Recreation Plan

Ford Lake Dam FERC Project No. 5334

Charter Township of Ypsilanti

April 5, 2005



Preface

This Recreation Plan was prepared in compliance with Article 412 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Final Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License for the Ford Lake Dam Hydroelectric project, October 9, 2003. A copy of Article 412 is included in the appendix.

1. Background Information

The Ford Lake Dam Hydroelectric project encompasses the 1,050 acre Ford Lake impoundment; a thin strip of buffer land surrounding the impoundment (from the water surface at elevation 684.6 up to elevation 686.0); and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti's Ford Lake Park, located on the southern shore of the impoundment. Ford Lake Park contains roughly 93 acres of woodland and lawn. The project boundary is shown on the attached figures Exhibit G-1, G-2, and G-3. Ford Lake Park is labeled as its former name, JYRO Park. Park improvements include picnic tables and shelters, parking lots, basketball courts, soccer fields, trails, tennis courts, volleyball, a boat launch, restrooms, and American Disability Act (ADA) access to the water.

The Township has adopted a township-wide Parks and Recreation Mater Plan that covers the uses, capital improvement plans, maintenance, and funding sources for all the Township's Parks, including Ford Lake Park. The 1997 Mater Plan was cited during the initial license application, and the current version (February, 2202) is available at http://twp.ypsilanti.mi.us/recreate/PRMasterPlan.pdf.

There is currently no ADA access to the Huron River downstream of the dam through the project lands. The Charter Township of Ypsilanti plans to provide ADA access to the Huron River downstream of the dam via the Township's North Hyrdo Park, located adjacent to the project lands immediately downstream of the dam. North Hydro Park is not part of the project lands. The remainder of this plan describes development plans for North Hydro Park as they pertain to the FERC License.

2. Fishing Access, Pathways, and Picnic Tables in Tailrace Area

The preliminary site plan for the North Hydro Park is shown in attached figures Sheet C1 - C4. Improvements to the North Hydro Park are still in the preliminary design phase and are subject to review by the Township Park Board, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Permitting, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreation Division.

The preliminary plan calls for a 60-car gravel parking lot with curb, and 3 spaces paved with direct walk access per Michigan barrier-free standards. All walkways will be 10-ft wide asphalt paths and will be ADA-accessible.

The fishing pier and canoe launch are proposed to be a floatable, plastic dock system by EZ-dock. The dock system will be 80 inches wide by 20 feet long, with a metal railing to accommodate handicap accessibility. There will be a 5-ft wide aluminum gangway with a railing extending from the promenade on the bank out to the EZ-docks. Access from the parking area to the docks will be provided by both a 10-ft wide stairway and an 8-ft wide handicap access ramp, and an 8-ft wide promenade, all with rails. The stairway, ramp and promenade will be constructed of treated wood posts and structural materials, with the decking being a composite/plastic material. The top and bottom rails will be made out of plastic lumber with vinyl coated wire mesh installed between the posts.

The restrooms will be an ADA-accessible, prefabricated building by Romtec, Inc., model "Sierra III.". More information on the floor plan is available at www.romtec.com.

The picnic shelter will be a prefabricated 28-ft. octagon structure with a shingled roof sited on a 1,630-sf concrete pad which is ADA-accessible. 6 picnic tables are planned for the shelter, of which two are specifically designed for wheel chair access. Another 8 tables with access are planned throughout the park and will be sited on concrete pads.

The preliminary plans also call for 8 park benches along the path facing the river.

3. Control of Soil Erosion and Sedimentation

Potential erosion control and sedimentation control measures include:

- 1. All erosion control features must be installed prior to beginning site grading operations.
- 2. Silt fence must be installed to prevent sediment from leaving the disturbed area.
- 3. Silt fence or other inlet protection devices must be installed around all catch basin inlets and sewer inlets.
- 4. Rock construction entrances must be installed at all construction access points to the site.
- 5. All erosion control features must be maintained throughout the duration of construction, including the removal of accumulated silt in front of silt fence, until vegetation has been established and all site paying has been completed.
- 6. Soils and sediment tracked onto existing streets and paved areas must be removed on a daily basis, or as directed by Owner.
- 7. Seed and mulch disturbed areas with stabilizing vegetation within 14 days of the completion of grading activities.
- 8. All work must be performed in accordance with the NPDES construction permit. Final control measures will be listed on the final improvement plans or in the project specifications. Final control measures will be consistent with local and state requirements.

4. Management of the Facilities

It is the responsibility of the Township to manage this recreational site for the life of the license.

5. Needs of the Disabled

The preliminary site plan complies with the American Disability Act (ADA).

Appendix A – FERC Final Order, Aticle 412. Recreation Plan.

<u>Article 412</u>. *Recreation Plan*. Within one year of the issuance date of this license, the licensee shall file with the Commission, for approval, a recreation plan. The plan, at a minimum, shall include the following:

- (1) Description of measures, including final design drawings and a construction schedule, to: (a) develop formal fishing access downstream of the dam, (b) provide pathway(s) to the fishing access are and the tailrace, and (c) install picnic tables in the tailrace area;
- (2) Measures to control soil erosion and sedimentation during the construction and operation of the facilities;
- (3) Measures to manage the recreational facilities over the term of the license; and
- (4) A discussion of how the needs of the disabled were considered in the planning and design of each recreational enhancement.

The licensee shall prepare the recreation plan after consultation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to ensure that the facilities provided best meet recreation needs and are coordinated with other initiatives in the region. The licensee shall include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to MDNR, and specific descriptions of how MDNR's comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the MDNR to comment and make recommendations prior to filing the plan with the Commission for approval. If the

licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee=s reasons, based on project-specific information.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the plan. No ground-disturbing or land-clearing activities associated with recreation facility construction shall begin until the licensee is notified by the Commission that the recreation plan is approved. Upon approval, the licensee shall implement the plan, including any changes required by the Commission.

Appendix B – Correspondence with MDEQ and MDNR during Preparation of Plan

Chris Freiburger, MDNR Fisheries Division, May 6, 2004;

Summary of meeting with David Hibbs, Barr Engineering at USFWS offices in East Lansing:

- The Township has received a grant from the MDNR to develop the North Hydro Park and intends to hire a consultant to design the park, but it is unlikely that site plans for the park can be prepared by September 2004 (the FERC 1-year deadline). Chris is OK asking FERC for a time extension, rather than submitting a plan that is incomplete/incorrect. In the extension request I should outline the schedule for completion of the park plan.
- Item (1) The consultant's park plan (schematic or site plan showing path widths, locations, slopes, surface lot material, fishing pier location, etc.) will become the Recreation Plan. Chris will take the Recreation Plan to the recreation division of MDNR for approval, even though the recreation division will likely already be very aware of the site plan since they are funding it.
- Item (2) soil erosion methods should be called out either on the site plans or in the specifications.
- Item (3) Chris wants to see that the Township (and not some other agency) is responsible for managing/maintaining the park; this item usually consists of one sentence: "It is the responsibility of the Township to manage this site for the life of the license."
- Item (4) Does the plan comply with the ADA? If yes, say so. If no, list the considerations/reasons.

David Hibbs

From: Chris Freiburger [freiburg@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2005 2:21 PM

To: David Hibbs Cc: Gary Towns

Subject: Re: Ford Lake Dam - Recreation Plan

Dave:

I reviewed the Recreation Plan for the Ford Lake Hydroelectric Project and it looks pretty good. It appears that everything under Article 412 required in the FERC license is covered. Sheet C1-C4 shows in more detail the recreational attributes that are planned to be developed on site, specifically the picnic shelter, accessibility ramp, fishing pier, stair access, parking lot and canoe ramp.

I would like to request that in the narrative of the Recreation Plan that you outline the recreational amenities and provide some detail on the construction or material used. For example state in the narrative that a gravel parking lot will be developed to hold 60 vehicles, ? (#) will be ADA accessible, the canoe ramp will be constructed of material (?) and will be accessible, the fishing pier will be made of wood, will have a dimension of (?) ft by (?) ft and will be accessible with a railing.

If you would place this information in the narrative of the plan I think it is ready to go. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Lastly, Dave could you send me a hard copy of the Recreation Plan for some reason I'm unable to print out the entire report. Thanks

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources 517/373-6644; phone 517/373-0381; fax
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>>> "David Hibbs" <dhibbs@barr.com> 03/21/2005 10:51 AM >>> Chris -

A *.pdf file of the Recreation Plan is attached.

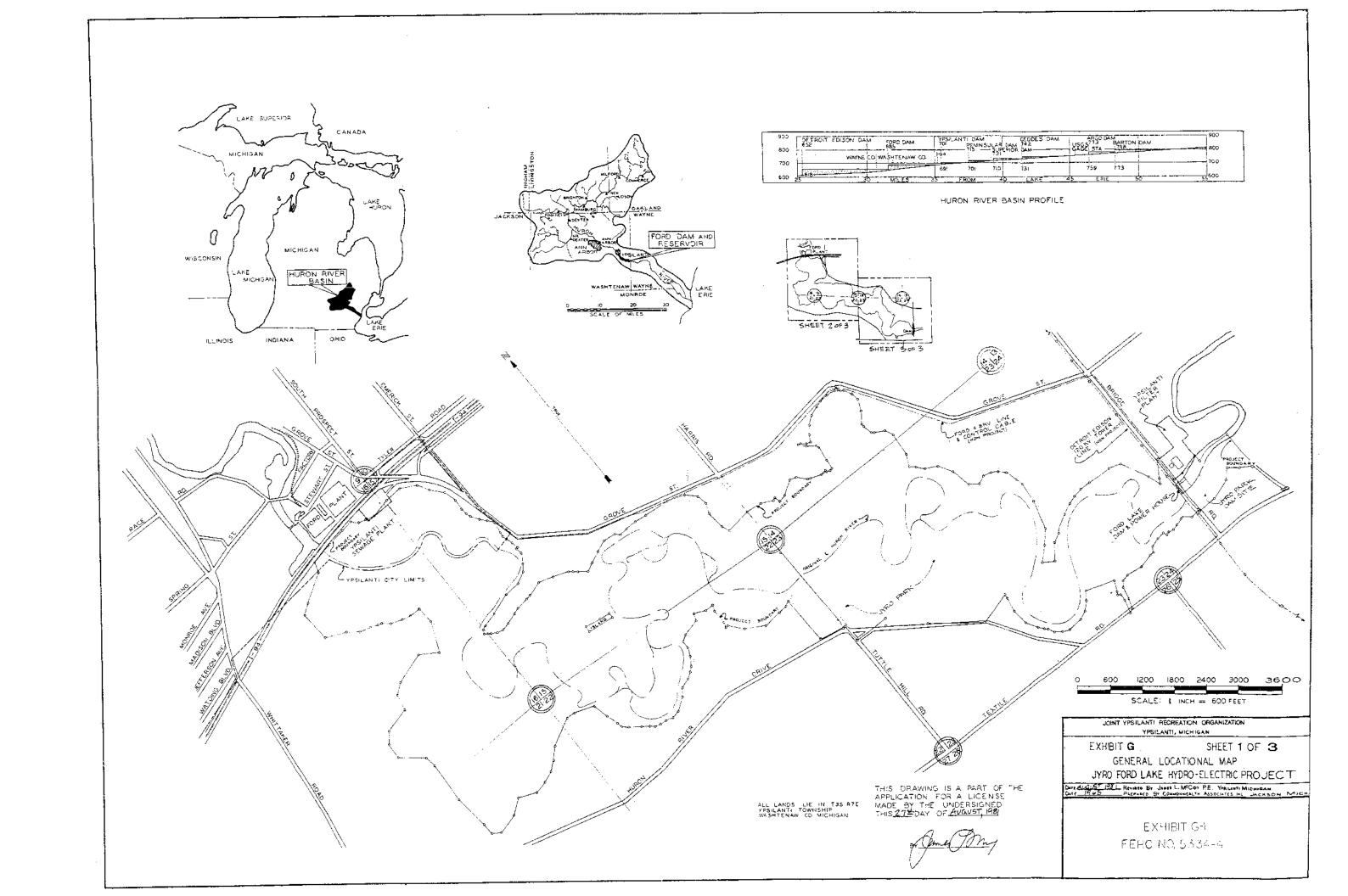
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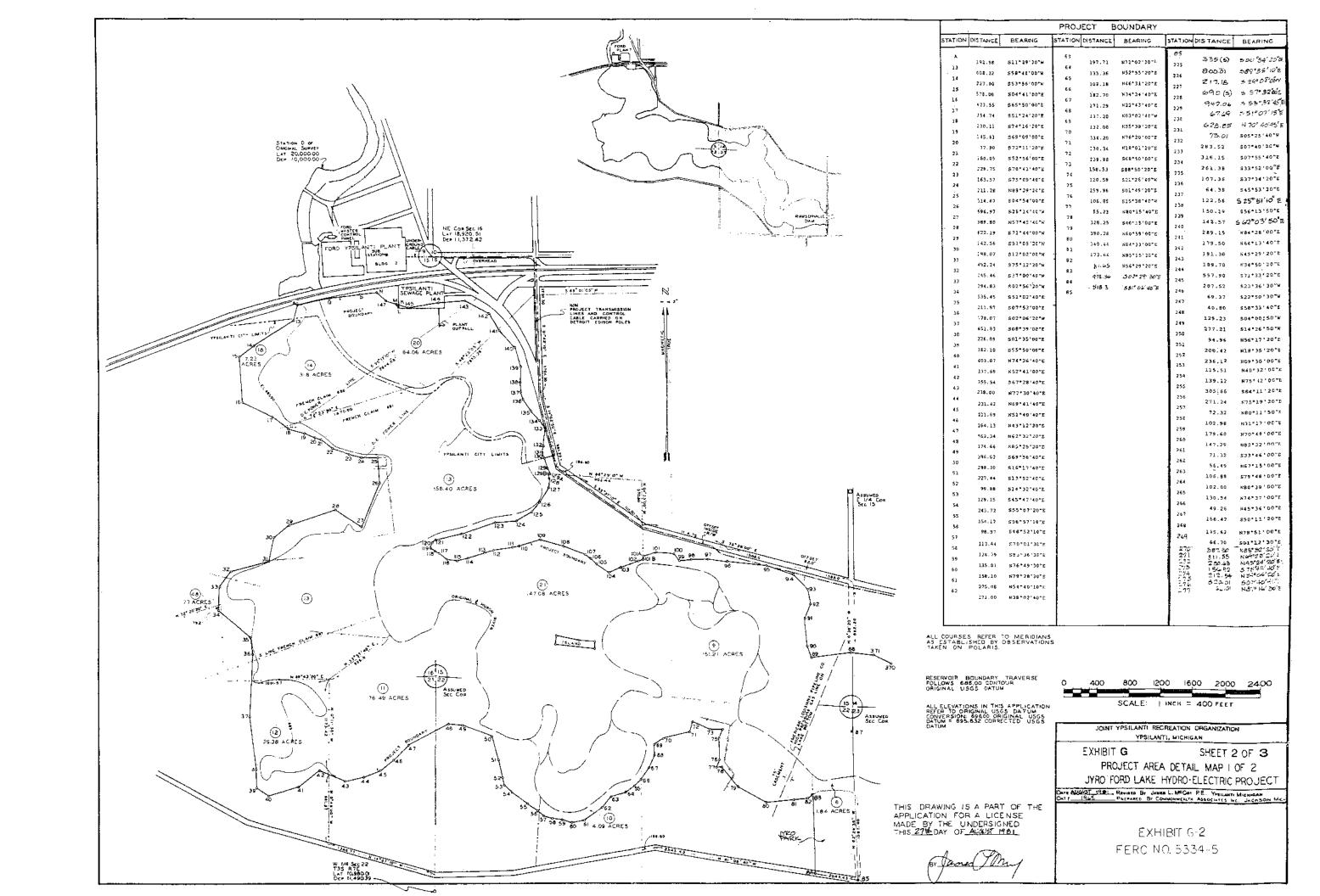
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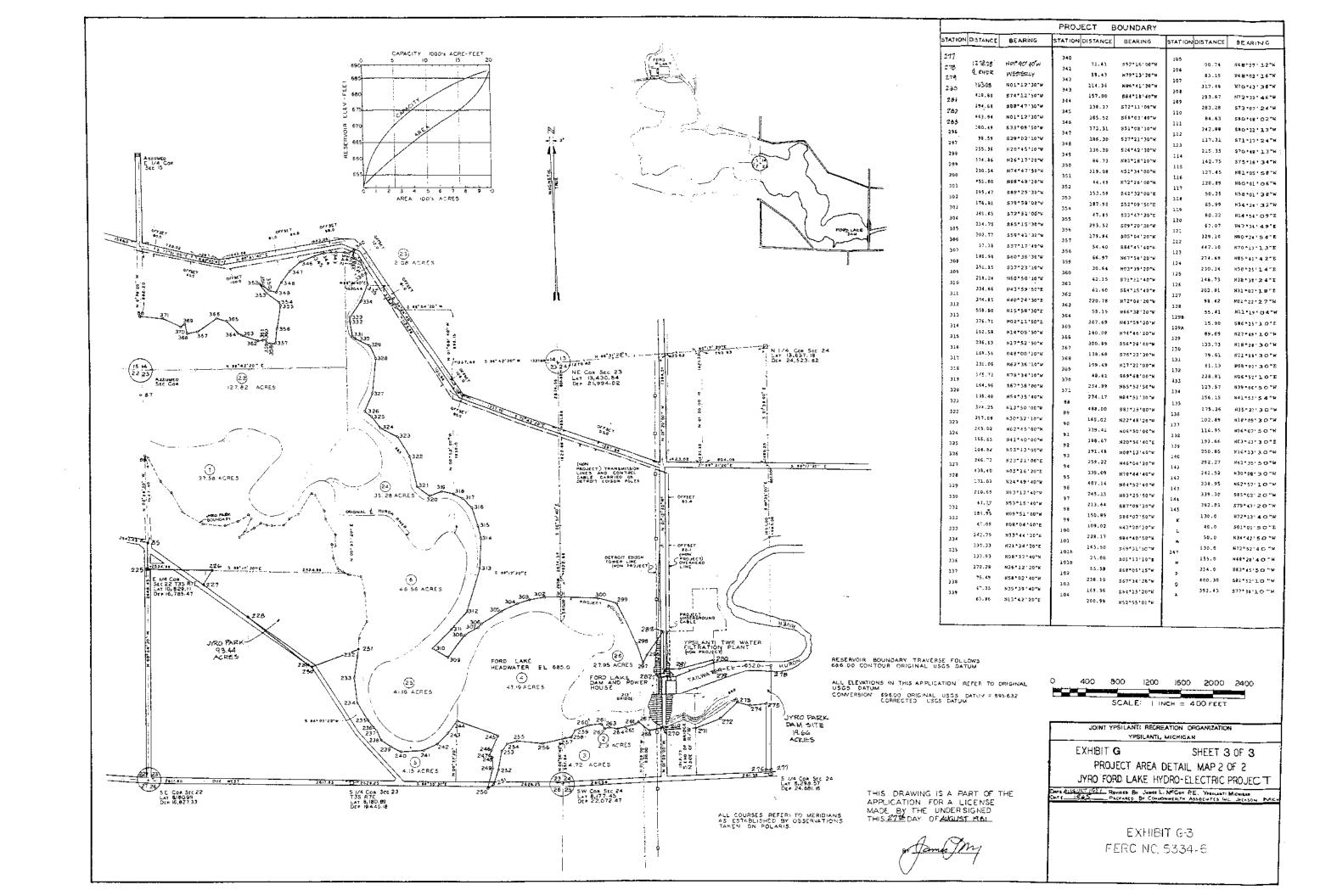
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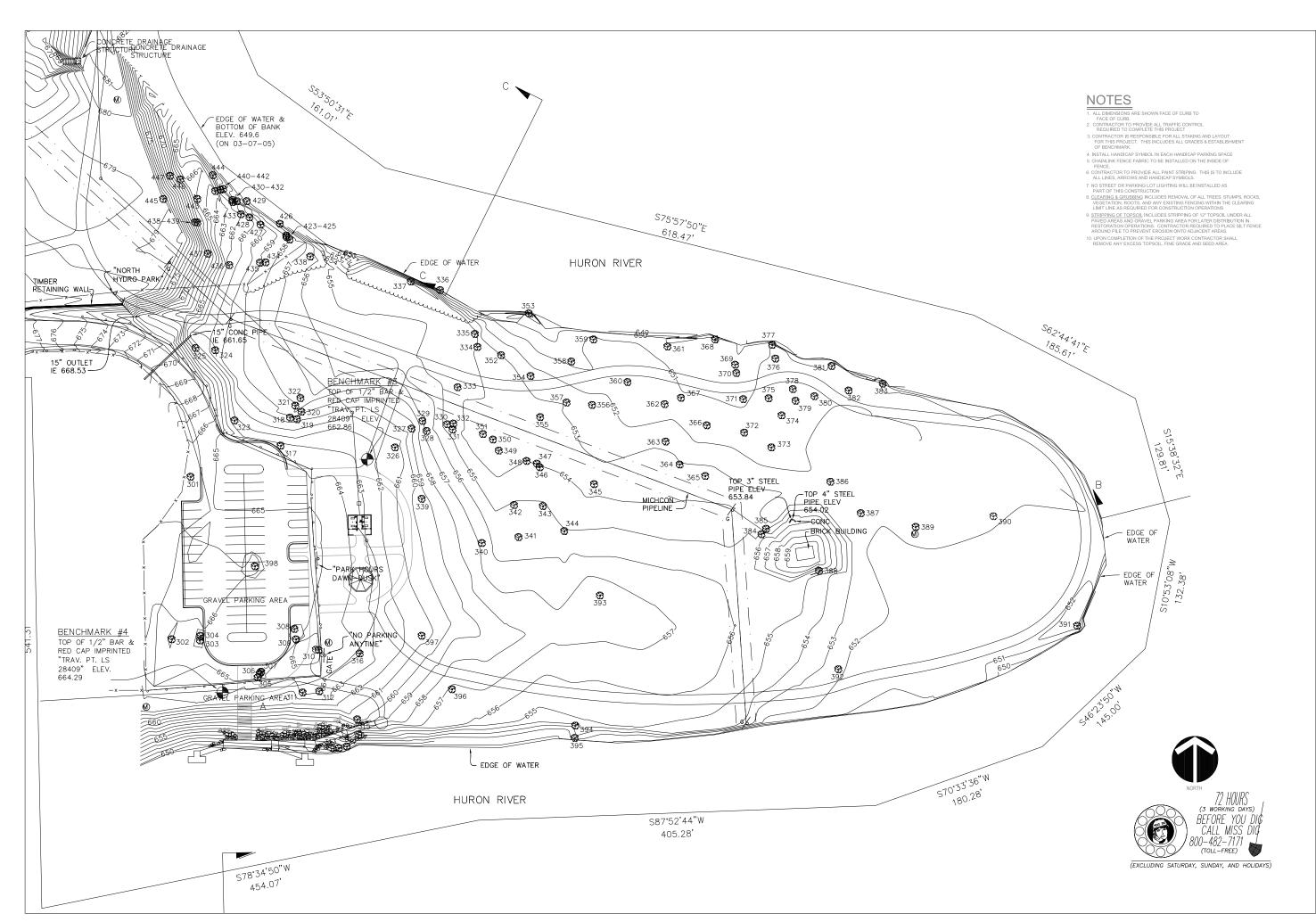
Appendix C – Agencies' comments and description of how the agencies' comments are accommodated by the plan.

Reference	Agency's comment	Description of how the agency's comment is accommodated by plan
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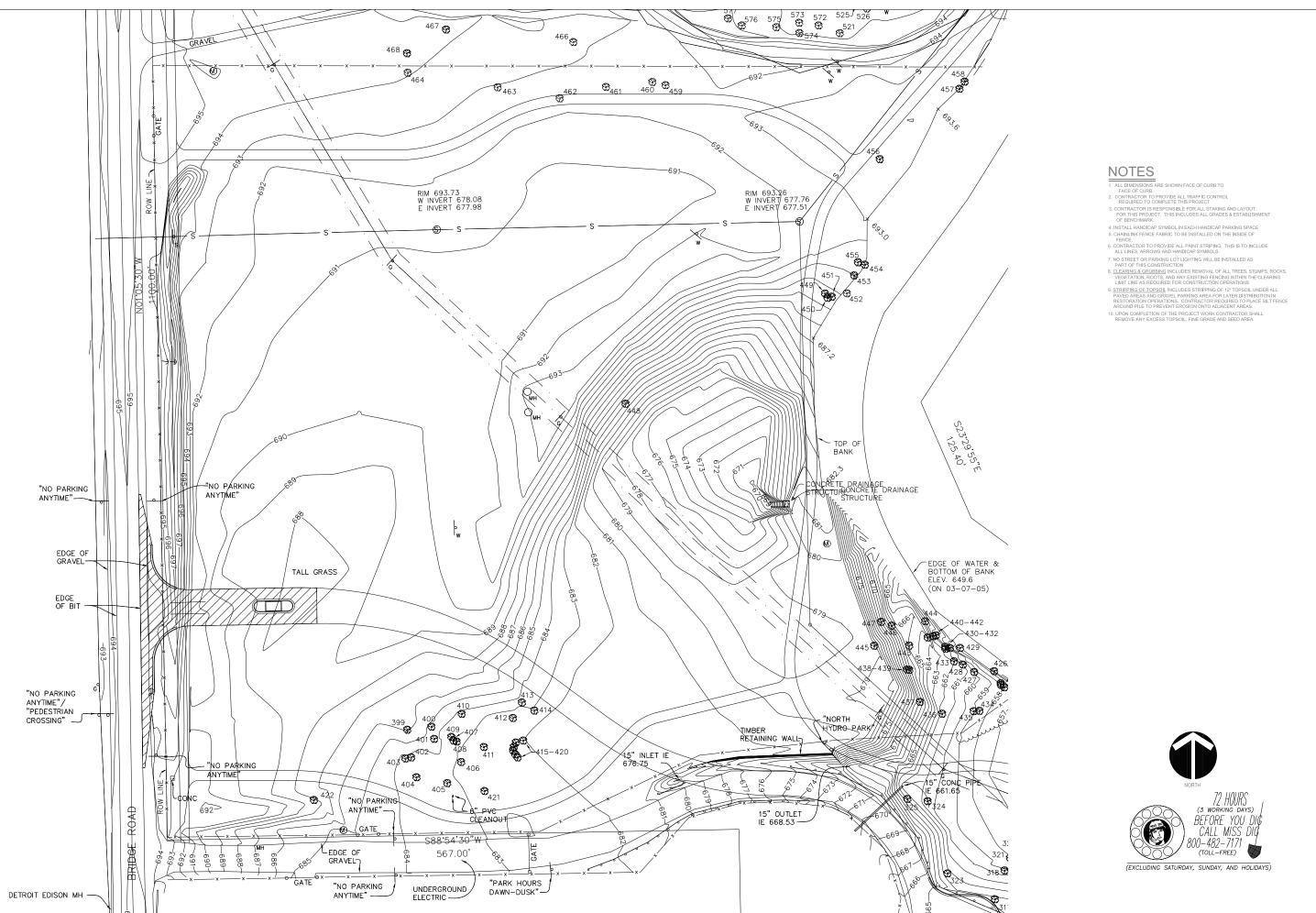
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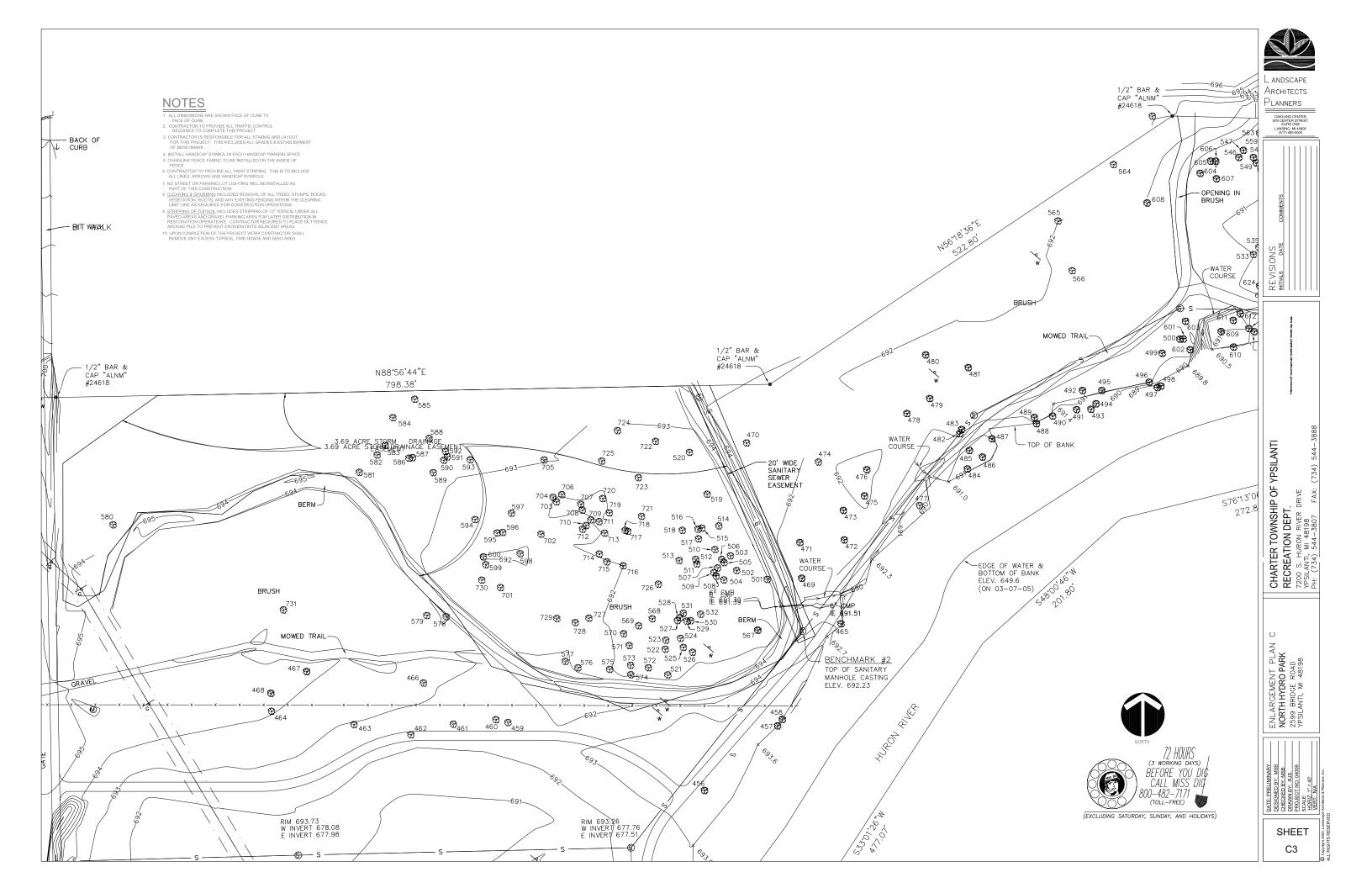
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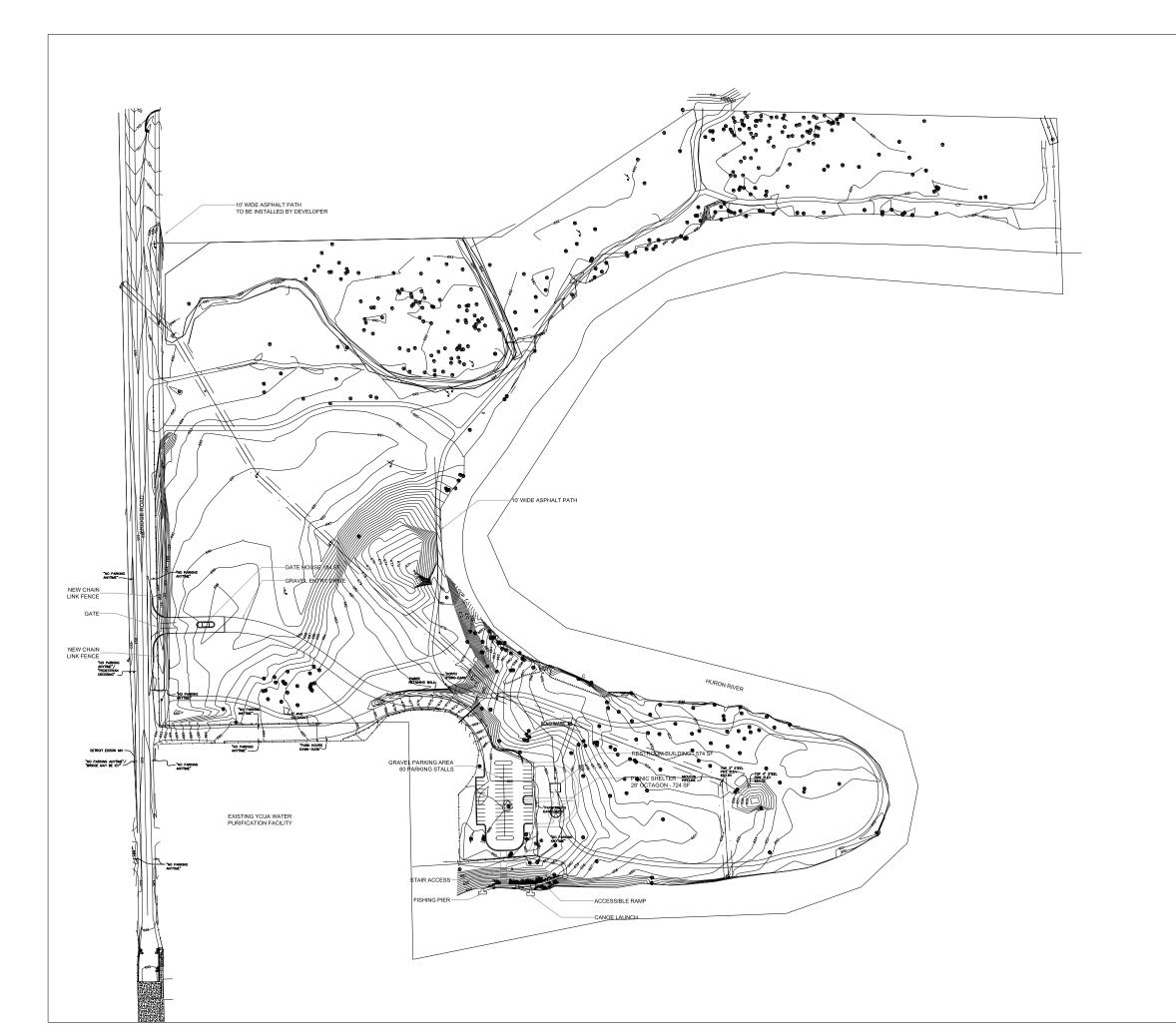
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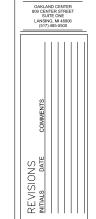


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 FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS INCLUDES ALL GRADES & ESTABLISHMENT
 OF BENCHMARK.
 4. INSTALL HANDICAP SYMBOL IN EACH HANDICAP PARKING SPACE
 5. CHAIN LINK FENCE FABRIC TO BE INSTALLED ON THE INSIDE OF
 FENCE.
 6. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE ALL PAINT STRIPING. THIS IS TO INCLUDE
 ALL LINES, ARROWS AND HANDICAP SYMBOLS.
 7. NO STREET OR PARKING LOT LIGHTING WILL BE INSTALLED AS
 PART OF THIS CONSTRUCTION
 8. DELABRING AS GRUBBING INCLUDES REMOVAL OF ALL TREES, STUMPS, ROCKS,
 VEGETATION, ROOTS, AND ANY EXISTING FENCING WITHIN THE CLEARING
 LIMIT LINE AS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS
 9. STRIPPING OF TOPSOL, INCLUDES STREPPING OF 12* TOPSOL UNDER ALL
 PAVED AREAS AND GRAVEL PARKING AREA FOR LATER DISTRIBUTION IN
 RESTORATION OPERATIONS. CONTRACTOR REQUIRED TO PLOCE SILT FENCE
 AROUND PILE TO PREVENT EROSION ONTO ADJACENT AREAS.

 1. UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WORK CONTRACTOR SHALL
 REMOVE ANY EXCESS TOPSOLI, FINE GRADE AND SEED AREA.



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