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THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED:

- * Please see SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION DURING COVID at: Application Forms / Materials | Wilton CT
- * All submitted plans and documents shall bear an **original signature**, **seal**, **and license number** of the professional responsible for preparing each item. Maps should be **folded**, **not rolled** 11" x 17" Plan Copies

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS (CONSOLIDATED INTO 1 OR 2 PDFs MAXIMUM), emailed to: michael.wrinn@wiltonct.org & daphne.white@wiltonct.org

- i. An application form;
- ii. A statement describing the proposed project (use page 2 or attach separate sheet);
- iii. The following plans, where applicable, based on the nature of the proposed project:
- 1. An A-2 survey for any proposal involving the physical enlargement of a building, structure, parking area and/or vehicle access aisle.
- 2. A site plan drawn at a scale of no greater than 1" = 60', incorporating an A-2 survey (where required), of the property sufficient to show the location of:
 - a. wetlands, upland buffers, watercourse and flood zones, if any;
 - b. existing and/or proposed buildings and appurtenances thereof;
 - c. existing and/or proposed parking accommodations;
 - d. existing and/or proposed lighting
 - e. existing and proposed buffer strips and landscaping;
 - f. access and egress details for pedestrian and vehicular traffic;
 - g. existing and/or proposed signs, and
 - h. adjacent roads, curb cuts, and width of rights-of-way and travel way.
 - i. easements, regulatory setbacks, historic covenants or other historic assets.
- 3. Floor plans at each level showing the basic divisions of the building, all entrances, exits and loading and service areas.
- 4. A description of the architectural vernacular of proposed construction and its architectural relationship to other buildings within 500 feet.
- 5. Elevation drawings of all sides of the building, with dimensions, finish materials, fixtures, lighting, signage, landscape and colors indicated.

	6. Samples of all finish materials to be used on the exterior of the building.
	7. A roof plan showing all mechanical equipment, vents, hatches, skylights, solar arrays, wind
	turbines, green roofing etc., and the type and extent of screening to be provided.
	8. A signage plan with a scaled drawing showing the design of any proposed signage, including
	dimensions (length, width, height), a drawing of sign design and content, colors of sign, materials for
	construction and illumination, together with a site plan showing location of proposed free-standing
	sign and/or building elevations showing location and proportions of wall signs.
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THE APPLICANT understands that this application is to be considered complete only when all information and documents required by the Commission have been submitted and is responsible for the payment of all legal notices incurred.

THE UNDERSIGNED WARRANTS the truth of all statements contained herein and in all supporting documents according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and hereby grants visitation and inspection of the subject property as described herein.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

OWNER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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PROJECT NARRATIVE:

Reconstruction of a 27' x 39' antique barn to provide space with support facilities for Wilton Land Conservation Trust programs and Director. See attached description.

WILTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST 183 Ridgefield Road Special Permit Narrative

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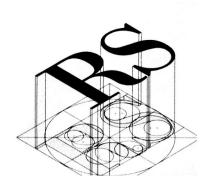
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Existing site:

Wilton Land Conservation Trust's 183 Ridgefield Road property ("183") is a 13-acre site comprised of 11 acres of open field habitat and 2 acres of riparian forestland. It includes 2,225 linear feet of stone walls, a stream, large open-grown trees, and almost 1,000 feet of road frontage on Ridgefield Road, one of four State Scenic Roads in Fairfield County. In addition to preserved open space suitable habitat for birds, amphibians, insects, and mammals, it's 2.3 acres of inland wetland soils and 400 linear feet of stream corridor and riparian buffer are extremely important to water quality in the Comstock Brook, the Norwalk River and Connecticut's coastal waters.



This site also sits in the epicenter of the Wilton Pollinator Pathway, a critically important greenway that connects across town boundaries for protection of land vital to species biodiversity. As a founding member of the Wilton Pollinator Pathway, WLCT will implement landowner education about the healthy care of privately-owned land using 183 to exemplify an intact ecosystem.

Proposed Use:

Since its establishment in 1964, the Wilton Land Conservation Trust has remained true to its mission: protecting nature and preventing the loss of Wilton's unique natural, scenic, historical, and recreational values. Through ownership and conservation easements, it is responsible for preserving and protecting 119 parcels and about 835 acres.

WLCT received widespread support from nearby landowners to protect 183 and to create a natural conservation and demonstration environment, providing an opportunity to enjoy and learn about nature in a uniquely accessible Wilton landscape, create the much-needed greenway for wildlife, and provide connectivity to nearby trails and open spaces.

At 183, educational programs and exhibits will be created for many age groups. For schoolchildren, the Wilton Historical Society plans to plant and harvest a flax field to enhance their "Flax to linen" educational programs, while Woodcock Nature Center plans to conduct curriculum studies of an upland meadow for their school programs. The Silvermine Arts Center plans to run 'plein air' art classes, and The American Chestnut Foundation has planted a seed grove to create disease-resistant American Chestnut trees suitable for re-planting in and around Wilton.

To support these programs, WLCT has undertaken reconstruction of an antique barn, to be repurposed as a classroom space, providing accessible washrooms and a small office space as a base of operations for WLCT's Executive Director. The existing unpaved drive will be re-surfaced and extended to a new parking area for 8 vehicles, and new pathways will connect

the barn, an outdoor classroom, a demonstration garden area showcasing native plants, and a terrace area for small gatherings.

Suitability of the site for use as an educational facility:

183 Ridgefield Road is zoned R-2A. Educational facilities are permissible as Special Permit uses under Section 29-5.A.3.n in zone R-2A. The site is located on a state highway, has a building coverage of less than 10% and a site coverage of less than 35%, in accordance with the regulations set forth in Section 29-5.C.3 for school uses. Further, mature plantings and broad setbacks in excess of 1.5 times the required setbacks, screen the building and parking area from street view from Route 33. Providing publicly-accessible recreation and open space is also consistent within Section 2 of the town's POCD.

Hours of operation:

WLCT properties are open to the public during daylight hours, with normal spontaneous and casual visits to the property throughout the year. At 183, program functions would generally be scheduled during school hours on weekdays. WLCT expects active usage from these educational programs in the May–June and September–October periods coinciding with school visits. It is estimated that the schedule will include 2 visits of schoolchildren in buses in the Spring and the same in the Fall. Programs such as painting classes could occur any day during the week, generally as small group sessions.

The WLCT's Executive Director will schedule and coordinate all educational visits from the office in the Offutt Barn. Use by the Executive Director would be occasional, and no additional staffing is anticipated.

Annual events will include meetings of the WLCT board, and possibly a fundraiser event of approximately 75 people. Event schedules will be phased in as program details develop, to minimize the traffic flow through the site at any given moment in time.

Parking, Loading, Traffic Estimates and Circulation:

Access to the site will be through the existing driveway from Route 33/Ridgefield Road, a designated scenic highway. A new parking area with space for up to 8 cars will be situated north of the existing fieldstone wall adjacent to the barn. Driveway and parking areas shall be crushed stone finish, except at the accessible parking area per ADA requirements.

Attendance at small events will be limited to the available parking, while the annual fundraiser would employ off-site parking and mini bus transfer. School students will be dropped off and picked up with staggered schedules, utilizing a traffic loop and the new parking area.

Signage:

In order to allow visitors to locate the building, one identification sign will be placed 5 feet back from Ridgefield Road, along the southern edge of the driveway, in accordance with regulation Section 29-8.A.2.b(1).

There will be orientation signage welcoming visitors, showing a map to the walking trail loops and features of the preserved landscape. Directional and interpretive signage within the site shall conform to Section 29-8.A.2.b(7).

Outdoor Lighting:

Exterior lighting, comprised of (3) decorative entryway downlights and (2) corner double floodlights will provide for periodic nighttime access to the front and back of the building. No lighting will be illuminated after 10pm, in accordance with the regulations. Event lighting, if required, will be for the duration of the occasion only.

Refuse collection:

Refuse collection will be provided by WLCT members, with professional collection for special events, through the existing on-site receptacles. Consistent with WLCT's focus on environmental stewardship, educational programming to reduce waste and therefore the volume of trash to be collected will be encouraged.

Landscaping:

Since 1964, WLCT's mission has been to preserve in a natural state its 119 properties encompassing 835 acres, while fostering a future generation of environmental stewards. The 183 Ridgefield Road property was acquired to take advantage of the ecodiversity on the property while supporting our nature-based active and passive activities, which heavily emphasizes environmental conservation and illustrates the value and importance of biodiverse ecosystems as important components of Wilton. We look forward to helping further the town's goals of increasing preservation of natural resources, stewardship of the natural environment and awareness of these important principles through our educational work.

Wetlands:

Approximately 2 acres of the 13.455 acre site is designated as wetlands, in the north-west portion of the lot. Preservation of this ecosystem is essential to WLCT's stewardship of the site.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations, Section 2.1.z., provides as follows:

"Regulated Activity" means any operation within or use of a wetland or watercourse involving removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration or pollution, of such wetlands and watercourses, but shall not include the specified activities in section 4 of these Regulations. Furthermore, any clearing, grubbing, filling, grading, paving, excavating, construction, depositing or removal of material and discharging of stormwater on the land within one hundred (100) feet of a wetland or within one hundred (100) feet of a watercourse is a regulated activity.

The Proposal does not make any changes to, nor alterations nor use of, the property, including any involving the removal or deposition of material, clearing, grading, paving, filling, excavating or any other regulated activities within the regulated area.

Water and Septic requirements:

Water is supplied by an existing drilled well on the property. A new septic tank and distribution system shall be installed as per an approved Septic System Design prepared by McChord Engineering Assoc.

Storm Water Management:

Section 29-9.A of the Zoning code indicates that the purpose of the Control Plan requirement for Site Plan approval is "To minimize soil erosion and sedimentation resulting from land use changes which cause the disposition of sediment in storm drains, ditches, watercourses and ponds, increases the potential of flooding and reduces water quality and supply."

Runoff and erosion control at the proposed gravel drive and walkway areas shall be provided by grading to (3) yard drain catchments, piped to rip rap distribution adjacent to the new driveways.

WILTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST 183 Ridgefield Road Context Narrative

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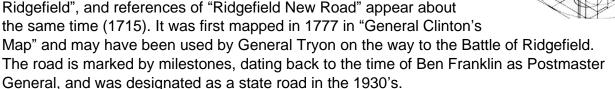
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Wilton Land Conservation Trust's 183 Ridgefield Road property is surrounded by properties developed as part of the R-2A 2-acre residential zoning, as well as a large cemetery.

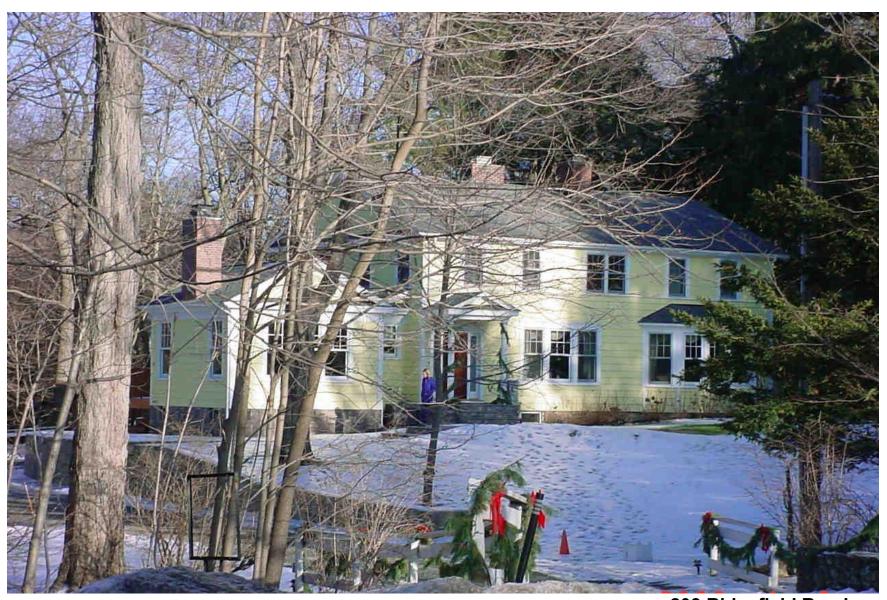
Ridgefield Road was first noted in 18th Century deeds recorded in the Land Records of the Town of Norwalk. As noted in the <u>Annals of Wilton</u> by Stowell Rounds, in "1713 the town 'by major vote' chose a committee to make a settlement of a highway or road to Ridgefield", and references of "Ridgefield New Road" appear about the same time (1715). It was first mapped in 1777 in "General Clinton's



Hillside Cemetery, property of the Wilton Congregational church, adjoins the 183 parcel along its entire south border. The remaining perimeter is surrounded by residential parcels with homes primarily dating from the 1950's to 1990's in various traditional styles. Two antique properties front Ridgefield Road nearby:

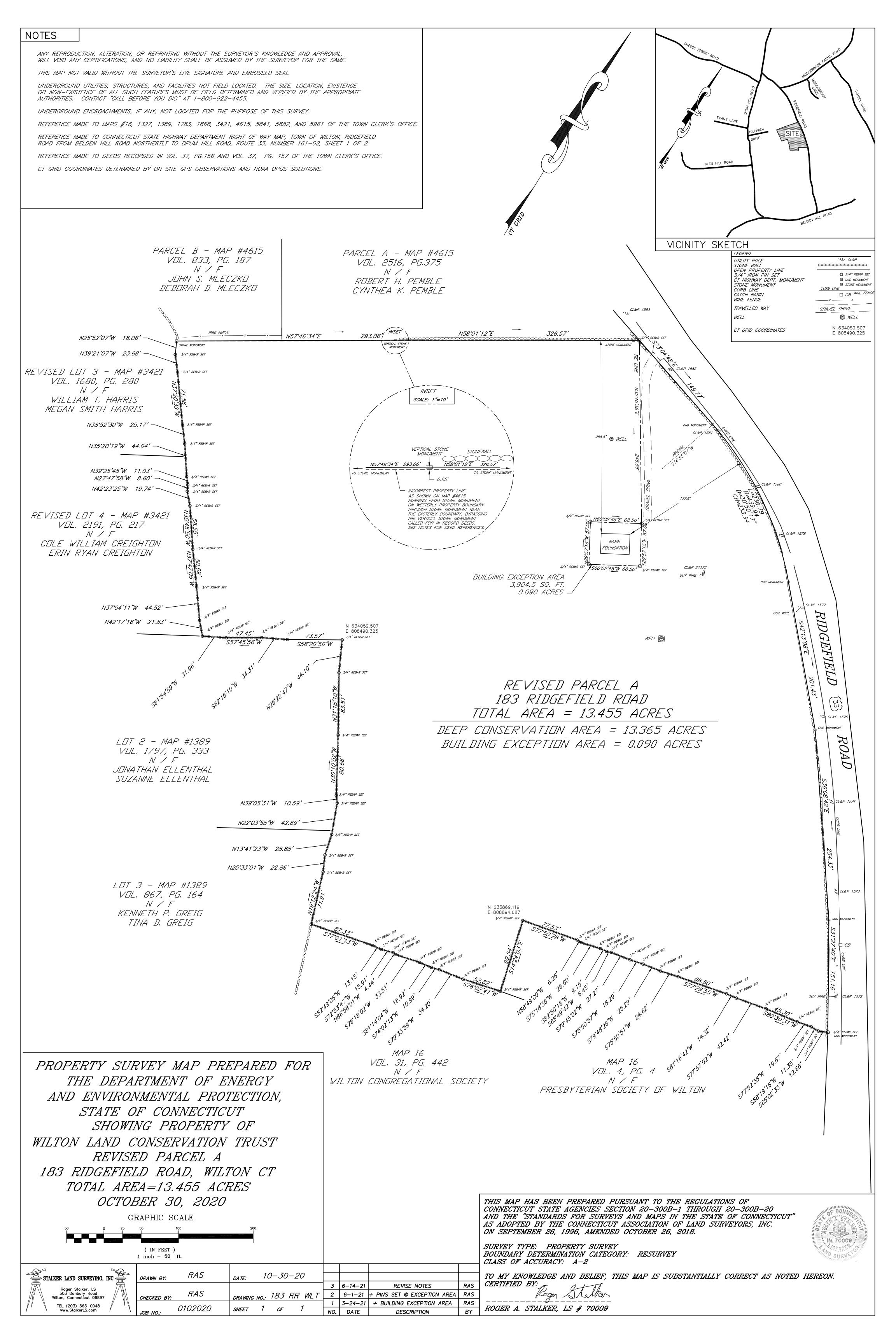
- 203 Ridgefield Road includes an 1840 Farmhouse in a simple Federal style, as well as a circa 1900 Barn. The house has been expanded to the west several times with additions from the 1900's and early 2000's. The Barn at 203 is stylistically similar to the reconstructed barn at 183, and provides historical continuity between the adjacent properties.
- 208 Ridgefield Road, across the street and north of 183, is a circa 1920 traditional home with additions.

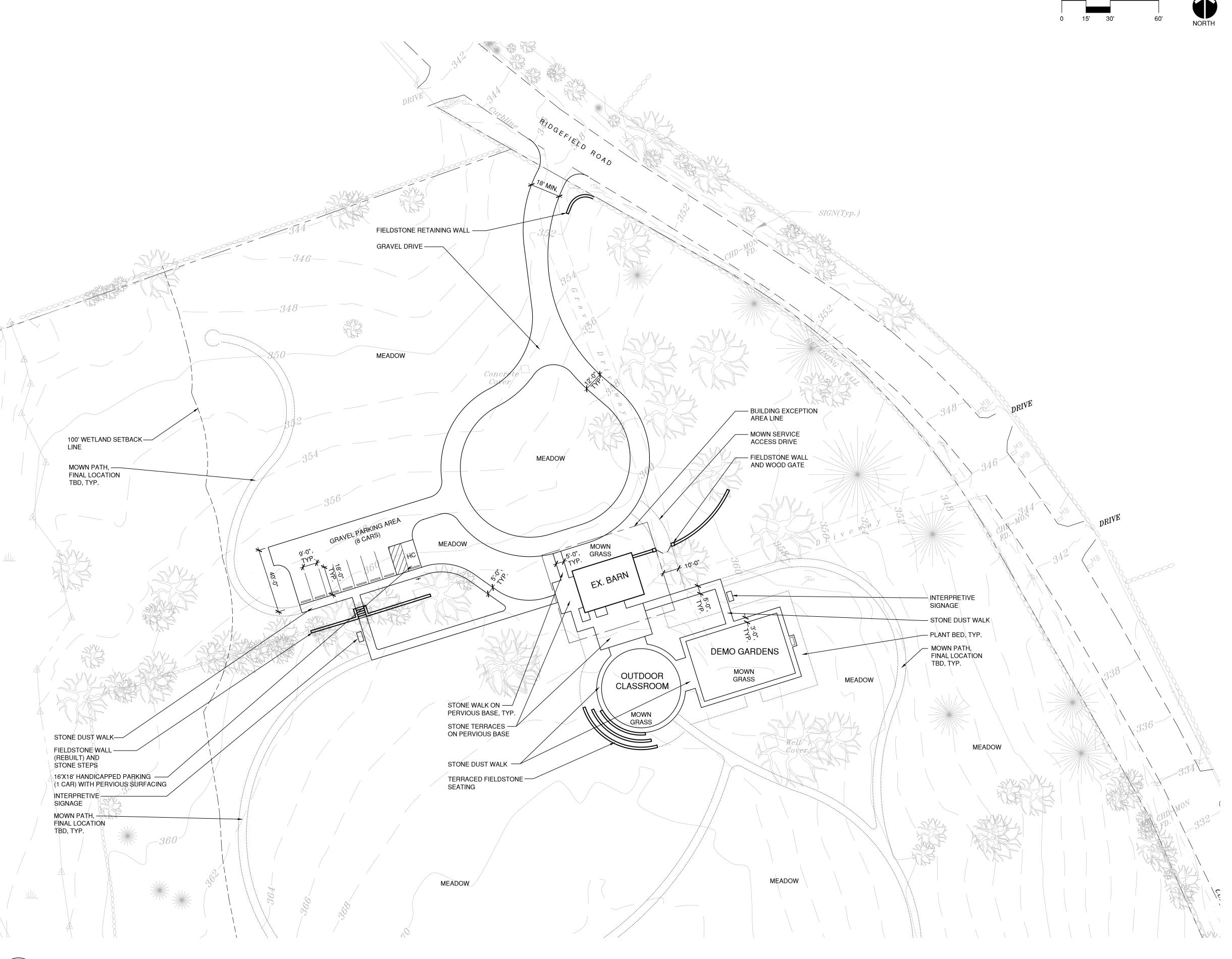




208 Ridgefield Road







LANDSCAPE PLAN

NOTES:

1. EXISTING STRUCTURES, PROPERTY LINE AND TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON ARE TAKEN FROM A FIELD SURVEY PREPARED FOR 183 RIDGEFIELD ROAD, LLC BY RKW LAND SURVEYING OF NEW CANAAN, CT DATED JULY 24, 2015 AND LAST REVISED SEPTEMBER 17, 2015.

2. EXISTING BARN AND BUILDING AREA EXCEPTION LINE ARE TAKEN FROM THE 'PROPERTY SURVEY MAP PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, STATE OF CONNECTICUT SHOWING PROPERTY OF WILTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST REVISED PARCEL A, 183 RIDGEFIELD ROAD, WILTON, CT' PREPARED BY STALKER LAND SURVEYING, INC. OF WILTON, CT DATED OCTOBER 30, 2020 AND LAST REVISED JUNE 14,

3. SEE CIVIL ENGINEERING PLANS PREPARED BY MCCHORD ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. OF WILTON, CT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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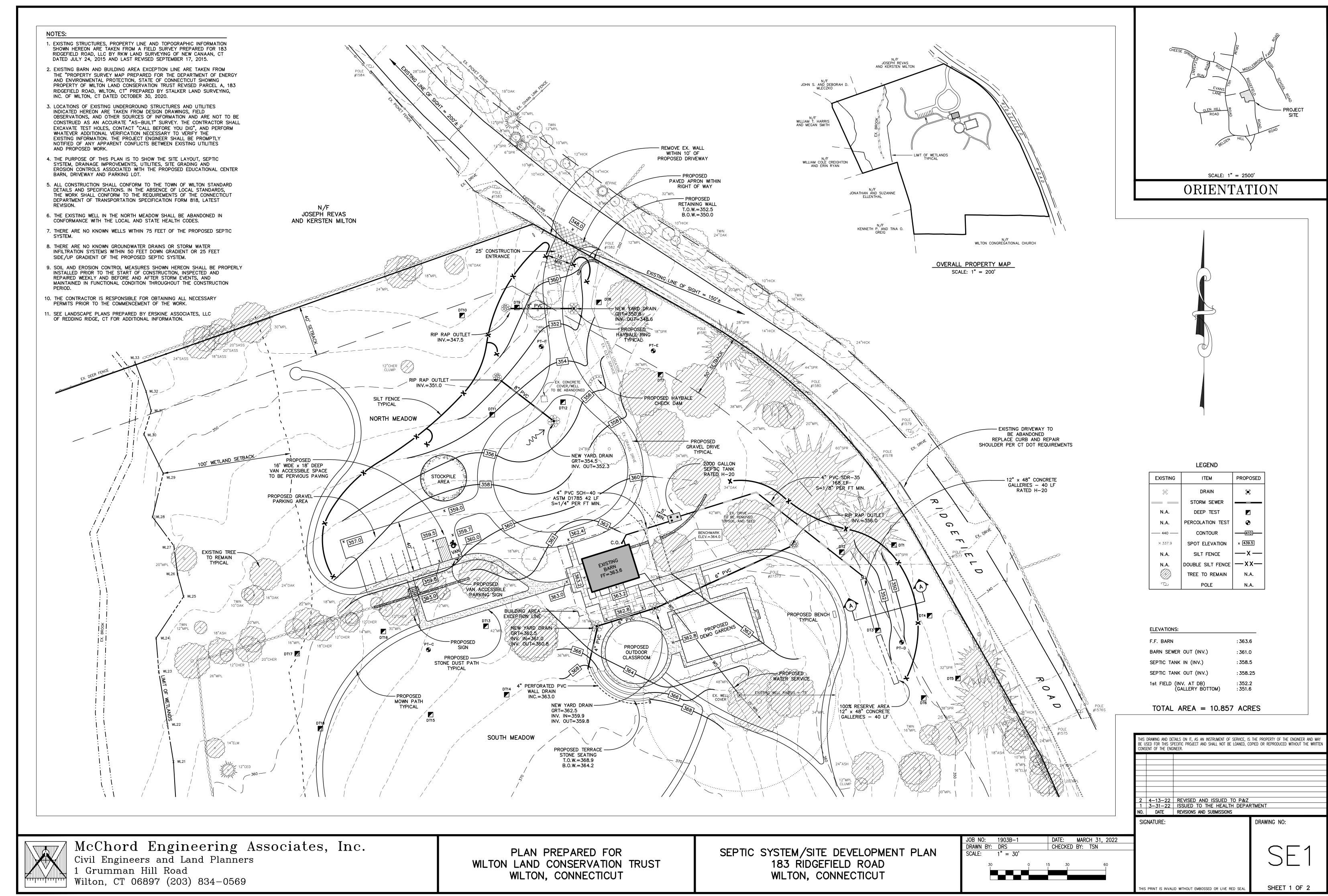
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183 Ridgefield Road

Wilton Land Conservation Trust

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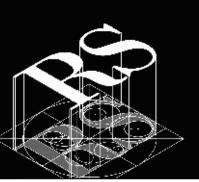
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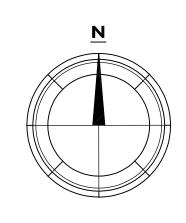


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WILTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST 183 RIDGEFIELD ROAD

BUILDING EXTERIOR MATERIALS



DETAIL: FIELDSTONE FOUNDATION VENEER, STAINED PINE SIDING (FINISHED COLOR), WINDOW SASH AND TRIM (FINISHED COLOR). GALVALUME STANDING SEAM ROOFING- WEATHERED ZINC





SIGNAGE 16" X 28", DOUBLE SIDED:

