





# VSH PREMIER CIRCLE ARB 2022-29

SUBMISSION OF FINAL SITE PLAN
June 21, 2022







EXISTING CONDITIONS - VIEWS FROM THE ENTRANCE CORRIDOR

We are pleased to present to the Architectural Review Board a conceptual building design for the new 81 unit, Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) building developed by Virginia Supportive Housing at Premier Circle. This affordable housing project will provide SRO units and on-site program support for formerly homeless residents. The project is financed by Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) that were awarded in 2021, with an anticipated start of construction in early 2023.

This is the first new construction on the site since recent rezoning approval in 2020. The building is set within a larger vision for the entire site, one which ultimately and strategically combines housing for homeless and formerly homeless and affordable housing - providing as many as 140 affordable multifamily homes while continuing to provide housing for homeless over the next several years. To achieve this goal, the project is phased and this building will be constructed in the middle of the overall site so that the existing, former motel units may remain in operation during and after construction to provide multifamily housing for the homeless population.

At final build-out and after anticipated subdivision, this building will be located one parcel off of the Entrance Corridor of Route 29, thereby sandwiched between future new construction. At final build-out, the site's anticipated pattern will place this building between a new non-residential building that fronts the E.C. and, on the other side, an affordable multifamily building at the rear of the site. Though the building is not in the parcel directly

adjacent, it will be visible from the E.C., as indicated in our perspective images.

This Application Narrative focuses on presenting the building design intent as it will be at initial build-out, showing it in the site surrounded by the existing context. That being said, this application does provide a phased demolition plan, phased site plan, and a perspective image to give a sense for the building in the context of anticipated future build-out. Without knowing the final design of the adjacent buildings, we can only anticipate building mass per allowable building heights and areas (See Appendix).

The proposed building will begin to transform the site from the existing single-story buildings to a higher density mixed-use hub. Although the building will comprise 81 SRO units, the building design, form, and materials are meant to provide a metered building that is pleasant from the vantage of the E.C. and meant to 'break down the scale' of the building for the pedestrian on site.

Care has been taken in designing the building shape to minimize disruption to existing utilities, allow for phased development, and so that the building's future residents can enjoy some adjacent green space and optimal site circulation. The 'l-shaped' building form also reduces overall length of any one side of the building and provides a semi-enclosed meditative and community garden space on the south (E.C.) side of the building. Much of the garden and ground floor will be hidden from view along Route 29 due

to existing site topography and anticipated future development in the parcel fronting route 29, however we have developed these spaces (as well as the overall building) utilizing themes central to the ARB.

The goal for the building design is to allow residents to 'own' and identify their units within the building. Therefore, at the rhythm of the SRO units within, the building 'bumps-out' with a contrasting material; contrasting the light brick (which encompasses the majority of the building) with a darker metal cladding.

As it is a tight site anticipating higher density than seen today, site sidewalks will be close to unit windows in some instances. Therefore, as the building's 'bump-outs' meet the ground they recede to the plane of the building and transform into exterior brick planting boxes to encourage natural screening and provide another way to extend and redefine the experience of the resident within and create a pleasant, softening of the building from afar.

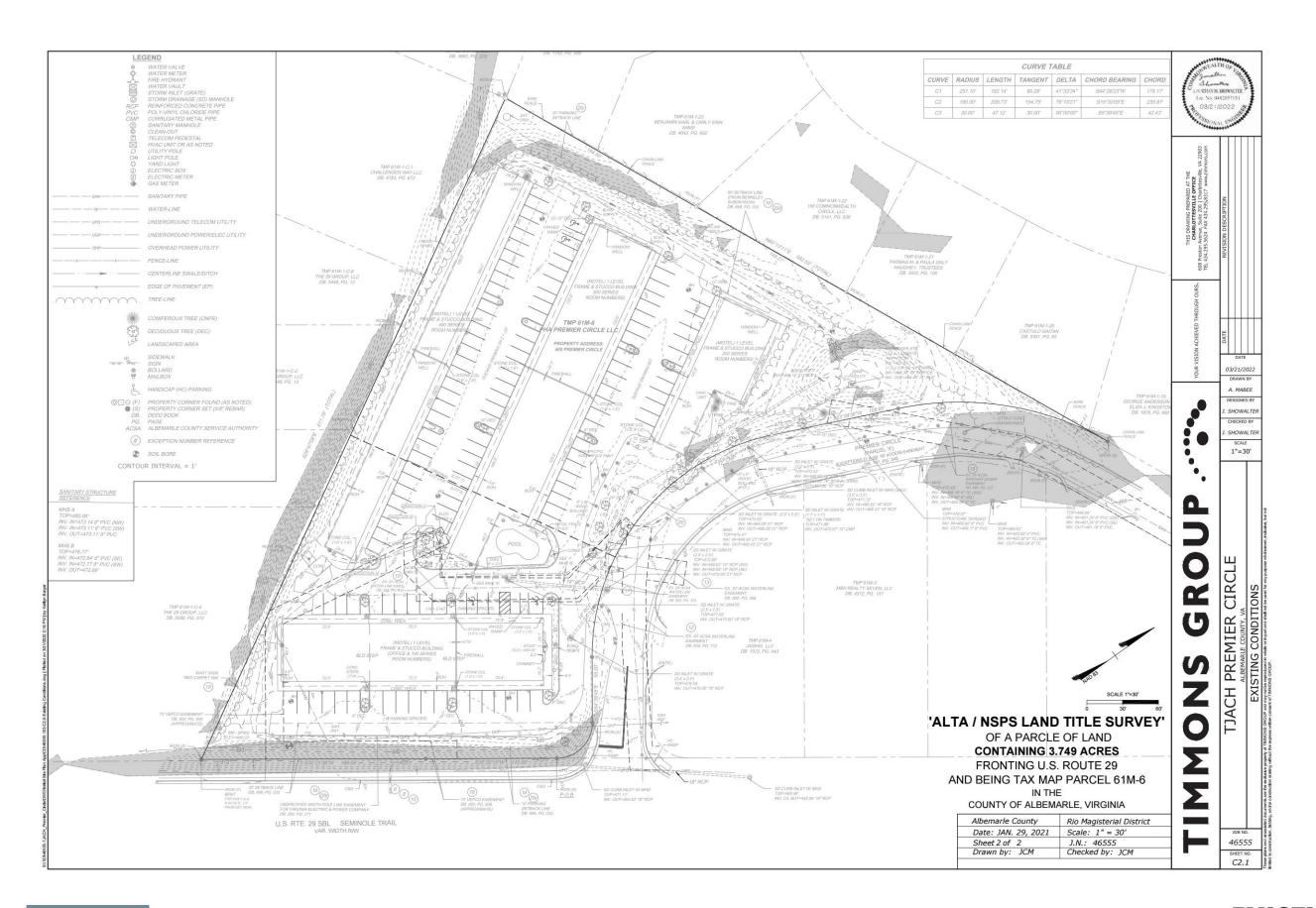
Overall, we see the idea of 'breaking down the scale' as working hand in hand with creating a more human scale destination and home along an active vehicular corridor. We hope to provide a comfortable, pedestrian environment appropriate for residential uses while responding to surrounding context and anticipating future phases.

We respectfully ask for the ARB guidance in finding the best possible solution for the building and site's redevelopment in its relation to the Entrance Corridor.



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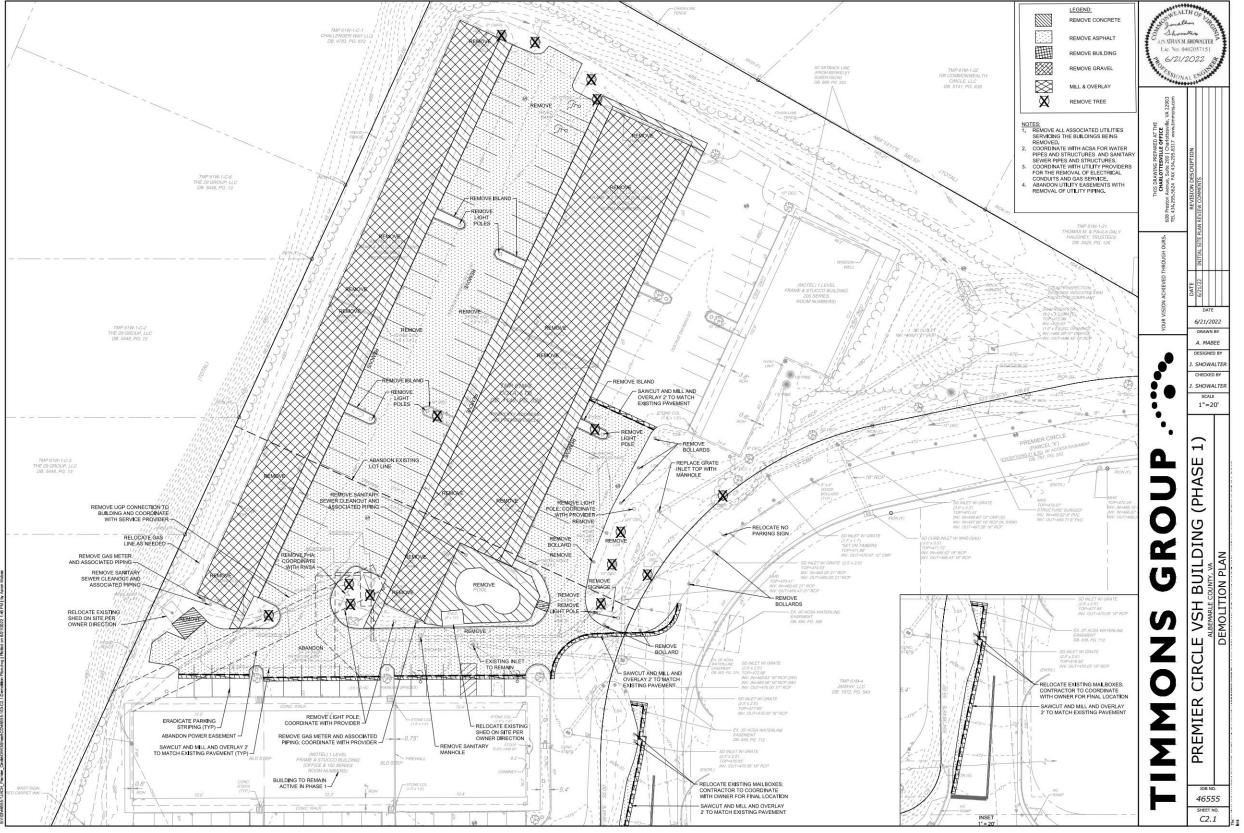






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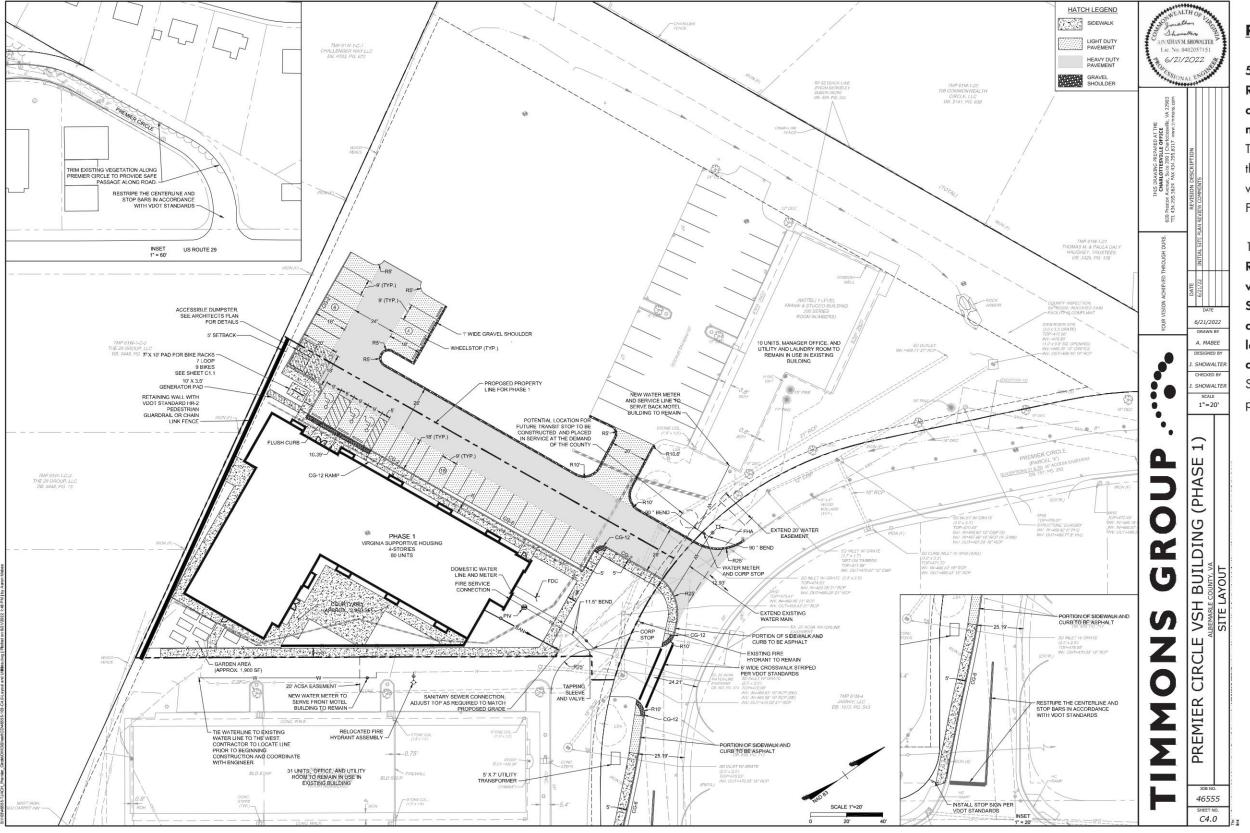
# Revise the site plan set to include a phased demolition plan

Demolition plan provided to left. This Final Site Plan is being submitted with a demolition plan for this first phase of construction. Future phases will have Final Site Plans with demolition plans. See Final Site Plan.



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Revise the site plan set to include the limits of work for each phase of the development

This Final Site Plan is being submitted with for this first phase of construction. Future phases will have Final Site Plans for those phases. See Final Site Plan.

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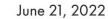
Revise the site plan to show the limits of work for Phase 1 of the development.

Show tree protection fencing on, and coordinated throughout, the grading, landscaping, and erosion and sediment control plans where needed.

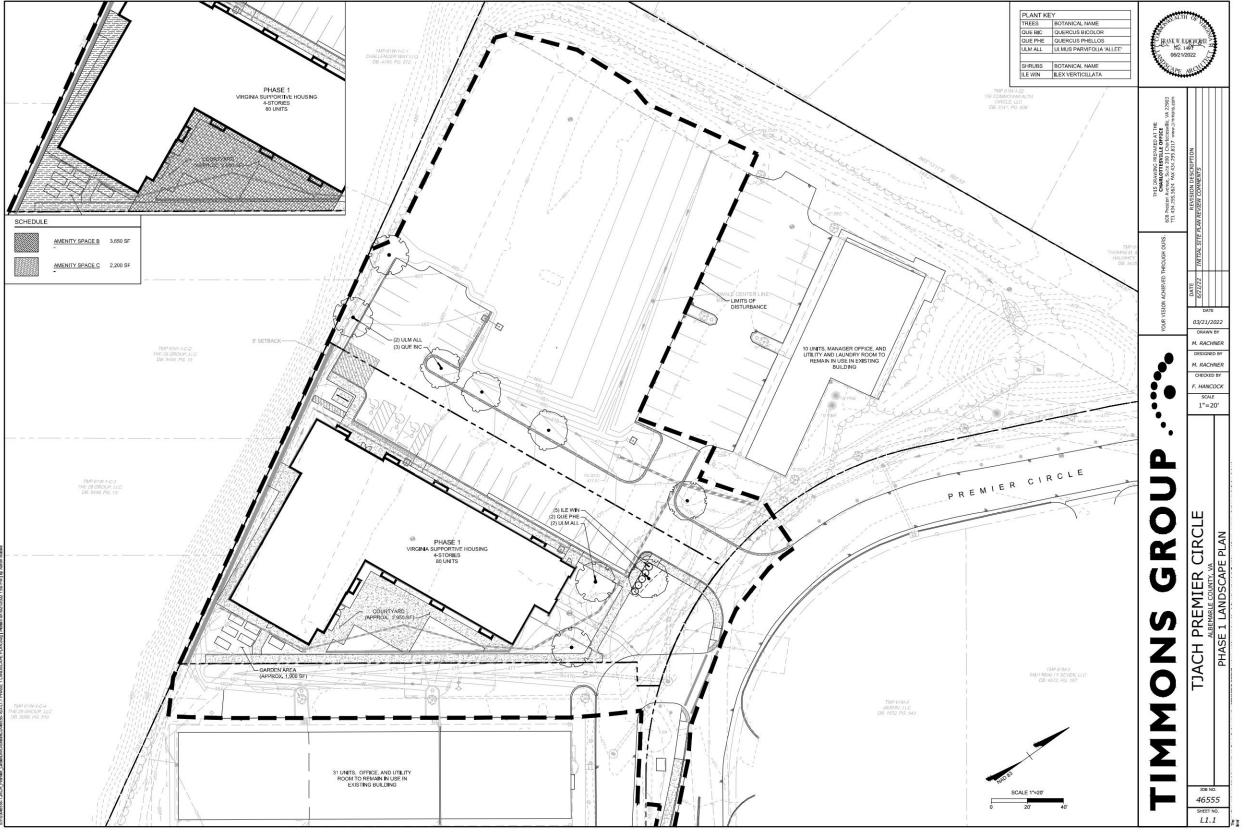
Site plan revised to show limits of work for phase 1. See Final Site Plan.



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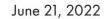
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Revise the landscape plan to provide additional trees to meet the interior parking area landscaping requirements (one tree for every 10 spaces evenly distributed)

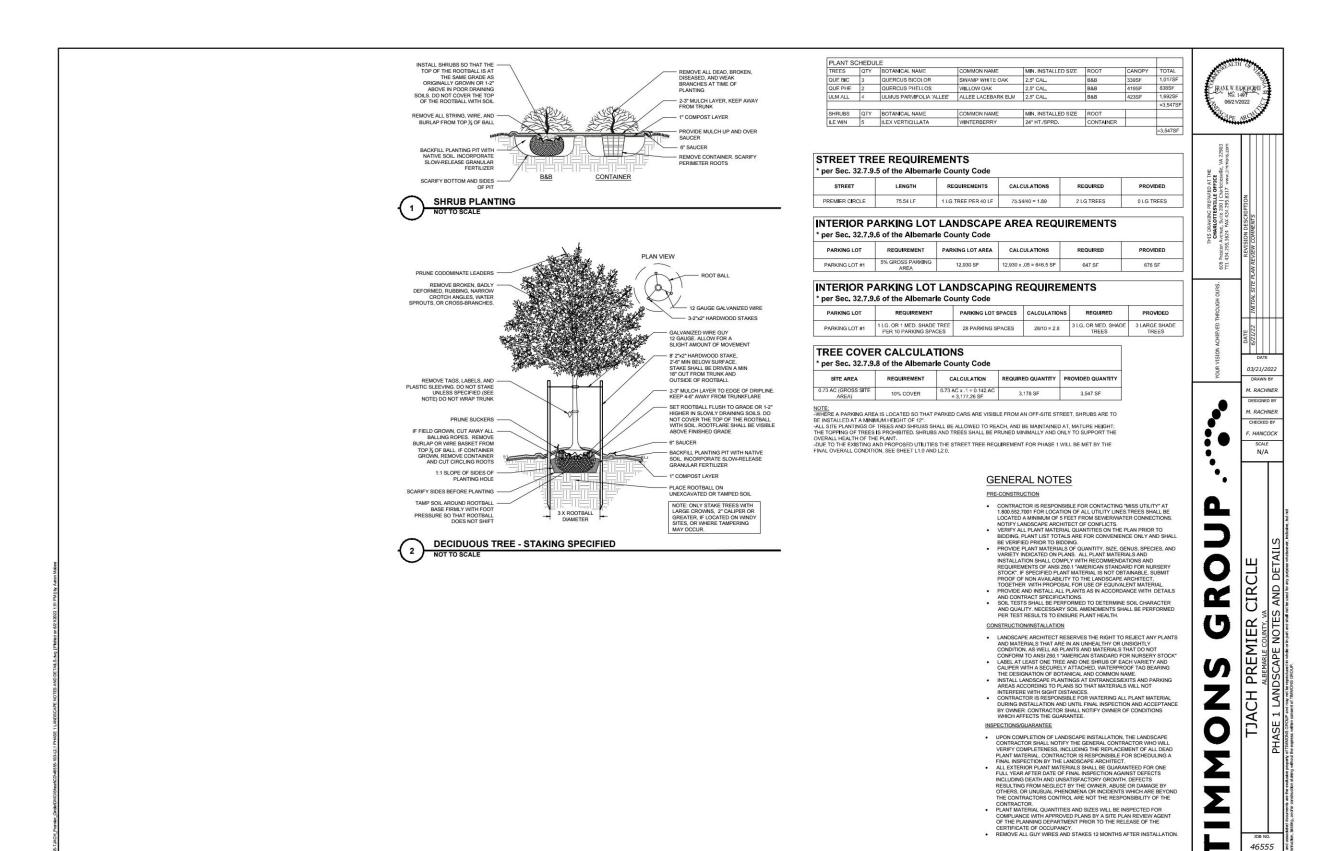
Landscape plan revised. Proposed tress meet the landscaping requirements and are located in such a way that they will not be affected by later phases. See Final Site Plan.



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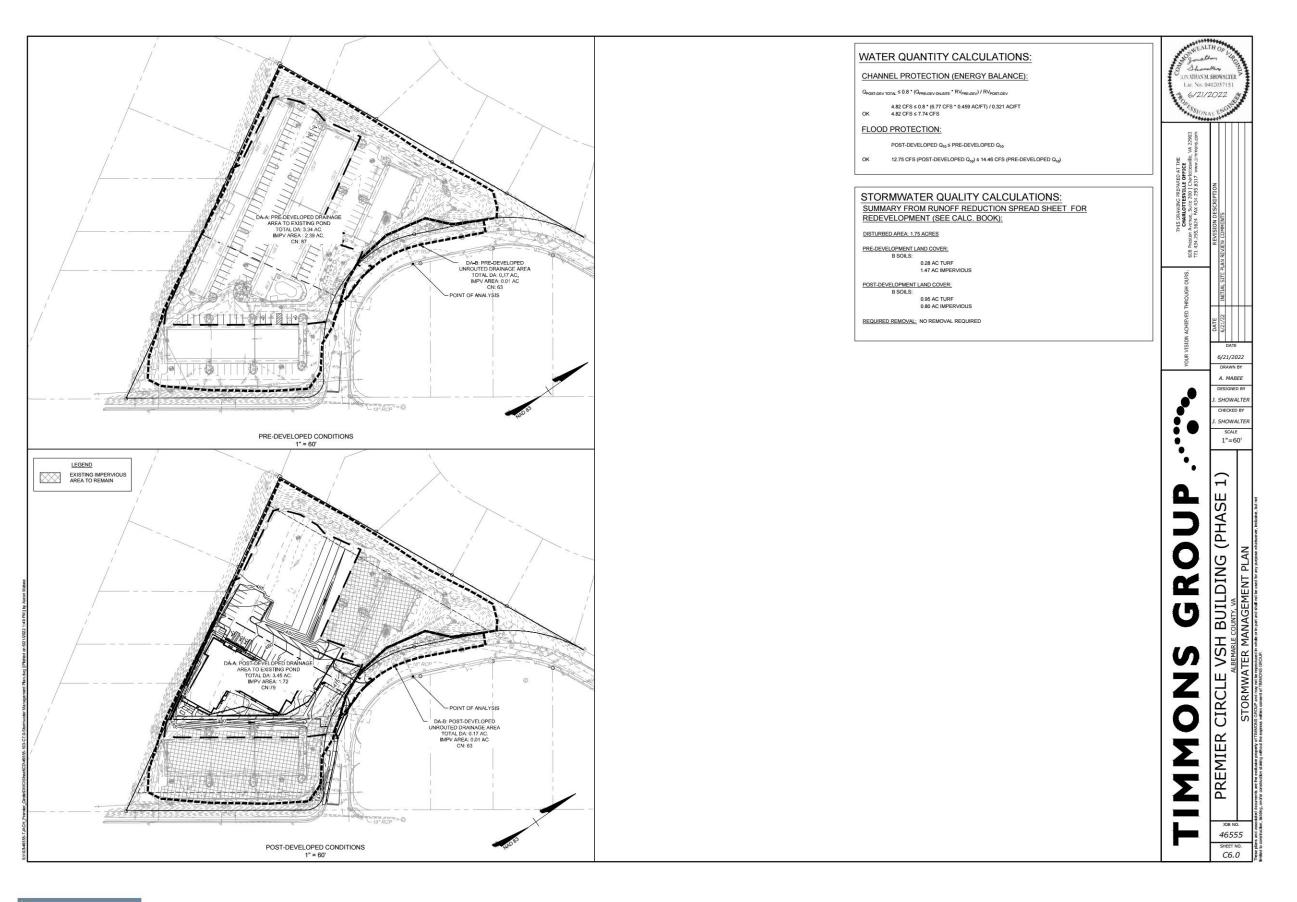




### **LANDSCAPE PLAN**

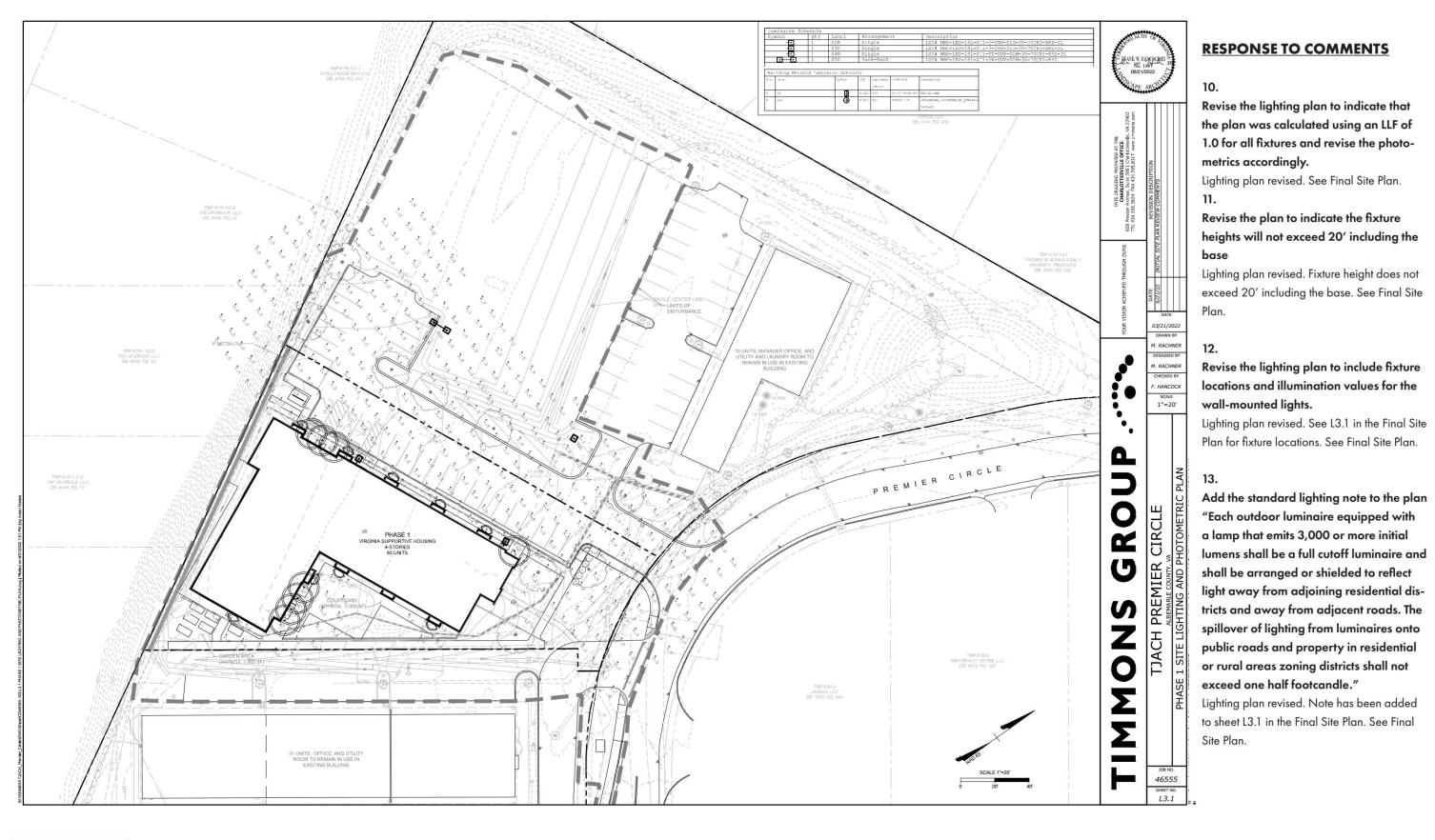
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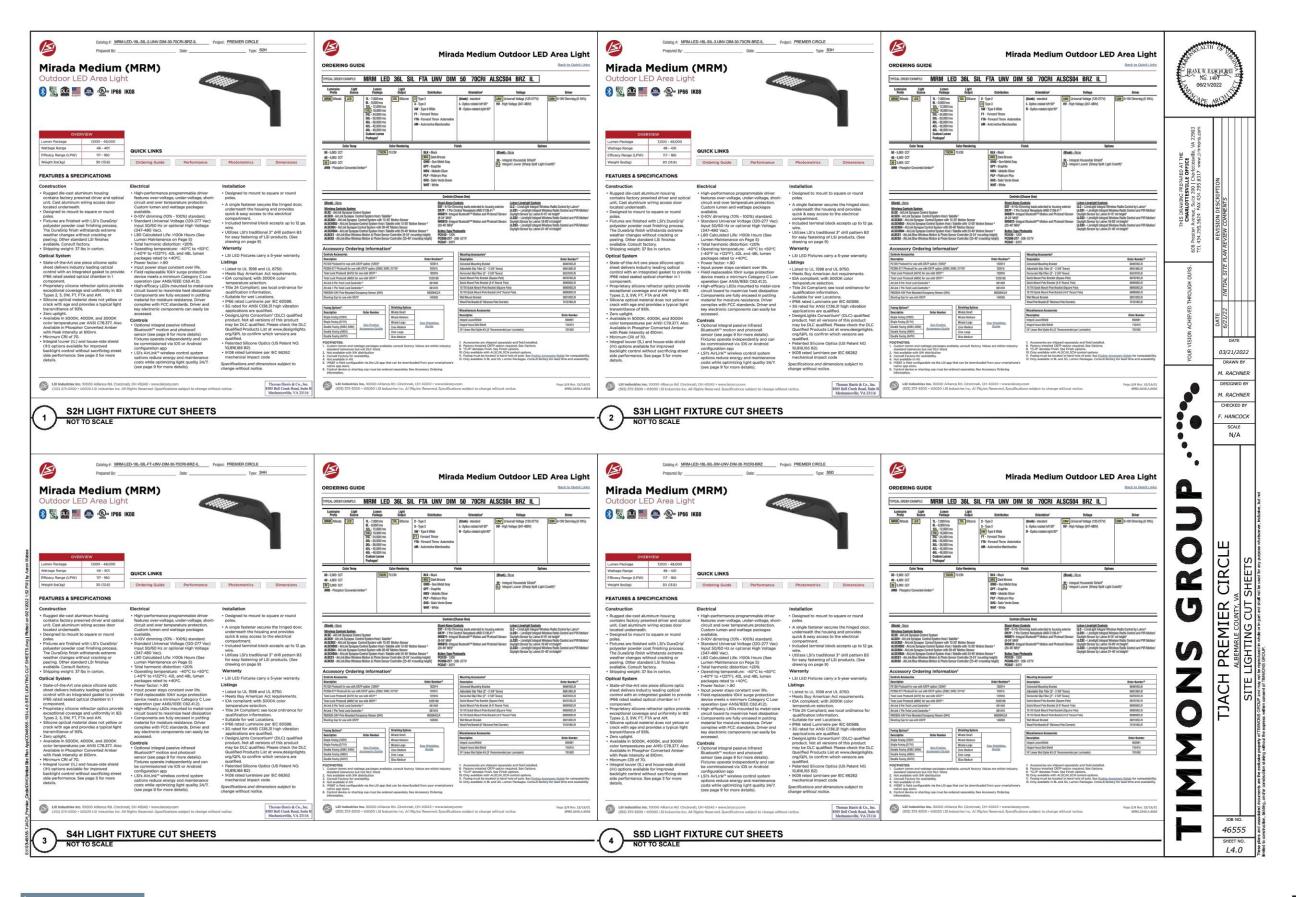
# **SWM PLAN**





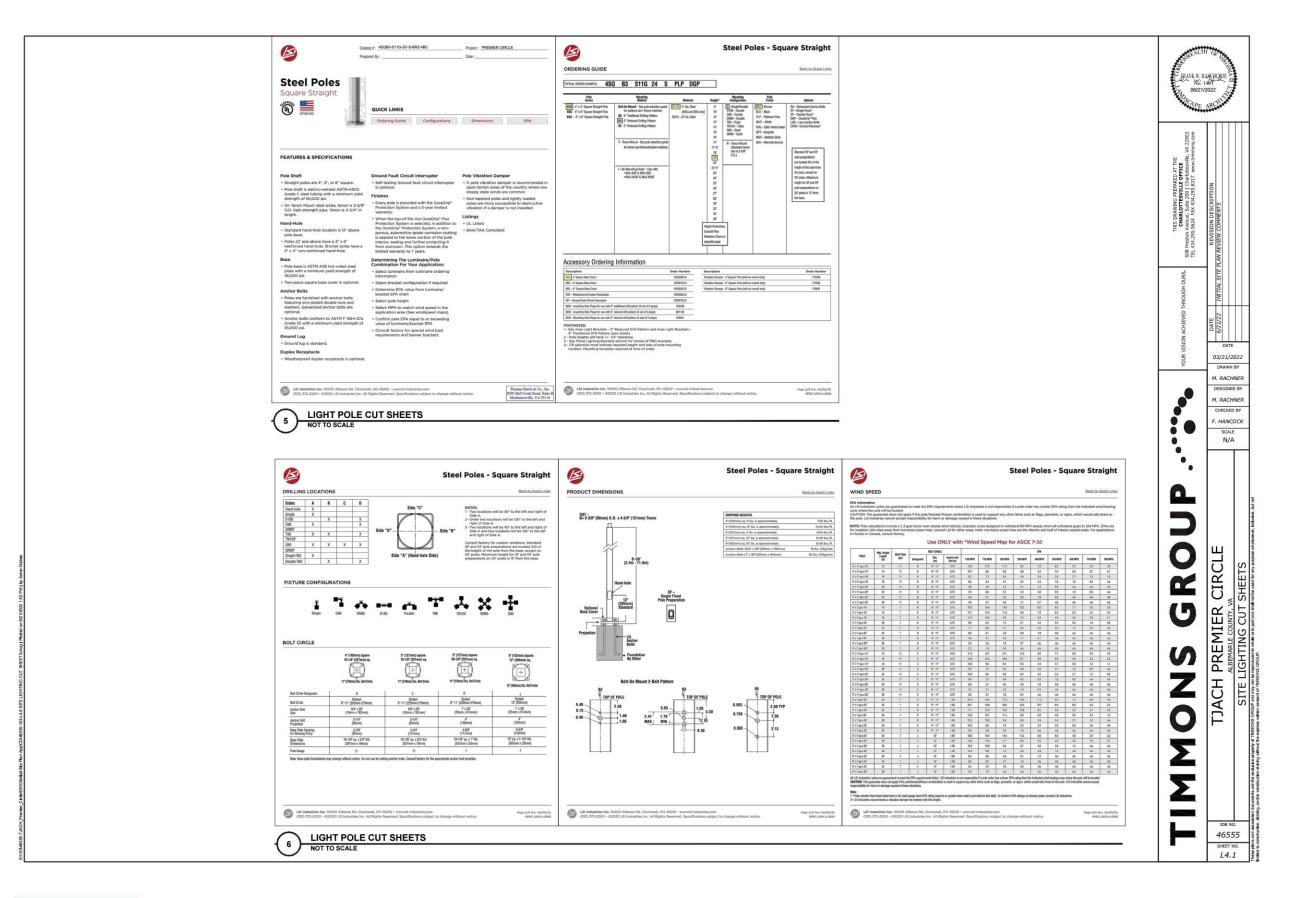
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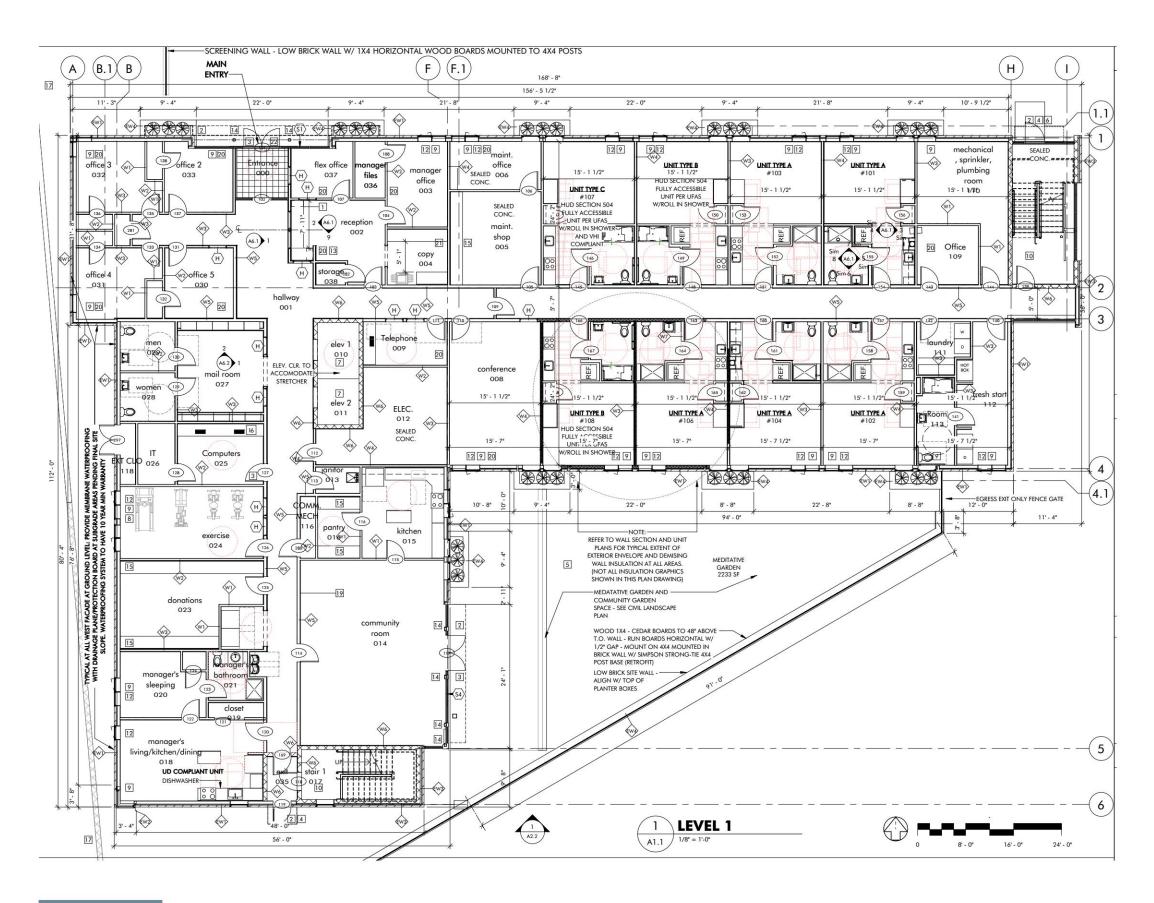


### LIGHTING PLAN





## **LIGHTING PLAN**





# **BUILDING PLAN**



**EXISTING PERSPECTIVE** 

#### PERSPECTIVE RENDER



### NOTE:

VISIBILITY OF ALL MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE ENTRANCE CORRIDOR SHALL BE ELIMINATED

## **PERSPECTIVE - LOOKING SOUTH FROM RT.29**

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### NOTE:

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## **PERSPECTIVE - LOOKING WEST FROM RT.29**

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**EXISTING PERSPECTIVE** 



PERSPECTIVE RENDER



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# **PERSPECTIVE - LOOKING NORTH FROM RT.29**

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7. Confirm that the visibility of roof-mounted mechanical equipment has been considered in the perspective drawings.

In the renders to the right, the mechanical equipment and elevator tower do not appear until the view is taken from 21' above the ground and higher. See page 13 for more details regarding the roof plan.

Revise the architectural drawings to show the finish (material, color, detailing) of the elevator tower and show the tower in the perspective drawings.

In the renders to the right, the elevator tower is rendered in the proposed finish and detailing - it will match the roofing material, a membrane roof that will not be visible from the E.C. See page 12 and 13 for more details.

9.

Add the standard mechanical equipment note to the architectural plans: "Visibility of all mechanical equipment from the Entrance Corridor shall be eliminated." See note below. See page 13 for more details regarding the roof plan.

NOTE:

VISIBILITY OF ALL MECHANICAL

**CORRIDOR SHALL BE ELIMINATED** 



PERSPECTIVE RENDER - REAR - NOT VISIBLE FROM E.C.



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PERSPECTIVE RENDER - PARTLY VISIBLE FROM E.C.



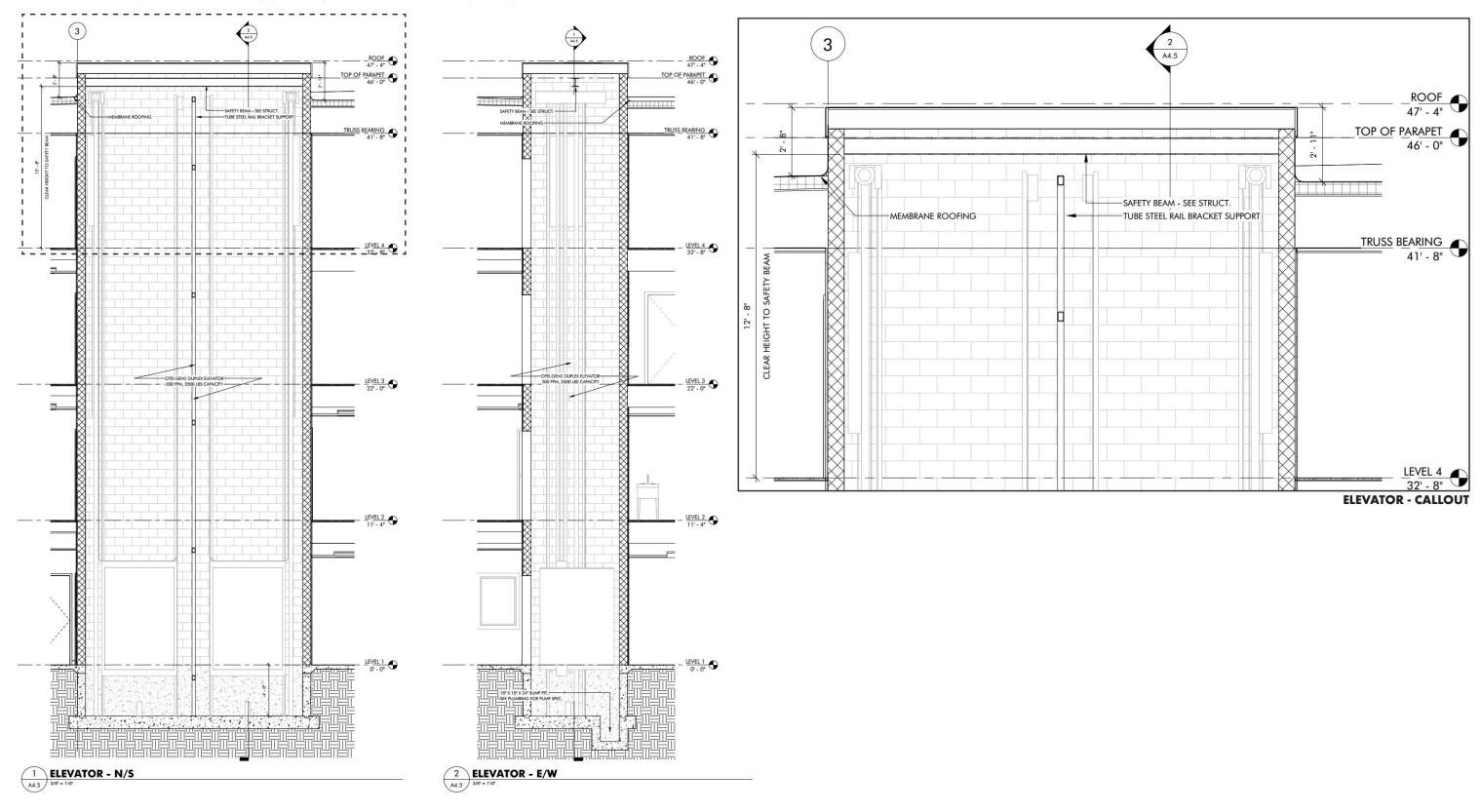
FROM PREMIER CIRCLE

# **ELEVATOR TOWER AND MECHANICAL**

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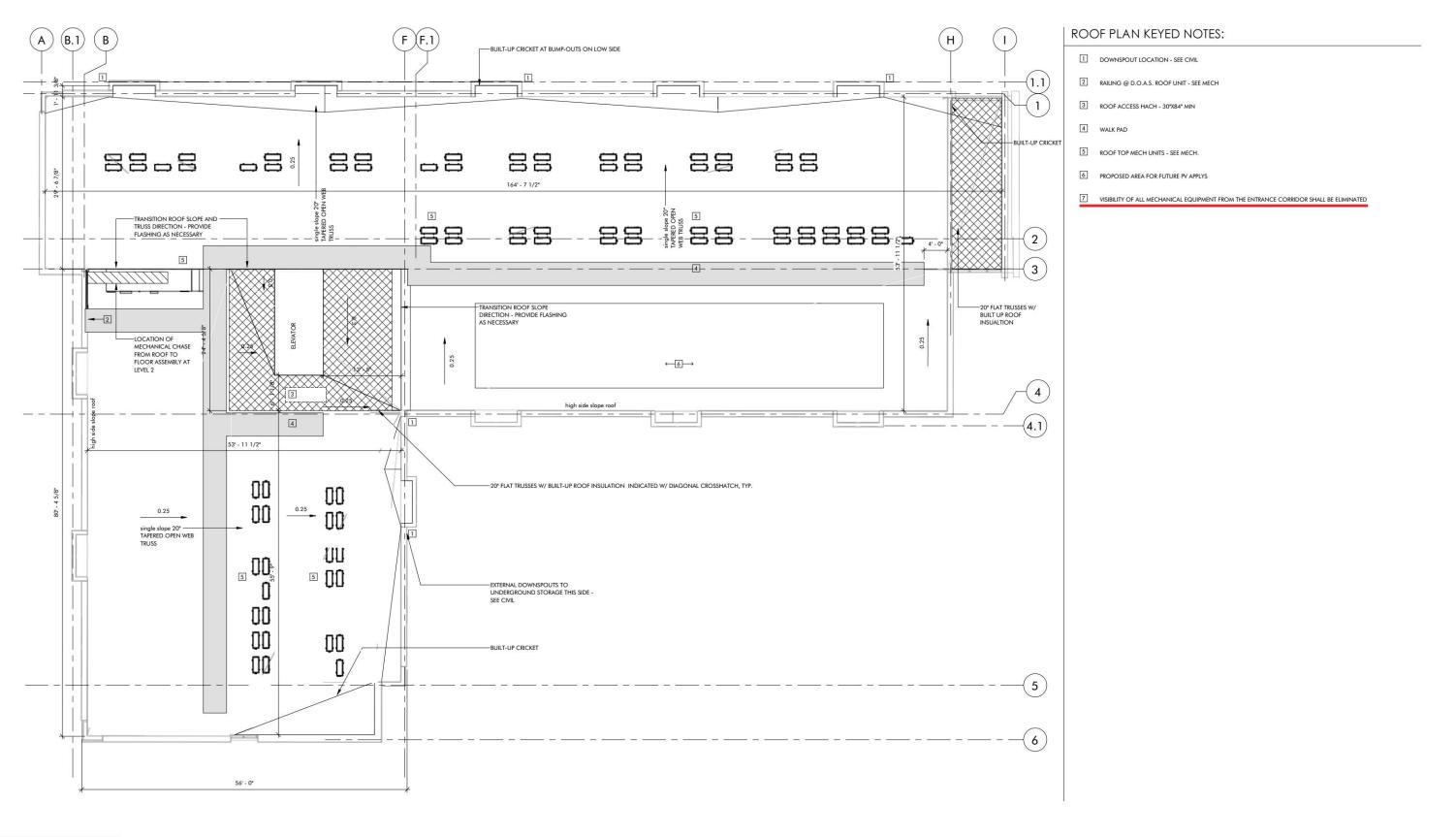
# item 8: ELEVATOR TOWER VISIBILITY AND MATERIAL





## **ELEVATOR SECTION**

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## **ROOF PLAN**

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6.

Revise the architectural drawings to note conformity with the updated window glass specifications. The updated specifications are visible light transmittance (VLT) shall not drop below 40%. Visible light reflectance (VLR) shall not exceed 30%.

See note below.

9.

Add the standard mechanical equipment note to the architectural plans: "Visibility of all mechanical equipment from the Entrance Corridor shall be eliminated."

See note below.



### ELEVATION - FROM THE NORTH (FROM PREMIER CIRCLE) - PARTLY VISIBLE FROM E.C.



### ELEVATION - FROM THE EAST (FROM ROUTE 29) - PARTLY VISIBLE FROM E.C.

Scale: 1/16'' = 1'-0''



### GLAZING REQUIREMENTS

VISIBLE LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE >= 40% VISIBLE LIGHT REFLECTANCE <= 30%

#### NOTE:

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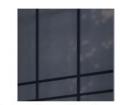
### **MATERIAL PALETTE**



**BR-1:** Brick: Triangle Brick (Merry Oaks Modular), Color: Dover White (>80%) Mortar Color: Workrite WRA280 (glacier)



M-1: Archietural Brakemetal RRM: Western Stetes Metal or similar, Color: Dark Bronze



**SF-1**: Storefront: FiberFrame 3000 storefront, Black Magic Galzing: Viracon to meet transmittance and reflectance requirements: VNE 13-53, Color: Starphire



W-1: Windows: Pella 250 Vinyl, Color: Black

## **NEW - ELEVATIONS**

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#### COMPATIBILITY WITH ENTRANCE CORRIDOR GUIDELINES

#### STRUCTURE DESIGN

- Building form and features relate to multiple scales of the site the E.C. and the pedestrian on site by breaking down the meter through facade variation and breaking down the overall mass of the building through building shape.
- Care has been taken in siting the building to allow for accessible site circulation, conform to existing site development patterns, and provide for pedestrian and vehicular connections and circulation per the site's anticipated build out.
- ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT
- Rendered studies along the E.C. indicate that proposed mechanical equipment on the building's roof will not be visible at the typical hight of a vehicle or pedestrian north or southbound along route 29.
- All utility transformers and refuse will be located on the opposite side of the E.C.
- The community meditative garden and plaza in the 'crook' of the l-shaped building

## **COMPATIBILITY WITH E.C. GUIDELINES**

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will require a continuous fence per the building regulations for Virginia Supportive Housing to allow residents to fluidly move from indoors to garden and back. This fence will be see-through and will be softened by a brick seat wall to match the building brick. The fence is not visible from the E.C. due to existing grade and existing (and possibly also proposed future) building on the parcel directly along the E.C.

#### LIGHTING

- All lighting on site for parking, pedestrian walkways, and decorative landscape lighting will comply with Entrance Corridor Guidelines, using LLF of 1.0 for all fixtures.

#### LANDSCAPING

- This project will provide all required landscaping along project specific interior roads such as the new parking access road, pedestrian walkways, parking area, and will provide all required landscaping along the building.
- Specifically, a meditative garden and community garden space as well as a patio and planting areas are integral components of the building design and are designed by a landscape architect.
- A landscaping contractor will oversee and maintain these gardens and planting beds.

#### DEVELOPMENT PATTERN

- The building and site plan for the project are organized to provide ease of travel on and off site within the existing context and in planning for future building on the site.
- Similarly, the building and site plan allow the possibility of future pedestrian connections to the southern-most adjacent parcel(s) and, therefore, the nearest existing bus stop, to the south.
- Pedestrian walkways are also designed to provide access to proposed garden space, parking, and the potential future bus stop along Premier Circle.

#### GRADING

- This project will comply with Universal Design standards for accessibility. Therefore, the site circulation is no different. This is yet another piece of the design that has contributed to careful site placement to minimize grading while allowing all walkways to comply with accessibility standards.
- Furthermore, the surrounding existing buildings on site will remain in use during and after construction and place further limits on site grading.
- An existing berm along the southwest property line of the site may require a retaining wall, however, the applicant hopes to obtain a grading easement to eliminate this wall.

  If the wall must remain, it will not be visible from the E.C. Negotiations between property owners to initiate easement are underway.

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# **APPENDIX**





PERSPECTIVE - LOOKING NORTH FROM RT.29 - FUTURE MAXIMUM BUILD-OUT