



**ZONING DIVISION** 200 S. Hamilton Road Gahanna, Ohio 43230 614-342-4025 zoning@gahanna.gov www.gahanna.gov

### DESIGN REVIEW/CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

		PROPERTY I	NFORMATION			
Project/Property Addr	ress:		Project Name/Business Name:			
1379-1391 Johnstov	vn Rd.		Roger's Market Limited			
Parcel #: Zoning: (see <u>Map</u> ) No				Acreage: 2.967		
		PLAN SPE	CIFICATIONS			
Application Type: (check all that apply)	■ Site Plan	Landscaping	☐ Building Design	Demolition  Olde Gahanna only	Other	
Project Description:						
Modification and expexisting site. As par be part of this project	t of the design pro	ing lot at the above r cess, the applicant is	eferenced property working with Staff	to increase parking ca on a Right-of-Way ele	apacity for the ment that is likely to	
		APPLICANT	INFORMATION			
Applicant Name (Primary Contact): Ro	oger's Market Ltd	c/o Eric Leibowitz	Applicant Address: 250 S Civic Center Dr. Columbus, OH 43215			
Applicant E-mail:			Applicant Phone:			
Eleibowitz@castoinf	fo.com		(614)744-2027			
Business Name (if applicable): CAS	ТО					
	*Plea	ADDITION, se list all applicable c	AL CONTACTS ontacts for corresp	ondence*		
	Name(s)		Cor	tact Information (phone	e/email)	
Matt Whitney			(614)744-2054	mwhitney@castoii	nfo.com	
Property Owner Name	e: (if different from A	Applicant)	Property Owner Co	ontact Information (phont)	ne no./email):	
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Zoning File No. DR-0043 2023

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### DESIGN REVIEW/CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### TO BE COMPLETED/SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT:

- 1. Review Gahanna Code Section 1197 (visit www.municode.com)
- 2. Materials List (see page 3) does not apply to demolition applicants
- 3. Authorization Consent Form Complete & Notarized (see page 4)
- 4. Application & all supporting documents submitted in digital format
- 5. Application & all supporting documents submitted in hardcopy format
- 6. Application fee paid (in accordance with the Building & Zoning Fee Schedule)
- 7. Color rendering(s) of the project in plan/perspective/or elevation
- 8. One (1) copy 24"x36" or 11"x17" prints of the plans

### Building Construction, Exterior Remodeling, and Additions (Including Parking Lots and Landscaping)

- 1. SITE PLAN that includes the following: (include: scale, north arrow, & address) if applicable
- All property & street pavement lines
- Property size
- Proposed ingress/egress to the site, including onsite parking area(s), parking stalls, adjacent streets
- Location of all existing and proposed buildings on the site
- Location of all existing & proposed exterior lighting standards
- Breakdown of parking spaces required & spaces provided (see Gahanna Code Section 1163)
- Provide lot coverage breakdown of building & paved surface areas
- 2. LANDSCAPE PLAN (including plant list)
- Existing landscaping that will be retained & proposed landscaping shall be differentiated & shown on the plan. The type,
   size, number, & spacing of all plantings & other landscape features must be illustrated
- Designation of required buffer screens (if any)
- Interior landscaping breakdown for paved surface (see Gahanna Code Section 1163)
- 3. **ELEVATIONS** from all sides
- Fenestration, doorways, & all other projecting & receding elements of the building exterior
- 4. LIGHTING STANDARD DRAWING that includes the following: (exterior only)
- All sizing specifications
- Information on lighting intensity (no. of watts, iso foot candle diagram)
- Materials, colors, & manufacturer's cut sheet
- 5. OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE DISCRETION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:
  - Scale model
  - Section profiles
  - Perspective drawing

### **Demolition or Removal of Existing Structures Requirements**

- 1. ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST EXIST:
  - That the building contains no features of special architecture or is not a historical building or culturally significant or is not consistent in design & style with other structures within the district
  - That there exists no viable economic use for the building in its current state or as it might be restored or that there is not a feasible and prudent alternative to demolition and that the approval of the demolition is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights
  - That the applicant has a definite plan for redevelopment of the site which meets the standards of this Code and the proposed redevelopment will not materially affect adversely the health or safety of persons residing or working in the district where the demolition will occur and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in such neighborhood



	MATERIAL LIST  NOT REQUIRED FOR DEMOLITION							
ITEM	MATERIAL TYPE	COLOR NAME	COLOR NUMBER					
Facade								
Facade								
Facade								
Awnings								
Lighting			9					
Roofing								
Trim								
Other (please specify)								
Other (please specify)								
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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- The Public Hearing will not occur until the City of Gahanna reviews the Application for Code Consistency. Applications that are not consistent with the code will not be scheduled for hearing.
- The application expires if no action is taken 6 months from the date of the last staff comment letter.



### **AUTHORIZATION CONSENT FORM**

(must sign in the presence of a notary)

If you are filling out more than one application for the same project & address, you may submit a copy of this form with additional applications.

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PROPERTY OWNER	modifying the project. I agree to be bound by all terms and agreements made by the app	licant/representative.
₫.	(property owner name printed)	
	(property owner signature)	(date)
Subscr	ibed and sworn to before me on this day of, 20	
State	of County of	Stamp or Seal
Notary	y Public Signature:	
presentative	this application, I hereby agree that the project will be completed as approved with any countries and any proposed changes to the approval shall be submitted for review and approval to	(date)  worn to before me on this day of, 20  County of  MENT TO COMPLY AS APPROVED As the applicant/representative/owner of the subject property listed on ication, I hereby agree that the project will be completed as approved with any conditions and terms of the approval proposed changes to the approval shall be submitted for review and approval to City staff.  DRIZATION TO VISIT THE PROPERTY I hereby authorize City representatives to visit, photograph and post applicable) on the subject property as described.  CATION SUBMISSION CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete
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# CITY OF GAHANNA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO DESIGN REVIEW PLAN

# THE MARKET AT ROGER'S CORNERS PARKING EXPANSION

2023

# 1391 E. Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230 9' Parking Space Width, Front Yard and Parking Setback Encroachments, 54" Fence Height, No 10' Landscape Islands Between Parking Spaces

# **FEMA NOTE**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Zoning Classification/District:

Flood Insurance Rate Map Number (FIRM):

Proposed Right-of-Way Vacation Area

Maximum Lot Coverage per 1153.02

=Existing Impervious/Existing Lot

=Proposed Impervious/Proposed Lot

Existing Parking Required (Retail Strip Shopping

Address:

Variances:

Tax Parcel No.:

Zoning Case No.:

Existing Parcel Area

Existing Lot Coverage

Proposed Lot Coverage

Commercial Square Footage

Center - up to 40,000 SF)

Existing Parking Provided

Proposed Parking Required:

Proposed Parking Provided

Handicap Parking Required

Handicap Parking Provided

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map (dated 6/17/08, the subject parcel shown hereon lie within Zone "X", Community Panel No. 39049C0212K

025-009559

39049C0212K

2.799 Acres

0.168 Acres

2.967 Acres

80.22%

20,460

86 Spaces

86 Spaces

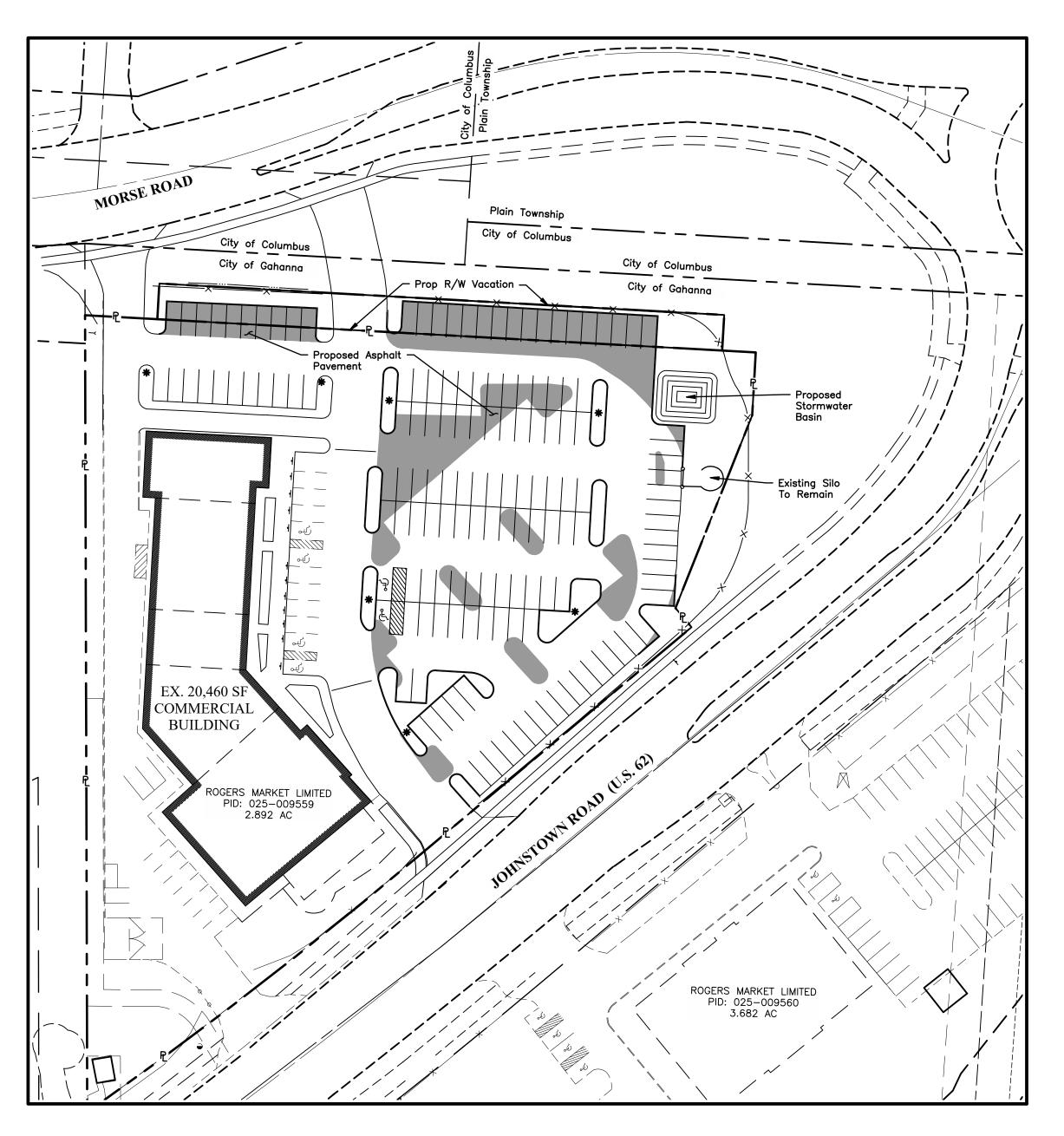
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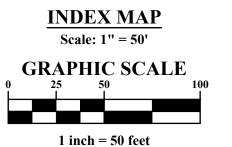
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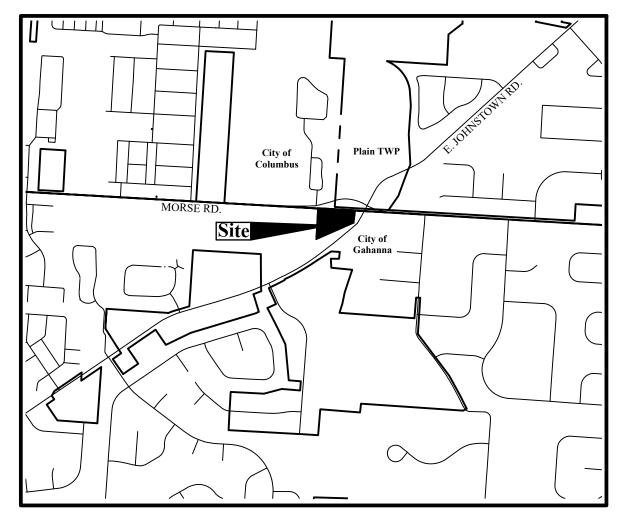
2.38 Acres/2.967 Acres

NC-Neighborhood Commercial









**LOCATION MAP** 

# **DEVELOPER/OWNER**

# Eric Leibowitz 250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 500 Tel: (614) 744-2027

# **ENGINEER**

Brian Quackenbush 5500 New Albany Road New Albany, Ohio 43054 Tel: (614) 775-4390

### **SHEET INDEX**

TITLE SHEET	
EXISTING CONDITIONS & DEMOLITION	N PLAN
SITE PLAN	
LANDSCAPE PLAN	
LANDSCAPE DETAILS	
PHOTOMETRIC PLAN	

# CITY OF GAHANNA APPROVAL

The signatures below signify only concurrence with the purpose and general location of the project. All technical details remain the responsibility of the Engineer preparing the plans.

Director of Planning, City Of Gahanna Date

## PREPARED BY:



This is to certify that good engineering practices have been utilized on the design of this project, and that all of the minimum local standards have been met, including those standards greater than minimum where, in my opinion, are needed to protect the safety of the public. Any variances to the above standards are consistent with sound engineering practices and are not detrimental to the public safety and convenience.

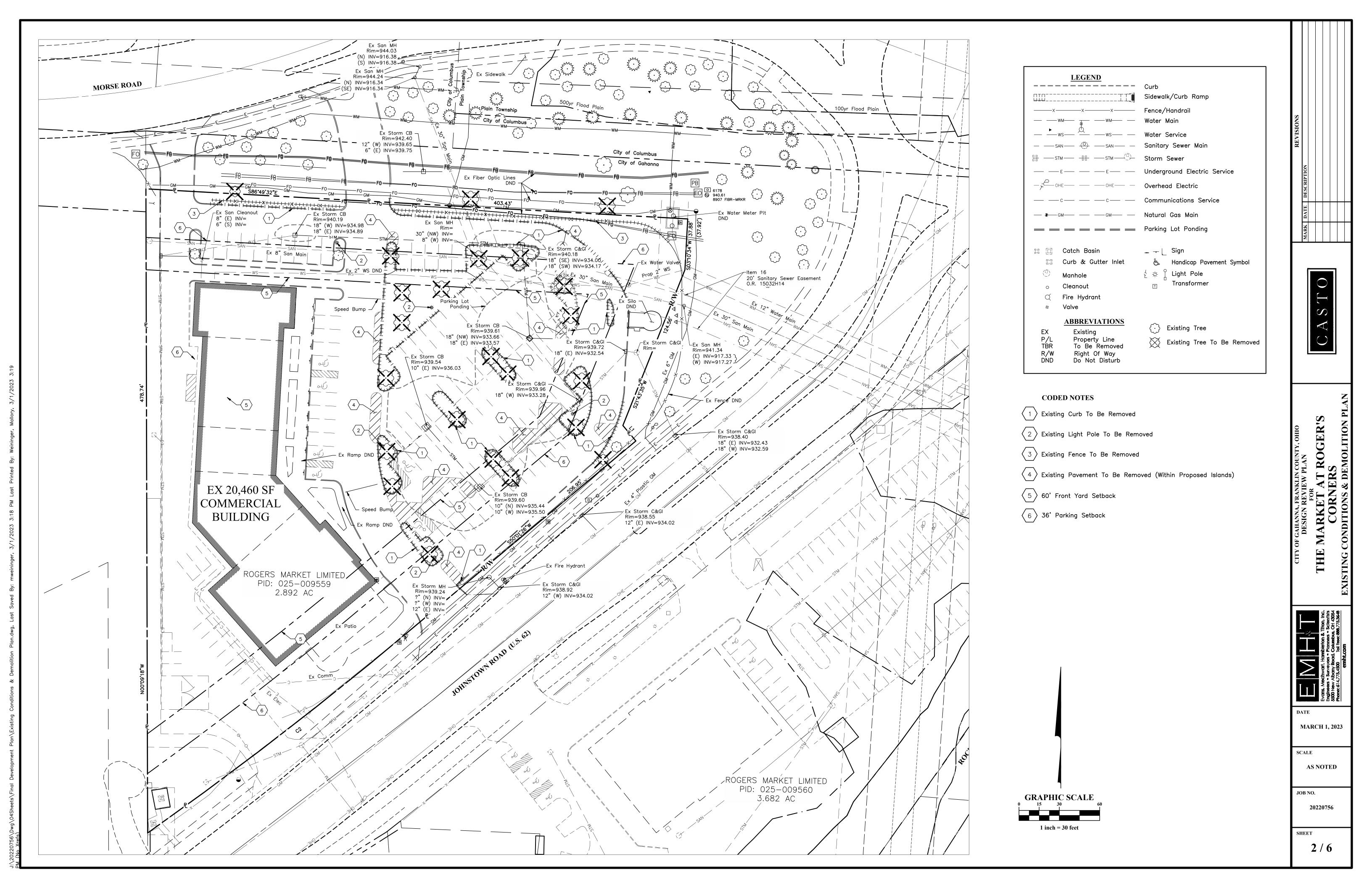
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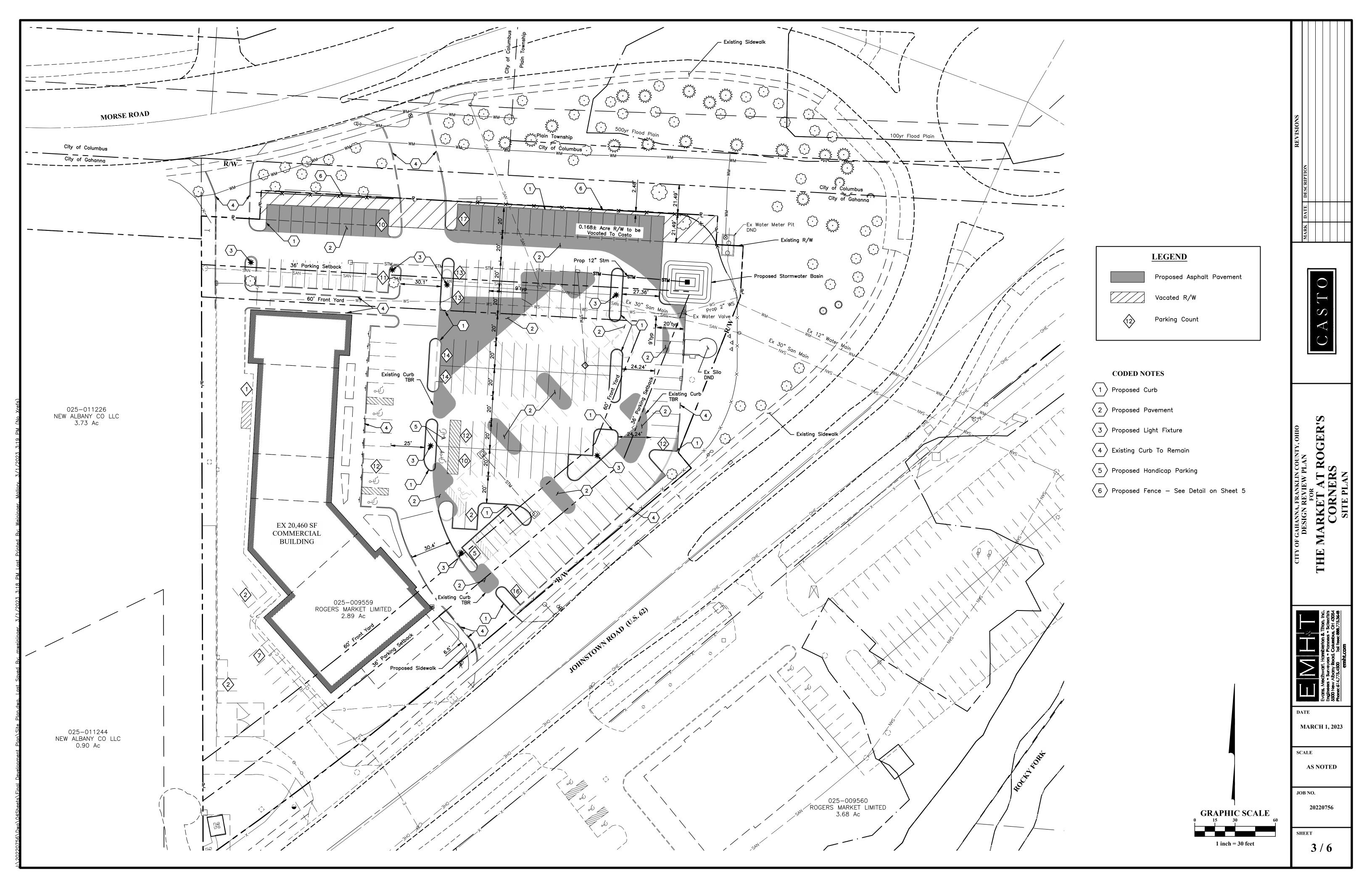
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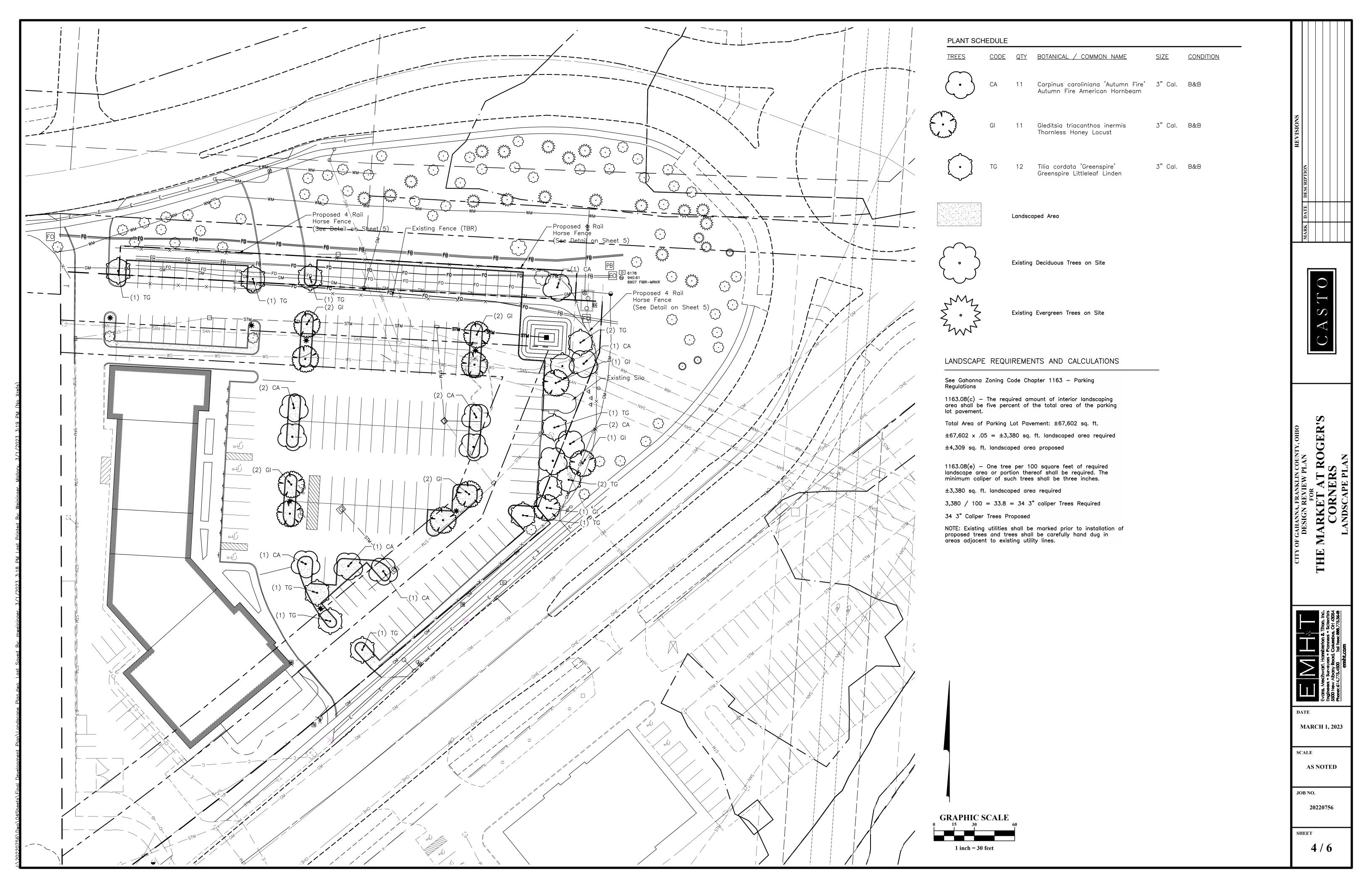
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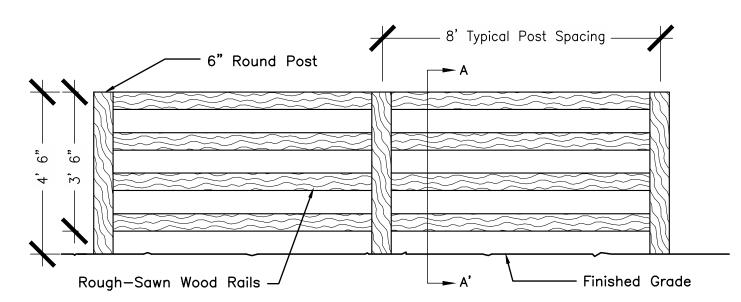
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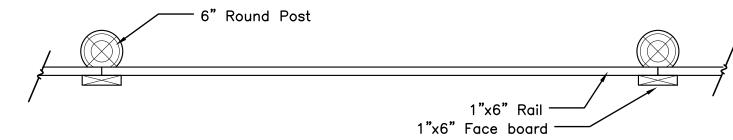










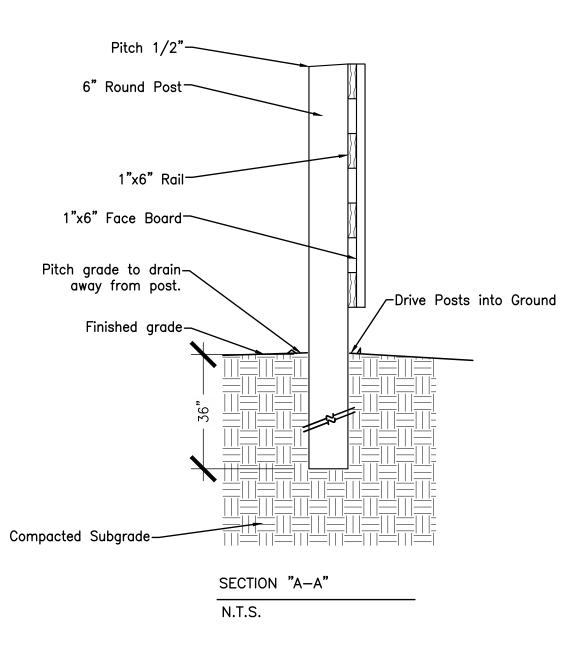


PLAN VIEW

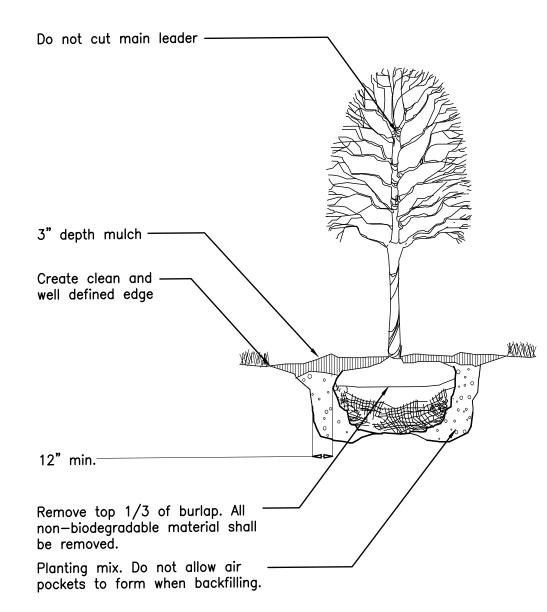
1. All fence rails and face boards to be attached to post with 3 1/2" hot dipped galvanized fence nails.

2. Fence to be sprayed with Cabots Old Virginia White oil stain.

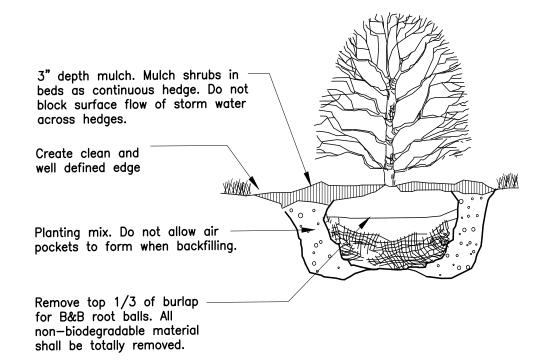
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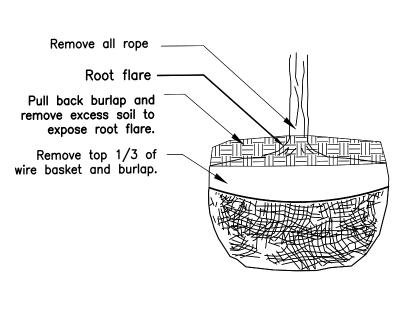
Four Rail Horse Fence
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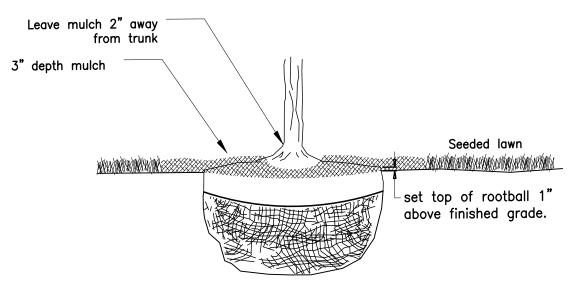
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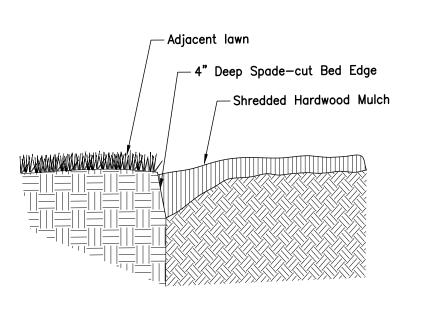
Shrub Planting
No Scale



Rootball Preparation
No Scale



Rootball Setting
No Scale



**Planting Bed Edge** 

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1. Prior to installation, the landscape contractor shall inspect the general site conditions and verify the subgrade, elevations, utility locations and topsoil provided by general contractor. The landscape contractor shall notify the general contractor of any unsatisfactory conditions and work shall not proceed until such conditions have been corrected and are acceptable to the landscape contractor.
- 2. All plants shall meet or exceed standards set in the American Standard for Nursery Stock, ANSI Z60.1, current edition. All plants shall equal or exceed the measurements and sizes specified in the schedule.
- 3. Substitutions shall only be permitted with notification and written approval from the Owner. Substituted material shall be equivalent or greater in size than the specified plant. Substituted plants shall have the same essential characteristics and growth habit of the specified plant.
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  4. Confirm location of all utilities and subsurface drain lines prior to plant
- 5. A pre—installation conference shall be conducted prior to planting operations with Owner and Contractor present.
- 6. Contractor may slightly field adjust plant locations as necessary to avoid utilities. Finished planting beds shall be graded to provide positive drainage.
- 7. Irrigation system, if applicable, shall be complete and operational prior to
- landscape planting.

  8. Contractor shall repair all lawn areas disturbed during construction with seed and warrant a healthy, weed free lawn prior to project acceptance.

  9. Seed all areas within contract limits that are not covered by paving, buildings
- or planting beds unless otherwise noted. Seeding shall not begin until area has received topsoil and finished grade.

  10. Mulch planting beds with shredded hardwood mulch of uniform dark brown
- color. It shall be free of twigs, leaves, disease, pest or other material unsightly or injurious to plants. Average applied thickness shall be 3" depth. Mulch hedges in a continuous bed.
- 11. Planting beds shall be covered with pre-emergent herbicide applied at product specified rate unless otherwise noted.
  12. Bed edge shall be smooth, consistent, hand trenched 4" deep and "V" shaped
- unless otherwise noted. All excavated material shall be removed from the bed edge and planting bed.

  13. All planting bed edges to be smooth flowing arcs or straight lines as shown
- 13. All planting bed edges to be smooth flowing arcs or straight lines as shown on plan. Plant locations and layout of beds shall be located by Contractor and approved by Landscape Architect prior to planting.
- 14. Install all plants in accordance with planting details and specifications.

  15. Parking lot and street trees shall have a clear canopy height of 6' min.
- 16. Trees shall be placed a minimum of 3' from sidewalks and curbs.
- 17. Planting Mix shall be blended, manufactured soil consisting of three (3) parts topsoil, one (1) part compost, one (1) part sand. Topsoil shall be per ASTM D5268, ph range of 5.5 to 7, min. 4 percent organic material, free of stones and soil clumps 3/4 inch and larger. Compost shall be yard waste compost from an EPA rated Class IV compost facility or Com—til compost from City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities. Sand shall be per Item ASTM C33. Proprietary manufactured Planting Mix such as Kurtz Bros. Professional Blend or Jones SuperSoil may be used. Submit product data for review by Owner. Place Planting Mix in settled 6 inch lifts.
- 18. Mix Mycorrhizal Fungi into Planting Mix during placement of Planting Mix.

  Application rate shall be according to manufacturer's written recommendations.

  Mycorrhizal Fungi shall be a dry, granular inoculant containing

  vesicular—arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi and ectomycorrhizal fungi.
- 19. Excavate planting beds to a depth of 12 inches, unless otherwise indicated. Roto—til subgrade of excavation to a depth of 4 inches, unless otherwise indicated. Incorporate a 6 inch lift of planting mix into subrade. Place
- remaining Planting Mix in settled 6 inch lifts.

  20. Planting beds, including mulch, shall be no higher than 6 inches above
- adjacent grade and shall not impede surface drainage.

  21. Lawn areas shall be backfilled with Planting Mix to a minimum settled thickness of 6 inches. Roto—Til subgrade below lawns to a depth of 4 inches,
- unless otherwise indicated, prior to placement of Planting Mix.

  22. All trees and shrubs shall be fertilized with controlled release tablets of 20-10-5 composition. Size and number of tablets shall be per manufacturer's
- instructions.

  23. Composition and application rate of lawn fertilizer shall be sufficient to amend soil according to recommendations of a qualified soil testing agency. Submit soil test results and amendment recommendations to Owner. Lawn fertilizer
- soil test results and amendment recommendations to Owner. Lawn fertilizer shall be in a dry granular form.

  24. Contractor to determine plant list quantities from the plan. Graphic
- representation on plan supersedes in case of discrepancy with quantities on schedule.
- 25. Any item or areas damaged during construction shall be repaired or replaced to its original condition at the contractor expense.

  26. Contractor shall thoroughly water all plants at time of installation and as
- needed until project acceptance by owner. Contractor shall guarantee all plants installed (except annuals) for one full year from date of acceptance by the Owner. All plants shall be alive and at a vigorous rate of growth at the end of the guarantee period.

  27 All annuals to be provided by Contractor from available seasonal stock.
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  28. Lawn seed mix shall proportioned by weight as follows: 10 percent NuBlue or Blue Chip Kentucky Bluegrass; 10 percent Caddieshack or GoalKeeper Perennial Ryegrass; 80 percent Quest, Inferno, Arid 3 and/or Pixie Tall Fescue (select 2). Sodded lawns shall match seeded lawns. Seeding rate shall be 8 to 10 pounds per 1000 square feet.
- 29. Lawn seed shall not have less than 98 percent purity and not have less than 90 percent germination.

MARK DATE DESCRIPTION



MARKET AT ROGER'S CORNERS
LANDSCAPE DETAILS

echwart, Hambleton & Illton, Inc.
s • Surveyors • Planners • Scientists
/ Albany Road, Columbus, OH 43054
4.775.4500 Toll Free: 888.775.3648

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**MARCH 1, 2023** 

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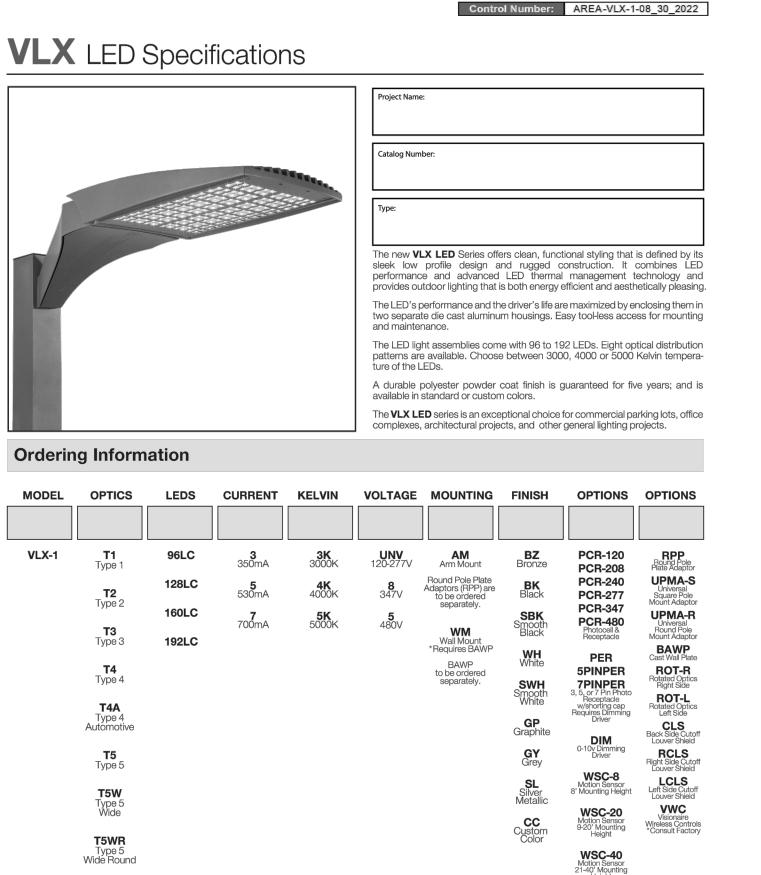
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STATIST	STATISTICS				
Description	Avg	Max	Min	Avg/Min	Max/M
Parking Lot	1.1 fc	2.0 fc	0.5 fc	2.1:1	4.0:1

LIGHT POLE TABLE							
POLE HEIGHT	LUMINAIRE TYPE	NORTHING	EASTING				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 96LC 5 3K	748401.8750	1872231.3750				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 96LC 5 3K	748396.1822	1872337.1235				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 160LC 5 3K	748385.0349	1872377.7823				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 160LC 5 3K	748377.7823	1872503.5620				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 160LC 5 3K	748265.5018	1872365.5763				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 160LC 5 3K	748258.2149	1872489.3620				
30'	VLX-1 T5W 160LC 5 3K	748185.7870	1872388.2794				

LUMINAIRE SCHEDULE								
MANUFACTURER	MODEL	OPTICS	LEDS	CURRENT	COLOR TEMP	FILE NAME	LLF	WATTAGE
Visionaire Lighting LLC	VLX-1	Type 5 Wide	96LC	350mA	3000K	VLX-1_T5W_96LC_3_3K.ies	0.72	171
Visionaire Lighting LLC	VLX-1	Type 5 Wide	160LC	350mA	3000K	VLX-1_T5W_160LC_3_3K.ies	0.72	103



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DATE **MARCH 1, 2023** 

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1" = 30'

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March 1, 2023

Ms. Kelly Wicker Planning & Zoning Coordinator City of Gahanna 200 S. Hamilton Road Gahanna, OH 43230

Subject: Project 1379-1391 E Johnstown Rd Design Review/C of A

Response Letter

Dear Ms. Wicker,

In response to the comments received from City of Gahanna on February 22, 2023, the plans have been modified as described herein.

### **Fire District**

1. The fire division has no objection to the Design Review or Variance for Rogers Market parking lot expansion.

Response: Understood.

### **City Engineer**

2. Easements will be required for utilities within vacated right-of-way pursuant to ORC Section 723.041.

Response: Understood.

3. This preliminary review does not constitute a comprehensive engineering design review. A formal site civil review will be conducted upon the approval of the final development plan. (Informational Comment).

Response: Understood.

4. Sidewalks shall satisfy ADA requirements for minimum width and other related design standards such as ADA compliant curb ramps.

Response: Proposed sidewalk width shown on plan (sheet 3). There are no proposed sidewalk ramps.

5. Consideration should be given to connections from the sidewalk in the public right-of-way to the internal sidewalk.

Response: Sidewalk connection shown from existing internal sidewalk to the sidewalk in the public right-of-way.

6. ADA requirements for parking lots such as the amount of accessible parking stalls, design of stalls, location of stalls, and others shall be satisfied.

Response: ADA parking requirements are met for this site.

7. Potential conflict with water line (PV-120) and proposed stormwater basin.

Response: No conflict with proposed basin and existing water line. See sheet 3.

8. Potential conflict with existing sanitary sewer (SA-461) and proposed stormwater basin.

Response: No conflict with proposed basin and existing sanitary sewer. See sheet 3.

9. Include the locations of sanitary lines and water service lines in the site plan.

Response: Sanitary lines and water service lines shown on site plan.

### **Parks**

10. Landscape plans look well done. My only concern is about the choice of tree species. Honey locust and linden are both acceptable trees, but honey locusts are prone to surface roots that sometimes conflict with pavement. Lindens are prone to low hanging branches that could be difficult to keep pruned up in a parking lot setting.

Response: Tree species listed are part of the approved trees by city of Gahanna and have small leaves that will better minimize debris in the parking lot during the fall.

### **Planning**

11. Please be aware the site plan (sheet 3/6) contains a significant amount of information that isn't approved through a design review application. Please refer to the design review application, Chapter 1197 and 1108.03 for the type of information required. For clarity, please remove the unnecessary/unapprovable information from the site plan (sheet 3/6). Please revise to clearly depict the site post development (e.g., new property lines, parking setbacks, fence location, etc.). Please be aware that additional comments may be forthcoming.

Response: Unnecessary underground utilities are no longer shown on the plan. We feel the information currently on the plan is necessary to show a complete layout of the site and is pertinent to the site. New property lines, parking setbacks, and fence locations shown and called out on the site plan.

12. Chapter 1153.02/1167.15 requires a 60' front yard (north/east/south property lines) and a 36' parking setback. Please revise the site plan to clearly depict. Please revise the variance application to request a variance if necessary.

Response: 60' Front yard and 36' setback shown on site plan. Variance application has been revised and sent with the submittal package.

13. Sheet 5 depicts a 54" fence in the front yard(s). Chapter 1171.03(f) permits a maximum fence height of 42". A variance will be required if the fence is located in the front yard. Please revise the site plan to clearly depict fence location. Please revise the variance application as necessary.

Response: Current fence is 54". Variance application has been revised and sent with the submittal package.

14. The landscape plan contains a reference to Chapter 1155.06. Please be aware that this code requirement applies to properties zoned Office, Commerce, and Technology (OCT). Since the property is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC), this is not a requirement that applies to this request. The applicant may remove these landscaping improvements if desired.

### Response: Landscaping requirements pertaining to 1155.06 removed from plan.

15. Chapter 1163.08(h) requires a 10 wide landscape island between two rows of parking (where a vehicle's headlights would shine into another vehicle). There appears to be six or seven different rows of parking where landscaping is required. Staff strongly recommends requesting a variance to this requirement as adherence to this requirement would require a total redesign of the site and significantly reduce the amount of parking available onsite. The screening provided to meet Chapter 1155.06 could be used as justification to vary this requirement (if it remains, although not required.).

Response: Current conditions do not have 10' landscape islands between parking rows. Variance application has been revised and sent with the submittal package.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (614) 775-4391.

Sincerely,

EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC.

Mallory Weininger



March 7, 2023

Rogers Market Limited 250 Civic Center Dr #500 Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Project 1379-1391 E Johnstown Rd Design Review/C of A

Dear Rogers Market Limited:

The following comments were generated from the review of the submitted plans and documents for the referenced project.

### **Fire District**

1. The fire division has no objection to the Design Review or Variance for Rogers Market parking lot expansion.

### **City Engineer**

2. Sidewalks shall satisfy ADA requirements for minimum width and other related design standards such as ADA compliant curb ramps. Note: existing sidewalk and curb ramps will need to be updated to be ADA compliant.

### **Parks**

3. Landscape plans look well done. My only concern is about the choice of tree species. Honey locust and linden are both acceptable trees, but honey locusts are prone to surface roots that sometimes conflict with pavement. Lindens are prone to low hanging branches that could be difficult to keep pruned up in a parking lot setting.

### **Planning**

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3/7/23 - Staff incorrectly read/interpreted the cited code. Since the property is zoned commercial, a decorative fence at 54" in height is permissible. Staff will modify the variance application accordingly.

If you have general comments or questions, please contact me at kelly.wicker@gahanna.gov or (614) 342-4025. If your questions are specific to a certain department's comments please reach out to that department.

Sincerely, Kelly Wicker Planning and Zoning Coordinator



### STAFF REPORT

### **Request Summary**

A design review and variance application have been submitted to allow for parking lot modifications for the property known as the Market at Roger's Corners. The property is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and developed with a multi-tenant building. Tenants include Donatos, 1837 Wine and Spirits Emporium, Home Source Custom Draperies and Blinds, and High Bank Distillery.

The popularity of the tenants has driven the need to create additional parking. The site has 103 parking spaces with a code requirement of 86 spaces. The proposed site layout increases parking to 173 spaces. Variances and a right-of-way vacation is required to accomplish the proposed redesign. The City is working with various political entities to vacate the right-of-way necessary to accomplish the proposed redesign. The applications would become null and void if the right-of-way vacation is unsuccessful.

### **Design Review**

Developments within NC are subject to the standards of Design Review District 3 (DRD-3). Most standards are not applicable to this request because of its limited scope.

General review criteria for Design Review applications include the following:

- Are stylistically compatible with other new, renovated, and existing structures in the applicable Design Review District in order to maintain design continuity and provide protection of existing design environment.
- Contribute to the improvement and upgrading of the architectural and design character of the Design Review District.
- Contribute to the continuing economic and community vitality of the Design Review District
- Maintain, protect and enhance the physical surroundings of the Design Review District.

### <u>Variance</u>

A variance application has been submitted and reviewed by staff. The variances requested exist on the site currently but require variance approval since the site layout is changing. Planning staff supports the variance requests. We believe the variances are warranted given the shortage of onsite parking. Approving the variances allows the site to be designed in a manner that provides for enough onsite parking to safely accommodate patrons of the center.

- Chapter 1163.01(a) Parking space width
  - o 9' requested; existing parking spaces are 9' wide
  - o 10' required by code
- Chapter 1163.08(h) Interior landscaping



- Code requires there be a ten foot wide landscape island between two rows of parking
  - Existing parking does not meet this requirement
- It should be noted that staff is working on code changes to eliminate this requirement. Similar projects have received variance approval.
- Chapter 1167.15(b) Parking setback
  - Code requires a 36' setback from right-of-way
    - Existing parking does not meet this requirement
  - The city is working with multiple jurisdictions to vacate unnecessary right-of-way along the northern property line. The proposed parking improvements along the northern property line may not meet setback requirements, however, the parking is setback from pavement at a far greater distance than typically found in Gahanna. The City believes that the reduced setback will not create an unsafe condition along Morse Rd.

Planning Commission shall not grant a variance unless it finds that all the following conditions apply:

- a) There are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building or use referred to in the application.
- b) The granting of the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights.
- c) The granting of the application will not materially affect adversely the health or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in such neighborhood.

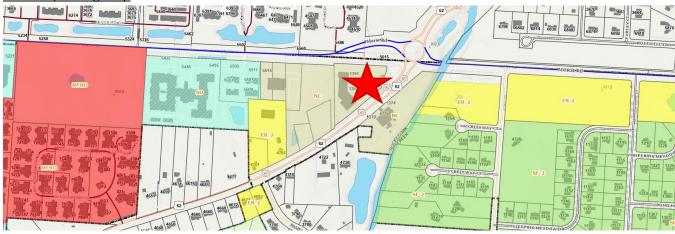
### **Staff Comments**

Staff recommends approval of both applications as submitted. The City has been working with the landlord and tenants on solutions to the parking shortage. The proposed plan increases parking by 70 spaces. Additional onsite parking should eliminate the need for offsite overflow parking. Offsite parking areas can create unsafe pedestrian and vehicular movements. The proposed plan appears to resolve potential safety issues while maintaining an attractive and vibrant shopping center.



### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

### **Location/Zoning Map**



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