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April 3, 2024

Town of Centreville Board of Zoning Appeals Frederick Beu, Chair 101 Lawyer's Row Centreville, MD 21617

RE: Variance Application – Tred Avon Partners, LLC 216 N Commerce St Mixed-Use Building

Dear Mr. Beu:

Please accept this site plan submission and variance application for consideration and to be scheduled at your earliest convenience. We are providing 17 copies of the items listed below (one full size and sixteen 11x17) as well as digital scans:

- 1. Fee check for \$300
- 2. Variance Application form
- 3. "Site and Construction Plan" Sheets 1-3 (Sheets 4-9 are technical in nature and have no substantive revisions as compared the 12/1/23 plan set.)
- 4. Schematic Design rendering, elevations and floor plans by Torchio Architects
- 5. Cover Letter for April 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting
- 6. Letter describing the project's compliance with the Centreville Design Standards (CDS)

Please note that this submittal doubles as a re-submittal of the site plan for consideration by the Planning Commission (PC) on April 17, 2024. The items listed above address comments and issues discussed during our presentation to the PC on February 21, 2024, and we have made minor revisions to the architectural plans and engineering site plans as a result. For the purposes of your evaluation of the variance application, we expect you will focus on Items #2 and 3, and the remaining items may be of interest in understanding the overall project goals and design feature.

As noted on the application form, the purpose for this application is that the Centreville Zoning Code 170-32 C.2.d. requires driveway entrances to be located at least 7 1/2 feet from side lot lines. We are requesting a reduction so that the face of curb is 0.5' from the right-side lot line. This is necessary to provide width for the required 14' wide entrance driveway and still leave room for a commercially viable building, as well as the existing driveway encroachment on the left side of the lot.

In support of our request, we ask that you keep in mind that the property is zoned Central Business District (CBD). Please review the Sheet 3 site plan and observe the entrance driveway configuration, building size & layout, and the driveway encroachment on the left (north) side from the Echo 5 LLC property. We believe it is obvious that it is not possible to develop the 59' wide lot in a way that is typical of existing lots within the CBD district while still complying with 7.5' separation requirement.

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We do not believe this provision in the code was intended to limit the footprint size or floor area of proposed building improvements in the CBD zone. Compliance with the standard would have the practical effect of forcing the propose building to be narrowed from 32' wide to 25', (a 22% reduction in width and floor area).

Moreover, providing a 7.5' separation makes perfect sense for projects in less dense zoning districts that require more landscaping and side bufferyards, such as the commercial entrances along Roue 213 from the split at Citgo, south through the Food Lion shopping center. It is not compatible with existing development in the CBD zone.

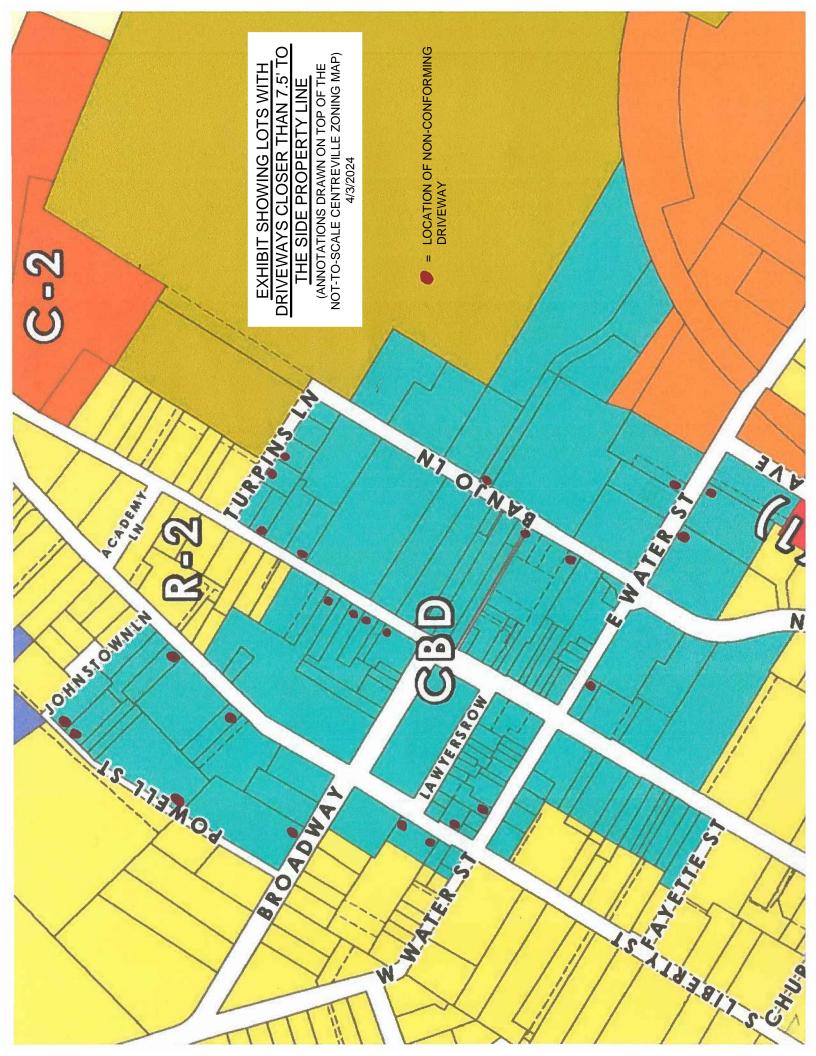
In addition, we would like to note that this requirement is not met by approximately 25 existing properties/sites within the CBD zone as marked on the attached annotated zoning map. For this reason, we do not believe that granting the variance will give the applicant a benefit that is more advantageous than any existing property in the downtown area. We would also like to note that the Town Planner has indicated unofficially that the 7.5' separation requirement is not appropriate in the CBD zone and recommends that the code be revised.

We look forward to presenting the project to you in the near future and discussing these issues in more depth. We are also open to hearing if you have particular concerns or would like us to prepare additional exhibits prior to the hearing in order for us to make the best possible information available to you at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Steve Layden, P.E., LEED AP

pdf: Bo Feaga, Tred Avon Partners, LLC Greg Torchio, Torchio Architects, Inc.



## SITE AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS

# 216 N COMMERCE ST MIXED-USE BUILDING

SITE, SEC, STORMWATER MANAGAGEMENT, AND UTILITY PLANS

#### SITE NOTES

- PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP 44C, GRID 8, PARCEL 778.
- 2. DEED REFERENCE: 4249/130
- 3. THIS SITE IS ZONED CBD CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
- 3.1. FRONT SETBACK = 0 FEET 3.2. SIDE SETBACK = 0 FEET
- 3.3. REAR SETBACK = 5 FEET
- 4. EXISTING USE: VACANT
- 5. PROPOSED USE: MIXED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT
- PROPERTY LINES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON A SURVEY TITLED, "SURVEY ON THE LANDS OF TRED AVON PARTNERS, LLC" PREPARED BY MICHAEL A. SCOTT, INC DATED
- 7. TOPOGRAPHY WAS OBTAINED FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED SURVEY AND IS ON AN ASSUMED HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DATUM.
- 8. THE PROPERTY IS SERVED BY THE PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER
- 9. SOILS WITHIN THE LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE CONSIST ENTIRELY OF INGLESIDE SANDY LOAM (IgA), HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP A, K FACTOR 0.15, AS PER THE USDA-NRCS WEB SOIL SURVEY AS OF OCTOBER 2023.
- 10. THE PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE ONE PERCENT CHANCE FLOOD PLAIN ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S F.I.R.M. MAP FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, PANEL NO. 24035C0212D, DATED: 11/05/2014
- 11. THE PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA
- 12. THERE APPEAR TO BE NO NON-TIDAL WETLANDS ON THE PROPERTY
- 13. THERE ARE NO STEEP SLOPES ON THE PROPERTY.
- 14. NO FOREST IS PROPOSED TO BE DISTURBED AS PART OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
- 15. THE PROPERTY DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONTAIN RARE, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT AND IS NOT MAPPED AS A SENSITIVE SPECIES PROJECT REVIEW AREA AS OF NOVEMBER 2023

#### GENERAL NOTES

DUMB HOME, LLC

- THE EXISTING UTILITIES SHOWN IN THESE DRAWINGS IS BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION. AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ON THE PROPERTY. NO GUARANTEE TO THE ACCURACY OF THE LOCATION (HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL) IS MADE BY THE ENGINEER. CONTRACTOR TO FIELD VERIFY AND TEST PIT AS NEEDED TO VERIFY THE LOCATION OF THE EXISTING UTILITIES. THIS SHALL BE DONE AS PART OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK SHOWN IN THESE DRAWINGS. ANY DAMAGE INCURRED TO SUCH UTILITIES SHALL BE REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION TO SCHEDULE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING:

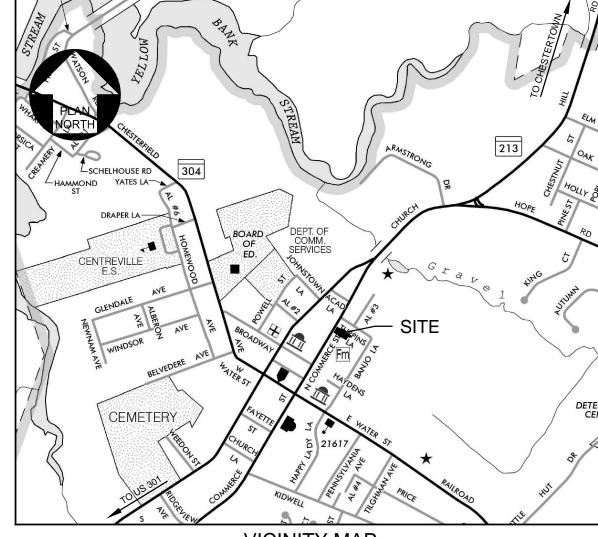
MD DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT INSPECTOR 410-901-4020 TOWN OF CENTREVILLE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS 410-758-0925 DELMARVA POWER 410-758-0830 MISS UTILITY 800-441-8355

3. ALL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADS SHALL BE MARKED FOR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. ALL SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION VI OF THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

1-410-758-2237

DESIGNER:

- 4. ALL MATERIALS AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE TOWN OF CENTREVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 5. THE CONTRACTOR ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THESE PLANS, UNLESS SAID DEVIATION IS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RECEIVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE ENGINEER IF A DEVIATION OF THE PLAN IS NECESSARY
- 6. ALL DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE SMOOTHLY GRADED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE DRAINAGE IN THE DIRECTION OF FLOW ARROWS, SPOT GRADES, AND CONTOURS SHOWN HEREON AND STABILIZED WITH TOPSOIL, SEED, AND MULCH. IF SETTLEMENT OCCURS, TOPSOIL, SEEDING AND MULCHING SHALL BE REPEATED UNTIL SETTLEMENT SUBSIDES (SEE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS). 7. ALL TRASH, TREES, DEMOLITION DEBRIS, AND UNDERBRUSH ARE TO BE CLEARED AND REMOVED OFF
- SITE TO AN APPROVED DUMP SITE BY THE CONTRACTOR. 8. ANY EXCESS EXCAVATED MATERIAL PLACED OUTSIDE OF THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED ON THIS PLAN
- SHALL MEET APPROVAL OF THE TOWN AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY INSPECTORS AND ENGINEER. 9. ANY EXISTING SURVEY MONUMENTATION THAT IS DISTURBED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REPLACED BY A REGISTERED SURVEYOR AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE
- 10. ALL FILL AREAS WITHIN LIMITS OF PAVEMENT, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AND OTHER AREAS AS DESIGNATED ON THESE PLANS SHALL BE COMPACTED TO 95% MODIFIED PROCTOR DENSITY AND LAID AND COMPACTED IN 8" MAXIMUM LIFTS.
- 11. ALL FILL AREAS WITHIN LIMITS OF WALKS, PATIOS, ETC. SHALL BE COMPACTED TO 90% MODIFIED PROCTOR DENSITY AND LAID AND COMPACTED IN 8" MAXIMUM LIFTS.
- 12. IF POSSIBLE, EXCAVATIONS AND TRENCHES SHALL NOT REMAIN OPEN OVERNIGHT. IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR TRENCHES TO REMAIN OPEN, STEEL PLATES, CAPABLE OF BEARING TRAFFIC, SHALL BE USED TO COMPLETELY COVER THE TRENCH OR SAFETY FENCING SHALL BE INSTALLED TO COMPLETELY ENCLOSE THE EXCAVATION OR TRENCH.
- 13. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY SWM INSPECTOR AND THE TOWN OF CENTREVILLE WITH A SET OF RED-LINED AS-BUILTS OF THE PROPOSED STORMWATER FACILITIES. RED LINES SHALL SHOW THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND PIPING AND STRUCTURES AS SURVEYED, BEFORE BEING BACKFILLED.



VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1" = 1000'

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- STORMWATER DETAILS STORMTECH DETAILS

#### PREMISE ADDRESS OWNER / DEVELOPER

TRED AVON PARTNERS, LLC PO BOX 387 11 MARCIA LN DORSET, VT 05251 (443) 480-2532

SURVEYOR ENGINEER

#### MICHAEL A. SCOTT, INC. 400 S CROSS ST, STE 4 CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

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DUMB HOME, LLC 309 WINDSOR AVE CENTREVILLE, MD 21617 PHONE: (301) 529-2368

8,716 SQ.FT

216 N COMMERCE ST

CENTREVILLE, MD 21617

#### **SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL** SITE INFORMATION:

TOTAL LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE

TOTAL SITE AREA LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE (ONSITE) 8,666 SQ.FT PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA 7,199 SQ.FT VEGETATIVELY STABILIZED AREA 1,467 SQ.FT LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE (OFFSITE) 50 SQ.FT OFFSITE IMPERVIOUS AREA SQ.FT

#### SITE STATISTICS TOTAL SITE AREA =

EXISTING IMPERVIOUS AREA (6.5%) = 0.013 AC. ± 0.011 AC. ± IMPERVIOUS AREA TO BE REMOVED = IMPERVIOUS AREA TO BE ADDED = 0.163 AC. ± RESULTING IMPERVIOUS AREA (83.0%) = 0.165 AC. ± MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS AREA (85%) =

#### PARKING CALCULATIONS

900 S.F. COMMERCIAL @ 1 SPACE PER 300 SF = 3 SPACES 1.5 SPACES ONE 1-BR RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT @ 1.5 SPACES EACH = FOUR 2-BR RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS @ 2.25 SPACES EACH = 9 SPACES TOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED PER TOWN CODE =

## REDUCED PARKING CREDIT PER 170-32 B. 2. BASED ON ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 1 + 8 = 9 SPACES REQUIRED FOR DWELLINGS IN AA COUNTY PER 18-3-104

COMPARED TO 11 SPACES REQUIRED BY CENTREVILLE CODE) SHARED PARKING CREDIT PER 170-32 B. 3. FOR OFFSET COMMERCIAL

#### NOTE THAT THE LEASE DOCUMENT FOR THE COMMERCIAL SPACE IS PROPOSED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT THAT EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS ARE REQUESTED TO UTILIZE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES AT ALL TIMES.

#### NET REQUIRED PARKING SPACES REQUIRED = 9 SPACES

ONSITE SPACES PROVIDED = PARKING CREDIT PER 170-32 A. OFFSITE PARKING CREDITED

REQUESTING 3 ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON N COMMERCE STREET BE CREDITED TOWARD THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMERCIAL APARTMENT.

(NOTE THAT ADDITIONAL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE AREA, AS WELL AS OFFSITE SPACES BEING AVAILABLE IN THE ADJACENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PARKING LOT.)

#### TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED = 11 SPACES INCLUDING ONE HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

#### **DEVELOPERS CERTIFICATE**

REVIEWED FOR THE QUEEN ANNE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND MEETS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

#### QUEEN ANNE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTE: THE QUEEN ANNE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD. DELETE, MODIFY, OR OTHERWISE ALTER THE EROSION CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THIS PLAN IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL PROTECTION BECOMES NECESSARY.

#### DEVELOPER'S CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL THE DEVELOPMENT AND/OR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE DONE ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL.

IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY THE ENGINEER OF ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS PLAN. ANY CHANGE MADE IN THIS PLAN WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE ENGINEER WILL PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAID CHANGE ON THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR.

ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION BEFORE BEGINNING

THE DEVELOPER WILL PROVIDE THE DIRECT ONE COPY OF A RED LINE AS-BUILT DRAWING OF EACH FACILITY REQUIRING A STATE POND PERMIT.

TITLE SHEET

APPROVED BY: APPROVED BY: **REVISIONS: DECEMBER 1, 2023** 1/19/2024 ADDRESS TAC COMMENTS, SUBMIT FOR PLAN, COM SCALE: 4/3/2024 SITE LAYOUT REVISIONS PER PLANNING COMMISSION OWN OF CENTREVILLE ENGINEER DATE QA Co. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS 1" = 60' JOB NUMBER: APPROVED BY:

DATE

PLANNING COMMISSION CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY

SERVICES OFFICE OF THE FIRE

QA Co. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

MARSHAL CERTIFICATE

JEFFREY MORGAN, FIRE MARSHAL

SIGNATURE

TOWN OF

CENTREVILLE,

**MARYLAND** 

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS SITE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY

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ANNE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - OFFICE OF

THE FIRE MARSHAL ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

THE CENTREVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY

Professional Certification: I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland, License No. 31184, Expiration Date: 1-16-25.





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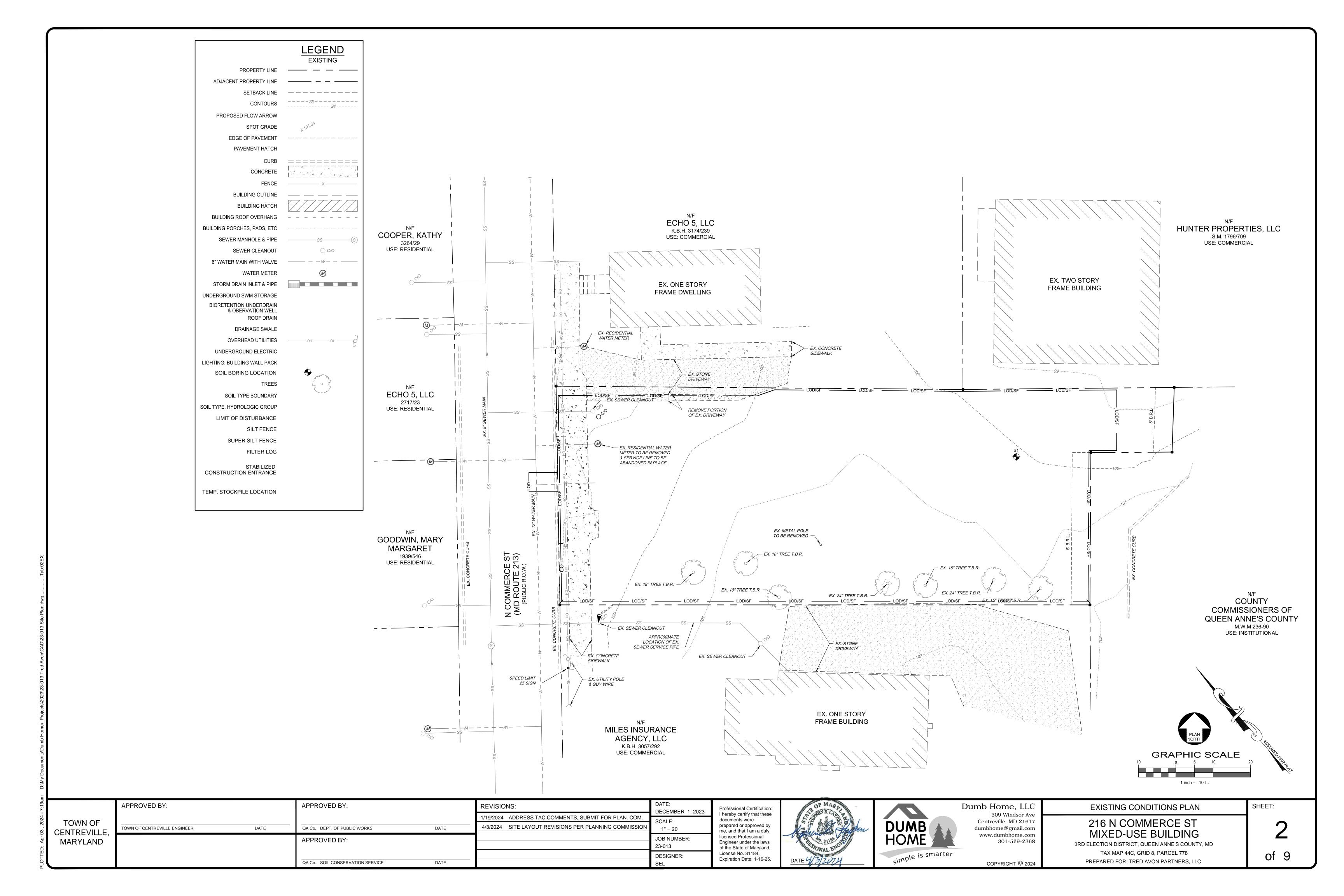
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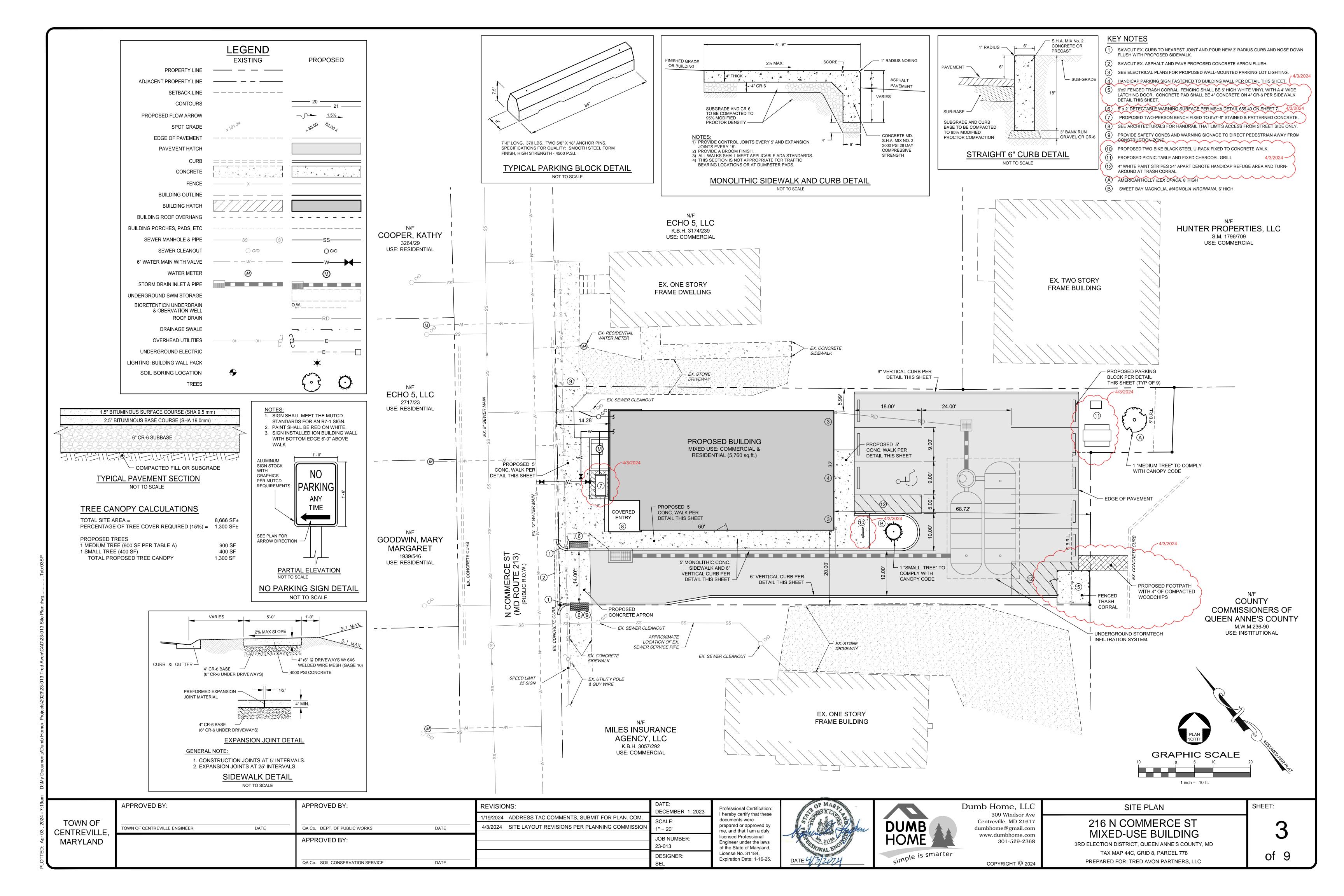
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MIXED-USE BUILDING 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MD TAX MAP 44C, GRID 8, PARCEL 778 PREPARED FOR: TRED AVON PARTNERS, LLC

SHEET:

8 SPACES







COMMERCE STREET VIEW



WEST ELEVATION SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



SOUTH ELEVATION SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



**EAST ELEVATION** 

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

#### MATERIALS

ALUMINUM STOREFRONT ALUMINUM CLAD WOOD WINDOWS PVC TRIM
VINYL OR CEMENT BOARD SIDING
ALUMINUM RAILINGS
CONCRETE FOUNDATION
SINGLE-PLY MEMBRANE ROOFING (NOT VISIBLE)



NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

