

ITEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

COMMISSION MEETING

June 1, 2022

DATE:

NAME & NUMBER OF

8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW

PROJECT:

C8J-2021-0141.0A

NAME OF APPLICANT OR

ORGANIZATION:

Pape-Dawson Engineers, Travis Moltz

LOCATION: 8106 E PARMER LN, Manor, TX 78653

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Council District does not apply in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

ENVIRONMENTAL Pamela Abee-Taulli, Environmental Program Coordinator

REVIEW STAFF: Development Services Department

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WATERSHED: Gilleland Creek and Harris Branch Creek Watersheds, Suburban

Classification, Desired Development Zone

REQUEST: Variance request is as follows:

1. Request to vary from LDC 30-5-342 to allow fill over 4 feet to

15 feet.

2. Request to vary from 30-5-261(G) to allow floodplain

modification in a critical water quality zone buffer.

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of

fact to have been met.

STAFF CONDITION: Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. The applicant will pay into the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund for both the area of Zone 1 (Floodplain outside of the CWQZ) and the area of Zone 2 (Floodplain within the CWQZ) using the

appropriate ratios per ECM 1.7.6.

2. Development of the site will be carried out as described in

Exhibits 1-6, attached in the staff variance packet.



Development Services Department Staff Recommendations Concerning Required Findings

Project Name: 8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW Ordinance Standard: Watershed Protection Ordinance

Variance Request: Request to vary from LDC 30-5-342 to allow fill over 4 feet to

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Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 30-5-41 of the City Code:

1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

Yes Two roads border the site, SH 130 and Parmer Ln. SH 130 cannot be used for access, because there is a Restriction of Access recorded for SH 130, which TxDOT will not support lifting or modifying for a full access driveway. Regarding Parmer Ln., the entirety of the Parmer Ln. frontage is located within floodplain and creek buffer. In addition, access is blocked by wetlands.

Variances have been granted in similarly restrictive circumstances to allow necessary access to a site.

The fill variance is required in order for the applicant to access the site with a bridge spanning wetlands, floodplain, and creek buffer.

2. The variance:

a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

Yes The variance is not necessitated by a design decision by the applicant, but by the need to access the site across a

floodplain. The only option for access to the property is to build a bridge crossing over the existing waterway, a tributary to Gilleland Creek, on the southern portion of the site. The proposed fill is the minimum necessary to build the bridge so that the low chord of the bridge is two feet above the 100-year water surface elevation of the 100-year floodplain, as required by code for safe access.

b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;

Yes The variance for fill is the minimum necessary to build the bridge to a height that will allow safe access to the site across the floodplain.

c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

Yes A flood study has been completed and reviewed by the City of Austin to prove no adverse impact to other properties. The bridge piers have been placed to minimize the impact to the waterway and existing wetland CEFs. Existing impervious cover in the CEF and CWQZ will be removed, and a CEF mitigation and floodplain mitigation plan has been proposed and reviewed by City of Austin staff.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

Yes Full water quality treatment for the proposed impervious cover on site will be provided with the site plan. Water Quality treatment will be provided at the full measure required by the code.

B. The Land Use Commission may grant a variance from a requirement of Section 30-5-422 (Water Supply Suburban Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 30-5-452 (Water Supply Rural Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 30-5-482 (Barton Springs Zone Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 30-5-368 (Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long), or Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), after determining that::

1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;

Yes The criteria for granting the variance are met.

- 2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;
 - Yes The property is not accessible without building a bridge to the proposed height, which requires the fill that needs the variance.
- 3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

Yes The proposed fill is the minimum necessary to build the bridge to access the property.

<u>Staff Determination</u>: Staff determines that the findings of fact have been met. Staff recommends the following conditions:

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Environmental Review (DSD)

Environmental Policy Program Manager (DSD)

Deputy Environmental Officer (WPD)

Date: 5/20/2022

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Date: 5/23/2022

Date: 05/24/2022



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The Critical Water Quality Zone variance is required because floodplain modification is necessary to offset the floodplain volume displaced by the bridge. There are no adverse impacts proposed to the floodplain elevations on adjacent properties with the proposed improvements, per the requirements of the code.

2. The variance:

 a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

- Yes The variance is not necessitated by decisions made by the applicant. Development of the site is not possible without grading of the floodplain to offsite the volume displaced by the bridge. The bridge is necessary to access the site across the floodplain.
- b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;
 - Yes The proposed floodplain modification is the minimum necessary to build the bridge as required by code for safe access, with the low chord of the bridge two feet above the water surface elevation of the 100-year floodplain.
- c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.
 - Yes The variance does not create a probability of harmful environmental consequences. A flood study has been completed and reviewed by the City of Austin to prove no adverse flooding impact to other properties. The bridge piers have been placed to minimize the impact to the existing wetlands, and a wetland mitigation and floodplain mitigation plan has approved by City staff.
- 3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.
 - Yes Water quality will be equal to or better than water quality without the variance. Existing, untreated impervious cover in the floodplain will be removed. All newly proposed impervious cover will receive full, code compliant water quality treatment.
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Watershed Policy and Review (WPD)	Miranda Reinhard (Miranda Reinhard)	Date:
Environmental Policy Program Manager (DSD)	Mlf (Mike McDougal)	Date: 5/23/22
Deputy Environmental Officer (WPD)	(Liz Johnston)	Date: 05/24/2022

EXHIBIT 1 — CUT/FILL EXHIBITS

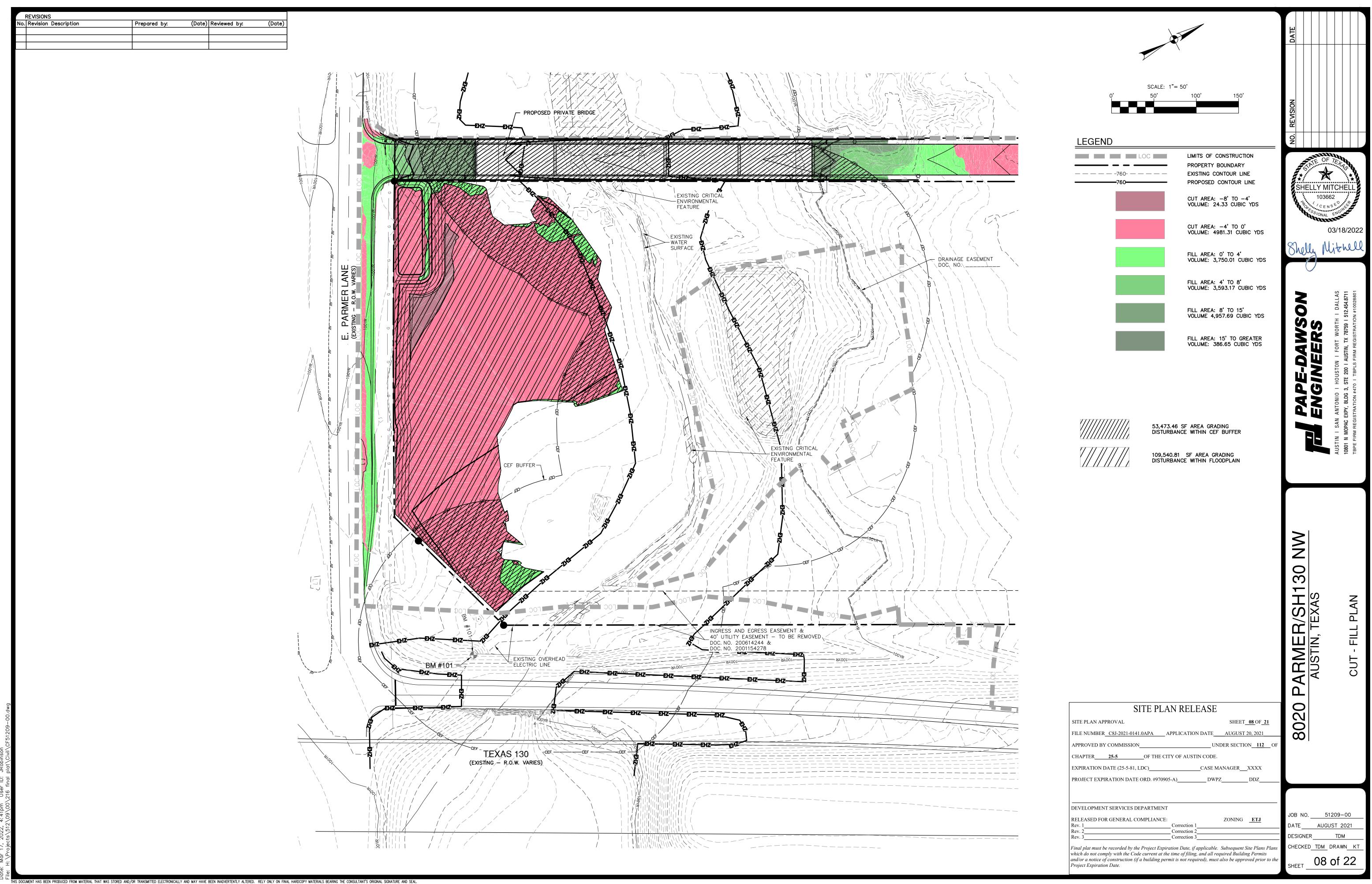




EXHIBIT 2 — PRELIMINARY BRIDGE PLANS

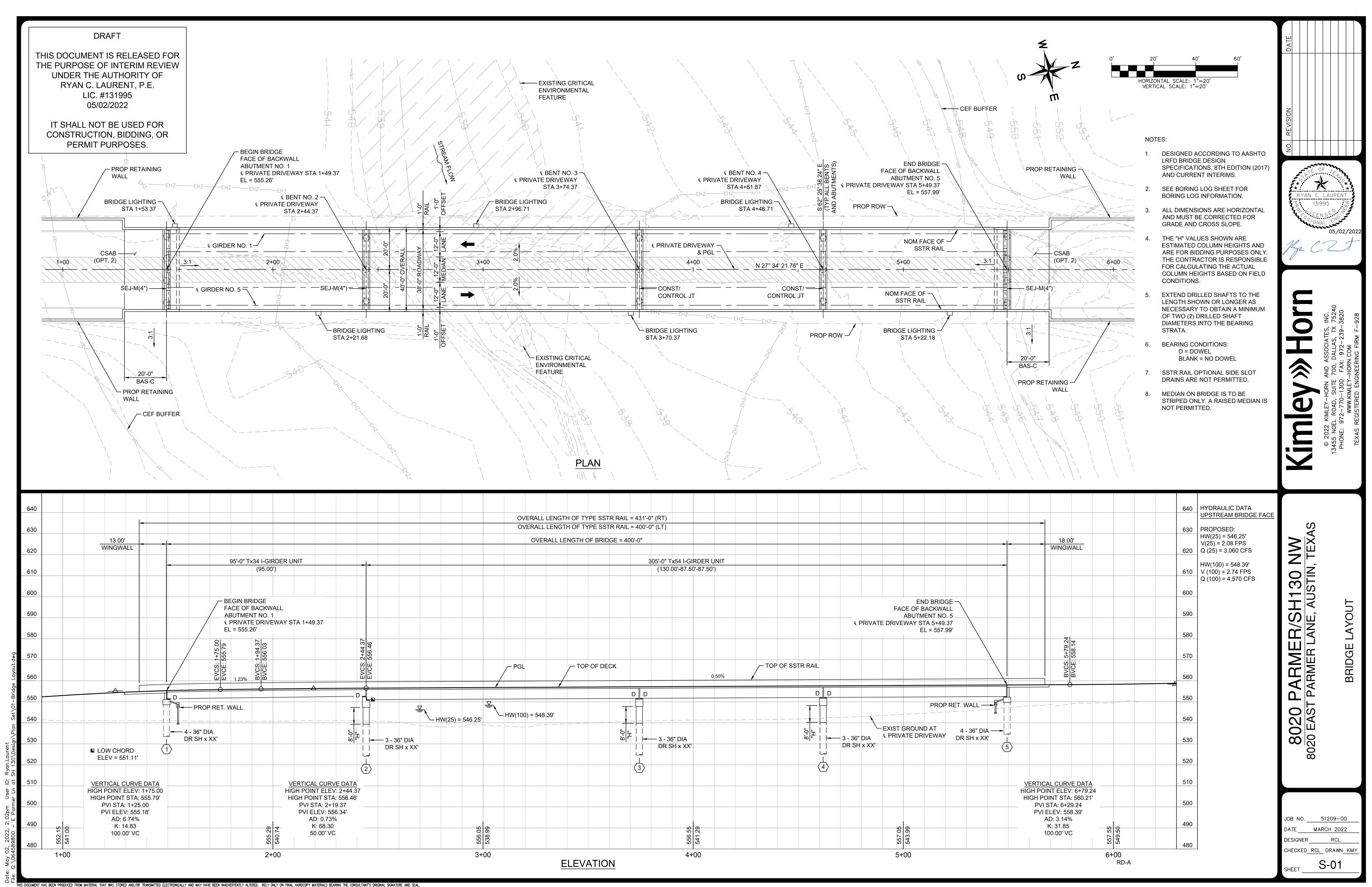
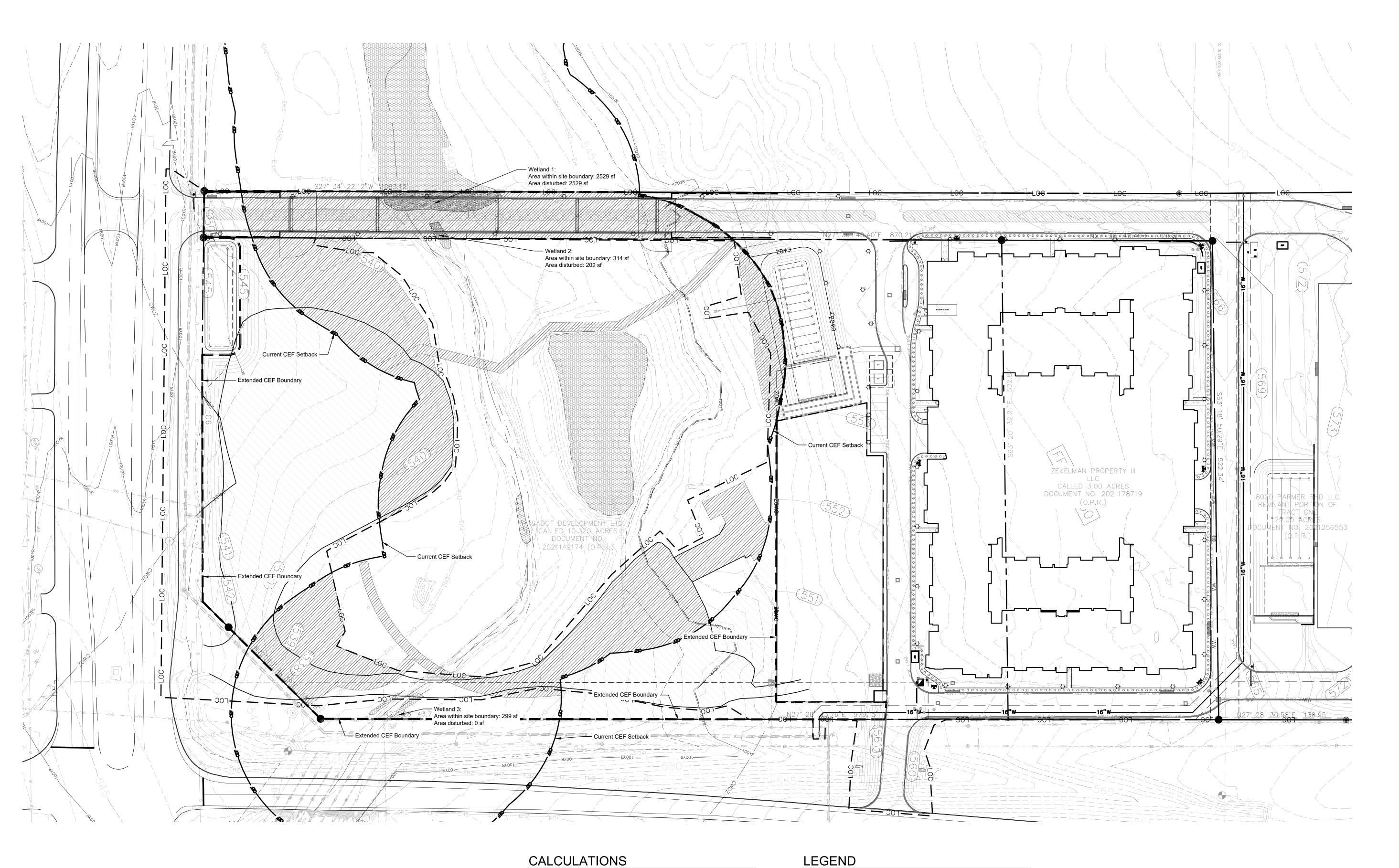
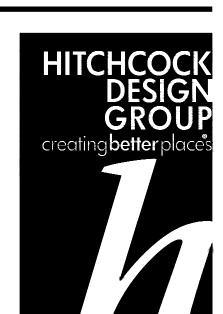
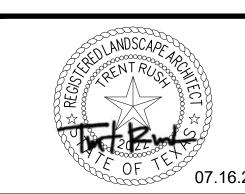


EXHIBIT 3 — WETLAND MITIGATION





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FILE NUMBER SP-2021-XXXX APPLICATION DATE JULY 16, 2021 APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON___ CHAPTER 25-5 OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN CODE.

Development Services Department

RELEASED FOR GENERAL COMPLIANCE:_

SITE PLAN RELEASE

EXPIRATION DATE (25-5-81,LDC) _____CASE MANAGER ___ XXXX

PROJECT EXPIRATION DATE (ORD.#970905-A) DWPZ DDZ

Correction 1

Correction 2

Correction 3 Final plat must be recorded by the Project Expiration Date, if applicable. Subsequent Site Plans which do not comply with the Code current at the time of filing, and all required Building

Permits and/or a notice of construction (if a building permit is not required), must also be approved prior to the Project Expiration Date.

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Extended CEF Area - 2.11 acres

CEF Current CEF Setback

Extend CEF Boundary

Wetland

Disturbed Wetland Area - 0.06 acres

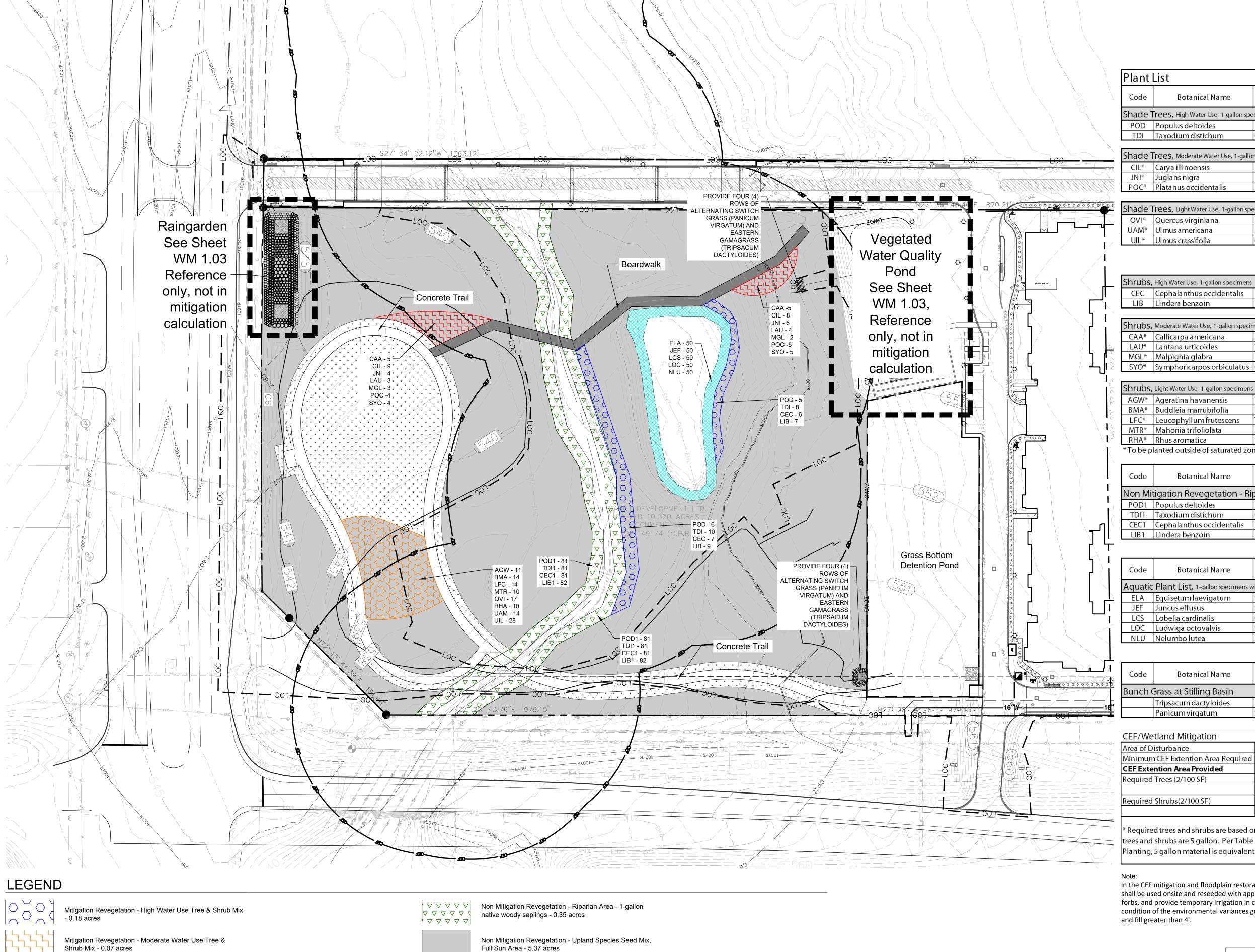
Disturbed Area Outside Wetland - 2.05 acres

In the CEF mitigation and floodplain restoration area, the top 12 inches of topsoil shall be used onsite and reseeded with appropriate 604S.6, native grasses and forbs, and provide temporary irrigation in compliance with ECM P1. This is a condition of the environmental variances granted for the grading in the floodplain and fill greater than 4'.

CEF Buffer Area Disturbed (Outside Wetland) - 2.05 acres

Wetland Area Disturbed - 0.06 acres

Total Site Area Disturbed - 2.11 acres



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Non Mitigation Revegetation - Solid Sod - 5.20 acres

Spacing **Botanical Name** Common Name Shade Trees, High Water Use, 1-gallon specimens POD Populus deltoides Eastern Cottonwood 5 GAL 48" TDI Taxodium distichum Common Baldcypress 5 GAL 48" Total 29 Shade Trees, Moderate Water Use, 1-gallon specimens CIL* Carya illinoensis 48" 5 GAL JNI* Juglans nigra Black Walnut 48" POC* Platanus occidentalis American Sycamore 48" Total 31 Shade Trees, Light Water Use, 1-gallon specimens 5 GAL 5 GAL 5 GAL Quercus virginiana UAM* Ulmus americana American Elm 48" 14 UIL* Ulmus crassifolia Cedar Elm 48" Total Total Shade Tree Count 119

•	Shrubs,	High Water Use, 1-gallon specimens				
	CEC	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	5 GAL	48"	13
	LIB	Lindera benzoin	Northern Spicebush	5 GAL	24"	16
					Total	29
	Shrubs,	Moderate Water Use, 1-gallon specir	mens			
	CAA*	Callicarpa americana	American Beautyberry	5 GAL	48"	10
•	LAU*	Lantana urticoides	Texas lantana	5 GAL	48	7
-	MGL*	Malpighia glabra	Barbados Cherry	5 GAL	48"	5
	SYO*	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	Coral Berry	5 GAL	36"	9
		_			Tatal	2.1

White Mistflower

48"

Total 650

, , ,	BMA*	Buddleia marrubifolia	Wooly Butterfly Bush	5 GAL	48"	14
	LFC*	Leucophyllum frutescens	Texas Sage	5 GAL	72"	14
V U Y	MTR*	Mahonia trifoliolata	Agarita	5 GAL	48"	10
U	RHA*	Rhus aromatica	Fragrant Sumac	5 GAL	72"	10
	*To be pl	anted outside of saturated zo	ne.		Total	59
\				To	otal Shrub Count	119
	Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing (min.)	Quant
	Non Mit	tigation Revegetation - Ri	parian Area, 1-gallon speci	mens		
/	POD1	Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	1 GAL	24"	162
/	TDI1	Taxodium distichum	Common Baldcypress	1 GAL	24"	162
	CEC1	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	1 GAL	24"	162

Northern Spicebush 1 GAL

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	Aquatic Plant List, 1-gallon specimens within the conservation pool					
	ELA	Equisetum la evigatum	Scouring Rush	1 GAL	24"	50
1	JEF	Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	1 GAL	24"	50
_ ।	LCS	Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	1 GAL	24"	50
/ <u> </u>	LOC	Ludwiga octovalvis	Shrubby Water Primrose	1 GAL	24"	50
	NLU	Nelumbo lutea	American Lotus	1 GAL	24"	50
1					Total	250

	Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing (min.)	Quantity
	Bunch C	Bunch Grass at Stilling Basin				
_/ -⁄16"		Tripsacum dactyloides	Eastern Gamagrass	3 GAL	18"	65
7		Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	3 GAL	18"	66
J— —					Total	131

CEF/Wetland Mitigation

Area of Disturbance	2.11	AC	
Minimum CEF Extention Area Required	2.11	AC	
CEF Extention Area Provided	2.11	AC	
Required Trees (2/100 SF)	92,038	(/100 SF /2)	460
	Provide	d Trees	119
Required Shrubs(2/100 SF)	92,038	(/100 SF /2)	460
	Provided	Shrubs	119

Required trees and shrubs are based on 1 gallon material. Provided trees and shrubs are 5 gallon. Per Table 7 of 609S.5 - Native Seeding and Planting, 5 gallon material is equivalent to four 1 gallon material.

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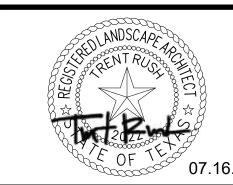
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SITE PLAN RELEASE

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which do not comply with the Code current at the time of filing, and all required Building Permits and/or a notice of construction (if a building permit is not required), must also be approved prior to the Project Expiration Date.

Total Mitigation Revegetation Area: 0.54 acres

- 0.17 acres

Mitigation Revegetation - Light Water Use Tree & Shrub Mix

Mitigation Revegetation - Aquatic Plant Mix - 0.12 acres



RAINGARDEN PLANTING



Full Sun A	reas - 609S Table 4 Mix (To	otal 5.37 acres)		
	Botanical Name	Common Name	Application Rate (lbs/ac)	Total Application (lbs/ac)
Grass Seed I	Mix			
	Aristida purpurea	Purple Threeawn	4	21.48
	Bouteloua curtipendula	Sideoats Grama	7	37.59
	Bouteloua gracilis	Blue Grama	10	53.70
	Leptochloa dubia	Green Sprangletop	2	10.74
	Sporobolus cryptandrus	Sand Dropseed	1	5.37
		Total Grass Seed Mix	24	128.88
Forb Seed N	Mix			
	Dalea purpurea	Purple Prairie Clover	4	21.48
	Oenethera speciosa	Pink Evening Primrose	1	5.37
	Ratibida columnaris	Mexican Hat	2	10.74
	Thelesperma filifolium	Greenthread	6	32.22
		Total Forb Seed Mix	13	69.81
Seed Mix A	pplication Rate			
	-		Recommended	Provided
		Grass Seed Mix	23.5	128.88
		Forb Seed Mix	11.5	69.81
1				

Total Full Sun Seed Mix

35

198.69

Wetland	d Fringe Mix Total: 0	0.35 acres		
	Botanical Name	Common Name	plication Rate (lbs/	Total Application (lbs/ac)
Grass See	ed Mix			
		Clasping Coneflower	1.5	0.53
		Cutleaf Daisy	1.5	0.53
		Plains Coreopsis	1.5	0.53
		Illinois Bundleflower	1.5	0.53
		Black-Eyed Susan	1.5	0.53
		Pink Evening Primrose	1.5	0.53
		Meximilian Sunflower	1.5	0.53
		American Basketflower	1.5	0.53
Seed Mix	Application Rate		12	4.2

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CVI	Callirhoe involucrata Purple Poppymallow	1 gal		12" o.c.	238 sf
CVS	Calyptocarpus vialis Horseherb	1 gal		12" o.c.	590 sf
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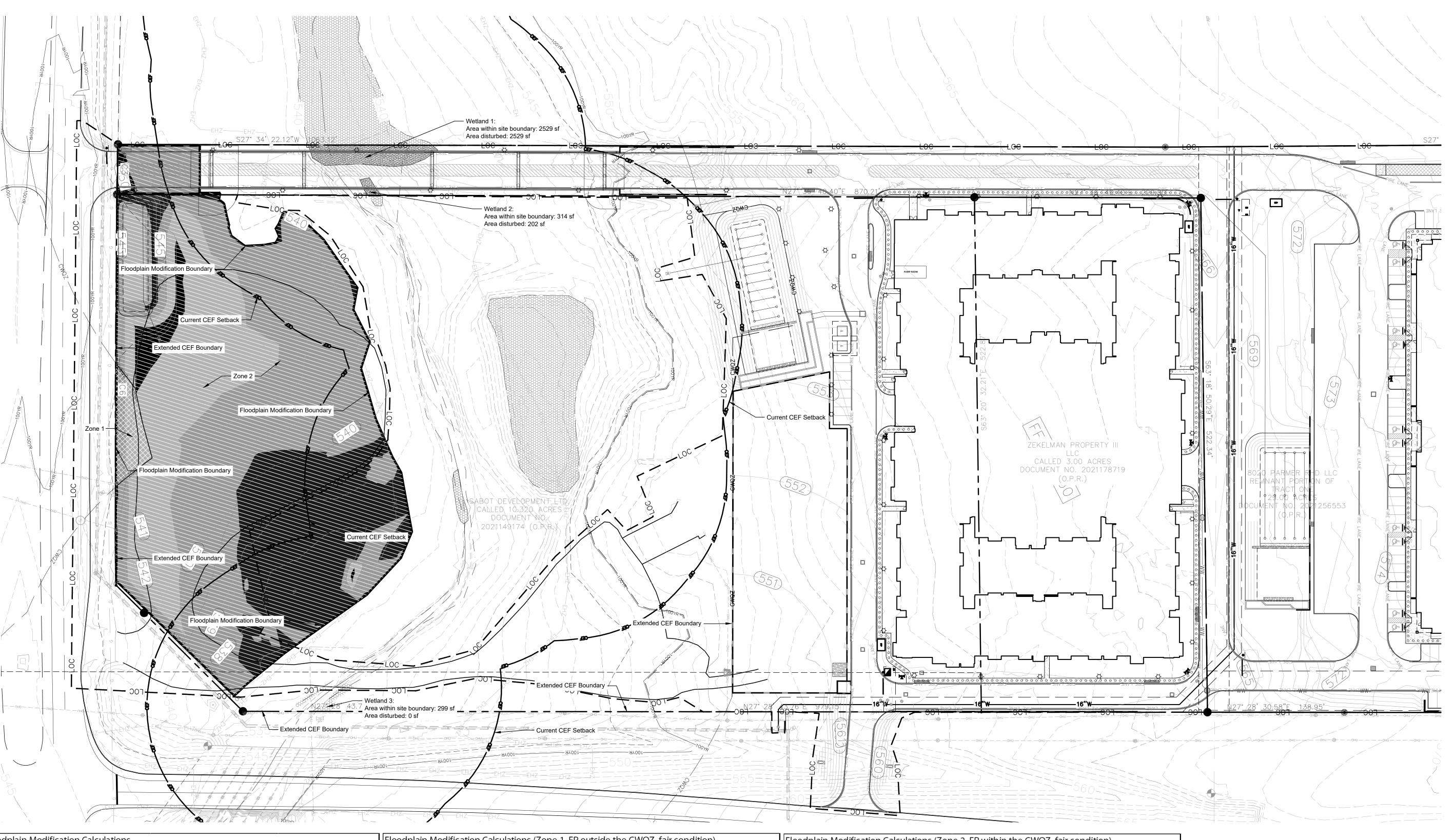
Pond & Raingarden Planting Plan

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EXHIBIT 4 — FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATION



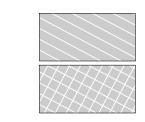
Floodplain Modification Calculations			Floodplain Modification Calculations (Zone 1, FP outside the CWQZ, fair condition)	Floodplain Modification Calculations	(Zone 2, FP within the CWQZ, fair co	ondition)
Area of Modification	2.69 AC		Area of Modification	0.064 AC		Area of Modification	2.626	AC
Floodplain Mitigation Land Required	2.69 AC		Floodplain Mitigation Land Required	0.064 AC		Floodplain Mitigation Land Required	2.626	AC
Floodplain Mitigation Land Provided	0.00 AC		Floodplain Mitigation Land Provided	0.000 AC		Floodplain Mitigation Land Provided	0.000	AC
Restoration Ratio	1:3 for Zone 1, 1:6 for Zone 2		Restoration Ratio	1:3		Restoration Ratio	1:6	
Floodplain Mitigation by Payment	0.192 + 15.756 = 15.948 AC		Floodplain Mitigation by Payment	0.192 AC		Floodplain Mitigation by Payment	15.756	AC
Base Fee	*	\$15,000	Base Fee	,	\$15,000	Base Fee		\$15,000
Annual Adjustment Factor	7% Beginnin	g Oct, 2008	Annual Adjustment Factor	7% Beginnin	g Oct, 2008	Annual Adjustment Factor	7%	Beginning Oct, 2008
Adjusted Fee	15000*((100%+7%)^(2022-2008))	\$38,678.01	Adjusted Fee	15000*((100%+7%)^(2022-2008))	\$38,678.01	Adjusted Fee	15000*((100%+7%)^(2022-2008))	\$38,678.0
Total Fee	Mitigation by Payment x Adjusted Fee =	\$616,836.91	Total Fee	Mitigation by Payment x Adjusted Fee =	\$7,426.18	Total Fee	Mitigation by Payment x Adjusted Fee =	\$609,410.73

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LEGEND

Floodplain Modification Boundary, Area: 2.69 ac



Zone 1 (Floodplain outside the CWQZ)

Zone 2 (Floodplain within the CWQZ)

Extend CEF Boundary

CEF Current CEF Setback

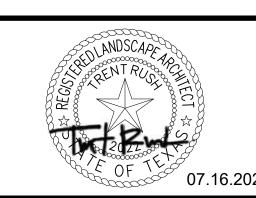


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PROJECT 8020 Parmer/ **SH130 NW**

8020 East Parmer Lane Austin, Texas

CONSULTANTS

Civil Engineer
Pape Dawson
10800 North Mopac Expressway
Building 3, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78759

COMPLETENESS CHECK JULY 16, 2021 **REVISIONS**

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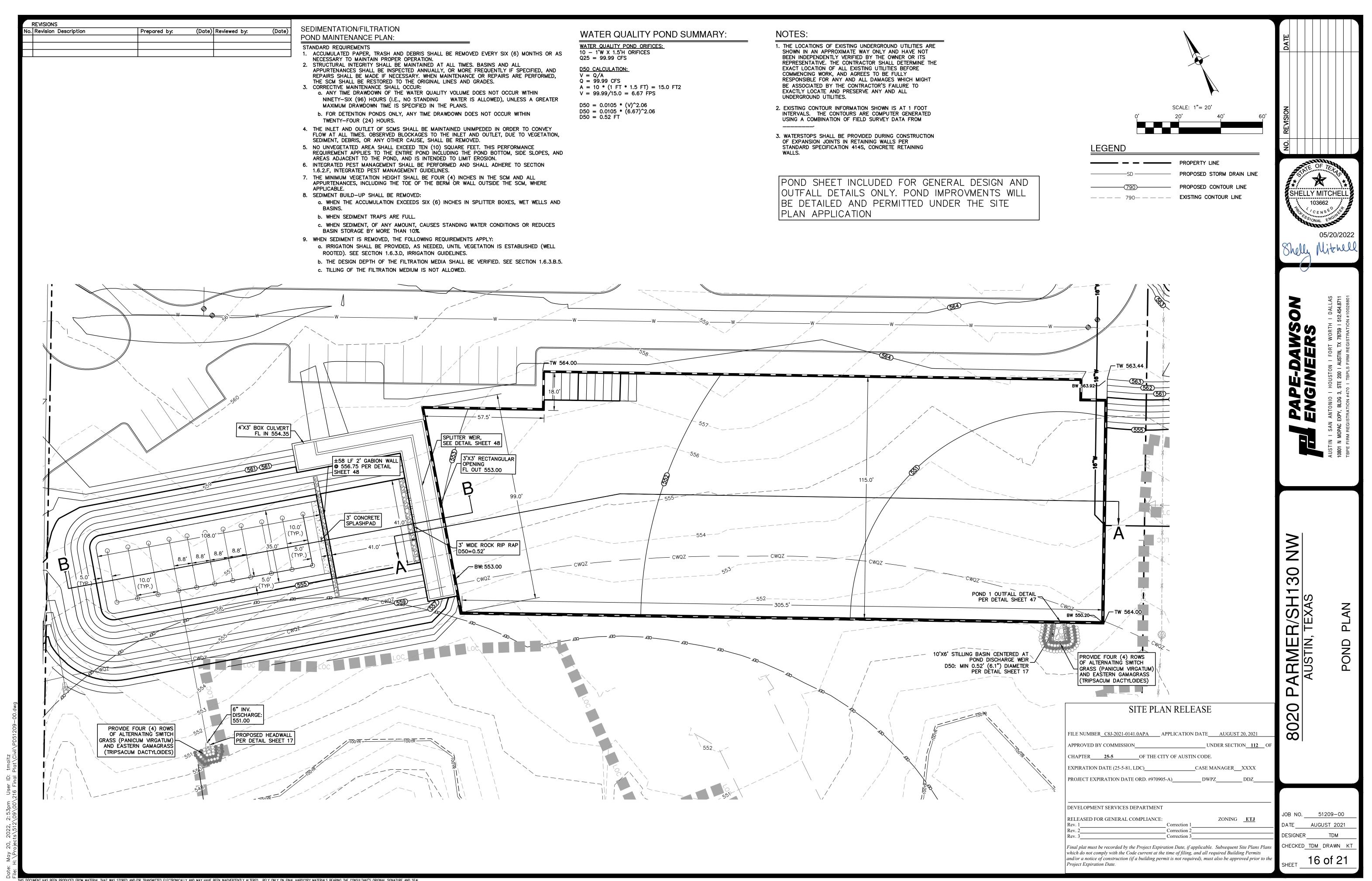
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SCALE IN FEET 1" = 50'

0' 25' 50' SHEET NUMBER

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EXHIBIT 5 — PRELIMINARY POND PLANS



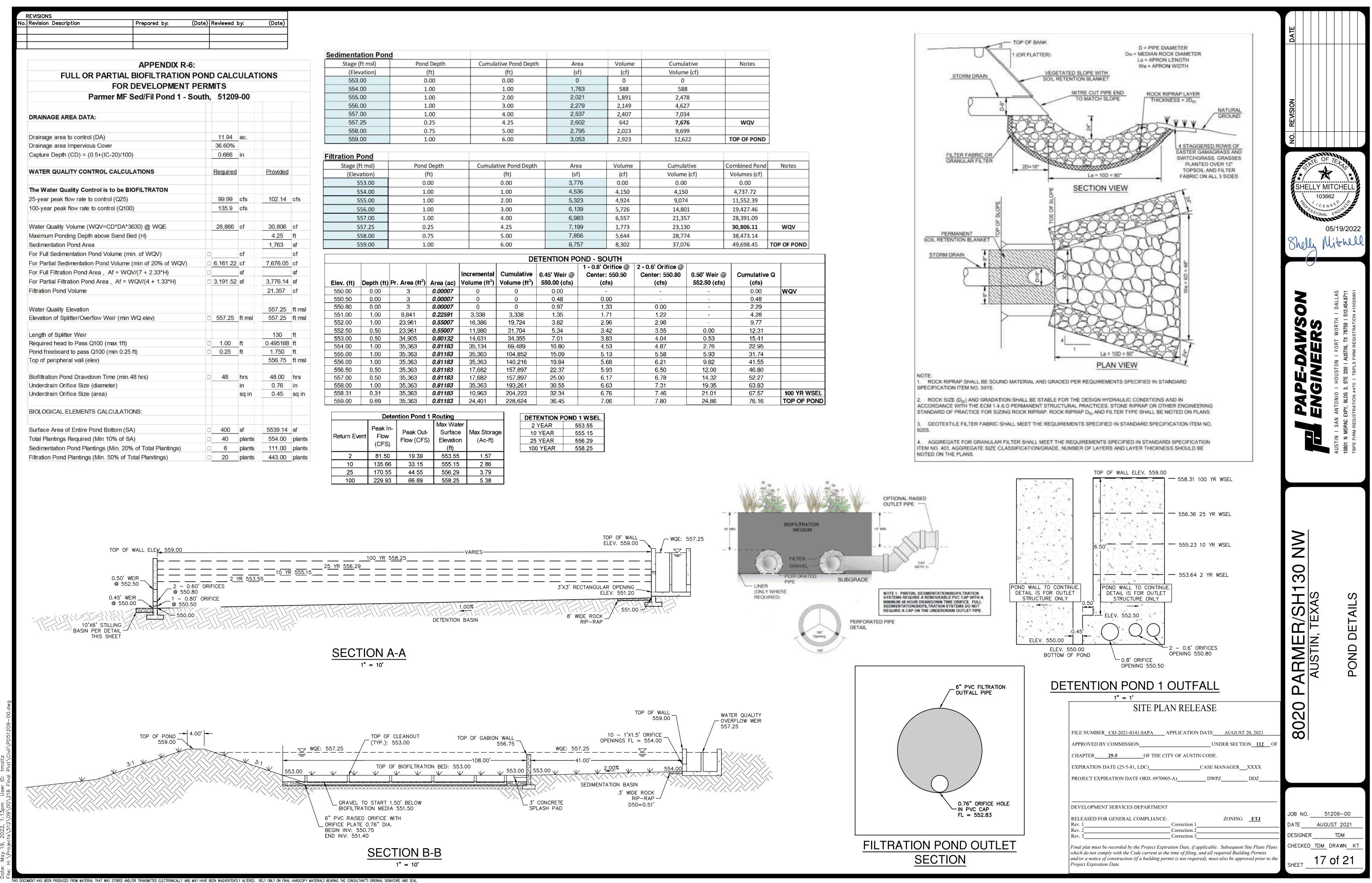


EXHIBIT 6 – RIPARIAN ZONE

MITIGATION FUND Q7 FORM

Appendix Q-7: Riparian Zone Mitigation

Section 30-5-364 of the Land Development Code (*Floodplain Modification*) allows for mitigation where restoration of floodplain health is infeasible, in accordance with Section 1.7 of this manual. The mitigation requirement may be satisfied by:

- (1) Paying into the Water Supply Mitigation Fund (see Option 1 Worksheet);
- (2) Transferring mitigation land to the City of Austin or placing restrictions on mitigation land through a conservation easement (see Option 2 Worksheet); or
- (3) A combination of these mitigation methods (see Option 1 and Option 2 Worksheets).

Section 30-5-261 of the Land Development Code (*Critical Water Quality Zone Development*) allows for payment into the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund as mitigation for a utility line in urban and suburban watersheds located parallel to and within the Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) if on-site restoration is infeasible, in accordance with Section 1.5 of this manual.

If land is dedicated or restricted, it must be approved by the City and the applicant must file in the deed records a restrictive covenant, approved by the city attorney, that runs with the transferring tract and describes the restrictions on development and vegetation management. In addition, the applicant shall pay all costs of restricting the mitigation land or transferring the mitigation land to the City, including the costs of:

- (a) an environmental site assessment without any recommendations for further clean-up, certified to the City not earlier than the 120th day before the closing date transferring land to the City;
- (b) a category 1(a) land title survey, certified to the City and the title company not earlier than the 120th day before the closing date transferring land to the City;
- (c) a title commitment with copies of all Schedule B and C documents, and an owner's title policy;
- (d) a fee simple deed, or, for a restriction, a restrictive covenant approved as to form by the city attorney;
- (e) taxes prorated to the closing date;
- (f) recording fees; and charges or fees collected by the title company.

The mitigation land must also have acceptable operating & maintenance (O&M) conditions, as approved by the proposed land manager. The presence of an outstanding environmental feature or attribute may allow the mitigation land to deviate slightly from the previous criteria where desirable and appropriate, pending approval from the Director of the Watershed Protection Department. If the applicant is placing restrictions on the mitigation land, the conservation easement must be approved and recorded prior to the issuance of a development permit.

OPTION 1 WORKSHEET CALCULATION FOR PAYMENT INTO THE RIPARIAN ZONE MITIGATION FUND

A. OWNER/AGENT INFORMATION:

Name:	Brando	n Ryckman							
Company:	Zekelm	an Property I	I, LLC						
Telephone:	734-582	2-2650		F	-ax:				
B. PROJEC	T INFORM	MATION:							
Name:		8020 Parr	ner Lane	SH 130 N	IW Proje	ct Assess	ment		
Location or Ac	ddress:	8106 E Pa	armer La	ne, Austin	Texas 7	'8653			
Permit Numbe	er:	C8J-2021	-0141.0	APA and S	P-2021-0)446D			
Case Manage	r:	Kate Cast	tles						
C. MITIGATI	ON REQ	UIRED							
							0.06	4 (Zone 1)	
Area Modified	within the	100-Year Flo	oodplain:			_	2.62	6 (Zone 2)	(ac.)
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				Zone 1		Zone 2			
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Adjusted Fee:						\$_		38,678.01	
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E. AUTHORIZATI	ON:	
Owner/Agent:	() // // // /	
Reviewed by:	Miranda Reinhard	

For the Director of the Planning_and Development Review Department

Applicant Variance Applications



April 19, 2022

City of Austin Land Use Commission 301 W 2nd St Austin, Texas 78701

RE: 8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW

Fill Variance Request

Case Number: C8J-2021-0141.0A

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- 236750: ABS 690 SUR 54 SANDERS W H ACR 10.3200

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• The entire property frontage on Parmer lane is within the 100 yr floodplain and Critical Water Quality Zone.

8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW Project Assessment Sidewalk Variance Request Letter Case Number: C8J-2021-0141.0APA

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This variance request is necessary for the reasonable, economic development of the subject tract. The minimum necessary deviations from the code are proposed to make a single access point to the site possible. No floodplain adverse impacts to adjacent properties are proposed, and a flood study, environmental study, and mitigation plans have been prepared and reviewed by city staff to enhance the floodplain area and better the environmental conditions on site.

Thank you for your consideration of this variance request. Please contact our office if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this variance request.

Sincerely,

Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.

Sarah Ulusoy, P.E.

Senior Project Manager





ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
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Name of Applicant	Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc (Sarah Ulusoy, P.E.)
Street Address	10801 N Mopac Expy, Bldg. 3 Ste. 200
City State ZIP Code	Austin, Texas 78759
Work Phone	512-454-8711
E-Mail Address	sulusoy@pape-dawson.com
Variance Case Information	
Case Name	8020 Parmer Lane/SH 130 NW Project Assessment
Case Number	C8J-2021-0141.0A
Address or Location	8020 E Parmer Lane, Manor, Tx 78653
Environmental Reviewer Name	Pamela Abee-Taulli
Environmental Resource Management Reviewer Name	Miranda Reinhard
Applicable Ordinance	Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 031211-42; Ord. No. 20170615-102 , Pt. 48, 6-15-17.
Watershed Name	Gilleland Creek, Harris Branch
Wateral of Clause 1	□Urban X Suburban □Water Supply Suburban
Watershed Classification	☐ Water Supply Rural ☐ Barton Springs Zone

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	☐ Barton Springs Segment ☐ Northern Edwards Segment X Not in Edwards Aquifer Zones
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone	☐ Yes X No
Distance to Nearest Classified Waterway	0.0 Miles (located on-site)
Water and Waste Water service to be provided by	Austin Water Utility
Request	The variance request is as follows (Cite code references): Variance to 30-5-342 to allow fill over 4 feet

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square footage:	156,380 SF	1,019,330 SF
acreage:	3.60 acres	23.40 acres
percentage:	10.8%	60.0%

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Provide general description of the property (slope range, elevation range, summary of vegetation / trees, summary of the geology, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, floodplain, heritage trees, any other notable or outstanding characteristics of the property)

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The existing site generally slopes to the northeast and southwest and is split between two suburban watersheds, Harris Branch and Gilleland Creek. The proposed drainage areas generally respect the existing watershed division, and separate water quality and detention systems will be provided for the two different analysis points for each watershed. The slopes range from 0% to greater than 25% on the site. The elevation range on site is approximately 533 to 581 MSL.

The project site is depicted within the "Northern Blackland Prairie Level IV" eco

region of Texas. The vegetation identified on the project site largely reflects vegetation common to this eco region (Cedar Elm, Ashe Juniper, Sugar Hackberry, Texas Pricklypead, Annual Bastard Cabbage, Johnson grass, Maximilian Sunflower, etc). A tree survey was not completed as the site is within the ETJ. The site soils consist of hydrologic group D soils such as Heiden clay, Houston Black clay, and Tinn Clay soils according to the USDA soil survey.

There are existing critical water quality zones on both the north and south portions of the property. There are also existing wetland CEFs within the Critical Water Quality Zone on the south site of the site.

The northern portion and southern portion of this tract are also within the boundaries of the 100-year flood of a waterway within the limits of study of the Federal Flood Insurance Administration FIRM No. 48453C0480J, dated August 18, 2014.

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Clearly indicate in what way the proposed project does not comply with current Code (include maps and exhibits)

There is an existing access driveway on Parmer in the location of the proposed bridge, but future access will need to provide a drive that meets the Fire Departments (ESD #12) approval and Travis County design standards. As a result, the low cord of the bridge must be a minimum of 2 feet above the 100 yr water surface elevation of the floodplain. This requires filling in the floodplain to build the bridge approach and abutment at the required elevation above the floodplain, and also results in some additional grading in the floodplain and Critical Water Quality Zone to provide additional floodplain volume to offset the effect of the bridge. No adverse impacts to other properties are proposed with these improvements.

To make this access connection, a variance to Land Development Code Section 30-5-342 to allow fill over 4 feet is necessary. Exhibits showing the fill requirement to make the bridge connection are included with this submittal to show the extent of the fill required to building the bridge abutments and approaches.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

As required in LDC Section 30-5-41, in order to grant a variance, the Land Use Commission must make the following findings of fact:

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

Project: 8020 Parmer Lane/SH 130 NW Project Assessment

Ordinance: Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 031211-42; Ord. No. 20170615-102, Pt. 48, 6-15-17.

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 30-5-41 of the City Code:
 - 1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

Yes: Without this variance, the site will not have any driveway access points for traffic to access the property. The site is undevelopable without an access point. There is a Restriction of Access recorded for SH 130, which TxDOT will not support lifting or modifying a full access driveway. The entirety of the Parmer frontage is located within the floodplain in existing conditions. Therefore, fill greater than 4' is required to build a bridge abutment and connecting drive approaches that are above the 100 yr water surface elevation of the floodplain.

2. The variance:

a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance.

Yes: There is no development of any scale possible without a driveway access point. No driveway access point is achievable for this property without a variance.

b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property.

Yes: The minimum fill over 4 feet is proposed to build the bridge so that the low chord of the bridge is 2' above the 100 yr water surface elevation of the 100 yr floodplain, as required for safe access by code. Additionally, two developments will use this access point as a joint use access drive, to limit the modification of the floodplain and environmental features along the property frontage. Please see attached cut and fill exhibits.

c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

Yes: A flood study has been completed and reviewed by the City of Austin to prove no adverse impact to other properties. The bridge piers have been place to minimize the impact to the existing wetland CEFs, and a CEF mitigation and floodplain restoration plan has been proposed and reviewed by City of Austin staff.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

Yes: Full water quality treatment for the proposed impervious cover on site will be provided with the site plan. Water Quality treatment will be provided at the full measure required by the code. There is existing impervious cover on site and in the floodplain from which run off is not currently treated, the proposed development will remove this and full treat the proposed impervious cover.

- B. Additional Land Use Commission variance determinations for a requirement of Section 30-5-422 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 30-5-452 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), or Section 30-5-368 (Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long):
 - 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;

Yes: The criteria for Subsection (A) are met, per the descriptive narratives provided in this document and the supporting exhibits

2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

Yes: There is no development of any scale possible without a driveway access point. No driveway access point is achievable for this property without a variance.

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^{**}Variance approval requires all above affirmative findings.

Exhibits for Commission Variance

Aerial photos of the site

Site photos

Aerial photos of the vicinity

Context Map—A map illustrating the subject property in relation to developments in the vicinity to include nearby major streets and waterways

Topographic Map - A topographic map is recommended if a significant grade change on the subject site exists or if there is a significant difference in grade in relation to adjacent properties.

For cut/fill variances, a plan sheet showing areas and depth of cut/fill with topographic elevations.

Site plan showing existing conditions if development exists currently on the property

Proposed Site Plan-full size electronic or at least legible 11x17 showing proposed development, include tree survey if required as part of site or subdivision plan

Environmental Map – A map that shows pertinent features including Floodplain, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, Setbacks, Recharge Zone, etc.

An Environmental Resource Inventory pursuant to ECM 1.3.0 (if required by 30-5-121)

Applicant's variance request letter



April 19, 2022

City of Austin Land Use Commission 301 W 2nd St Austin, Texas 78701

RE: 8020 Parmer Lane SH 130 NW

Floodplain Modification in the Critical Water Quality Zone Variance Request

Case Number: C8J-2021-0141.0A

On behalf of our clients, we are submitting this Floodplain Modification in the Critical Water Quality ZOn Variance Request Letter for 8106 & 8020 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX. The project will include the development of a new multi-family complex and a new industrial complex. Necessary infrastructure (access, utilities, water quality/detention ponds, parking and covered parking, etc.) is also included in the proposed plan. The site is in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Austin, Texas and is located west of SH-130, north of Parmer Lane, and south of Harris Branch. The unplatted subject tract is comprised of four (4) tracts of land with parcel numbers and legal descriptions as follows:

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Work Phone	512-454-8711	
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construct the bridge at an appropriate elevation above the floodplain and offset the floodplain volume displaced by the proposed bridge and abutments. The grading to offset the displaced volume is necessary to prevent rises in the floodplain elevation offsite. No adverse impacts to other properties are proposed.

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Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

Project: 8020 Parmer Lane/SH 130 NW Project Assessment

Ordinance: Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 031211-42; Ord. 20131017-046; Ord. No. 20160922-048, Pt. 8; Ord. No. 20170615-102, Pt. 44, 6-15-17.

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 30-5-41 of the City Code:
 - 1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

Yes: Without this variance, the site will not have any driveway access points for traffic to access the property. The site is undevelopable without an access point. There is a Restriction of Access recorded for SH 130, which TxDOT will not support lifting or modifying a full access driveway. The entirety of the Parmer frontage is located within the floodplain in existing conditions. Therefore, fill is required to build a bridge abutment and connecting drive approaches within the floodplain area. Cut is also required within the floodplain to offset the floodplain volume displaced by the bridge. There a no adverse impacts proposed to the floodplain elevations on adjacent properties with the proposed improvements, per the requirements of the code.

2. The variance:

a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

Yes: There is no development of any scale possible without a driveway access point. No driveway access point is achievable for this property without a variance for grading in the floodplain.

b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;

Yes: The minimum grading needed is proposed to build the bridge so that the low chord of the bridge is 2' above the 100 yr water surface elevation of the 100 yr floodplain, as required for safe access by code. Additionally, two developments will use this access point as a joint use access drive, to limit the modification of the floodplain and environmental features along the property frontage.

c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

Yes: A flood study has been completed and reviewed by the City of Austin to prove no adverse impact to other properties. The bridge piers have been place to minimize the impact to the existing wetland CEFs, and a CEF mitigation and floodplain restoration plan has been proposed and reviewed by City of Austin staff.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

Yes: Full water quality treatment for the proposed impervious cover on site will be provided with the site plan. Water Quality treatment will be provided at the full measure required by the code. There is existing impervious cover on site and in the floodplain from which run off is not currently treated, the proposed development will remove this and full treat the proposed impervious cover.

- B. Additional Land Use Commission variance determinations for a requirement of Section 30-5-422 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 30-5-452 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), or Section 30-5-368 (Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long):
 - 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;

Yes: The criteria for Subsection (A) are met, per the descriptive narratives provided in this document and the supporting exhibits

2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;

Yes: There is no development of any scale possible without a driveway access point. No driveway access point is achievable for this property without a variance.

3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

Yes: The minimum grading needed is proposed to build the bridge so that the low chord of the bridge is 2' above the 100 yr water surface elevation of the 100 yr floodplain, as required for safe access by code. Additionally, two developments will use this access point as a joint use access drive, to limit the modification of the floodplain and environmental features along the property frontage.

^{**}Variance approval requires all above affirmative findings.

Exhibits for Commission Variance

Aerial photos of the site

Site photos

Aerial photos of the vicinity

Context Map—A map illustrating the subject property in relation to developments in the vicinity to include nearby major streets and waterways

Topographic Map - A topographic map is recommended if a significant grade change on the subject site exists or if there is a significant difference in grade in relation to adjacent properties.

For cut/fill variances, a plan sheet showing areas and depth of cut/fill with topographic elevations.

Site plan showing existing conditions if development exists currently on the property

Proposed Site Plan- full size electronic or at least legible 11x17 showing proposed development, include tree survey if required as part of site or subdivision plan

Environmental Map – A map that shows pertinent features including Floodplain, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, Setbacks, Recharge Zone, etc.

An Environmental Resource Inventory pursuant to ECM 1.3.0 (if required by 30-5-121)

Applicant's variance request letter