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#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20220706-003

Date: July 6, 2022

**Subject:** Mercedes Benz South Austin (SP-2021-0127C)

**Motion by:** Jennifer L. Bristol **Seconded by:** Pam Thompson

#### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting a variance from LDC 25-8-261 to allow a private driveway access point to the site through a Critical Water Quality Zone buffer.

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Onion Creek, Suburban Watershed, and the Desired Development Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes having determined the required Findings of Fact have been met that Staff recommends this variance with the following conditions.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends the variance request with the following:

#### **Staff Conditions:**

- 1. Increase Critical Water Quality Zone buffer averaged area to enhance overall preservation.
- 2. Revegetate throughout the entire Critical Water Quality Zone within the property thus maintaining the existing channel.
- 3. Add tree plantings in the vehicle storage lot islands.

## and the following Environmental Commission Conditions:

1. Include water quality measures, including a raingarden and water quality pond.

# **VOTE 9-0**

For: Bedford, Qureshi, Schott, Thompson, Barrett Bixler, Nickells, Bristol, Aguirre, and Brimer

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Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: None

Absent: Schiera and Ramberg

Approved By:

Perry Bedford
Perry Bedford, Environmental Commission Vice Chair

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#### ITEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

**COMMISSION MEETING** 

7/6/2022

DATE:

NAME & NUMBER OF

PROJECT:

Mercedes Benz South Austin (SP-2021-0127C)

NAME OF APPLICANT OR

**ORGANIZATION:** 

Gemsong Ryan

10900 S IH 35, Austin, Texas 78748 LOCATION:

5 **COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 

ENVIRONMENTAL Tunde Daramola, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, DSD,

512-974-6316, Babatunde.Daramola@austintexas.gov **REVIEW STAFF:** 

Onion Creek Watershed, Suburban, Desired Development Zone WATERSHED:

Variance request is as follows: **REQUEST:** 

Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow a private driveway access

point to the site through a Critical Water Quality Zone buffer.

Staff recommends this variance, having determined the findings of fact to **STAFF** 

have been met. **RECOMMENDATION:** 

**STAFF CONDITIONS:** Increase Critical Water Quality Zone buffer averaged area to

enhance overall preservation.

Revegetate throughout the entire Critical Water Quality Zone

within the property thus maintaining the existing channel.

Add tree plantings in the vehicle storage lot islands.

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# Development Services Department Staff Recommendations Concerning Required Findings

Project Name: Mercedes Benz South Austin
Ordinance Standard: Watershed Protection Ordinance

Variance Request: To allow a private driveway access point through a Critical

Water Quality Zone buffer

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 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. The variance will not be providing a special privilege to the applicant. The proposed driveway access point will facilitate compliance to the international fire code for provision of the required fire access which would not be possible without the variance.

Prior projects in this industrial development zone had a similar situation. A prime example is Stillwater-Double Creek Phase 2, SP-2021-0178C. A Land Use Commission variance was granted to LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in the CWQZ.

#### 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 necessitated by the fire department ingress/egress requirements set forth in the International Fire Code. Two points of emergency ingress and egress are required, and AFD will not accept both to be on Rex Kitchens Rd.

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

Yes. The variance is necessitated by the fire department requirement of having two points of emergency ingress/egress. Construction of this project without the required access for emergency responders and pathways for means of ingress/egress will not be allowed.

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

Yes. The variance does not create a significant probability of harmful consequences. Water quality pond and a rain garden will be provided upstream of final site discharge.

- 3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.
  - Yes. All site impervious cover will be treated by water quality measures. The development is compliant with current code.
- B. The Land Use Commission may grant a variance from a requirement of Section 25-8-422 (Water Supply Suburban Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-452 (Water Supply Rural Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-482 (Barton Springs Zone Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-368 (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 All criteria in Subsection (A) are met
  - 2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;
    - Yes The proposed development is consistent with applicable zoning and surrounding properties. Austin Fire Department requires two access points which will be unattainable without this variance. No joint use access agreement with Neighboring property for ingress/egress through I-35 is feasible.
  - 3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.
    - <u>Yes</u> The variance is necessitated by the fire department requirement of having two points of emergency ingress/egress. The access point proposed across the CWQZ will be box culverts and is considered minimum deviation from code.

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

- Increase Critical Water Quality Zone buffer averaged area to enhance overall preservation.
- Revegetate throughout the entire Critical Water Quality Zone within the property thus maintaining the existing channel.
- Add tree plantings in the vehicle storage lot islands.

Environmental Reviewer (DSD)

Tunde Daramola

Date 6/9/2022

Tunde Daramola

Date 6/9/2022

Manager (DSD)

Mike McDougal

Deputy Environmental
Officer (WPD)
Liz Johnston

Date
06/10/2022



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May 3, 2022

Babatunde Daramola City of Austin Development Services Department 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr Austin, Texas 78752

Re:

Critical Water Quality Zone Variance

Mercedes – South Austin 10900 S IH 35 Frontage Rd

SP-2021-0127C

Dear Mr. Daramola:

On behalf of our client, SC Austin RE LLC, Jones & Carter, Inc. is requesting an Environmental Commission variance of LDC Section 25-8-261 to allow a private driveway access point to the site from the ROW through a Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) buffer.

The site plan consists of 10.80 acres including an automobile showroom and service facility with surface parking and associated improvements. The entire project proposes 69% impervious cover with 80% allowed by watershed. Less than 0.01 acres of impervious cover is proposed within the buffer. In order to provide adequate fire access to the site, we will need to cross the existing Critical Water Quality Zone with two private driveways.

This Critical Water Quality Zone is the result of a manmade channel constructed to support previous development (SP-2014-0103D). It does not protect a naturally occurring waterway and the buffer already has existing impervious cover (Rex Kitchens Road, Interstate 35 Southbound, and a rain garden) within the 100' width. We are requesting to cross the CWQZ buffer with a private driveway to provide access to S IH 35 Frontage Road ROW. This location is mandated by the Fire Department and is part of an approved TxDOT and COA Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (512) 441-9493.

Sincerely,

Gemsong N. Ryan, P.E.



# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION			
Applicant Contact Information			
Name of Applicant	Gemsong N. Ryan, P.E.		
Street Address	3100 Alvin Devane Blvd Suite 150		
City State ZIP Code	Austin, Texas 78741		
Work Phone	512-685-5131		
E-Mail Address	gryan@jonescarter.com		
Variance Case Information			
Case Name	Mercedes Benz – South Austin		
Case Number	SP-2021-0127C		
Address or Location	10900 S IH 35 Frontage Rd		
Environmental Reviewer Name	Babatunde Daramola		
Environmental Resource Management Reviewer Name	N/A		
Applicable Ordinance	Critical Water Quality Zone LDC 25-8-261		
Watershed Name	Onion Creek		
Watershed Classification	□ Urban ☑ Suburban □ Water Supply Suburban □ Water Supply Rural □ Barton Springs Zone		

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	<ul> <li>□ Barton Springs Segment</li> <li>□ Northern Edwards Segment</li> <li>☑ Not in Edwards Aquifer Zones</li> </ul>	
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone	☐ Yes ☑ No	
Distance to Nearest Classified Waterway	The site is bordered by a Critical Water Quality Zone on the northern and eastern side.	
Water and Waste Water service to be provided by	Austin Water Utility	
Request	The variance request is as follows (Cite code references):  LDC 25-8-261 prohibits development in the Critical Water Quality Zone except as specified by that section of code.  We are requesting a variance from this section of code to allow for a private driveway access point from IH 35 as required by fire code and as shown in the attached correspondence.	

Impervious cover	Existing	Proposed
square footage:	0	_367,650_
acreage:	0	8.44
percentage:	0%	69%
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)	at an elevation of 634 feet above sea lev	te is located along the northern boundary el. The lowest point of the site is located t an elevation of approximately 622 feet developed. The site is currently trees. According to the Natural Resource y, Texas, soils on the property are p B. The soils are predominantly e site is located in the Onion Creek

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

The site is surrounded by the Critical Water Quality Zone on the north and east boundaries. Our proposed driveway locations are the locations required by fire for site access therefore a variance is needed to cross the CWQZ with a driveway.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

As required in LDC Section 25-8-41, 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: Mercedes - South Austin

Ordinance: LDC 25-8-261

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 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 / No

Without a variance from the code for a private driveway access point to the IH 35 service road the site will not be 2021 International Fire Code (IFC) compliant and the owner of the property will be denied access to his property's only ROW frontage. Nearby properties have driveways crossing the manmade channel and existing impervious cover permitted inside the CWQZ 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 / No

The site is not proposing any additional impervious cover outside of the driveway crossing. The only area of impervious cover proposed inside the buffer is the perpendicular crossing from IH 35 ROW. We are required by IFC to have two points of egress at half the distances of the longest diagonal of the property apart.

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

<u>Yes</u> / No

The only variance request is for the access point from IH 35 so that we have the minimum two (2) private access points required by the Fire Department. (See included correspondence from AFD).

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

Yes / No

Water quality measures, including a rain garden and water quality pond, are provided upstream of final site discharge. All site impervious cover is treated by these water quality measures and all site impervious cover is down treated prior to entering the buffer. No existing conditions water outfalls to the CWQZ buffer and all proposed is treated and outfalls downstream of the site.

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

Yes / No

All site impervious cover is treated by water quality measures. Rex Kitchens Rd, an existing rain garden for the treatment of Rex Kitchens Rd, apartment buildings, and IH-35 Frontage Rd are all examples of existing impervious cover already located within the buffer.

- B. Additional Land Use Commission variance determinations for a requirement of Section 25-8-422 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-452 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), or Section 25-8-368 (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 / No

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

Yes / No

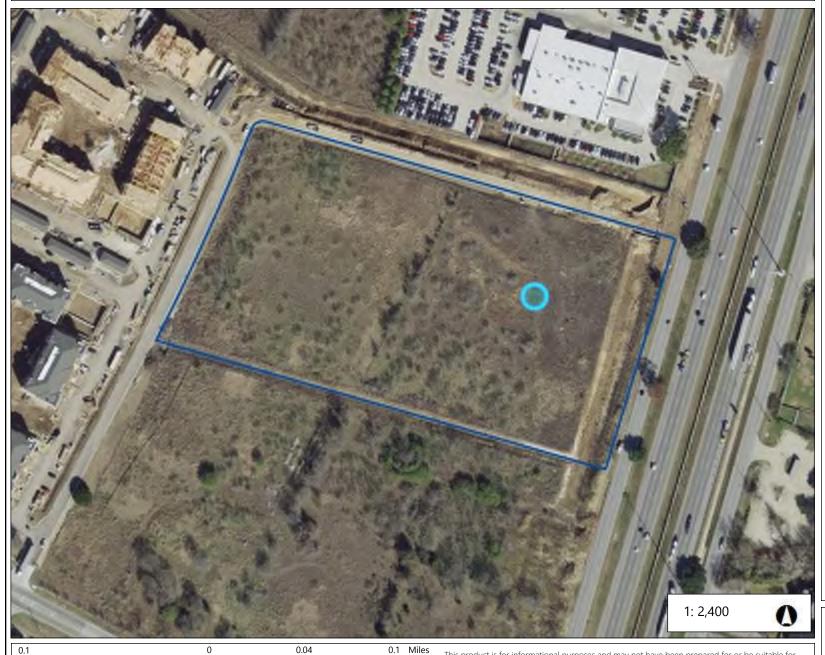
 The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.
 Yes / No

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.
- o 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 25-8-121)
- Applicant's variance request letter

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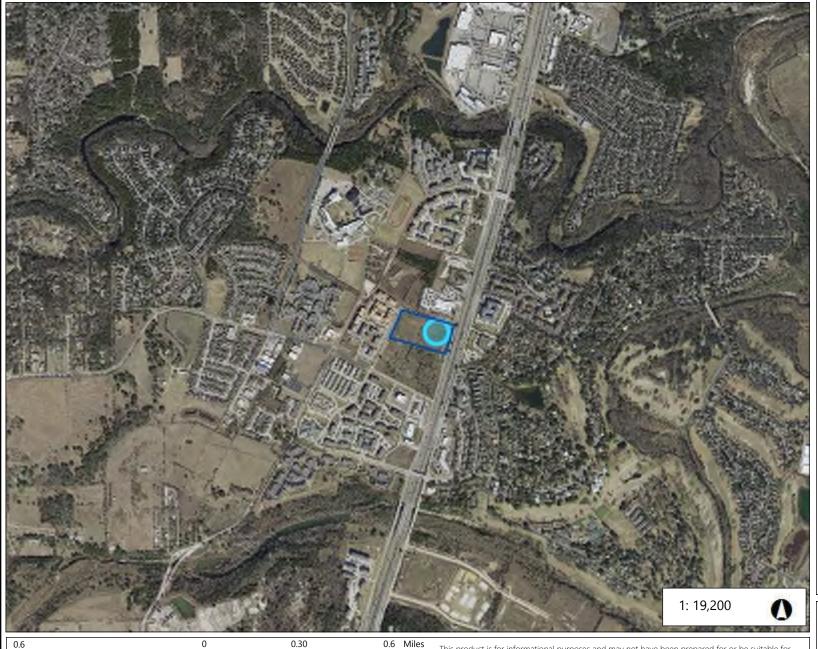








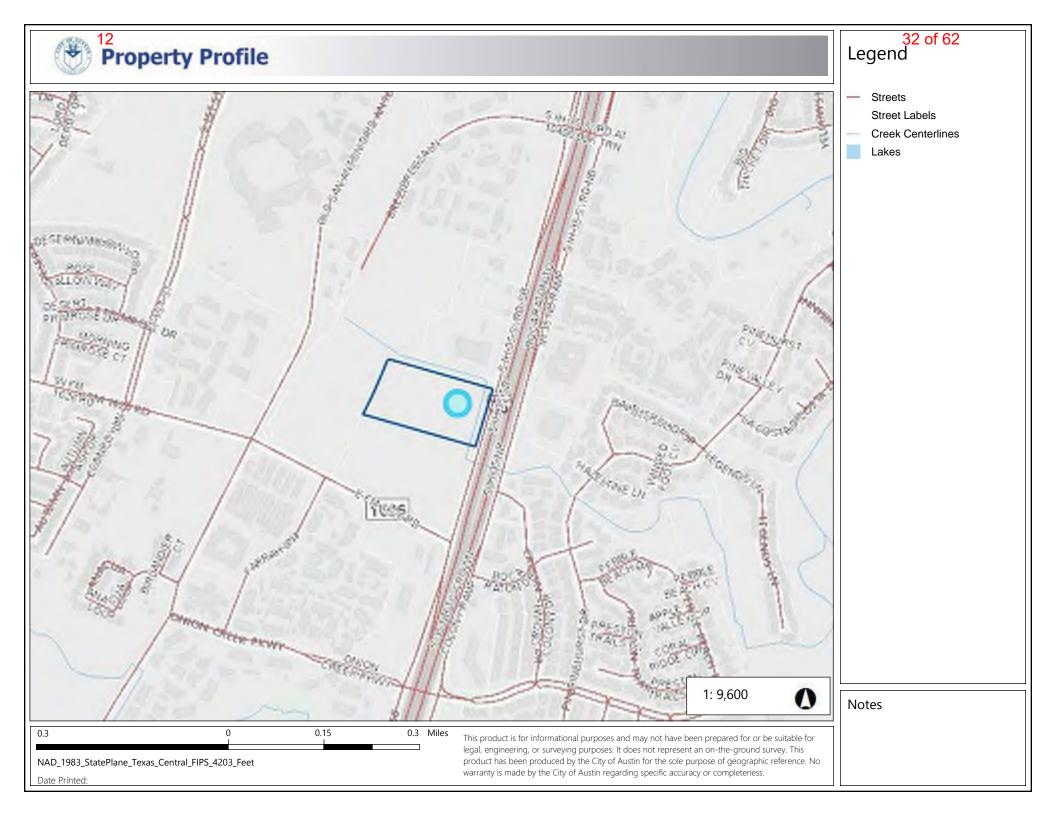
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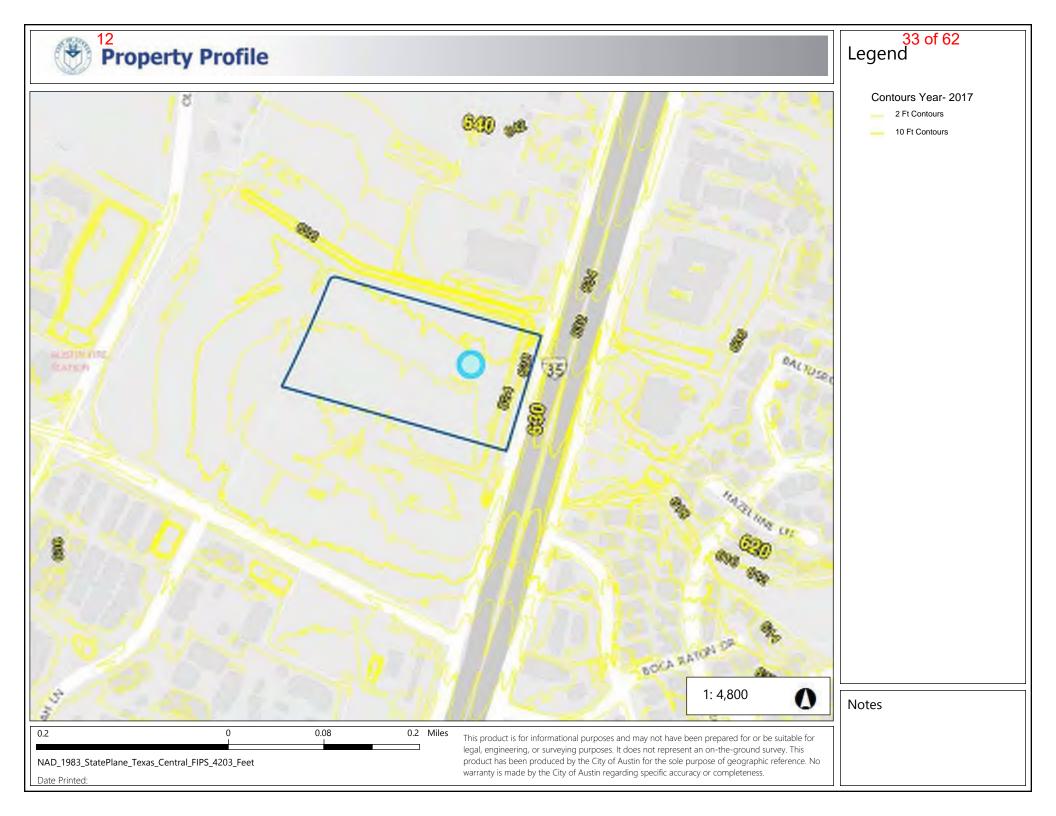


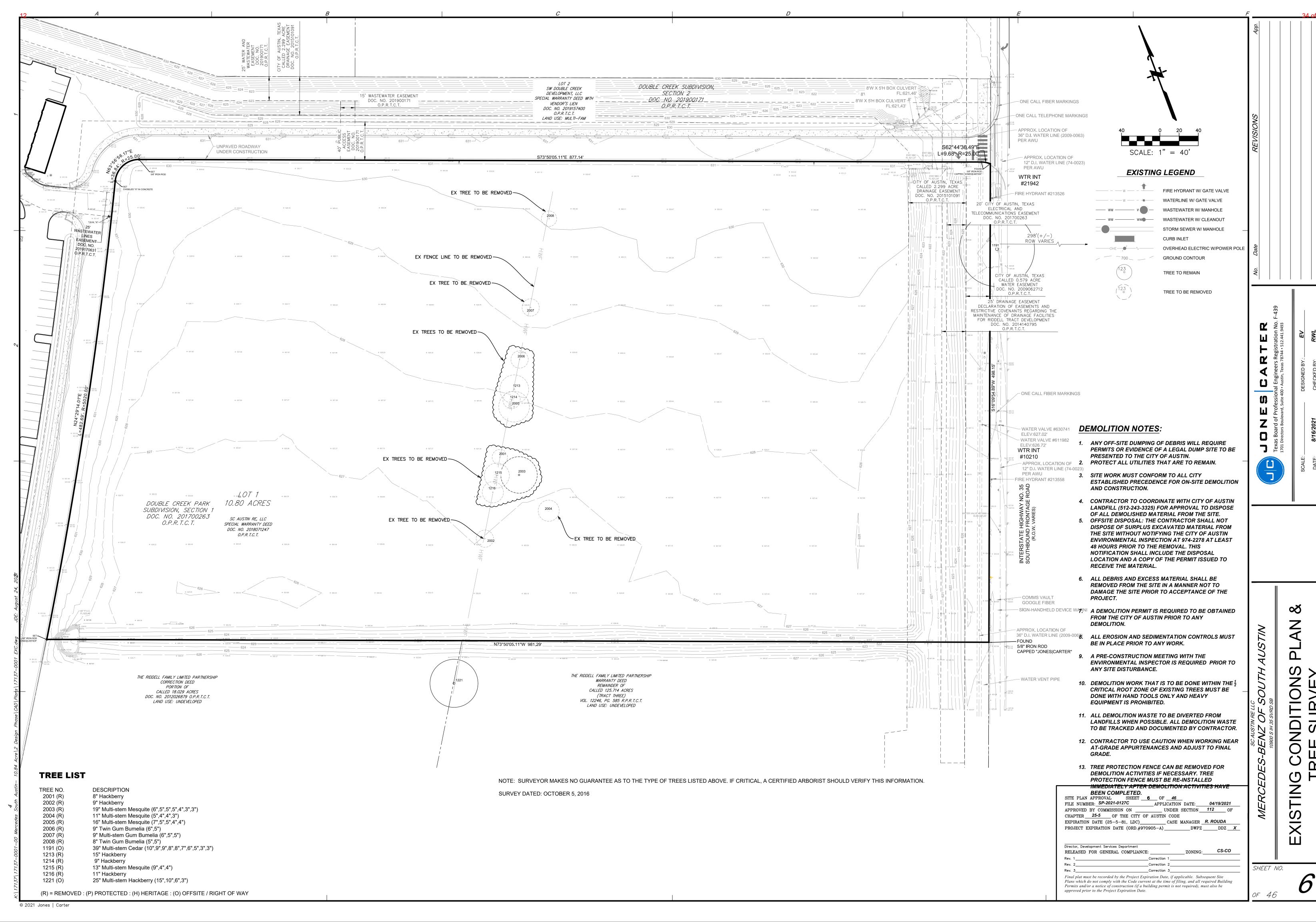
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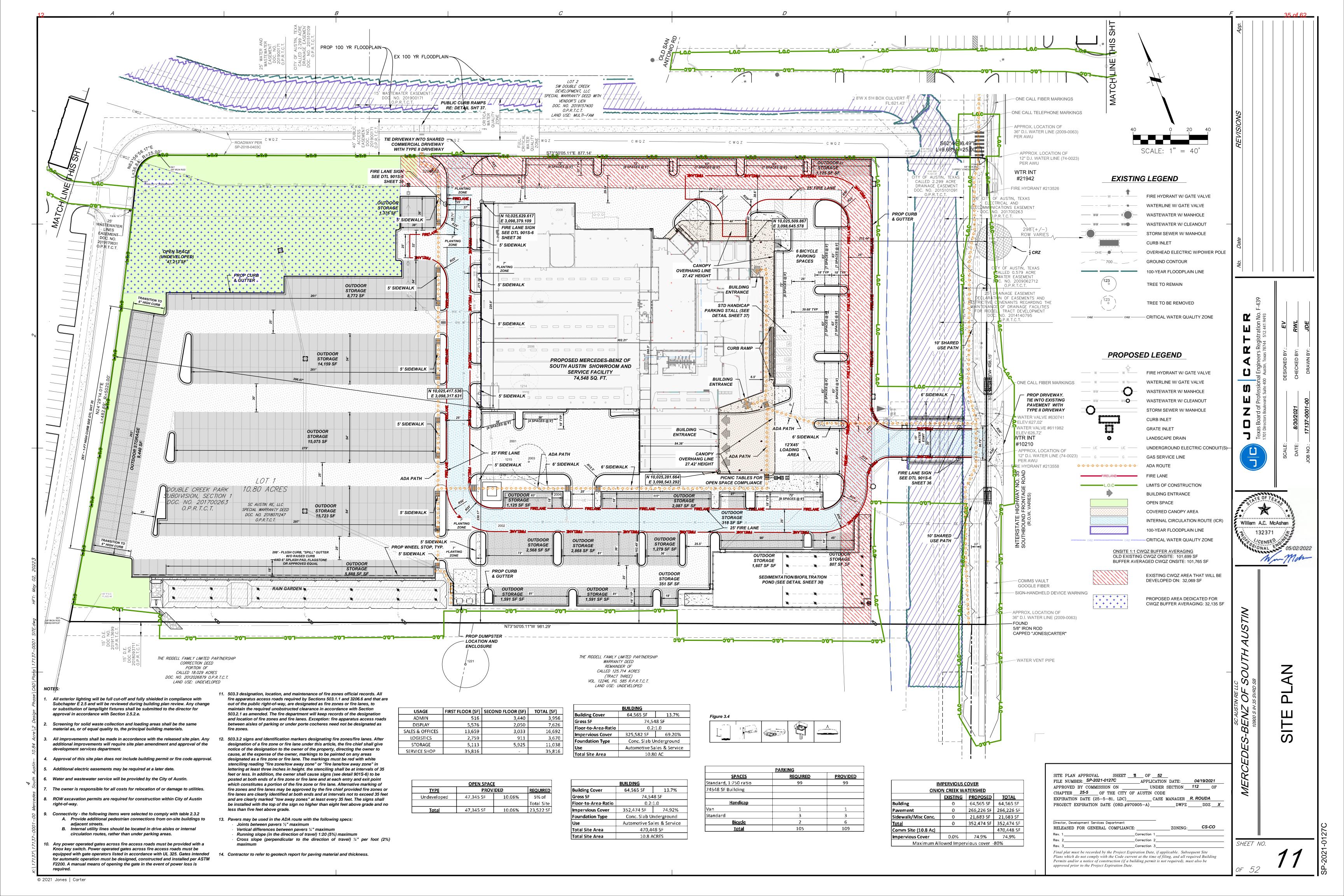
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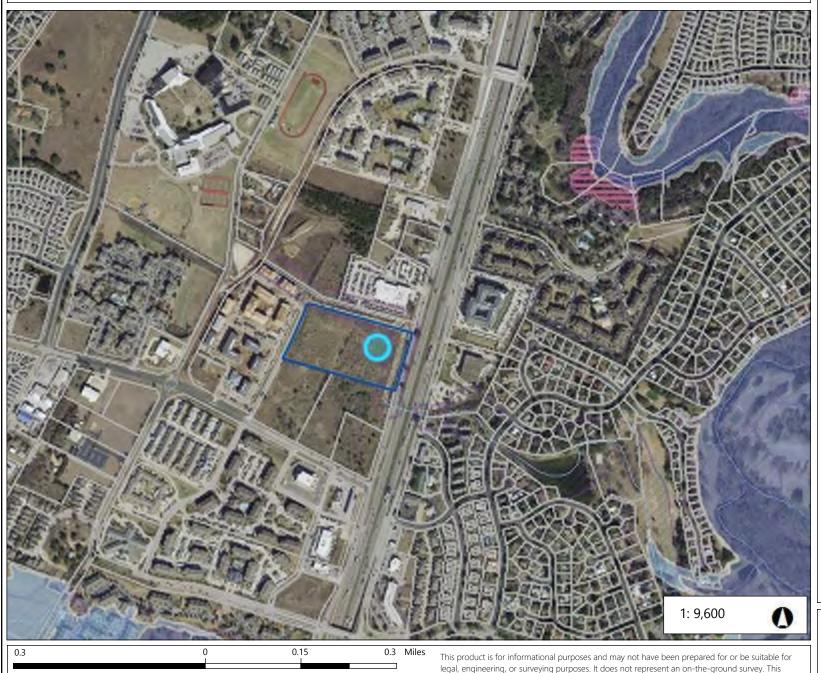




# Property Profile

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TCAD Parcels

Fully Developed Floodplain

COA Fully Developed 25-Year

COA Fully Developed 100-Year

COA Master Plan 25-Year

COA Master Plan 100-Year

100-Year (Detailed-AE)

100-Year (Shallow-AO,AH)

100-Year (Approx-A)

FEMA Floodplain

100 Year (Detailed-AE)

100 Year (Shallow-AO)

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100 Year (Approx-A)

X Protected by Levee

500 Year

Creek Buffers/Waterway Setba

Critical Water Quality Zone

Water Quality Transition Zone

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zoi

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Edwards Aquifer Contributing 2

Wetland

Creek Centerlines

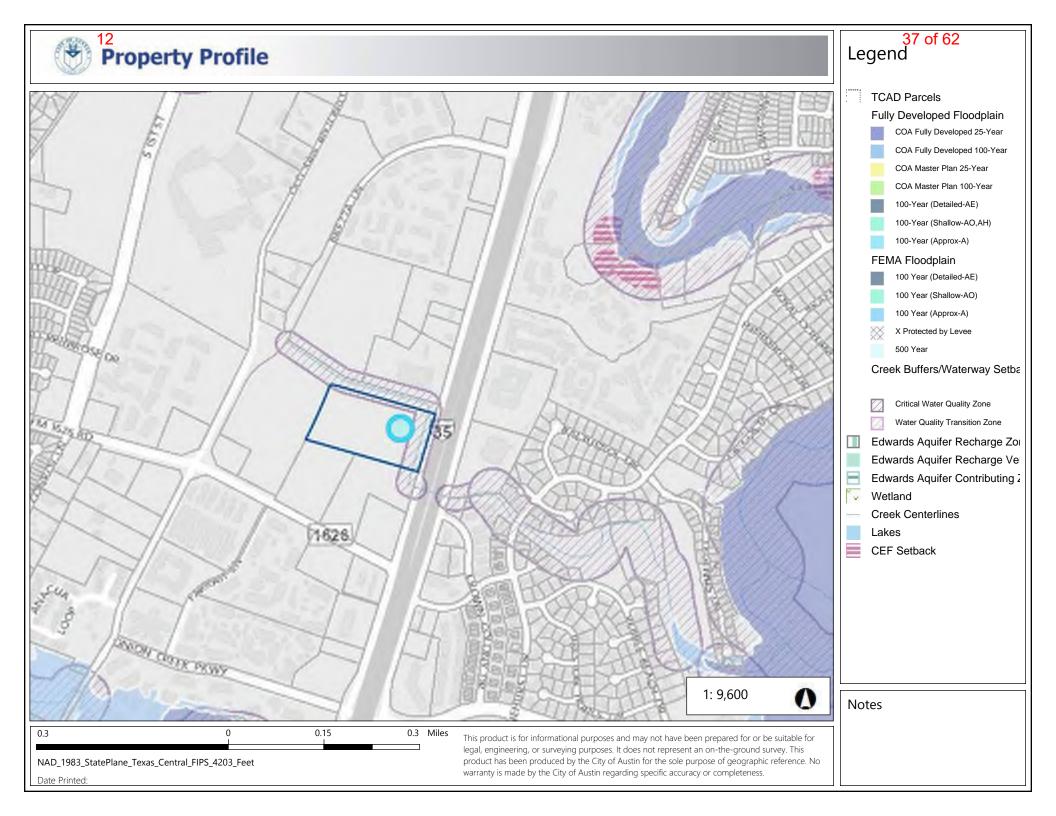
Lakes

CEF Setback

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# City of Austin Environmental Resource Investigation

**Proposed Mercedes Dealership Austin, Travis County, Texas** 

September 28, 2016

Terracon Project No. 96167737



#### **Prepared for:**

Berkshire Hathaway Automotive Irving, Texas

Prepared by:

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Austin, Texas

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September 28, 2016

Mr. Robert Sanders Berkshire Hathaway Automotive 8333 Royal Ridge Parkway, Sutie 130

Irving, Texas 75063

Email: rsanders@berkshirehathawayautomotive.com

Re: City of Austin Environmental Resource Investigation

Proposed Mercedes Dealership

10900 South IH-35

Austin, Travis County, Texas Terracon Project No. 96167737

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) is pleased to provide this City of Austin (COA) Environmental Resource Investigation (ERI) prepared for the above-referenced site.

The results of our consulting services are solely the professional opinion of Terracon based on the site conditions documented and observed at the time of the field assessment. It should be noted that some critical environmental features (CEFs) may be seasonal or ephemeral, indicating that their presence/absence and condition are dependent on various weather conditions (including rainfall) and other changes in the surrounding ecosystem. Terracon is not liable for ephemeral and/or seasonal CEFs that are exposed or created after Terracon's field assessment. Additionally, Terracon's opinion is based on the most current regulations; therefore, changes in regulations may require a re-evaluation of the findings of this report. It is recommended that if this report is not to be submitted promptly to the COA, an updated report (based on an additional field assessment) be prepared. The results of our consulting services are solely the professional opinion of Terracon based on conditions documented and observed at the time of the field investigation. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this report. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (512) 442-1122.

Sincerely.

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Arthur D. Potts

Project Environmental Scientist

Hilary D. Johns P.G.

Manager - Environmental Services

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#### **Environmental Resource Inventory**

For the City of Austin
Related to LDC 25-8-121, City Code 30-5-121, ECM 1.3.0 & 1.10.0

The ERI is required for projects that meet one or more of the criteria listed in LDC 25-8-121(A), City Code 30-5-121(A). 1. SITE/PROJECT NAME: Proposed Mercedes Dealership 2. COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID (#'s): 3. ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT: 10900 South IH-35 Onion Creek 4. WATERSHED: 5. THIS SITE IS WITHIN THE (Check all that apply) Edwards Aguifer 1500 ft Verification Zone\* ...... □YES □No Note: If the property is over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge zone, the Hydrogeologic Report and karst surveys must be completed and signed by a Professional Geoscientist Licensed in the State of Texas. 6. DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATION?......□YES\*\* □NO If yes, then check all that apply: (1) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary to protect the public health and safety; (2) The floodplain modifications proposed would provide a significant, demonstrable environmental benefit, as determined by a functional assessment of floodplain health as prescribed by the Environmental Criteria Manual (ECM), or (3) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary for development allowed in the critical water quality zone under LDC 25-8-261 or 25-8-262, City Code 30-5-261 or 30-5-262. (4) The floodplain modifications proposed are outside of the Critical Water Quality Zone in an area determined to be in poor or fair condition by a functional assessment of floodplain health. \*\* If yes, then a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM 1.7 and Appendix X for forms and guidance) unless conditions 1 or 3 above apply. 7. IF THE SITE IS WITHIN AN URBAN OR SUBURBAN WATERSHED, DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE A UTILITY LINE PARALLEL TO AND WITHIN THE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE? ...... □YES\*\*\* □NO \*\*\*If yes, then riparian restoration is required by LDC 25-8-261(E) or City Code 30-5-261(E) and a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM1.5 and Appendix X for forms and guidance). 8. There is a total of (#'s) Critical Environmental Feature(s)(CEFs) on or within 150 feet of the project site. If CEF(s) are present, attach a detailed **DESCRIPTION** of the CEF(s), color PHOTOGRAPHS, the CEF WORKSHEET and provide DESCRIPTIONS of the proposed CEF buffer(s) and/or wetland mitigation. Provide the number of each type of CEFs on or within 150 feet of the site (Please provide the number of CEFs):

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	_ (#'s) Spring(s)/Seep(s)		_(#'s) Point Recharge Feature(s)	 _(#'s) Bluff(s)
-	_ (#'s) Canyon Rimrock(s)	_	_ (#'s) Wetland(s)	

Note: Standard buffers for CEFs are 150 feet, with a maximum of 300 feet for point recharge features. Except for wetlands, if the standard buffer is <u>not provided</u>, you must provide a written request for an administrative variance from LDC 25-8-281(C)(1) and provide written findings of fact to support your request. Request forms for administrative variances from requirements stated in LDC 25-8-281 are available from Watershed Protection Department.

9. The following site maps are attached at the end of this report (Check all that apply and provide):

#### All ERI reports must include:

Only if present on site (Maps can be combined):

- Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone with the 1500-ft Verification Zone

   (Only if site is over or within 1500 feet the recharge zone)

   Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone
   Water Quality Transition Zone (WQTZ)
   Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ)
   City of Austin Fully Developed Floodplains for all water courses with up to 64-acres of drainage
- 10. **HYDROGEOLOGIC REPORT –** Provide a description of site soils, topography, and site specific geology below (Attach additional sheets if needed):

**Surface Soils** on the project site is summarized in the table below and uses the SCS Hydrologic Soil Groups\*. If there is more than one soil unit on the project site, show each soil unit on the site soils map.

Soil Series Unit Names, Infiltration Characteristics & Thickness			
Soil Series Unit Name & Subgroup**	Group*	Thickness (feet)	
Lewisville Series - LcB	В	0 to 2.42	

#### \*Soil Hydrologic Groups Definitions (Abbreviated)

- A. Soils having a <u>high infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- B. Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wetted.
- C. Soils having a <u>slow infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- D. Soils having a <u>very slow</u> <u>infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- \*\*Subgroup Classification See <u>Classification of Soil Series</u> Table in County Soil Survey.

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#### Description of Site Topography and Drainage (Attach additional sheets if needed):

Based on a review of the USGS Oak Hill, Texas topographic map, the site is approximately 630 feet above sea level. The site is relatively flat and slopes gently towards an unnamed tributary to Onion Creek approximately 130 feet to the south of the site.

According to the NWI Wetland Mapper (available online), no potential surface waters are mapped on the site; however, an unnamed tributary to Onion Creek is mapped as R4SBC (Riverine-Intermittent-Streambed-Seasonally Flooded) to the adjacent south of the site. No other surface waters are mapped on- or within 150 feet of the site.

Continued in Appendix A...

#### List surface geologic units below:

Geologic Units Exposed at Surface				
Group	Formation	Member		
Quaternary Terrace Deposits	-	-		

#### Brief description of site geology (Attach additional sheets if needed):

Quaternary Terrace Deposits – Deposits are comprised of sand, silt, clay, and gravel; frequently yellow
to orange-brown; locally indurated with calcium carbonate in terraces along streams.

**Wells** – Identify all recorded and unrecorded wells on site (test holes, monitoring, water, oil, unplugged, capped and/or abandoned wells, etc.):

There are \_\_\_\_\_(#) wells present on the project site and the locations are shown and labeled \_\_\_\_\_(#'s)The wells are not in use and have been properly abandoned. \_\_\_\_\_(#'s)The wells are not in use and will be properly abandoned. \_\_\_\_\_(#'s)The wells are in use and comply with 16 TAC Chapter 76.

There are \_\_\_\_\_(#'s) wells that are off-site and within 150 feet of this site.

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#### 11. **THE VEGETATION REPORT** – Provide the information requested below:

Brief	descript	tion of	site p	olant	communities	(Attach	additional	sheets	if need	de	96	d)	:
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The site is located within the Blackland Prairie physiographic region (Amos and Gehlbach, 1988)	3).
The vegetation types present in the region include the Pecan-Sugarberry Series and the	
Gammagrass-Switchgrass Series. The Pecan-Sugarberry Series occupies floodplains within the	e
Blackland Prairie and are most prevalent along major rivers. Dominant species include pecan	
(Carya illinioensis), hackberry (Celtis laevigata), cedar elm (Ulmus crassifolia), American elm	
(Ulmus americana), Texas oak (Quercus texana), plateau live oak (Q. fusiformis), and Texas as	sh
(Fraxinus texensis). Continued in Appendix A	

There is woodland community on site	YES \( \square\) NO (Check one).
If yes, list the dominant species below:	

Woodland species			
Common Name	Scientific Name		
mesquite	Prosopis glandulosa		
hackberry	Celtis laevigata		
cedar elm	Ulmus Crassifolia		

There is grassland/prairie/savanna on site....... $ext{$\blacksquare$}$  YES  $ext{$\square$}$  NO *(Check one).* If yes, list the dominant species below:

Grassland/prairie/savanna species		
Common Name	Scientific Name	
silver bluestem	Bothriochloa saccharoides	
sunflower	Helianthus sp.	
prairie tea	Croton monanthogynus	
godlenrod	Solidago sp.	
johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense	

There is hydrophytic vegetation on site .	
If yes, list the dominant species in table	below (next page):

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Hyd	rophytic plant species	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status
•	with a diameter of at least eight inclade level has been completed on the	
12. WASTEWATER REPORT –	Provide the information requested b	pelow.
_	Il be treated by (Check of that Apply):	
☐ On-site system(s) ☐ City of Austin Cent	tralized sewage collection system	
☐ Other Centralized	•	
Note: All sites that receive wate	er or wastewater service from the Austin Wa wells must be registered with the City of Aust	
The site sewage collection all State, County and City  ■YES □ NO (Check one).	n system is designed and will be con standard specifications.	nstructed to in accordance to
Calculations of the size o the end of this report or sh □YES □ NO ■ Not App		ation area(s) are attached at
	posed within the Critical Water Qualing If yes, then provide justification below	

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Is the project site is over the Edw ☐YES ☐ NO (Check one).	vards Aquifer?
If yes, then describe the wastew level and effects on receiving wa	ater disposal systems proposed for the site, its treatment tercourses or the Edwards Aquifer.
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13. One (1) hard copy and one (1) electoric provided.	ctronic copy of the completed assessment have been
Date(s) ERI Field Assessment was perfo	ormed: September 28, 2016
	Date(s)
My signature certifies that to the best or reflect all information requested.	of my knowledge, the responses on this form accurately
Arthur D. Potts	(512) 442-1122
Print Name	Telephone
All O. Foto	arthur.potts@terracon.com
Signature	Email Address
Ferracon Consultants, Inc.	September 28, 2016
Name of Company	Date

For project sites within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, my signature and seal also certifies that I am a licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas as defined by ECM 1.12.3(A).

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### City of Austin Environmental Resource Inventory - Critical Environmental Feature Worksheet

1	Project Name:	Proposed Mercedes Dealership
2	Project Address:	10900 South IH-35
3	Site Visit Date:	September 28, 2016
4	Environmental Resource Inventory Date:	September 28, 2016

5	Primary Contact Name:	Arthur D. Potts
6	Phone Number:	(512) 442-1122
7	Prepared By:	Arthur D. Potts
8	Email Address:	arthur.potts@terracon.com

9	FEATURE TYPE {Wetland,Rimrock, Bluffs,Recharge	FEATURE ID (eg S-1)	(WGS 1984 In Meters)		(WGS 1984 in Meters) (WGS 1984 in Meters)		WETLAND DIMENSIONS (ft)		RIMROCK/BLUFF DIMENSIONS (ft)		RECHARGE FEATURE DIMENSIONS				Springs Est. Discharge
	Feature,Spring}	(08 3 1)	coordinate	notation	coordinate	notation	Х	Υ	Length	Avg Height	Х	Υ	Z	Trend	cfs

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CASE NUMBER:

For rimrock, locate the midpoint of the segment that describes the feature.

For wetlands, locate the approximate centroid of the feature and the estimated area.

For a spring or seep, locate the source of groundwater that feeds a pool or stream.

Please state the method of coordinate data collection and the approximate precision and accuracy of the points and the unit of measurement.

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Other		> 1 meter	
Surveyed		meter	
GPS		sub-meter	
Method		<u>Accuracy</u>	

Professional Geologists apply seal below

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# APPENDIX A ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

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#### Description of Site Topography and Drainage Continued...

Additionally, as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the site is mapped as being outside of the 100- and 500-year floodplain.

During the site visit, manmade drainage channels were observed along the northern and eastern site boundary, and a small stream or tributary was observed approximately 150 feet to the south of the site. No CEFs were identified on or within 150 feet of the site.

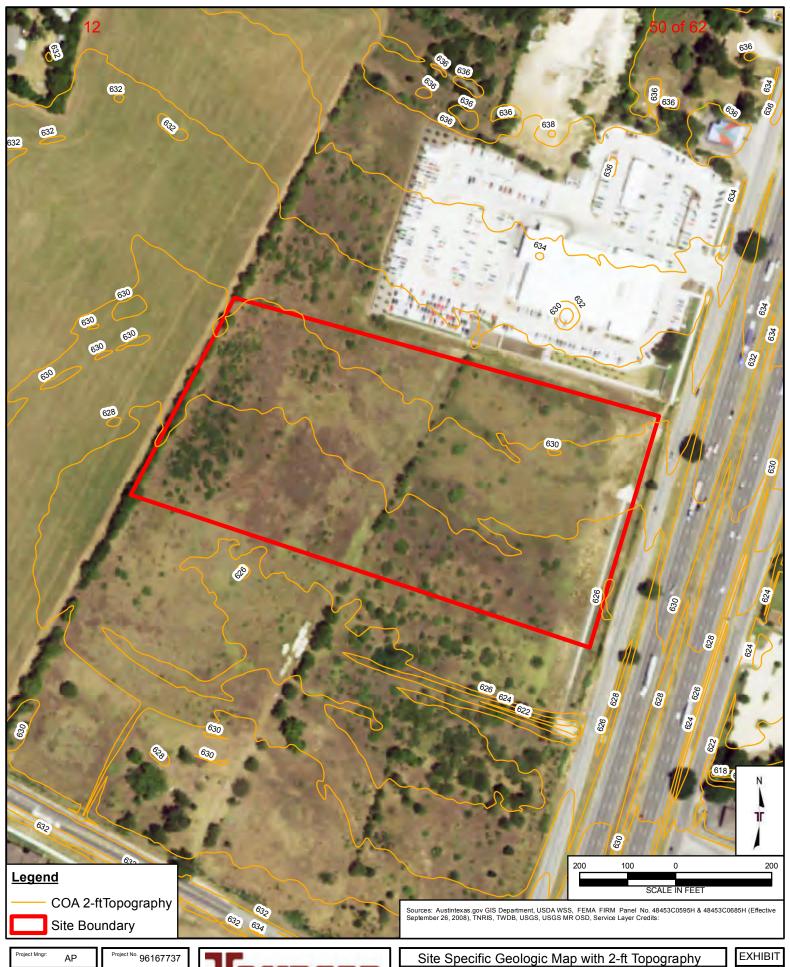
#### Description of Site Plant Communities Continued...

The Gammagrass-Switchgrass Series is tall grassland found primarily in lowlands or poorly drained uplands over clayey soils. Common species include Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), and tall dropseed (*Sporobolus asper*). Conversely, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) characterizes the site as Urban (46).

Dominant species observed on the site included mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), silver bluestem (*Bothriochloa saccharoides*), sunflower (*Helianthus sp.*), prairie tea (*Croton monanthogynus*), goldenrod (*Solidago sp.*), and johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*). Overall canopy cover on the site is estimated at approximately 10-percent.

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## APPENDIX B EXHIBITS



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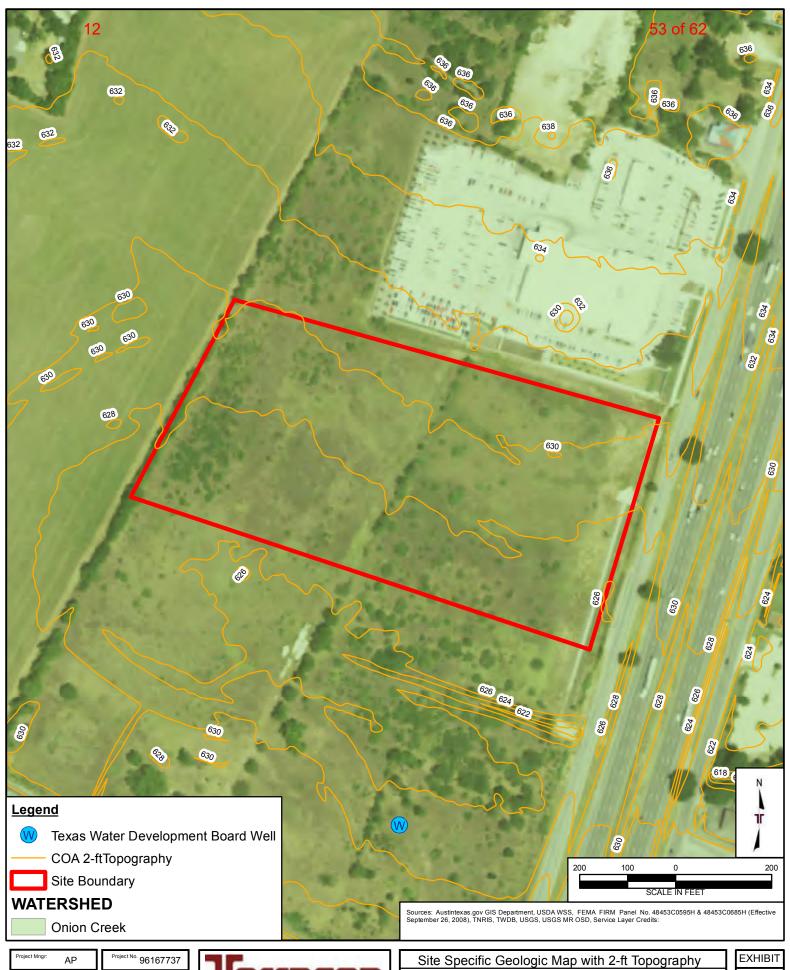
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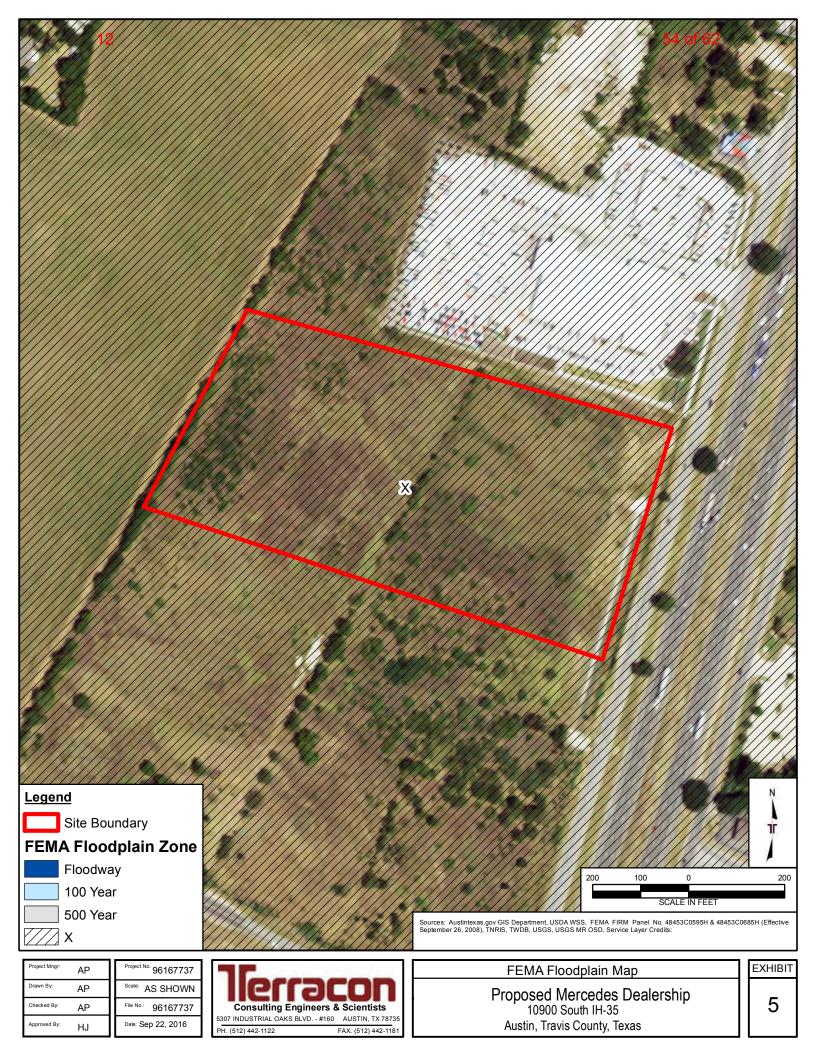


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### APPENDIX C SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Project No. 96167737 Date Photos Taken: September 28, 2016





Photo 1 Typical site view



Photo 2 Drainage channel along northern site boundary

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Drainage channel along eastern site boundary Photo 3

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The City of Austin (COA) Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) was performed in accordance with generally accepted scientific and engineering evaluation practices of this profession undertaken in similar studies at the same time and in the same geographical area. The limitations of this ERI should be recognized.

In conducting the limited scope of services described herein, certain sources of information and public records were not reviewed. The scope of this ERI was conducted in general accordance with the City of Austin's Land Development Code (LDC), Section 25-8-121 (A), and the City of Austin Title 30-5. The service's scope is not intended to be compliant or consistent with the State of Texas Edwards Aquifer Rule (30 TAC 213, Subchapter B; pertaining to Travis County, Texas) or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

Field identification of Critical Environmental Features (CEFs) as defined by the COA can be seasonally influenced. Due to seasonal changes, Terracon cannot guarantee areas to exhibit or not to exhibit CEF characteristics at all times of the year.

CEF wetlands were evaluated using the USACE 1987 Manual and Great Plains Regional Supplement. The manuals provide assistance for identifying wetlands based on the three criteria discussed. However, the manuals alone may not have provided enough information to document whether or not the three criteria were met. Various physical properties or other visual signs used to evaluate whether the three wetland identification criteria areas were satisfied may not be straightforward, especially in disturbed or problem areas. The manuals also allow the user to visually estimate certain indicators, such as the percentage of area covered by dominant species for the entire community. Terracon did not attempt to identify every possible plant species and did not classify soil types by laboratory methods.

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#### Eric:

Thank you for explaining the issue. AFD opposes the elimination of entrances from the public right-of-way on South IH-35 the North Shared Commercial Driveway for a  $\approx$  75,000 Ft.² automobile dealership. The applicant has obtained AFD approval to construct a building for the sale and repair of automobiles, which is a fairly substantial fuel load. My experience with similar sized automobile dealerships is they commonly employ 100-150 persons and may have up to 100 customers, which creates a life safety hazard in the event of an accidental or intentional fire.

Fire department access and pathways for means of egress have specific minimum regulations in the 2015 International Fire Code. Eliminating the access points and means of egress pathways will require AFD to change the project status to Not Approved. AFD will not allow the construction of this or any other buildings without the required access for emergency responders and required pathways for means of egress for persons using this site.



**Scott Stookey** | Graduate Engineer A - Hazardous Materials, Fire Marshal's Office 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. MS 3211.01, Austin, TX 78752 | D: 512.974.0157 | <a href="https://www.austinfiredepartment.org">www.austinfiredepartment.org</a> FB | AustinFireDepartment TW | @AustinFireDept IN | @austinfiredept

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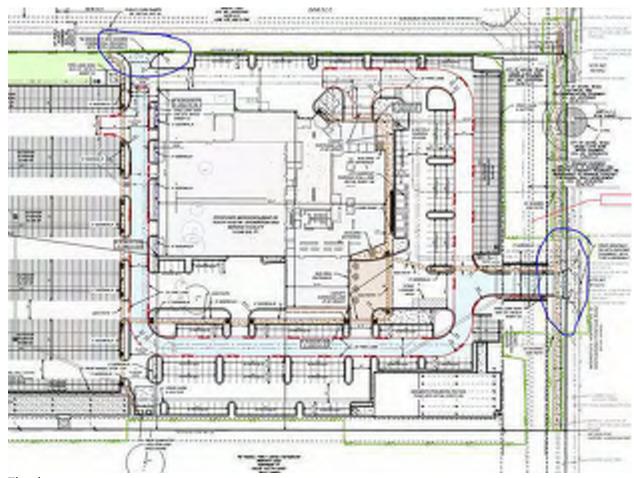
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#### Scott,

Left you a voicemail earlier to discuss. Happy to set up a meeting if that makes things easier.

The City's GIS is showing a CWQZ on the site that we have been working through with the environmental team. We are also in a Wildland Urban Interface. The CWQZ would impact our ability to place driveways and have access to the site as shown in our plans. Would we have your support to go in front of the land use commission and receive a variance so that our site would have adequate fire access? Both the driveways shown below are currently shown within the CWQZ so we would not have two access points to the site without a variance from the Land Use Commission.

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Thanks, Eric

**Eric Vann, EIT.**Site Development
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