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April 16, 2021

Mr. Joe Teixeira, Chairman Newburyport Conservation Commission 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Chairman Teixeira and Members of the Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Port Place Development to request approval for a number of minor revisions to the overall plans that were approved under DEP file number 051-0973. Attached you will find plans and supporting information for these changes, which include:

- 1. Removal of the singular bridge crossing and the pathway that connects to that bridge. This was discussed with City Staff during a field visit earlier in the project. The bridge is an unnecessary impact to the IVW.
- 2. Adjustments to the planting in the open space, including:
 - a. a small shift of plants from the singular bridge approach to the double bridge approach;
 - b. an adjustment to add area to the pollinator meadow on the east side of the area of the singular bridge (see updated sheet L-0);
 - c. a new category for the meadow area south and west of the IVW "Transitional Meadow" which includes shrub and tree plantings that better fit within these areas that abut wooded areas. We will be planting approximately 400 native shrubs and saplings in this new area to transition from the open meadow areas to the wooded areas and allow for better habitat in these shadier areas near the existing woodline;.
 - d. A slight change in the path location to reduce slope for accessibility reasons in the northeastern entry to the path networ;.
 - e. Infrastructure changes associated with stormwater as noted below; and
 - f. A perimeter drain pipe installed around the tot lot to allow it to dry quickly after rain. This small drain outlets on the slope of the pond.
- 3. Adjustments to which species called for in the street trees were planted in which locations. The same list of species was used, but which trees went where is different. A markup showing what was installed from the species list where is attached.
- 4. Stormwater system changes made in coordination with the City Engineer, including:
 - a. The 3 drywells and drain located behind lots 26 31 have been removed. We have provided a stone swale and perforated pipe to direct runoff to the catch basin located behind lots 26/27. This catch basin was included in the approved design with a the 8" pipe directing flow to Rain Garden F (this change was made at the direction of the City Engineer , Jon-Eric White.)

- b. We have provided piped overflow from Rain Gardens C, D, E & F. This was done due to erosion issues from surface overflow running overland. These changes did not change the designed water quality volume with the overflow rims set a minimum of 9 inches above the bottom of the rain gardens as in the approved design. These outlet changes were reviewed and approved by City Engineer Jon-Eric White.
- c. A drywell with outlet pipe was installed behind lot 5 along with two area drains behind lots 6-7. This was done due to flat area where some puddles remined after rain events. This did not change any of the stormwater design intent with the drainage from this area directed to rain garden B in the original design and through the provided area drain and piping with this change.

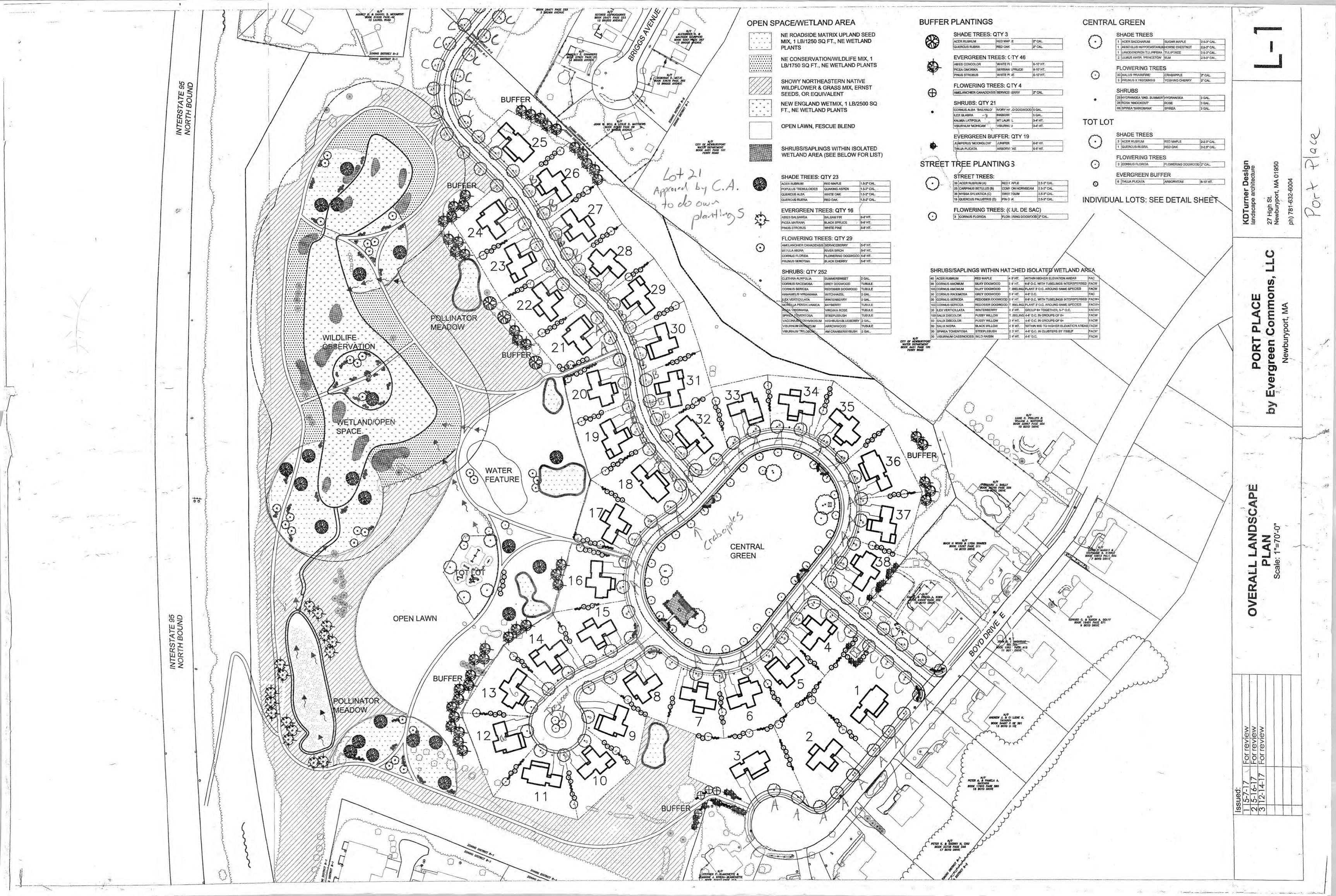
Attached you will find two updated plan sheets, a hand mark up of sheet L-1 showing the street tree changes, and two hand mark ups of portions of the landscape plans for the Transitional Meadow Area. Additionally, we have updated sheet L-0. The copy of L-0 attached is being colored in. We will provide a colored in copy of this sheet prior to the meeting. Additionally, we will be notating the maintenance chart to state that mowing in all areas must go around shrubs and trees for clarity. The Transitional Meadow will be maintained at the same time as the Pollinator meadow.

Additionally, we are requesting a minor change to the homeowners association agreement that was previously approved under the conditions of the order. Please see Attorney Bowker's letter for more detail.

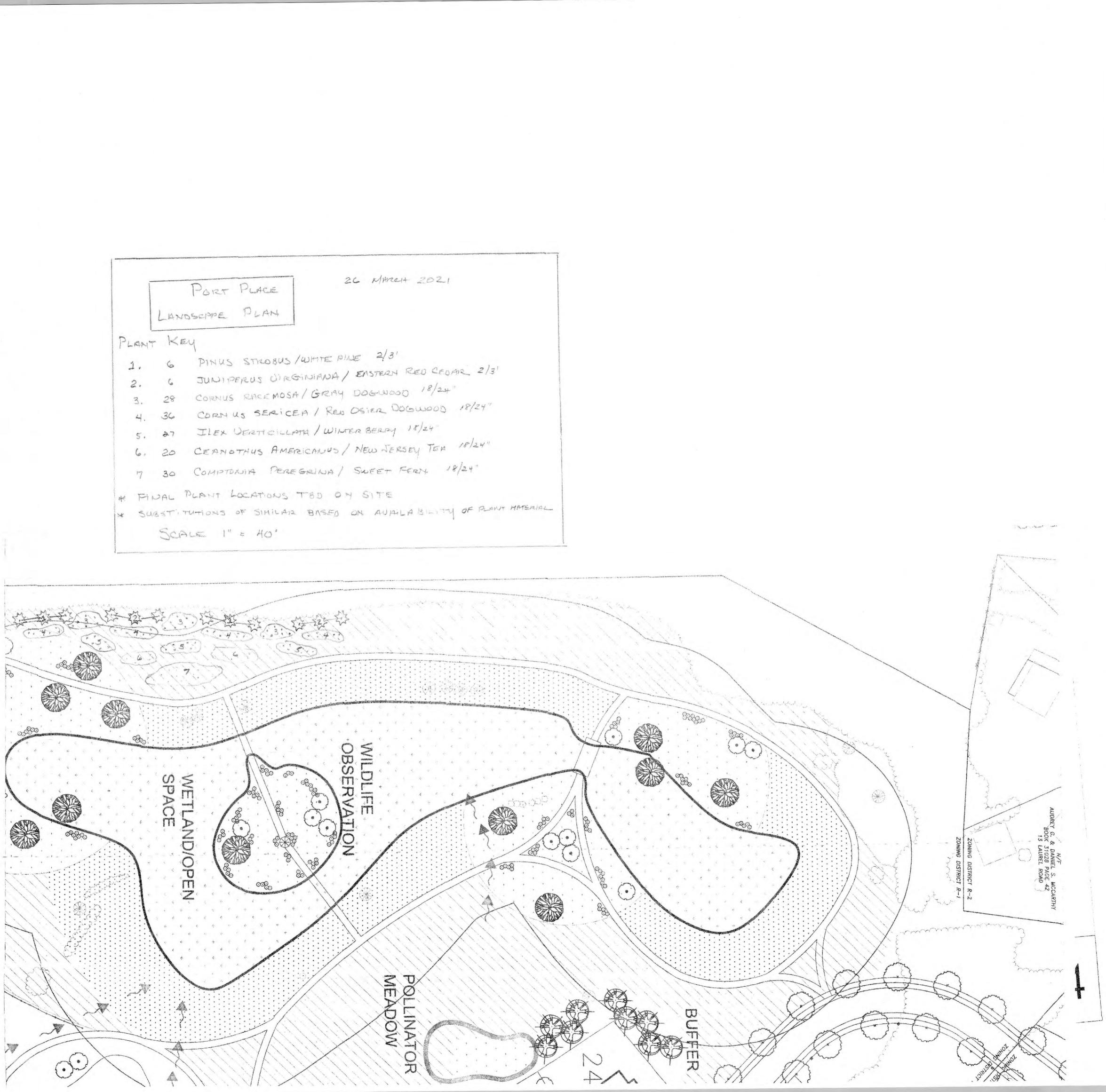
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

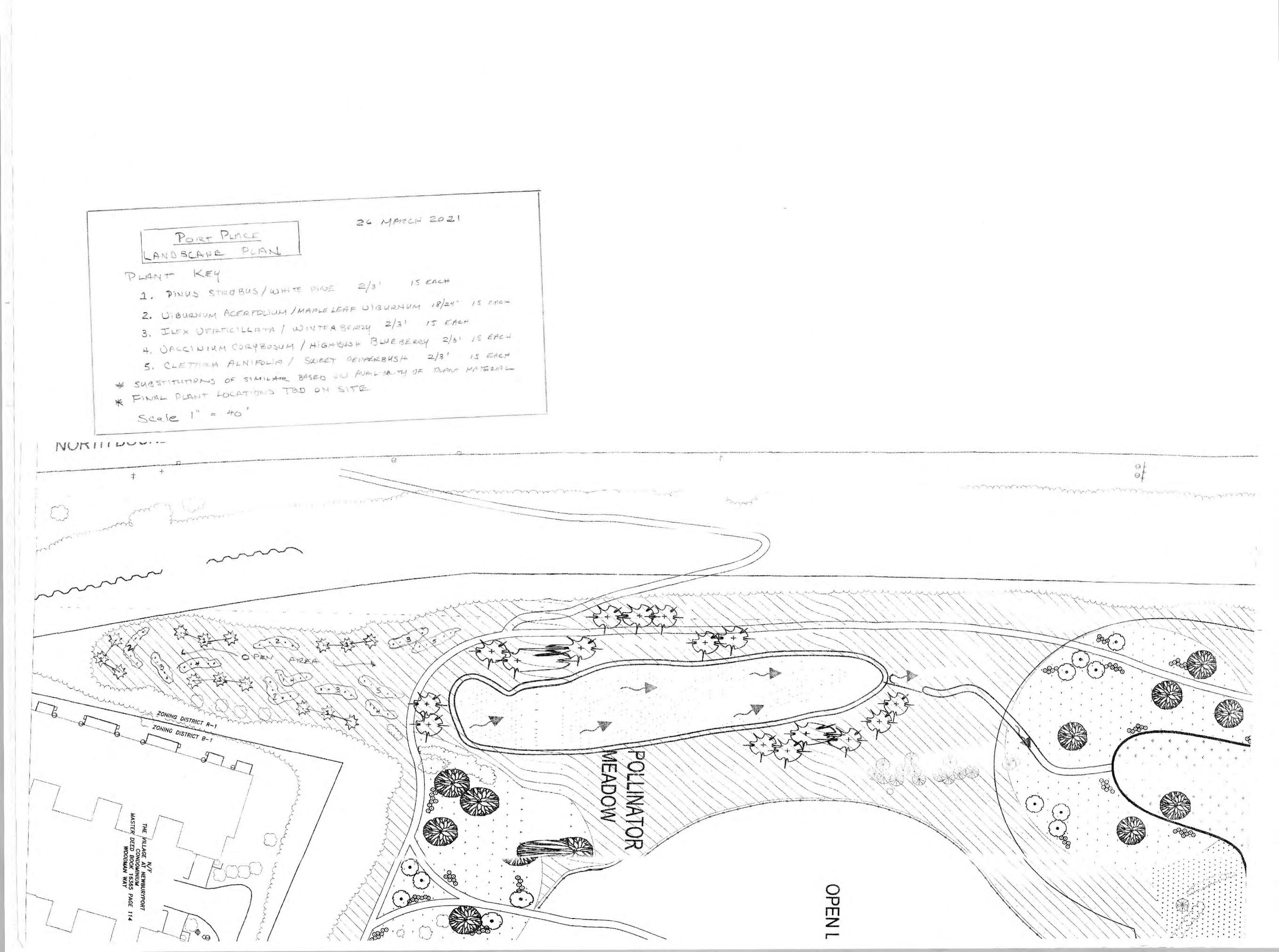
Sincerely,

Thomas G. Hughes, BS, MA



26 MARCH 2021 PORT PLACE LANDSEPPE PLAN PLANT KEY PINUS STROBUS /WHITE PINE 2/3' 1. JUNIPERUS DIRGINIANA / EASTERN RED CEDAR 2/3' 6 2. 6 CORNUS RAREMOSA/GRAY DOGWOOD 18/24" 28 3. CORNUS SERVICEA / RED OSVER DOGWOOD 18/24" 4. 36 ILEX VERTICILLATA / WINTER BERRY 18/24" 5. 27 CEANOTHUS AMERICANUS / NEW JERSEY TEN 18/24" 6. 20 COMPTONIA PEREGRINA/ SWEET FERM 18/24" 30 17 * FINAL PLANT LOCATIONS TOD ON SITE SCALE 1" = 40'



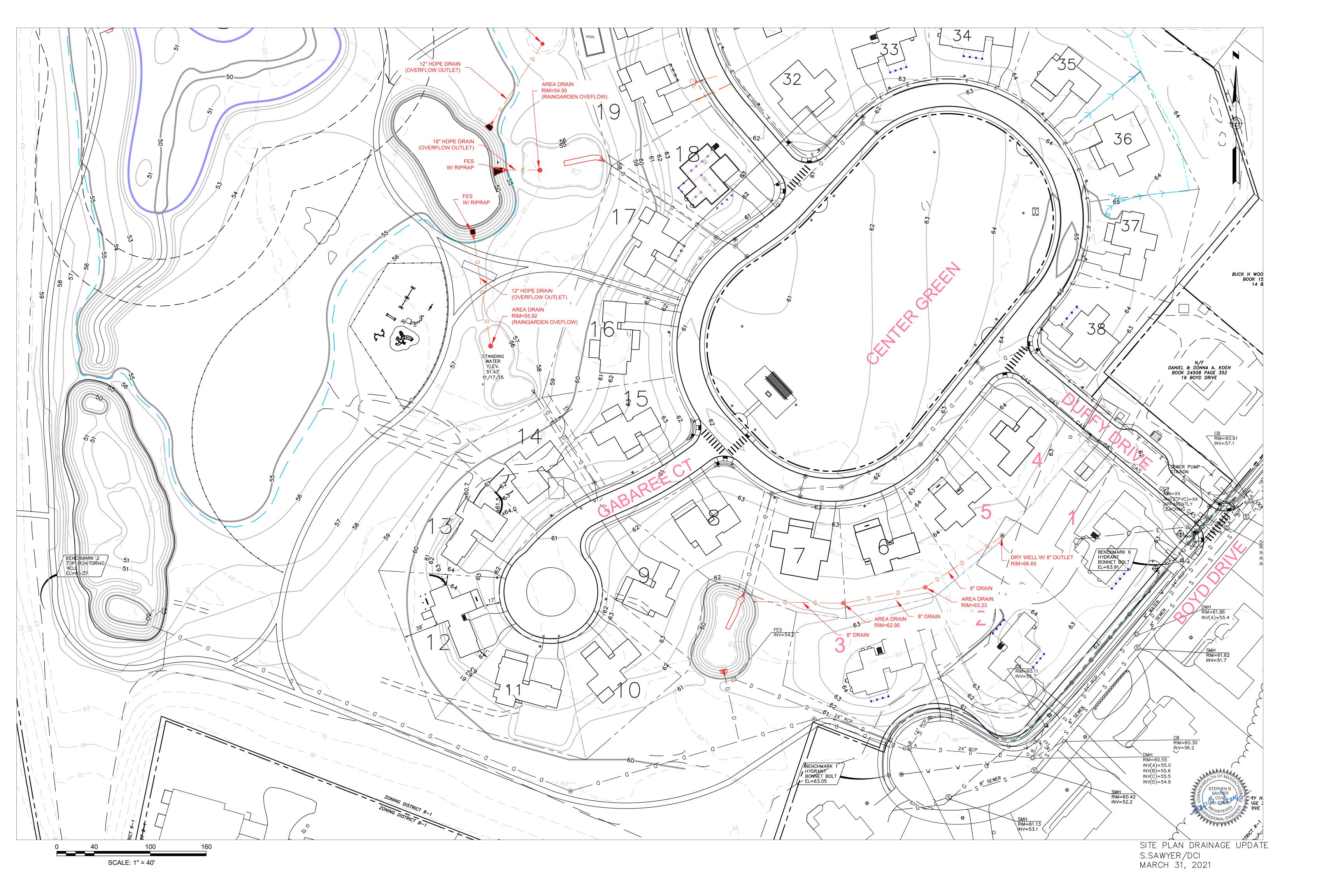


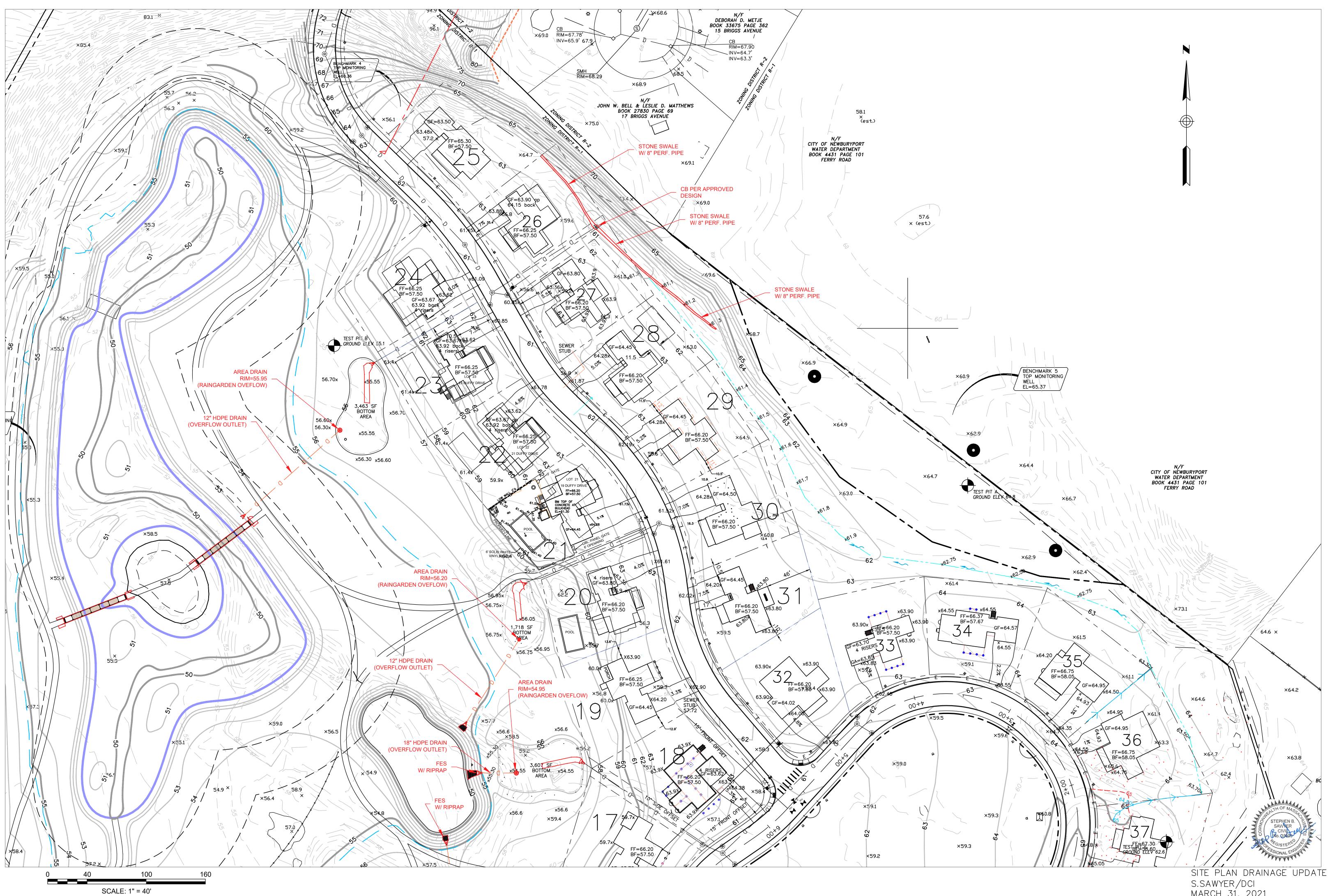


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| Issued: 1 5-7-17 For review 2 5-16-17 For review 3 4-14-21 For review - - - - - - - - - | OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE PLAN Scale: 1"=100'-0" | PORT PLACE by Evergreen Commons, LLC Newburyport, MA | KDTurner Design landscape architecture 27 High St. Newburyport, MA 01950 ph) 781-632-6004 | L-0 |

| | AREA 1 WETLAND | AREA 2 RESTORATION | AREA 3 STORMWATER | AREA 4 POLLINATOR MEADOW | AREA 5 | AREA 6 MANICURED |
|----------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| PLANT MATERIAL | NATIVE | NATIVE | INATIVE | NATIVE | OPEN/MANAGED LAWN | NATIVE & CULTIVATED |
| | NE Wetmix, native shrubs and trees | NE Roadside Matrix Upland Seed Mix, NE Conservation/Wildlife Mix, shrubs and trees | NE Roadside Matrix Upland Seed Mix | Showy NE Native Wildflower or equivelent seed mix | Fescue blend | Lawn, trees, evergreens, ornamentals |
| ACCESS | NONE | PUBLIC | PUBLIC | PUBLIC | PUBLIC | PRIVATE |
| MANAGEMENT | ANNUAL | BI-ANNUAL | SEE STORMWATER O&M | ANNUAL | BI-WEEKLY | WEEKLY & AS NEEDED |
| | restoration and plant health, including invasive removal and replanting of native plants as | Inspect spring and fall. Maintenance limited to plant health, including invasive removal and replanting of native plants as needed. Herbicides to be used only in accordance with a City approved plan. | Limited to functional issues and plant health, including measures in Stormwater O&M manual,including invasive removal and replanting of native plants as needed. Herbicides to be used only in accordance with a City approved plan. | annually in the spring | management practices including organic lawn fertilizer and organic controls. Overseeding in spring and fall as needed. Invasive removal and replanting of native plants as needed. Herbicides to | areas during the growing season. Regular application of organic lawn fertilizer. Required |
| RESOURCE VALUE | NATURAL RESOURCE | NATURAL RESOURCE | STORMWATER | NATURAL RESOURCE | NATURAL RESOURCE | NATURAL RESOURCE |
| | Wildlife, flood storage, visual | Wildlife, visual | Wildlife, visual | Wildlife, visual | Wildlife, visual | Visual |
| USE | PASSIVE | PASSIVE | PASSIVE | PASSIVE | PASSIVE AND ACTIVE | PASSIVE AND ACTIVE |
| | Visual enjoyment Nature study | Visual enjoyment Nature study | Visual enjoyment Nature study Water quality | Visual enjoyment Nature study | Visual enjoyment Nature study Recreation | Visual enjoyment Recreation Group & family activities |

NOTE MAINTAIN TRANSITIONAL MEADOW AREA AT SAME TIME AS POLLINATOR MEADOW. NOTE IN ALL AREAS MOW AROUND SHRUBS AND TREES. REVISED 4-16-21





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