

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING STAFF MEMORANDUM MAY 15, 2023

CASE 4Property Address:Lot 2 – Cedar Hill DriveProperty Owner:Thomas & Cecilia GleasonRequest:Variance Request for Retaining Wall Placement & Review ofLandscaping Plan Associated with New Residence Construction

Site Visit: 3:10 PM – Monday, May 15, 2023

Background

The property owners are presenting plans for a new home construction. As part of this construction, they also request a variance request from the Board of Adjustment for three (3) retaining walls constructed as part of the site development for the home. Retaining walls are considered an accessory structure and are regulated under Chapter 153.049. This section is attached to the memorandum.

#### Board of Adjustment Review for New House Construction

Chapter 153.034 requires Board of Adjustment approval for land disturbing activity greater than twenty (20) percent of the lot area. The applicant's new home construction equates to fifty-one (51) percent of the lot area, thus triggering Board review of the landscaping and grading plans. These plans are attached for the Board's review, as is Chapter 153.034 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

#### Special Use Permit Requirements and Variance Request

The proposed three (3) retaining walls are part of the overall site design of the home but do require special use permits as accessory structures. The placement of the retaining walls in front of the plane of the home requires approval from the Board of Adjustment as a variance since walls (among other accessory structures) are not allowed by right within the front yard. The property complies with all other aspects of the Zoning Ordinance including adjusted setbacks due to the height of the new home.

## **Zoning Compliance Application**

Town of Biltmore Forest

Name Michael Silverman

Property Address Lot 2 Cedar Hill Dr

Phone (828) 253-1819

Parcel ID/PIN Number 96463284440000

Email michael@saidesign.net

#### ZONING INFORMATION

Current Zoning R-1

Maximum Roof Coverage 6,100 square feet (Up to 2 acres)

Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage 1-3 acres (25 percent of lot area)

**Front Yard Setback** 60 feet (R-1 District)

**Rear Yard Setback** 25 feet (R-1 District)

**Description of the Proposed Project** New single family residence

Estimated Start Date 6/1/2023

Estimated Completion Date 9/30/2024

Estimated Cost of Project \$4,000,000.00

Supporting Documentation (Site Plan, Drawings, Other Information) GLEASON TOB SUBMTL 23-0327.pdf

Lot Size 1.594

Proposed Roof Coverage Total 6030 square feet

Proposed Impervious Surface Coverage 14,810.4 SF , .34 AC, 21%

Side Yard Setback 20 feet (R-1 District)

Building Height 33'-11"

**Applicant Signature** 

**Date** 3/27/2023

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## VARIANCE APPLICATION

Town of Biltmore Forest

Name Michael Silverman

Address PO Box 18385

Phone (828) 253-1819 Email michael@saidesign.net

#### Current Zoning/Use RESIDENTIAL

**Requested Use** Single Family Residence

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**: An application to the Board of Adjustment for a variance must be submitted to the Town of Biltmore Forest Town Manager at least 21 days prior to the meeting at which the application will be considered. A pre-application meeting with Town staff is required prior to application submittal to the Board of Adjustment.

#### What would you like to do with your property?

install 3 retaining walls

#### What does the ordinance require?

Retaining walls require a variance from the Board of Adjustment.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: N.C.G.S. 160A-388(D) requires that the Board of Adjustment shall vary the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance only upon a showing of ALL the items below. The Board of Adjustment must follow strict procedure and all determinations must be decided by a concurring vote of four-fifths of the members of the Board. It is important to provide detailed supporting documentation for the Board of Adjustment to review. If necessary, additional sheets may be attached to this application.

#### **REQUIRED FINDINGS: Please provide a thorough response to each.**

#### Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance.

The retaining walls are proposed in order to minimize site disturbance and preserve existing trees. Without the proposed retaining walls, 3 additional large hardwood trees would likely have to be removed and an additional 3,500 SF of site disturbance would be required creating an unnecessary hardship.

## The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography.

The existing, consistent slope (average 15%) across the property presents a hardship, which can easily be resolved by the use of responsibly-located retaining walls. The proposed walls would most likely not be visible from the street.

#### The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner.

The existing site is undeveloped. The proposed walls with the new home have been carefully integrated into the design to minimize site disturbance and enhance tree preservation.

## The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

The variance request enables the owner to minimize site disturbance and preserve existing trees, both of

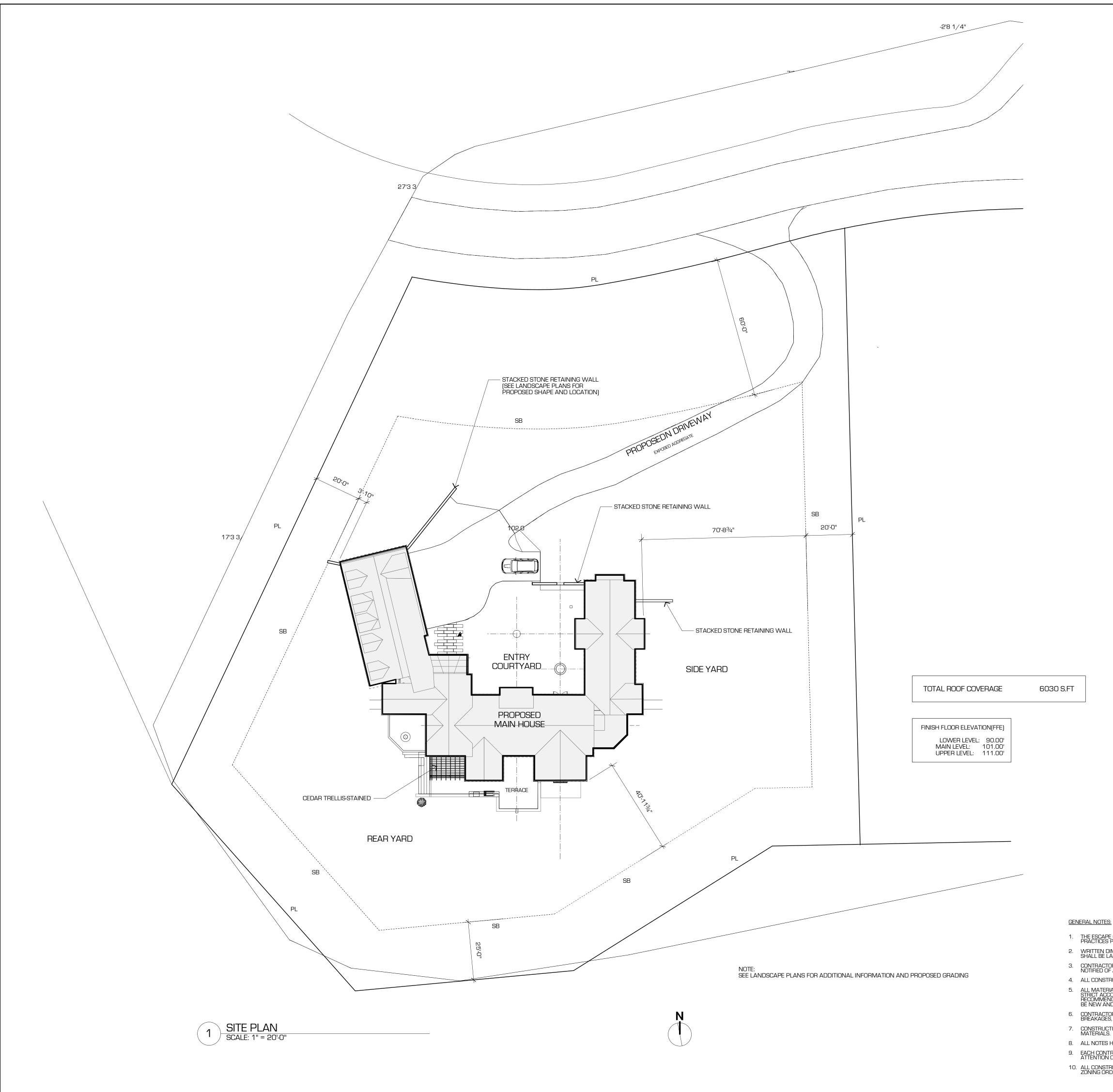
which help preserve the desired character of Biltmore Forest. The requested variance would allow the spirit, purpose and intent of the ordinance to be further fulfilled on this site.

I hereby certify that all of the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

**Date** 3/27/2023

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9. EACH CONTRACTOR WILL BE HELD STRICTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS WORK. ANY DISCREPANCIES IN THE PLANS OR DETAILS SHALL BE CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE C.M. 10. ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF 2018 NC RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE AND TOWN OF BILTMORE ZONING ORDINANCE.

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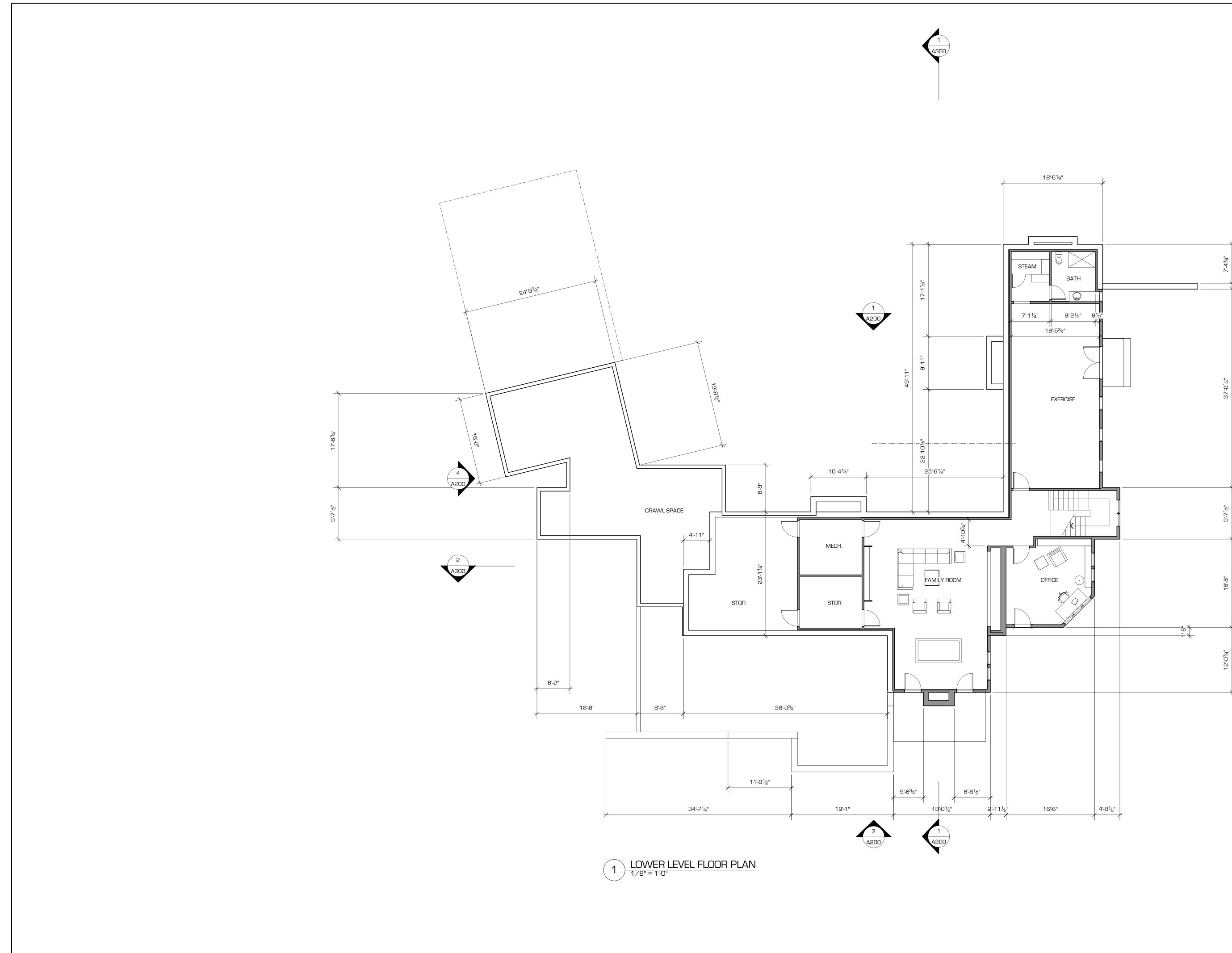
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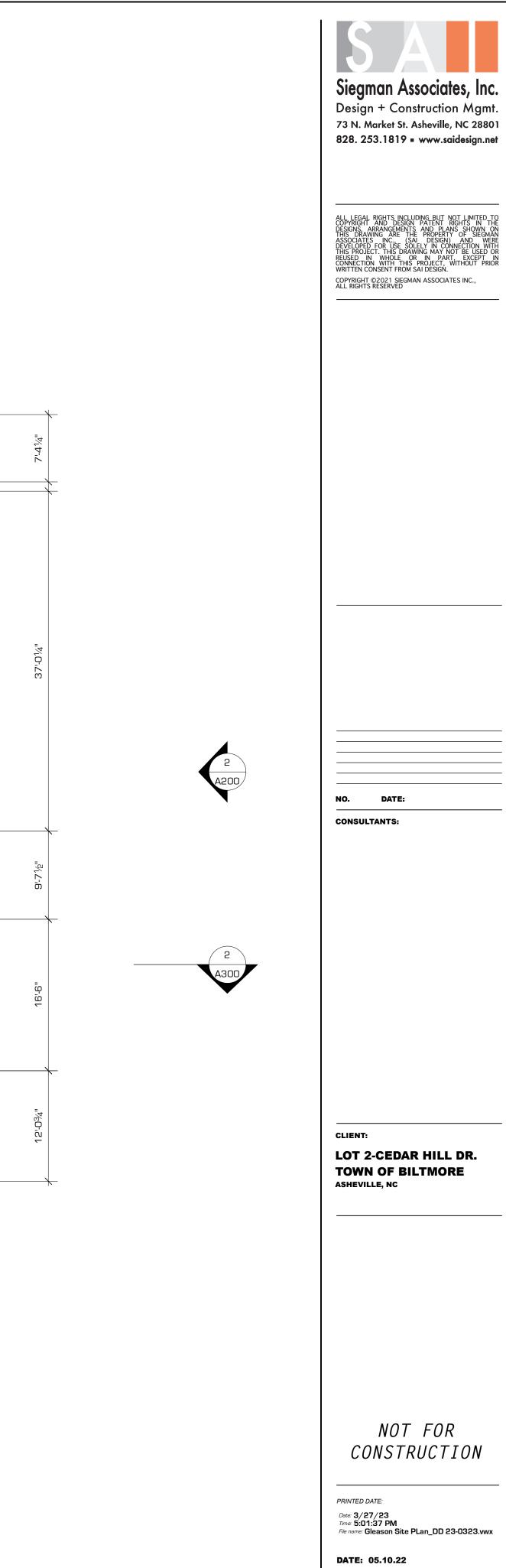
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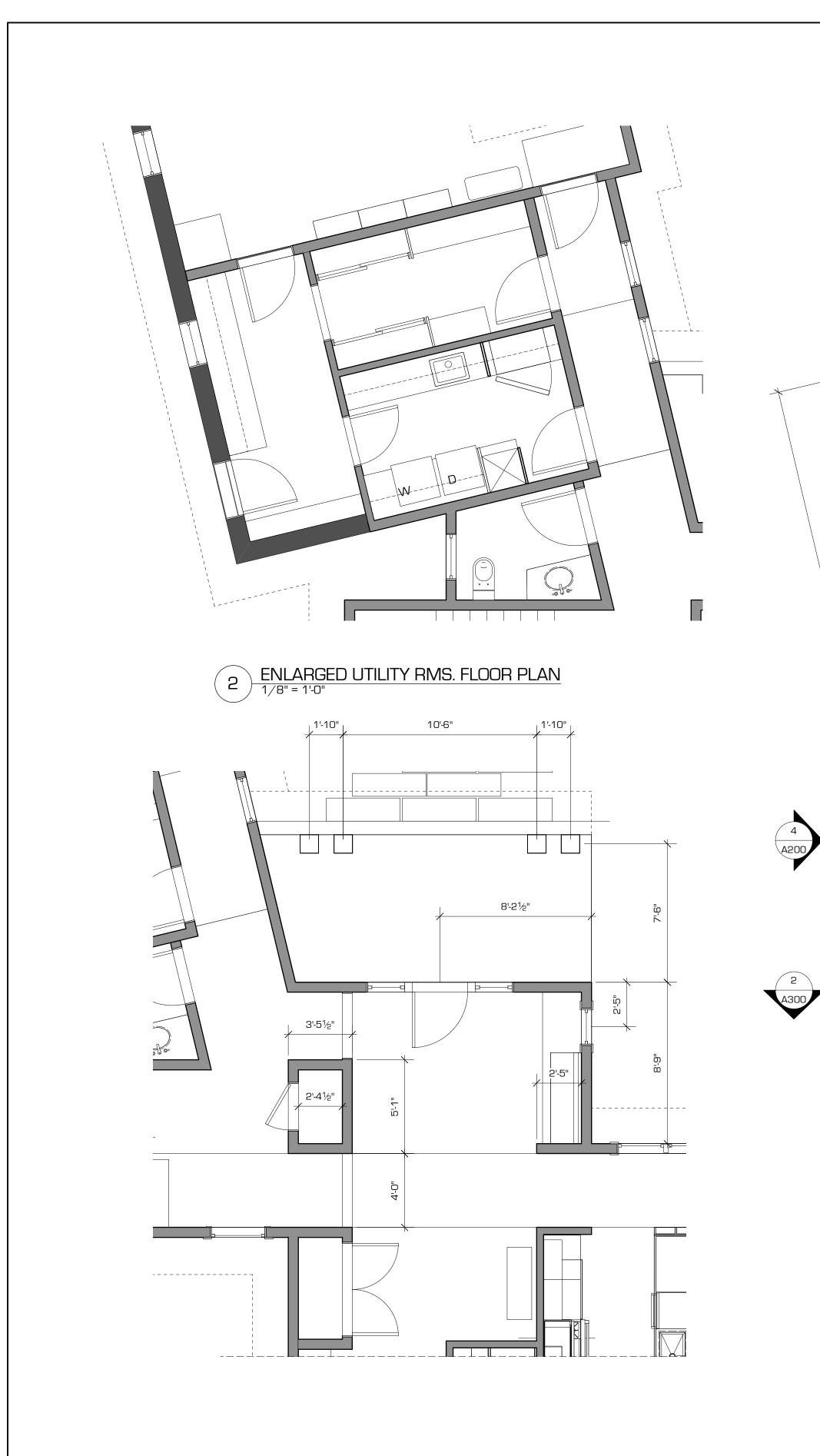




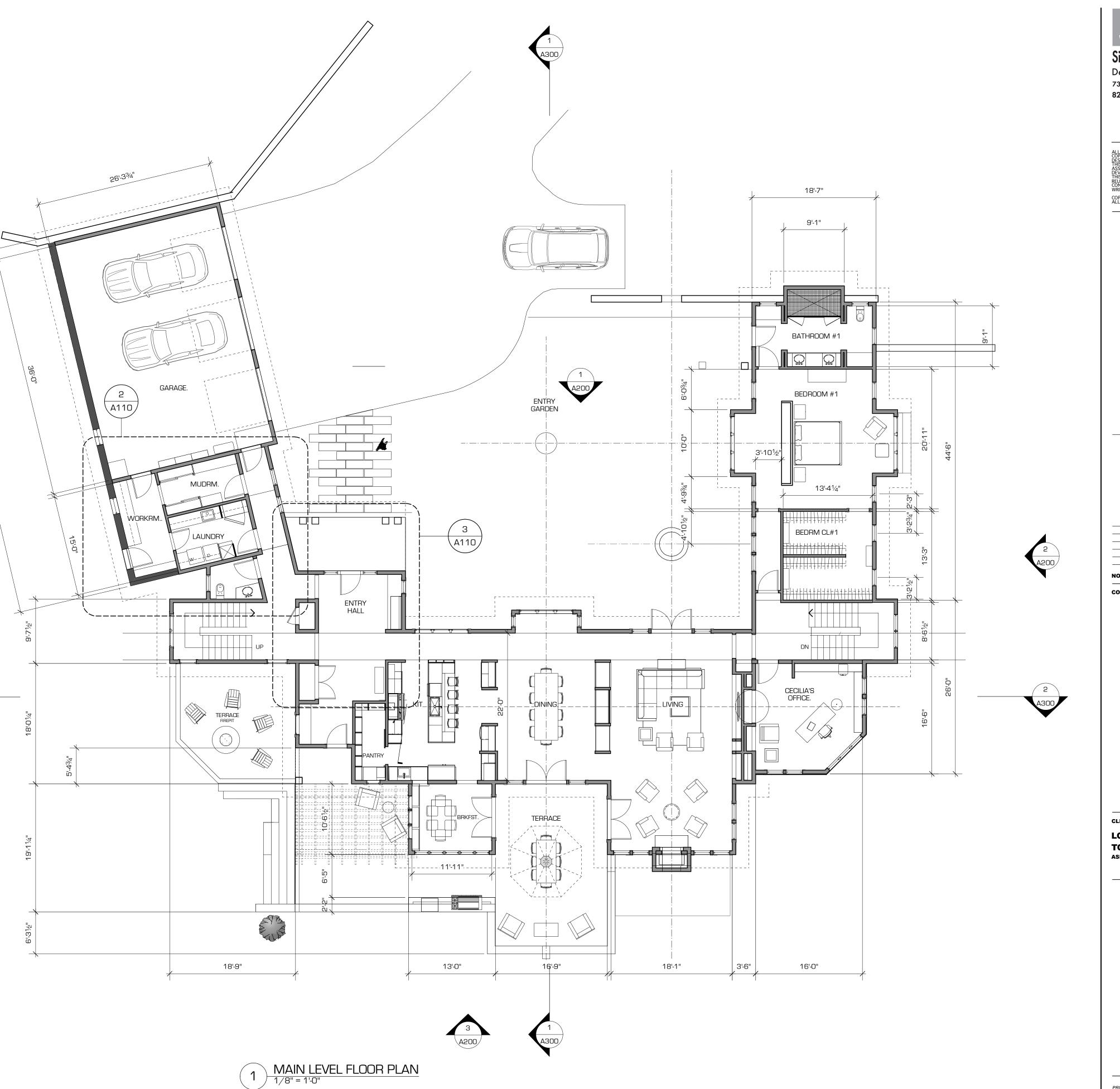
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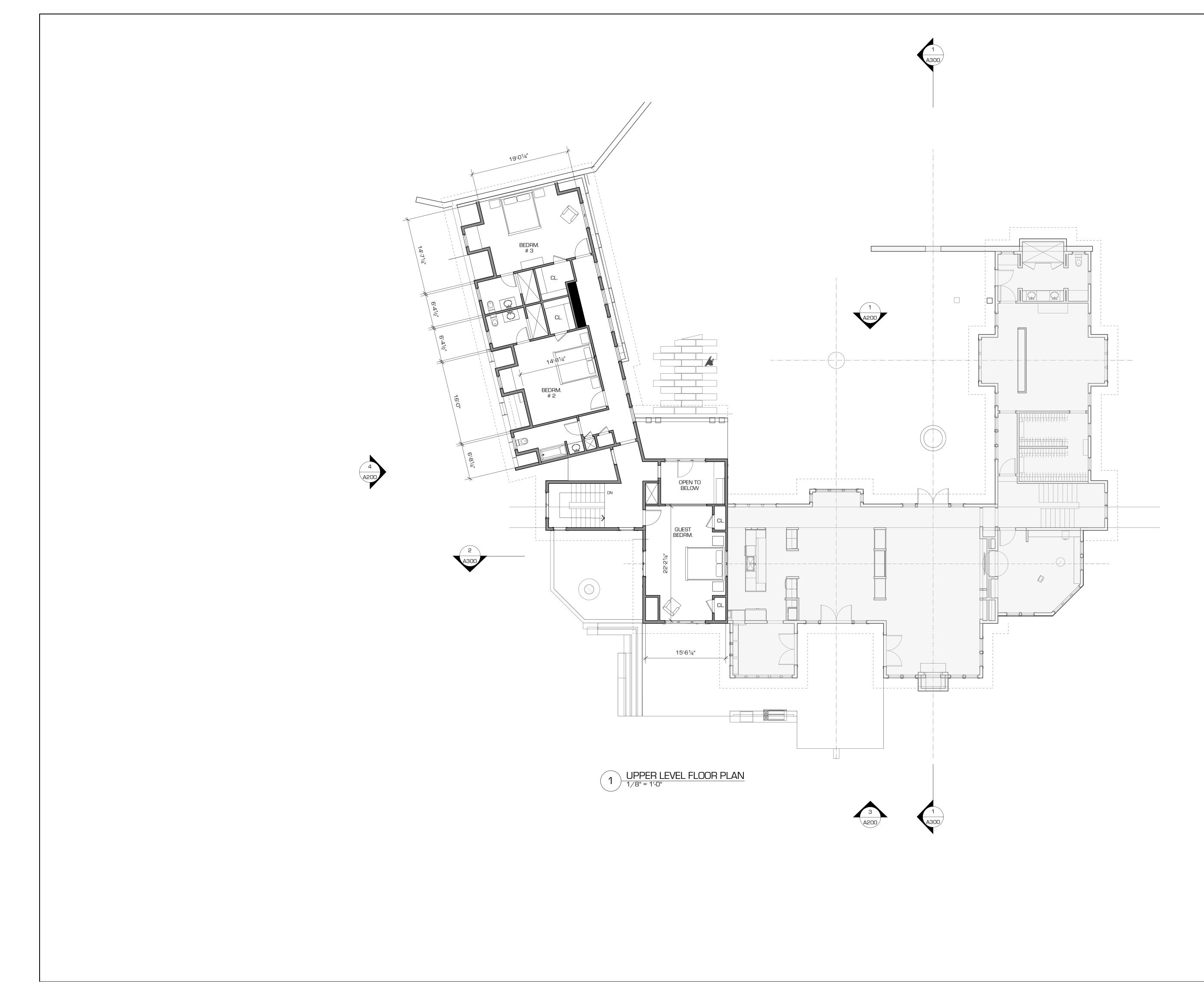
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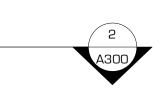


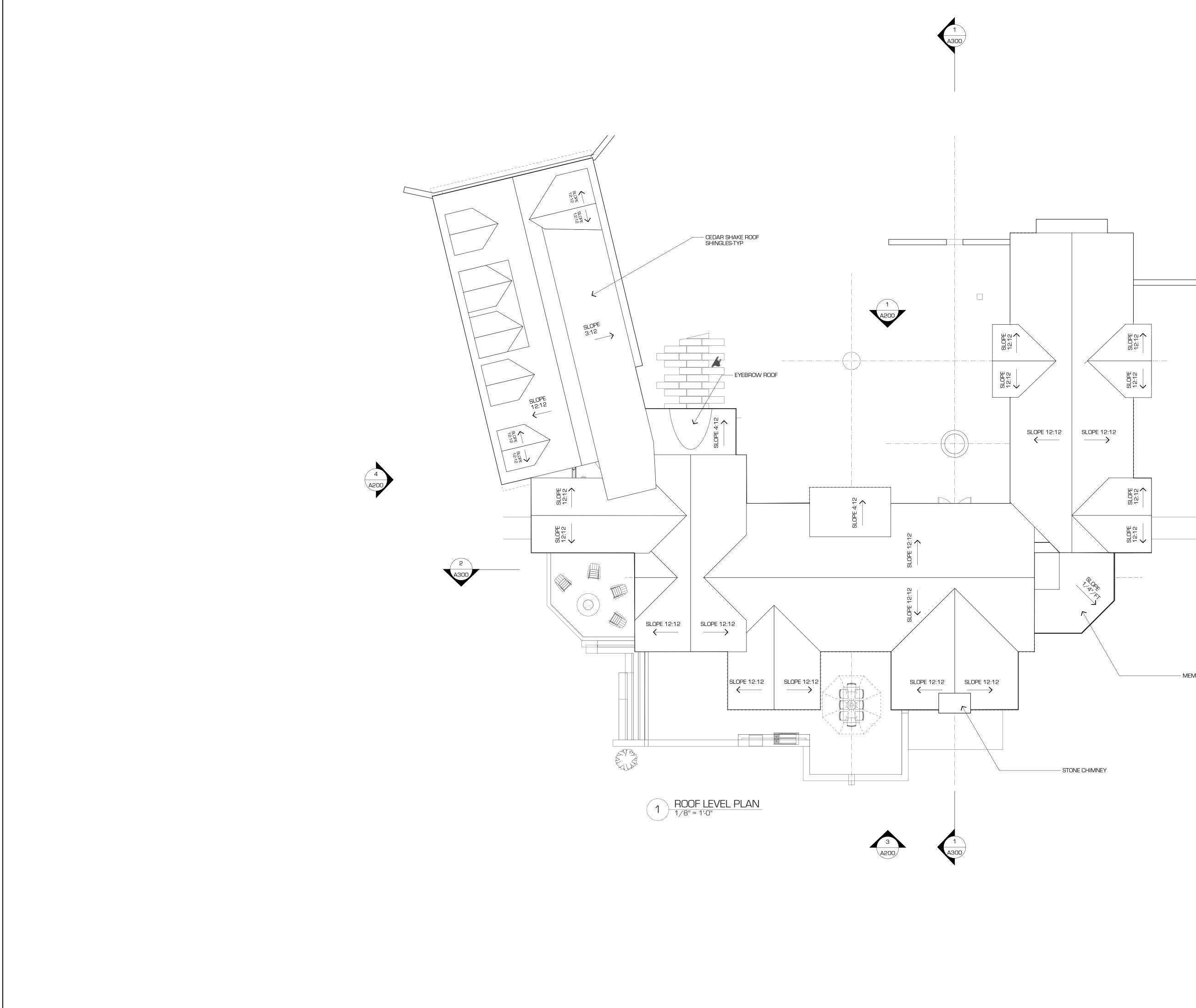
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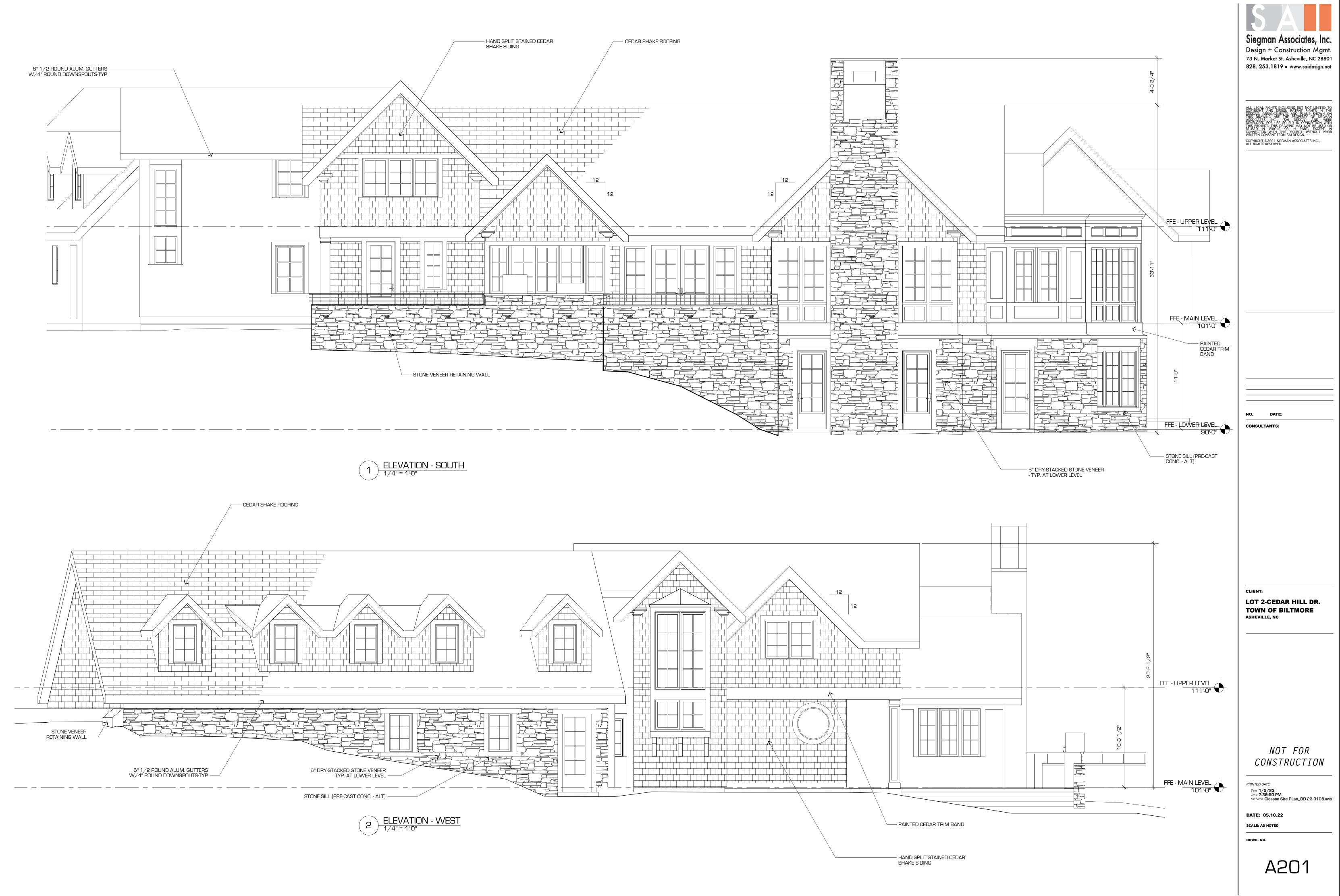
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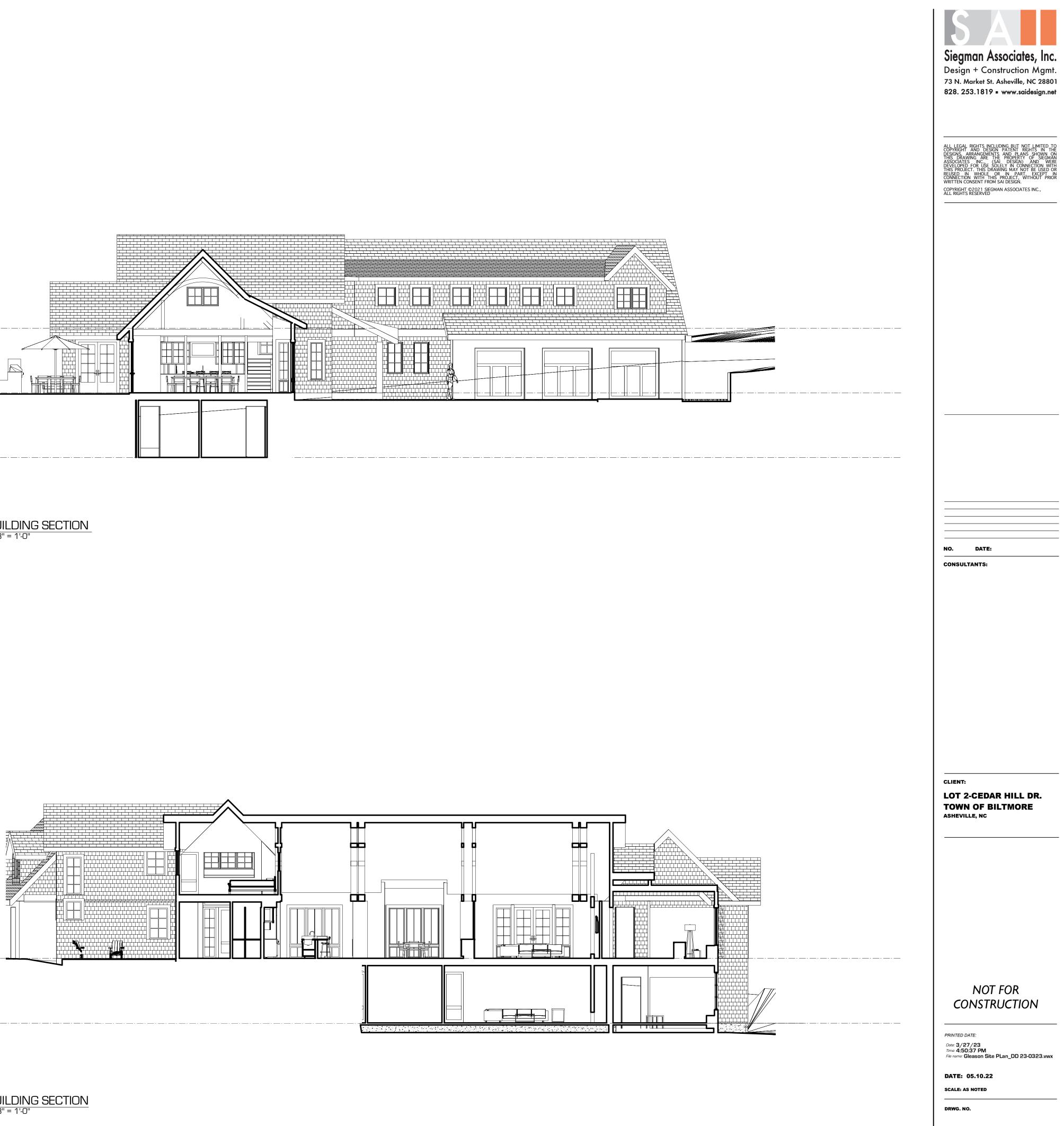




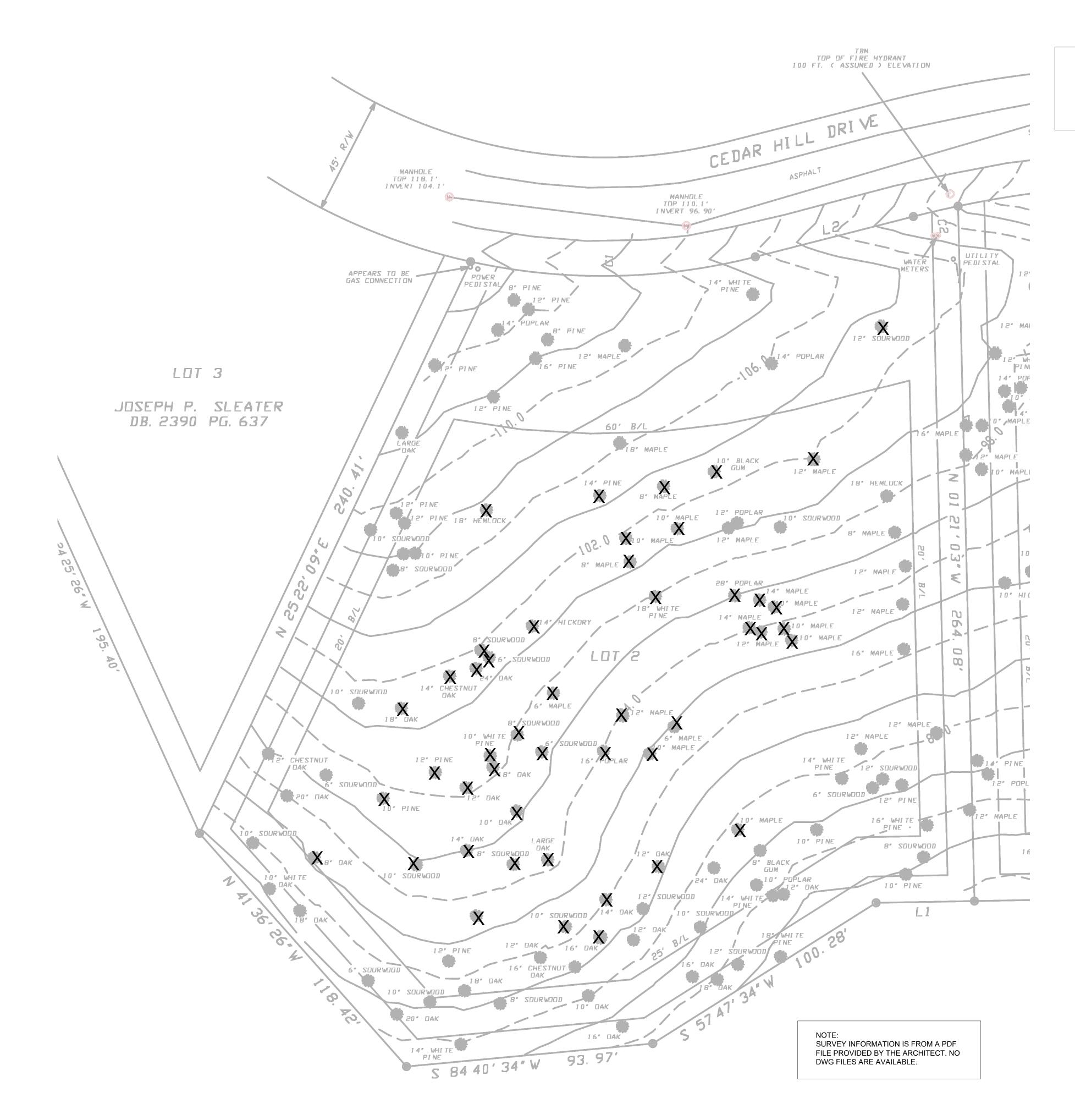






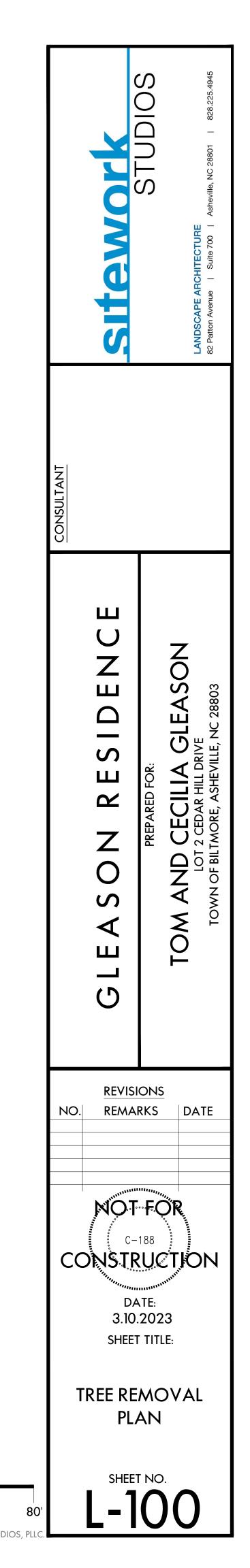






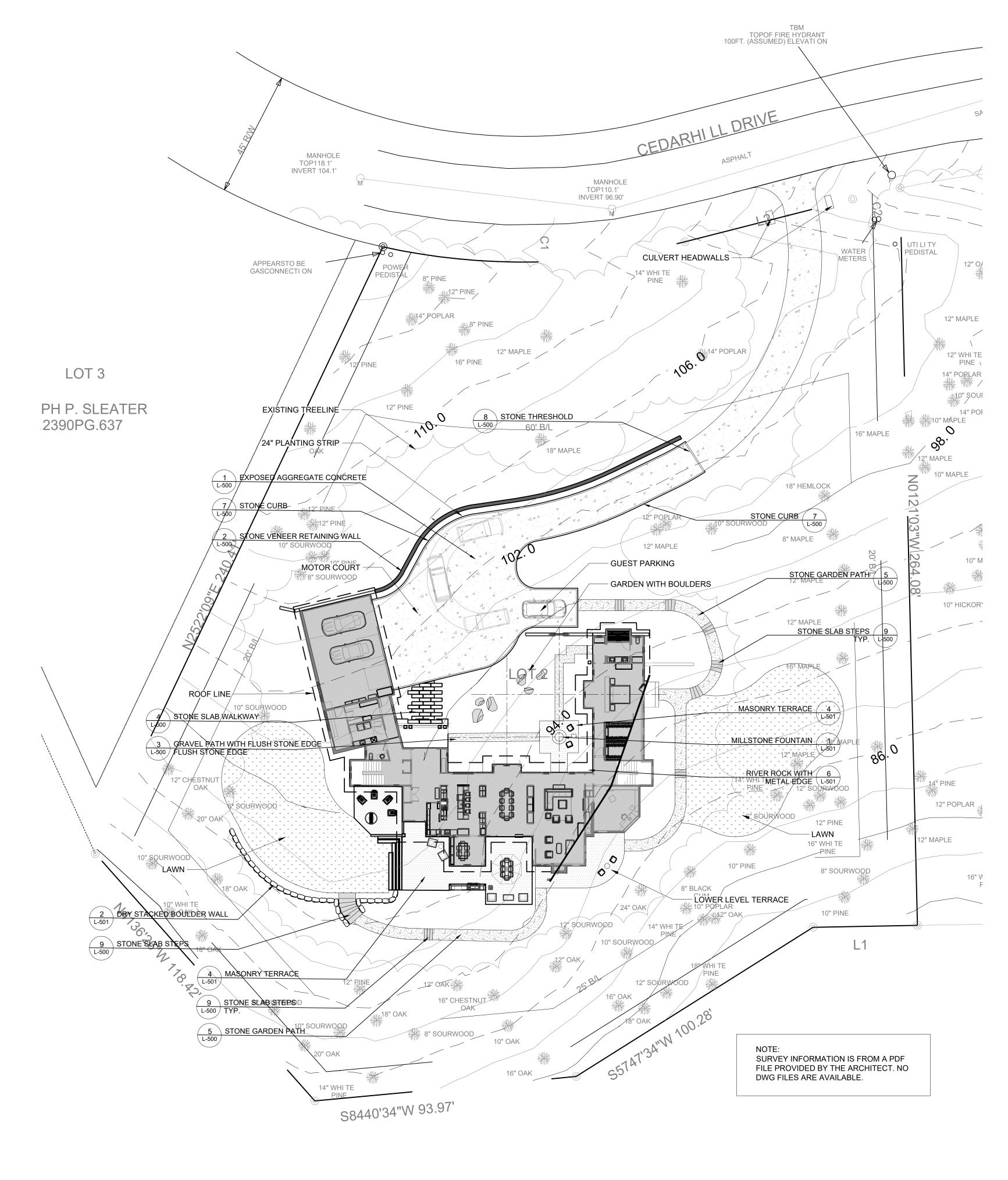
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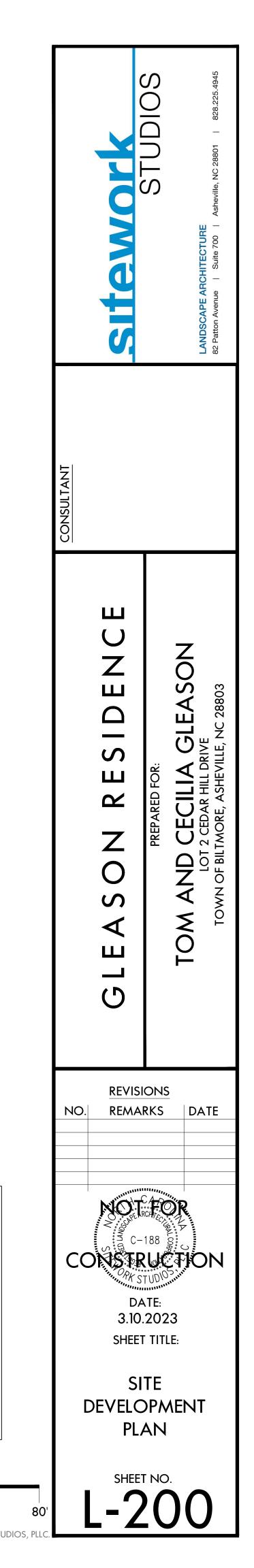
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PROPOSED LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE: 35,597 sq ft 0.82 acres

PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA: 0.34 acres



15,089 sq ft

• UP TO 1 AC - 27.5% • 1-3 AC - 25% • 3-6 AC - 20%

MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE COVERAGE:

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PIN: 96463284440000

LOT SIZE: 1.594 AC

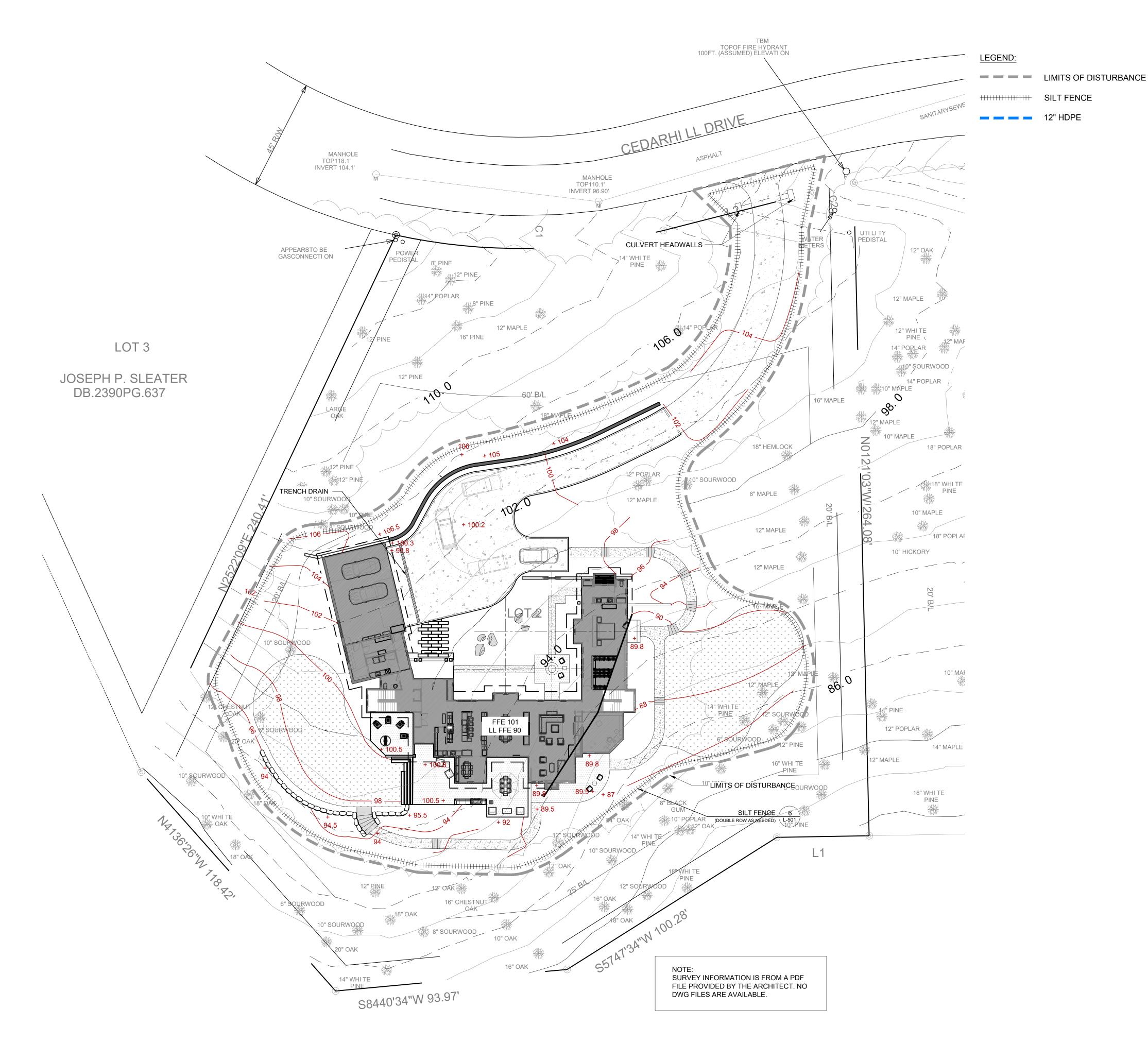
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## GRADING NOTES

1. VERIFY GRADES, DIMENSIONS & BUILDING LOCATION IN FIELD. NOTIFY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR ARCHITECT IF ANY GRADE CONFLICTS OR AMBIGUITIES ARISE.

2. CONTRACTOR IS TO MAINTAIN EXISTING ROAD DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN WORKING CONDITION.

3. MATCH EXISTING GRADES SMOOTHLY WHERE PROPOSED FEATURES MEET EXISTING FEATURES.

4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE POSITIVE DRAINAGE AWAY FROM BUILDING DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION.

5. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE GENERAL IN NATURE. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES AS REQUIRED TO PREVENT ON- OR OFF-SITE RUNOFF AND EROSION.

6. ALL INLETS TO HAVE TEMPORARY INLET PROTECTION INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER INLET HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

7. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WEEKLY INSPECTION OF ALL EROSION CONTROL AND SEDIMENT PRACTICES. NEEDED REPAIRS ARE TO BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY. MAINTAIN SILT FENCE BY CLEARING OUT WHEN HALF FULL. INSPECTION IS REQUIRED AFTER ALL RAIN EVENTS.

8. REMOVE ALL TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AFTER DISTURBED AREAS HAVE BEEN STABILIZED AND COMPLETED.

9. ALL PROPOSED INLET STRUCTURES SHALL CONNECT TO PROPOSED STORM DRAIN LINES AND SHALL OUTFALL ON THE PROPERTY WITH ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AT THE OUTFALL.

10. ALL PROPOSED STORM DRAIN LINES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 18" OF COVER.

11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE FINISHED GRADES AS SHOWN ON THE PLAN WITHIN A  $\frac{1}{2}$ " TOLERANCE.

12. ALL TREES AND VEGETATION TO REMAIN SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM INJURY DURING ANY LAND CLEARING AND CONSTRUCTION.

13. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PARK VEHICLES, STORE MATERIALS OR TRENCH WITHIN DRIPLINE OF TREES TO REMAIN, OR WITHIN BARRIERS PROTECTING ANY VEGETATION TO REMAIN.

14. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT CAUSE OR ALLOW THE CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT, STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS SUCH AS PAINTS, SOLVENTS, ASPHALT OR CONCRETE, OR ANY MATERIAL THAT CAN DAMAGE THE HEALTH OF VEGETATION WITHIN THE DRIPLINE OF PROTECTED VEGETATION.

### EROSION CONTROL NOTES:

1. ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL ORDINANCE AND LOCAL STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS.

2. ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA CONTRACTOR.

3. EROSION CONTROL IS A FIELD BASED ACTIVITY. ADDITIONAL SILT FENCE, DIVERSION DITCHES AND OTHER MEASURES MAY NEED TO BE ADDED IN ADDITION TO THE APPROVED PLAN AS NECESSARY. MEASURES SHOWN CAN AND SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO ASSURE MAXIMUM PROTECTION ON SITE WITH APPROVAL OF EROSION CONTROL OFFICER AND SITEWORK STUDIOS.

4. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLING, MAINTAINING AND REMOVING ALL NECESSARY EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MEASURES.

5. ADD MEASURES AS NEEDED FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS.

6. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING ACCURATE LOG OF SITE CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS.

7. EXISTING DRAINAGE PATTERNS AND CONTOURS TO REMAIN INTACT EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN.

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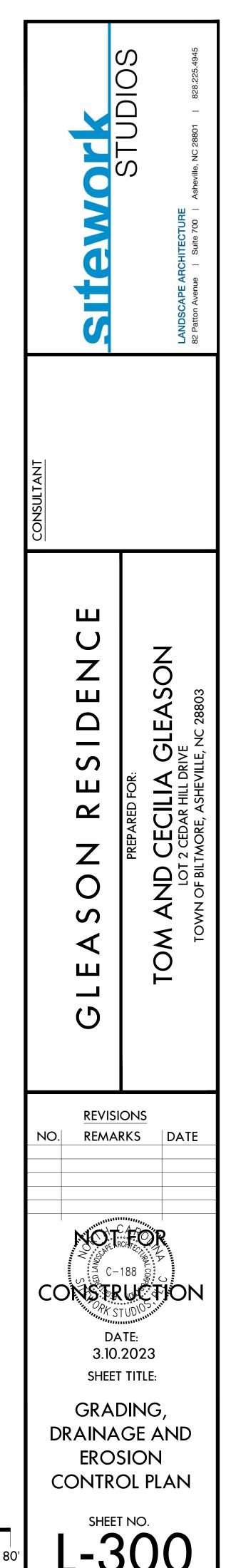
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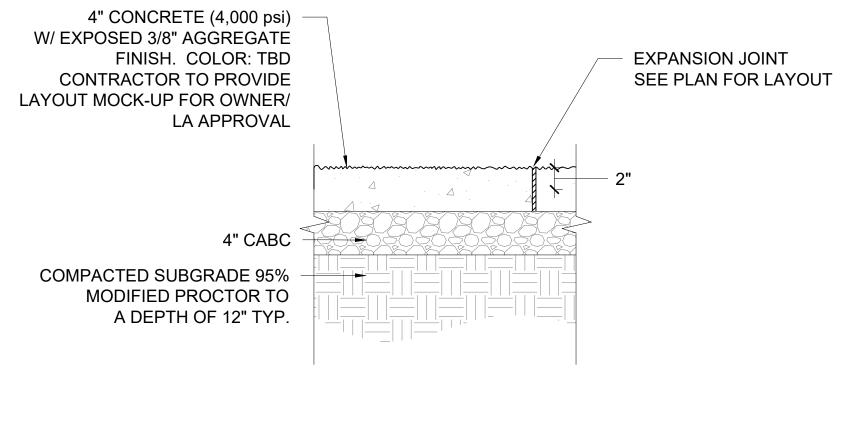
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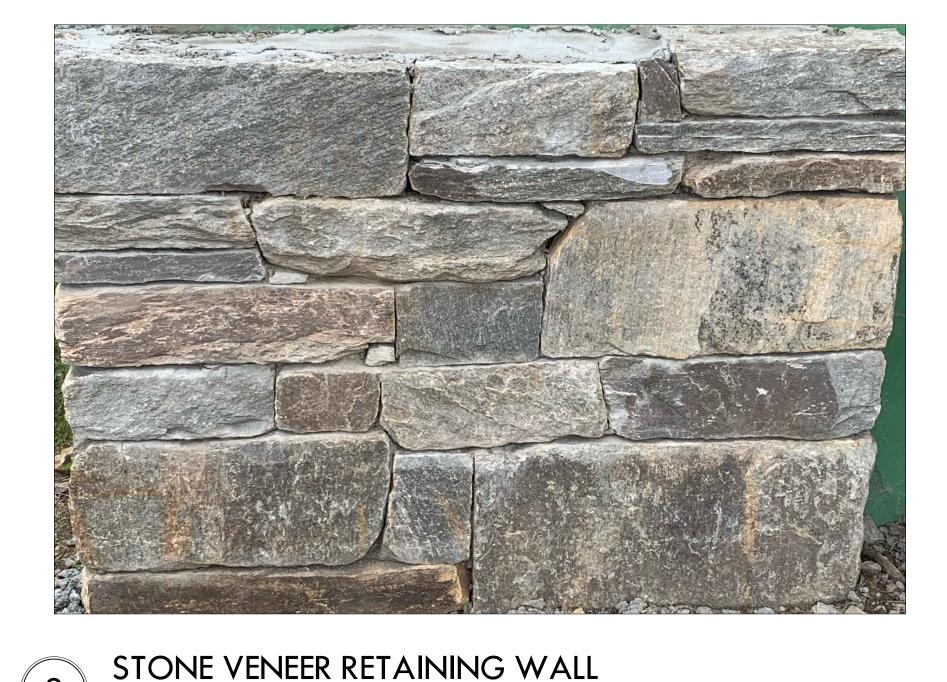
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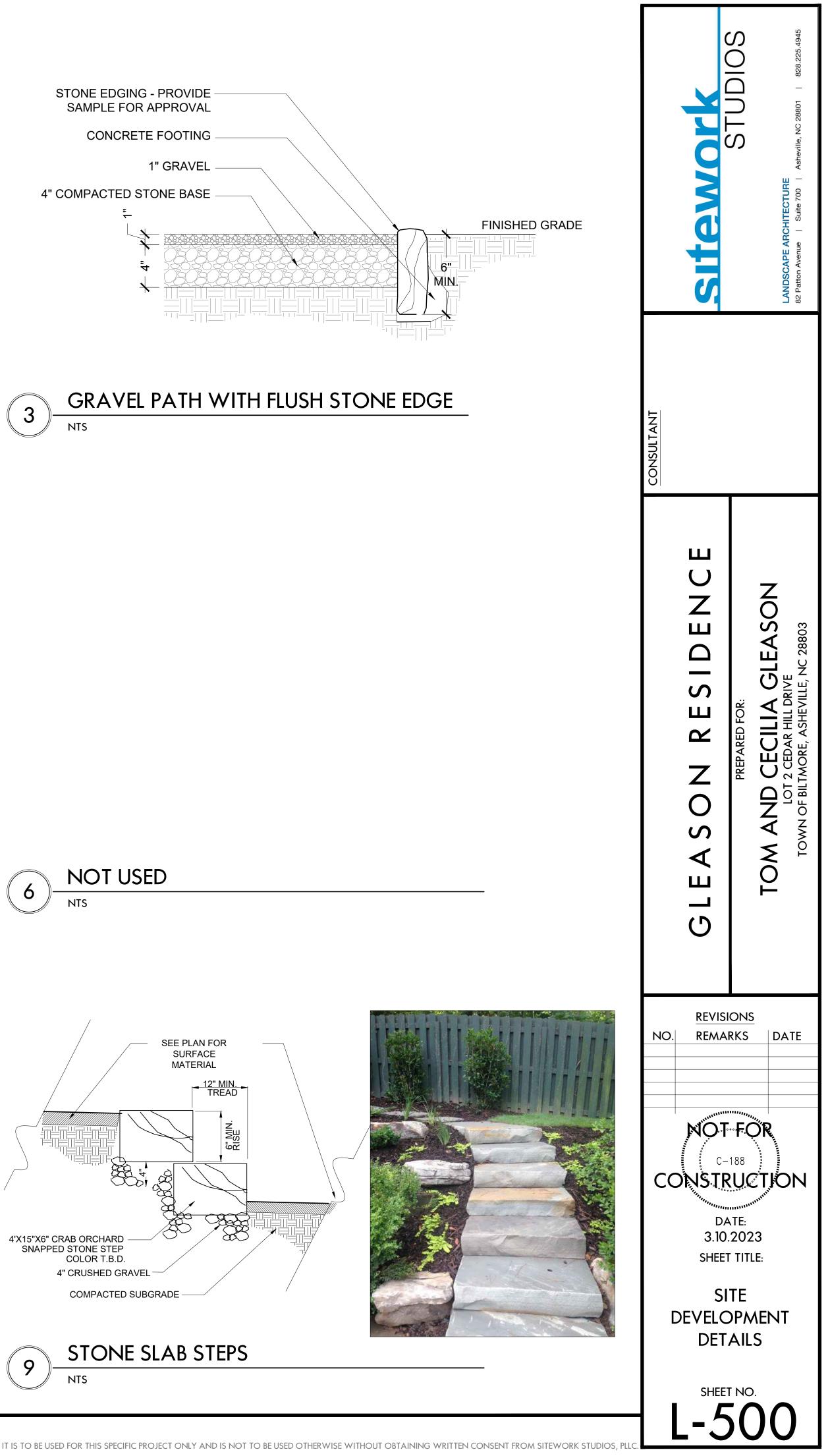
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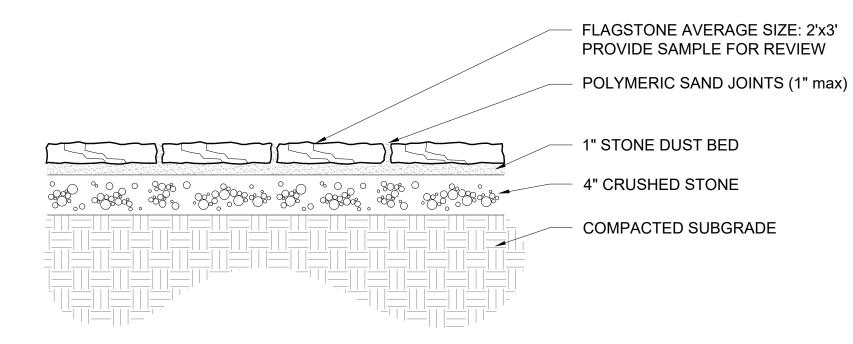
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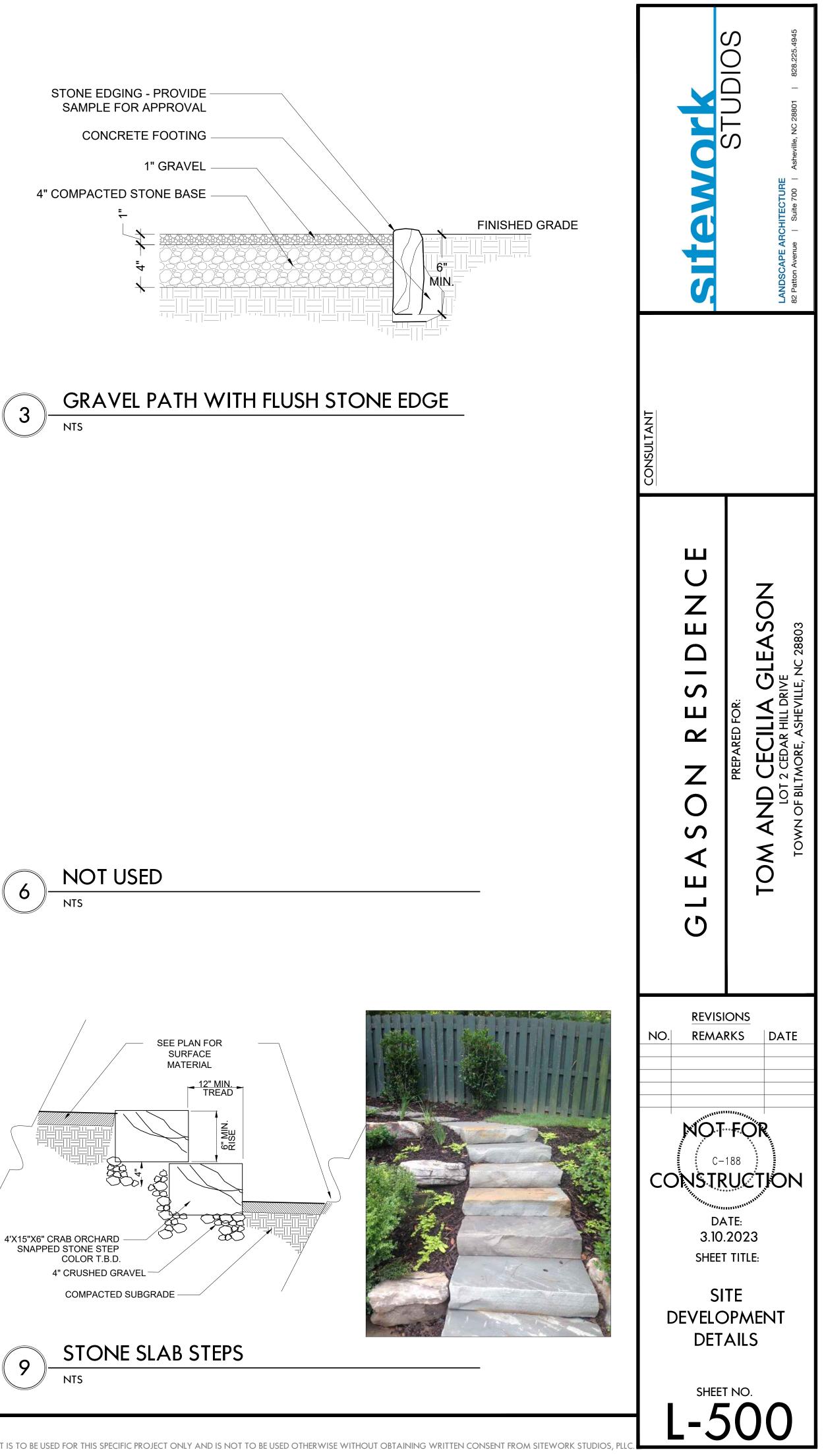


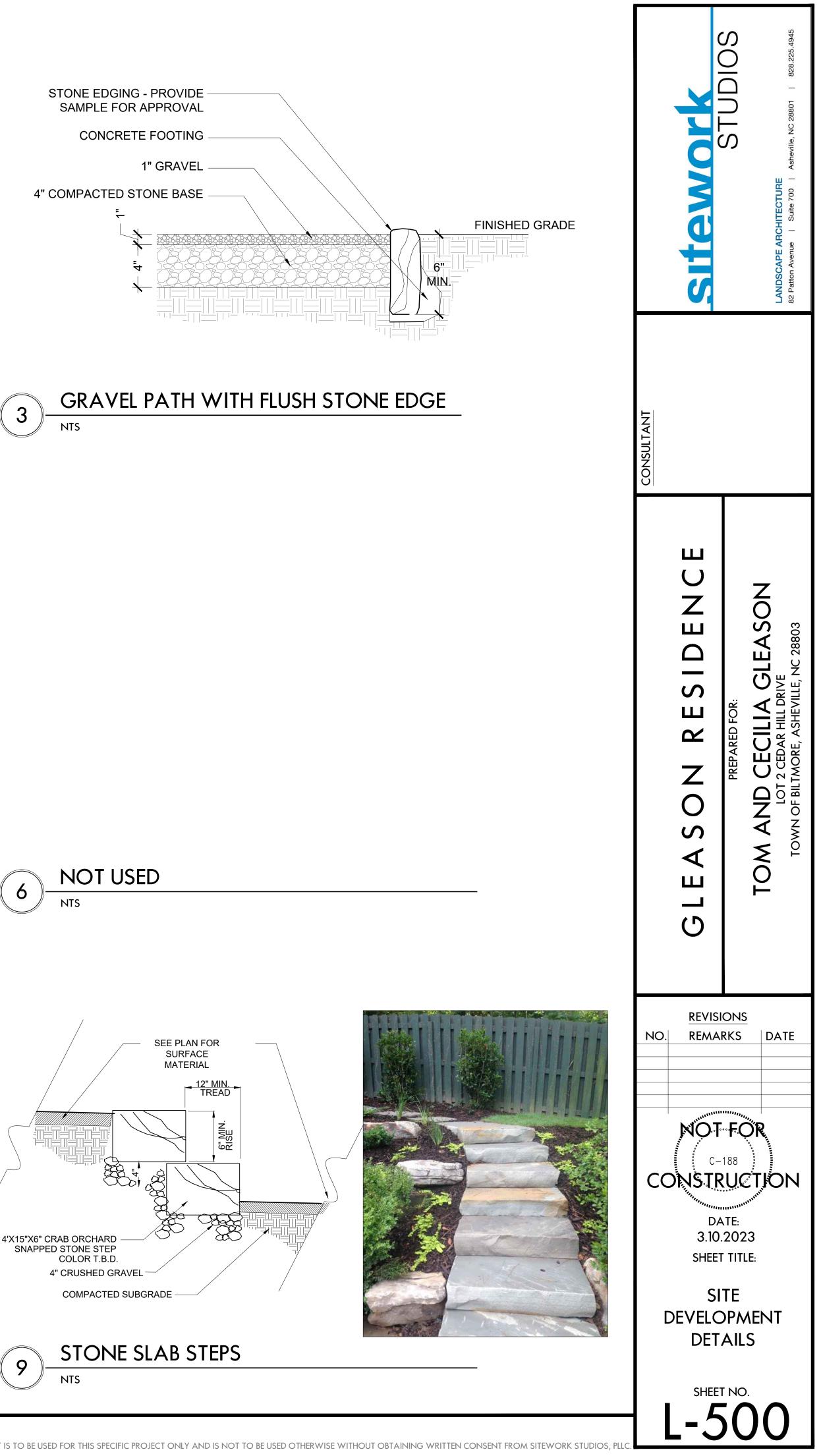


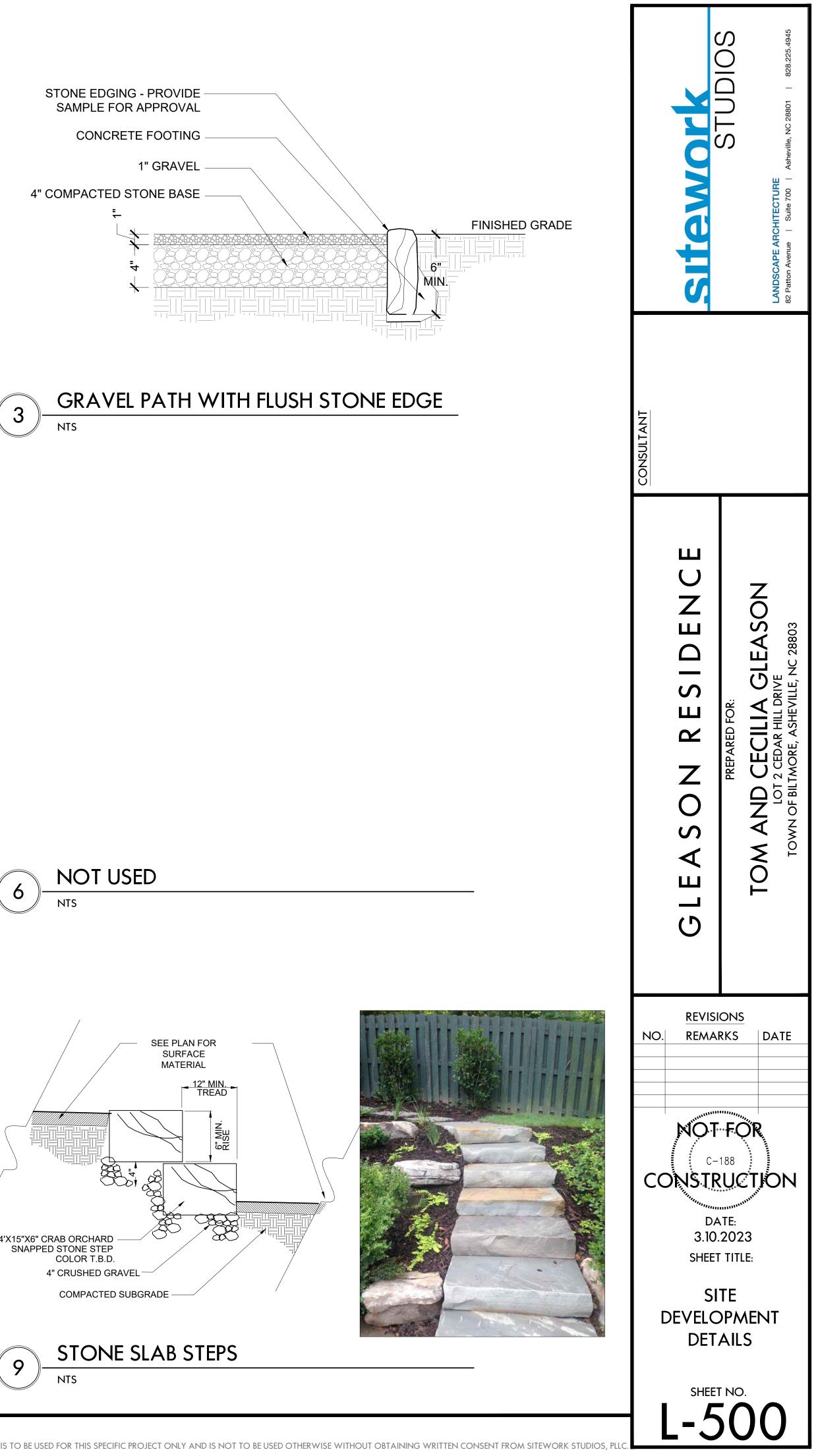


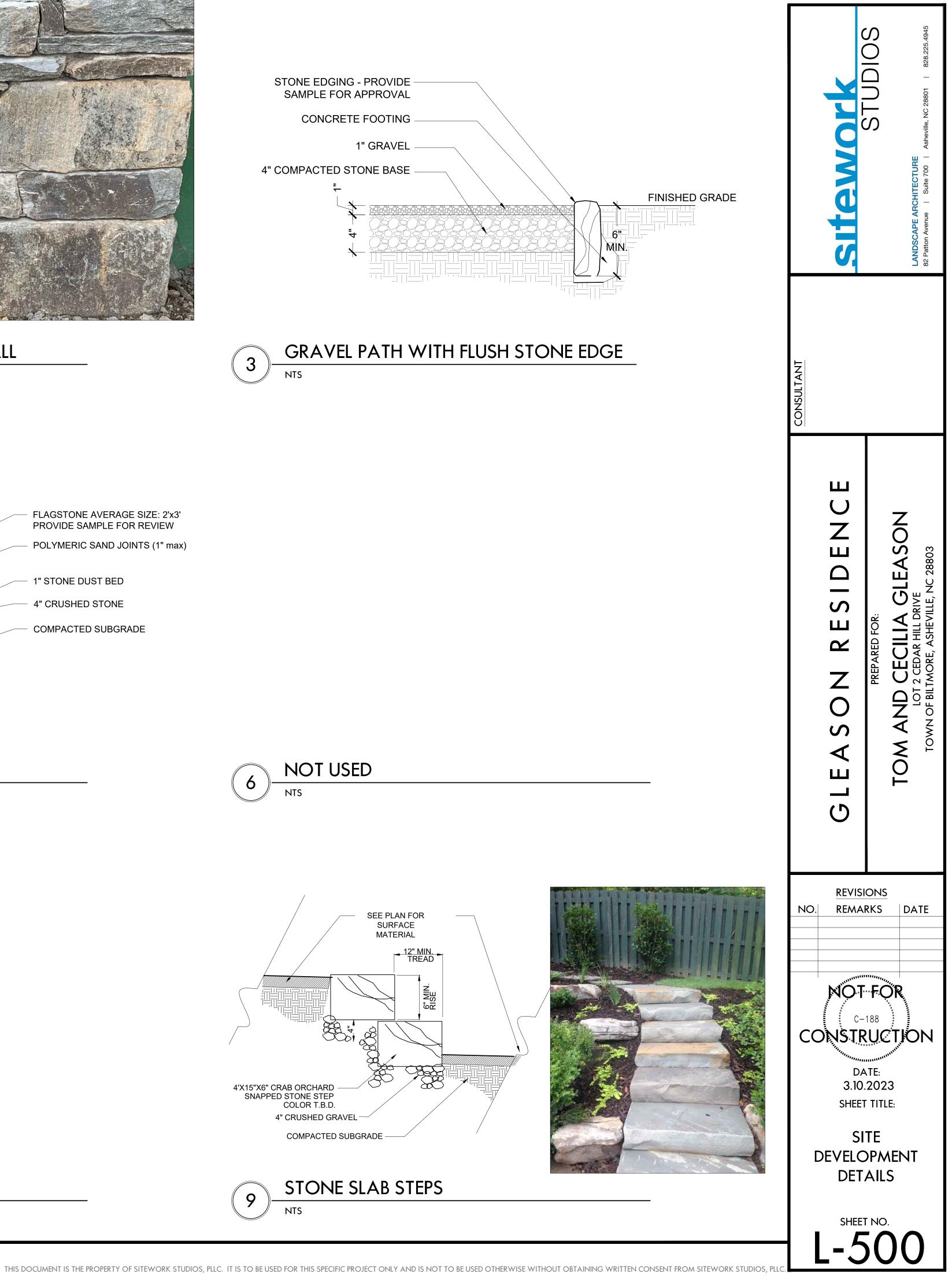
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