Brighton Mews Storage Project

This project has been heard on CPC meeting on 8/19/2024. The CPC approved this project and made a recommendation to refer this project to the Common Council for final decision.

The Common Council reviewed and remanded the special use permit application due to the applicant's violation of a granted easement agreement between the applicant and the owner of property located at 679 E Seneca Tpke. The applicant has submitted revised plans to address the violation. The project was held again on 11/12/2024 CPC meeting due to the new concerns on disturbance in easement area.

Office of Zoning Administration invited the applicant, and the owner of property located at 679 E Seneca Tpke. to discuss solutions on the new concerns on 11/22/2024. An agreement has been achieved in the end of the discussion.

The applicant will present the updated plans for Special Use Permit application and the Major Site Plan Review Application.

The Planning Commission has deliberated on the SEQR review for this project on 8/19/2024. No new deliberation on SEQR review is needed.

The Planning Commission will deliberate on the decision for this project based on the revised plans.

SP-24-15 – Special Use Permit

MaSPR-24-28 – Major Site Plan Review



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<u>SP-24-15</u>	Staff Report – December 2, 2024				
Application Type:	Special Use Permit				
Project Address:	1001 Brighton Ave E (Tax Map ID: 06202-11.0) New address: 639 Seneca Tpke E (Tax Map ID: to be assigned)				
Summary of Proposed Action:	The applicant is applying for a Special Use Permit to establish a "Mini-Storage" use on a vacant property.				
Owner/Applicant	Joe Hucko, Brighton Mews, LLC. (Owner) Michael Charles, Benchmark Development (Applicant)				
Existing Zone District:	Commercial, CM Zone District				
Surrounding Zone Districts:	The neighboring properties to the north and west are located in the Commercial, CM Zone District, to the south in the Medium Density Residential, R4 Zone District, and to the east the property is on the boundary between the City of Syracuse and Town of Onondaga.				
Companion Application(s)	MaSPR-24-28 (Major Site Plan Review): to change the use of the property into a "Mini-storage" use in the CM Zone District and construct a 3-story storage facility.				
Scope of Work:	The scope of work includes: (1) removing part of the existing vegetations and grading the land for construction; (2) installing new pavement to the site; (3) constructing a 3-story, 105,000 SF storage facility; (4) constructing 25 parking spaces (includes 2 ADA parking spaces); (5) installing retaining walls and chain-link fences and implementing landscaping plans.				
Summary of Changes:	This project was approved by CPC on 8/19/2024 and was referred to Common Council for final decision. The Common Council remanded the special use permit application because the project plans were found to violate a granted easement agreement between the applicant and the owner of property located at 679 E Seneca Tpke. The applicant has submitted revised plans to address the violation. The project was reviewed by CPC again on 11/12/2024. The revised plans were still opposed by neighboring property owner due to the concern on possible erosion in easement area. On 11/22/2024, Office of Zoning Administration held an in-person meeting and invite				
	the applicant and neighboring property owner to discuss the possible solutions to the disturbance in easement area. In the end of the meeting, all concerns have been addressed and the applicant and neighboring property owner has reached an agreement on the easement issue. No further concern was raised by the neighboring property owner.				
Staff Analysis:	 Factors: Per revised plans, the proposed scope of work has been moved out of the exclusive easement. As a result of 11/22/2024 discussion, the applicant and neighboring property owner has reached an agreement. The neighboring property owner agrees to give the permission to the applicant to put pavement in the easement area and install concrete curb along the easement line to collect stormwater runoff. No further concern has been raised. 				

	 The proposed use is consistent with the purpose of CM Zone District which is to provide appropriate areas that permit the development and continued use of land for commercial and service uses characterized by frequent visits of customers and clients in high volumes. The proposed use is close to nearby residential uses and structures and would provide storage services to nearby residences. Per Sheet L6.1, the height of the proposed building is lower than the adjacent Greenwich Manor Apartment. Landscape buffer will be implemented between the proposed use and nearby residential use. Recommended conditions if approved: The applicant shall comply with the general conditions for approval on Special Use Permit application. (See the attached sheet "General Conditions for Site Plan Review, Special Use Permit and Project Plan Review Approval). The landscaping features along the southernly property line shall be adequately 			
	maintained to buffer the facility and parking lot from the adjacent residential Zone District.			
Zoning Procedural History:	 06/26/2023 R-23-31 Resubdivision to divide 1 lot into 2 new lots Approved 12/11/2023 R-23-31M1 New map submitted for Resubdivision Approved with Conditions 			
Summary of Zoning History:	No zoning history except for a resubdivison that divided one lot into two new lots, approved $12/11/2023$.			
Code Enforcement History:	See attached code enforcement history.			
Property Characteristics:	The lot is irregularly shaped with 40 feet of frontage along East Seneca Turnpike, 841.46 feet of frontage along Lafayette Road, 193 feet of frontage on the easterly property line, and 560.42 feet of frontage on the northernly most property line. The total area of the lot is 2.93 acres (127,630.8 square feet), and the proposed building is 105,000 SF.			
SEQR Determination:	Pursuant to the 6 NYCRR §617.2(al), the proposal is an Unlisted Action.			
Onondaga County Planning Board Referral:	 Pursuant to GML §239-1, m and n, the proposal meets the referral criteria for Onondaga County Planning Board to review. The Onondaga County Planning Board has comments below: The applicant must ensure legal access to East Seneca Turnpike. An access easement along the private road is required to be filed with the deed and reflected on the subdivision plan. Given that the applicant will be clearing trees and site may contain the federally and state endangered Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared bat or their associated habitat, the applicant is required to consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and New York Natural Heritage Program to minimize the impact to the species. Given loss of trees and wooded area on site, the Board encourages the applicant to increase plantings and landscaping surrounding the building area. 			

The application submitted the following in support of the proposed project:

- Application Submittals: The application
 Special use permit application
- Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1
- Brighton Subdivision. Part of Farm Lot 121, City Of Syracuse, County Of Onondaga, State of New York;

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Licensed Land Surveyor: Paul J. Olszewski; Paul James Olszewski, P.L.S., PLLC; Dated: 05/11/2023; Scale: 1''= 30'

- Site Preparation Plan (Sheets L1.1, L2.1). Prepared by Keplinger Freeman Associates LLC; Dated: 02/26/2024; Scale as noted.
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Attachments:

• Updated project plans



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Summary of Proposed Action:	The applicant is applying for a Major Site Plan Review to change the land use from a vacant property to a "Mini-Storage" land use and to construct a 3-story, 105,000 SF storage facility.				
Owner/Applicant	Joe Hucko, Brighton Mews, LLC. (Owner) Michael Charles, Benchmark Development (Applicant)				
Existing Zone District:	Commercial, CM Zone District				
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Companion Application(s)	SP-24-15 (Special Use Permit): to establish a "Mini-Storage" use in the CM Zone District.				
Scope of Work:	The scope of work includes: (1) removing part of the existing vegetations and grading the land for construction; (2) installing new pavement to the site; (3) constructing a 3-story, 105,000 SF storage facility; (4) constructing 25 parking spaces (includes 2 ADA parking spaces); (5) installing retaining walls and chain-link fences and implementing landscaping plans.				
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Major Site Plan Review Application Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 & Part 3 Easement Agreement Code Enforcement History IPS Comments from City Departments

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Context Maps:

Figure 1: Zone District of Subject Property



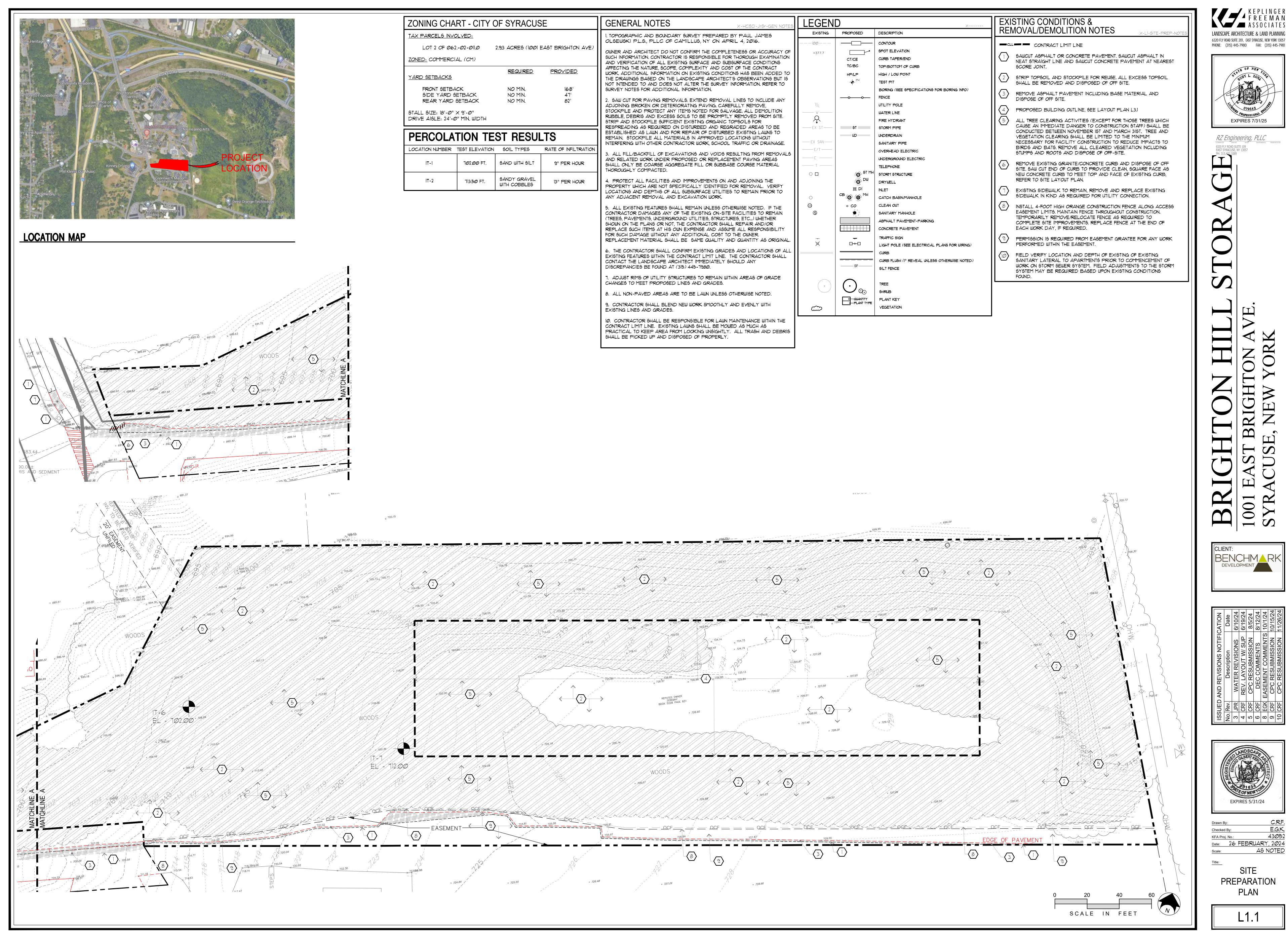
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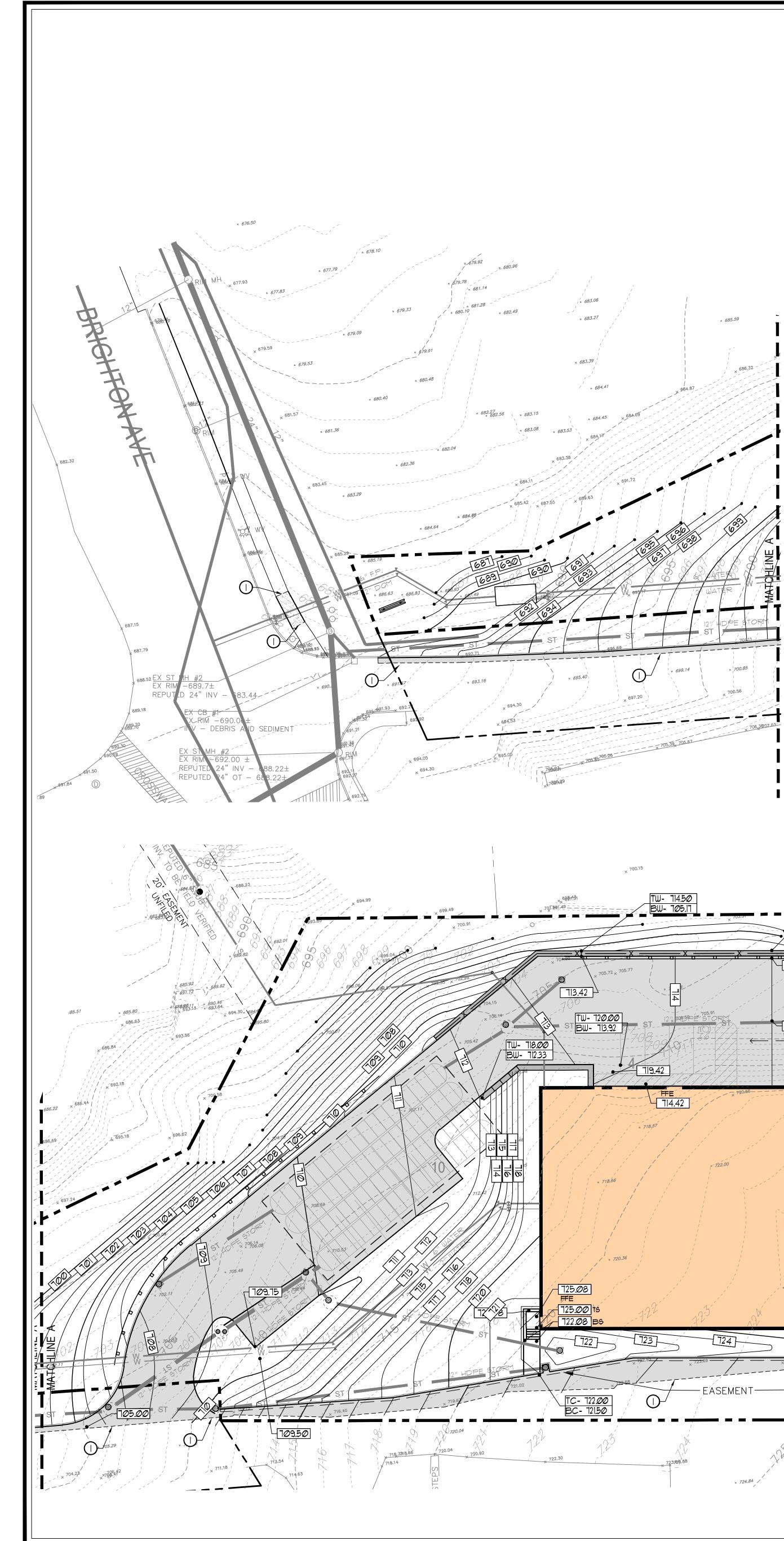
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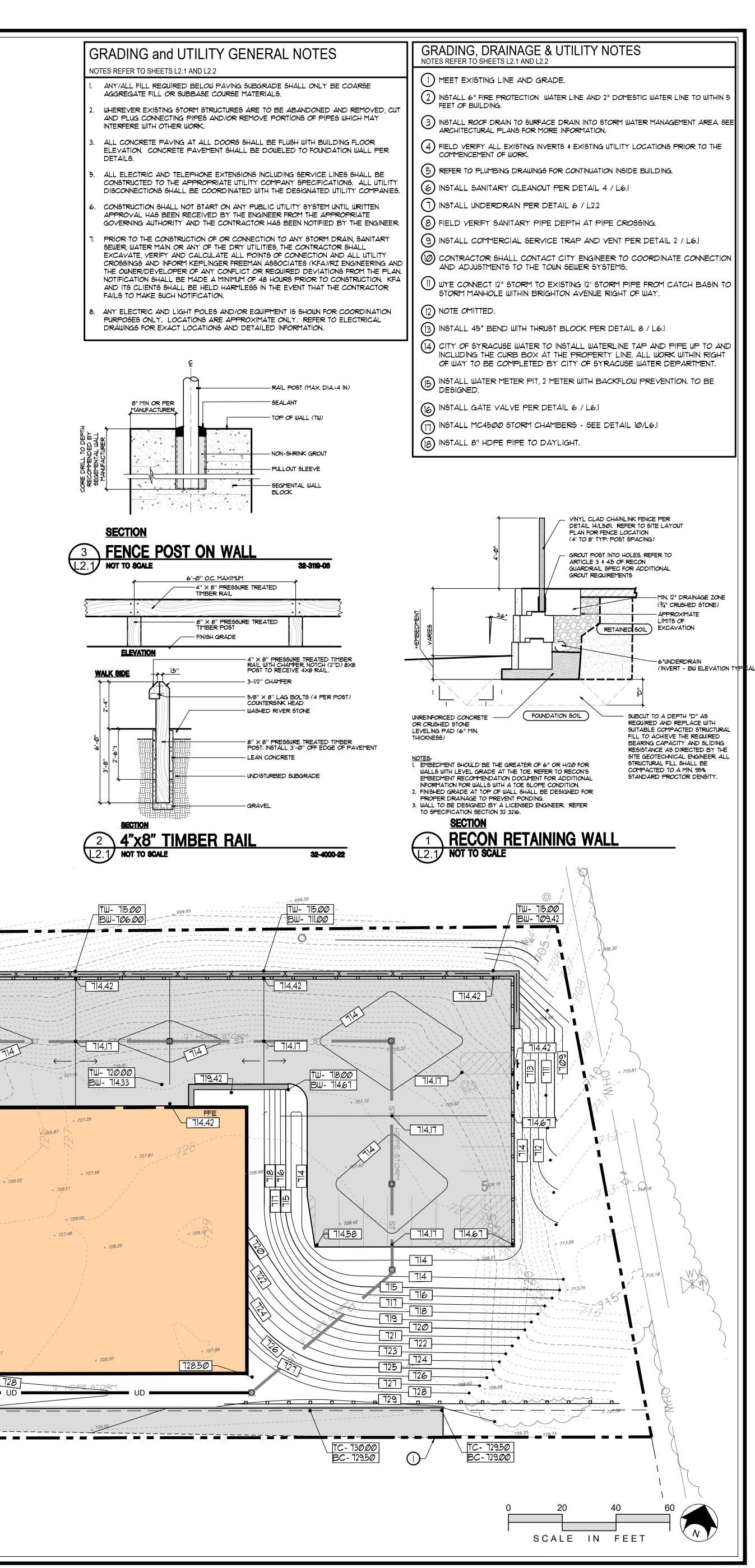


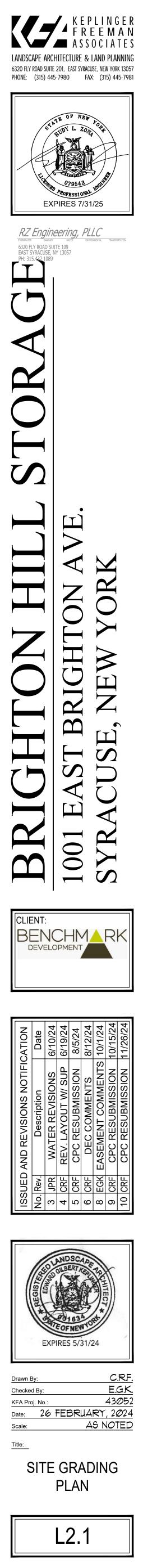
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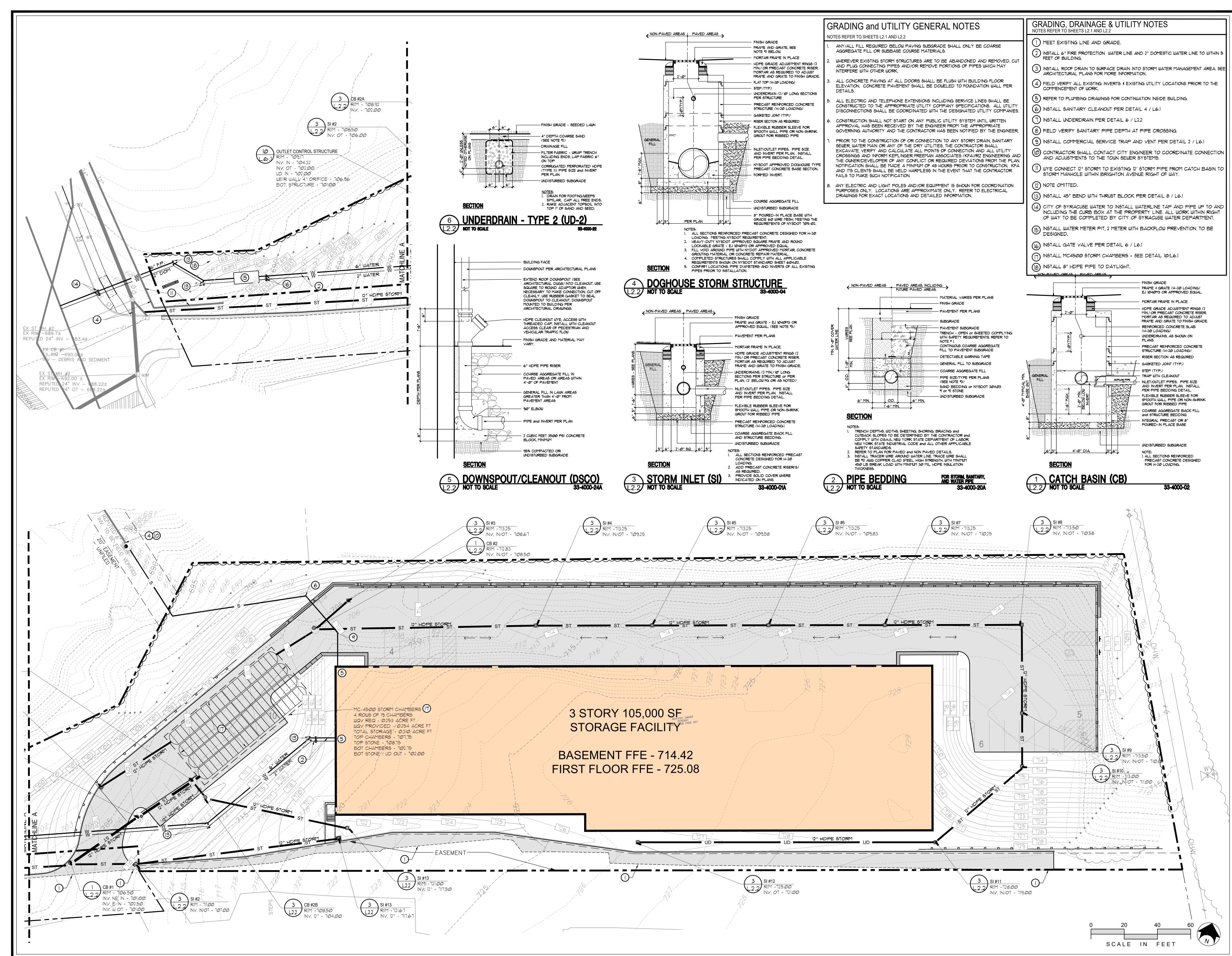
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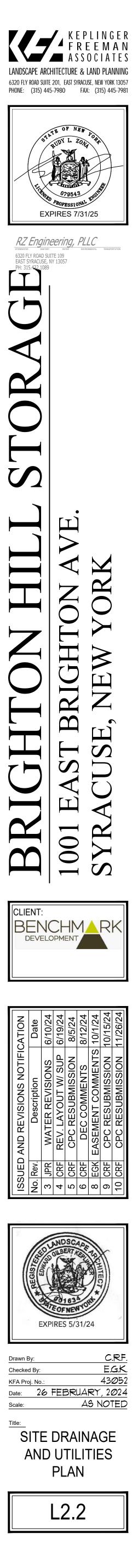


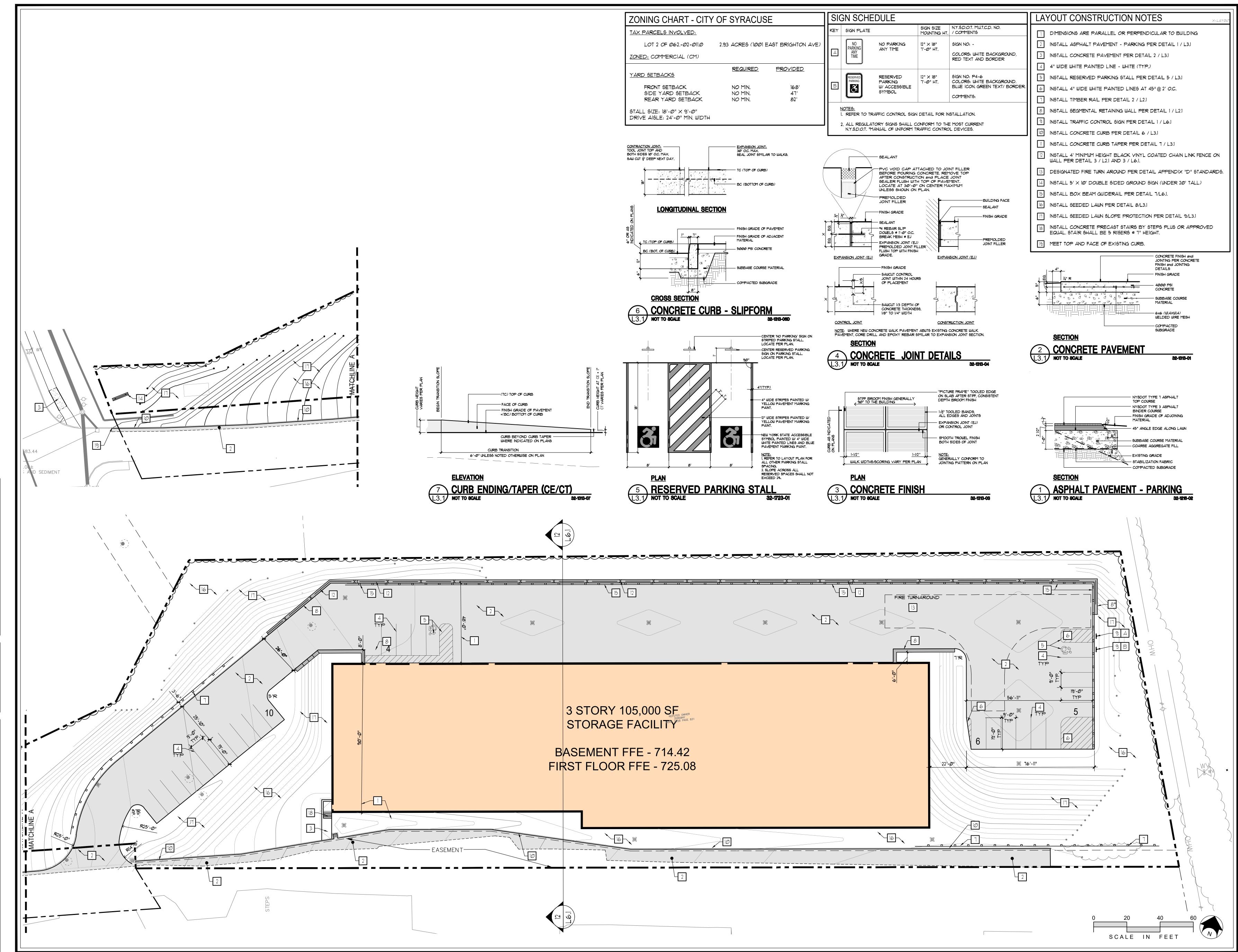
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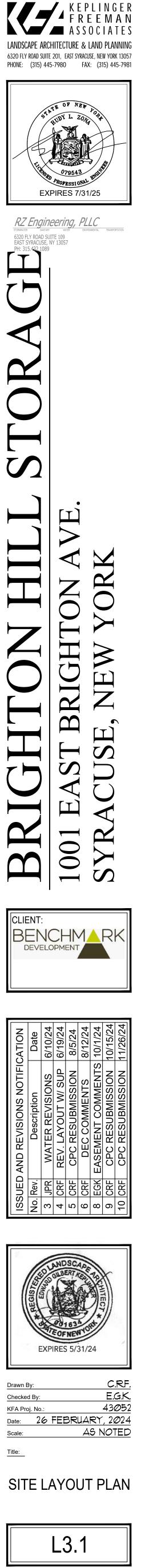


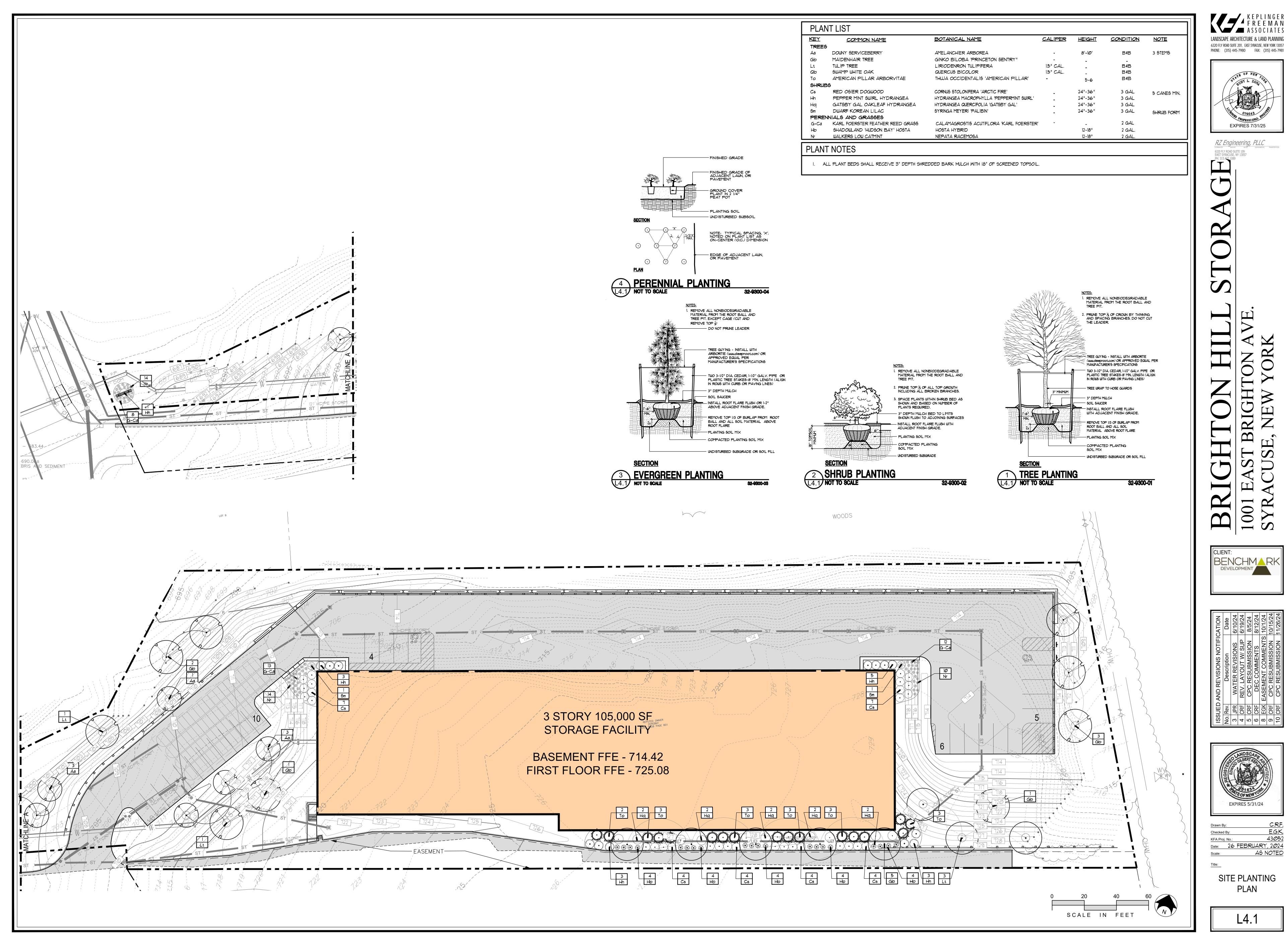


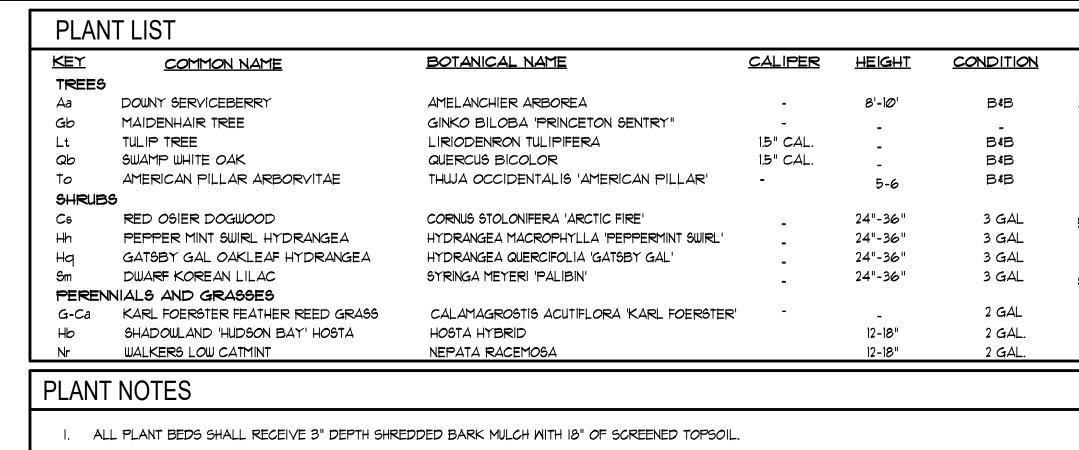


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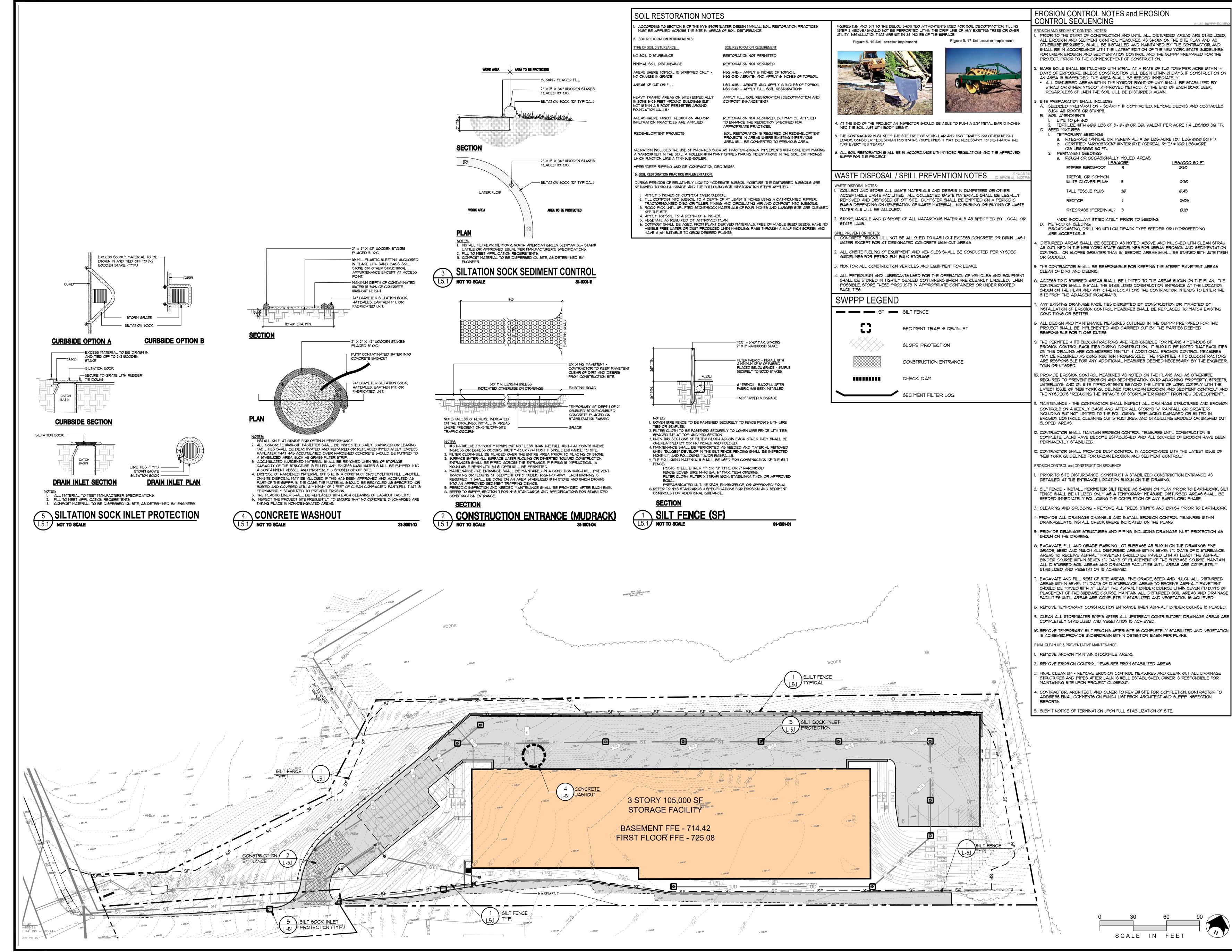
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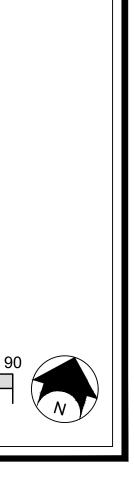


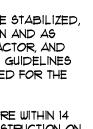


















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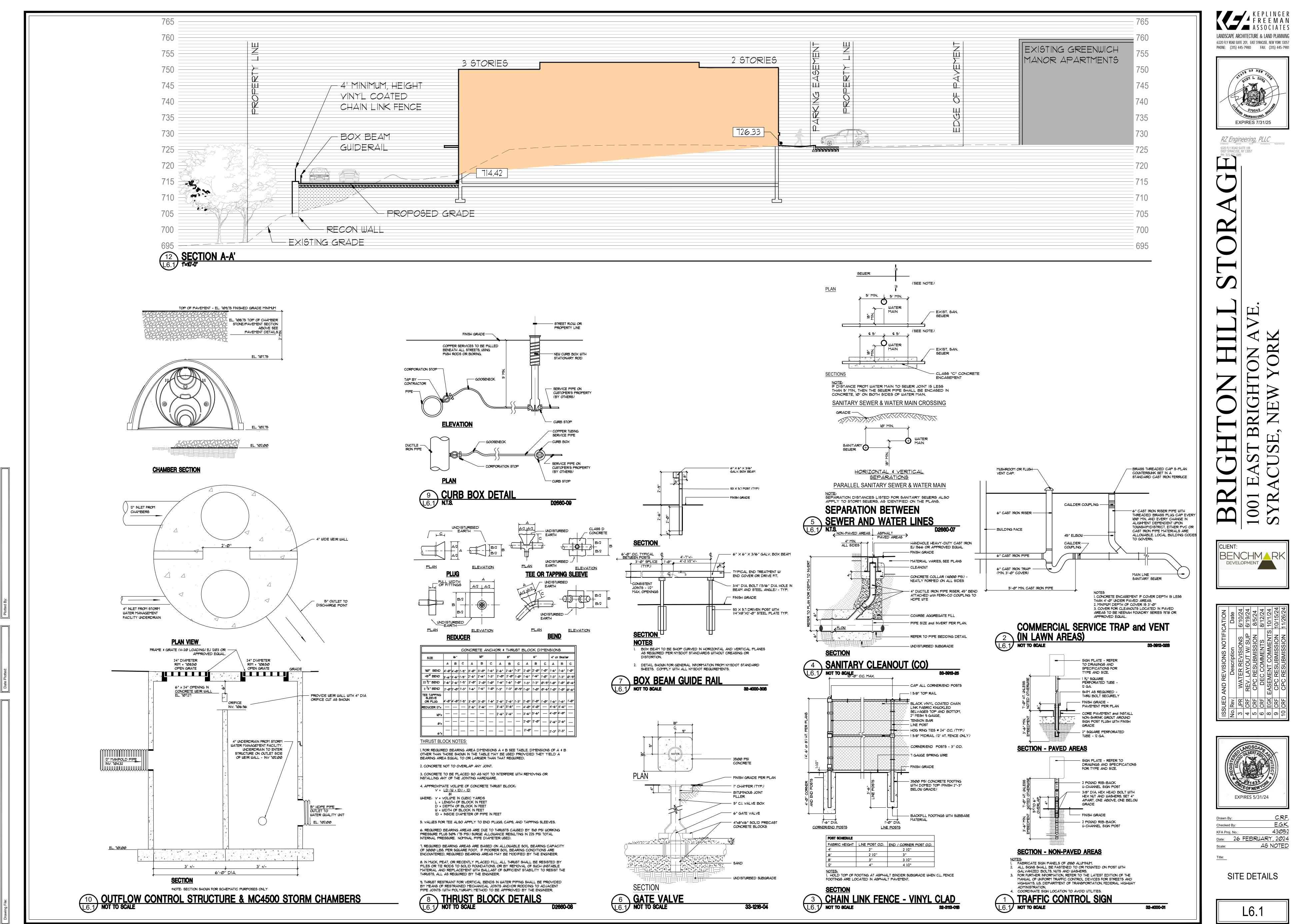
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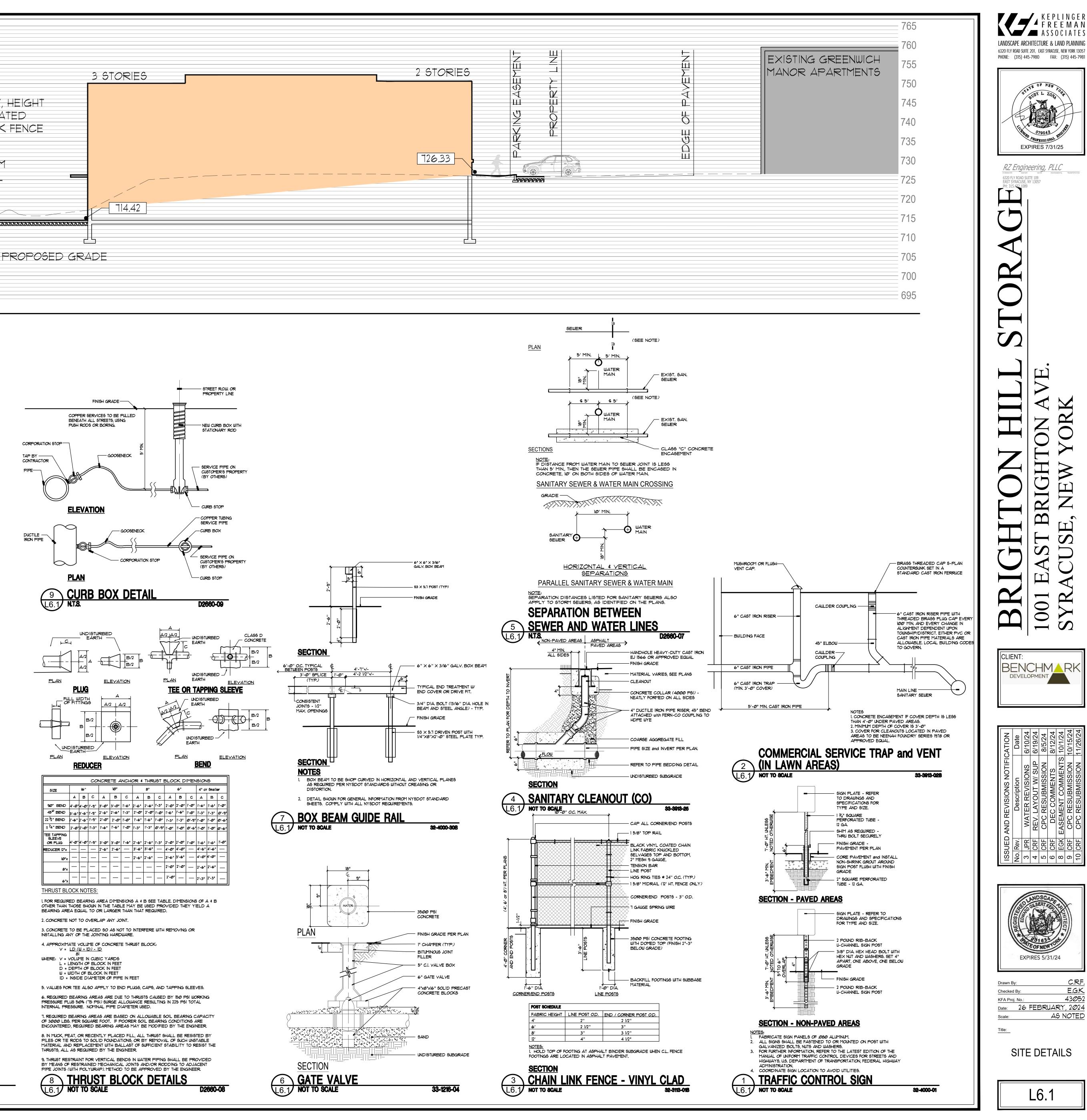
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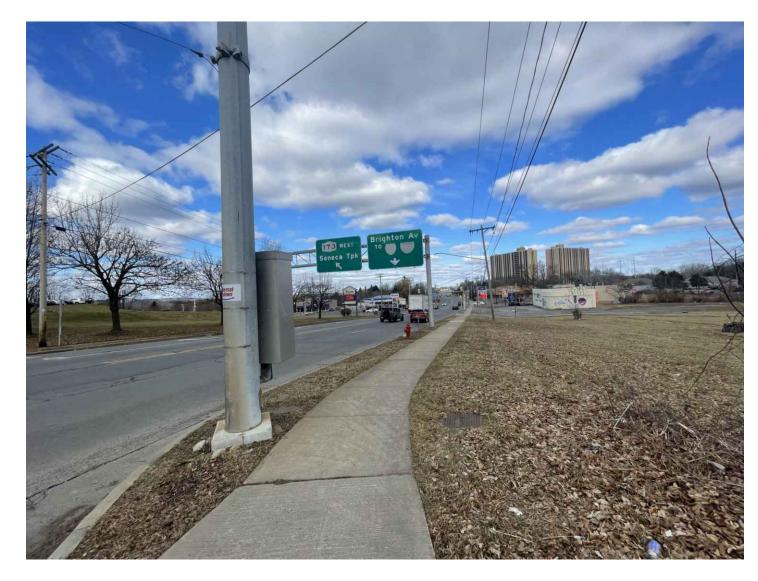
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