Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

March 3, 2022

File: A/180/21

Address: 10 Milmar Court – Markham, ON (Thornhill)

Applicant: Steven Wang

Agent: Epic Designs Inc. (Marco Vieira)

Hearing Date: March 9, 2022

The following comments are provided on behalf of the West District Team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following "First Density Single Family Residential – (R1)" zone requirement under By-law 2571, as amended, as it relates to a proposed detached dwelling with an attached garage. The requested variance is to permit:

a) By-law 2571, Section 6.1:

a front yard setback of 17.03 ft (5.19 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 35.0 ft (10.67 m).

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The 3,258.70 m² (35,076.31 ft²) subject property is an irregular shaped lot located at the end of Milmar Court, north of Steeles Avenue East, east of Leslie Street, west of Don Mills Road, and south of John Street. There is an existing two-storey single detached dwelling and a one-storey garage, which was built circa 1965 according to City records. Mature vegetation is located throughout the property, with the majority of trees located north of the existing dwelling. The property is almost entirely within Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) regulated area, as it is partially within and adjacent to the erosion hazard of a valley associated with the Rouge River Watershed.

Immediately abutting the property to the north is German Mills Settler's Park (open space). Other lots along Milmar Court also vary in terms of their lot size, shape, and frontages, amongst other attributes. Mature vegetation is a predominant characteristic along the street. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood, which predominantly contains two-storey dwellings.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to construct a two-storey detached dwelling with an attached garage having a gross floor area of 548.66 m² (5,905.69 ft²), setback 5.19 m (17.03 ft) from the front lot line.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)

The subject property is designated "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 of the Official Plan outlines infill development criteria for the "Residential Low Rise" designation with respect to height, massing, and setbacks. This criteria is established to ensure that infill development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street, while accommodating a diversity of building styles. In considering applications for development approval in a "Residential Low Rise" area, which includes variances, development is

required to meet the general intent of the above noted development criteria. In addition, regard shall be had for the retention of existing trees and vegetation.

Zoning By-Law 2571

The subject property is zoned "First Density Single Family Residential – (R1)" under Bylaw 2571, as amended, which permits one single detached dwelling per lot. The proposed development does not comply with the By-law requirement with respect to the minimum front yard setback.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) UNDERTAKEN

The applicant completed a ZPR on November 10, 2021, which initially confirmed non-compliances with the zoning by-law relating to a front yard setback of 11.58 ft (3.53 m), and an eaves/roof overhang projection of 2.0 ft (0.60 m). Since the initial submission, the applicant has worked with staff to scale back and reduce projection points at the front of the dwelling. Revised drawings were submitted on February 16, 2022. The applicant requests a front yard setback of 17.03 ft (5.19 m), and no longer requests a variance relating to an eaves/roof overhang projection.

The applicant has not conducted a ZPR for the revised drawings. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified at the Building Permit stage, further variance application(s) may be required to address any non-compliances.

COMMENTS

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended,* states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment (the "Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

Reduction in Front Yard Setback

The applicant requests a minimum front yard setback of 17.03 ft (5.19 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 35.0 ft (10.67 m). This is a reduction of 17.97 ft (5.48 m).

According to City records, the existing dwelling appears to have been built prior to the Ontario Municipal Board's approval of By-law 2571, on October 29, 1971. The existing dwelling has a front yard setback of 26.54 ft (8.09 m) (see Plan of Survey in Appendix "C"). While the applicant requests a reduction of 17.97 ft (5.48 m) from the By-law, staff note that this is a reduction of 9.51 ft (2.90 m) from the existing front yard setback. Similar to the existing condition, the proposed dwelling generally follows the curvature of the front lot line, with variation of setback points along the front wall of the dwelling. The By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 35.0 ft (10.67 m); however, it is observed by staff that variation in front yard setbacks along the street currently exists.

In considering the existing street context, lot configuration, and location of the property and natural vegetation, Planning staff are of the opinion that the proposed development appropriately maintains the general intent of the By-law, is appropriate for this lot, and is minor in nature.

Tree Protection and Compensation

Staff recommend that the tree related conditions be adopted by the Committee to ensure that the applicant installs the appropriate tree protection barriers and provides compensation to the City, if necessary. Staff also note that property owners are required to apply for and obtain a tree permit from the City for any proposed injury to, or removal of any trees that have a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 20.0 cm (7.87 in), or more on the subject property or neighbouring properties. Further mitigation through these processes may also be required to ensure the protection of certain trees is achieved.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

TRCA Comments

The applicant has consulted with the TRCA, who issued a conservation permit (Permit C-211285) on November 2, 2021 based on the applicant's initial proposal. In a letter dated January 26, 2022, the TRCA reiterates that they have no concerns with the intent of this minor variance application. However, as previously stated, the applicant has since revised their drawings in working with City staff. While the revisions would appear to be minor, it is noted that the Owner strictly adheres to the approved TRCA permit plans, documents, and conditions, and should revisions to the design of the project be required, that the changes would need to be submitted to the TRCA for further review and approval. Accordingly, Planning staff recommend that the Committee adopt the condition, which would require the applicant to notify the TRCA of these revisions, and fully satisfy the requirements of the TRCA, if any.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of March 3, 2022. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of this report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, and are of the opinion that, subject to clearing the recommended conditions of approval, the variance request meets the four tests. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input and the subsequent conditions of approval in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" - Conditions of Approval

Appendix "B" – Plans

Appendix "C" - Plan of Survey

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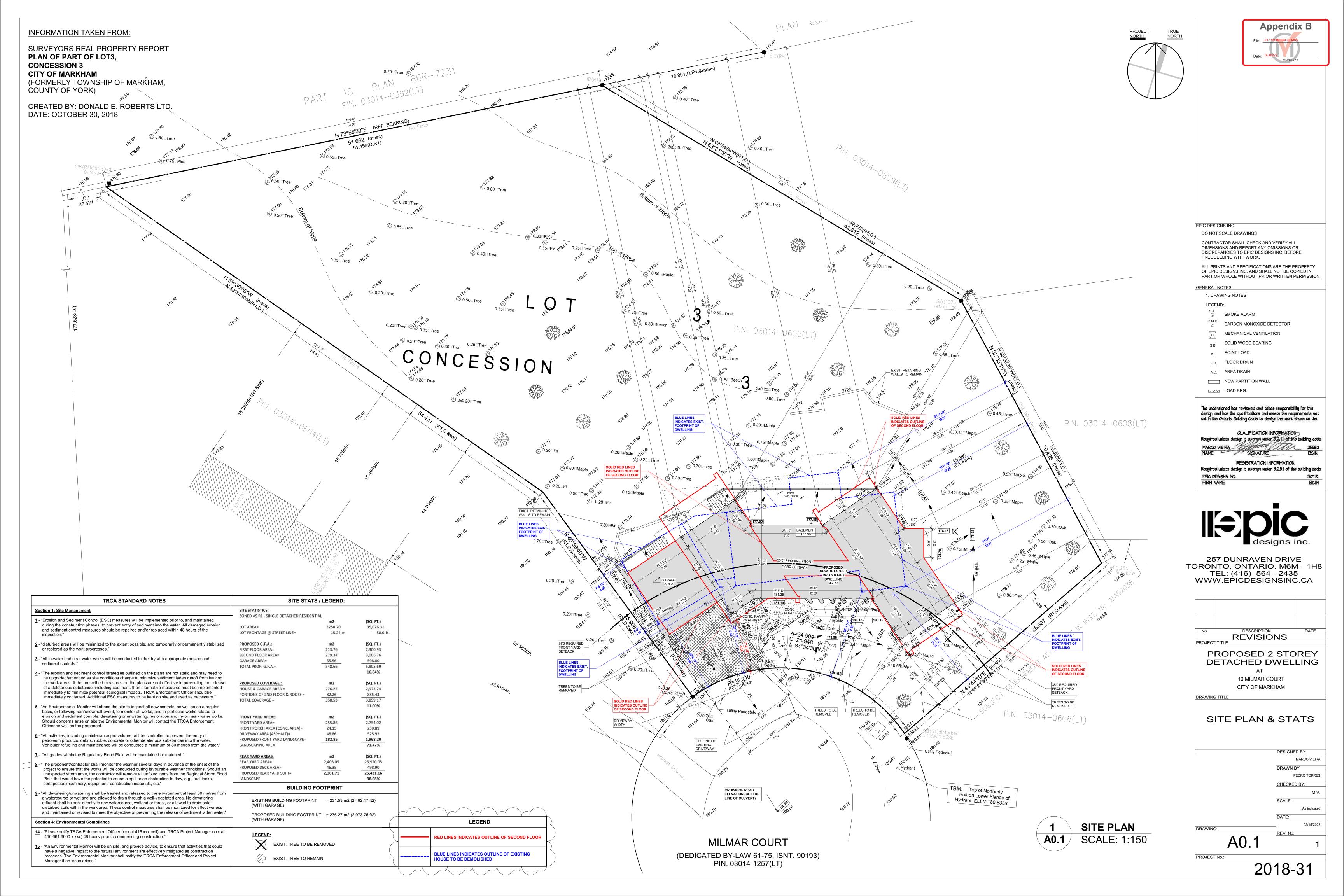
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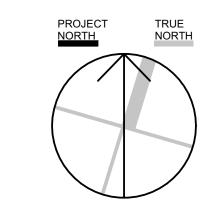
- 1. The variances apply only to the proposed development for as long as it remains.
- 2. That the variances apply only to the proposed development, in substantial conformity with the plans attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.
- 3. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate.
- 4. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate, if required, in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate.
- 5. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, and inspected by the Tree Preservation Technician, or their designate, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or their designate.
- 6. That the applicant notifies the TRCA of the revisions to the plans made after the date the conservation permit was issued, and that the applicant fully satisfies the requirements of the TRCA, financial or otherwise, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the TRCA.

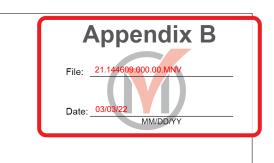
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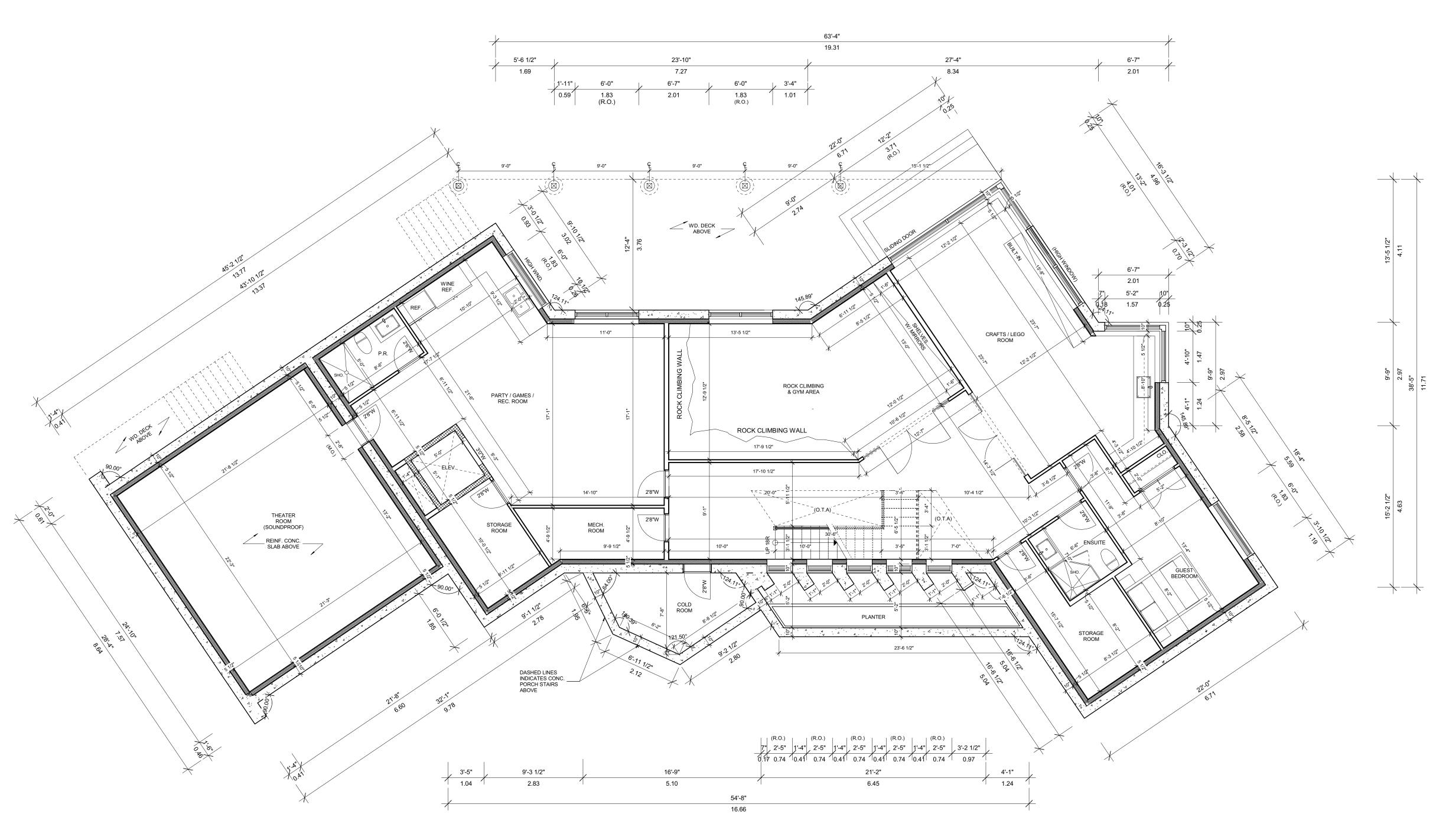
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APPENDIX "B" PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/180/21









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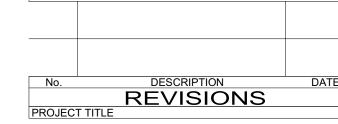
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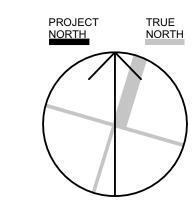
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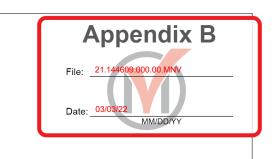
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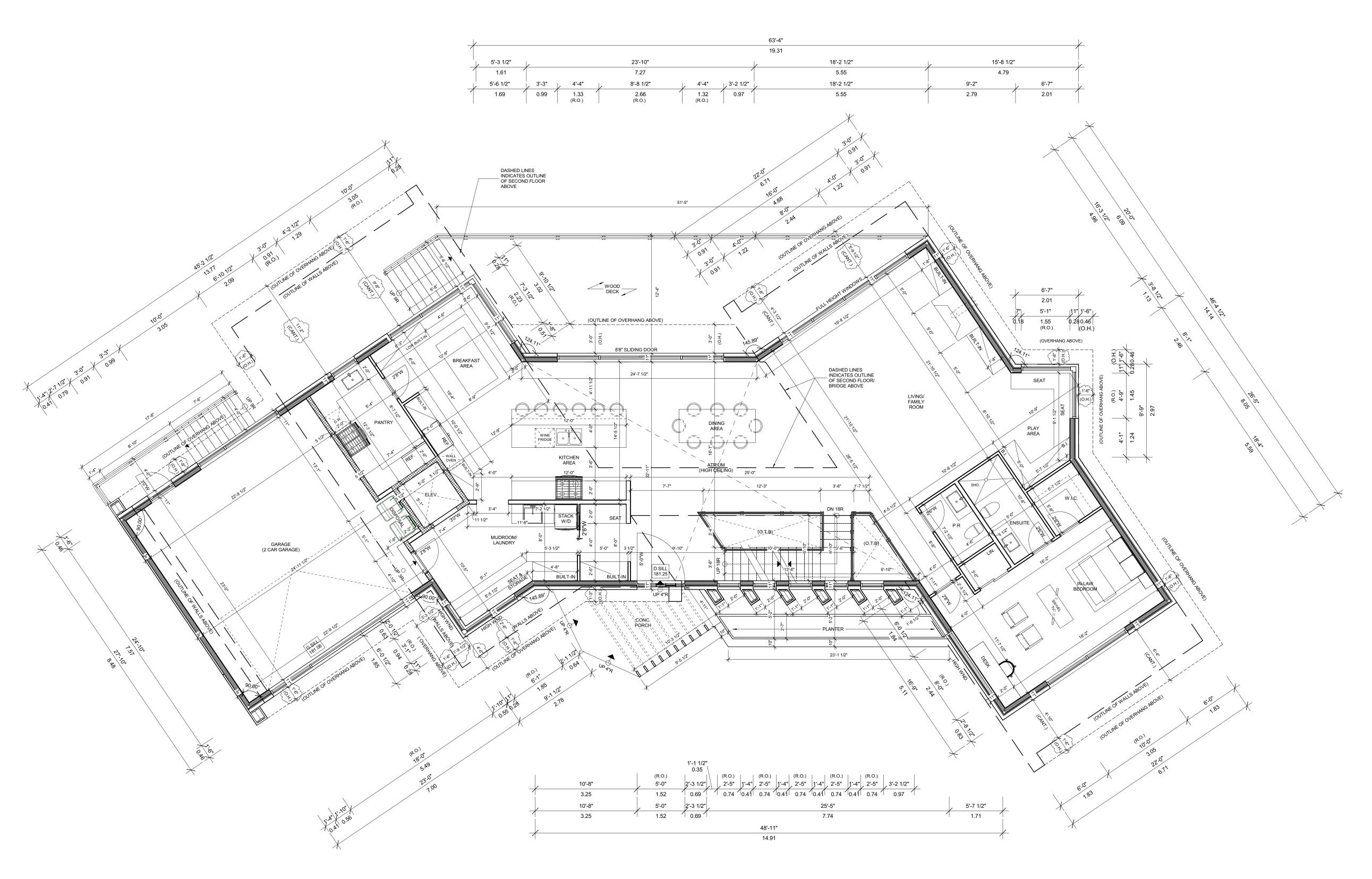
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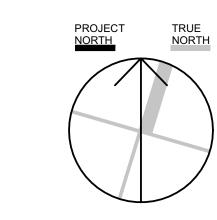
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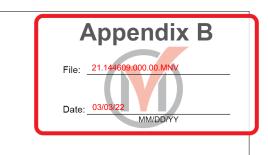
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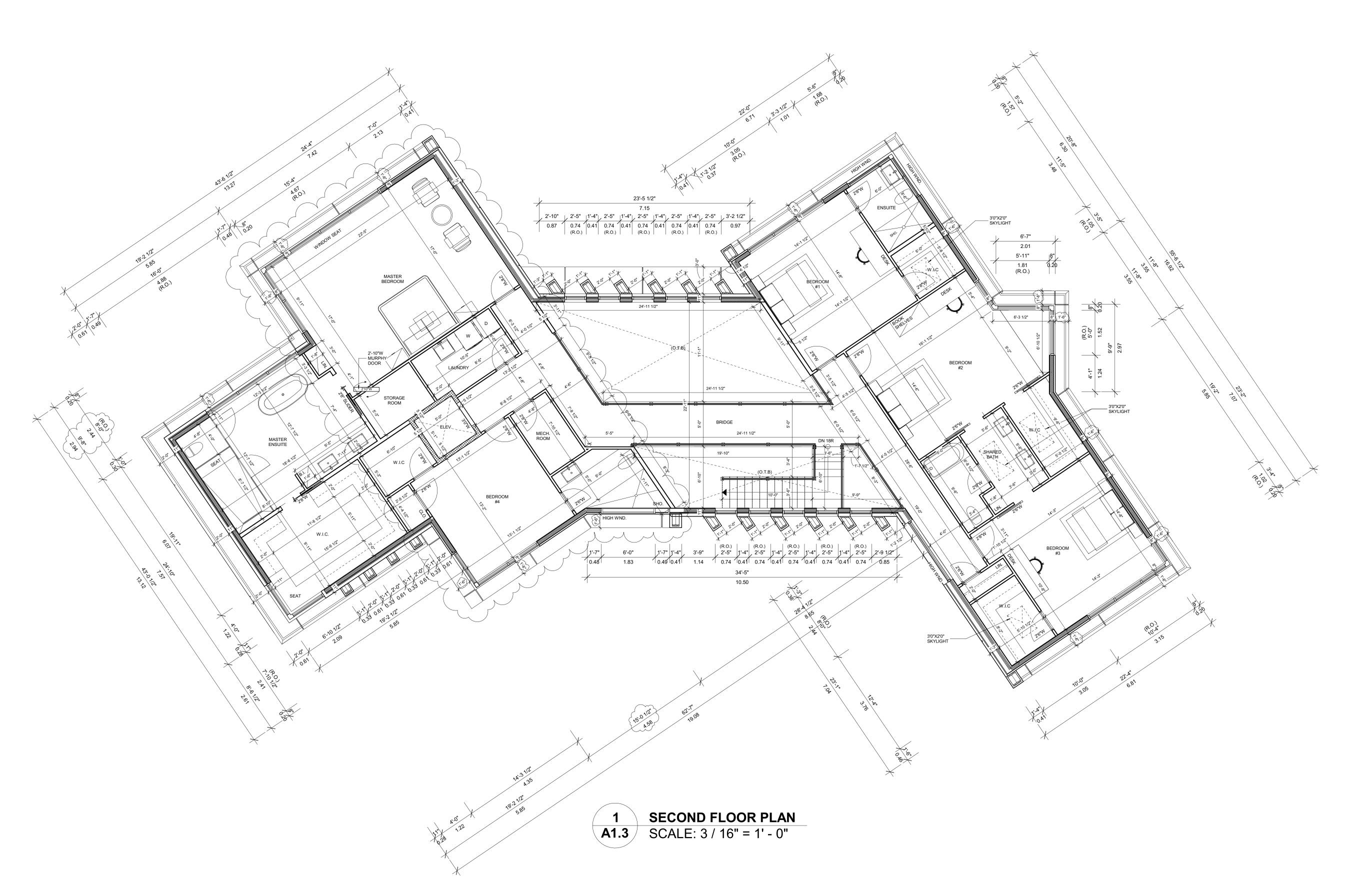
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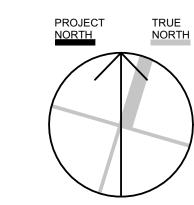
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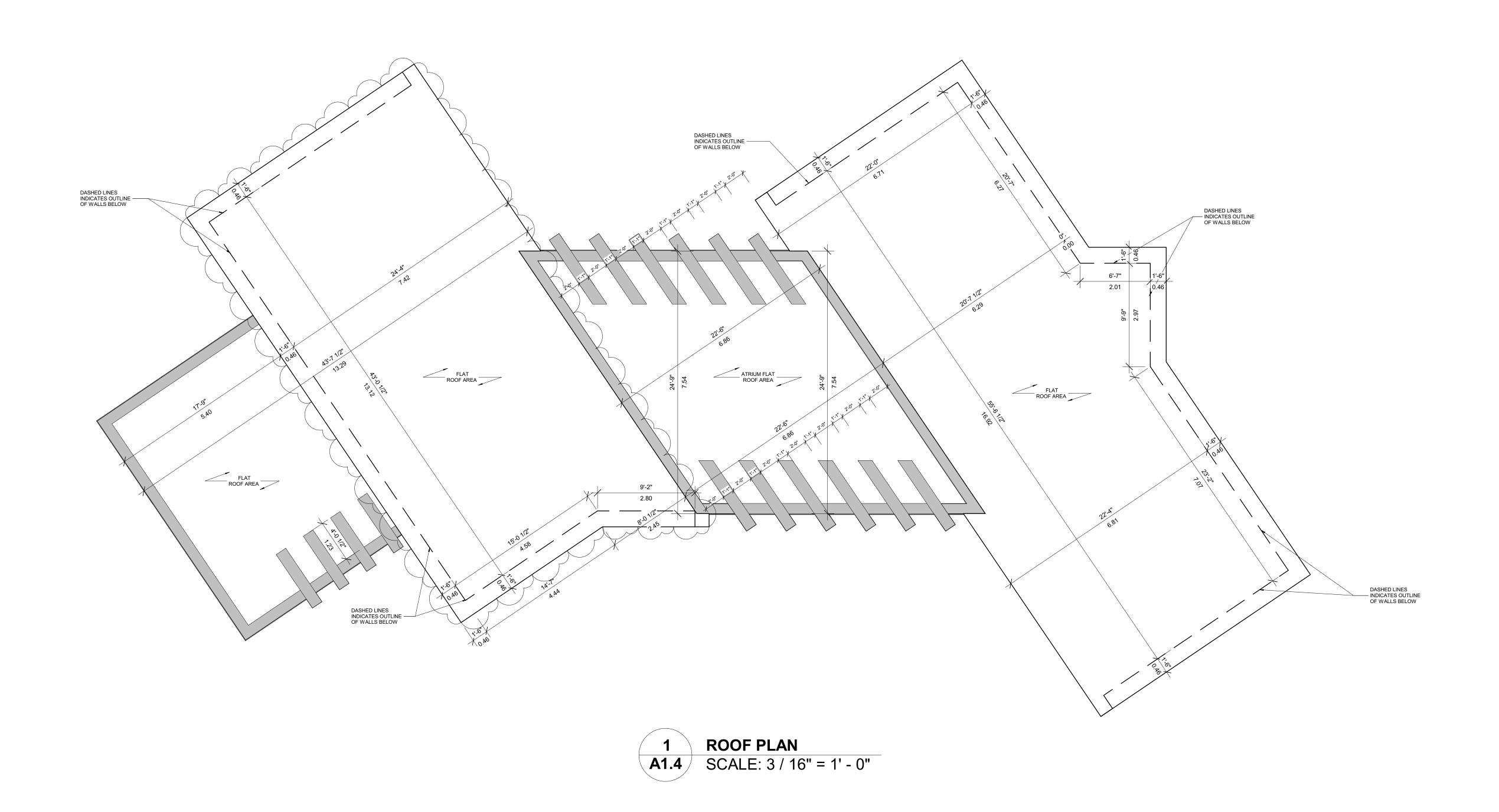
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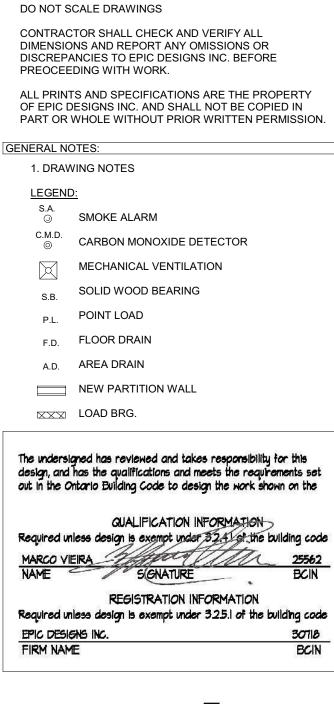
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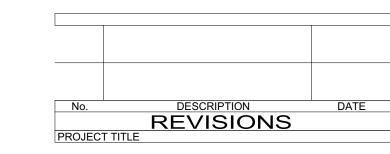




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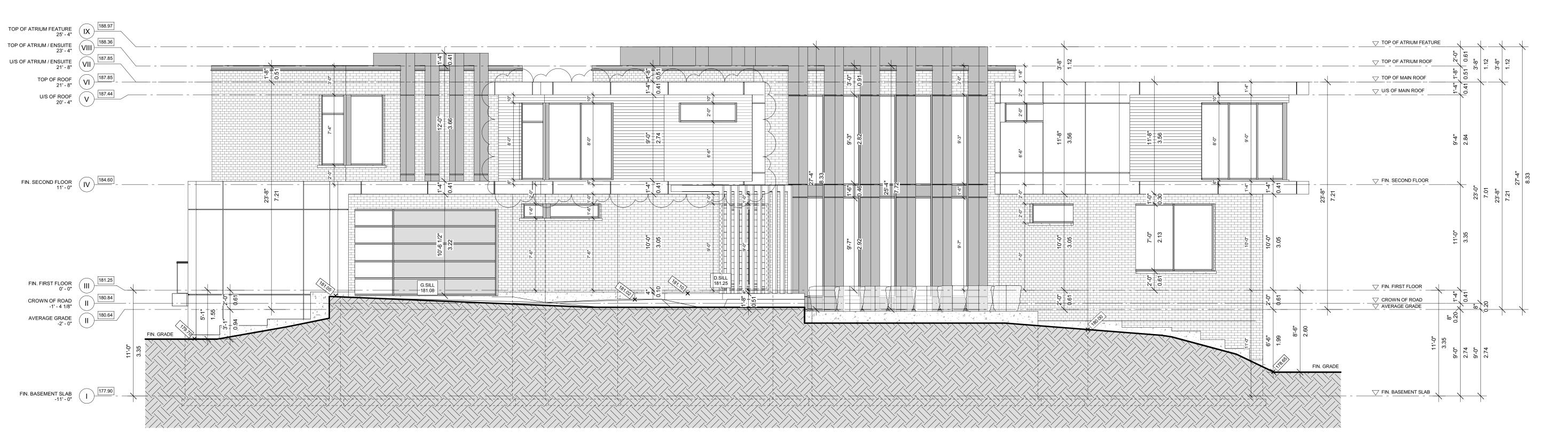
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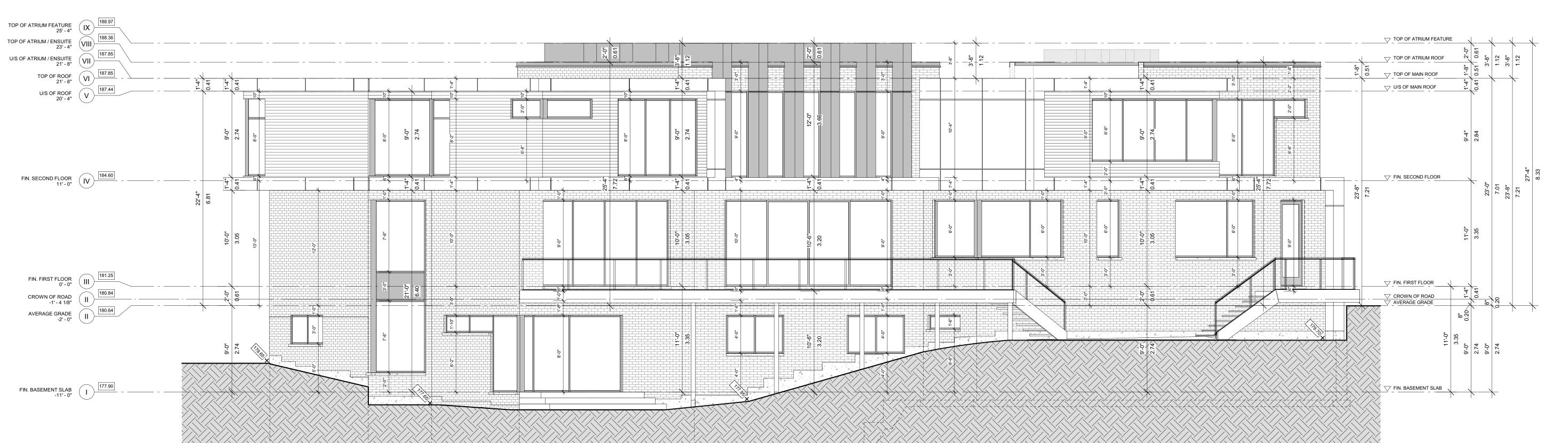
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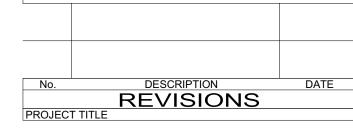
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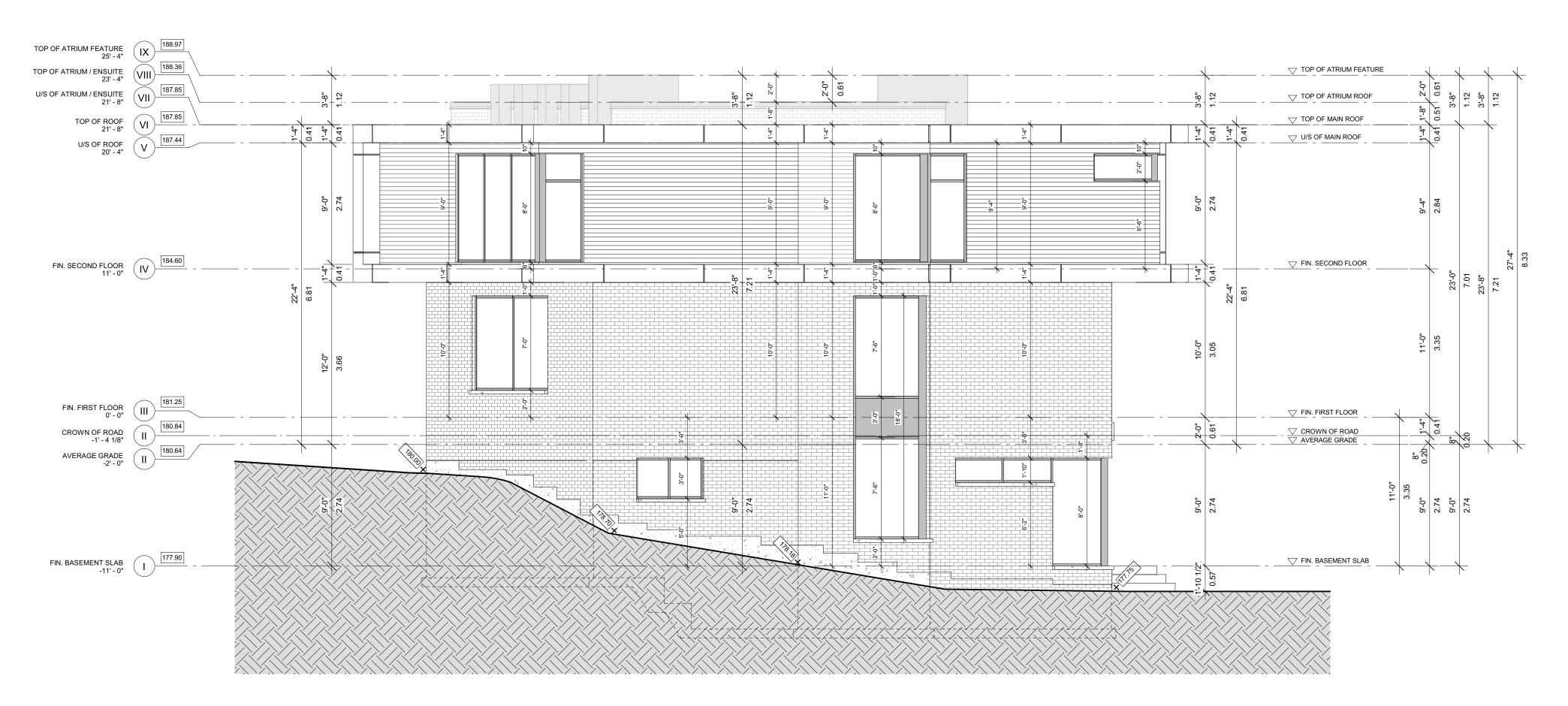
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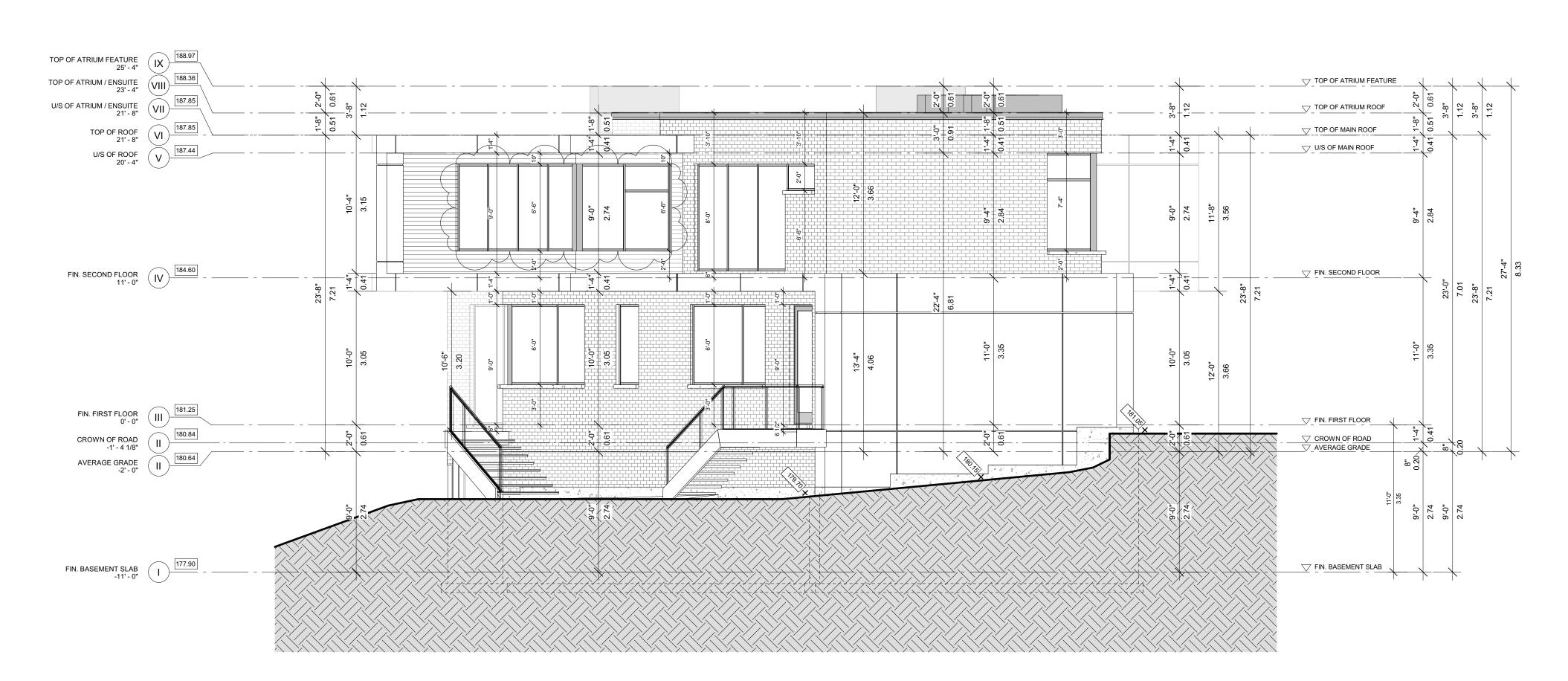
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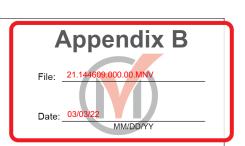
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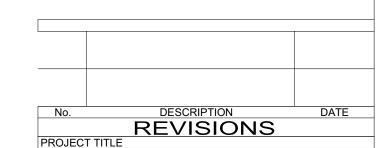
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APPENDIX "C" PLAN OF SURVEY

