DEV25-03

2055 Barrett Dr, Katie Fitzjarrald of Kimley-Horn c/o HD Development of Maryland INC requests approval of a **Development Plan** to install Outdoor Storage and Sales Display areas on the Front and Rear of the building and parking lot, as well as the installation of Seasonal Sales area(s) within the parking lot, located within Greenfield Business Park Section 5 Block A, encompassing approximately +/- 9.38 acres. Zoned "CN" - Commercial North – Continued from July 8, 2025.

Exhibits:

- 1. Proposed Development Plan with Revisions file dated July 24, 2025
- 2. Development Plan Modifications Request

Location and Surrounding Uses:







Zoning Map, Commercial North

North CN - Commercial North – Retail South CN - Commercial North – Retail

East RU – Residential Urban Density - Residential West CN – Commercial North – Retail & Restaurant

History:

Originally proposed to the Plan Commission in 1987 (1987-11), Greenfield Business Park was contemplated to provide a mixed-use development of industrial and commercial operations. Covenants were approved at that time related to the development of the overall site. As a part of Greenfield Business Park, petition 2002-12 was approved by the Plan Commission in May of 2002, providing for a 94,981 square-foot home improvement store with 25,582 square feet of permanently enclosed outdoor sales, and limited outdoor display to only within permitted areas in the front of the building. In 2003, petition 2003-24 was filed to address issues relating to outdoor storage, display, and seasonal sales on the site in an attempt to bring the property into compliance with the Zoning Code.

Since then, Temporary Use permits had been issued for the Seasonal Sales area on occasion, but not regularly. However, the site has struggled to remain in compliance with both the previously approved Development Plans as well as the applicable Zoning Codes. This came to a head in 2023-2024 with the City issuing multiple violations to the property for storage of materials in inappropriate locations. The Petitioner and the City came to an agreement that a Development Plan would be filed to formalize an expansion of the Seasonal Sales area within the parking lot and to install a screened storage area to the rear of the building. This petition is the result of those efforts between the City and the Petitioner.

Current Development Plan Proposal:

The current Development Plan Proposal requests four amendments to previously approved Development Plans from PC2002-12 & PC2003-24.

This petition was previously heard on July 8, 2025. At that meeting, it was determined to address the petition as 4 individual modifications to the previously approved Development Plan. The Rear Storage and Seasonal Sales in the Parking Lot modifications were approved. The North Parking Lot Sales Area was withdrawn by the Petitioner. The Front Façade Sales Area modification (Amendment #4) was continued until the August 12, 2025 Plan Commission Meeting to allow for revisions to the proposal. The following content focuses on the remaining modification (#4) only.

1.) Front Façade Area-

There is proposed to be an official allowance for approximately 9,769 square feet of outdoor sales, display, and storage along the front façade of the building. 3,381 square feet would be permanent sales display of "sheds" and "temporary high volume item storage". 6,388 sf would be "Seasonal Sales" of a variety of goods. "Seasonal" is described as "display areas to expand in the spring, remain steady through the summer, begin to taper off in the fall, and be minimal during the winter". The UDO allows for 1% of the Gross Floor Area of a retail location as outdoor sales and display along a front façade. The building has approximately 121,317 square feet of Gross Floor Area between the main building and the Garden Center. This would allow 1,214 square feet of sales and display along the front façade, normally.

Findings- In total, the proposed outdoor sales, storage, and display area along the front façade is approximately 8 times what is normally allowed by the UDO. The permanent portion is approximately 2.75 times what is allowed by the UDO. The designated items proposed in the areas shown on the Development Plan are specifically connected to the seasonal and outdoor nature of the home improvement and garden center store at this location. The seasonal nature of the intended items reduces the perpetual sales area concerns from the previous proposal.

Staff finds that the specific type of retail items proposed to be displayed as well as the seasonal and ever-changing qualities they will provide for the front façade of this specific store are generally appropriate. Though Staff remains concerned about over-use of front façade areas for sales, display, and storage in retail locations generally, Staff finds this specific proposal at this specific store is supportable. Staff would not be supportive of this allowance being continued for this location with a different use or different retail entity.

The City's desire to keep sites neat and orderly is a function of its responsibility to ensure that neighboring properties are not negatively impacted in their quality of place or their property values. It is Staff's responsibility to ensure that any and all developments within the City are reviewed from this perspective both at the time of Development Plan approval and by enforcing agreements and regulations for sites in perpetuity. As such, Staff will insist on a commitment from the petitioner to adhere to the proposal as approved by this body going forward. Any requested modifications to the approved plans or additional allowances will need to be filed through normal means and adhered to accordingly.

In General, the Plan Commission must be satisfied that the development meets the following five premises:

1. **Compatibility with surrounding land uses-** The surrounding Land Uses are primarily Big Box retail stores and chain restaurants.

Findings: This area is zoned CN for the purpose of encouraging commercial development along this northern corridor. Staff finds this type of development compatible with the surrounding land uses.

2. Utility availability-

Findings: All appropriate utilities are available at the site.

3. Traffic Management that is favorable to health, safety, convenience, and the harmonious development of the community-

Findings: Staff finds that the proposed Development Plan does not negatively impact the traffic management on this site.

4. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation on-site, with appropriate tie-ins to adjacent public circulation systems -

Findings: Staff finds that there will be no negative impact on the ability of vehicles or pedestrians to navigate to, through, or around the site, nor will there be any changes to the existing tie-ins to adjacent circulation systems.

5. Compatibility of scale, materials, and style of improvements with the surrounding area. The style of the architecture of the buildings and structures proposed to be constructed shall be subject to the approval of the Plan Commission. The approval shall be based on the architectural style creating or continuing a unified design which will be in character and proper relationship to the surrounding areas.

Findings: The front display, sales, and storage area(s) along the front façade of the building greatly exceeds what is allowed by code. Though it should not be the norm of what is permitted in the area, allowing a single and (relatively) unique retail location to increase its outdoor sales and display presence contextual to the season and the nature of the retail entity itself is reasonable. Compatibility need not require monotony or homogonous retail façades. The applicant has provided development plan modification justifications, which are included as an exhibit and detail the unique circumstances of this particular business.

As such, Staff finds that the proposal generally meets these Compatibility requirements.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of **Amendment #4** of the **Development Plan** to **expand an existing retail development** within Greenfield Business Park Section 5 Block A, subject to the findings in the staff report and the following conditions:

- 1. All outdoor storage and display of materials and / or items on-site shall be confined to the areas as approved through this Development Plan, excepting where otherwise or additionally allowed under the UDO generally.
- 2. This Development Plan is exclusive to the Home Depot's use at this location and shall be void upon change of use or tenant.
- 3. The site shall be brought into complete compliance with the UDO within 6 months of the approval of the proposed Development Plan.

PROJECT TEAM

OWNER/DEVELOPER

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CIVIL ENGINEER KIMLEY-HORN MEMPHIS, INC.

6750 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE 600 **CONTACT: CASEY WILDER** PHONE: (901) 374-9109

ZONING

GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT A OF GREENFIELD BUSINESS PARK, SECTION 5, SECONDARY PLAT, A REPLAT OF GREENFIELD BUSINESS RECORDER OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SHOWN ON THE PLAT BOOK B, SLIDE 282, INSTRUMENT NUMBER 96-00268, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 147.00 FEET TO A REBAR MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PLAT OF GREENFIELD BUSINESS PARK, SECTION ONE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 270.00 FEET, THE RADIUS POINT OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 00 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AND ALONG WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID MARTINDALE DRIVE AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF GREENFIELD BUSINESS PARK, SECTION TWO, AS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 304, INSTRUMENT NUMBER 96-11029, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 261.65 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR WHICH BEARS SOUTH 33 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST FROM SAID RADIUS POINT; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 206.99 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 159.26 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21 A DISTANCE OF 210.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND EASEMENTS OVER THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AND OPERATION AGREEMENT BY THE BETWEEN SKILKEN GREENFIELD, LLC, A OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, BRANDYWINE ASSOCIATES, LTD, AN INDIAN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION DATED MAY 30, 2002 AND RECORDED JUNE 14, 2002, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 0209673, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA.

SITE PLAN

FOR

HOME DEPOT STORE # 2026 GREENFIELD

2055 BARRETT DR

LOCATED IN

HANCOCK, IN 46140 SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 16N, RANGE 7E





VICINITY MAP

PROJECT LOCATION

CONTRACTOR IS TO REFER TO THE HOME DEPOT SPECIFICATIONS. WHERE MORE STRINGENT THAN AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION, THE HOME DEPOT SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE FOLLOWED.



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PREPARED BY:
Kimley » Horn

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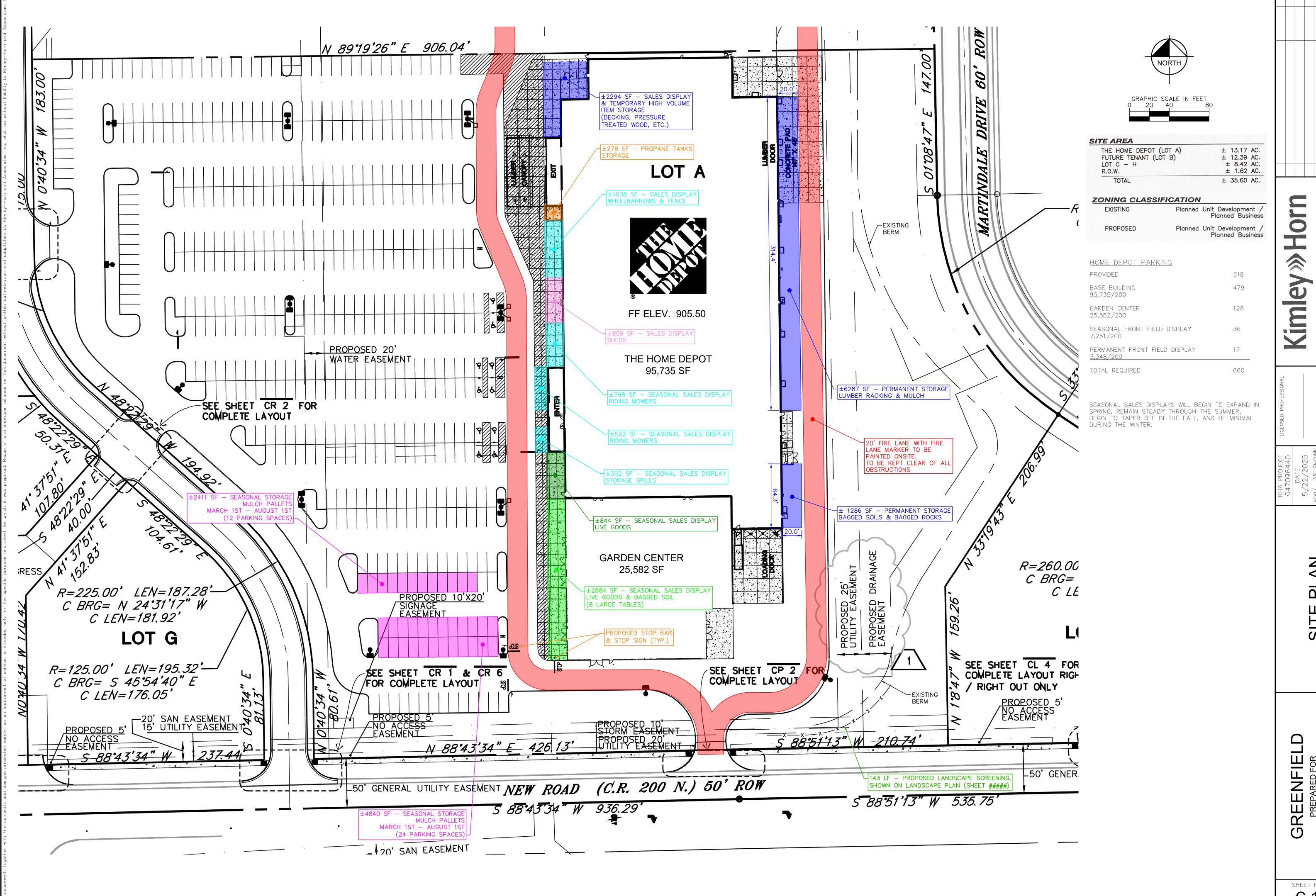
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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROADS SHALL BE PROVIDED AT THE START OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT

CONSTRUCTION (NFPA 1, CH.16).

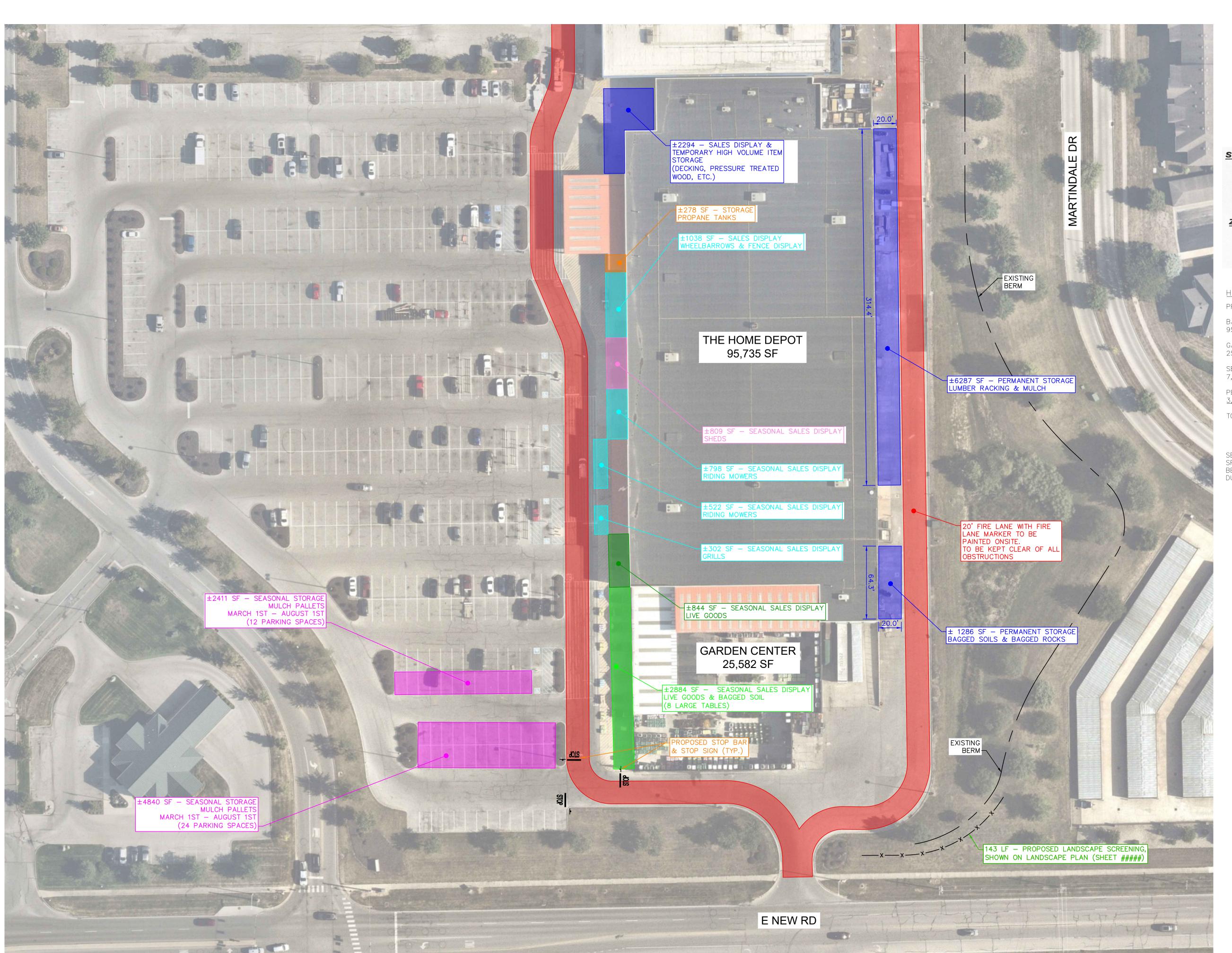
2. FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD SHALL BE UNOBSTRUCTED 20 FEET WIDE, STABILIZED SURFACE TO SUPPORT 80,000 lbs. AND PROVIDE TURNAROUND FOR A 50 FOOT FIRE APPARATUS (NFPA 1, CH.18).

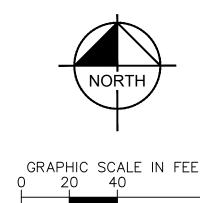


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FOR PREPARED HOME

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SITE AREA

THE HOME DEPOT (LOT A)
FUTURE TENANT (LOT B)
LOT C - H ± 13.17 AC. ± 12.39 AC. ± 8.42 AC. ± 1.62 AC. R.O.W. ± 35.60 AC.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION

Planned Unit Development / Planned Business Planned Unit Development / Planned Business PROPOSED

<u>HOME DEPOT PARKING</u>

PROVIDED 518 BASE BUILDING 479 95,735/200 GARDEN CENTER 128 25,582/200 SEASONAL FRONT FIELD DISPLAY 7,251/200 PERMANENT FRONT FIELD DISPLAY 17 3,348/200

TOTAL REQUIRED

SEASONAL SALES DISPLAYS WILL BEGIN TO EXPAND IN SPRING, REMAIN STEADY THROUGH THE SUMMER, BEGIN TO TAPER OFF IN THE FALL, AND BE MINIMAL DURING THE WINTER.

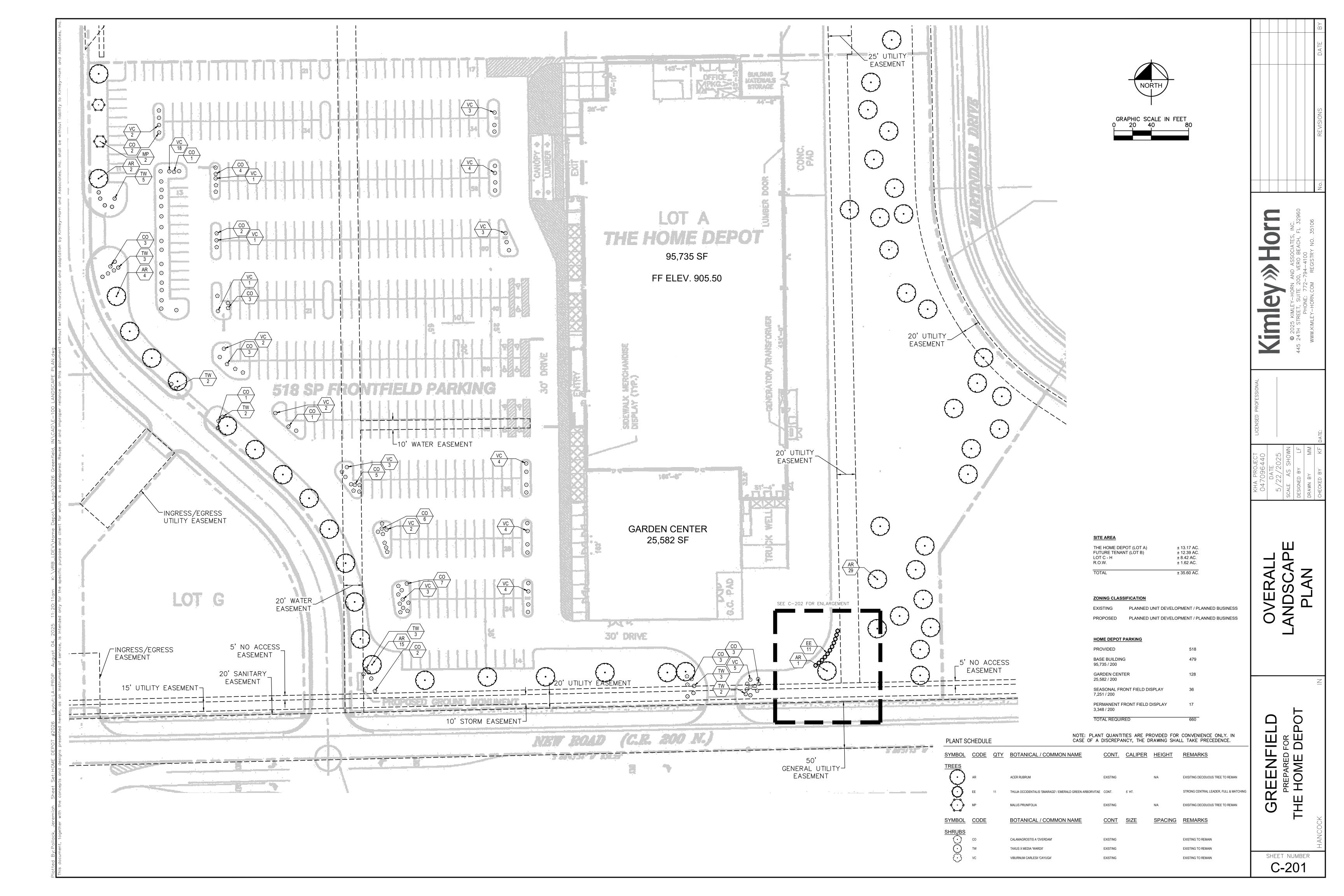
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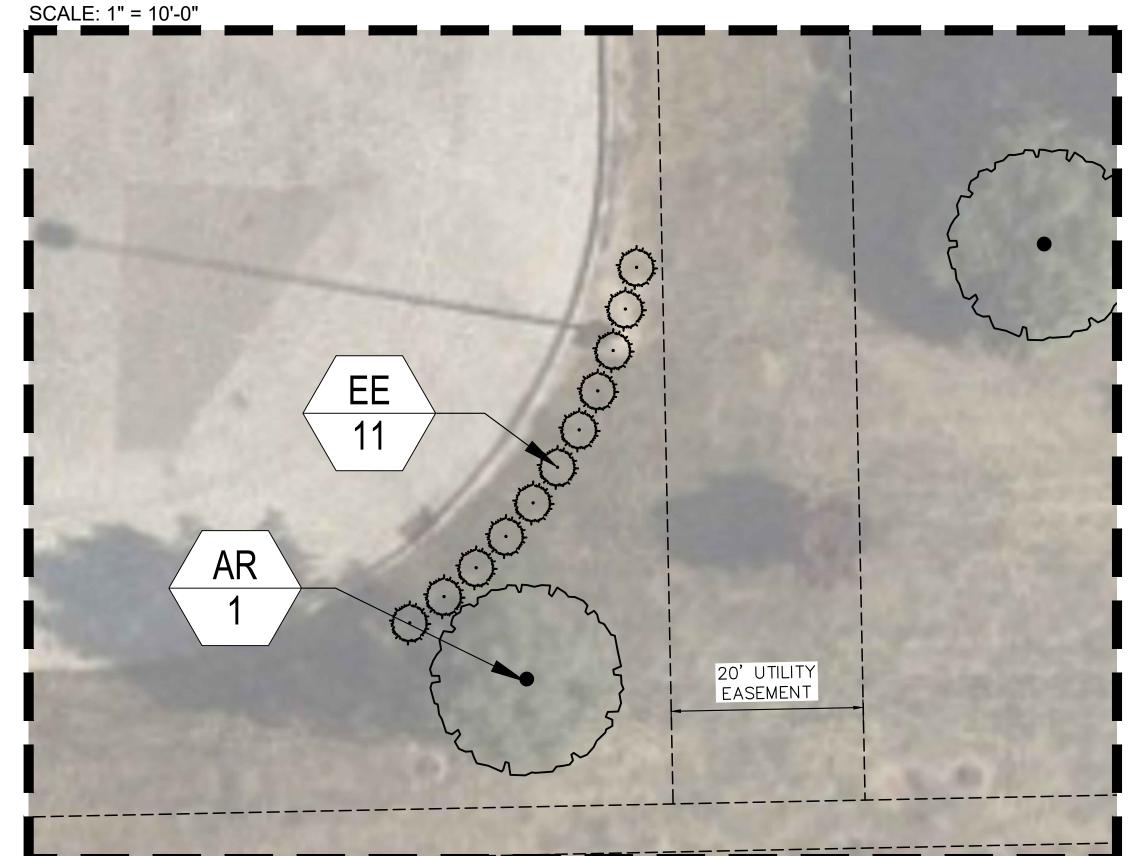
SITE PLAN (AERIAL)

POR DEPOT GREENFIELD PREPARED HOME

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NOTE: PLANT QUANTITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. IN CASE OF A DISCREPANCY, THE DRAWING SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

STRONG CENTRAL LEADER, FULL & MATCHING

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SPACING REMARKS



SYMBOL CODE QTY BOTANICAL / COMMON NAM

MALUS PRUNIFOLIA

CALAMAGROSTIS A 'OVERDAM'

VIBURNUM CARLESII 'CAYUGA'

TAXUS X MEDIA 'WARDII'

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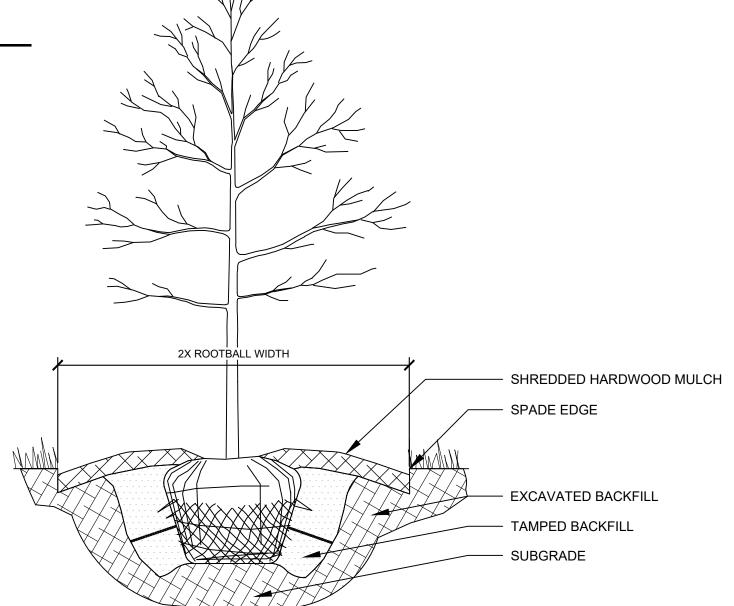
PLANT SCHEDULE

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LANDSCAPE NOTES

- 1. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLING MATERIALS AND TO REPAIR UTILITIES, ADJACENT LANDSCAPE, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS DAMAGED BY THE CONTRACTOR OR THEIR SUBCONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS DURING INSTALLATION OR DURING THE SPECIFIED MAINTENANCE PERIOD. CALL FOR UTILITY LOCATIONS PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPORT ANY DISCREPANCY IN PLAN VS. FIELD CONDITIONS IMMEDIATELY TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, PRIOR TO CONTINUING WITH THAT PORTION OF
- 3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIR OF ANY OF THEIR TRENCHES OR **EXCAVATIONS THAT SETTLE.**
- 4. ALL NURSERY STOCK SHALL BE WELL BRANCHED, HEALTHY, FULL, PRE-INOCULATED AND FERTILIZED. DECIDUOUS TREES SHALL BE FREE OF FRESH SCARS. TRUNKS WILL BE WRAPPED IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT SUN SCALD AND INSECT DAMAGE. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE THE WRAP AT THE PROPER TIME AS A PART OF THIS CONTRACT.
- 5. ALL NURSERY STOCK SHALL BE GUARANTEED, BY THE CONTRACTOR, FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF FINAL INSPECTION.
- 6. PLANTING AREA SOIL SHALL BE TOPSOIL FOR ALL SHRUB, ORNAMENTAL GRASS, PERENNIAL AND ANNUAL BEDS. AMENDED TURF AREA SOIL SHALL BE STANDARD TOPSOIL.
- 7. SEED/SOD LIMIT LINES ARE APPROXIMATE. CONTRACTOR SHALL SEED/SOD ALL AREAS WHICH ARE DISTURBED BY GRADING WITH THE SPECIFIED SEED/SOD MIXES.
- 8. CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH AT A 3" DEPTH TO ALL TREES, SHRUB, PERENNIAL, AND GROUNDCOVER AREAS. TREES PLACED IN AREA COVERED BY TURF SHALL RECEIVE A 4 FT WIDE MAXIMUM TREE RING WITH 3" DEPTH SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH. A SPADED BED EDGE SHALL SEPARATE MULCH BEDS FROM TURF OR SEEDED AREAS. A SPADED EDGE IS NOT REQUIRED ALONG CURBED EDGES.
- 9. WEED FABRIC SHALL BE APPLIED UNDER MULCH.
- 10. INSTALLATION OF TREES WITHIN PARKWAYS SHALL BE COORDINATED IN THE FIELD WITH LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. TREES SHALL NOT BE LOCATED CLOSER THAN 5' FROM UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES AND NO CLOSER THAN 10' FROM UTILITY STRUCTURES.
- 11.DO NOT DISTURB THE EXISTING PAVING, LIGHTING, OR LANDSCAPING THAT EXISTS ADJACENT TO THE SITE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON PLAN.

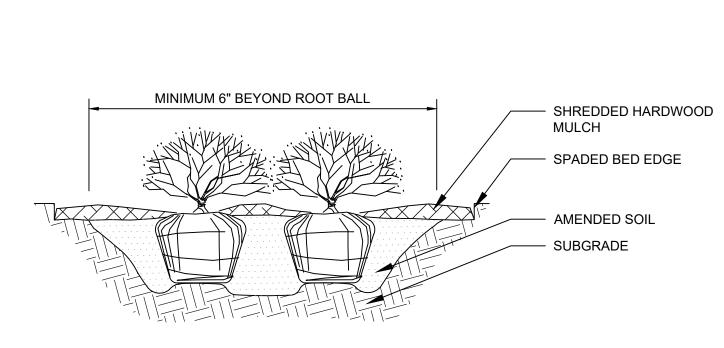
- 12.PLANT QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE OWNER AND JURISDICTIONAL AS DRAWN.
- 13. THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE MAY REJECT ANY PLANT MATERIALS THAT ARE DISEASED, DEFORMED, OR OTHERWISE NOT EXHIBITING SUPERIOR QUALITY.
- 14. THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ALL REQUIRED LANDSCAPING SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH SAID MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED. ALL PLANT MATERIALS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAINTAINED AS LIVING VEGETATION AND SHALL BE PROMPTLY REPLACED BY CONTRACTOR IF THE PLANT MATERIAL HAS DIED PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE. PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE KEPT FREE OF TRASH, LITTER, AND WEEDS AT ALL TIMES.
- 15. SEE PROJECT MANUAL TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPLETE LANDSCAPE PLANTING & PLANTING SOIL PREPARATIONS.
- 16. ALL PLANTING AREAS SHALL RECEIVE 3" DEPTH OF SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH. FREE OF CORN COBS, WOOD CHIPS, GRAVEL AND CRUSHED STONE.
- 17.MULCH SHALL NOT BE HELD IN PLACE BY PLASTIC NET, OR SPRAYING OF ANY BINDER MATERIAL OR ASPHALT EMULSION.
- 18. PLANTS SHALL BE WATERED BY THE CONTRACTOR AFTER INSTALLATION PER PROJECT WATERING SCHEDULE. LOSSES DUE TO LACK OF WATER DURING WARRANTY PERIOD BECOME LIABILITY OF CONTRACTOR.
- 19. WEEDING, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AND WATERING TO BE THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- 20.TOPSOIL SHALL CONFORM TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FREE OF HEAVY CLAY, ROCKS AND DIRT CLODS OVER 1 INCH IN DIAMETER AS WELL AS CONTAIN 3%-5% ORGANIC MATTER.
- 21.CONTRACTOR SHALL STAKE INDIVIDUAL TREE AND SHRUB LOCATIONS AND OUTLINE AREAS FOR MULTIPLE HERBACEOUS PLANTINGS, ADJUST LOCATIONS WHEN REQUESTED AND OBTAIN PROJECT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S ACCEPTANCE PRIOR TO PLANTING.
- 22.ALL PLANT ID TAGS SHALL BE REMOVED AFTER INSTALLATION.
- 23.ALL EXISTING TREES AND PLANT MATERIAL ON SITE SHALL REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE DEMOLITION PLAN.



NOTES:

TREE PLANTING

- 1. INSPECT TREE FOR DAMAGED BRANCHES, APPLY CORRECTIVE PRUNING. 2. IF LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS ARE WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO AREAS WHERE LIME STABILIZATION OCCURS, CONTRACTOR SHALL FULLY REMOVE SOIL CONTAINING LIME STABILIZATION AND REPLACE WITH HIGH QUALITY PLANTING SOIL.
- 3. SET ROOT BALL ON UNEXCAVATED OR TAMPED SOIL. TOP OF ROOTBALL SHALL BE TWO INCHES ABOVE SURROUNDING GRADE WITH BURLAP AND WIRE BASKET INTACT.
- 4. REMOVE WIRE BASKET AND BURLAP DOWN FOUR TO SIX INCHES BELOW TOP OF ROOT BALL. REMOVE ALL TWINE AND (IF USED), SYNTHETIC MATERIAL. REMOVE OR CORRECT GIRDLING ROOTS.
- 5. TAMP EXCAVATED SOIL AROUND BASE OF ROOTBALL
- 6. BACKFILL REMAINDER EXCAVATED SOIL TAMPED LIGHTLY. HIGH CLAY OR POOR SOIL SHALL RECEIVE SOIL AMENDMENT PER LANDSCAPE NOTES.
- 7. WATER THOROUGHLY WITHIN TWO HOURS USING 10 TO 15 GALLONS OF
- 8. APPLY MULCH IN EVEN LAYER, KEEPING AWAY FROM ROOT FLARE.
- 9. FINAL LOCATION OF TREE TO BE APPROVED BY OWNER.



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NOTES:

- APPLY CORRECTIVE PRUNING.
- 2. SET ROOT BALL OR CONTAINER ON UNEXCAVATED OR TAMPED SOIL. TOP OF ROOTBALL (CONTAINER) SHALL BE ONE INCH ABOVE SURROUNDING GRADE. FOR LARGER SHRUBS WITHIN
- PLANTING BED DIG A DEEPER PIT ONLY FOR THOSE SHRUBS. 3. REMOVE BURLAP FROM TOP HALF THE LENGTH OF ROOTBALL. TWINE AND (IF USED) SYNTHETIC
- MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PLANTING BED. FOR CONTAINER GROWN SHRUBS, REMOVE CONTAINER AND LOOSEN ROOTS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- 4. REMOVE OR CORRECT GIRDLING ROOTS.
- 5. PLUMB AND BACKFILL WITH AMENDED SOIL PER LANDSCAPE NOTES. WATER THOROUGHLY WITHIN TWO HOURS.
- 6. APPLY MULCH IN EVEN LAYER, KEEPING AWAY FROM ROOT FLARE. MULCH LIMITS FOR SHRUBS EXTEND TO ALL LIMITS OF PLANTING BED, SEE PLANS FOR BED LAYOUTS.

SHRUB PLANTING

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A. The requested modifications would not, in any way, contravene the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan, the UDO, the Official Zoning Map of the City, or the Subdivision Control Ordinance;

Applicant Response:

- The modifications support the long-term vision for land use, economic development, and community character as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.
 The location is already appropriately zoned.
- B. Granting the modifications would not be detrimental to the public safety, health, or welfare and would not adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, fire protection, etc.);

Applicant Response:

- Outdoor displays will maintain clear access for emergency vehicles, fire lanes, and pedestrian walkways. The modifications will in no way affect the delivery of government services.
- C. Granting the modifications would neither substantially alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor result in substantial injury to other nearby properties;

Applicant Response:

- The modifications would only enhance the existing character of the neighborhood and would not be detrimental to the surrounding properties.
- D. Practical difficulties have been demonstrated:
- i. The conditions of the parcel that give rise to the practical difficulties are unique to the parcel and are not applicable generally to other nearby properties;
 - Items like propane tanks and gas-powered equipment are best stored outdoors due
 to ventilation and safety requirements. Live goods require natural light and airflow,
 while large items such as mowers and wheelbarrows are more effectively displayed
 outside for visibility and space efficiency. Increased customer demand, especially
 during peak seasons, makes outdoor sales areas essential for meeting community
 needs.

- ii. The requested modifications represent the minimum modifications necessary to meet the intent of the regulations;
 - The Home Depot in Greenfield is committed to serving the rapidly growing community in Greenfield, and without this increased sales area we will not have the ability to meet that demand. Even with the proposed expansion, we anticipate continued challenges in keeping pace with customer needs. Enforcement of the existing code has already led to a noticeable decline in sales, which not only affects our business but also reduces local tax revenue and diminishes the overall shopping experience for our patrons. Granting these modifications would help improve operational efficiency, improve customer satisfaction, and support the city's economic vitality.
- iii. The practical difficulties were not created by the petitioner, developer, owner, or subdivider; and
 - The display of live goods, mulch, lawn mowers, wheelbarrows, lumber, and similar items is not a discretionary decision by The Home Depot, but rather a practical necessity driven by the nature of these products and the expectations of the community. These goods are inherently suited for outdoor display due to their size, and seasonal relevance. Customers actively seek out these items in accessible, visible outdoor settings, and restricting their display not only limits the store's ability to serve the public but also undermines the shopping experience that patrons have come to expect from Home Depot.
- iv. The practical difficulties cannot be overcome through reasonable design alternatives.
 - There are no viable alternatives to allowing the expanded outdoor sales areas. The nature of the product, many of which are large, seasonal, or safety-sensitive, requires outdoor display. Attempting to accommodate these goods indoors is impractical and would significantly hinder operations, limit product availability, and diminish the customer experience. Outdoor sales areas are essential to meet community demand and maintain the level of service expected from Home Depot.