Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Bronx Community Board 8 April 24, 2024

Attendees

Present: Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Rashida Hilliard, Ramdat Singh, Debra Travis (Chair) Absent: None

Other Board: Julie Reyes (Board Chair)

Department of Parks and Recreation:

Joe Magneri (District Parks Manager); Stephanie Ehrlich (Van Cortlandt Park Administrator & Executive Director Van Cortlandt Park Alliance); Christina Taylor (Deputy Director, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance); Melissa Goldberg (Director of Compliance, Concession Unit); Anthony Macari (Director of Concession Architecture & Development); Luiggi Almanzar (Project Manager)

New York City Department of Design and Construction:

Norberto Acevedo (Director, Office of Community Outreach & Notification); Louis Villafana (Construction Project Manager); Anna Killion (Citywide Outreach Coordinator)

Matt Rawitzer (Executive Director, First Tee)

The meeting commenced at 7:05pm

Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Approval of the Minutes of March 27, 2024

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously

Chair's Report

Van Cortlandt House Museum Fence

The New York City Office of Management and Budget has approved the scope of the reconstruction of the Van Cortlandt Museum Perimeter Fence in the amount of \$1.842 million from the New York City Council. This project is in the procurement phase which is expected to be completed in June 2024.

New York City Department of Design and Construction and New York City Parks and Recreation Provide an Update on the Mosholu Golf Course Concession and Golf House Construction

See attached presentation for description of the work that remains to be done. Construction on the new golf house and parking lot is expected to be completed Fall 2024. The construction fence along Jerome Avenue will come down at this time. The facility will be formally handed over to the Parks Department upon completion of construction. First Tee, the current concession holder for the Mosholu Golf Course has been awarded the new two year concession contract which will go into effect June, 2024. They have contracted with Kemper Sports to operate the golf course including the golf house cafe and provide marketing and community outreach. This will allow First Tee to focus on golf educational programming for youth which is their mission. First Tee would like to expand the number of rounds that are played each year from 23k to 30k using tighter tee times and offer job

opportunities for people in the area. First Tee has operated the Mosholu Golf Course 20 years and this fall will represent the first time they have operated the course without construction. They expect the cafe and new golf house to be in operation in spring/summer 2025.

When will the golf course work be complete? The first hole is being extended with a new pathway as part of the golf house construction. That work will be done this summer and is currently out for bid. The youth learning area will be made permanent. There will be improvements to the fencing along the perimeter of the Van Cortlandt Park, adjacent to Gun Hill Road as part of this work and the fence line may move slightly north. They will send us a copy of the design.

Will First Tee be installing a permanent sewer connection for the restroom in the temporary golf house? They are still determining the future use of this building once the new golf house is operational. It may be returned to the Parks Department for use by Parks.

Who will be responsible for maintaining the "moat" which is a water feature in the new golf house which assists the site with releasing excess ground water? Park and DEP are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding operation of this element.

The new golf house does not have any fencing to prevent public access to the deck, tee boxes and moat during off hours. How will it be secured? Discussion is ongoing internally with the Parks Department. Safety is number one priority for First Tee

Has Community Board 12 seen this presentation? They have not requested it, so a presentation has not been made to them.

We heard from Van Cortlandt Golf Course that they have had issues at times with vandalism to the golf courses at off hours and there have been muggings recently near the golf house. Have you had any safety issues? No.

FY26 Budget Priorities

The list compiled during previous meetings was reviewed and unanimously approved. The Parks and Recreation Committee's Final FY26 Budget Priorities are:

Capital Priorities

FY 2026 Ranking		FY2025 Ranking
1	1 PARKS – DPR - Redesign and reconstruction of	
	Bailey Playground Reconstruction of play	
	equipment, safety surfacing and fencing along the	
	Major Deegan. Incorporate adjacent Tibbett's Tail	
	area into an expanded Bailey Playground. Reduce	
	asphalt and add green space.	
2	PARKS – DPR - Reconstruction of Old Fort Four	7
	Park Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park	
	including playground equipment, benches,	

	greenspace, stone walls and fencing including	
	improved lighting for the basketball courts	
3 PARKS – DPR - Marble Hill Playground Lighting		3
	Install park lighting to light the pathways and activity	
	areas within the interior of Marble Hill Playground	
4	4 PARKS – DPR - Restoration of Lower Brust Park	
	Staircase Restoration of flagstone, pavers, steps and	
	handrails	
5	PARKS – DPR - Equipment for Litter Collection	5 & 6
	Additional mini-packer vehicle to reach remote areas	
	for litter collection in Van Cortlandt Park in District	
	13 and one packer vehicle to be assigned in District	
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Expense Priorities

FY2026 Ranking		FY2025 Ranking
1	Parks Enforcement Patrol Command within Van	3
	Cortlandt Park PEP Personnel, stationed in Van	
	Cortlandt Park, including additional PEP officers,	
	sufficient to properly enforce DPR rules and	
	regulations in Van Cortlandt Park and other CD08	
	district parks	
2	Crushed Stone and Boulders for Maintenance	2
	Crushed stone and boulders to enable repairs of	
	tracks, walkways and dog runs within District 8 and	
	Van Cortlandt Park	
3	Replacement Gator-Type Utility Vehicles for	1
	Landscape Management, Maintenance and	
	Operations Staff Within Van Cortlandt Park Replace	
	three existing utility gator-type vehicles due to age	
	and maintenance issues	
4	Repair Bruckner Box Connection in Upper Henry	4
	Hudson Park	

Old Business

Resolution in Support of ULURP For the Lease, Purchase or Easement of MTA Property Adjacent to Major Deegan Expressway Between West 230th Street and West 225th Street

Committee Resolution Passed Unanimously. Resolution:

RESOLUTION ASKING THE CITY TO ULURP THE LEASE, PURCHASE, OR EASEMENT OF LAND ALONG THE MTA TRACKS FROM WEST 230TH STREET TO WEST 225TH STREET IN BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

Whereas the NYC City Planning Commission (CPC) authorized the 2011 New York City Council ULURP resolution for the acquisition of CSX property with the following statement for the future lease of MTA tracks south of W230th Street:

"The MTA will continue to maintain and use these tracks until at least 2013, after which time DPR is planning to lease the ROW from the MTA for the purpose of creating another segment of greenway that will connect to that of the current proposal. Eventually the goal is to have the greenway continue along the waterfront of the Harlem River, connecting to other existing and proposed greenways further to the south."

Whereas the current planned route for the Putnam Greenway will end at West 230th Street with minimal connections along city streets which are far from the Harlem River waterfront; and Whereas, the City of New York has committed to planning and building the Harlem River Greenway as a continuous greenway from Van Cortlandt Park to Randall's Island along the Harlem River waterfront; and

And,

Whereas the continuation of the Putnam Greenway south of 230th Street along the route of the former Putnam Railroad is integral to the success of the Putnam Greenway as planned by connecting it to a larger greenway system within the Bronx from Van Cortlandt Park to Randall's Island, and was described as "a priority project for the borough" and a "significant opportunity to expand the off-road greenway system, providing an off-street route to the Harlem River waterfront" in the 2007 Bronx Greenway Plan; and

Whereas, this section of land between West 230th Street and West 225th Street would provide a vital off-street connection between the Northwest Bronx and Randall's Island over ten miles south via the planned Harlem River Greenway; and

Whereas the continuation of the Putnam Greenway south of W. 230th Street will bring needed recreation opportunities to the Marble Hill community, the most economically disadvantaged census tract in Bronx Community District 8, and provide access for this community to the Harlem River Greenway;

Therefore be it resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 supports the extension of the Putnam Greenway as outlined in the 2011 ULURP authorization for the purpose of creating a continuous linear parkland connecting to the planned Harlem River Greenway;

Therefore it further resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 calls upon the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to initiate the process of submitting a ULURP application to the New York Department of City Planning (DCP) in compliance with all relevant rules and standards outlined by DCP for lease, purchase, or easement of the currently owned MTA property on the site of the former Old Putnam Railroad between West 230th to West 225th Street, adjacent to the Major Deegan.

7. New Business

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance had some updated on upcoming events. They will be hosting an iNaturalist City Nature Challenge event in Van Cortlandt Park on Friday, April 26th to Monday, May 1st. Everyone is welcome to come. There will be a competition between boroughs and between different NYC parks.

Additional VCPA events are: May 4 – Pinkster at the Van Cortlandt House Museum May 16 – Spring Shindig Annual Gala

New Yorkers for Parks will be having a rally to support park funding on May 7 at 6pm in Union Square. For more information, visit https://www.ny4p.org/what-we-do/play-fair

Committee member, Bob Bender noted that the Cross Country Trail was open again after being damaged recently by a severe storm. The committee expressed their gratitude that the Parks Department and Van Cortlandt Park Alliance were able to remove that many trees that quickly considering the restrained staffing due to budget cuts from the city.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Minutes submitted by Deb Travis

Recording Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsJDpiXOO8k

CRO-AGS Croton Above Ground Structure Bronx Community Board 8 Presentation

Department of Design and Construction

CRO-AGS Croton Water Filtration Plant Above Ground Structure & Landscaping DPR Facilities April 24, 2024

Eric Adams Mayor Thomas Foley, P.E. Commissioner









































AGENDA

Welcome

Project Summary

Current Progress

Progress Photos

Renderings





Project Summary

Project Name:

 Croton Above Ground Structure and Landscaping

Project ID Number:

CRO-AGS/HED-CLUB

Contract Value:

\$83,824,574.00

Project Location:

 3651 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, New York

Anticipated Completion Date:

• Fall 2024

- The Croton Water Treatment Plant, New Above Ground Structure and Landscape is being undertaken as the fourth and final phase of the larger DEP Croton Water Treatment Plant in Van Cortlandt Park in The Bronx.
- This fourth phase of the project is a new building and site work project on an 11.6 acre site encircling the new golf driving range; the new work includes: a new golf club house (approximately 16,000 SF); driving range with (55) tee boxes; gabion walls and landforms; excavation and regrading; hardscape and plant materials; surface parking; pedestrian and golf cart paths; on-site storm water collection/water filtration and water management systems to be interconnected to irrigate the site and surrounding golf course; new utilities.
- Sponsor Agency: NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Managing Agency: NYC Dept. of Design & Construction
- Owner of completed facility: NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
- Architect of Record: Grimshaw Architects, P.C (GA)
- General Contractor: C&L Contracting Corp (C&L).
- Construction Manager: LiRo Program and Construction Management PE P.C. (LiRo)









Current Progress

Work Activities

Structural

Completion of Roof Deck and Curtain Wall Installation

Architectural

Sealing of Concrete Walls, Interior and Exterior Insulation and Vapor Barriers, Tee Box Canopy Steel and Netting

Mechanical

Hydronic Piping to Fan Units, Ductwork Installation

Plumbing

Fertigation and Rainwater Reclamation Systems

Electrical

Unit Heaters Startup, Heat Trace Wiring, Fire Alarm Systems, and Emergency Generator

Landscaping

Cart Path Connection to Golf Course, Green Roof Installation







Delays

Design Changes

- Steel fabrication.
- Structural modifications to address updated loads.

Utility Issues

- Con Edison Delays
- DOT Changes in Regulations











Tee Boxes

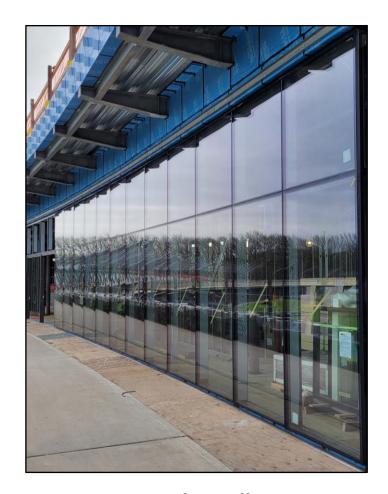


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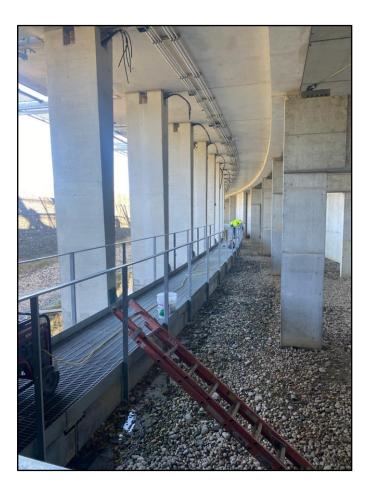




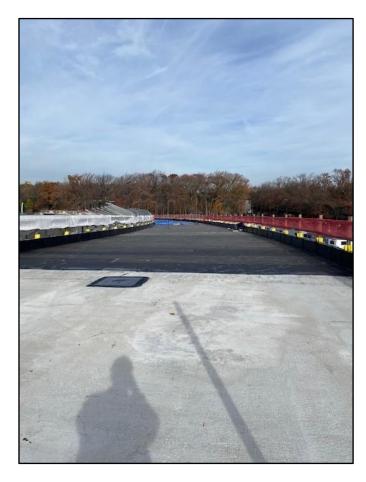




Curtain Wall



Catwalk Guardrails



Waterproofing on Roofing













Mechanical Room

Irrigation Pump















Building Eave









Rendering: View of outdoor seating/common area







Rendering: View of Concession Area







Rendering: View from Jerome Avenue







THANK YOU!

For questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to DDC Office of Community Outreach & Coordination:

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HOLE 1 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT





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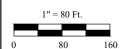








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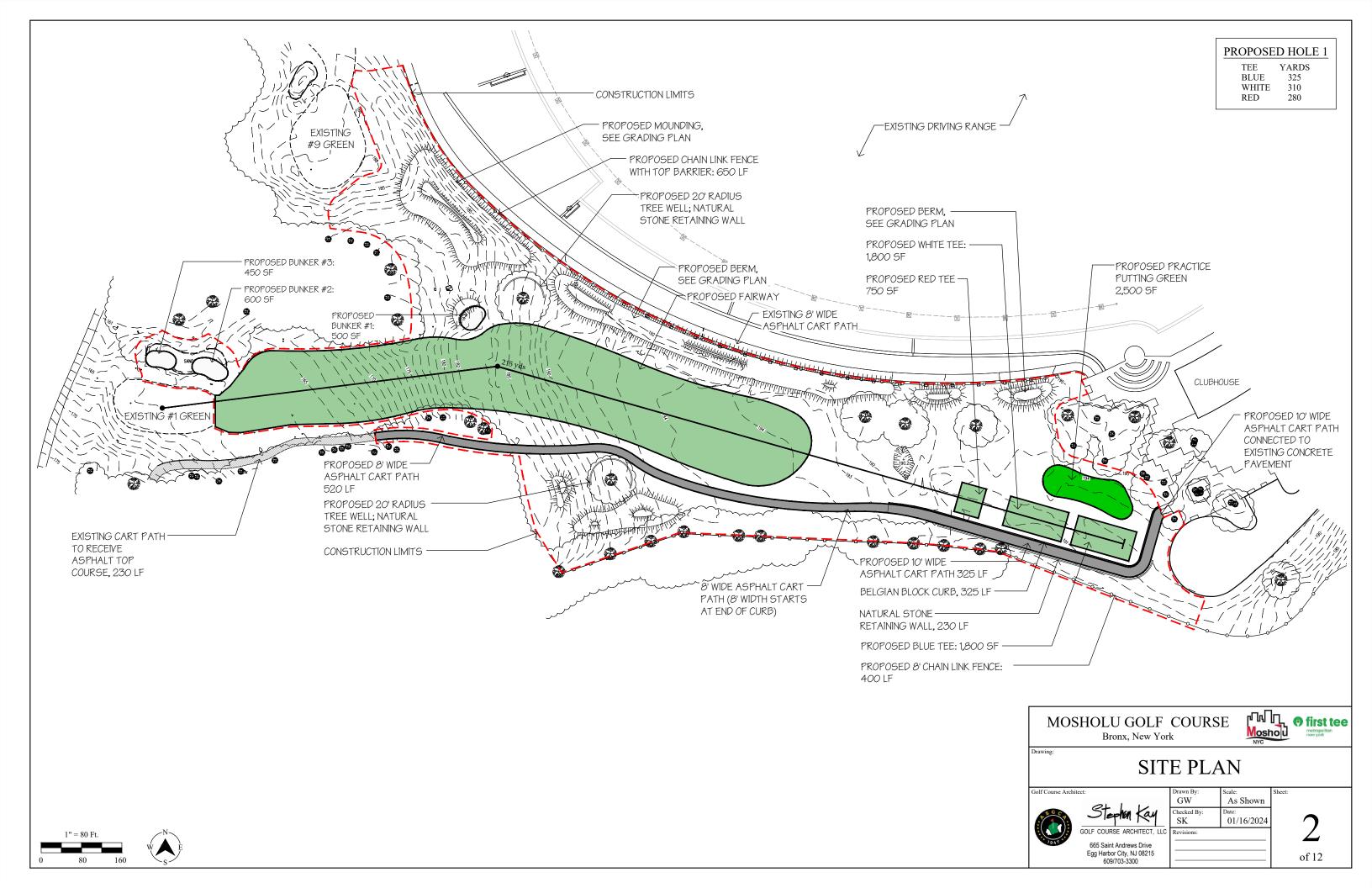
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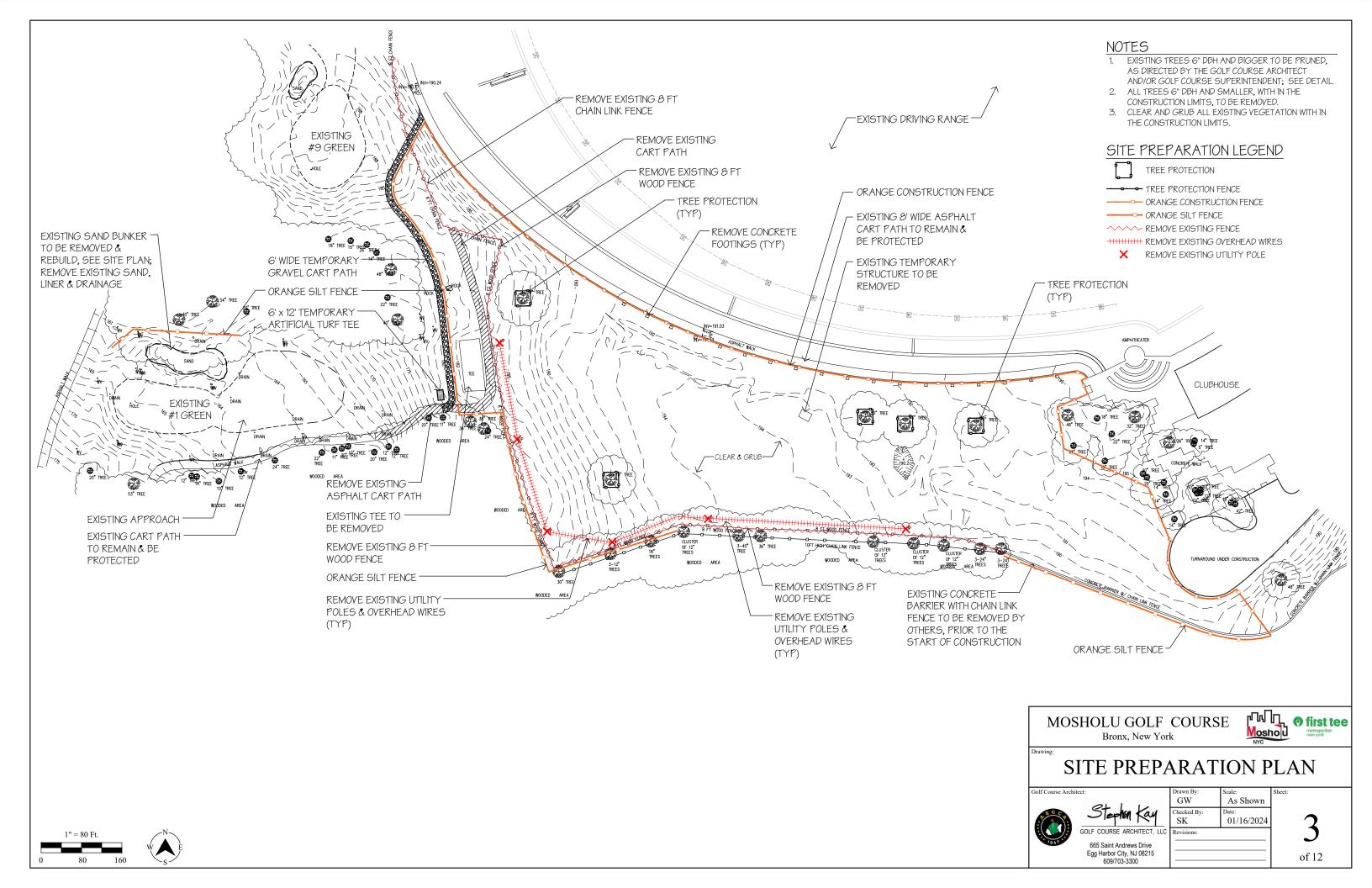


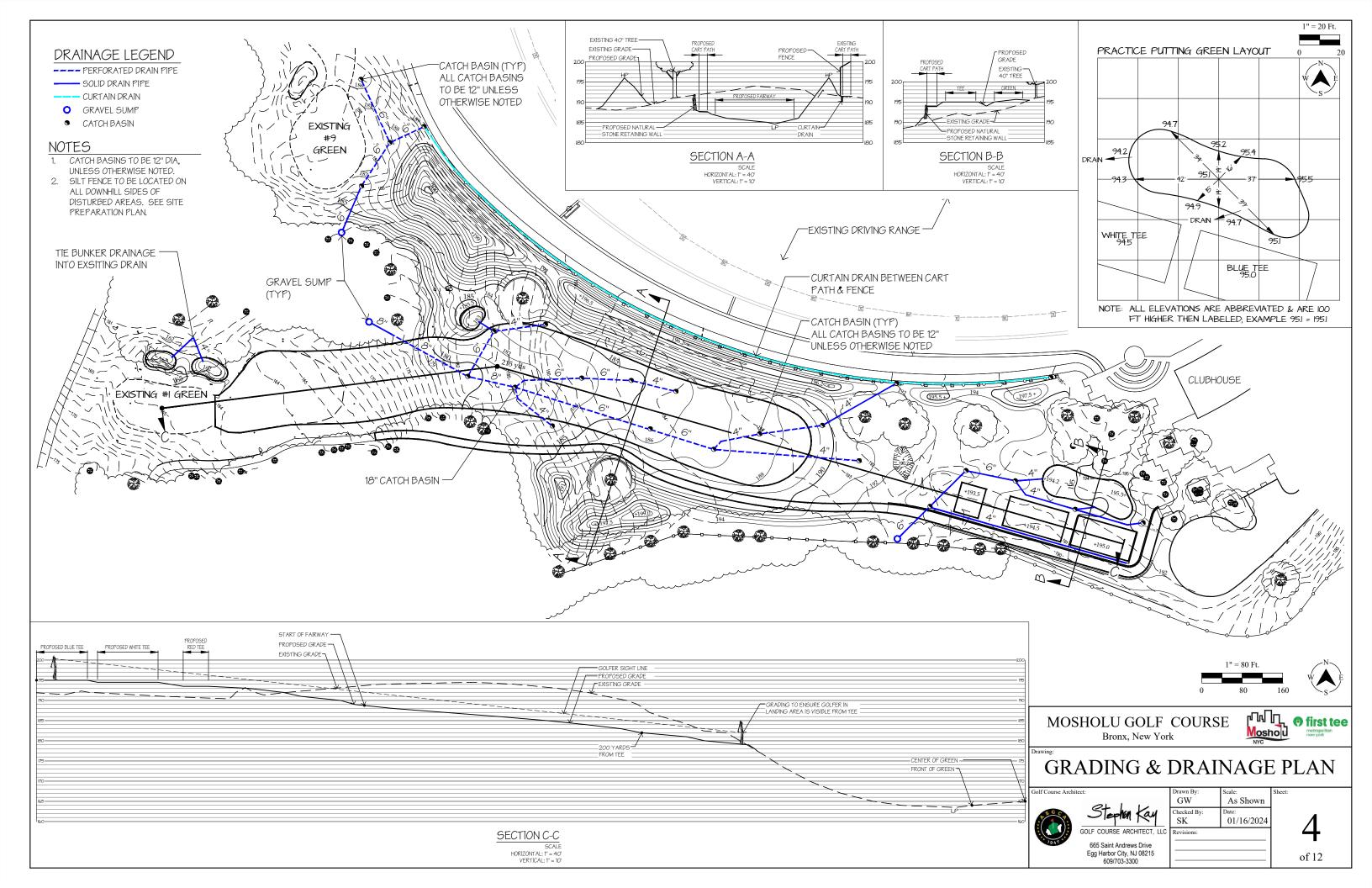
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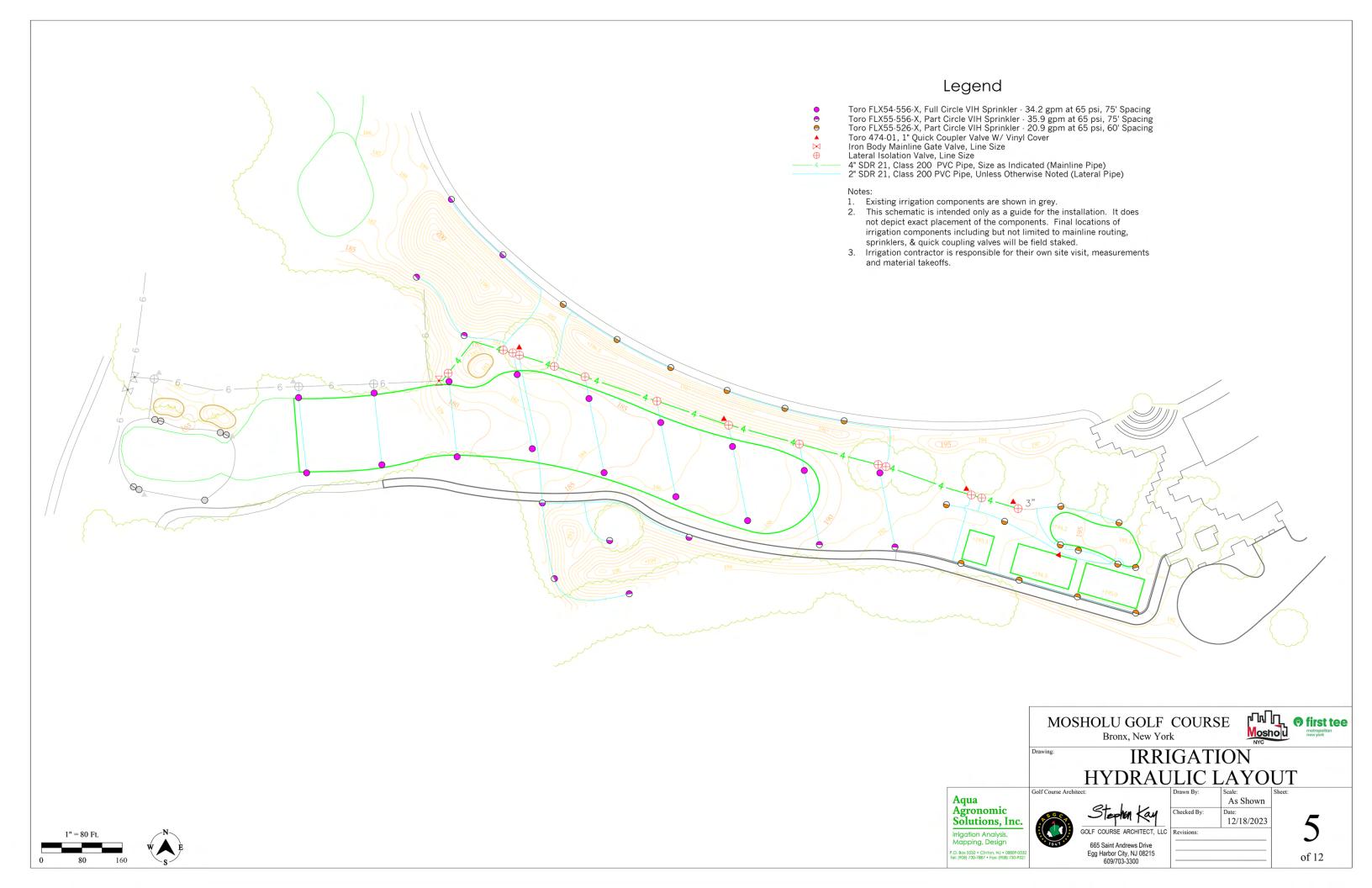
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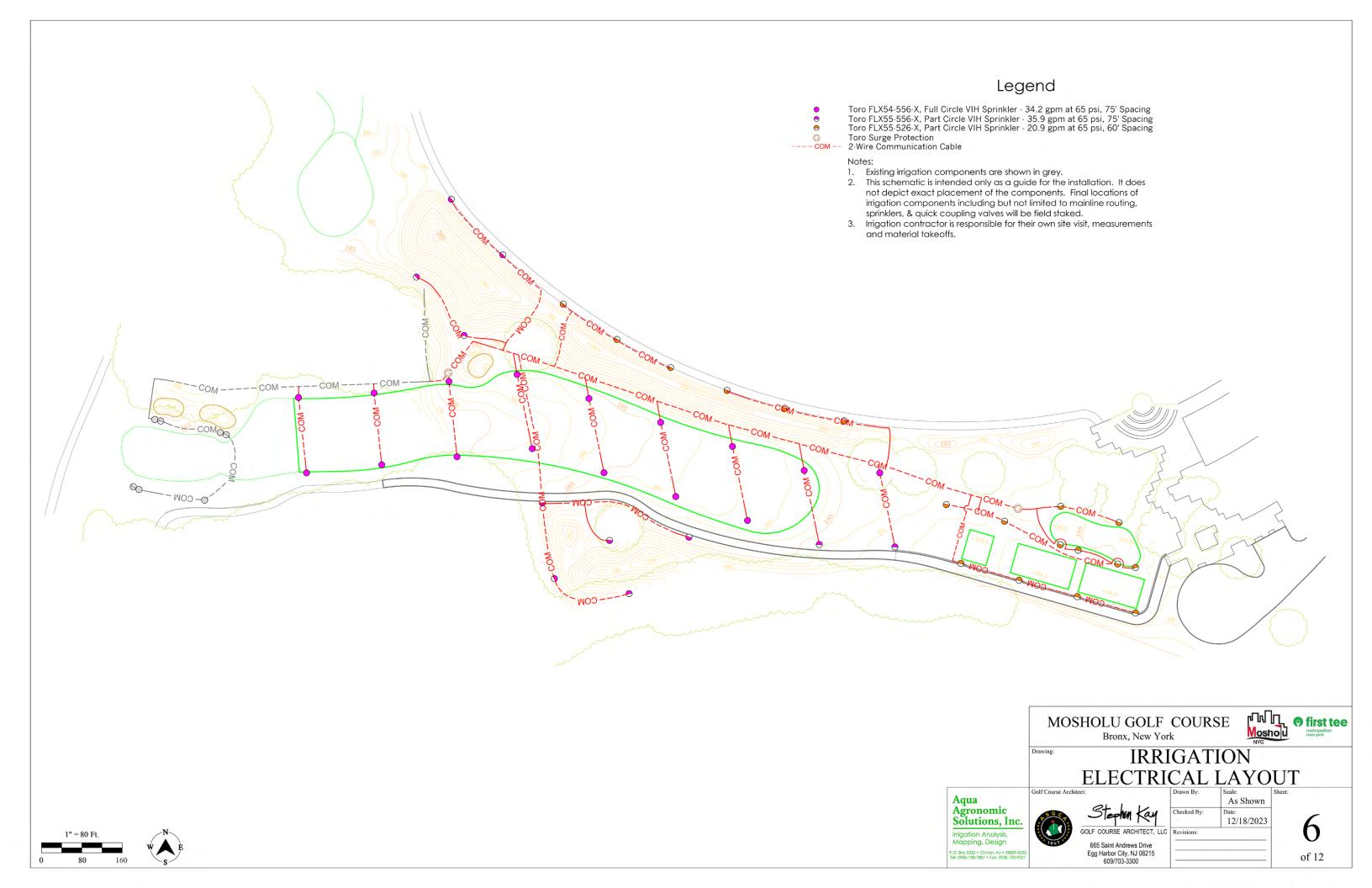
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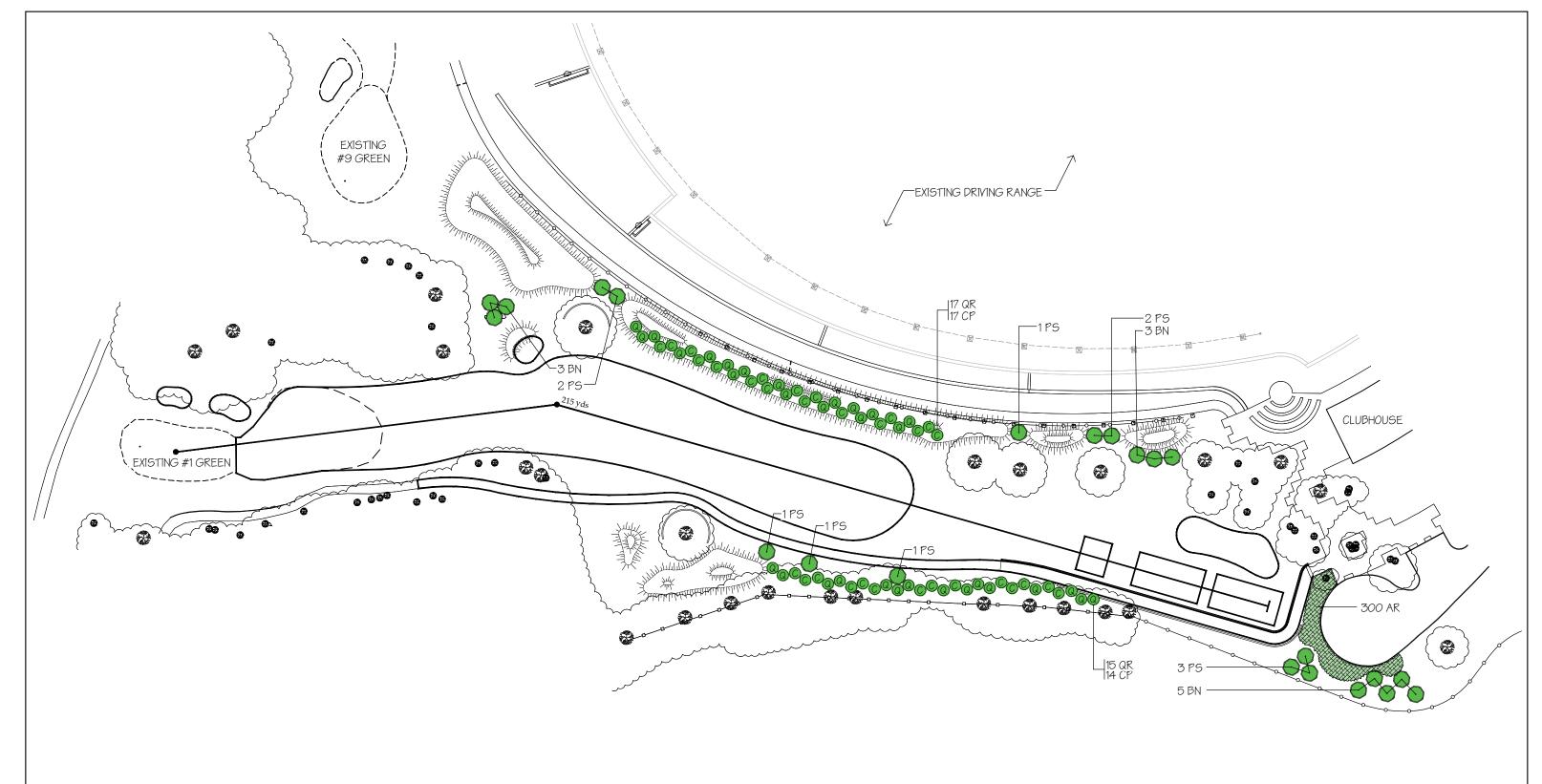












PLANT SCHEDULE							
KEY	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	ROOT	SPACING	COMMENTS
TREE	S						
BN	11	Betula nigra 'Dura Heat'	Dura Heat River Birch	10'-12' Height	B&B	As Shown	Symmetrical, heavy, specimen
CP	31	Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'	Frans Fontaine European Hornbeam	10'-12' Height	B&B	As Shown	Symmetrical, heavy, specimen
PS	11	Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'	Kwanzan Cherry	2.5" Caliper	B&B	As Shown	Symmetrical, heavy, specimen
QR	32	Quercus robar x alba 'Skinny Genes'	Skinny Genes Oak	3" Caliper	B&B	As Shown	Symmetrical, heavy, specimen
GROUNDCOVER							
AR	300	Rhus aromatica 'Gro Low'	Gro Low Fragrant Sumac	15"-18" Height	Cont.	30" O.C.	Full plants, Well established

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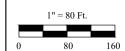


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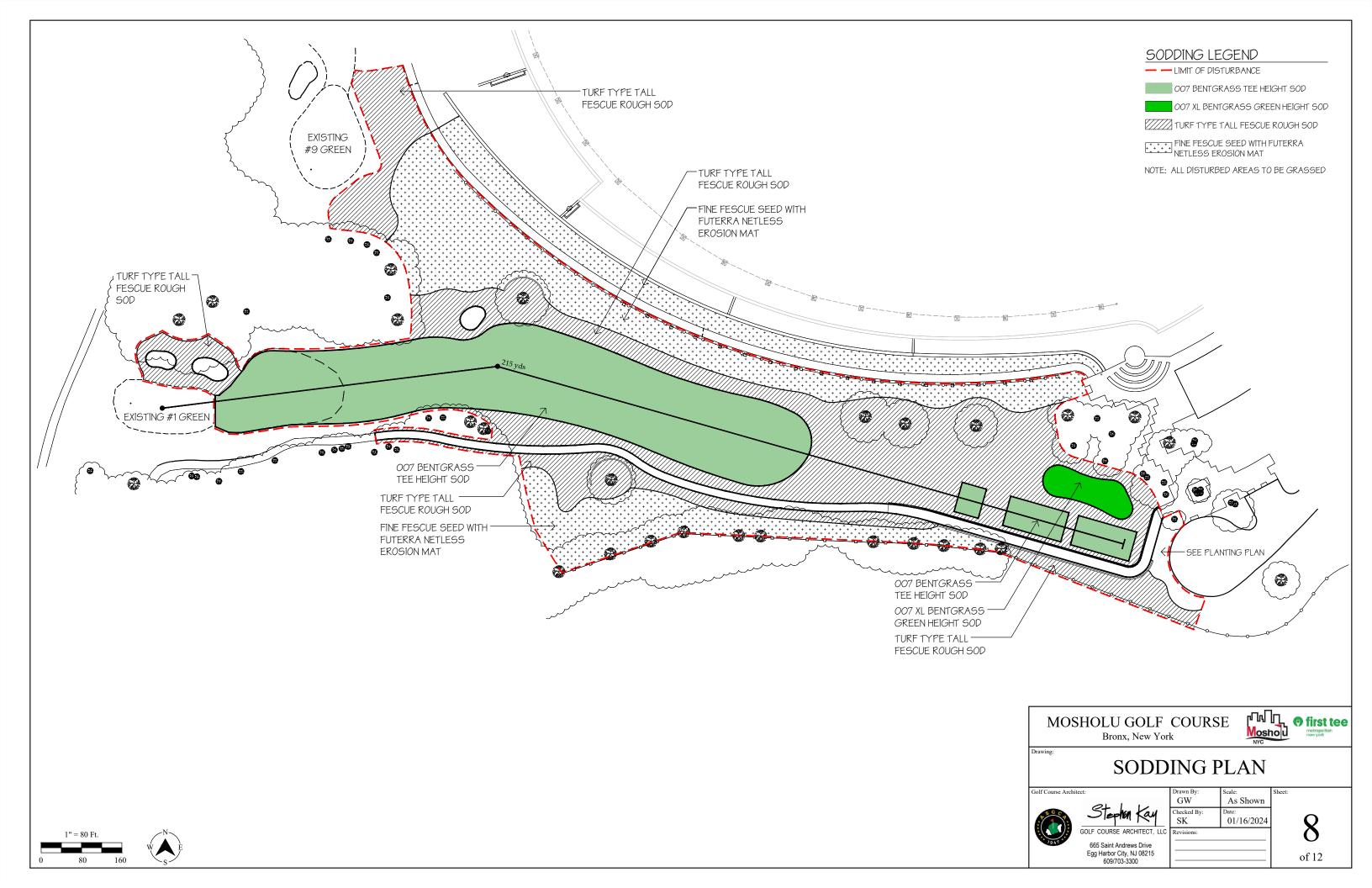


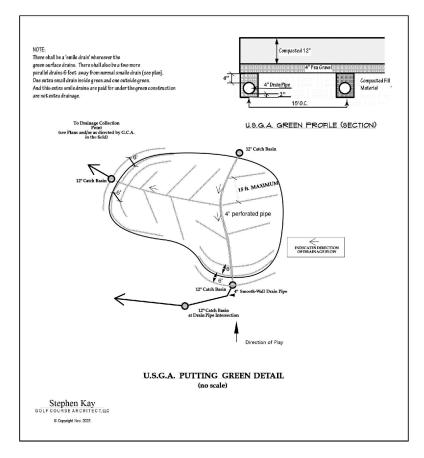
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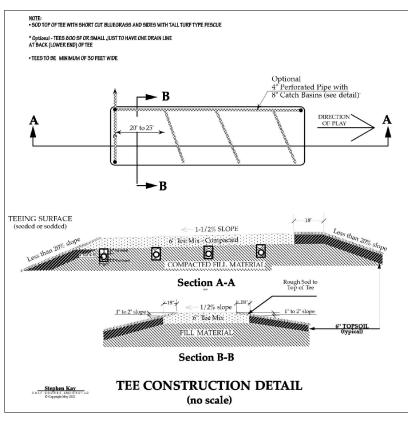
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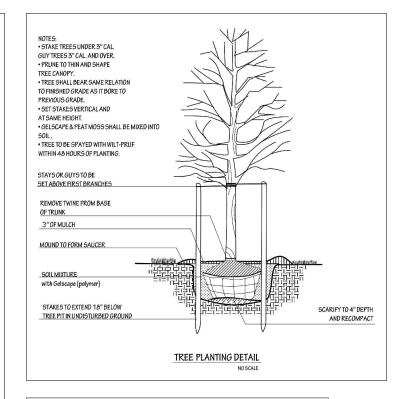


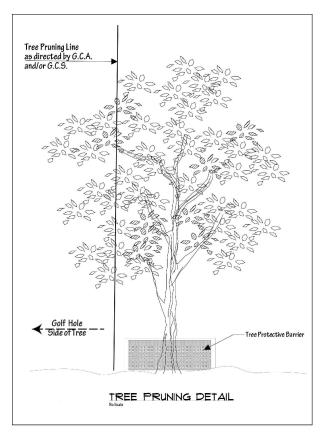


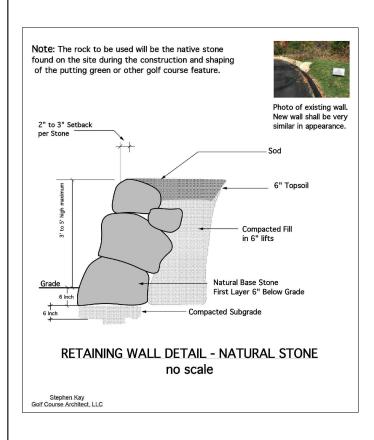


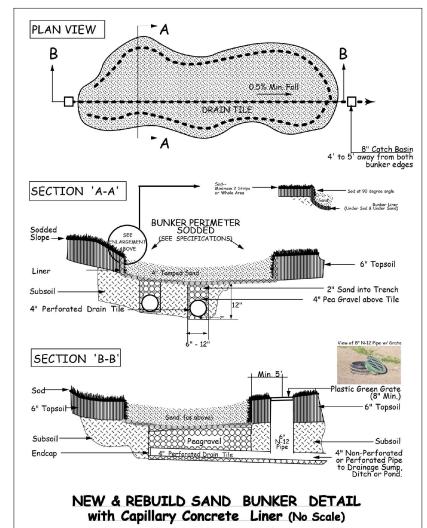


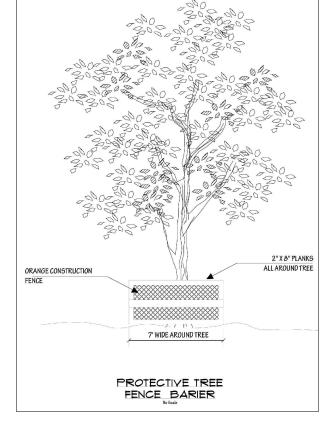














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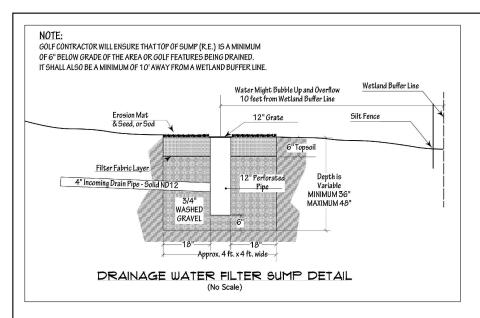
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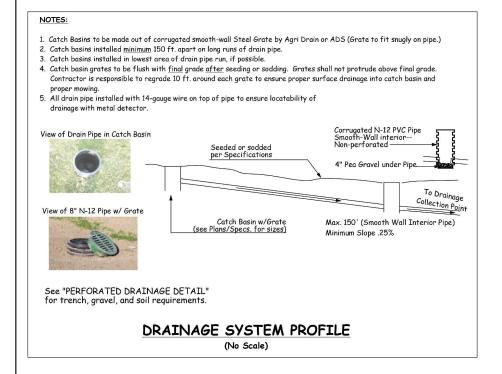
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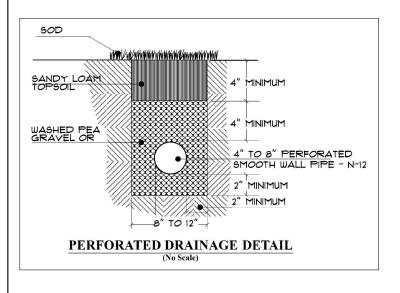
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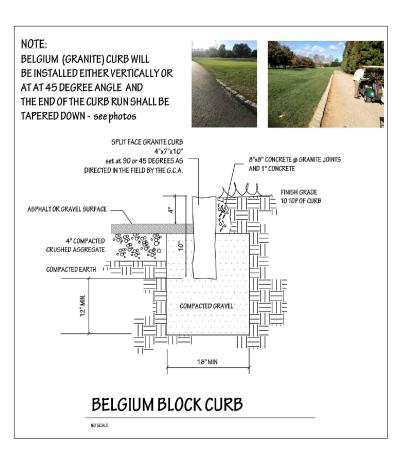
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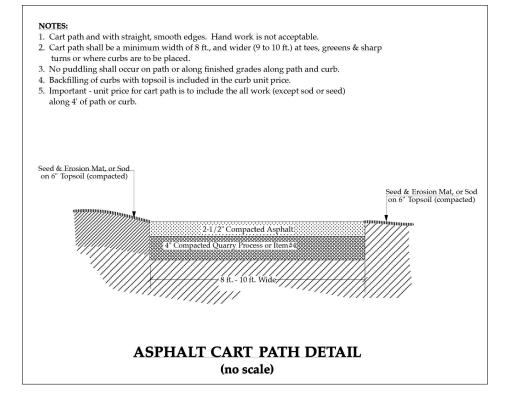








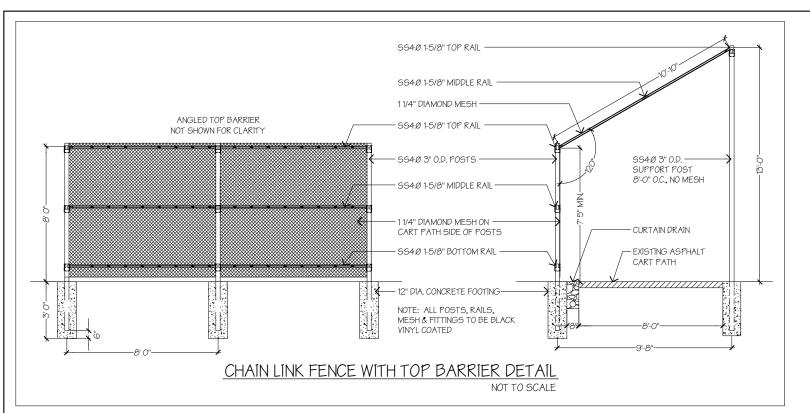
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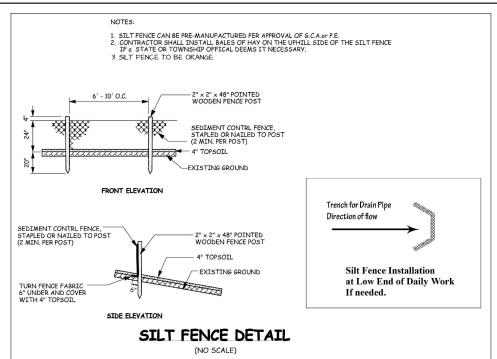


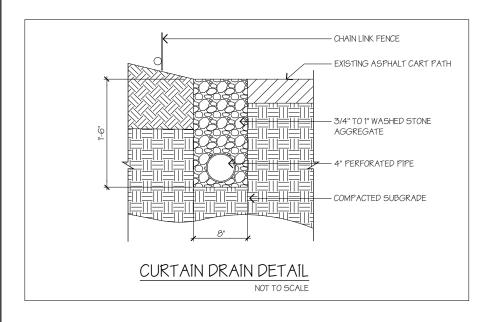


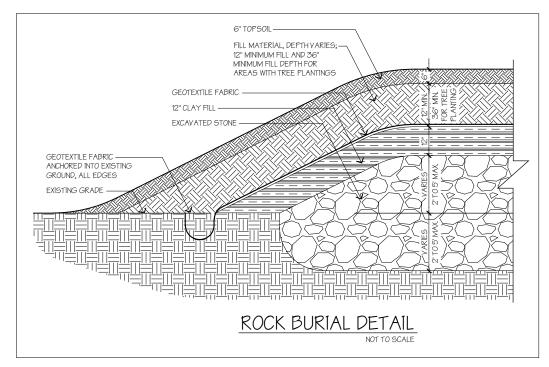
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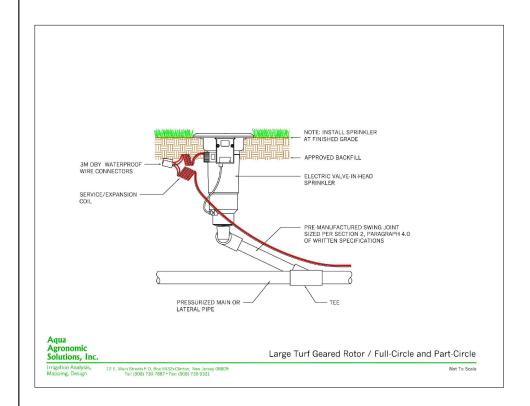
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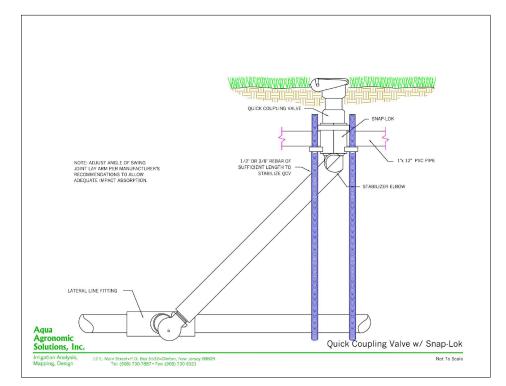
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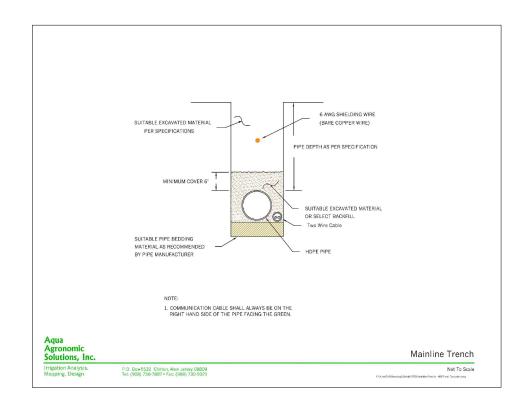
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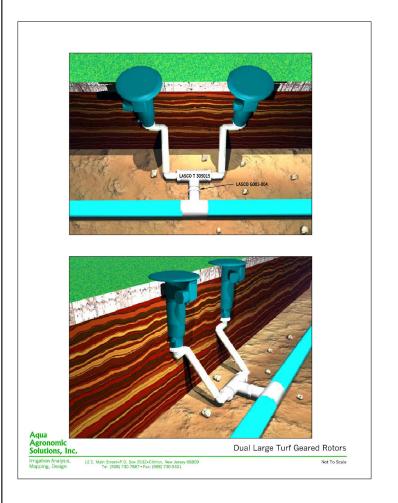


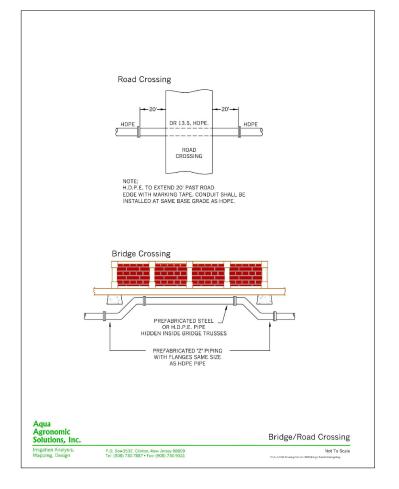
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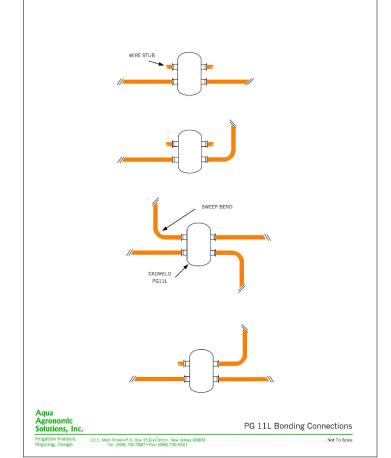
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