

#### **MEMORANDUM**

## CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 245 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 305, WATERTOWN, NY 13601

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TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Michael A. Lumbis, Planning and Community Development Director

PRIMARY REVIEWER: Jennifer L. Voss

SUBJECT: Site Plan Approval – VL Main Avenue, 144 Main Avenue, 160 Main Avenue,

160 Rear Main Avenue, 164 Main Avenue and 202 Main Avenue, Parcel Numbers 2-01-332.002, 2-01-301.001, 2-01-301.000, 2-01-302.000, 2-01-

332.003 and 2-01-332.004

DATE: August 30, 2023

**Request:** Site Plan Approval to construct a 15,900 SF, 61-unit, four-story apartment

building at VL Main Avenue, 144 Main Avenue, 160 Main Avenue, 160 Rear Main Avenue, 164 Main Avenue and 202 Main Avenue, Parcel Numbers 2-01-332.002, 2-01-301.001, 2-01-301.000, 2-01-302.000, 2-01-

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**Applicant:** LaBella Associates on behalf of Neighbors of Watertown

**Proposed Use:** Multifamily Apartment Building

**Property Owners:** Thirtyone Development, LLC, and Lobut Development LLC

**Submitted:** 

Property Survey: Yes Preliminary Architectural Drawings: Yes

Site Plan: Yes Preliminary Site Engineering Plans: Yes

Vehicle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan: Yes Construction Time Schedule: No

Landscaping and Grading Plan: Yes Description of Uses, Hours & Traffic Volume: Yes

SEQRA: Unlisted Jefferson County 239-m Review: No

**Zoning Information:** 

District: Urban Mixed Use Maximum Lot Coverage: 90 percent

Setback Requirements: F: 0', S: 0', R: 0' Buffer Zones Required: Yes

**Project Update:** The Planning Commission considered this application at its August 1, 2023 meeting and voted to table the application pending the completion of the SEQR Lead Agency 30-day review process.

**SEQR:** The proposed site plan and related variances are considered Unlisted Actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). SEQRA review for the site plan and the area variances that the applicant is seeking from the Zoning Board of Appeals should be completed in one review as a whole action to avoid segmentation.

The proposed project requires a permit, approval, or funding from several different agencies in addition to the Planning Commission such as the Housing Finance Agency, NYS DEC, NYS OPRHP (SHPO) and the Zoning Board of Appeals. As there are other involved agencies, a coordinated SEQRA review is being completed.

Staff sent a copy of the applications to the various involved agencies and asked for their concurrence with the Planning Commission being designated as the Lead Agency. Involved agencies had 30 days to respond and responses were received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the City of Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. All consented to the City of Watertown Planning Commission's assumption of lead agency. The Planning Commission can now designate itself as the Lead Agency and complete the SEQRA review.

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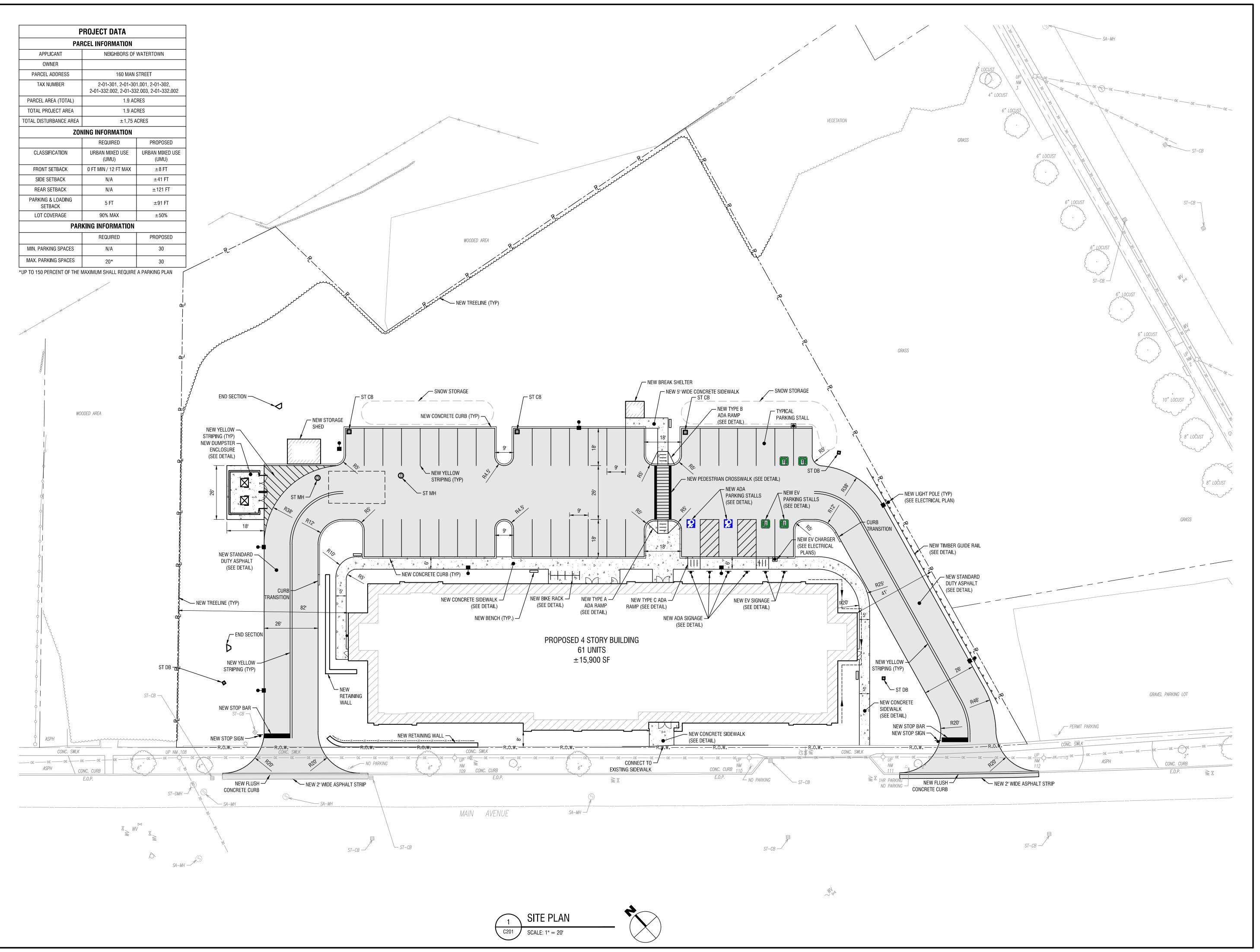
**Planning Commission Action:** The Planning Commission must complete the SEQR process prior to taking action on the application. Once the SEQR process has been completed, staff recommends voting to approve the application contingent on the Zoning Board of Appeals approving the two area variance applications at their September 19, 2023 meeting and contingent upon the other items listed below.

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**Summary:** The following items should be discussed and/or resolved prior to resubmittal by the applicant:

- 1. The applicant must obtain an Area Variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals granting relief from the transparency requirements in the Urban Mixed Use zoning district.
- 2. The applicant must obtain an Area Variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals granting relief from the required 30-feet between functional entryways on the front of the building.
- 3. The applicant shall consider the addition of lighting to the entrances to the building along the front and side for pedestrian safety.
- 4. The applicant shall assemble all parcels into a single parcel, as proposed, by way of a new metes and bounds description filed with the County Clerk.
- 5. The applicant must obtain the following permits and other documentation, minimally, prior to construction: Building Permit, Water Permit, Sanitary Sewer Permit, Storm Sewer Permit, General City Permit for work within the ROW and a Zoning Compliance Certificate.

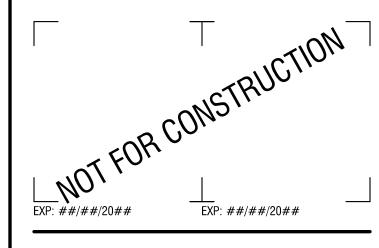
cc: Meredith Griffin, Civil Engineer II
Dana Aikins, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Reginald Schweitzer, Neighbors of Watertown, Inc, 112 Franklin Street, Watertown, NY 13601
Shelby Vakiener, LaBella Associates, 300 State Street, Suite 201, Rochester, NY 14621





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### **MILL AND MAIN APARTMENTS**

160 MAIN AVE WATERTOWN, NY 13601

2	9/05/2023	PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS
1	8/10/2023	ESTIMATE SET
NO:	DATE:	DESCRIPTION:
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PROJECT	NUMBER:	2007.10

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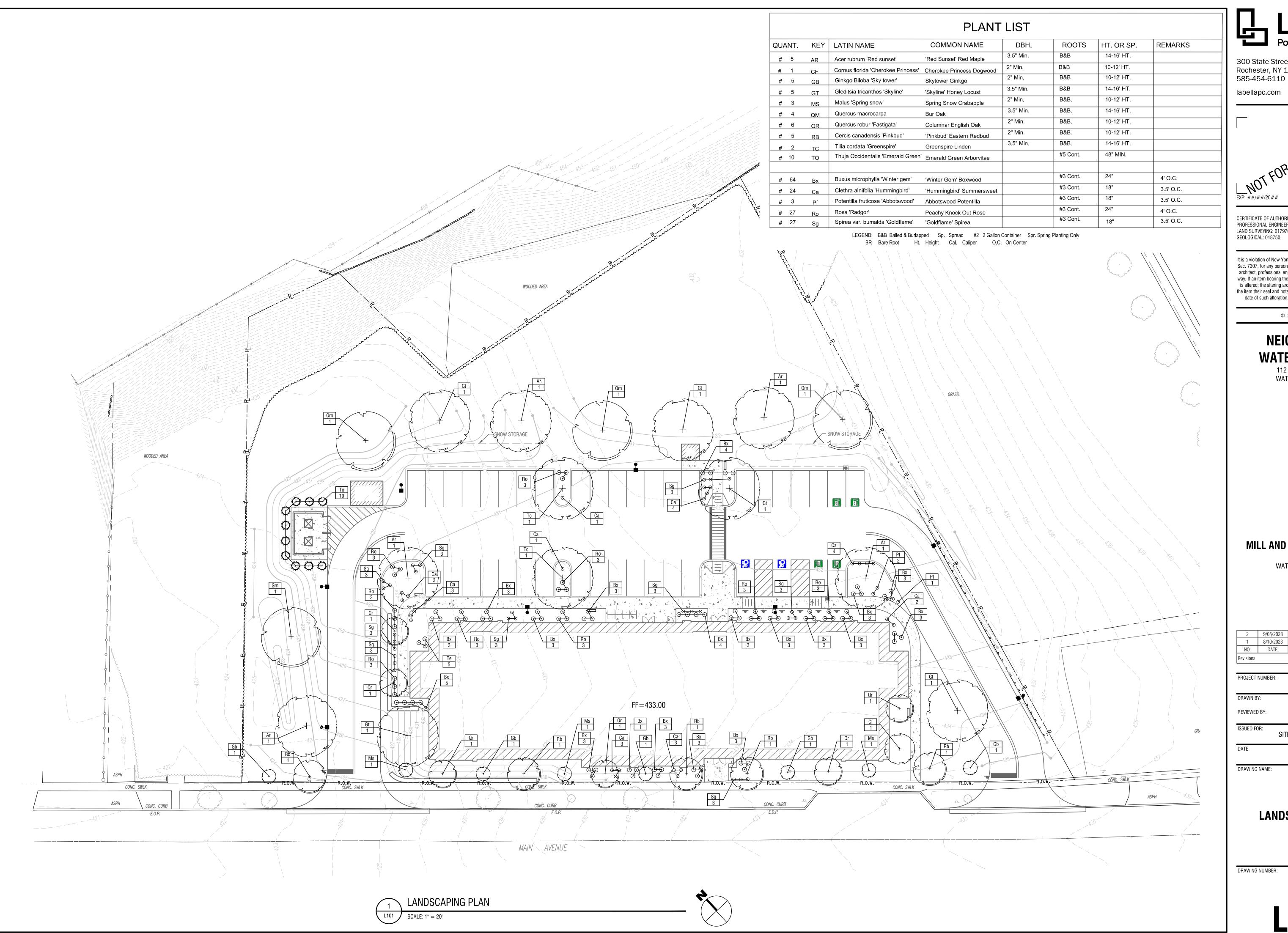
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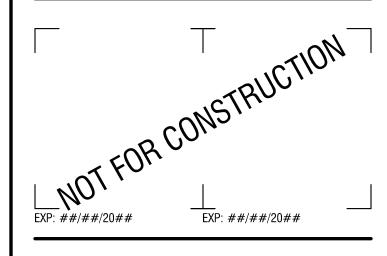
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#### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

#### **Instructions for Completing**

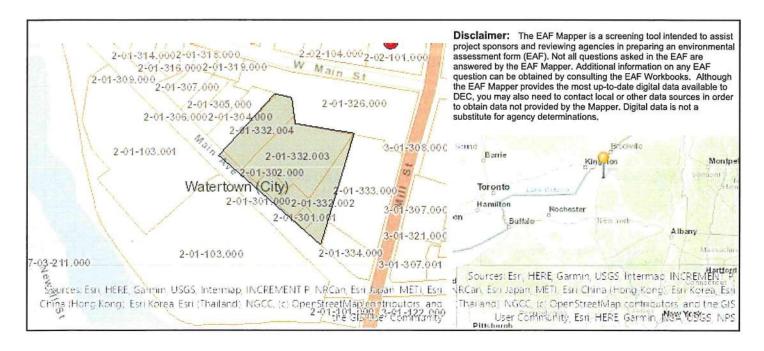
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

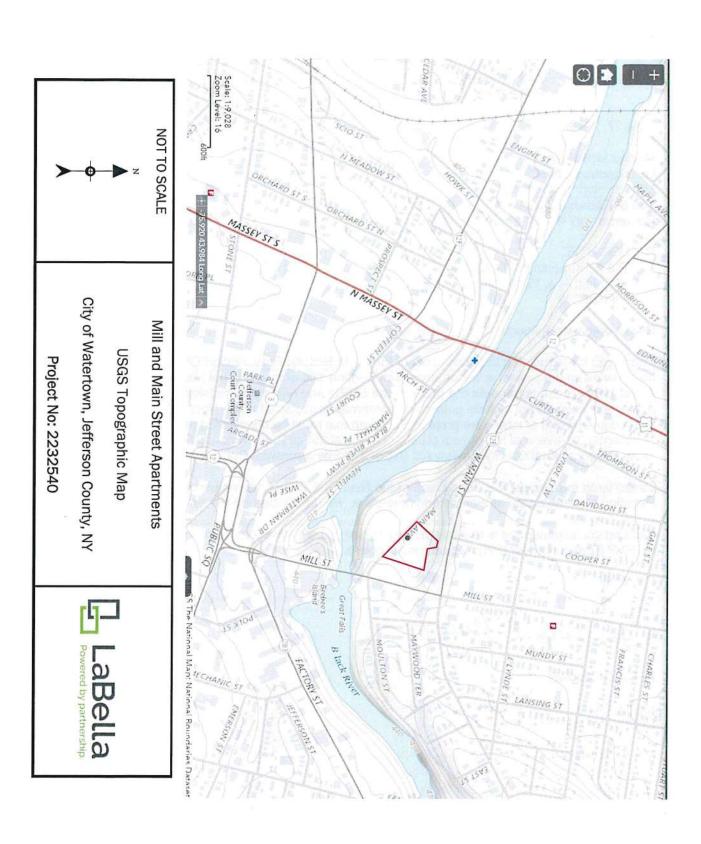
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Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:			
Neighbors of Watertown Mill and Main Street Apartments			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
160 Main Avenue, Watertown, NY 13601 (SBLs: 2-01-301, 2-01-301.001,2-01-302, 2-01-332.0	002, 2-01-332.003, 2-01-332.	.002). See attach	ned map.
Brief Description of Proposed Action:	1000		
Neighbors of Watertown Inc. (NOW) is looking to construct a new 61-unit multi-family, 4-story sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater management facilities. NOW is requesting HCR 9% fu Watertown Planning Board to develop an affordable housing project on an approximately 1.9-a 2-01-332.004, 2-01-332.003, 2-01-332.002, 2-01-301.001, 2-01-301.00, 2-01-302.000), located Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. The project will be consolidating 6 parcels into one p 4-story multifamily apartment building with 40 parking spots and associated site improvements Use (UMU) District, which permits apartment buildings pursuant to site plan review.	unding and seeking site plan a acre site which spans across of on Main Avenue, just south parcel. The proposed project v	approval from the 6 parcels (Tax P n of Mill Street in will comprise of a	e City of Parcels the City of a 61-unit
The new building will be located at 160 Main Ave, along the street frontage with associated pa stormwater management facilities.	rking lot behind the building,	sidewalks, lands	caping and
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: (315)782-849	7	
eginald J Schweitzer Jr., Executive Director, Neighbors of Watertown, Inc.  E-Mail: Reg@neighborsofwatertown.com			
Address:			
112 Franklin Street			
and determined the second seco	State: NY	Zip Code: 13601	
<ol> <li>Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local administrative rule, or regulation?</li> </ol>	law, ordinance,	NO	YES
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the en	vironmental resources the	at 🗸	
may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to questi		V	
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other	r government Agency?	NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: HCR- Funding, SHPO-Consultation Consultation, City of Watertown PB	ı, DEC-SWPPP and NYNHP 3-Site Plan, ZBA - 2 Area Var	iances	<b>✓</b>
a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?     b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?     c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	+/- 1.9 acres +/-1.75 acres +/-3.4 acres		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5.	Residential (suburl	ban)	
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Speci	ify):		
✓ Parkland	~**		

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		<b>V</b>	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		<b>V</b>	
	0	NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape	1		<b>✓</b>
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		<b>V</b>	П
			VEC
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?			블
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c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		Ш	<b>✓</b>
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
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		у <del>в</del>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:		0	
11 No, describe method for providing potable water.		П	<b>V</b>
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11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
			$\checkmark$
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or distruction which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the	ict	NO	YES
Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the	e	Ш	$\checkmark$
State Register of Historic Places?  The project received a SHPO no effect letter dated 6/27/2023. See attached.			
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for			<b>V</b>
archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain		NO	YES
wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?			<b>✓</b>
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		<b>V</b>	П
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:		1-7	
The project site is located approximately 530 feet north of Black River. Per the NYSDEC ERM, the project area does not cont wetlands or waterbodies.	ain any	1 1 1 1	No.
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		SIIS -
☐Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☑ Early mid-successional		
☐ Wetland ☑ Urban ☑ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?  Indiana Bat, Northern Long-Bat. It is anticipated that the project will remove less than +/-0.2 acres of trees, brush, and site overgrowth.	$\Box$	1
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
and the projections received in the received plant.		
	$\checkmark$	Ш
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,		$\checkmark$
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<b>√</b>	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?		<b>√</b>
If Yes, briefly describe:		
Stormwater Discharge will be directed to on-site stormwater management facilities and then conveyed to the City of Watertown's public storm system. Stormwater design will meet all NYS DEC requirements.		
public storm system. Stormwater design will meet all NTS DES requirements.		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?  If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
	✓	
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	_	
	$\checkmark$	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		_
623006-Abe Cooper Surplus Company, is a State Superfund Site and V00473-NM - Anthony St Watertown MGP is a voluntary	$\sqcup$	$\checkmark$
clean up program site. These sites are located south of Black River (0.2 miles away from the project site).		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST MY KNOWLEDGE	ST OF	
Applicant/sponsor/name: Reginald J Schweitzer Jr., Neighbors of Watertown, Inc.  Date: 7/18/2023		
Signature:		



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Indiana Bat, Northern Long-eared Bat
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes





KATHY HOCHUL Governor ERIK KULLESEID
Commissioner

June 27, 2023

Monica McCullough
Development Consultant
MM Development Advisors, Inc.
133 S. Fitzhugh Street
Rochester, NY 14620

Re: HCR/HTFC

The Apartments at Mill & Main 160 Main Ave, Watertown, NY 13601

23PR05200

Dear Monica McCullough:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the opinion of the New York SHPO that no historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, will be affected by this undertaking.

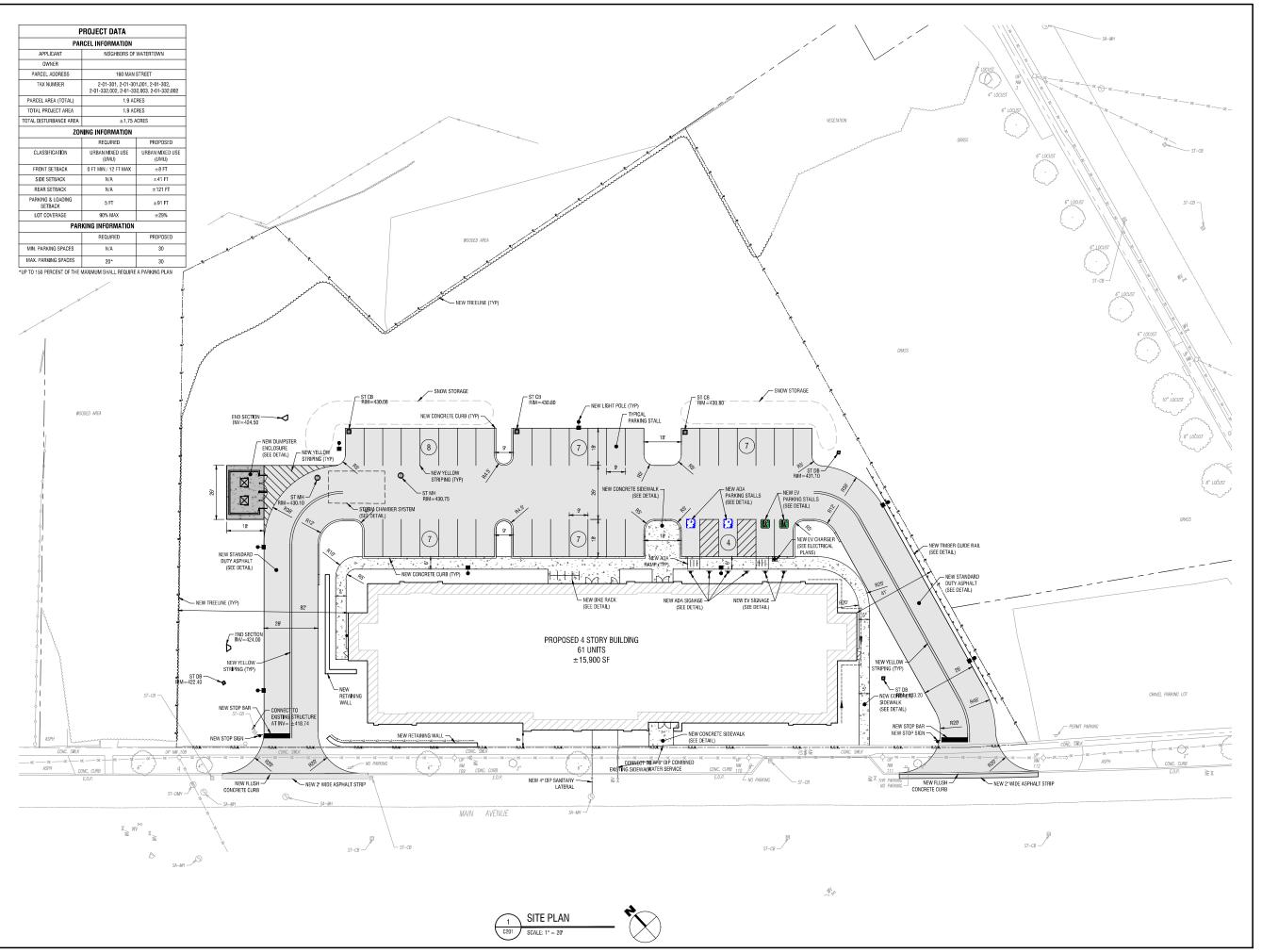
If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mackay

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Division for Historic Preservation

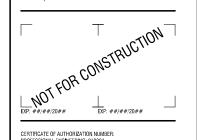
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