# MAGRUDER POINTE PRELIMINARY PLAN OF SUBDIVISION (4-18001) STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION VARIATION FROM 24-122(a)

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#### 1. <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>

The subject property is located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Hamilton Street and 40th Avenue, north of Gallatin Street and west of 40th Place, in Planning Area 68, Council District 2. The subject site is also located within the Traditional Residential Neighborhood (TRN) Character Area of the 2004 Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Prince George's County Gateway Arts District (Gateway Arts District Sector Plan and SMA).

The subject property is located on Tax Map 50 in Grid B1, consists of 35 existing lots, and contains a total of 8.26 acres. The subject site houses the former Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) headquarters building on Hamilton Street to the north and the parking lot serving the building to

the south across Gallatin Street. The building (3.6-acre parcel) is located in the R-55/D-D-O Zones and the parking lot (4.66-acre parcel and right-of-way to be vacated) is located in the O-S/D-D-O Zones. A CSP (CSP-18002) to rezone the underlying O-S Zoned portion of the site to the R-55 Zone and do allow single-family attached residential development at a density not to exceed 9 dwelling units per acre was recently approved by the Planning Board (PGCPB Resolution No. 18-74) and is pending final District Council approval. A companion detailed site plan has been submitted for review concurrent with this preliminary plan application.

## 2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIATION FROM SECTION 24-122(a) OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The applicant is requesting approval of a preliminary plan and detailed site plan to construct 56 single-family attached townhome units and 16 single-family detached units on an 8.26 +/- acre site. A Variation from Section 24-122(a) of the Subdivision Regulations is requested to eliminate the requirement for a public utility easement (PUE) along a portion of the site's public road frontage on the north side of Gallatin Street, adjacent to Parcels A-1 and A-2 and Lots 16, 17, and 31, Block A (see exhibit).

Section 24-122(a) of the Subdivision Regulations includes the following requirement relating to the provision of public utility easements along public rights of way:

### Sec. 24-122. - Public facilities requirements.

(a) When utility easements are required by a public utility company, the subdivider shall include the following statement in the dedication documents: Utility easements are granted pursuant to the declaration recorded among the County Land Records in Liber 3703 at Folio 748.

In this instance, all public streets serving the proposed lots are existing and do not currently include PUEs as all dry utilities are located within the respective rights-of-way. The applicant has submitted a request to PEPCO to confirm that PUEs are not required along the north side of Gallatin Street. As such, the applicant requests a Variation from the above requirement as follows:

#### Sec. 24-113. - Variations

- a) Where the Planning Board finds that extraordinary hardship or practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with this Subtitle and/or that the purposes of this Subtitle may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve variations from these Subdivision Regulations so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured, provided that such variation shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this Subtitle and Section 9-206 of the Environment Article; and further provided that the Planning Board shall not approve variations unless it shall make findings based upon the evidence presented to it in each specific case that:
  - (1) The granting of the variation will not be detrimental to the public safety, health, or welfare, or injurious to other property;

RESPONSE: The granting of the variation will not be detrimental to public safety, health, or welfare, or injurious to other property. Gallatin Street is an existing right-of way and does not currently include PUEs as all dry utilities are located within the right-of-way. All proposed and existing lots in the vicinity will/will continue to be adequately served by public utilities without the addition of a designated PUE adjacent to Gallatin Street. The utility exhibit submitted clearly shows that all existing and proposed lots will be adequately served. Elimination of the requirement for a PUE in this locations will have no effect on public safety, health, or welfare of residents and will not be injurious to other property.

(2) The conditions on which the variation is based are unique to the property for which the variation is sought and are not applicable generally to other properties;

**RESPONSE:** As noted above, the condition unique to the property is that dry utilities are existing along Gallatin Street and are located within the existing right-of-way with no PUE currently in place.

Therefore, a public utility easement is not necessary in order to accommodate utilities adjacent to the right-of-way as is typical along most proposed roadways. What's more, existing storm drain and/or sanitary sewer systems are located outside of the right-of-way in some areas and are within the area where a PUE would typically be provided. In addition, many areas adjacent to the right-of-way do not meet PUE standards due to grade and site constraints, such as steep slopes and specimen trees.

(3) The variation does not constitute a violation of any other applicable law, ordinance, or regulation; and

**RESPONSE:** The requested variation does not constitute a violation of any other law, ordinance or regulation.

(4) Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific property involved, a particular hardship to the owner would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of these regulations is carried out

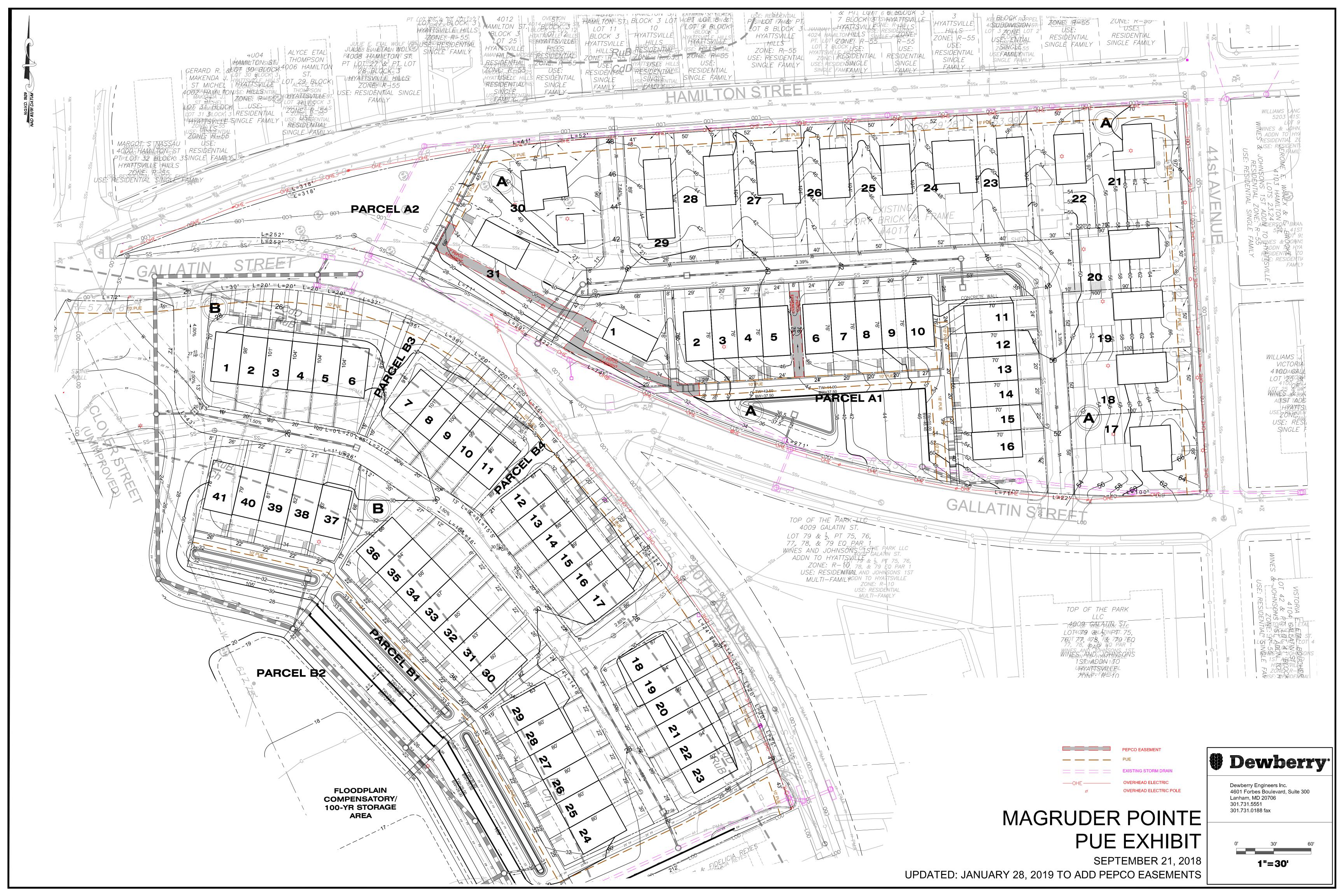
**RESPONSE:** Particular physical surroundings include existing utilities within existing rights-of-way, no existing PUEs and grade and site conditions that are not ideal for the provision of PUEs even if they were necessary. Due to these particular physical surroundings, provision of unnecessary public utility easements would result in a particular hardship to the applicant. As noted above, the area where the PUE would typically be required is encumbered by stormdrain, steep slopes, specimen trees, etc. Removal and/or disturbance for a utility easement that is not necessary to serve existing or proposed uses would constitute a particular hardship to the applicant.

### **CONCLUSION**

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Applicant believes the subject Variation conforms to the required findings stated in Section 24-113 of the Subdivision Regulations. Based on the foregoing analysis, as well as the plans and supporting documentation filed in conjunction with this application, the

applicant respectfully requests the approval of a Variation from Section 24-122(a) to eliminate the requirement for a public utility easement along the north side of Gallatin Street, adjacent to Parcels A-1 and A-2 and Lots 16, 17, and 31, Block A as shown in the enclosed exhibit.

Respectfully submitted
By:
Attorney for Applicant
Norman D. Rivera



## **GENERAL NOTES:** 1. EXISTING PARCEL/LOT, DEED DESCRIPTION/LIBER FOLIO, & PLAT NUMBER A. PARCEL 1; (LOTS 80 THROUGH 93) & PARCEL 2; (LOTS 23 THROUGH 33 AND LOTS 52 THROUGH 61) B. L. 42312 F. 541 C. TAX MAP 50 GRID A1, B1 2. 200 FOOT MAP REFERENCE (WSSC): 206NE03 3. PURPOSE OF SUBDIVISION: RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 16 TOWNHOUSES AND 15 SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED. 4. PRIOR APPROVALS: NRI-047-018, CSP-18002 5. TOTAL ACREAGE: GROSS: 8.26 ACRES; R-55: 3.60 ACRES, O-S: 4.66 ACRES 6. NET DEVELOPABLE AREA OUTSIDE OF PMA: 5.24 ACRES 7. ACREAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATED FEATURES: 3.02 ACRES 8. ACREAGE OF 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN: 3.02 ACRES 9. ACREAGE OF ROAD/ALLEY DEDICATION: 0.73 ACRES 10. EXISTING ZONING/USE: R-55, OPENSPACE/VACANT USE (PREVIOUS). REFER TO CSP-18002 FOR 11. PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY: RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED TOWNHOMES & SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOMES. A. LOTS: 31 B. OUTPARCEL: 12. BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSED DWELLING UNIT BY TYPE: 15 TOWNHOMES UNITS & 16 SINGLE 13. DENSITY CALCULATION: 72 UNITS/ 8.26 ACRES = 8.72 UNITS/ ACRE: PER CSP-18002 APPROVED OF 14. MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIRED: EXEMPT PER 27-544 (c)(2)- LOT SIZE AND LOT WIDTH DO NOT 15. MINIMUM LOT SIZE PROPOSED: 1,400 SF 16. MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AT FRONT OF BUILDING LINE AND FRONT OF STREET LINE: 20' 17. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TIER: TIER 1 18. MILITARY INSTALLATION OVERLAY ZONE: NO 19. CENTER OR CORRIDOR LOCATION: NO 20. GROSS FLOOR AREA (NON-RESIDENTIAL ONLY): B. PROPOSED: N/A 20. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONCEPT NUMBER: 10823-2018-00, APPROVED MARCH 22, 2019. 21. WATER/SEWER CATEGORY DESIGNATION: A. EXISTING: S-3 & W-3 B. PROPOSED: S-3 & W-3 22. AVIATION POLICY AREA (AIRPORT NAME & APA#): NO AVIATION POLICY AREAS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST ON SITE. 23. MANDATORY PARK DEDICATION: FEE IN LIEU 24. CEMETERIES ON OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE PROPERTY: NO 25. HISTORIC SITE ON OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPERTY: NO 26. TYPE ONE CONSERVATION PLAN: EXEMPT 27. WITHIN CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA: NO 28. WETLANDS: YES 29. STREAMS: YES 30. SOILS BY TYPE: CdD, Ch, RuB 31. IN OR ADJACENT TO AN EASEMENT HELD BY THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST, THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION, OR ANY LAND TRUST OR ORGANIZATION: NO 32. SOURCE OF TOPOGRAPHY: FIELD TOPO BY DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC. ON FEBRUARY 2018. 33. THE SITE DOES NOT CONTAIN WETLANDS OF SPECIAL STATE CONCERN AS DEFINED IN COMAR 34. WETLANDS ARE SHOWN ON NRI-047-018, PREPARED BY KLEBASKO ENVIRONMENTAL LLC, IN A STUDY DATED FEBRUARY 2018, RECONFIRMED IN THE FIELD BY MICHAEL J. KLEBASKO OF WETLAND STUDIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC. ON FEBRUARY 2018, AND APPROVED BY MNCPPC ON 35. EXISTING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN 50' OF THE PROPERTY LINE ARE SHOWN. 36. EXISTING EASEMENTS ARE SHOWN. A. WSSC EASEMENT, PART 1, 2, & 3: L; 29181 F;165 37. ALL EXISTING PAVEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE SHOWN. 38. 10' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ADJACENT TO PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY IN LOCATIONS AS SHOWN ON PLAN: NO; PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION; VARIATION FROM 39. BOUNDARY COMPILED BY DEWBERRY, FEBRUARY 2018. 40. OWNER & APPLICANT: OWNER: JEMAL WSSC LLC 702 H STREET NW. SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20001 APPLICANT: WERRLEIN WSSC LLC **522 DEFENSE HIGHWAY** ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 CONTACT: JONATHAN WERRLEIN 443-510-1274 Jonathan@werrleinproperties.com FOR LOCATION OF UTILITIES CALL 8-1-1 OR 1-800-257-7777 OR LOG ON TO www.call811.com http://www.missutility.net 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ANY WORK IN THIS VICINITY INFORMATION CONCERNING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES WAS OBTAINED FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS BUT THE CONTRACTOR MUST DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION AND

ELEVATION OF THE MAINS BY DIGGING TEST PITS

BY HAND AT ALL UTILITY CROSSINGS WELL IN

ADVANCE OF THE START OF EXCAVATION.

**LOCATION PLAN** 

PLAN VIEW

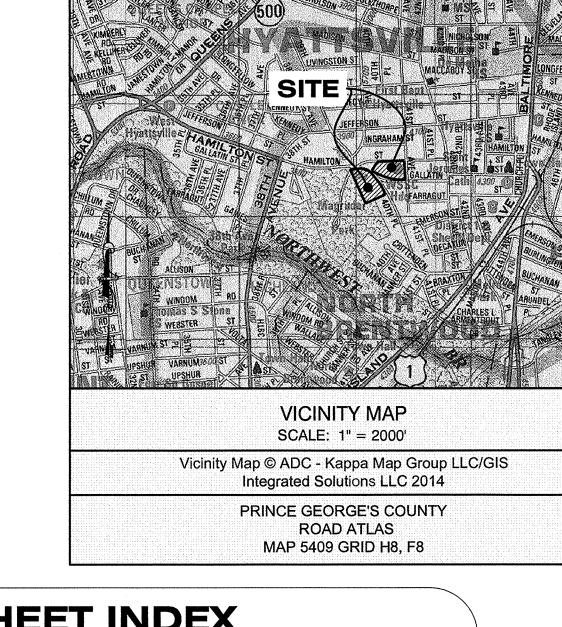
PROPOSED DRAINAGE AREA MAP DETAIL

SCALE: 1"=175' NOTE: REFER TO SITE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN #10823-2018-0

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**ZONING MAP DETAIL** 



## SHEET INDEX

**COVER SHEET** 

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND REMOVAL PLAN **PLAN SHEET** 

TOTAL
8.26 AC
3.02 AC
5.24 AC
0.00 AC
0.00 AC
3.02 AC
3.00 LF
0.49 AC

SUBDIVISION SUM	SUBDIVISION SUMMARY TABLE		
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS	2		
NUMBER OF BLOCKS	2		
NUMBER OF LOTS	31		
NUMBER OF OUTPARCELS	1		
AVERAGE PARCEL SIZE	13,946 SQFT		
AVERAGE LOT SIZE	2,716 SQFT		

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**APPLICANT** 

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LAND USE	ACRES	LAND PERCENTAGE
RESIDENTIAL	2.60	31.47%
OPEN SPACE	0.64	7.75%
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY	0.36	4.37%
OUTPARCEL 1	4.66	56.41%
TOTAL	8.26	100%
SUBDIV	ISION SUMMAI	RY TABLE
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS		2
NUMBER OF BLOCKS		
NUMBER OF BLOCKS	6	2

BLOCK	PARCEL	SQ. FOOTAGE	ACRES	DESCRIPTION	DEDICATION
Α	PARCEL A1	16,823	0.39	OPEN SPACE	НОА
Α	PARCEL A2	11,069	0.26	OPEN SPACE	НОА
В	OUTPARCEL 1	203,126	4.66	PRIVATE	N/A
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TOTAL:	2	231,018	5.31	OPEN SPACE PARCELS	НОА

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

PRELIMINARY PLAN 4-18001

PLANNING BOARD ACTION:

PER PGCPB RESOLUTION #:

SIGNATURE APPROVAL DATE:

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** 

ADOPTION DATE:

## PMA PMA PRIMARY MANAGEMENT AREA/75' STREAM BUFFER FP EXISTING FLOODPLAIN EXISTING FLOODPLAIN EASEMENT —₩×—₩×—₩×— ₩×— EXISTING WATER \_\_\_\_SSx\_\_\_SSx\_\_\_SSx\_\_\_ EXISTING SANITARY SEWER EXISTING SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT EXISTING WATER EASEMENT ------ PROPOSED ROAD CENTERLINE PROPOSED CURB PROPOSED BUILDING RESTRICTION LINE (BRL) PROPOSED STORM DRAIN EASEMENT

**LEGEND** 

EXISTING GAS LINE

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PARCEL A1

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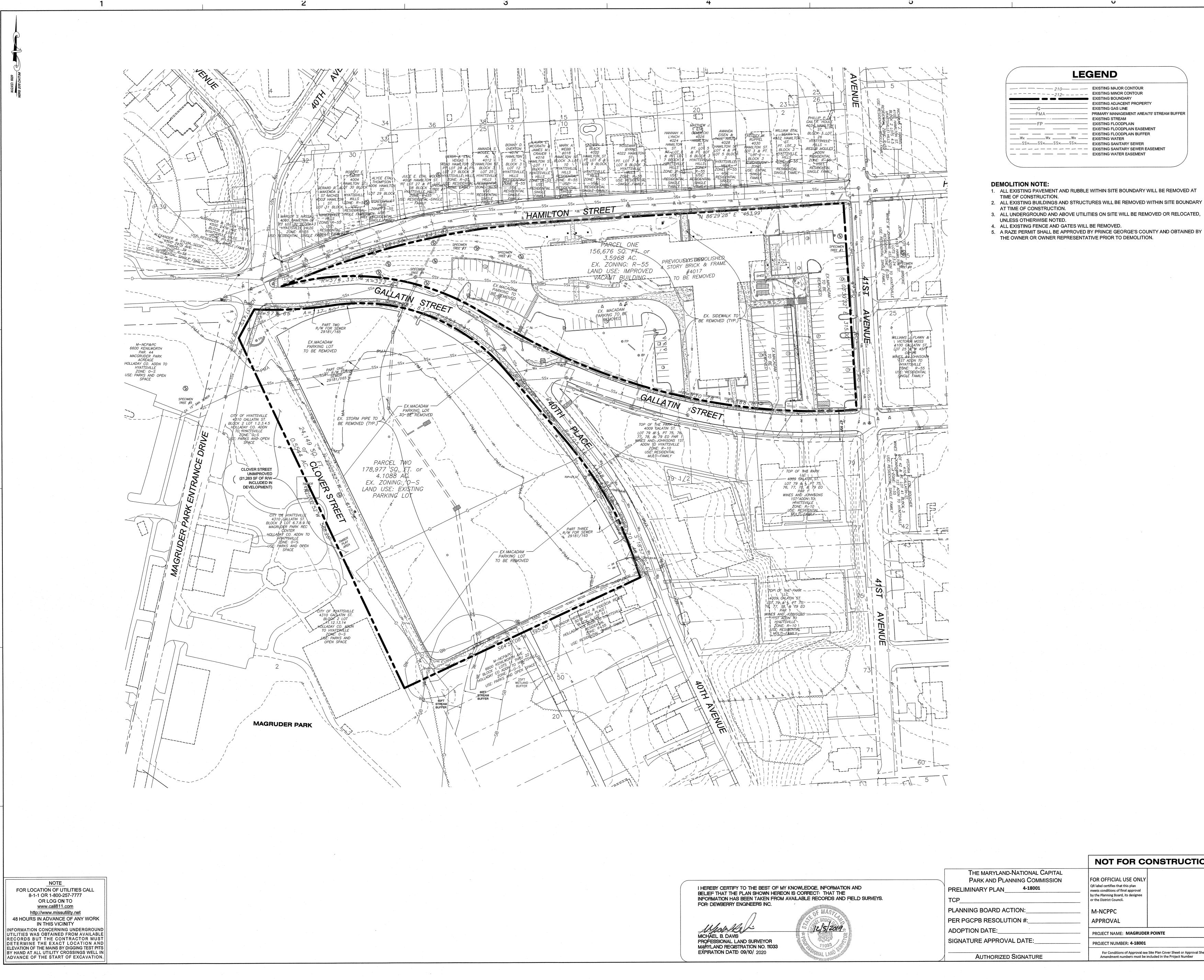
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PROPOSED STORM DRAIN ---- ---- PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT PROPOSED SWM EASEMENT PROPOSED SIDEWALK PROPOSED PARCEL PROPOSED LOT NUMBER

> I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF THAT THE PLAN SHOWN HEREON IS CORRECT: THAT THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS AND FIELD SURVEYS. FOR: DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC.

MICHAEL B. DAVIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR MARYLAND REGISTRATION NO. 11033 **EXPIRATION DATE: 09/10/ 2020** 



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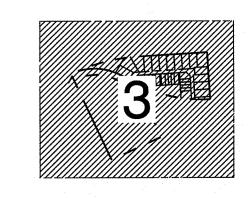
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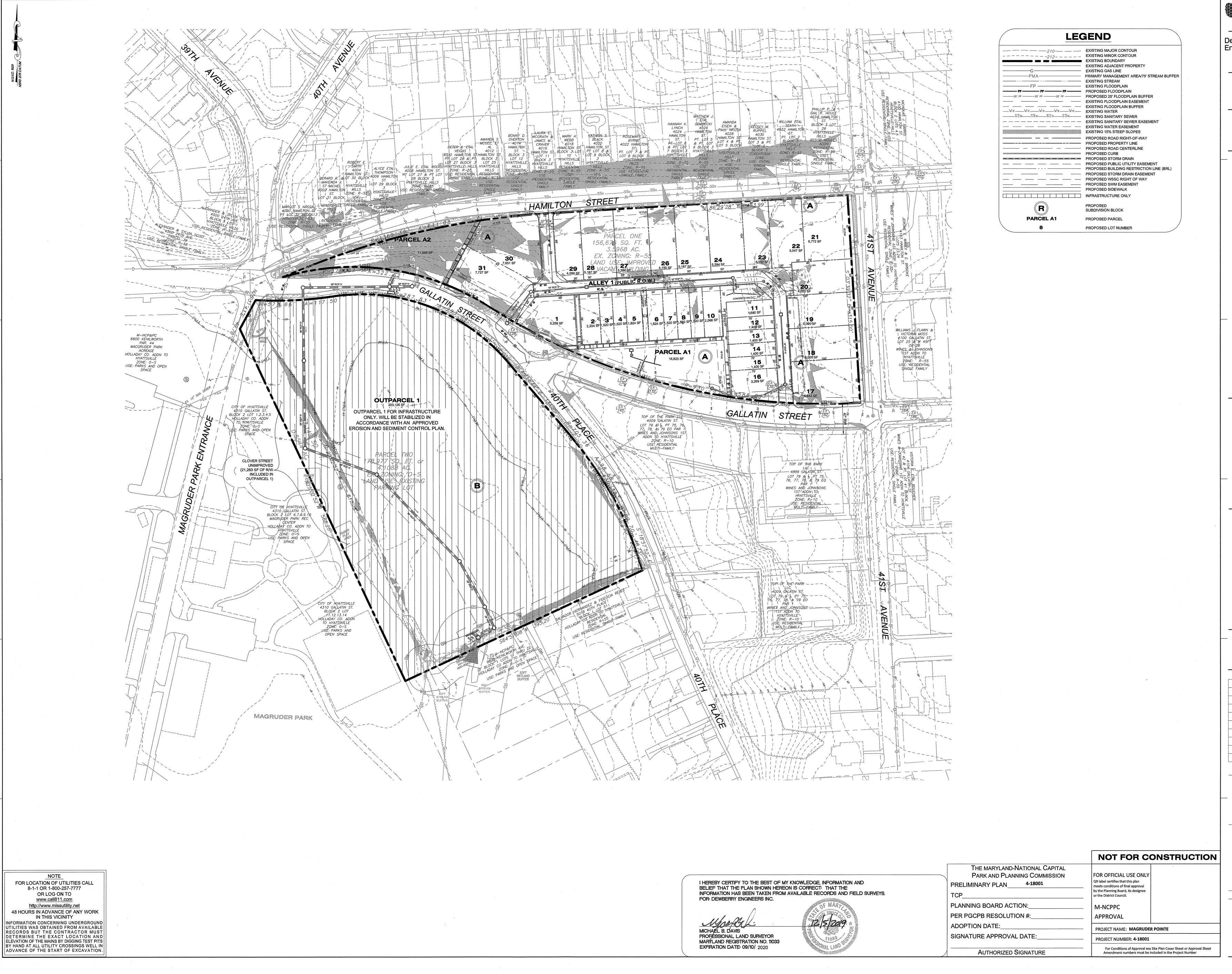
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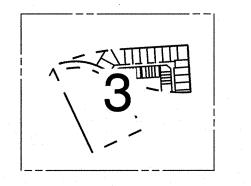
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**KEY PLAN** 



SCALE: 1"=50'

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