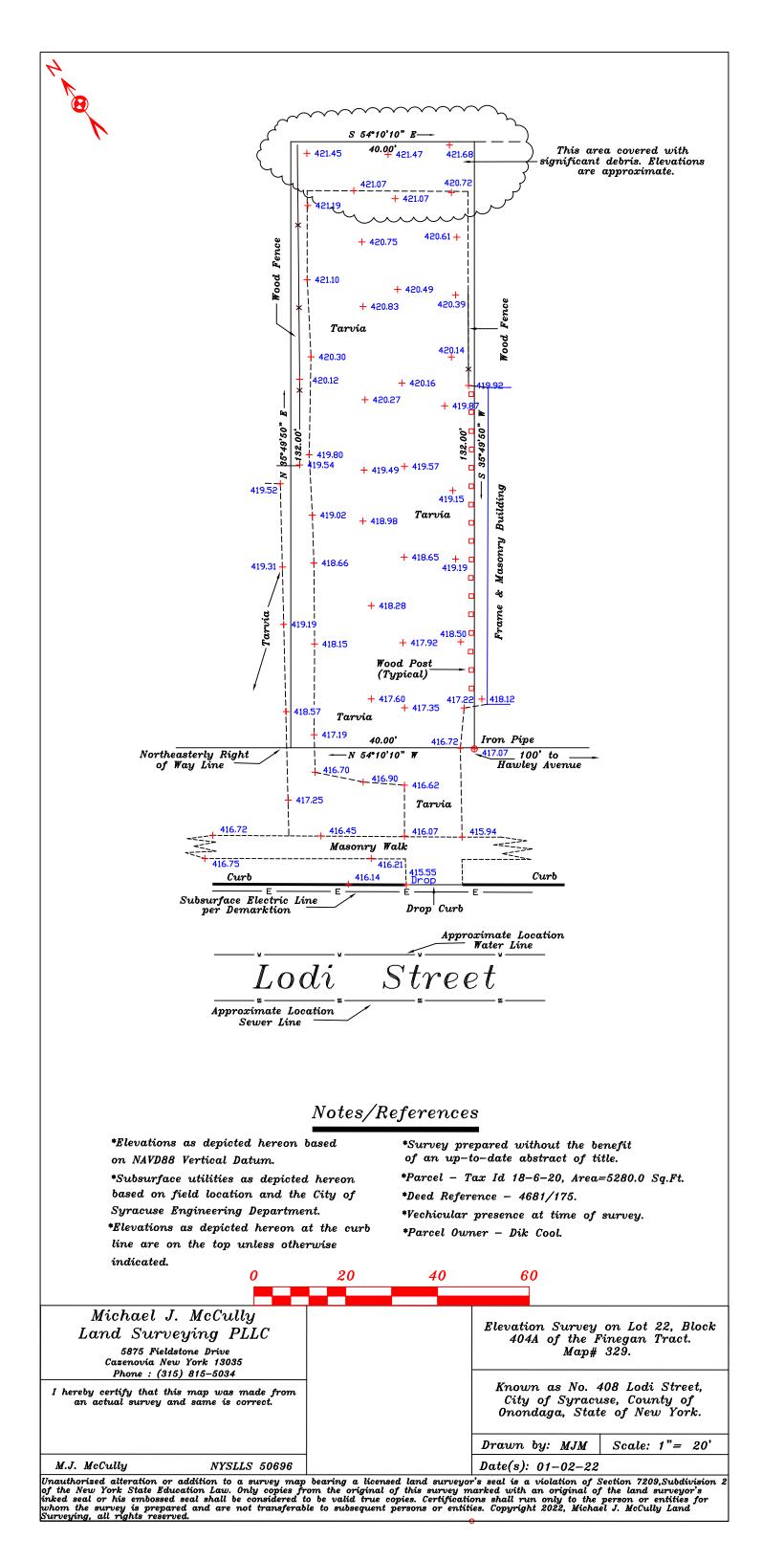
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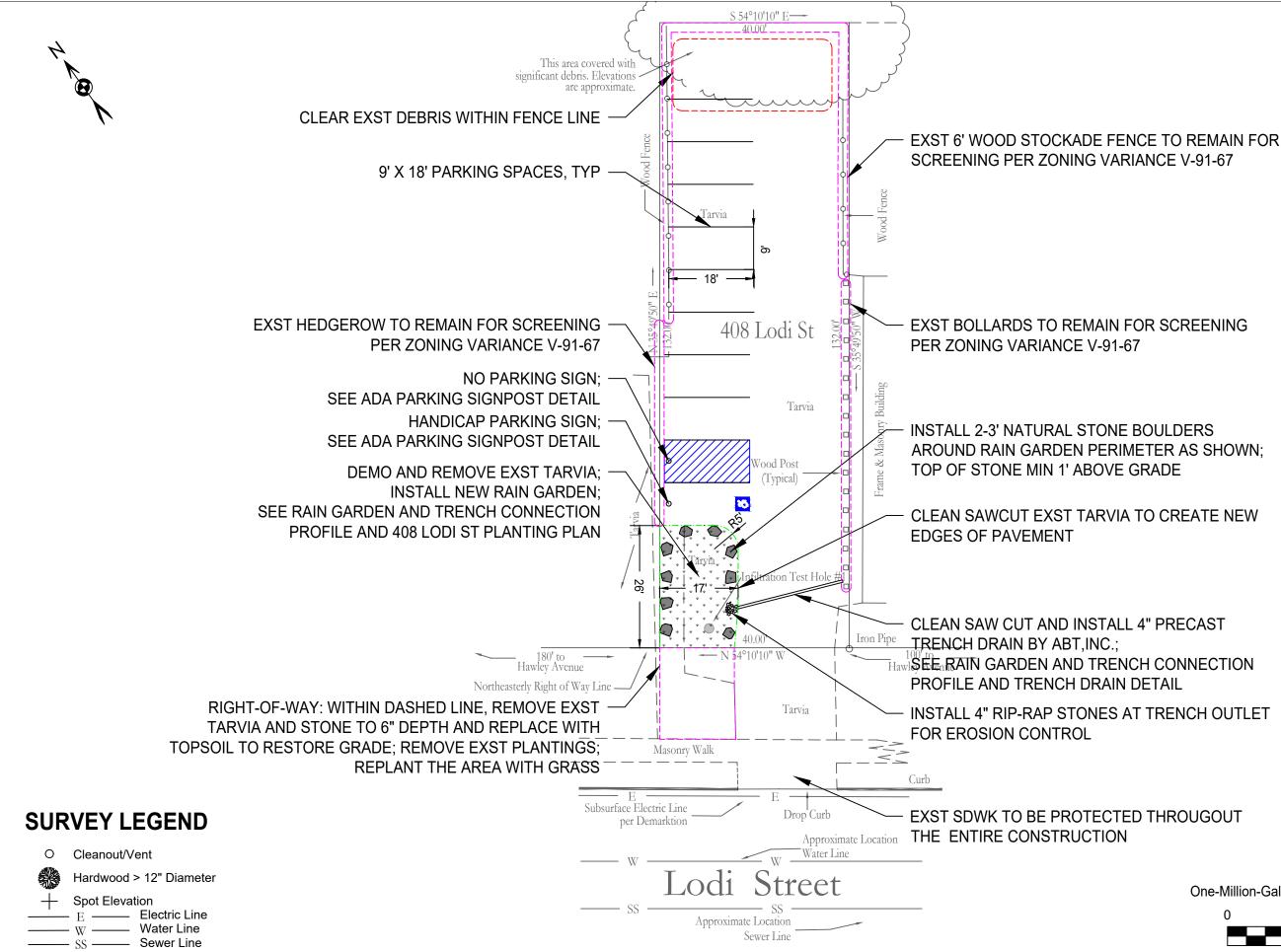
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Operating on land stolen from the sovereign <u>Onondaga Nation</u>, Haudenosaunee Confederacy. And working for justice and Land Back.

On 1/10/2023 10:24 AM, Welch, Lisa wrote:

The owner will need to provide a description of what exactly these parking lots are used for now. At one time they were for the employees and patrons of the restaurant at 400-02 Lodi. That is the ultimate purpose of the Use Variance. Thanks.



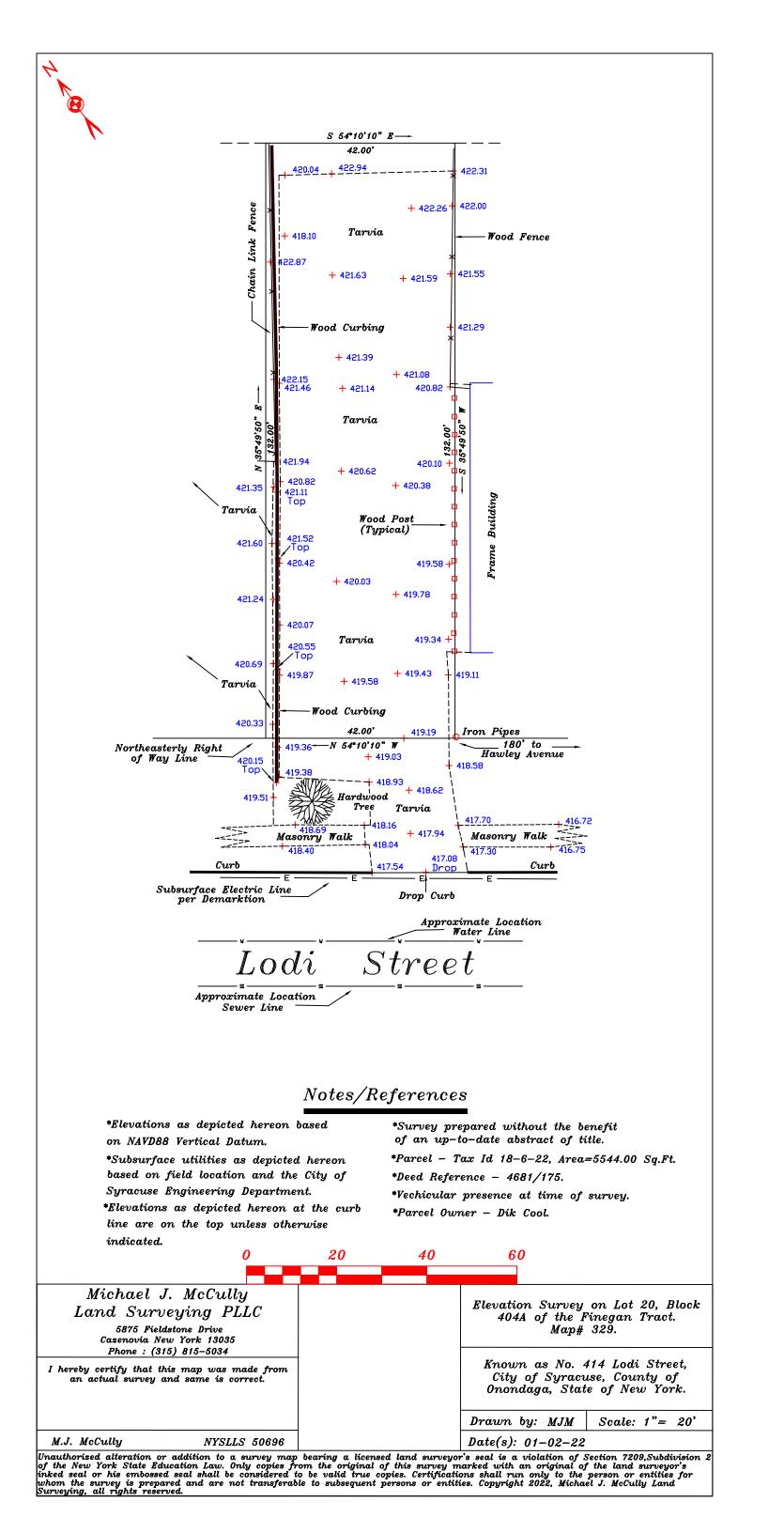


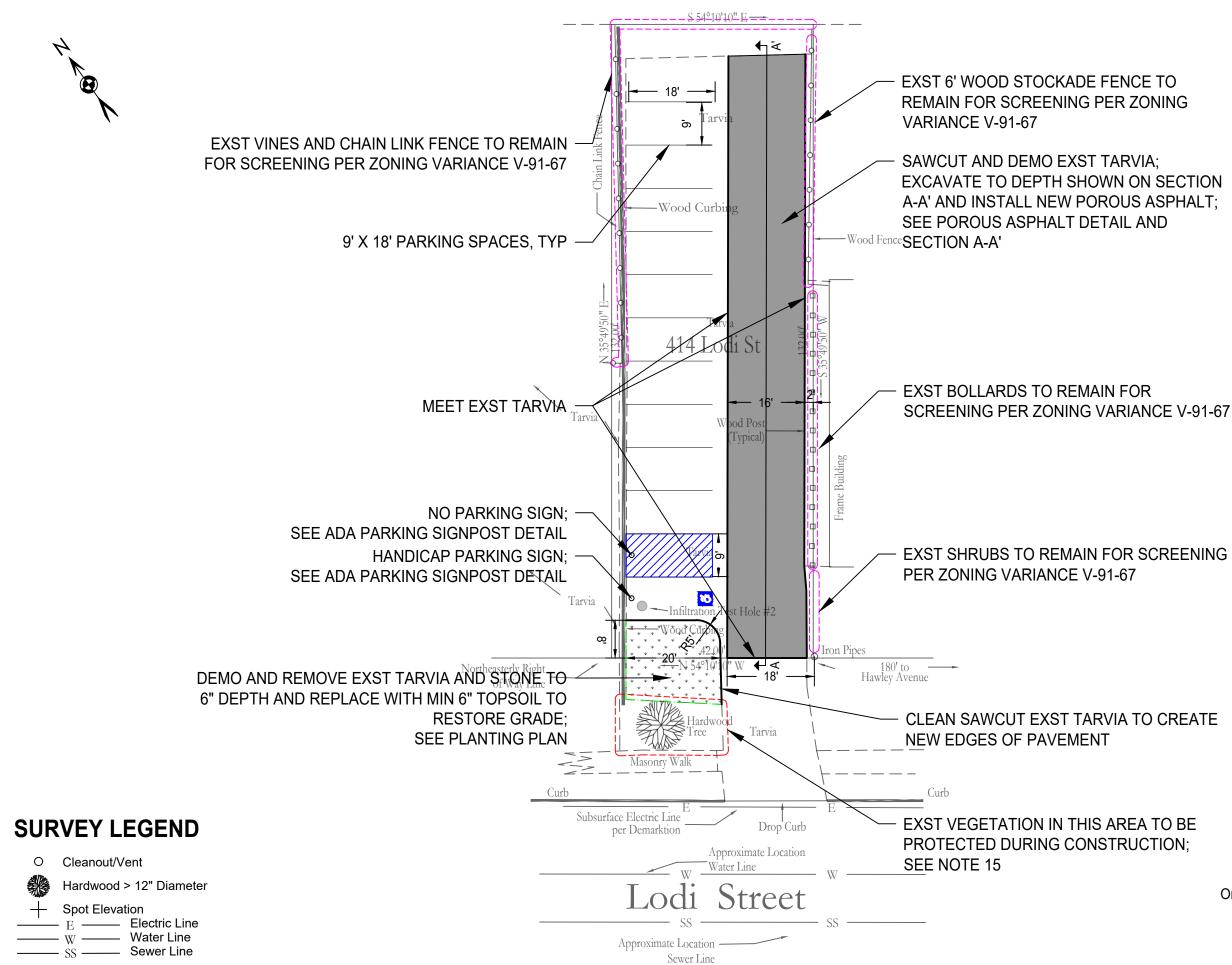
SITE PLAN

**Stormwater Bio-Retention** 408 Lodi Street

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SITE PLAN

**Porous Asphalt Parking Lot** 414 Lodi Street

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