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VIA E-MAIL & HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: Request for Pre-Application Review – Architectural Review Board

Address: 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut

Requesting Parties: Toll Brothers, Inc. (Contract Purchaser) & CD Station LLC (Owner)

Dear Chairman Sanders and Members of the Architectural Review Board:

Our firm represents the above-captioned Requesting Parties in connection with the potential redevelopment of the property located at 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut (the "Property"), also known as the Commonfund Building. The Property is approximately $4.28\pm$ acres and adjacent to the intersection of Danbury and Ridgefield Road. It is currently zoned Design Enterprise 5 (DE-5) and will be within the Danbury Road Transit Oriented Development Overlay District ("TOD Overlay") on account of the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt the TOD Overlay during their meeting on October 23rd.

As you are likely aware, the Property is currently improved with a vacant commercial office building, surface parking lot, and a decorative water feature. The proposed redevelopment would remove the existing improvements and replace them with a new five-story multi-family residential building, accompanying amenities (i.e. pool, courtyard), landscaping, and other site improvements. As currently contemplated, the redevelopment would include approximately 207 apartments with a mixture of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units.

While the proposal is in the early stages of design, we would like to have the opportunity to obtain feedback from the Architectural Review Board (the "ARB"). We understand this discussion will be nonbinding. To assist in this discussion, enclosed please find:

- Architectural Review Board/Village District Design Advisory Committee Application;
- Letters of Authority from the Owner and Contract Purchaser;
- Project Narrative;



- ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey, prepared by F.A. Hesketh & Associates, Inc., dated June 1, 2023, entitled "ALTA-1";
- Plans from Beinfield Architecture, PC ("Beinfield"), dated October 13, 2023, including:
 - Cover Page;
 - "Zoning & Building Metrics, A0.01";
 - "Aerial, A0.20";
 - "Proposed Conditions";
 - "Site Plan, A0.90";
 - "Basement Floor Plan, A1.00";
 - "First Floor Plan, A1.01";
 - "Typical Floor Plan (Lvl 2-4), A1.02";
 - "Fifth Floor Plan, A1.03";
 - "Roof Plan, A1.04";
 - "Building Section, A3.01";
 - "Graphic Map, A4.00";
 - "Topography, A4.01";
- Architectural Illustration and Building Materials, prepared by Beinfield, dated October 16, 2023;
- Building Materials West Elevation, prepared by Beinfield, dated October 26, 2023; and
- Plans prepared by Eric Rains Landscape Architecture, Inc., dated October 13, 2023, including:
 - "Overall Site Plan Rendering"; and
 - "Concept Images"

The materials listed above are the same as those submitted by the Requesting Parties to the Planning and Zoning Commission as part of their request for pre-application review. We look forward to discussing the proposed design with the ARB at your meeting on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures.

cc: M. Wrinn, Michael.Wrinn@wiltonct.org
D. White, Daphne.White@wiltonct.org
Development Team

WILTON PLANNING AND

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD/VILLAGE

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- existing and proposed buffer strips and landscaping; e.
- f. access and egress details for pedestrian and vehicular traffic;
- existing and/or proposed signs, and g.
- adjacent roads, curb cuts, and width of rights-of-way and travel way. h.
- easements, regulatory setbacks, historic covenants or other historic assets. i.
- 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. (Western Elevation Only)

 6. Samples of all finish materials to be used on the exterior of the building. (Images) 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. 						
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.						
Lisa L. Feinberg APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE				
Lisa L. Feinberg OWNER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE				

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

September 14, 2023

Mr. Michael Wrinn Town Planner
Planning and Zoning Department Town of Wilton
Town Annex
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

RE: 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, CT Letter of Authority – CD Station LLC

Dear Director Wrinn:

CD Station LLC (the "Owner"), is the owner of the property located at 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, CT (the "Property"). I hereby authorize the attorneys of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP, with offices located at 1055 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut 06901, to file the enclosed land use applications in connection with the Property on the Owner's behalf. Thank you for your acknowledgement of said authority.

Sincerely,

CD Station LLC

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Dana J. Moreau Duly Authorized September 15, 2023

Mr. Michael Wrinn Town Planner Planning and Zoning Department Town of Wilton Town Annex 238 Danbury Road Wilton, CT 06897

RE: 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, CT Letter of Authority – Toll Bros., Inc.

Dear Director Wrinn:

Toll Bros., Inc., is the contract purchaser for the property located at 15 Old Danbury Road, Wilton, CT (the "Property"). I hereby authorize the attorneys of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP, with offices located at 1055 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut 06901, to act as agent for Toll Bros., Inc. in connection with the enclosed land use applications. Thank you for your acknowledgement of said authority.

Sincerely,

Toll Bros., Inc.

DocuSigned by:

Russell Rochestie

Russell R. Rochestie

Senior Vice President



Project Narrative

I. Introduction

As stated in the 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development (the "POCD"), the "relatively high price of housing coupled with an available housing stock of detached single-family homes has more recently contributed to lower in-migration of younger working-age people and has increased the out-migration of empty-nesters and retirees." ¹ The trends of increased housing prices and decreased housing supply have only been exacerbated during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the same time, "the community has increasingly expressed interest in increasing housing type variety and price points in design and location appropriate ways" to increase the Town's overall housing stock and to attract and meet "the needs of occupants at different life and employment stages."

The Town of Wilton (the "Town") has taken several steps to meet this demand. In 2021, the Wilton Planning and Zoning Commission (the "Commission") amended the Wilton Zoning Regulations (the "Zoning Regulations") to enact the DE-5R Overlay Zone (the "DE-5R"). In approving the DE-5R, the Commission recognized this new tool "will allow more diversified housing types and housing options and allow underperforming properties in the current zone to potentially convert to a more productive use." More recently, the Commission voted to adopt the Danbury Road Transit Oriented Development District Overlay ("TOD Overlay") and the Wilton Center Overlay District and Form Based Code.

Toll Brothers Inc. ("Toll Brothers") looks to build on these efforts by repurposing the property located at 15 Old Danbury Road (the "Property") from office to multi-family residential use. The Property is generally located on the westerly boundary of Route 7 and is adjacent to the Wilton Train Station (the "Station"). The Property is currently improved with a three-story office building and associated parking areas. According to the Property Field Card, the building was constructed in 1968. The Property is depicted in the aerial image below.

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¹ POCD pg. 8.

² Id.

³ Resolution of Approval, #1121-5REG.



II. Proposed Redevelopment

While the demand for housing has increased, the demand for office space has decreased. In light of this inverse relationship, and given its proximity to the Station and Wilton Center, the Property is well suited to be converted to multi-family residential use. Toll Brothers intends to replace the existing office building with a new, multi-family community comprised of 207 apartments, primarily consisting of one- and two-bedroom apartments. A number of three-bedroom apartments are also proposed at this time. Ten percent (10%) of the proposed apartments will be designated as Affordable Housing Units in accordance with the Wilton Zoning Regulations. A large outdoor courtyard, featuring a pool and associated recreational space, is also contemplated. A robust amenity program is anticipated, and 9,185± sf of amenity space is currently under

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consideration to accommodate these facilities. Approximately 312 parking spaces are currently proposed onsite to accommodate future residents of the Property.

The proposed building will be five stories tall, and feature a blend of high-quality façade materials, including brick, horizontal fiber cement planks, and fiber cement panels. Comprehensive site landscaping and drainage improvements are also anticipated.

Conceptual plans for the proposed redevelopment have been designed to comply with the TOD Overlay regulations. It should also be noted that the proposed redevelopment is consistent with the goals and policies outlined in the TOD Overlay. Specifically, the proposed redevelopment will:

- "Protect and strengthen the existing multi-family residentially oriented character of the area;" 4
- "Promote well-designed, high-density infill multi-family residential development, including affordable housing, at allocation with sufficient infrastructure and public transit;" 5 and
- "Encourage sustainable development." 6

III. Conclusion

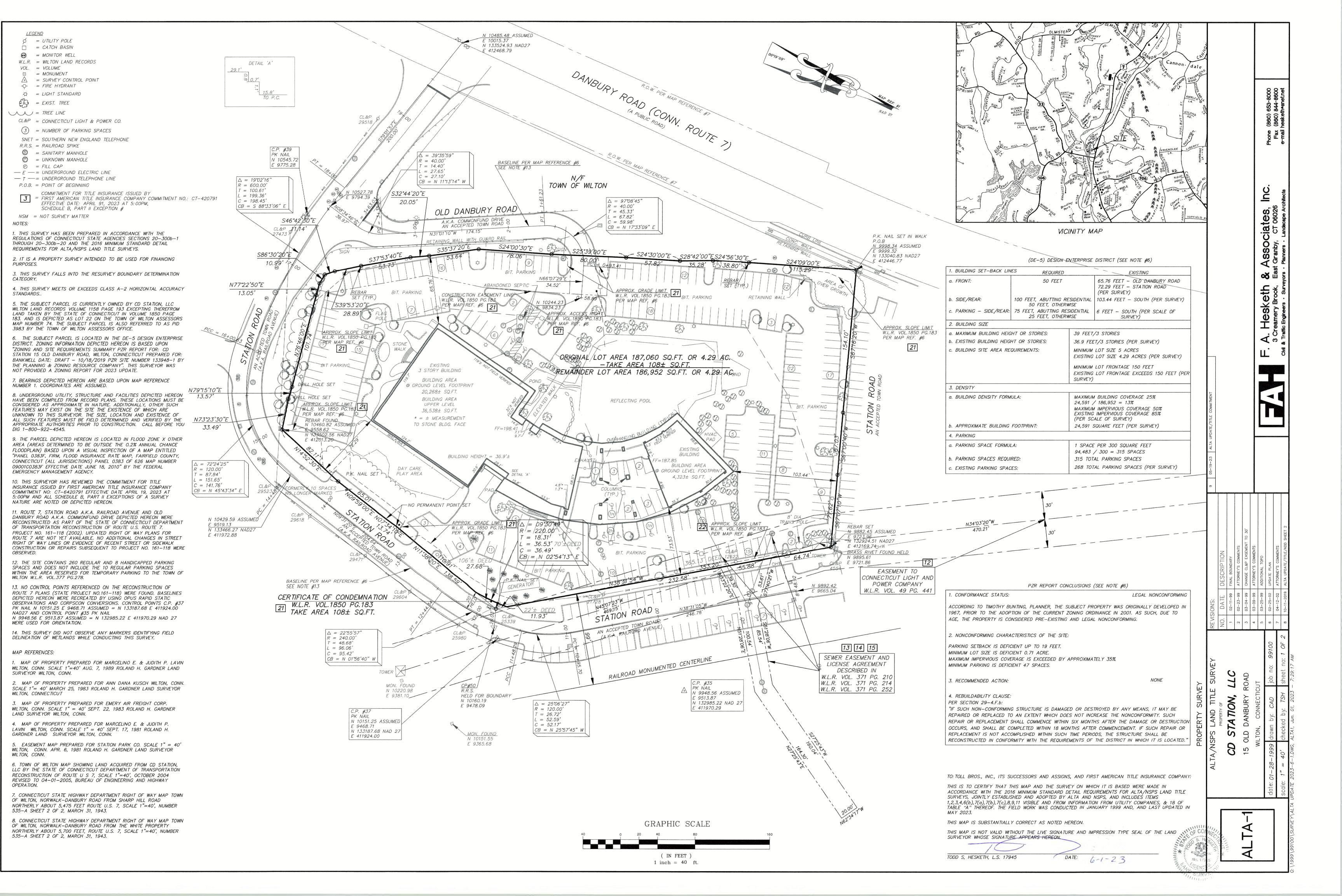
The contemplated redevelopment will provide needed housing in a location identified by the Commission as well suited for this use and support economic growth within Wilton Center specifically and the Town at large. Toll Brothers is excited to present this preliminary plan and looks forward to a productive dialogue with the Architectural Review Board.

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⁴ Draft OL-3 Regulations, Sec. Z.1.A.1.

⁵ Draft OL-3 Regulations, Sec. Z.1.A.2.

⁶ Draft OL-3 Regulations, Sec. Z.1.A.4.



15 OLD DANBURY RD

BEINFIELD ARCHITECTURE

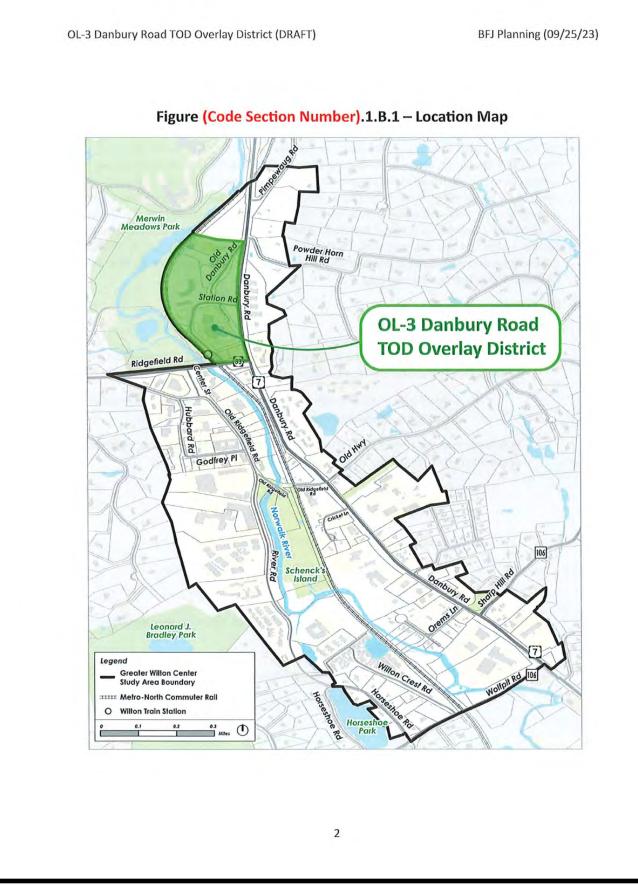
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STALL TYPE COUNT	LEVEL	AREA	PROGRAM	AREA	NAME	COUNT	
GARAGE	AMENITY		Level 0		Level 1		
Parking Space: 9' x 18' - 90 deg	61 Level 1	9,185 SF	CIRCULATION	325 SF	1 BR		
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	Level 2	5,015 SF	CIRCULATION	4,325 SF			
	Level 3	5,015 SF	MECHANICAL	1,520 SF			
	Level 4	5,015 SF	RESIDENTIAL	39,205 SF	3 BR		
	Level 5	5,000 SF		54,235 SF			
		24,695 SF	Level 2	· ·	Level 3		
	MECHANICAL		CIRCULATION	5,015 SF	1 BR		
	Level 0	585 SF	MECHANICAL	1,740 SF	2 BR		
	Level 1	1,520 SF	RESIDENTIAL		3 BR		
	Level 2	1,740 SF		54,245 SF			
	Level 3	1,740 SF	Level 3		Level 4		
	Level 4	1,740 SF	CIRCULATION	5,015 SF	1 BR		
	Level 5	1,735 SF	MECHANICAL	1,740 SF	2 BR		
		9,060 SF	RESIDENTIAL	47,485 SF	3 BR		
	RESIDENTIAL			54,240 SF			
	Level 1	39,205 SF	Level 4		Level 5		
	Level 2		CIRCULATION	5,015 SF			
	Level 3		MECHANICAL	1,740 SF	2 BR		
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OL-3 Danbury Road TOD Overlay District (DRAFT)

ZONING ANALYSIS

ZONING DATA TABLE					
ZONE: OL-3 (TOD OVERLAY)	REQUIRED/PERMITTED	PROVIDED			
MINIMUM LOT SIZE	3.0 ACRES (130,680 SF)	4.29 ACRES (186,953 SF)			
MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT	64 FEET (5 STORIES)(a)	57'-2" (5 STORIES)			
<u>SETBACKS</u> MIN. FRONT YARD	50 FT FROM PL	58'-10"			
MIN SIDE YARD	50 FT FROM PL	N/A			
MIN. REAR YARD	50 FT FROM PL	N/A			
MIN. PARKING/LOADING	10 FT (b)	5 FT			
MAX BUILDING COVERAGE	50%	29% (54,235 SF)			
MAX IMPERVIOUS SURFACE COVERAGE	80%	TBD			
MAX RESIDENTIAL DENSITY (FAR)	1.5	1.41			
MIN. AFFORDABLE HOUSING	10%	10%			
PARKING REQUIREMENT	1.2 PER DU	1.5 PER DU			
FOOTNOTES (a) - EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 29-4.C.1 (b) - 5' MAY BE PERMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISION					



Z.1.C. Applicability The OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District consists of those areas as shown on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Wilton, which map and amendments are on file in the Town Clerk's office and the office of the Town's Planning and Zoning Department. Any parcel that is depicted on the Zoning Map as being wholly within or partially within the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District shall be determined eligible for the provisions of the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District as described in this Section. An owner or developer of a property located within the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District may choose to develop under the provisions of the underlying R-1A, General Business (GB) or DE-5 districts if located in such district, or may choose to utilize the provisions of the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District, as specified in this Section, subject to the determination by the Town Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z Commission) that the proposed development would satisfy the purpose and intent of the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District. Z.1.D. Regulations Permitted Uses In addition to the uses permitted in the underlying zoning districts, the following uses shall be permitted uses in the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District: a. Single-family or multi-family dwelling units, including attached or detached apartments and dwelling units in one or more primary buildings Bulk Requirements: Single-family or multi-family dwelling units, including attached or detached apartments and dwelling units in one or more primary buildings b. Minimum lot size: 3.0 acres. c. Maximum building height: 64 feet (5 stories). (a) d. Minimum front yard setback: 50 feet from front property line. e. Minimum side yard setback: 50 feet from side property line. f. Minimum rear yard setback: 50 feet from rear property line. g. Minimum parking and loading setback – front, side and rear yards: 10 feet. (b) h. Maximum building coverage: 50%. Maximum impervious surface coverage: 80%. j. Maximum residential density: 1.5 FAR. (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 29-4.C.1 (b) 5' may be permitted at the discretion of the Planning & Zoning Commission

BFJ Planning (09/25/23)

OL-3 Danbury Road TOD Overlay District (DRAFT) BFJ Planning (09/25/23) k. Minimum percentage of affordable housing units: 10%. (c) Development Requirements Development in the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District shall meet the following a. All residential development shall provide a minimum of 10 percent affordable housing units and otherwise comply with Section 29.5.B.10 of the Town of Wilton Zoning Code. b. Minimize curb cuts and connect internal parking areas with adjacent parcels where possible. c. Provide sidewalks along Danbury Road and pedestrian connections with a walking surface of at least six feet in width to connect lots to each other and to streets and parking areas. Collectively, the aim shall be to contribute positively to the creation of a district-wide pedestrian circulation network that connects residential development in the OL-3 DANBURY ROAD TOD Overlay District with the Wilton Train Station and Wilton Center. d. Use of green building elements or green infrastructure in the proposed construction and/or site design. The terms "green building elements" and "green infrastructure" shall be defined as follows: i. Green Building Elements. Measures incorporated into building design and construction that are intended to minimize impacts to the environment through conservation of natural resources, increased energy and efficiency, and improved indoor air quality. These should meet the US Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver criteria or equivalent. LEED Certification is not required; and/or Green Infrastructure. Low-impact development measures that utilize best management practices for stormwater management that infiltrate or otherwise reuse stormwater. Such techniques may include green roofs, landscaping, rain gardens, bioretention areas, vegetated swales, pocket wetlands, infiltration planters, and vegetated median strips. Individual green infrastructure practices shall be defined (c) All residential development shall provide a minimum of 10 percent affordable housing units and otherwise comply with Section 29.5.B.10 of the Town of Wilton Zoning Code.

OL-3 Danbury Road TOD Overlay District (DRAFT)

according to the current Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual; and/or

iii. Additional green elements as approved by the P&Z Commission.

e. An amenity package to serve the residents of any development shall be provided in accordance with approval by the P&Z Commission.

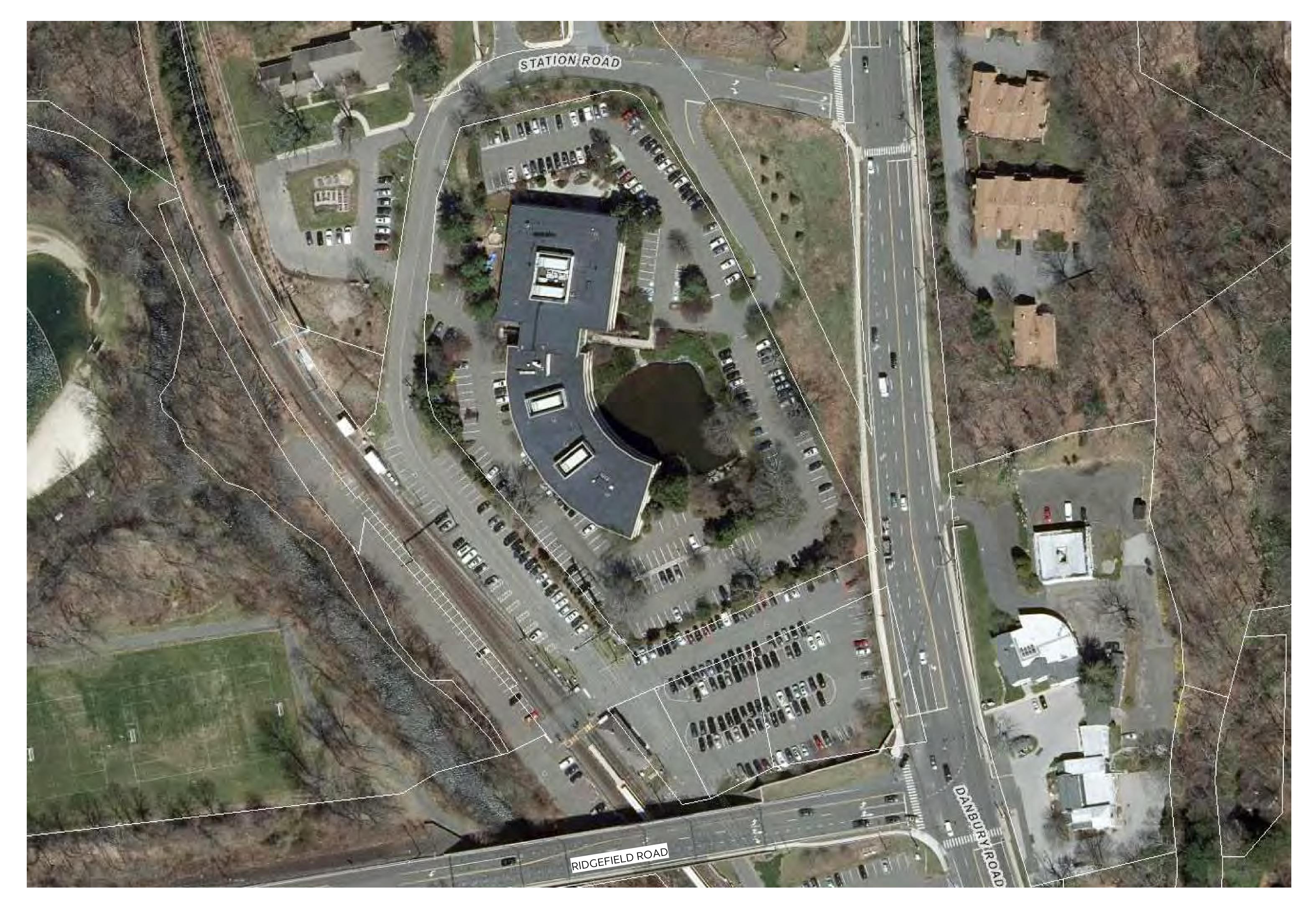
3. OL-3 Parking Standards

Permitted uses shall provide the minimum required parking as specified in Section 29-8.8 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of the Town of Wilton Zoning Code, except as may be modified herein:

a. Residential uses:

i. If assigned parking: 1.2 spaces per DU plus one (1) space for every five (5) DUs for visitors.

ii. If unassigned, 1.2 spaces per DU, no need for visitor spaces.





3 RECREATION FIELDS

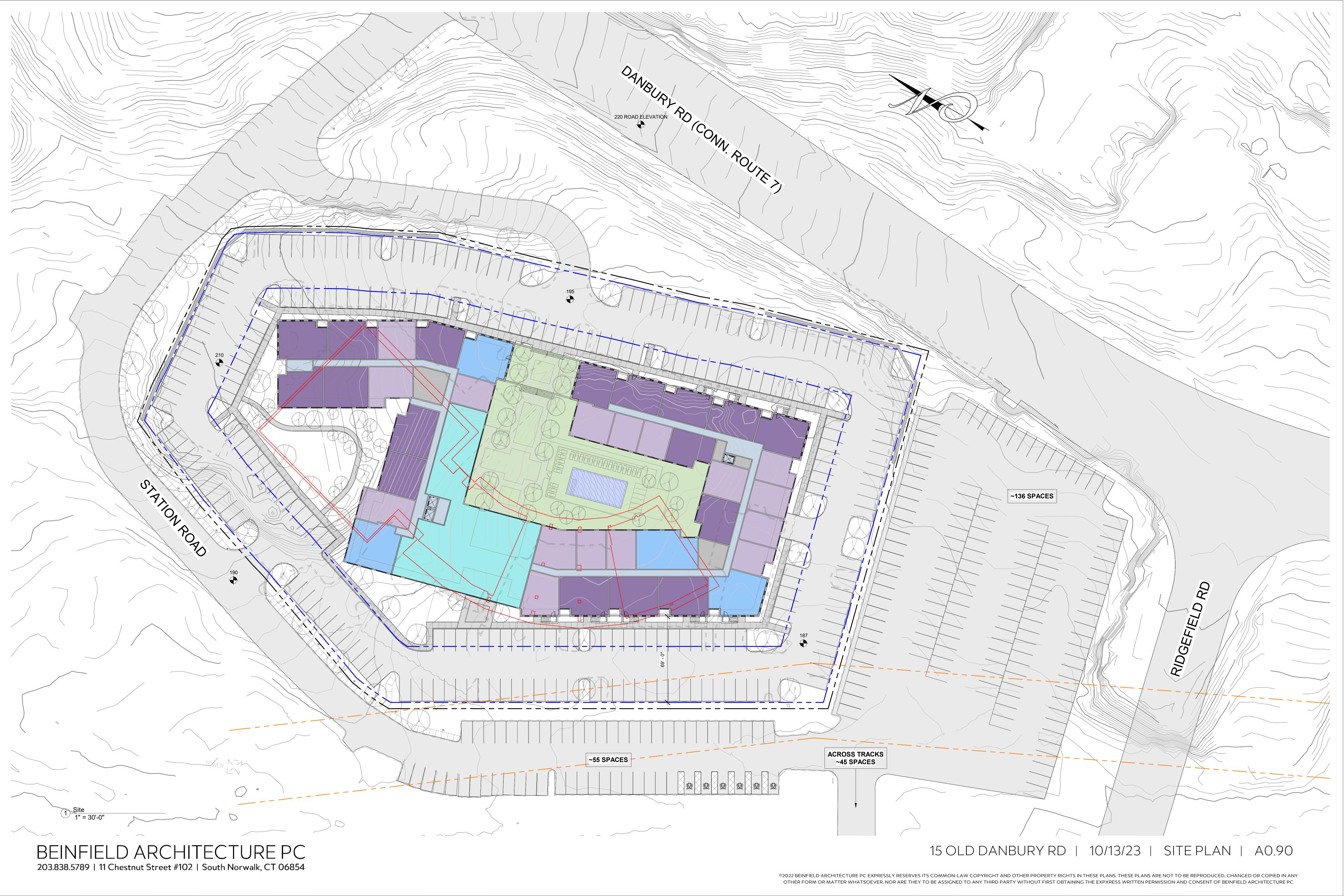
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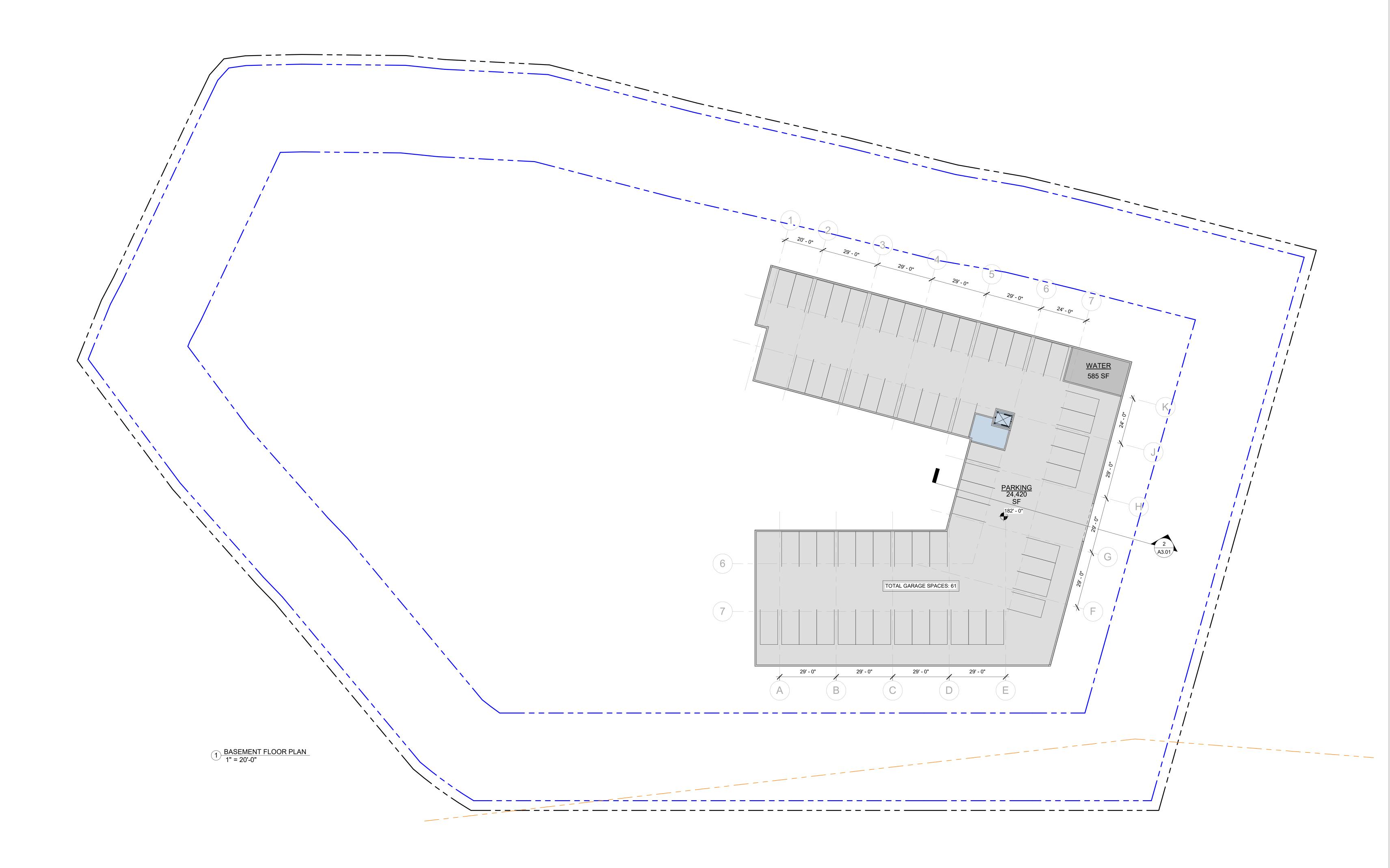
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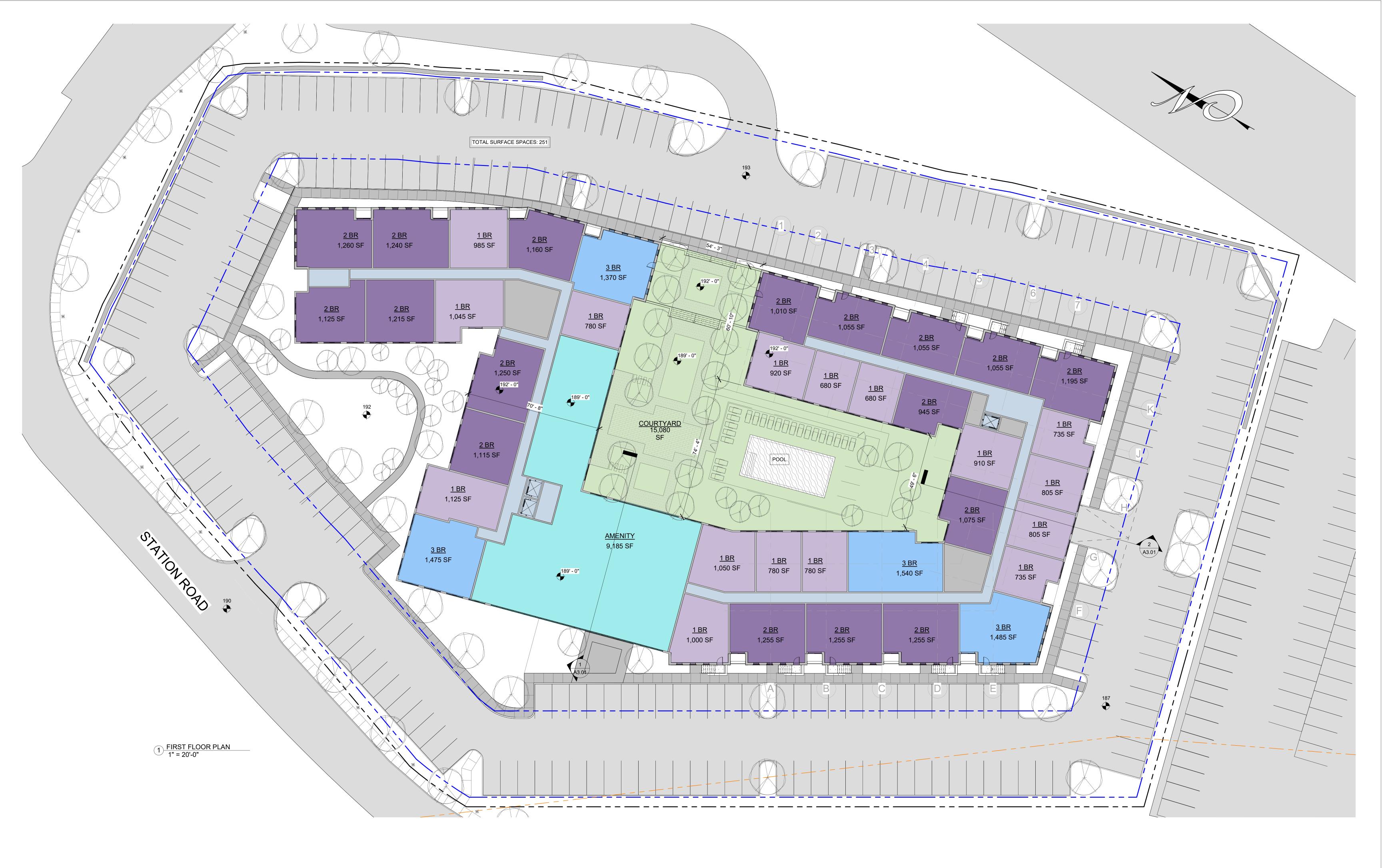
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PEDESTRIAN PATH



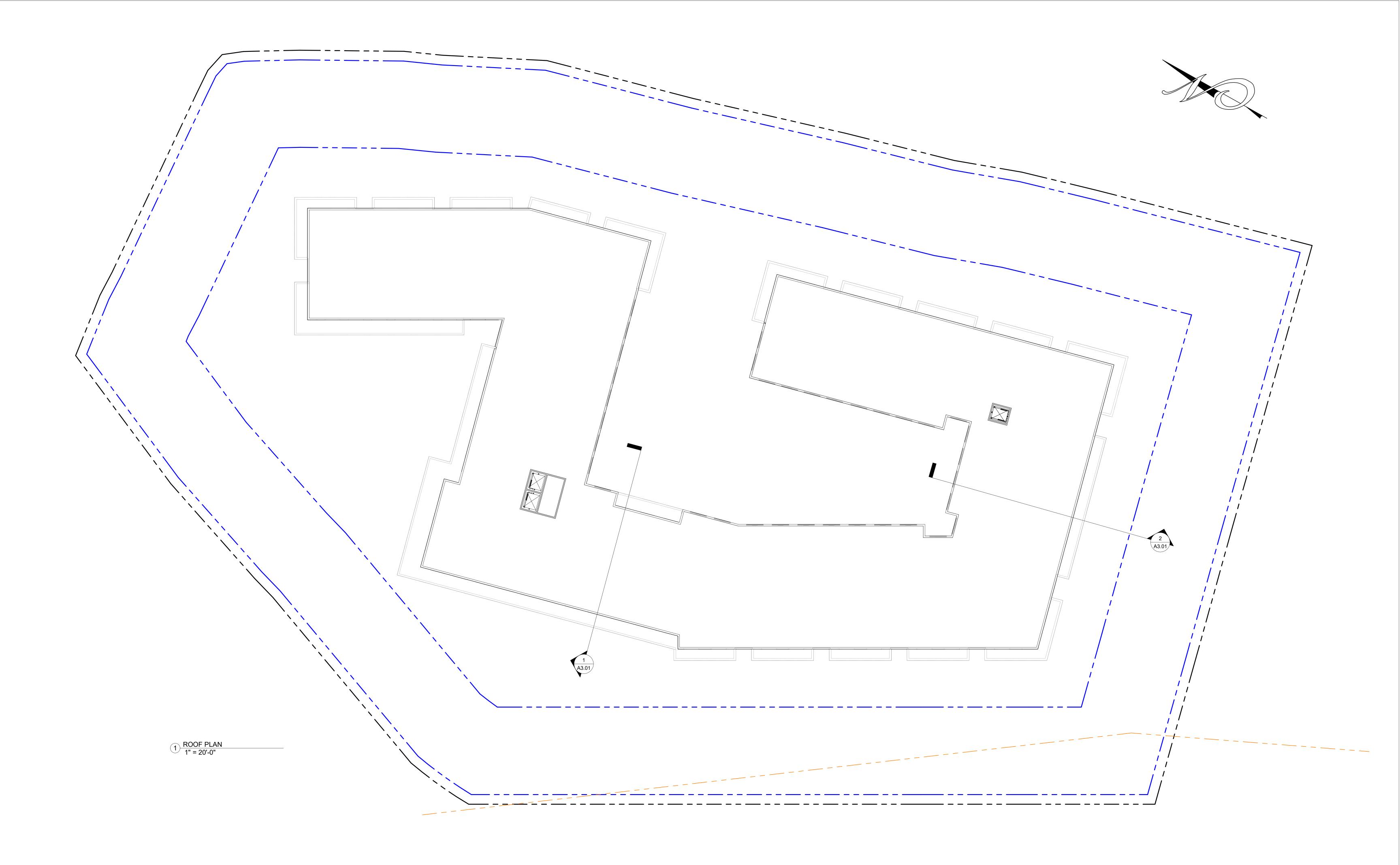


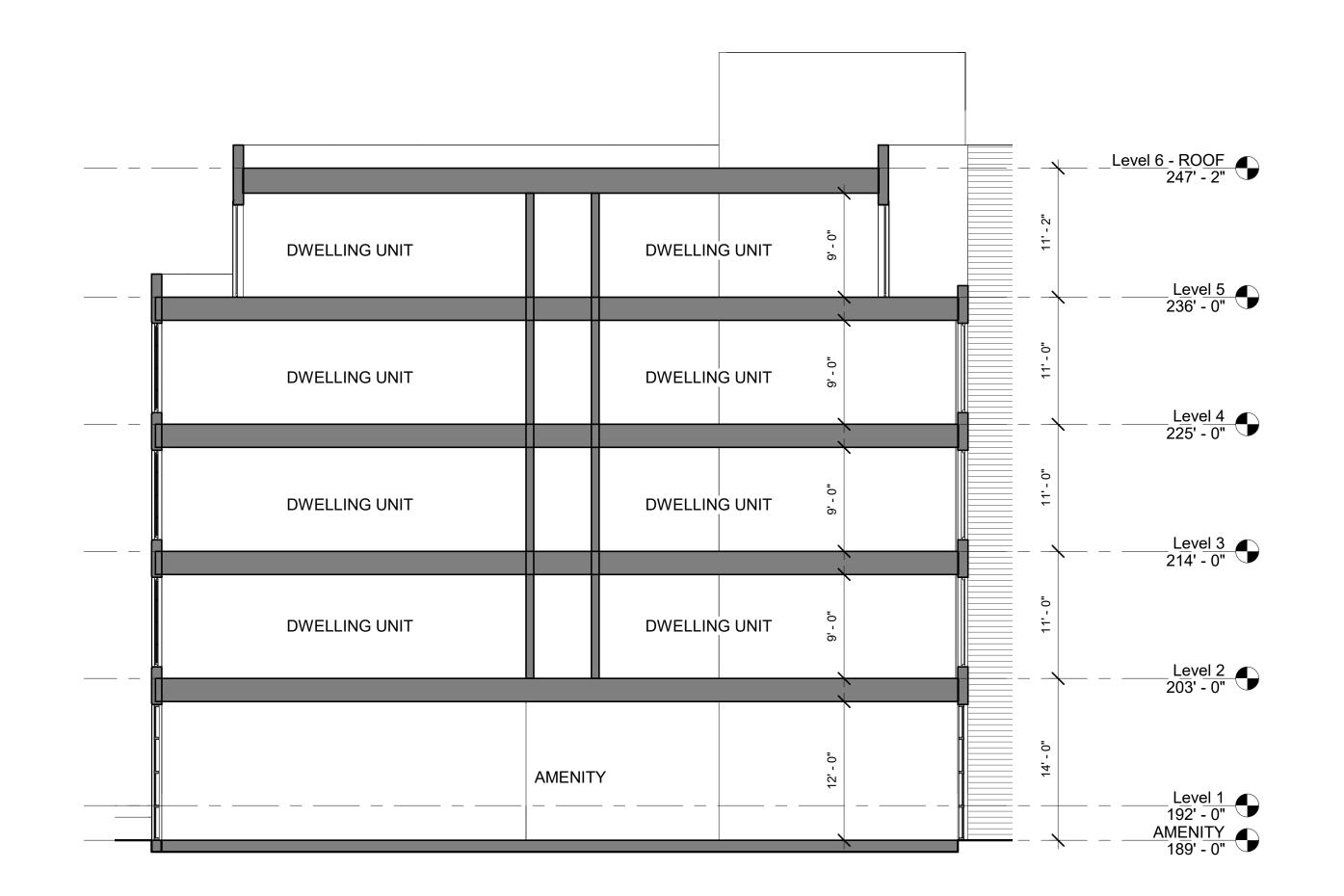




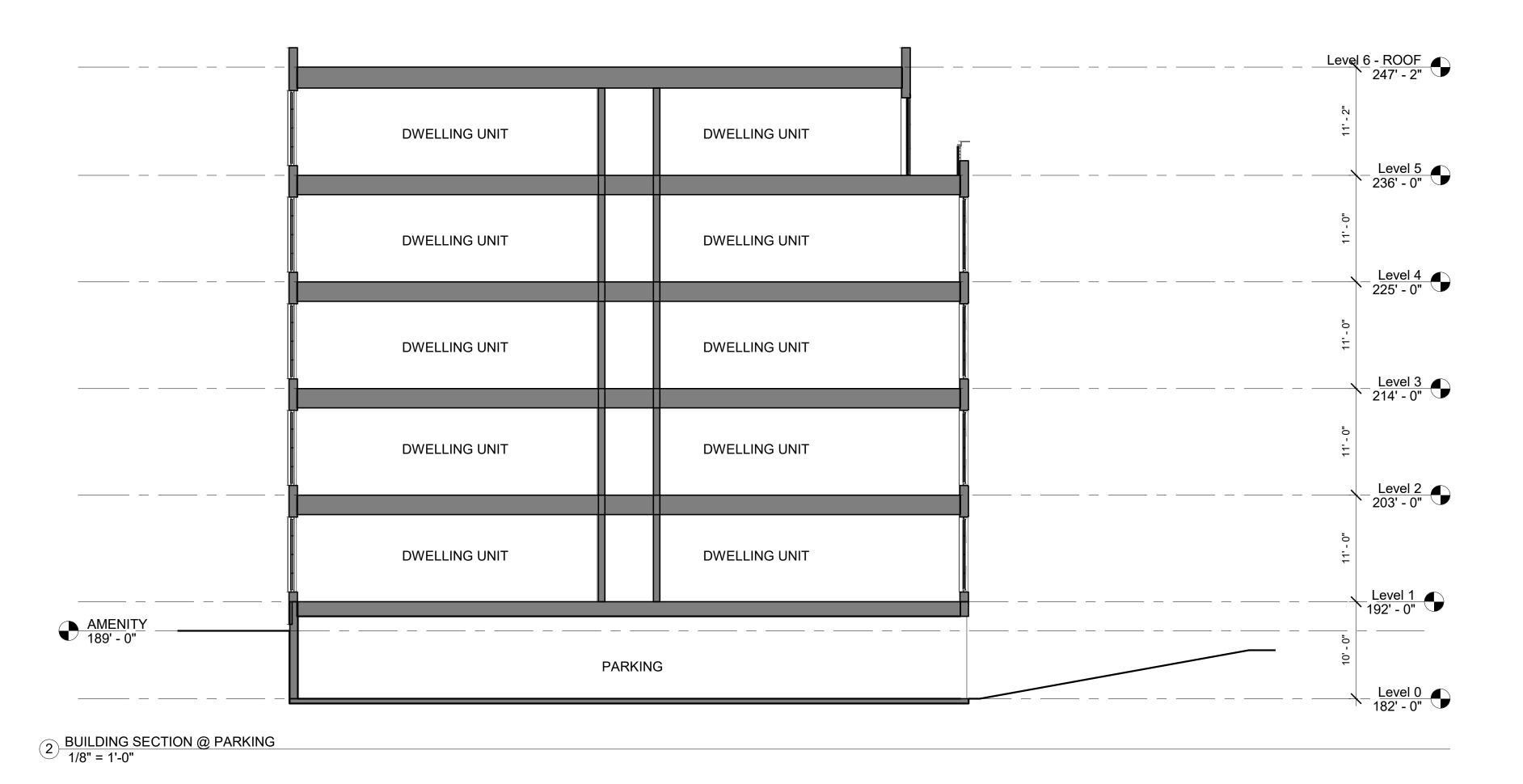




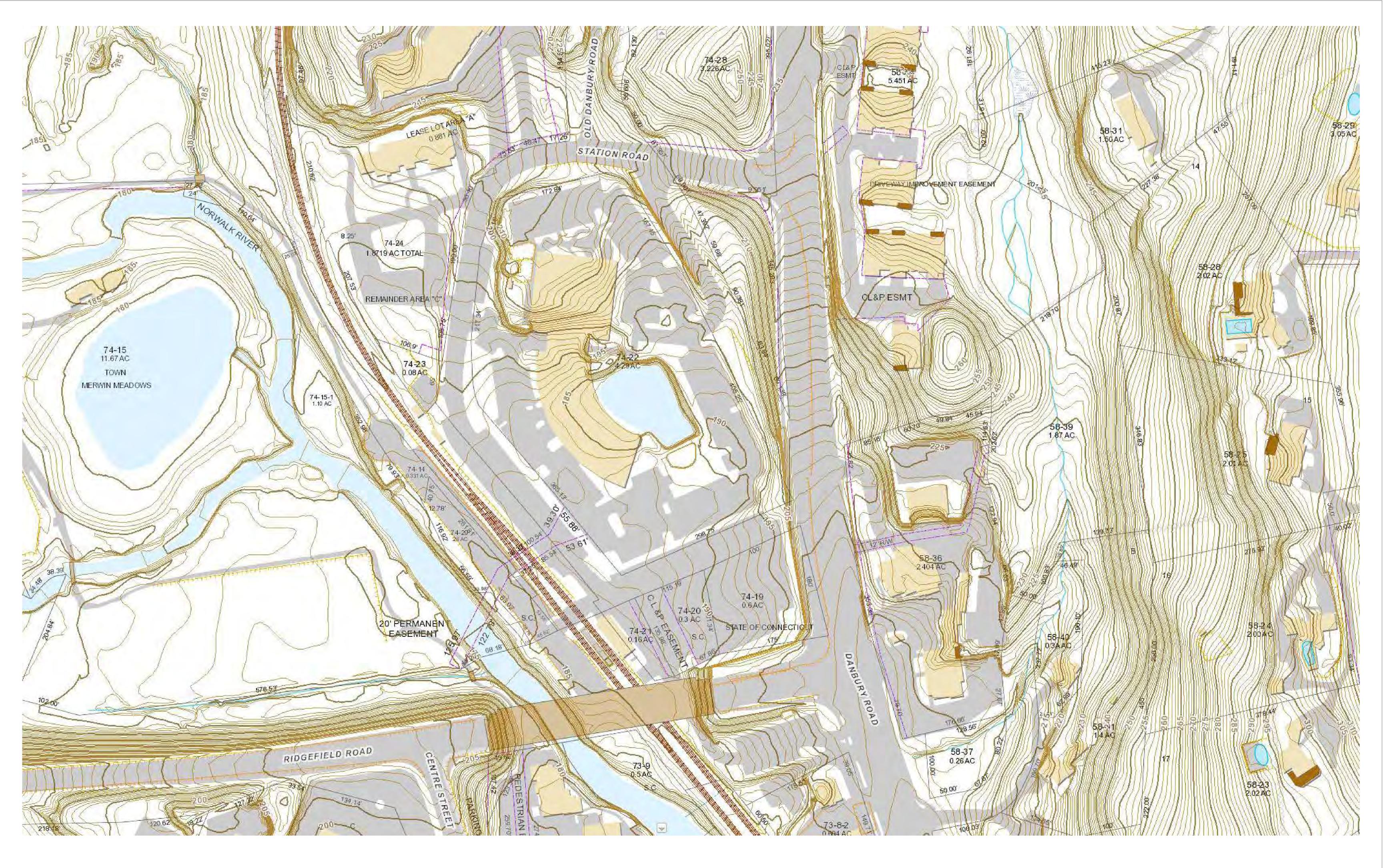




1) BUILDING SECTION @ AMENITY 1/8" = 1'-0"

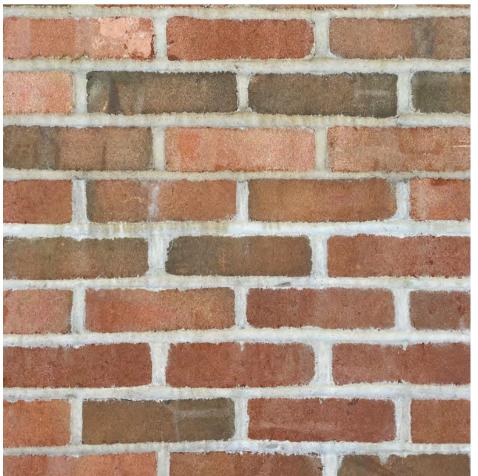




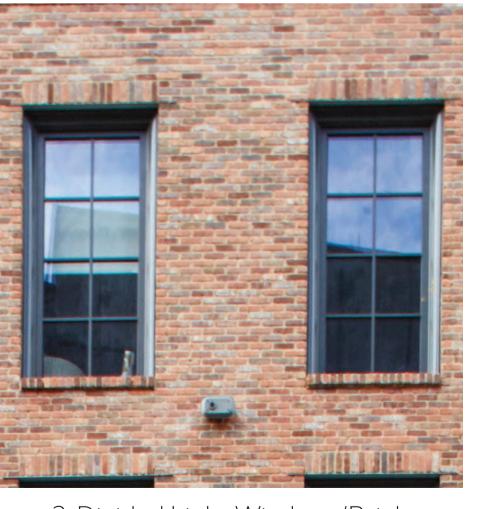


















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2. Fiber Cement

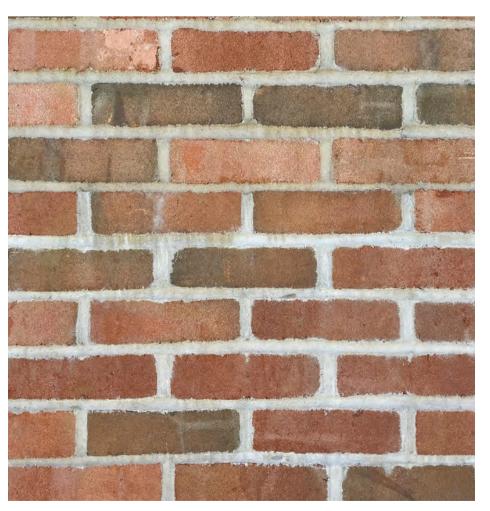
3. Divided Light Windows/Brick

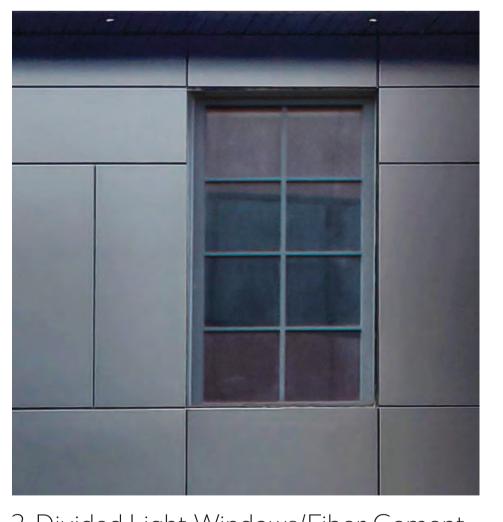
4. Divided Light Windows/Fiber Cement

5. Cable Rail

5. Front Stoop





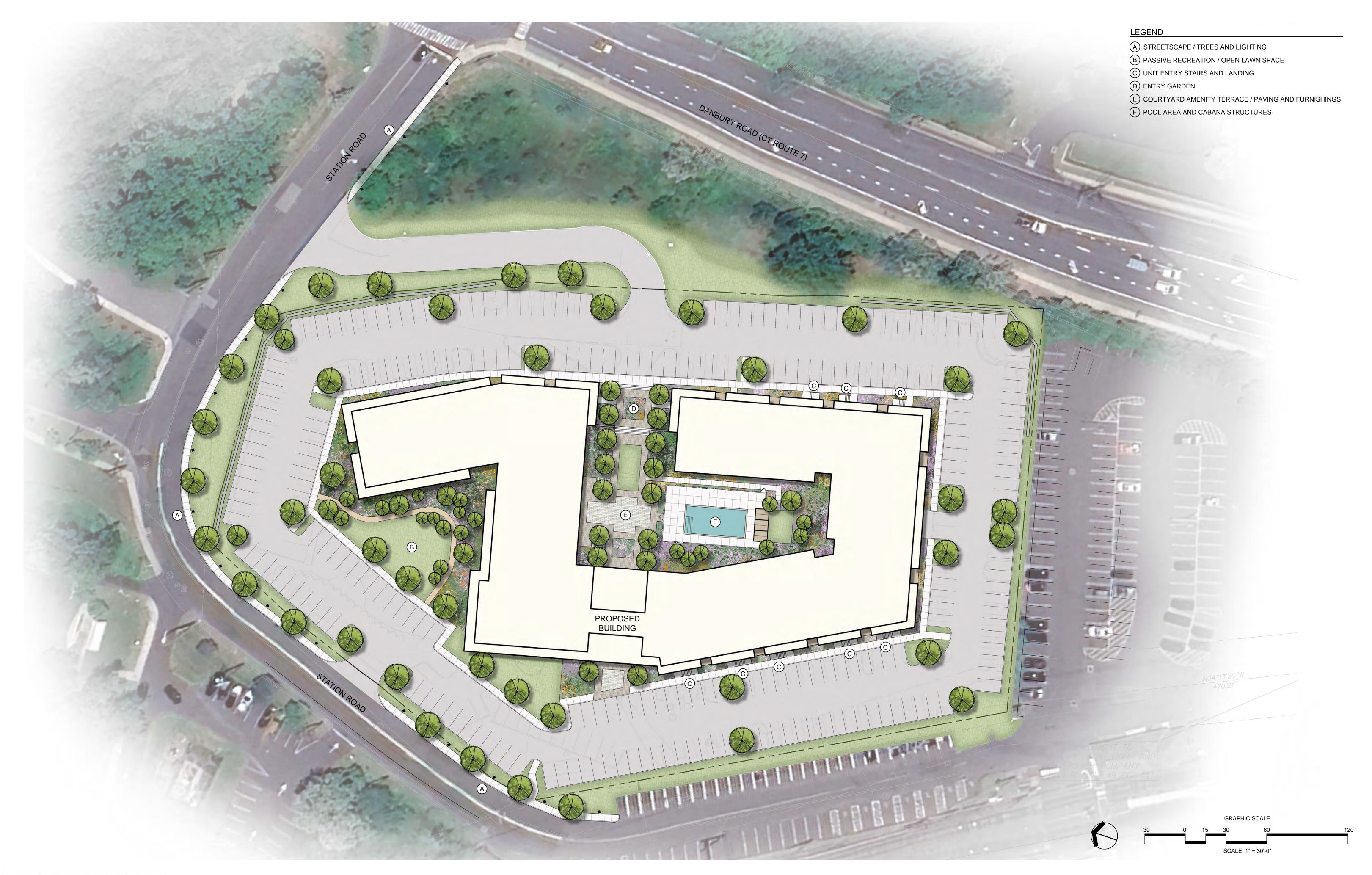




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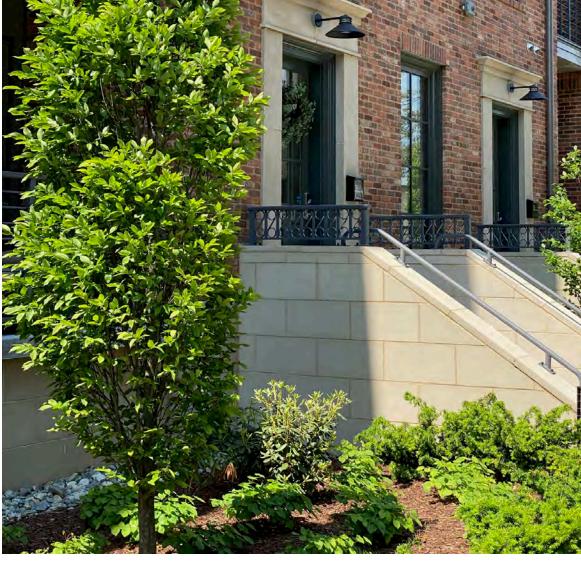
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(C) UNIT ENTRY STAIRS AND LANDING

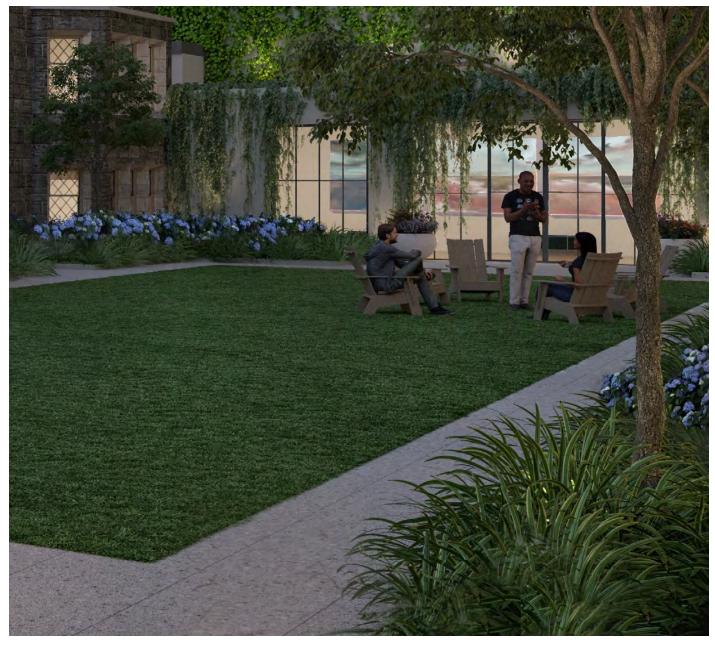






ENTRY GARDEN





E COURTYARD AMENITY TERRACE





F POOL AREA