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February 24, 2023

By E-mail and Hand Delivery

Architectural Review Board Town Hall Annex 238 Danbury Road Wilton, CT 06897

Attn: Mr. Michael E. Wrinn - Director of Planning and Land Use Management

Re:

Wilton Land Conservation Trust – Application to Architectural Review Board

Premises: 183 Ridgefield Road, Wilton, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

This firm represents the Wilton Land Conservation Trust (the "Land Trust"). On behalf of our client, we are seeking a favorable report from the Architectural Review Board for the proposed development at 183 Ridgefield Road as described below.

The Site:

The Land Trust property at 183 Ridgefield Road ("Chestnut Meadows") is a 13.455-acre site comprised of 11± acres of open meadows and 2.3± acres of riparian forestland located in an R-2A zone. Chestnut Meadows includes 2,225 linear feet of stone walls, a stream, large open-grown trees, and almost 1,000 feet of frontage along Ridgefield Road. In addition to preserved open space which provides a suitable habitat for birds, amphibians, insects, and mammals, the 2.3 acres of inland wetland soils and 400 linear feet of stream corridor and riparian buffer contribute to the water quality in the Comstock Brook, the Norwalk River, and Connecticut's coastal waters.

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Proposed Use:

Like much of the 835 acres within Wilton that are under the stewardship of the Land Trust, Chestnut Meadows will be open to the general public for passive recreation. The Land Trust also proposes to host nature center-type and other family-centric activities with limited attendees at Chestnut Meadows ("Planned Activities"). Planned improvements such as a small outdoor lecture area, a demonstration garden area showcasing native plants, a germplasm orchard for contributing to the re-establishment of the American Chestnut tree with the American Chestnut Foundation, and a terrace area are shown on the Site Plan. In addition, in 2021 the Land Trust relocated and reconstructed a barn that was donated to the Chestnut Meadows property. The architectural details of the barn when completed are shown in the attached material as well as pictures of its current configuration, materials used and color scheme.

To support both passive recreation and Planned Activities at Chestnut Meadows, the Land Trust is constructing a new driveway to access the Premises. As you will see on the Site Plan, the proposed new driveway is located south of the existing driveway. The Land Trust anticipates that it will use the stone from the stone wall cut for the new driveway to fill in the existing driveway opening. The Site Plan also identifies a gravel parking lot with 10 identified parking spaces to support the anticipated day-to-day use of Chestnut Meadows, maintained grassy overflow parking for larger gathering/attendance, and temporary field parking that will be used to support only the most intense uses envisioned by the Land Trust.

Submissions:

As attorneys for the Land Trust, we hereby submit for the Board's review, pursuant to §29-9.K of the Wilton Zoning Regulations, the following materials:

- 1. Authorization letter signed by the Wilton Land Conservation Trust as applicant and owner authorizing Gregory and Adams to act as its Agent in connection with this matter.
- 2. Assessment Parcel Map.
- 3. Application to Architectural Review Board.
- 4. Property Survey Map prepared by Stalker Land Surveying, Inc. dated October 20, 2020, and last revised June 14, 2021, filed on the Wilton Land Records as Map 5991.
- 5. Septic System/Site Development Plan (SE-1) prepared by McChord Engineering Associates, Inc. ("MEA") dated March 31, 2022, and last revised February 21, 2023.
- 6. Construction Notes and Details (SE2) prepared by MEA dated March 31, 2022, and last revised February 21, 2023.
- 7. Landscape Plan (L1.0) prepared by Erskine Associates, LLC dated April 13, 2022, and last revised February 21, 2023.
- 8. Barn Plan & Elevations (A-1) prepared by Rob Sanders Architects dated December 29, 2020, and last revised May 9, 2022.

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- 9. Photographs of Barn.
- 10. Proposed Barn Lighting
- 11. Use Matrix dated November 16, 2022.
- 12. Identification Sign for illustration purposes.
- 13. List of Project Professionals

We look forward to presenting the application to the Board and respectfully request that this application be included on the agenda for the Architectural Review Board's meeting on March 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory and Adams, P.C.

By: Kathlew L Ry L Kathleen L. Royle

KLR/ko Enclosures

Mr. Steve White, President – Wilton Land Conservation Trust
Thomas Nelson, P.E., McChord Engineering Associates, Inc.
Silvia F. Erskine AIA, ASLA, Erskine Associates LLC
Robert Sanders AIA – Rob Sanders Architects LLC
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By E-Mail Only July 18, 2022

Wilton Land Conservation Trust P.O. Box 77 Wilton, CT 06897 Attn: Mr. Steve White, President

Re: Wilton Land Conservation Trust – Land Use Applications
Premises: 183 Ridgefield Road, Wilton, Connecticut

Dear Mr. White:

The Land Use Agencies and Commissions of the Town of Wilton require a letter signed by the Wilton Land Conservation Trust as the property owner and applicant authorizing Gregory and Adams, P.C to act as its agent in connection with the referenced applications. Please sign a copy of this letter and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

**Restrict Course

Kathleen L. Royle

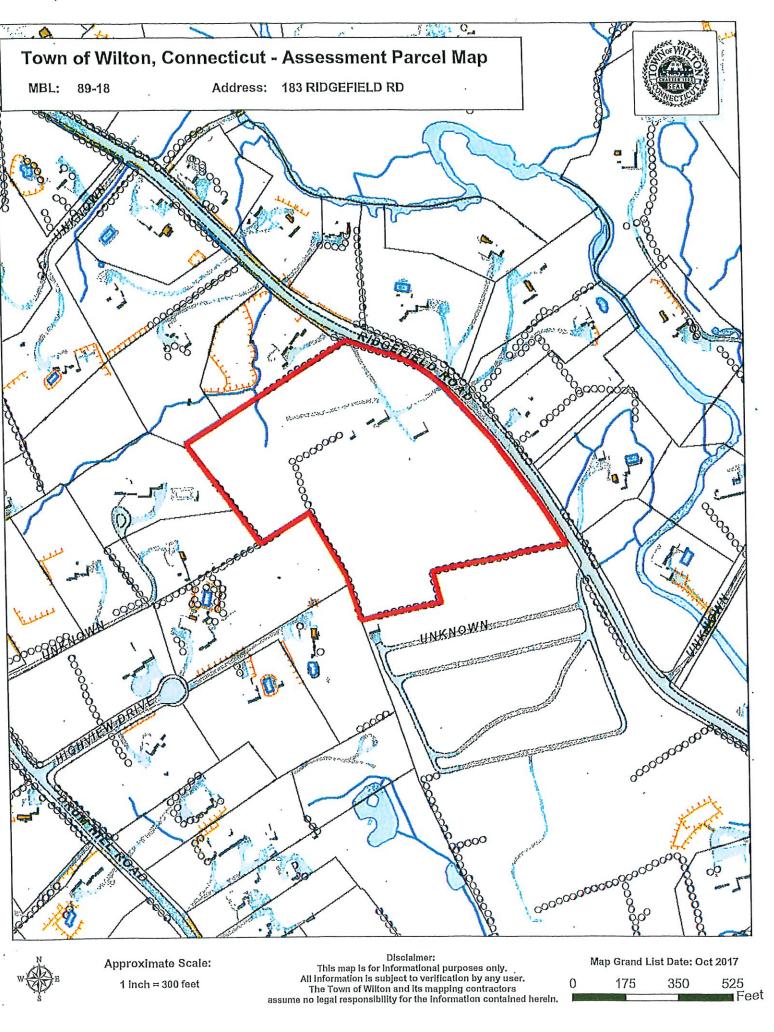
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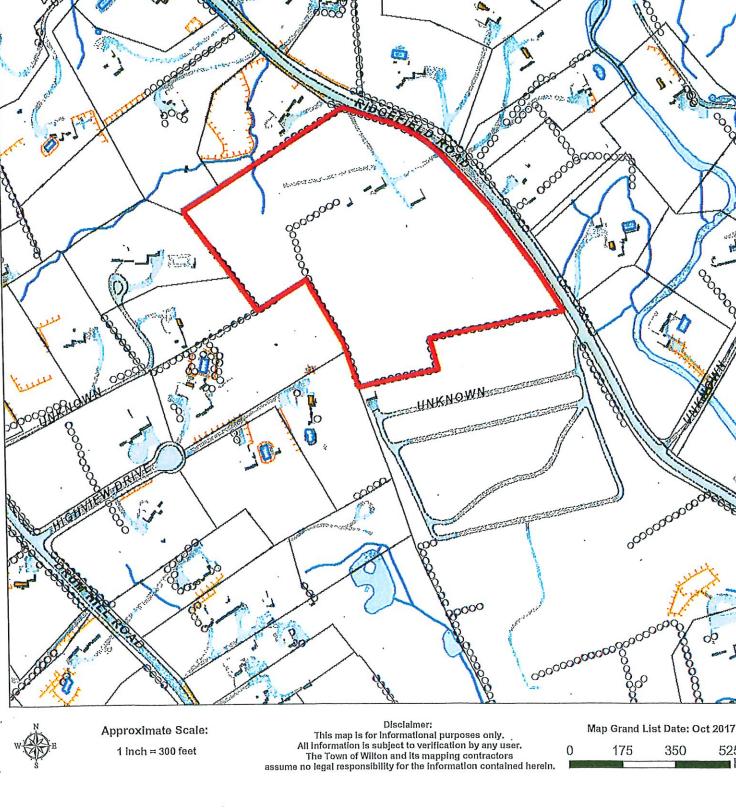
The undersigned hereby authorizes Gregory and Adams, P.C. to act as its agent in connection with the

Wilton Land Conservation Trust

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Stově White Its: President Duly authorized





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183 Ridgefield Road PROPERTY LOCATION			R-2A ZONING DIST	TRICT			
5991 WLR	2507 VOLUME	216 PAGE	89 TAX MAP #	18 LOT#	ACREAGE		

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

- 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.
- \boxed{X} 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.
 - 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.
- X 4. A description of the architectural vernacular of proposed construction and its architectural relationship to other buildings within 500 feet.
- X 5. Elevation drawings of all sides of the building, with dimensions, finish materials, fixtures, lighting, signage, landscape and colors indicated.

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.

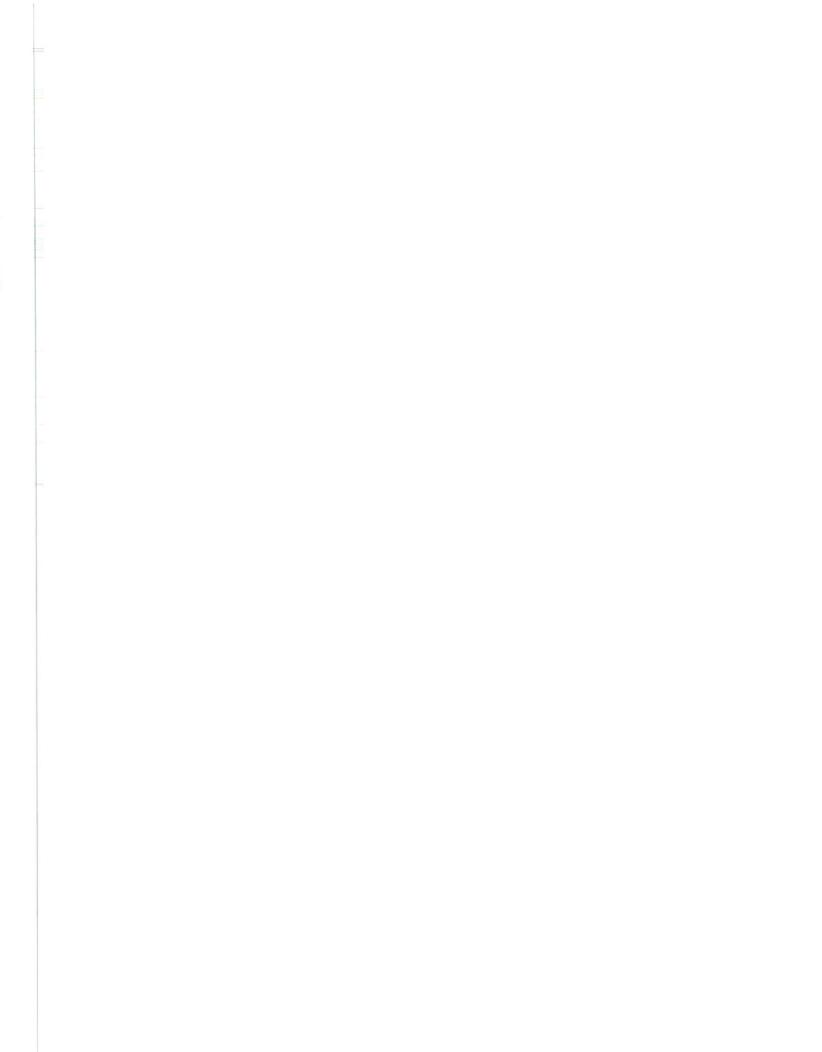
THE UNDERSIGNED WARRANTS the truth of all statements contained herein and in all supporting documents according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and hereby grants visitation and inspection of the subject property as described herein.

Wilton Land Conservation Trust by its Agent, Gregory and Adams, P.C.

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PROJECT NARRATIVE:

Please see Narrative attached.



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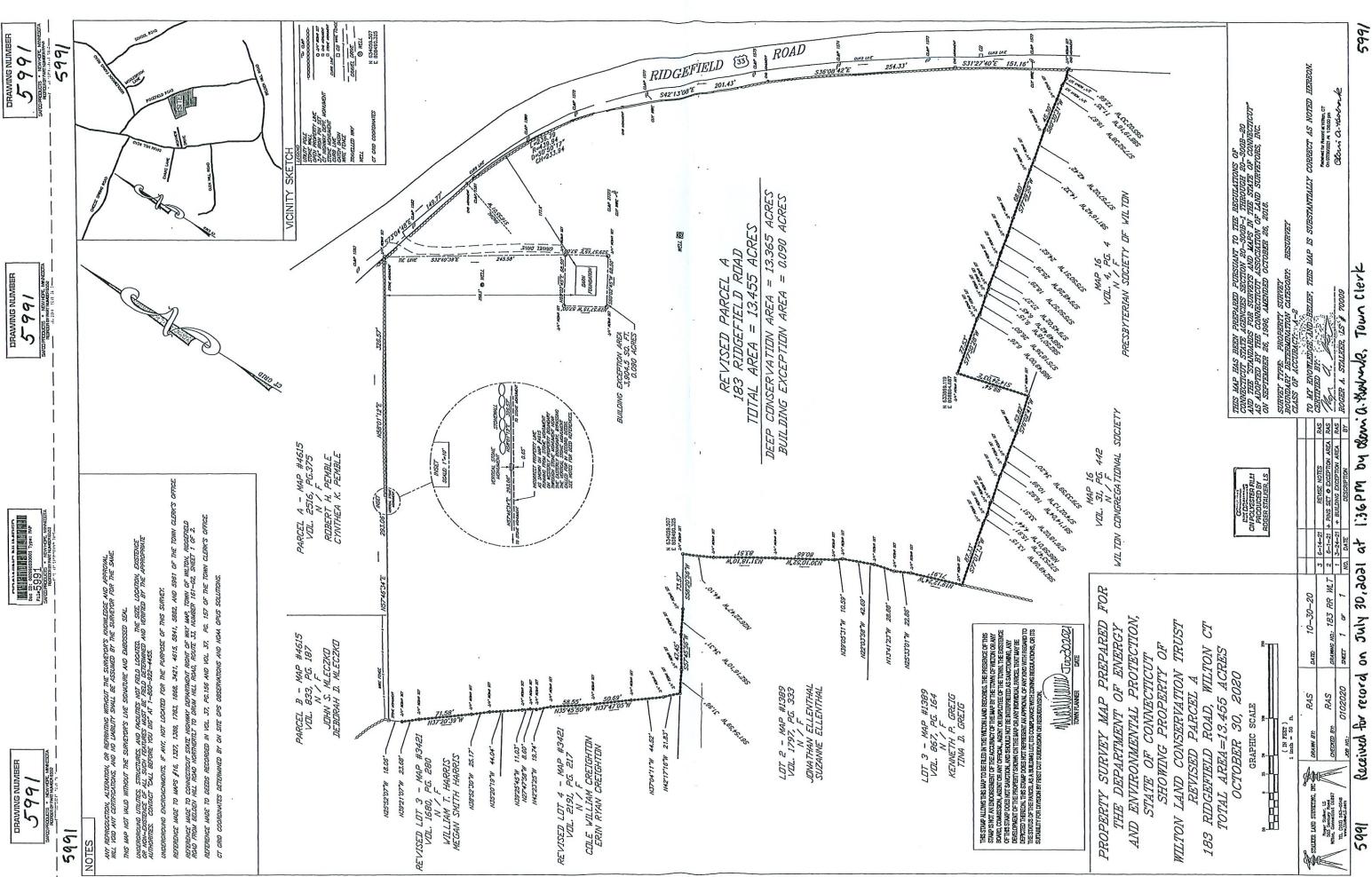
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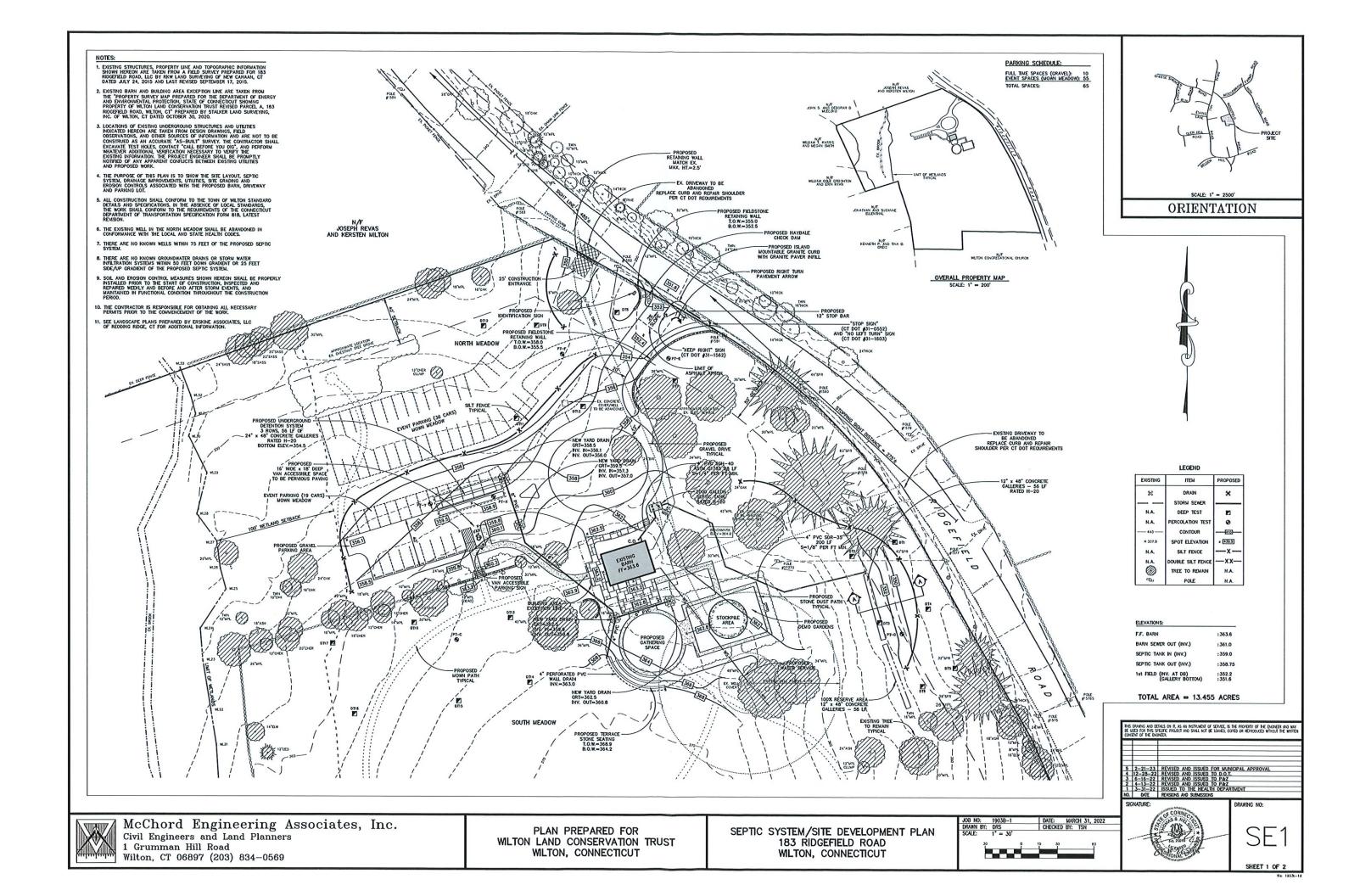
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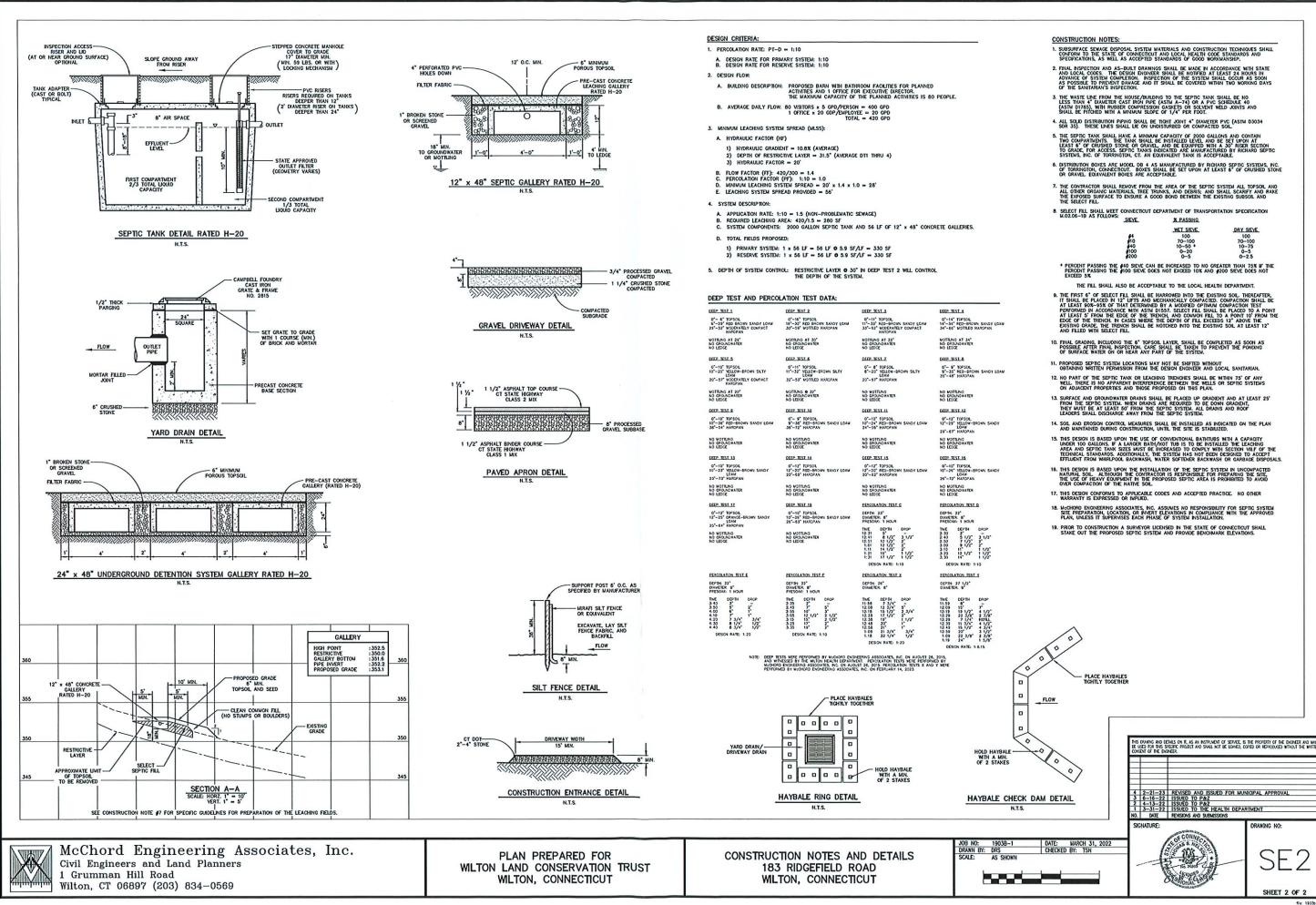
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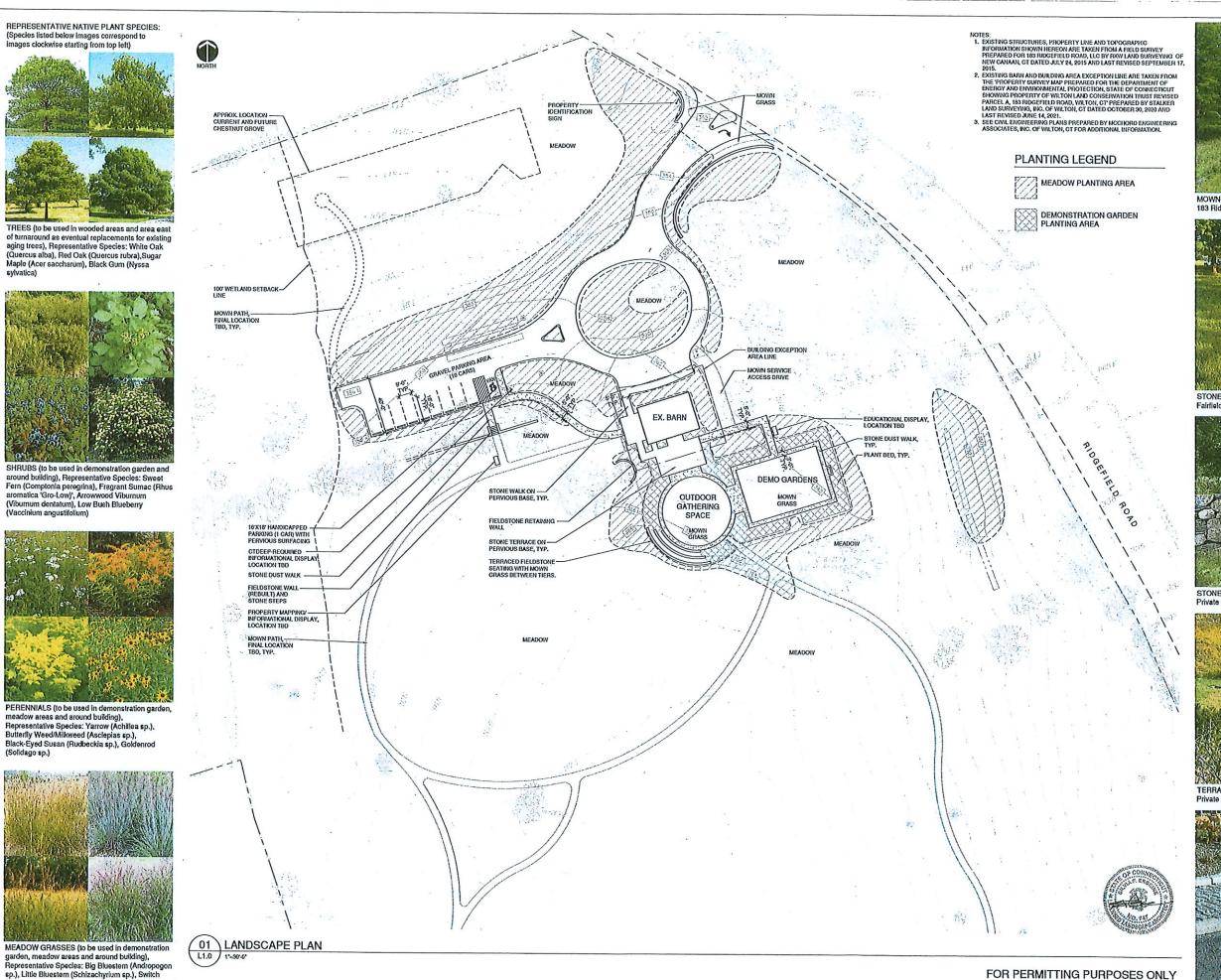
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Grass (Panicum sp.), Indian Grass (Sorghastrum sp.)

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STONE DUST WALK Fairfield Museum & History Center, Fairfield, CT





TERRACED FIELDSTONE SEATING



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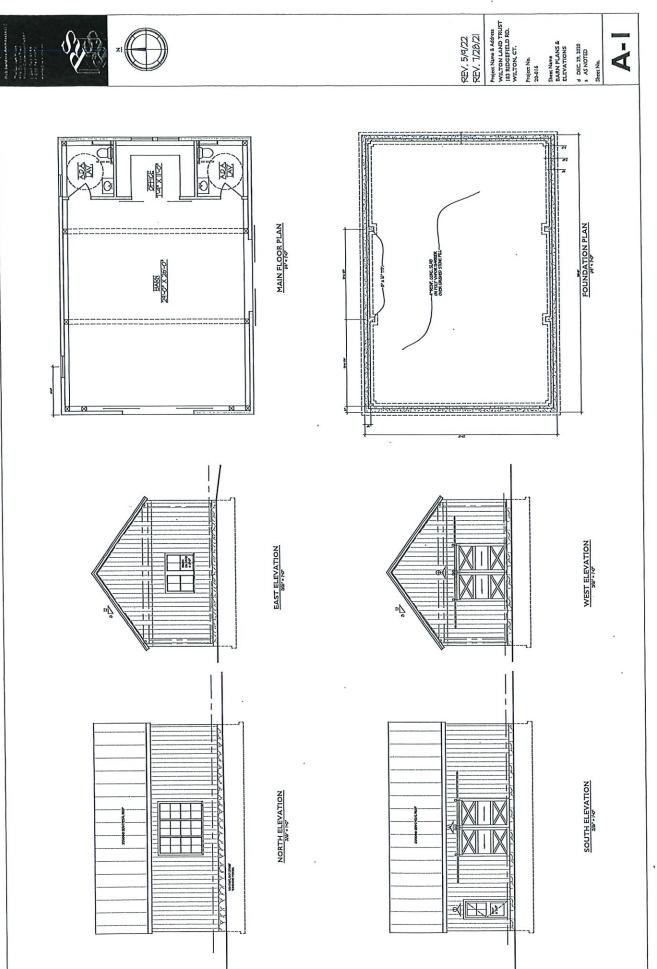
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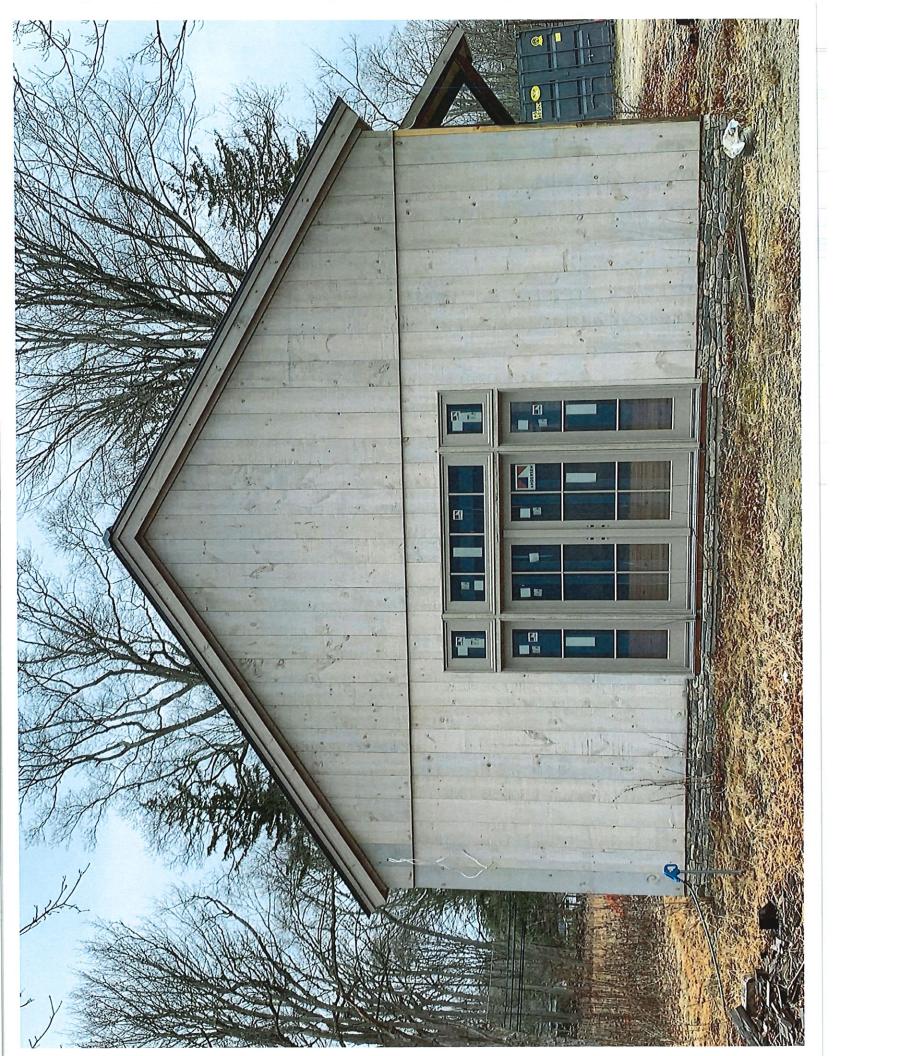
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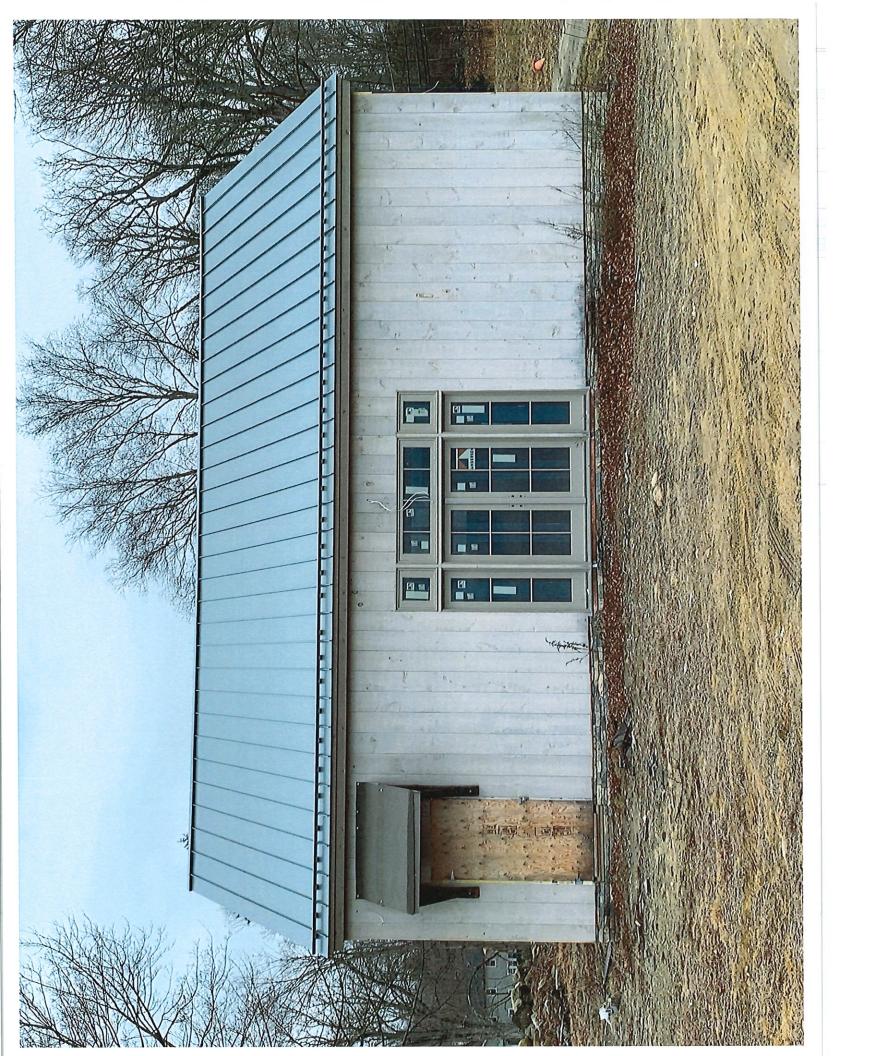
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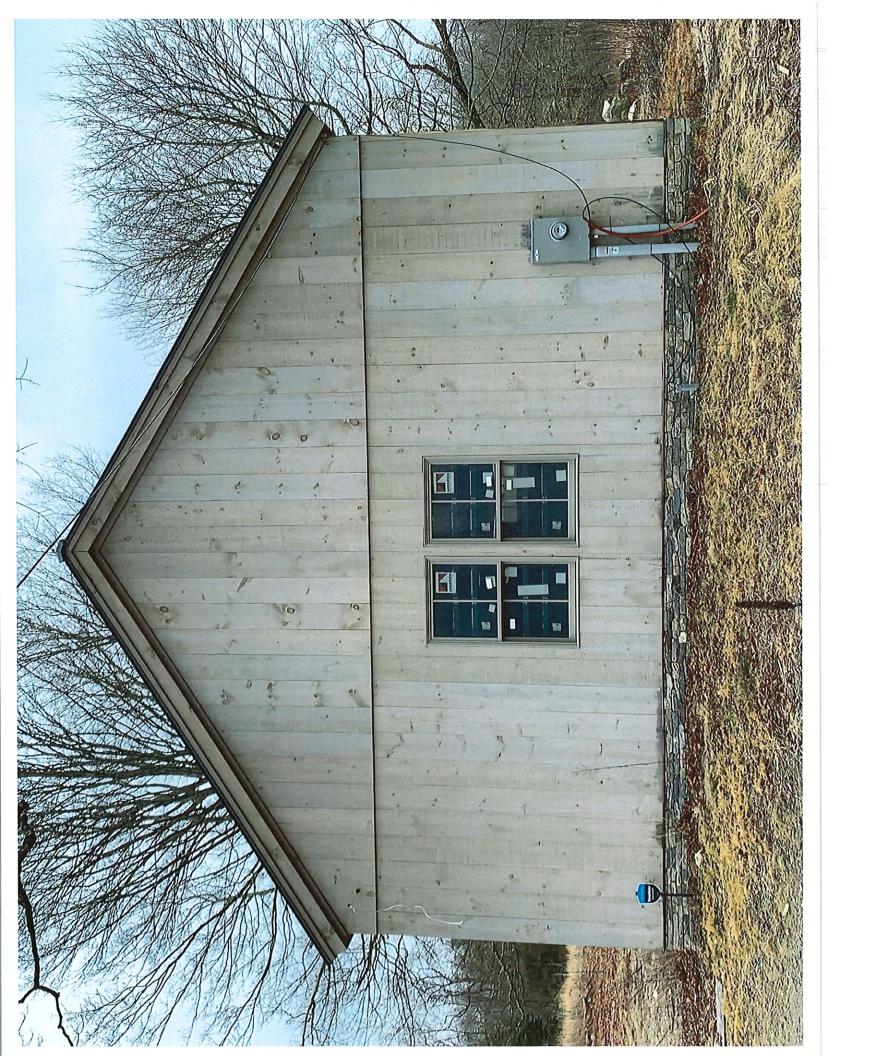


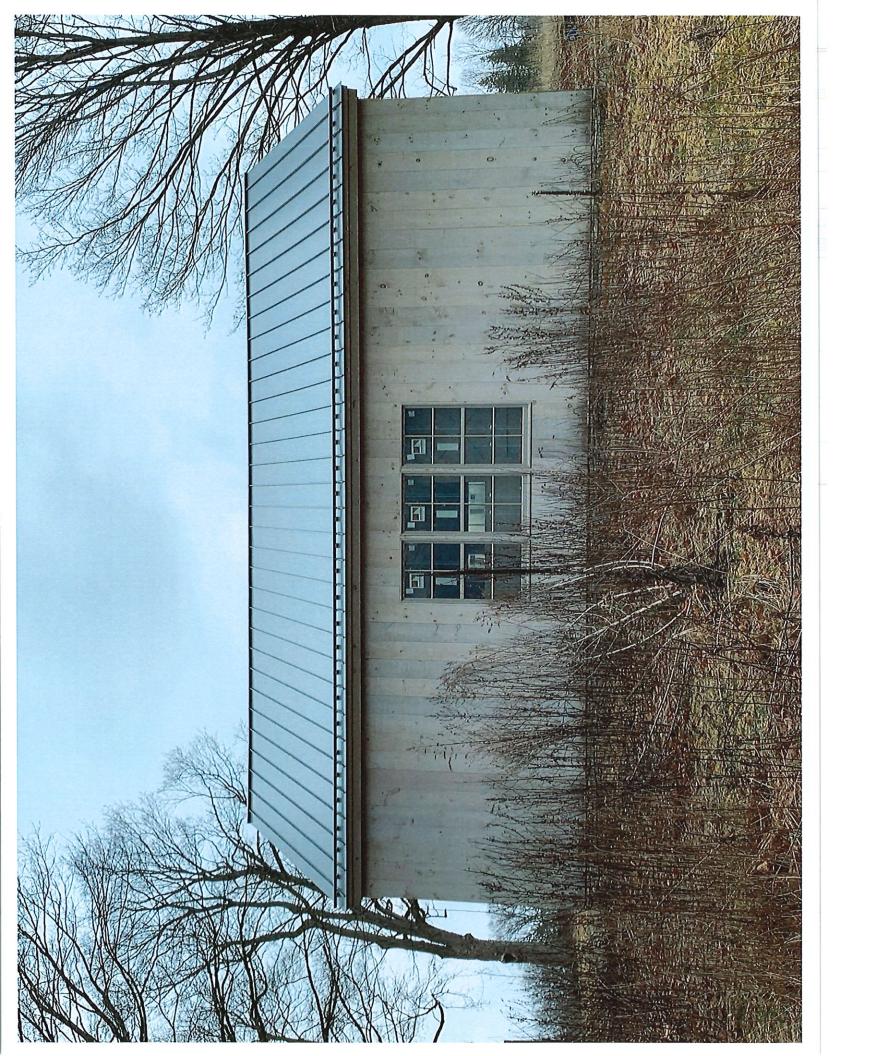














Barn Exterior- Large



183 Ridgefield Road use Matrix Anticipated Uses

Public

1) Unscheduled visits by the public

Wilton Land Conservation Trust Operations and Programs

- 2) Planned educational activities- WLCT sign-up *
- 3) Property stewardship/maintenance- WLCT sign up *

Wilton Land Conservation Trust Board Meetings

4) Board Meetings

Wilton Land	Conservation	Trust Events
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5) Donor recognition or other larger event -WLCT sign up*

	Visits				Vi	sit time of d	ay			Parking
Days/ Year	Persons/ visit	Weekday	Weekend	7-10:00 am	10:00 am-1:00 pm	1-4:00 pm	4-7:00 pm	7-9:00 pm	Ratio	Spaces Required
364	4	260	104	1	1	1	1	0	2:1	2
10	30-80	1	9	0	7	2	1	0	3:1	10-27
4	30-50	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	3:1	10-17
5-7	5-18	5	2	0	0	0	0	5-7	2:1	3-9
1-2	75-130	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2:1	38-65

Parking Capacity

- a) There are 10 permanent designated parking spaces and 55 identified additional overflow spaces onsite, totaling 65 identified onsite parking spaces. (see site plan)
- b) For Wilton Land Conservation Operations and Programs we utilized a 3:1 ratio.
- c) For unscheduled visits, board meetings, and events we use a more conservative 2:1 ratio.

Barn Operations

- 1) The Barn will only be open when there is a WLCT representative on site.
- 2) The Barn will not be open every day.
- 3) The Barn will be used for storage, shelter for WLCT personnel, and occasional WLCT business
- 4) Portable toilets will be used for events exceeding 80 people

Version 11/16/2022

^{*} Event attendance will be capped through Sign Up technology



Wilton Land Conservation Trust

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List of Project Professionals

1. Applicant and Owner

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c/o Gregory and Adams, P.C. 190 Old Ridgefield Road

Wilton, CT 06897

2. Surveyor

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3. Site Engineer

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tnelson@mcchordengineering.com

4. Traffic Engineer

Craig D Yannes, PE, PTOE, RSP1

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5. Architect

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6. Landscape Architect

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7. Attorney

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