

DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

Hon. Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer Andrew Baker, AICP, Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

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licant and/or lorized RepresentativeBreakthru House, Inc. c/o Battle Law, P.C.	
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OWNER OF RECORD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY	
ner: Breakthru House, Inc.	
ress (Mailing): <u>1866 Eastfield Street, Decatur, GA 30032</u>	
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phone Home: Business:404.218.6982	
ADDRESS/LOCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY 1893, 1901 & 1909 ress: <u>Eastfield Street</u> City: <u>Decatur</u> State: <u>GA</u> Zip: <u>30032</u>	
District(s): 15 Land Lot(s): 170 Block: 10 Parcel: 15 170 10 011; 15 17 13 013; 15 170 10 015 13 013; 15 170 10 015	J 10
Zoning Classification: OI Commission District & Super District: <u>3 & 7</u>	
CLE TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED:	
RIANCE (From Development Standards causing undue hardship upon owners of property.)	
ECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive off-street parking or loading space requirements.)	
FICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS.	
EASE REVIEW THE FILING GUIDELINES ON PAGE 4. FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES MAY RESULT CHEDULING DELAYS. *	

TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT:

Date Received: _____

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to inspect the premises of the Subject Property

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property and that I authorize the applicant/agent to apply for a hearing to the ZoningBoard of Appeals for the requests as shown in this application.

DATE:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Breakthru House, Inc.

Applicant/Agent: Signature

(I)/ (WE) _____ (Name of Owners)

being (owner/owners) of the property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to:

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Notary Public

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Breakthru House, Inc. By: BreNita Jackson

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Breakthru House, Inc. By: BreNita Jackson HAG > Applicant: Signature

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Applicant: Signature



STATEMENT OF INTENT

and

Other Material Required by DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance For A Variance to Reduce the Required Number of Resident Parking Spots

of

BREAKTHRU HOUSE, INC. c/o Battle Law, P.C.

for

+/-0.92 Acres of Land Being 1893, 1901, and 1909 Eastfield Street Decatur, Georgia and Parcel Nos. 15 170 10 011, 15 170 10 013, and 15 170 10 015

Submitted for Applicant by:

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Breakthru House, Inc. (the "Applicant") is seeking to develop on +/- 0.92 acres of land being Tax Parcel Nos. 15 170 10 011, 15 170 10 013, and 15 170 10 015 having frontage on 1893, 1901, and 1909 Eastfield Street (the "Subject Property") with personal care facility for greater than seven (7) people. The Applicant has successfully obtained a rezoning of the property from R-75 to O-I for the intended use from the Board of Commissioners. At the Board of Commissioner's hearing, the Applicant showed the site plan attached to this application. It is that site plan that the Board of Commissioners approved. Now, the Applicant is seeking a Variance of the Subject Property from section 6.1.4 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to reduce the required number of resident parking spots to zero (0) in accordance with the site plan that was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

This document serves as a statement of intent, analysis of the criteria under the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance and contains notice of constitutional allegations as a reservation of the Applicant's rights.

II. DEKALB COUNTY PARKING VARIANCE CRITERIA

A. The character of the use of the building(s) is such as to make unnecessary the full provision of parking or loading spaces;

The character of the use of the building(s) is such as to make unnecessary the full provision of parking or loading spaces. Section 6.1.4 of DeKalb County's Zoning Ordinance requires one (1) resident parking spot per three (3) beds. Breakthru House does not permit visitors, so, no parking is needed for visitors. Additionally, none of the residents own cars. So, they do not require parking either.

Only the staff require parking. To that end, Breakthru House has provided four new spots in addition to the space currently used for staff parking just up the street. These spaces are enough for the staff members to park and attend to the residents. Therefore, the character of the use of the building(s) is such as to make unnecessary the full provision of parking or loading spaces.

B. The lot upon which the building(s) is located is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the boundary of a MARTA Rapid Transit Station;

While the lot upon which the building(s) is located is not within one thousand (1,000) feet of the boundary of a MARTA Rapid Transit Station, that does not pose an issue. Breakthru House does not permit visitors on the Subject Property whether they arrive in their own vehicle or if they arrive via train or bus. So, while the Subject Property is located near at least four MARTA bus stops, it is inconsequential because no visitors will be using the bus or parking spots to visit residents. Furthermore, the residents themselves do not need to use the buses either. Breakthru House provides all transportation for their residents. Therefore, while the lot upon which the building(s) is located is not within one thousand (1,000) feet of the boundary of a MARTA Rapid Transit Station, that does not pose an issue here.



C. The provision of the full number of parking spaces would have a deleterious effect on a historic building, site, district, or archaeological resource;

The provision of the full number of parking spaces would not have a deleterious effect on a historic building, site, district, or archaeological resource because the Subject Property is not located in a historic district and the buildings upon the Subject Property are not historic. The Applicant is not aware of any archaeological resources on the site at the time of writing.

D. The use has a characteristic that differentiates it from the typical use example used in the formulation of this zoning ordinance;

The use has a characteristic that differentiates it from the typical use example used in the formulation of this zoning ordinance. The Board of Commissioners recently approved the Applicant's rezoning request to rezone the Subject Property to OI (Office-Institutional). Section 2.29.2 describes the purpose and intent of the board of commissioners in establishing the OI district is as follows:

A. To provide convenient areas within the county for the location of office and institutional uses which are necessary for the residents and business and professional practitioners within the county;

B. To provide accessory commercial and residential uses to reduce auto dependence;

C. To provide locations for the development of cultural, recreational, educational and health service facilities for the county;

D. To promote compatible development, in size and scale, to surrounding development;

E. To promote campus style developments;

F. To promote pedestrian oriented compact design;

G. To implement the future development map of the county's most current comprehensive plan.

While nowhere in the purpose and intent does the Code mention personal care homes, it is a permitted use in the OI district. The primary intent is to allow for office campuses, university campuses, and commercial and residential uses that complement the office and university campuses. In this case, the Applicant seeks to build a personal care home for greater than seven (7) people, but do so in the style of a campus. The site plan submitted with this application – and approved by the Board of Commissioners – shows exactly how that campus feel will be achieved. Nevertheless, the private nature of the use differentiates it from a typical campus environment. Where on a university campus, students come and go as they please, only residents of Breakthru



House and the staff will be permitted to use the campus. Since the residents will be living at the home and the staff will be working there, there is no need to any additional parking to accommodate outside visitors wishing to use the campus. Therefore, the use has a characteristic that differentiates it from the typical use example used in the formulation of this zoning ordinance.

E. The location of the proposed development is relatively isolated where the opportunity for diversity of use, pedestrian access, and alternative modes is not available; or

While the location of the proposed development is not relatively isolated and diversity of use, pedestrian access, and alternative modes would normally be available, the approved use of the property prohibits pedestrian access and renders inconsequential alternative modes.

F. The developer is providing the additional spaces for general public parking (for hourly or daily parking charges) to serve surrounding development

The developer is not providing additional spaces for general public parking to serve surrounding development.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant hereby requests that the application for a Variance to reduce the required number of resident parking spots be approved. The Applicant welcomes any questions and feedback from the planning staff.

IV. NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ALLEGATIONS AND PRESERVATION OF CONTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The portions of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, facially and as applied to the Subject Property, which restrict or classify or may restrict or classify the Subject Property so as to prohibit its development as proposed by the Applicant are or would be unconstitutional in that they would destroy the Applicant's property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and would be in violation of the Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

The application of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to the Subject Property which restricts its use to any classification other than that proposed by the Applicant is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void, constituting a taking of Applicant's Property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States denying the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

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A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the Applicant in violation of the due process and equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section II, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

A refusal by the DeKalb Zoning Board of Appeals to amend the land use and/or rezone the Subject Property to the classification as requested by the Applicant would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any variance of the Property subject to conditions which are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting Applicant's utilization of the property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Subject Property to an unconstitutional classification and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

A refusal to allow the land use amendment and/or Variance in questions would be unjustified from a fact-based standpoint and instead would result only from constituent opposition, which would be an unlawful delegation of authority in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution.

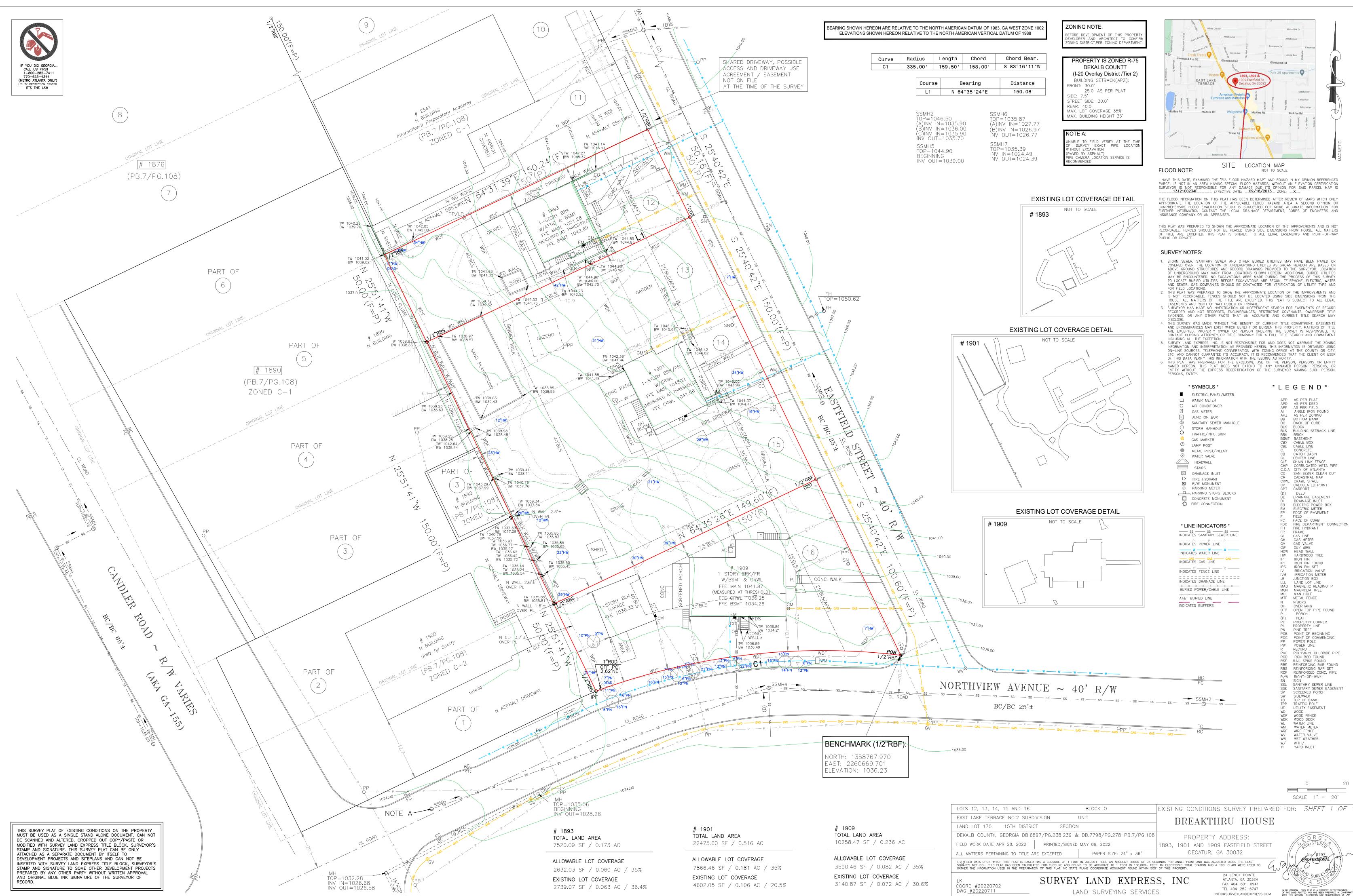
A refusal to allow the land use amendment and/or Variance in question would be invalid inasmuch as it would be denied pursuant to an ordinance which is not in compliance with the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A Section 36-66/1 et seq., due to the manner in which the Ordinance as a whole and its map(s) have been adopted.

The existing land use designation and/or zoning classification on the Subject Property is unconstitutional as it applies to the Subject Property. This notice is being given to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-11-1 to afford the County an opportunity to revise the Property to a constitutional classification. If action is not taken by the County to rectify this unconstitutional land use designation and/or zoning classification within a reasonable time, the Applicant is hereby placing the County on notice that it may elect to file a claim in the Superior Court of Fulton County demanding just and adequate compensation under Georgia law for the taking of the Subject Property, diminution of value of the Subject Property, attorney's fees and other damages arising out of the unlawful deprivation of the Applicant's property rights.

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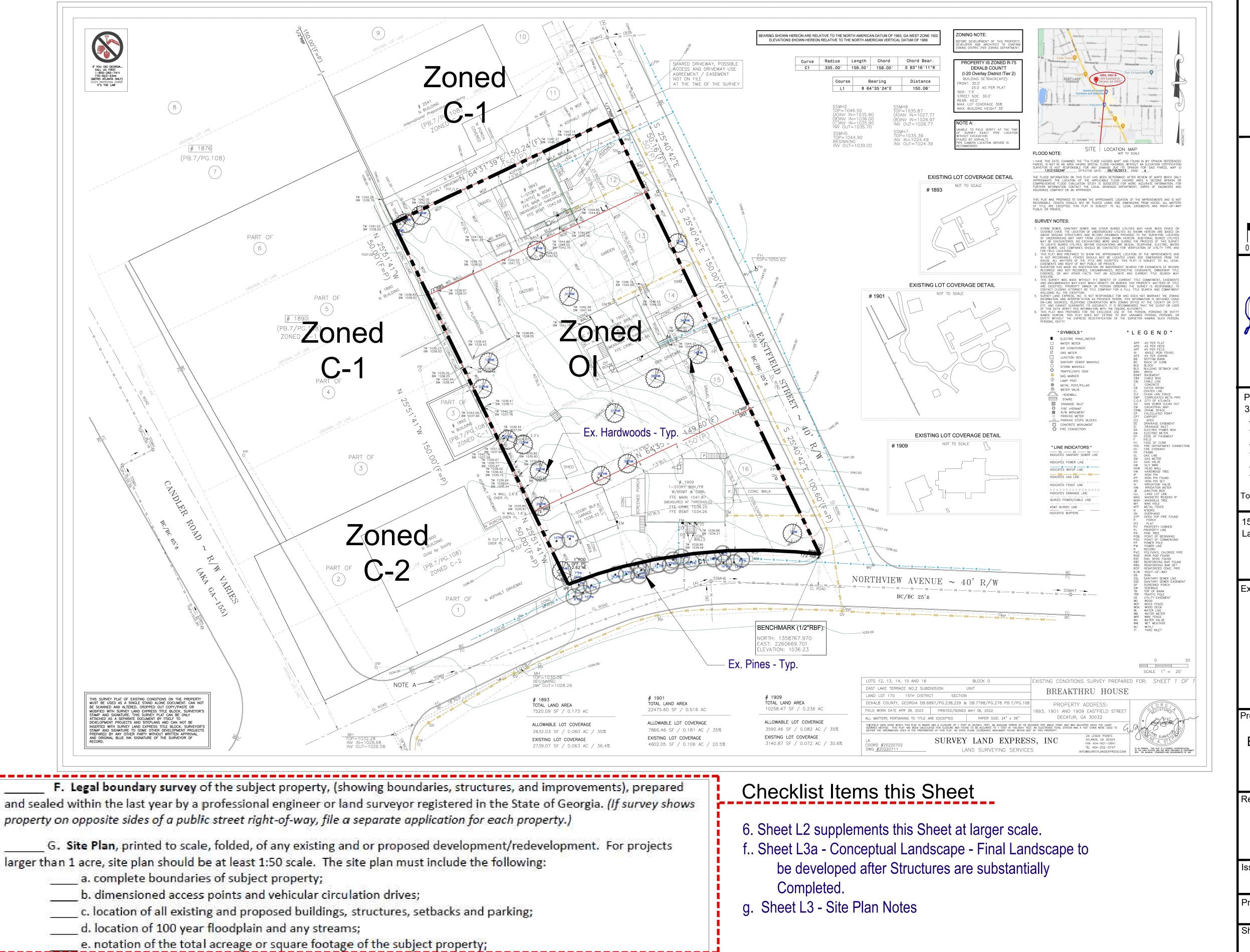


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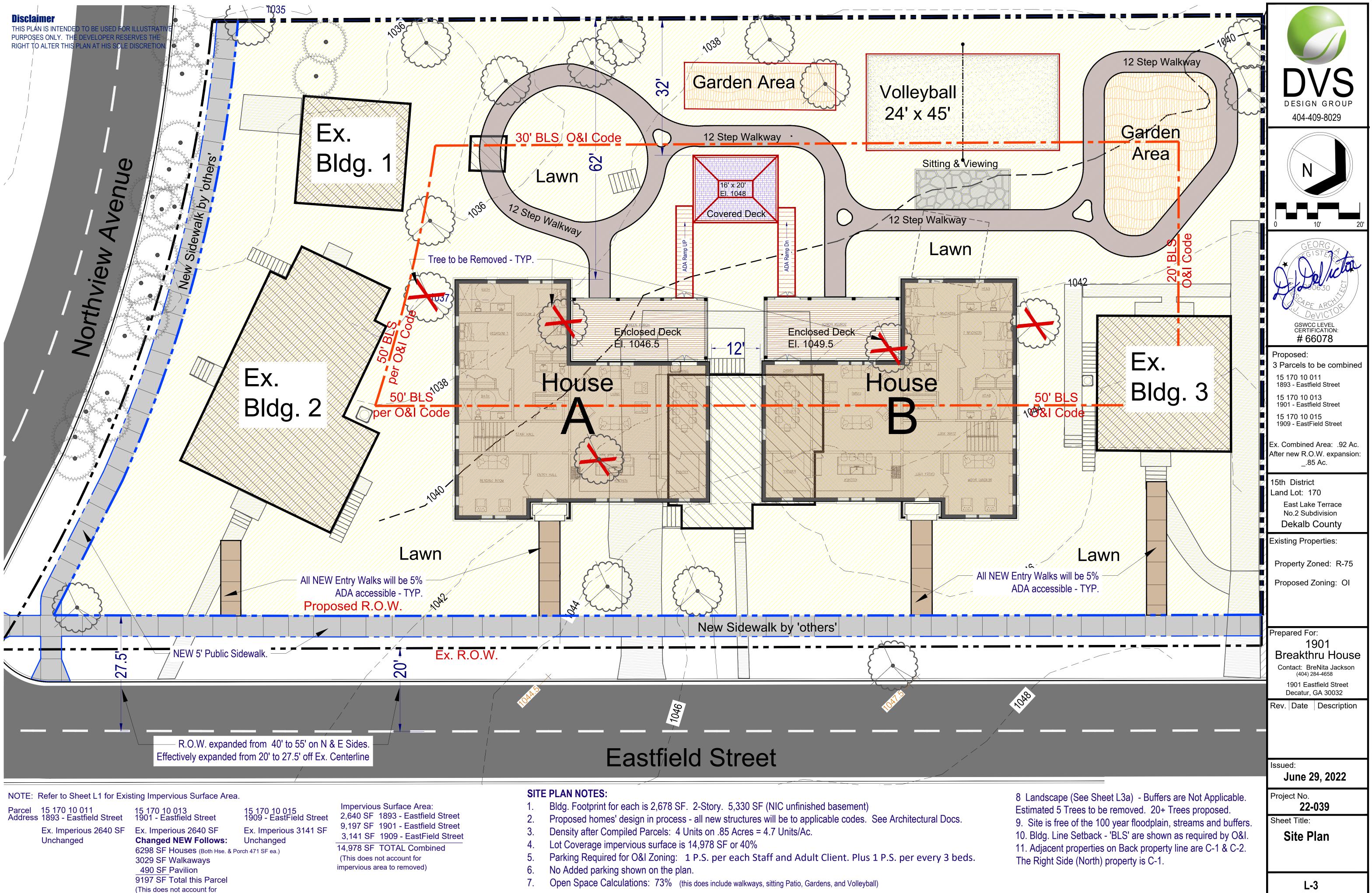
f. landscaping, tree removal and replacement, buffer(s); and

g. site plan notes of building square footages, heights, density calculations, lot coverage of impervious surfaces, parking ratios, open space calculations, and other applicable district standards.

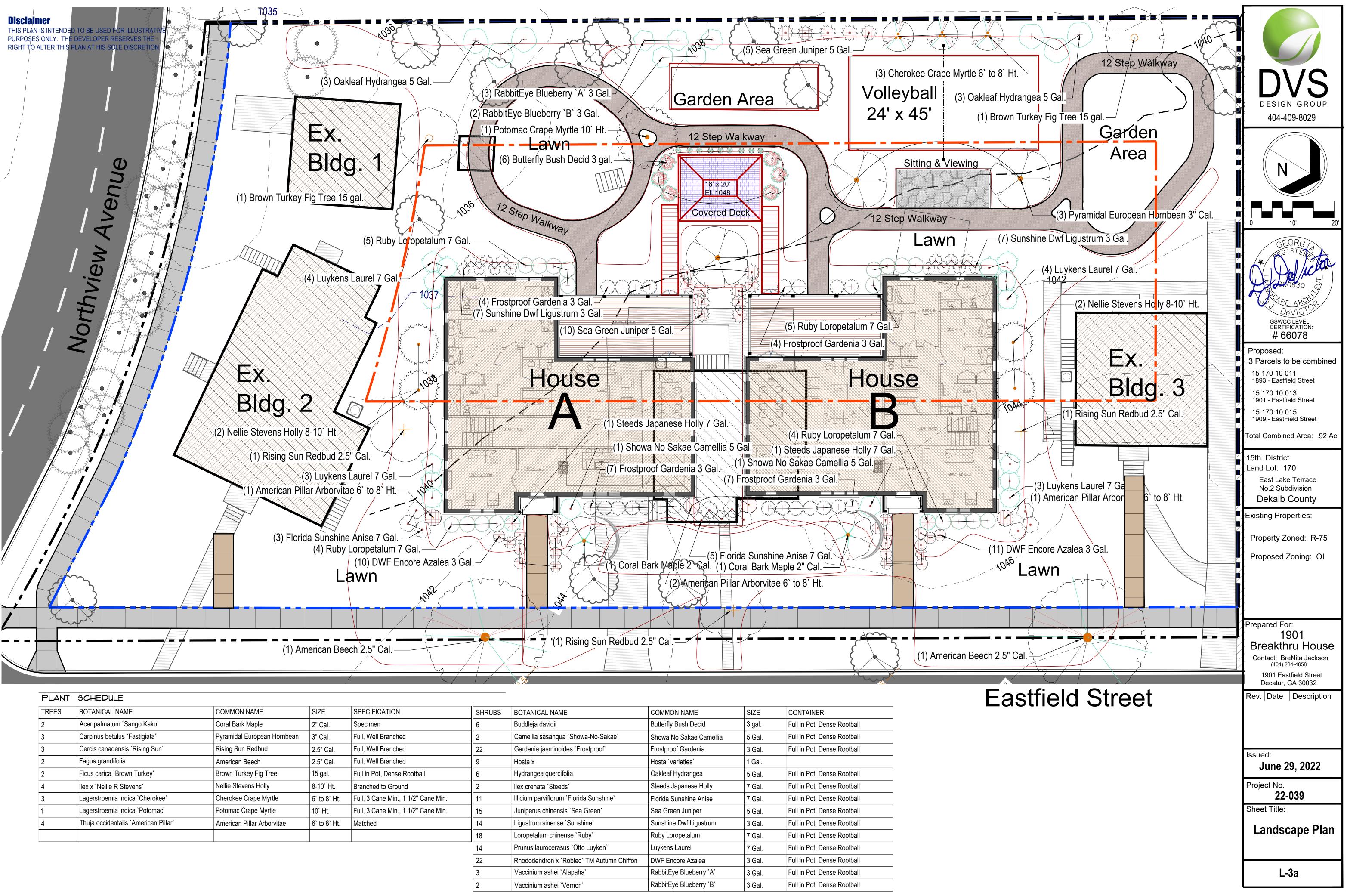
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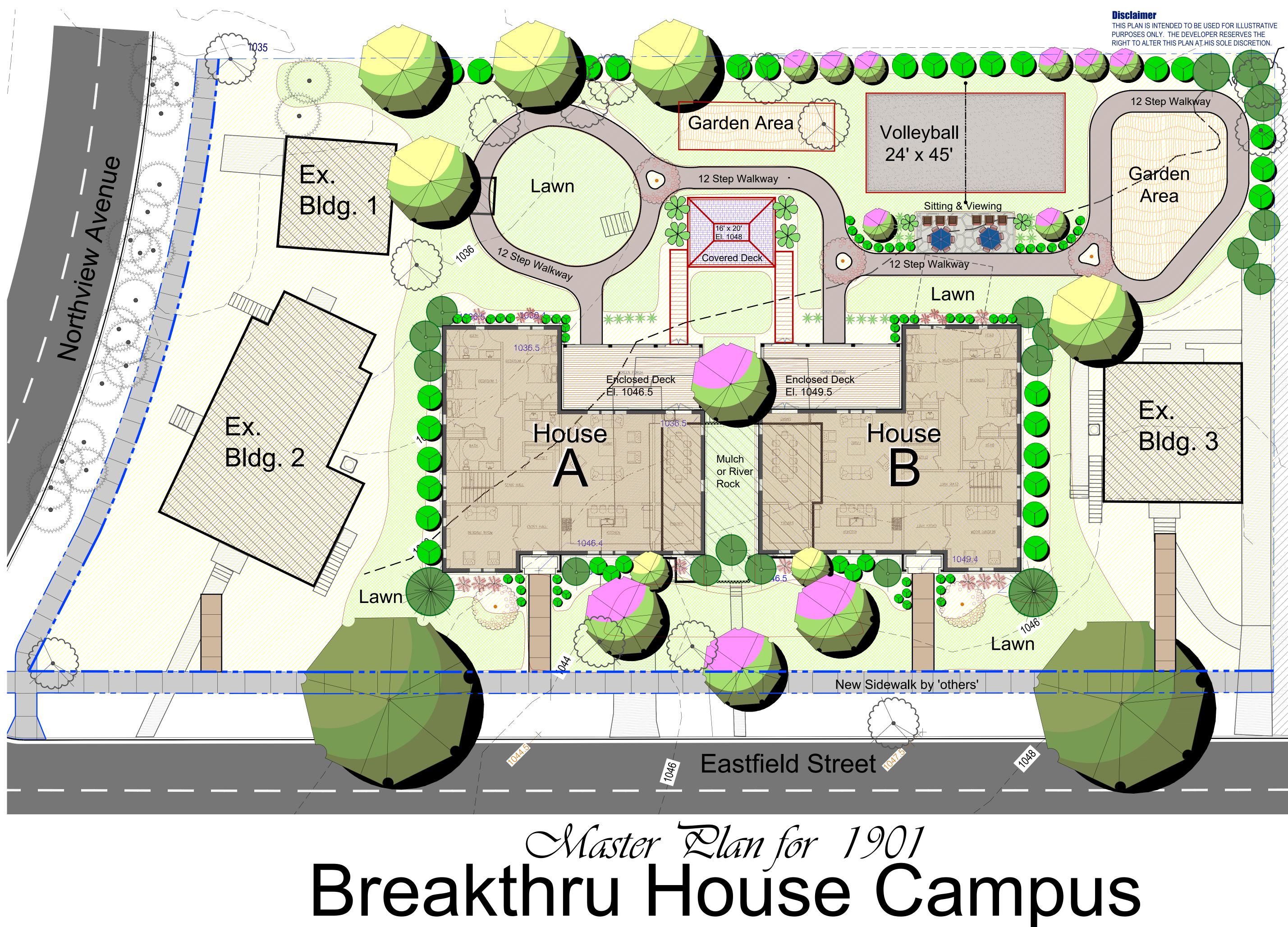
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15th District Land Lot: 170 East Lake Terrace No.2 Subdivision Dekalb County
Existing Properties: Property Zoned: R-75
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1901 Breakthru House Contact: BreNita Jackson (404) 284-4658 1901 Eastfield Street
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impervious area to removed)



TREES	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPECIFICATION	SHRUBS	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER
2	Acer palmatum `Sango Kaku`	Coral Bark Maple	2" Cal.	Specimen	6	Buddleja davidii	Butterfly Bush Decid	3 gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
3	Carpinus betulus `Fastigiata`	Pyramidal European Hornbean	3" Cal.	Full, Well Branched	2	Camellia sasanqua `Showa-No-Sakae`	Showa No Sakae Camellia	5 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
}	Cercis canadensis `Rising Sun`	Rising Sun Redbud	2.5" Cal.	Full, Well Branched	22	Gardenia jasminoides `Frostproof`	Frostproof Gardenia	3 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
)	Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	2.5" Cal.	Full, Well Branched	9	Hosta x	Hosta `varieties`	1 Gal.	
9	Ficus carica `Brown Turkey`	Brown Turkey Fig Tree	15 gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball	6	Hydrangea quercifolia	Oakleaf Hydrangea	5 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
l.	llex x `Nellie R Stevens`	Nellie Stevens Holly	8-10` Ht.	Branched to Ground	2	llex crenata `Steeds`	Steeds Japanese Holly	7 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
}	Lagerstroemia indica `Cherokee`	Cherokee Crape Myrtle	6` to 8` Ht.	Full, 3 Cane Min., 1 1/2" Cane Min.	11	Illicium parviflorum `Florida Sunshine`	Florida Sunshine Anise	7 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
	Lagerstroemia indica `Potomac`	Potomac Crape Myrtle	10` Ht.	Full, 3 Cane Min., 1 1/2" Cane Min.	15	Juniperus chinensis `Sea Green`	Sea Green Juniper	5 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
Ļ	Thuja occidentalis `American Pillar`	American Pillar Arborvitae	6` to 8` Ht.	Matched	14	Ligustrum sinense `Sunshine`	Sunshine Dwf Ligustrum	3 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
					18	Loropetalum chinense `Ruby`	Ruby Loropetalum	7 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
					14	Prunus laurocerasus `Otto Luyken`	Luykens Laurel	7 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
					22	Rhododendron x `Robled` TM Autumn Chiffon	DWF Encore Azalea	3 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
					3	Vaccinium ashei `Alapaha`	RabbitEye Blueberry `A`	3 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball
					2	Vaccinium ashei `Vernon`	RabbitEye Blueberry `B`	3 Gal.	Full in Pot, Dense Rootball



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