

#### CITY OF TONTITOWN PLANNING OFFICE

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Meeting: **November 1, 2021**Project: **Mathias Warehouses**Planner: Nathan Crouch

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

## BZA1 (Variance #1), BZA2 (Variance #2), PC1 (waiver), PC2 (LSD)

#### PRELIMINARY LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL REQUEST

353 Agnes Drive Parcel # 830-37611-002

### Mathias Warehouses Preliminary Large Scale Development Waiver and Variance Requests

353 Agnes Dr.

Parcel #s: 830-37611-002 Current Zoning: Industrial

Future Land Use: LI, Light Industrial

Floodplain: No

MS4: No

Water: Tontitown Water Sewer: Tontitown Sewer Road Access: Agnes Drive

Master Street Plan Requirements: Agnes Drive is a Local Street which requires a

minimum 50' ROW.

\*Typical Cross-Section indicates 29 feet with parking on one side. Delineated parking is

preferred.

**Electric:** Ozarks Electric **Cable:** Cox Communications

Phone: AT&T

Natural Gas: Source Gas School District: Springdale

City Ward: 1-Gene McCartney, Amber Ibarra

Large Scale:

Number of Units proposed: 3 warehouse/office buildings

Total Acreage: 3.47 acres

#### **Proposed Waiver requests:**

- To allow for an 80 ft. driveway throat
- To allow for the width of the green space along Mathias Ave to be lowered from 5 ft. to

3 ft.

- To allow the landscape buffer areas to be shortened on Mathias Ave and Fletcher Road
- To allow the southern driveway to be closer than 80 ft. to an intersection
- To allow for deviation from the design standards for large scale developments

Proposed Variance #1: Decrease the front setback from 100 ft. to 50 ft.

Decrease the rear setback from 75 ft. to 60 ft.

Proposed Variance #2: Decrease the side setbacks from 75 ft. to 25 ft.

#### **Summary of Variance Requests:**

**Request:** Applicant is requesting to decrease the front setback from 100 ft. to 50 ft., the rear setback from 75 ft. to 60 ft. and the side setback from 75 ft. to 25 ft. Fletcher Road is currently being constructed and the right of way that was dedicated for the roadway has taken away from the setback area that was needed for this project. A similar variance was granted to the 2 warehouses located to the north of this proposed development.

**SUMMARY:** Mathias Warehouses is requesting Variance (VAR) approval and Preliminary Large Scale Development (LSD) approval for three warehouse buildings, Building 1 is proposed to be 19,212 sq.ft., building two is proposed to be 13,423 sq.ft., and building three is proposed to be 19,212 sq.ft. on a tract of land that is 3.47 acres in size. There are also several waivers requested as a part of this project.

**ZONING:** <u>I, Industrial</u>

**CITY WARD:** 1 – Gene McCartney, Amber Ibarra

FLOODPLAIN: No

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE AREAS** (not a guarantee of service availability):

Water: Tontitown Water, existing 8" line

**Electric:** Ozarks Electric (please update the plans to show this correctly)

Sewer/Septic: Tontitown Sewer

Phone: AT&T

Natural Gas: Black Hills Energy Cable: Cox Communications School District: Springdale

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

**Utilities:** 

**Water:** Tontitown Water-According to the Water System information, there is an existing 8-inch water line at the rear of the property that will be extended.

**Electric:** Ozarks Electric- General comments were received from OECC and will need to be addressed during the construction phase of this project.

**Sewer/Septic:** Sewer- this project proposes to connect to the City of Tontitown sewer system. Sewer is on the opposite side of the street and if not constructed before the street is complete will need to be considered for rerouting.

The connection must be approved prior to construction.

**Phone:** AT&T- No comments were received from ATT.

**Natural Gas:** Black Hills Energy- No comments were received from BHE. **Cable:** Cox Communications- No comments were received from Cox.

It is the applicant's responsibility to coordinate any additional utility easements or connections as needed to service their property.

**School District:** Springdale school district.

#### **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP):**

The applicant has provided a grading and drainage plan. A SWPPP must be completed and posted on site prior to construction.

#### Police:

Tontitown Police Chief Corey Jenison did not have any comments.

#### Fire:

There is a 6" FDC shown on the plans. The buildings will be sprinkler protected. Approval of sprinkler system will need to be reviewed during the construction plan review process. There is a fire lane proposed on the west side of the buildings.

The main drive aisles are 26 ft. wide with two separate 40 ft. ingress/egress points proposed, as well as an 80 ft. ingress/egress point. All turns have the required radius for fire apparatus access. All interior drives must meet the required compaction rating to support emergency vehicles.

#### **Drainage:**

There is no detention pond proposed for this site. The applicant's engineer has submitted a drainage report for review which states that under the proposed conditions, the site will sheet flow into a dry detention pond located on the western side of the site. A drainage easement should be required, although it is currently owned by the same property owner. In the event of a sale in the future, this will ensure that detention remains adequate for

this site.

#### Roads:

This project has access onto Mathias Avenue, a local street and E. Fletcher Road, a Collector on the Master Street Plan. Mathias Avenue and Fletcher Road are currently under construction, the applicant has dedicated ROW to allow for the construction.

Site visibility appears to be adequate from the proposed entrance locations.

As stated above, all interior drives must meet the required compaction rating to support emergency vehicles.

#### Waiver #1: To allow for an 80 ft driveway throat

Staff recommends <u>approval</u> of this request as the primary use of these structures will be for warehousing and there will be large trucks to back into unload their cargo. This will also limit the number of curb cuts along Mathias Avenue.

Waiver #2: To allow for the width of the greenspace along Mathias Avenue to be lowered from 5 ft to 3 ft

<u>Waiver #3</u> To allow the landscape buffer areas to be shortened on Mathias Avenue and Fletcher Road

Staff recommends <u>approval</u> of these requests as the applicant has dedicated ROW and is constructing a 12 ft trail along Fletcher Road. This will allow 2 ft of landscaping between the drive aisle and the trail. Along Mathias Avenue the applicant will provide a 3 ft greenspace between back of curb and sidewalk and maintain 6 ft of landscaping between the sidewalk and the site. While the purpose of greenspace between sidewalk and back of curb is for safety, staff is less concerned with pedestrian traffic in this industrial location along Mathias Avenue than would be in a neighborhood setting. In addition, the 12ft trail will be constructed with a 7 ft greenspace on Fletcher Road.

#### Waiver #4: To allow the southern driveway to be closer than 80ft to an intersection

Staff recommends <u>approval</u> of this request due to the construction of Mathias Avenue and the narrowness of the lot. The drive has been designed to be at the midpoint between the intersections with Fletcher Road to the east and west and staff agrees with

the applicant that this will not result in unsafe traffic conditions.

# <u>Waiver #5:</u> To allow for deviation from the design standards for large scale developments

Staff recommends <u>denial</u> of this request as Fletcher Road is expected to carry traffic as an alternative route to Henri de Tonti Blvd and will be very visible. In addition, there is an adjacent residential neighborhood. While the primary use of this space may be warehousing, it will be very visible from public right of way, especially along Fletcher Road. The Future Land Use Plan calls for commercial development on the currently undeveloped property to the south.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** There are some details that remain to be addressed at the Construction Plan phase of plan review, but nothing that should significantly impact the overall design.

Therefore, staff recommends **approval** of Mathias Warehouse Large Scale Development with Waivers as recommended above, with conditions.

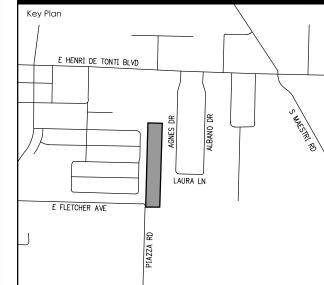
#### CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

- 1. It is the applicant's responsibility to coordinate any additional utility easements or connections as needed to service their property.
- 2. The SWPPP must be completed and posted on site prior to construction.
- 3. The FDC and sprinkler system shall be approved by the Fire Marshal and a knox box may be required for emergency personnel.
- 4. Correct all remaining items on the "Plat Requirement Worksheet" prior to Construction Plan approval. Planning Staff will provide a copy of the remaining requirements to the engineer for the project.
- 5. All interior drives must meet the required compaction rating to support emergency vehicles.
- 6. The applicant must apply for all required permits prior to construction.
- 7. Provide a drainage easement to the detention pond since a portion of the proposed detention is located on an adjacent parcel.
- 8. Show irrigation method to the proposed landscaping and the landscaped plan must be signed by a landscape professional.
- 9. The applicant must submit architectural elevations that meet the requirements of Industrial buildings pursuant to Chapter 152.151 prior to issuance of building permit if Waiver is not approved with this request.
- 10. Please address the engineering comments sent on October 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the dumpster location and grade at the southeast corner of the site.

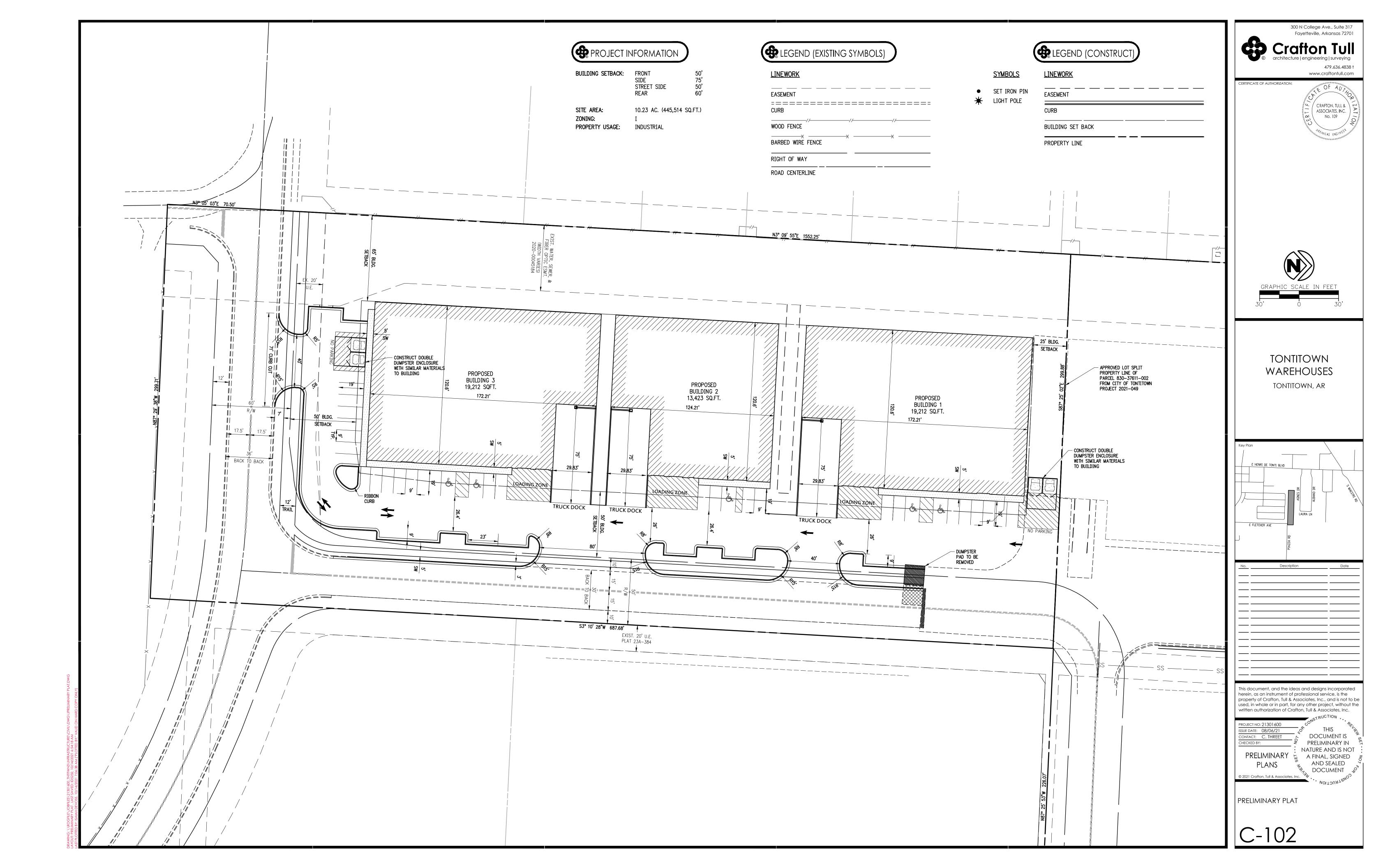


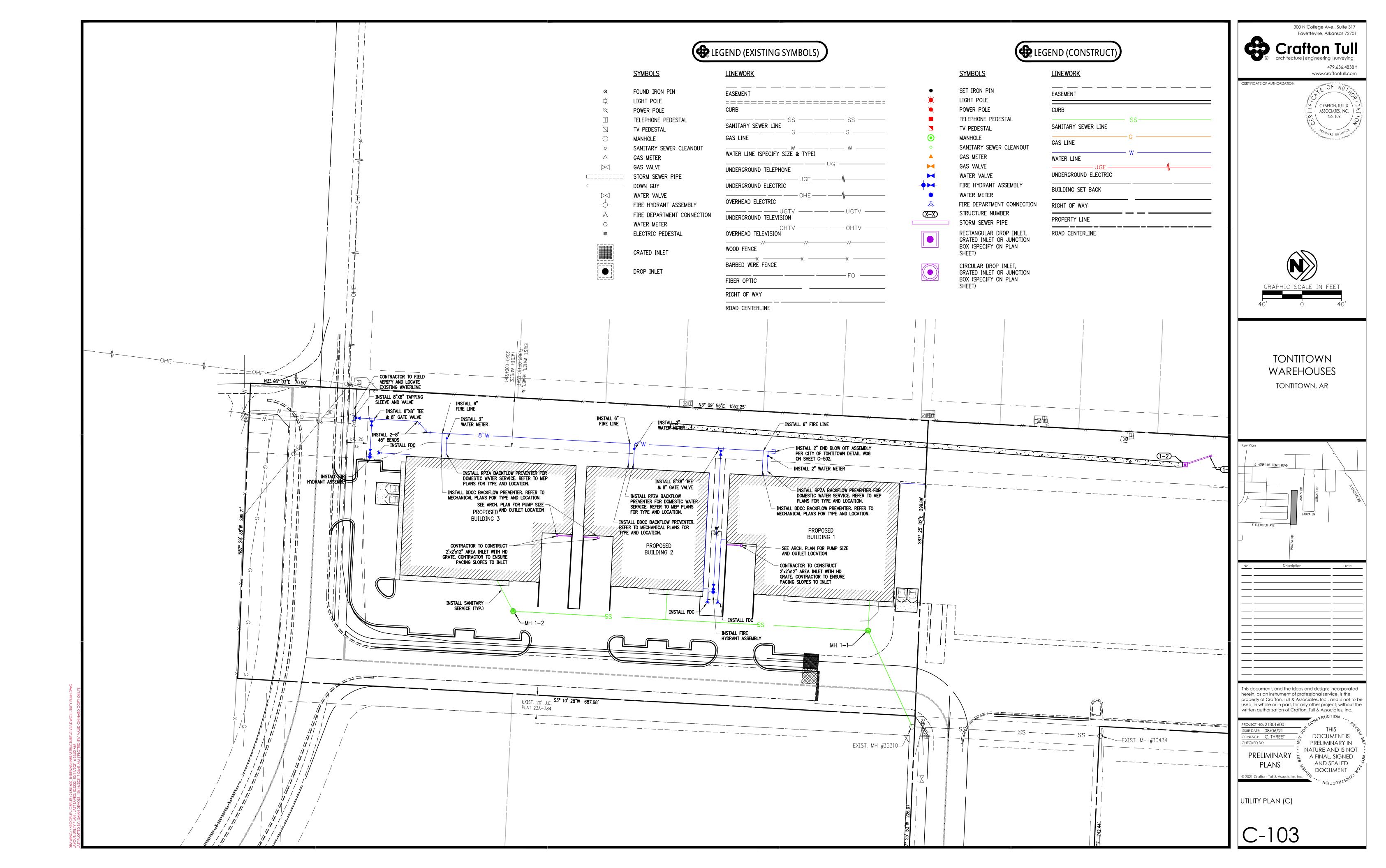
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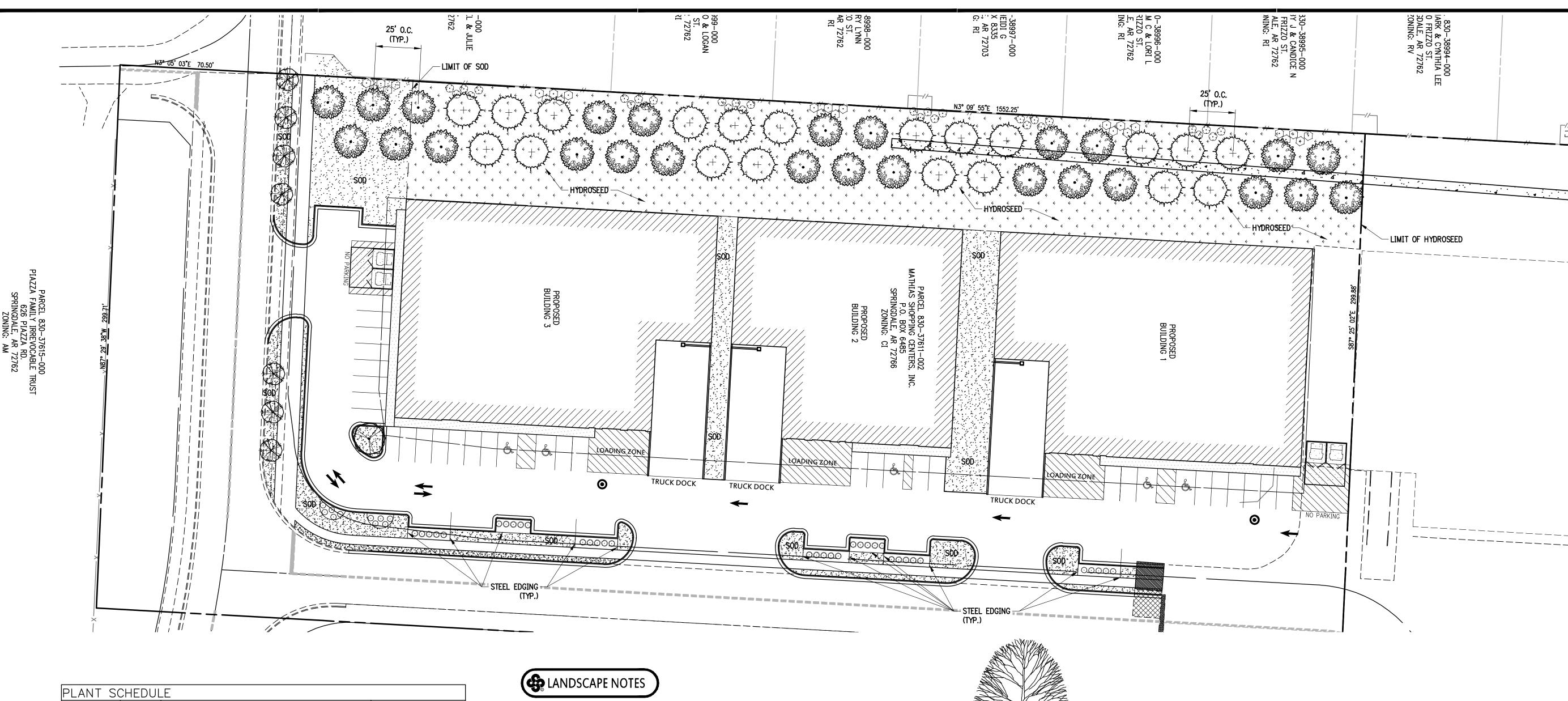
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TREES	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	CONT
	7	ACER RUBRUM 'ARMSTRONG' / ARMSTRONG RED MAPLE	3" CAL. 12'-14' HT.
	26	MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA 'LITTLE GEM' / DWARF SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	2"-2 1/2" CAL. 10-12' HT.
	1	PISTACIA CHINENSIS / CHINESE PISTACHE	2"-2 1/2" CAL. 10-12' HT.
+	20	TAXODIUM DISTICHUM / BALD CYPRESS	2" CAL. 10'-12' HT.
SHRUBS	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE
$\langle \cdot \rangle$	25	ELAEAGNUS PUNGENS 'FRUITLANDII' / SILVERBERRY	5 GAL. 18" HT. MIN.
$\circ$	15	ILEX CORNUTA 'BURFORDII NANA' / DWARF BURFORD HOLLY	3 GAL. 18" MIN. HT
3.00 A	30	ILEX VOMITORIA 'NANA' / DWARF YAUPON	5 GAL. 18" HT. MIN.
$\odot$	30	LOROPETALUM CHINENSE RUBRUM 'BLUSH' / BLUSH LOROPETALUM	5 GAL. 24" MIN. HT
GROUND COVERS	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	CONT
\(\psi\) \(\	33,026 SF	CYNODON DACTYLON / BERMUDA GRASS	HYDROSEED 3 LB/1000#
* * * *	13,548 SF	CYNODON DACTYLON / BERMUDA GRASS	SOLID SOD

- 1. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES PRIOR TO STARTING ANY WORK BY CONTACTING THE ONE—CALL SYSTEM. ALL UTILITY LOCATIONS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON SURVEY INFORMATION, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, UTILITY RECORDS, ETC.
- 2. CONTRACTOR SHALL AVOID DAMAGE TO ALL UTILITIES DURING THE COURSE OF WORK. ANY DAMAGES TO UTILITIES, STRUCTURES, SITE APPURTENANCES, ETC. WHICH OCCUR AS A RESULT OF LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AND SHALL BE REPAIRED AT NO COST TO OWNER.
- 3. ALL PLANT MATERIALS SHALL BE NURSERY GROWN (CONTAINER OR BALLED & BURLAPPED)
  AND SHALL MEET OR EXCEED THE SIZE AND GRADING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE
  LATEST EDITION OF "AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR NURSERY STOCK" PUBLISHED BY THE
  AMERICAN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION.
- 4. ALL PLANT MATERIALS MUST BE HEALTHY, VIGOROUS, AND FREE OF PESTS AND/OR
- ALL PLANT MATERIALS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION.
   CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL QUANTITIES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS
- PRIOR TO PRICING THE WORK.

  7. NOTIFY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY LAYOUT OR
- QUANTITY DISCREPANCIES PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.

  8. NO CHANGES TO THE PLANT SCHEDULE ARE ALLOWED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE OWNER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, AND CITY. APPROVED ALTERNATE MATERIALS SHALL MEET THE
- SAME CRITERIA FOR TYPE, SIZE, AND FUNCTION AS THOSE SHOWN ON LANDSCAPE PLAN.

  9. PLANTINGS IN EXCESS OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE REDUCED ONCE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
- 10. ALL PLANT MATERIALS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETAILS PROVIDED.

  11. ALL LAWN AREAS SHALL RECEIVE 4" OF TOPSOIL TO MEET FINAL GRADE IN ACCORDANCE
- WITH GRADING PLAN.

  12. ALL PLANTING BED AREAS SHALL BE PREPARED BY REMOVING EXISTING SOD AND WEEDS. PLANTING BED AREAS SHALL RECEIVE 6" OF TOPSOIL AMENDED TO ENHANCE FAVORABLE GROWING CONDITIONS. SOIL MIX SHALL BE TILLED INTO BED AREA TO A MINIMUM DEPTH
- 13. PLANTING BEDS SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF 3" SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH. ALL TREES NOT LOCATED IN PLANTING BEDS SHALL RECEIVE A MULCH SAUCER PER DETAIL.
- 14. CONTRACTOR TO FIELD VERIFY THE LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE. ALL DISTURBED AREAS MUST BE STABILIZED PER CITY CODE PRIOR TO PROJECT CLOSE—OUT.
  15. TURF AREAS SHALL BE SEEDED OR SODDED PER PLANTING PLAN. REFER TO PLANT SCHEDULE, LANDSCAPE NOTES, AND HYDROSEEDING NOTES FOR SPECIES AND
- INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

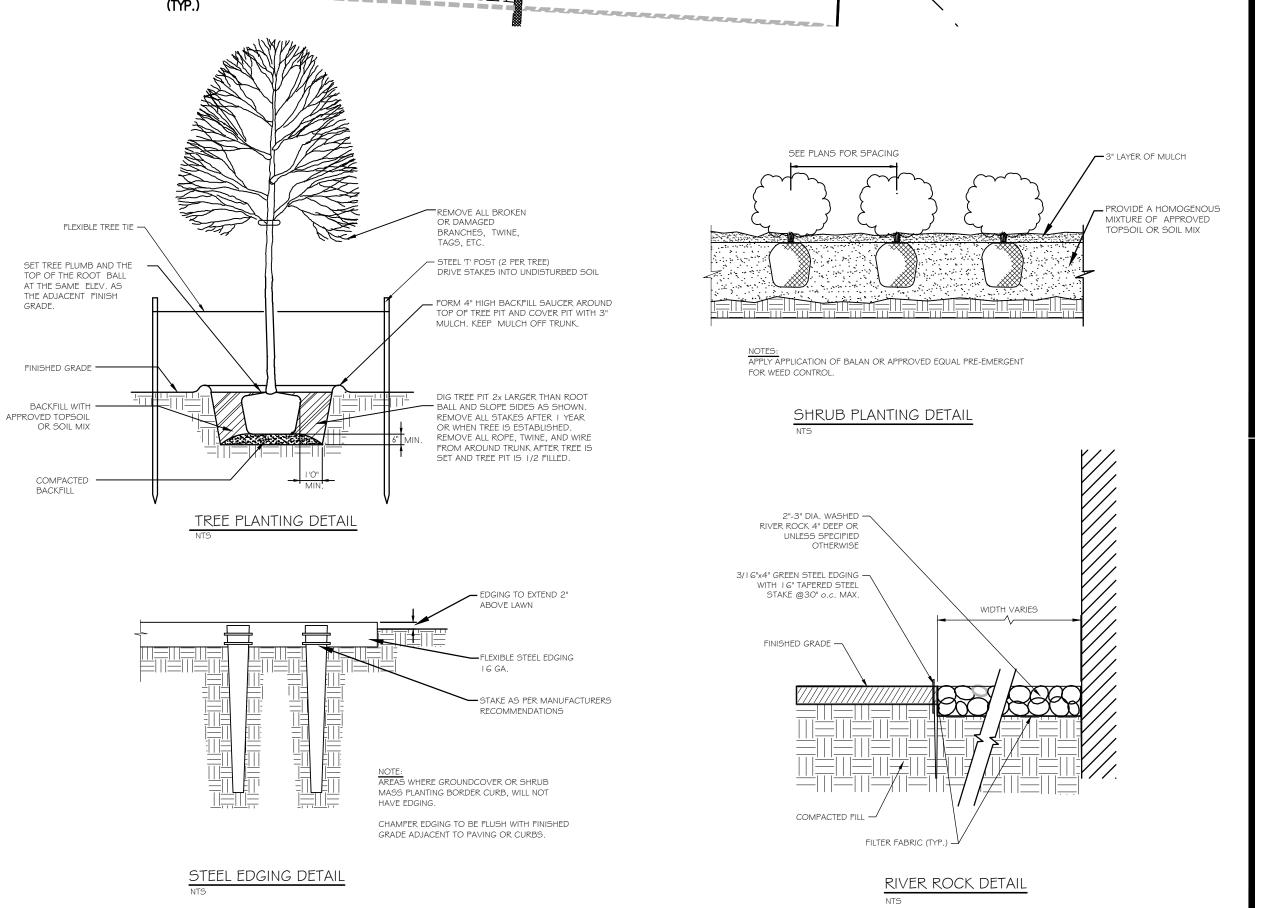
  16. ALL SLOPES 3:1 AND GREATER SHALL RECEIVE SOD. ON SLOPES OF 4:1 OR GREATER, SOD SHALL BE STAPLED IN PLACE.
- 17. ALL ENTRANCE/EXIT PLANTINGS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED TO PROVIDE CLEAR SIGHT DISTANCE FROM THE STREETS AND ALL SITE ENTRANCES/EXITS PER CITY CODE.

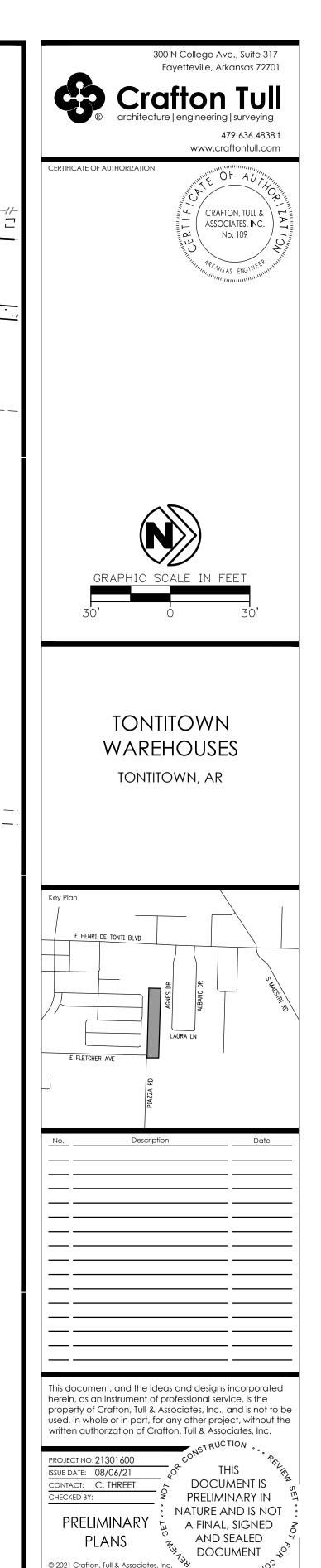
  18. IF A LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED, LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR
- CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO PLANTING BED CONSTRUCTION AND PLANT INSTALLATION.

  19. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULLY MAINTAINING ALL PLANTING MATERIAL.

  (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WATERING, SPRAYING, MULCHING, FERTILIZING, ETC.) IN ALL PLANTING AREAS AND LAWN AREAS UNTIL THE WORK IS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED IN TOTAL BY OWNER.

SHALL CONFIRM LOCATION OF PLANNED IRRIGATION LINE WITH THE IRRIGATION





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