



TOWN OF PUTNAM

TOWN HALL
200 SCHOOL STREET
PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT 06260

Inland Wetland Commission Meeting Hybrid Meeting
September 10, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Complex Room 201
Second Floor

Agenda:

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Seating of alternate:

Review minutes of the August 13, 2025, meeting. VOTE REQUIRED

Correspondence: None

Public Participation:

New Business: VOTE REQUIRED

Application # 2025-05 112 Old Road, Don DiCostanzo, lot storage, heavy truck & trailer repair, two 10,000 S.F. buildings. Project includes construction of access drive within an upland review area.

Application # 2025-06 281 Liberty Highway, Bruce and Kathy Elliott, installation of a stormwater system in response to a Notice of Violation

Other Business: VOTE REQUIRED

Accepting of new applications for the October 8, 2025, meeting:

Agent Updates:

Comments by Commissioners:

Bylaw review

Adjournment.

Wetlands Sept. 10, 2025

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Inland Wetland Commission Meeting Hybrid Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Complex Room 201
Second Floor

Agenda:

Present: Adam Paquin-Chairman, Walter "Scott" Irwin, Theodore Altmeier

Absent: Cynthia Dunne, Mike Bogdanski

Review minutes of the July 9, 2025, meeting.

Motion by Theodore Altmeier to accept the minutes, second by Scott Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

Correspondence: None

Public Participation:

New Business: None

Other Business: None

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by Scott Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Bruce Elliot reviewed the drainage history of the property as it relates to the abutting property owner,
Mr. Paquette.

The State of Ct D.O.T. dug the trench in 1995-1996. Bruce Elliot discussed with the Commission and Bruce Fitzback of his plans to have Mr. Valenti design. Bruce Fitzback stated that he would accept a letter from Mr. Paquette regarding the stormwater pipe and a letter from Mr. Elliot stating he would be responsible for the maintenance and would hold the Town harmless requiring both letters placed on the Land Records with the Town Clerk.

Agent Updates:

Scott Irwin questioned Bruce Fitzback on the status of the violation on 61 Pipkin Road. Bruce Fitzback stated the notice was mailed. He received a phone call that the violation would be taken care of by pulling the material off to the side.

Bylaw review:

Motion by Theodore Altmeier to table, second by Scott Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Motion by Theodore Altmeier to adjourn at 7:30 P.M., second by Scott Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Roy.



INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

APPENDIX A

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

This application is for the use of inland wetlands and water courses.

The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. If an on-site inspection is canceled due to inclement weather, the applicant is asked to call the office at 963-6803 30 minutes before the scheduled inspection to see if or when the inspection will be held.

Name of Applicant	Don DiCostanzo (112 Old Road LLC)
Applicant's Address	379 New Sweden Road, Woodstock, CT 06281
Phone #	860-465-7735
Owner of Land	112 Old Road LLC
Owner's Address	379 New Sweden Road, Woodstock, CT 06281
Location and description of proposed activity:	112 Old Road is located on the east side of Park Road at the Killingly Town Line. The applicant is pursuing a Zone Change for the property from Residential to Industrial to allow the property to be developed as Open Lot Storage & Heavy Truck & Trailer Repair with two 10,000 SF buildings. Project requires construction of an access driveway within the regulated area of a small wetland pocket associated with a cross culvert under Park Road.

Activity & Purpose Code

Please CHECK one in each column that best describes the activity proposed.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Activity Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Activity Purpose</u>
☐	1 Filling	☐	A Residential Improvement by homeowner
☒	2 Excavation	☐	B New residential development - single family
☒	3 Land Clearing	☐	C New residential development - multi- family/condo
☐	4 Stream Channel	☒	D Commercial/Industrial Uses
☐	5 Stream Stabilization	☐	E Municipal Improvements
☐	6 Stream Clearance	☐	F Utility Company Improvements
☐	7 Culverting	☐	G Agriculture, Forestry or Conservation
☒	8 Und. Grd. Util.	☐	H Wetland Creation/Restoration
☒	9 Roadway Construction	☐	I Storm Water/Flood Control
☒	10 Drainage Improvements	☐	J Erosion/Sediment Control
☐	11 Pond Dredge/Dam Construction	☐	K Recreation/Boating/Navigation
☒	12 Activity Buffer/Set Back Area	☐	L Routine Maintenance
☐	13 Other: Please describe:		

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Project Name (if applicable) 112 Old Road

Estimate of Linear Footage affecting Wetlands ~260 LF of Driveway & Utility Construction with the regulated area

Affected number of acres in which Wetlands are part of the impacted area for Multi-Family, Condos and Commercial Development ~0.25 Acres within the Regulated area are anticipated to be disturbed. No Direct Impacts proposed.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

Application Number _____ Date of Receipt _____

Application Approved (date) _____

Conditions of approval if applicable _____

Application Denied (date) _____

Reason(s) for Denial _____

Signature of Chairman or Secretary of Commission

Date

INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

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Application Procedure

1. Applicant will have a map showing the property boundaries, any wetlands on the property, proposed buildings, septic area, drainage if applicable and the dimension between these areas in scale 1" - 200' or less
2. Applicant must provide an approximate estimate of the linear footage of the wetlands that are affected by said proposal. This is for multi-family, condominiums or commercial development. Contact with the Zoning Official may clarify the nature of your project
3. Applicant must provide an approximate estimate of the number of acres that are affected by said proposal dealing with multi-family, condominiums and commercial development in which wetlands are part of that impacted area within the watershed.
4. Applicant will supply a copy of the soil scientist report with the application to the Wetlands Commission to be reviewed at the meeting by the Commission.
5. Applicant will have the soil scientist number the wetland flags and record the numbers of the flags on the site plan according to their location in the field. The location on the site map must match the field location.
6. If the applicant's estimates are not accurate, payment of the correct amount must be made before the Wetlands final approval of the application.
7. And any other information deemed necessary by the Commission.

Fee Schedule

1.	Permitted and non-regulated	\$40.00
2.	One lot regulated	\$40.00
3.	Regulated Area	
	Two (2) - Ten (10) lots	\$100.00
	Ten (10) - Twenty (20) lots	\$200.00
	Over Twenty (20+) lots	\$300.00
4.	Multi-Family/Condominium Regulated area	
	Zero (0) to Five (5) Acres	\$50.00
	Per linear foot of wetlands additional	\$0.35
	Over Five (5) acres	\$100.00
	Per linear foot of wetlands additional	\$0.35
5.	Commercial	
	Zero (0) to Five (5) Acres	\$100.00
	Per linear foot of wetlands additional	\$0.50
	Over Five (5) acres	\$300.00
	Per linear foot of wetlands additional	\$0.50

All applications must be submitted one week prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.



Statewide Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Activity Reporting Form

Please complete and mail this form in accordance with the instructions.
If completing by hand - please print and use the [pdf version](#).
Incomplete or incomprehensible forms will be mailed back to the municipal inland wetlands agency.

PART I: Must Be Completed By The Inland Wetlands Agency

1. DATE ACTION WAS TAKEN: year: [Click Here for Year](#) month: [Click Here for Month](#)
2. CHOOSE ACTION TAKEN (see instructions for code): [Click Here to Choose a Code](#)
3. WAS A PUBLIC HEARING HELD (check one)? yes ☐ no ☐
4. NAME OF AGENCY OFFICIAL VERIFYING AND COMPLETING THIS FORM:
(type name) _____ (signature) _____

PART II: To Be Completed By The Inland Wetlands Agency Or The Applicant

5. TOWN IN WHICH THE ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING (type name): Putnam
does this project cross municipal boundaries (check one)? yes ☐ no ☒
if yes, list the other town(s) in which the activity is occurring (type name(s)): _____, _____
6. LOCATION (click on hyperlinks for information): [USGS quad map name](#): Putnam or [quad number](#): 28
[subregional drainage basin number](#): 37003400
7. NAME OF APPLICANT, VIOLATOR OR PETITIONER (type name): Don DiCostanzo (112 Old Road LLC)
8. NAME & ADDRESS OF ACTIVITY / PROJECT SITE (type information): 112 Old Road
briefly describe the action/project/activity (check and type information): temporary ☐ permanent ☒ description: Construction of Industrial Buildings
9. ACTIVITY PURPOSE CODE (see instructions for code): D
10. ACTIVITY TYPE CODE(S) (see instructions for codes): 9, 10, 12, 14
11. WETLAND / WATERCOURSE AREA ALTERED (see instructions for explanation, type acres or linear feet as indicated):
wetlands: 0.00 acres open water body: 0.00 acres stream: 0.00 linear feet
12. UPLAND AREA ALTERED (type acres as indicated): 0.25 acres
13. AREA OF WETLANDS / WATERCOURSES RESTORED, ENHANCED OR CREATED (type acres as indicated): 0.00 acres

DATE RECEIVED:

PART III: To Be Completed By The DEEP

DATE RETURNED TO DEEP:

FORM COMPLETED: YES NO

FORM CORRECTED / COMPLETED: YES NO

112 OLD ROAD

100' ABUTTERS

Parcel Number	GIS Number	Cama Number	Property Address	Owner Name	Owner Address	Owner City	Owner State	Owner Zip
045-033	045-033	045-033-000	72 OLD RD & 647 PUTNAM PIKE	CJJ ADVENTURE LLC	1225 SE 27TH ST	CAPE CORAL	FL	33904
045-035	045-035	045-035-000	254 PARK RD	DCH VENTURE LLC	379 NEW SWEDEN RD	WOODSTOCK	CT	06281
045-041	045-041	045-041-000	255 PARK RD	CONNECTICUT STATE OF	79 ELM ST	HARTFORD	CT	06106
045-043	045-043	045-043-000	251 PARK RD	JOSHUA TREE ASSOCIATES LLC	PO BOX 872590	VANCOUVER	WA	98687
033-002-000	033-002-000- 000	033-002-000- 000 4405	240 TRACY ROAD	ANTHONY & BECKY LAMB	240 TRACY ROAD	KILLINGLY	CT	06241



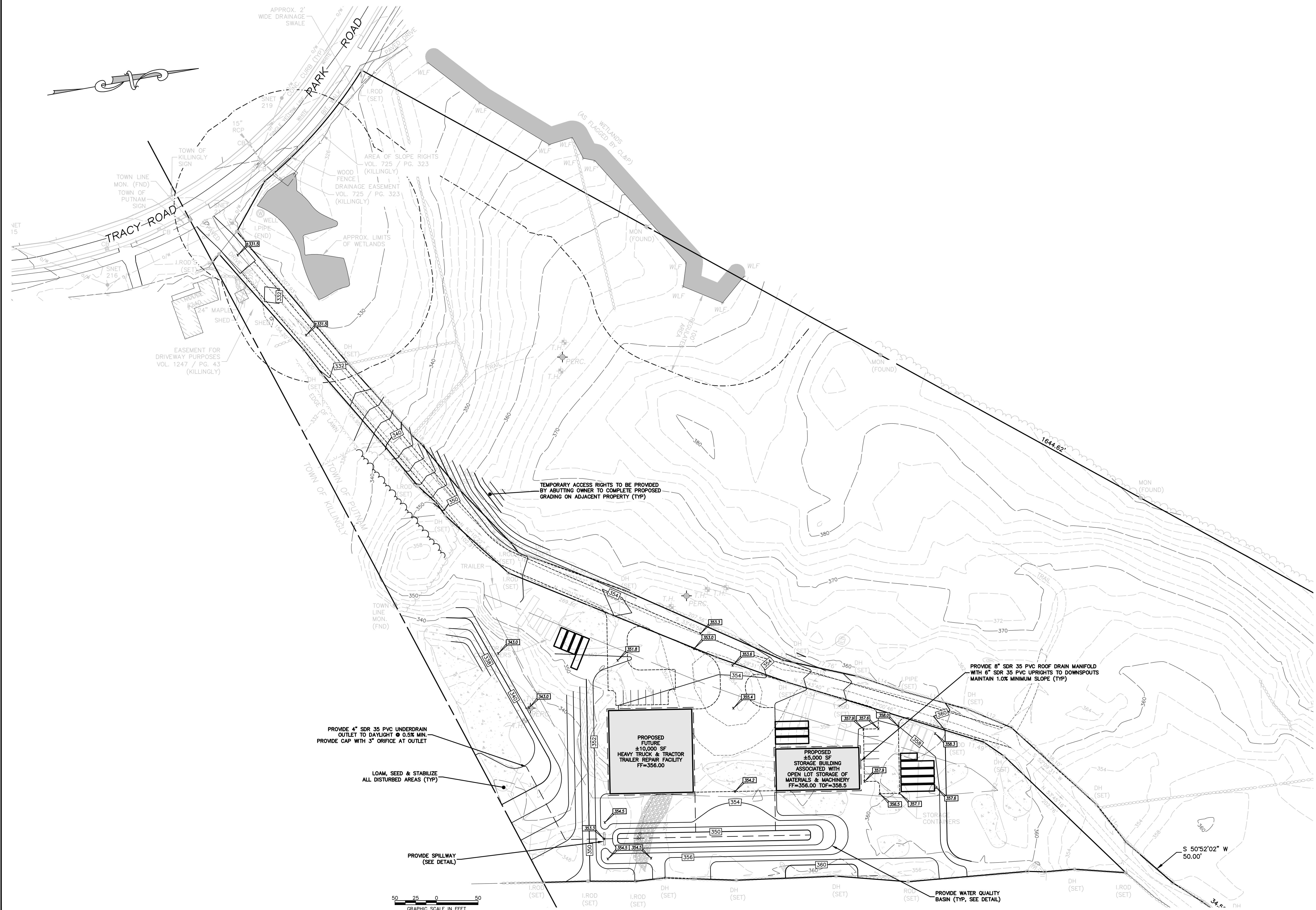
* YARDS ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE INCREASED TO 100

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PREPARED FOR

112 OLD ROAD LLC
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PUTNAM, CT

SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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PUTNAM, CT

IS A VIOLATION OF LAW FOR ANY PERSON, UNLESS THEY ARE ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR LAND SURVEYOR. TO ALTER ANY ITEM OR ANY WAY OF AN ITEM BEARING THE STAMP OF A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL IS ALTERED. THE ALTERING OF ANY ITEM OR ANY WAY OF AN ITEM BEARING THE STAMP OF A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL BY AN ENGINEER, ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR LAND SURVEYOR SHALL STAMP THE DOCUMENT AND INCLUDE THE NOTATION "ALTERED BY" FOLLOWED BY THEIR SIGNATURE, THE DATE OF SUCH ALTERATION, AND A SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERATION.

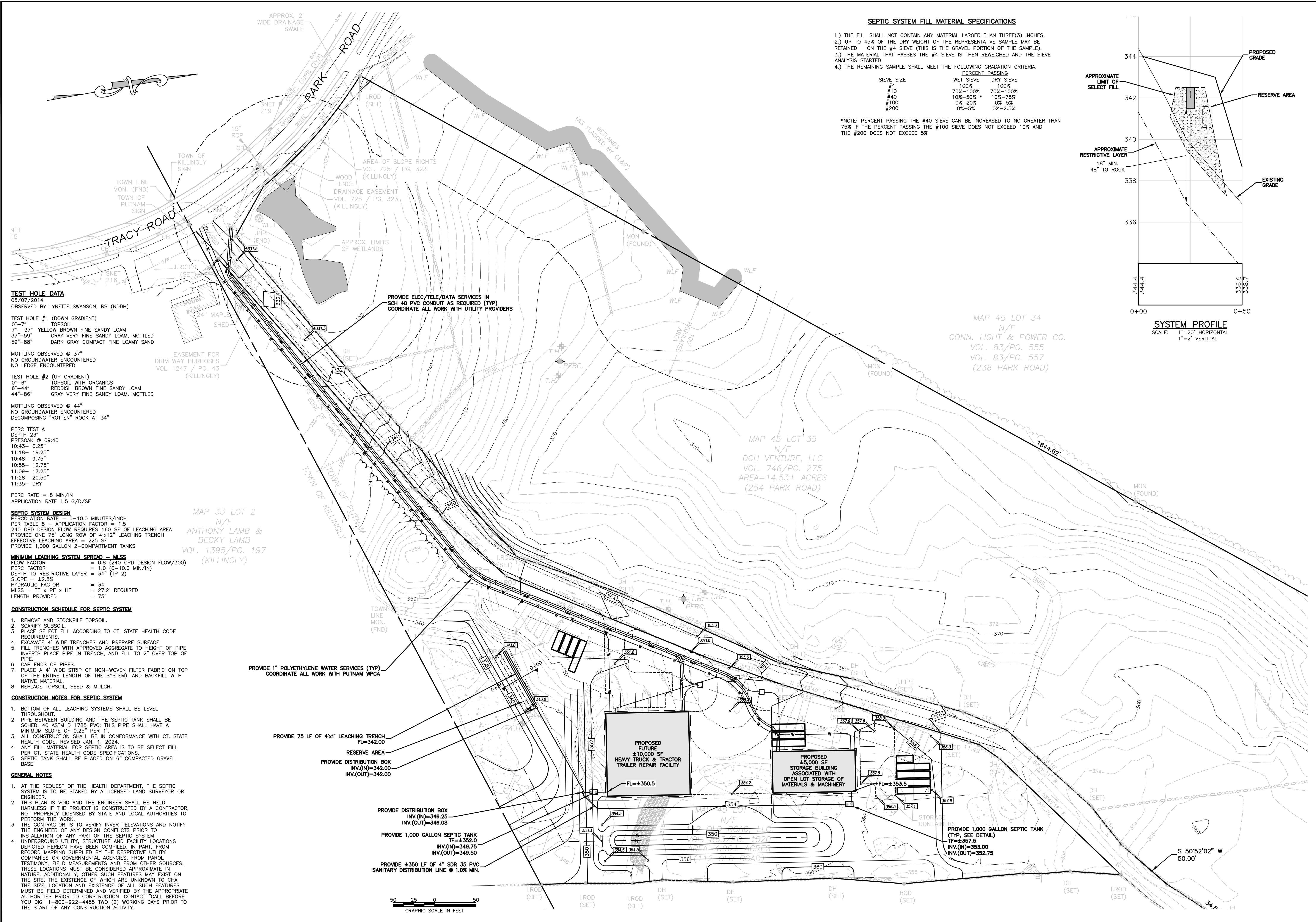
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SITE GRADING & DRAINAGE PLAN

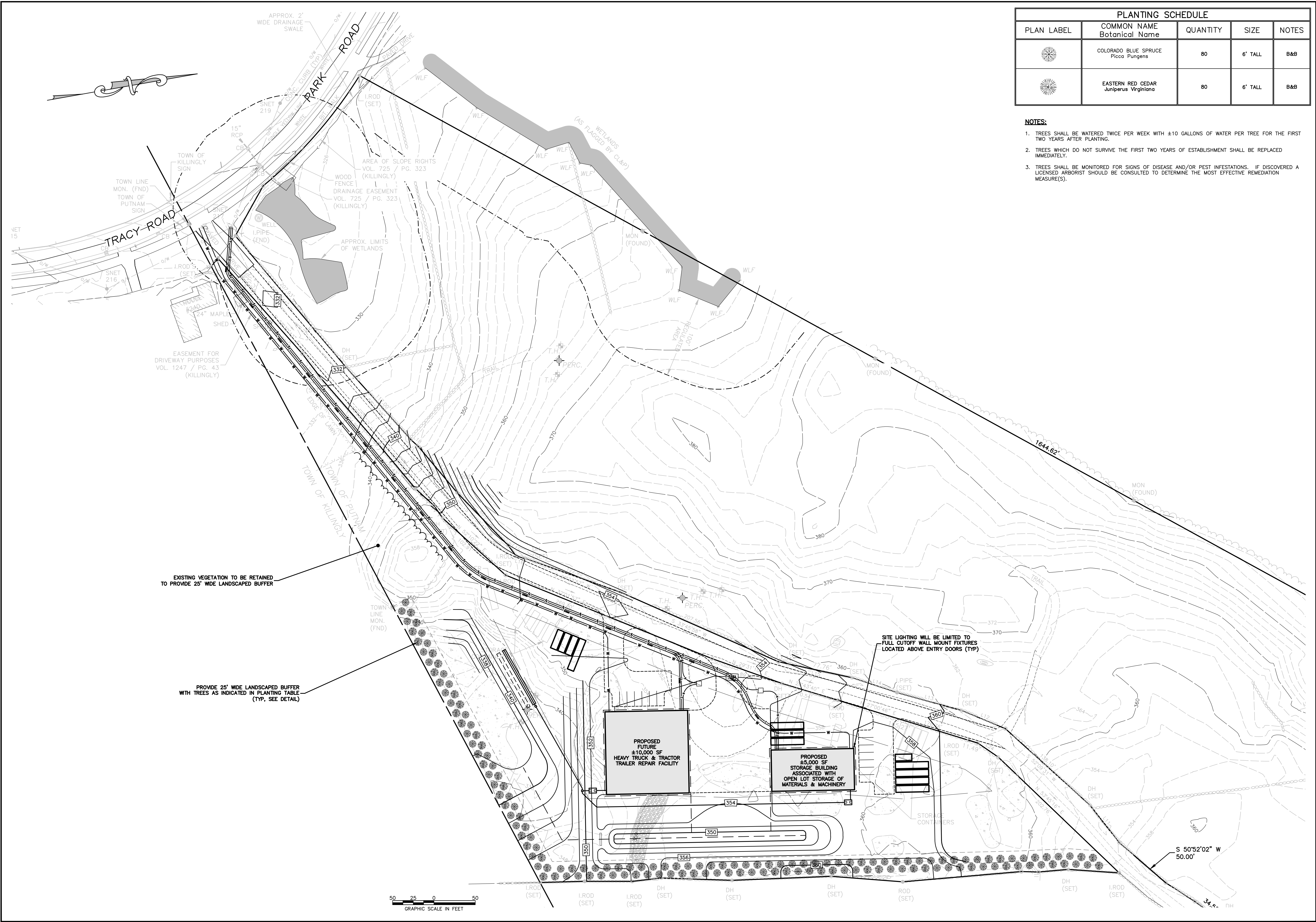
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PLANTING SCHEDULE				
PLAN LABEL	COMMON NAME Botanical Name	QUANTITY	SIZE	NOTES
	COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE <i>Picea pungens</i>	80	6' TALL	B&B
	EASTERN RED CEDAR <i>Juniperus Virginiana</i>	80	6' TALL	B&B

- NOTES:**
- TREES SHALL BE WATERED TWICE PER WEEK WITH ±10 GALLONS OF WATER PER TREE FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS AFTER PLANTING.
 - TREES WHICH DO NOT SURVIVE THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY.
 - TREES SHALL BE MONITORED FOR SIGNS OF DISEASE AND/OR PEST INFESTATIONS. IF DISCOVERED A LICENSED ARBORIST SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE REMEDIATION MEASURE(S).

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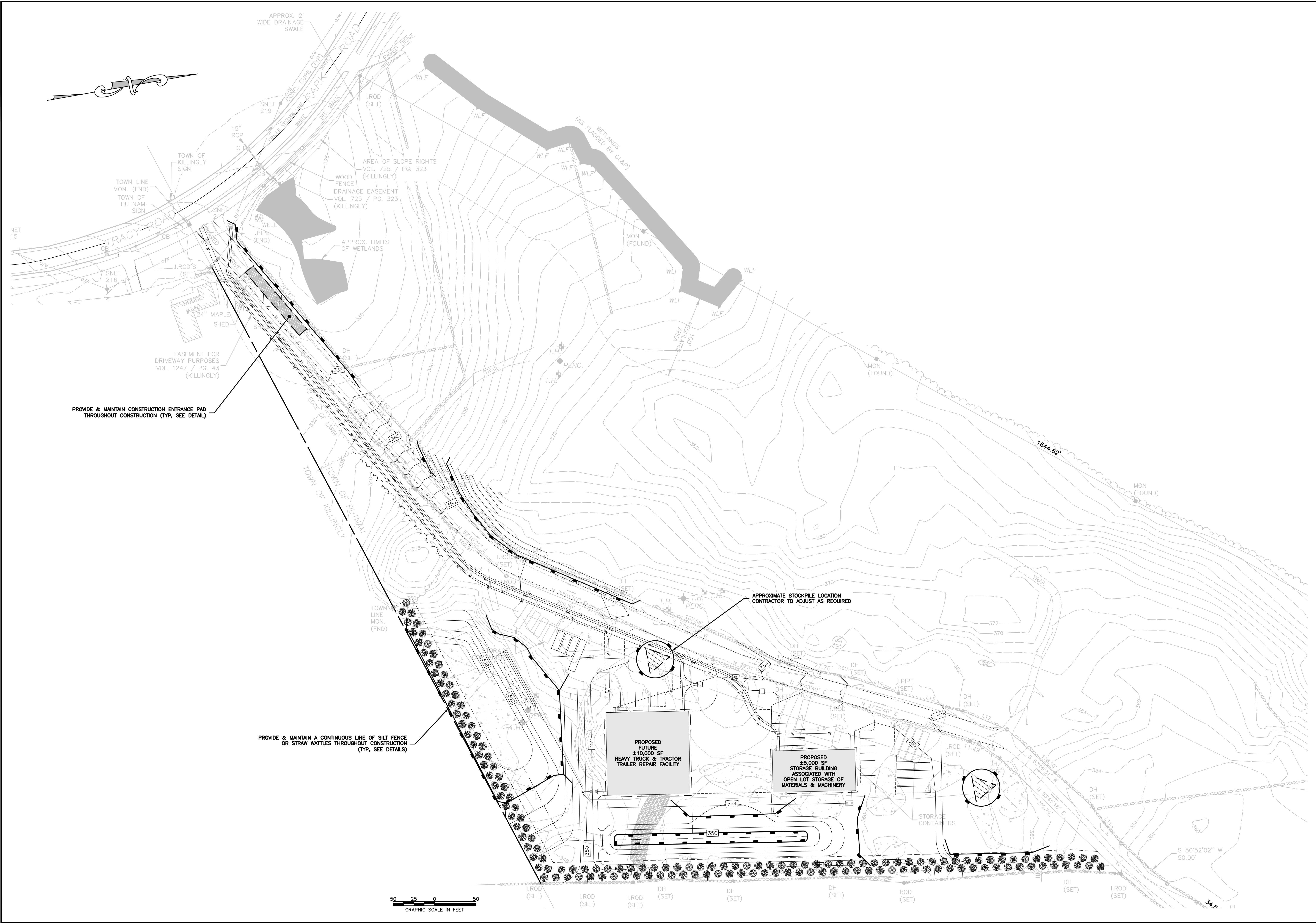
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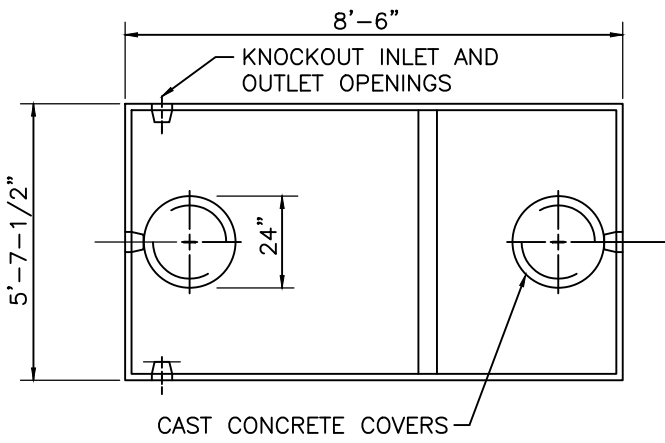
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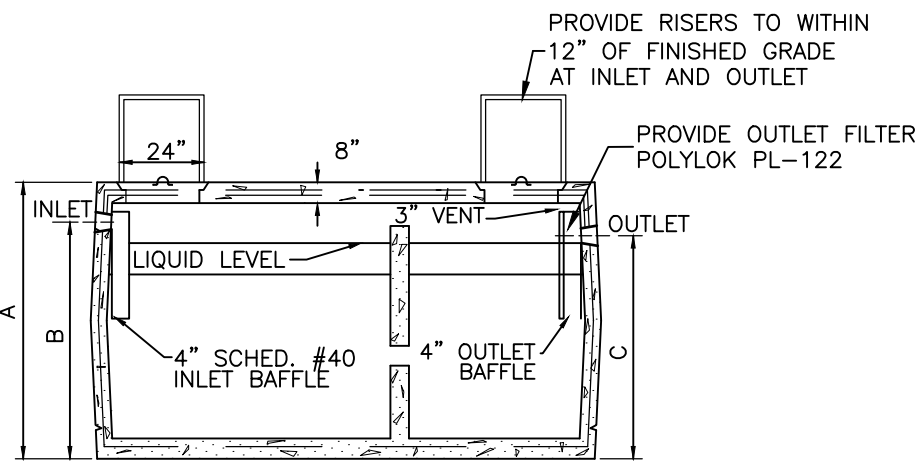
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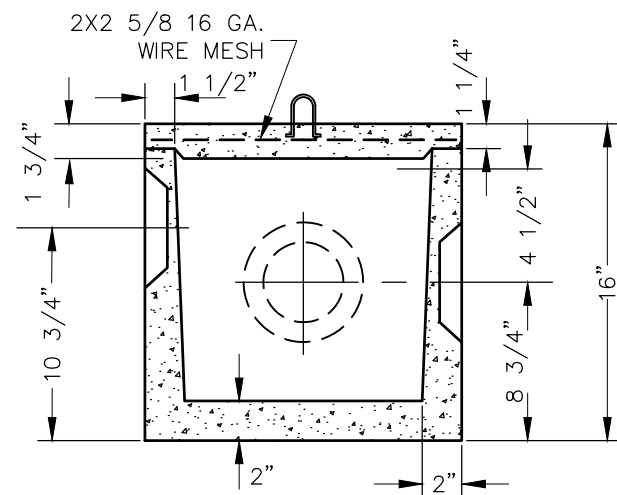
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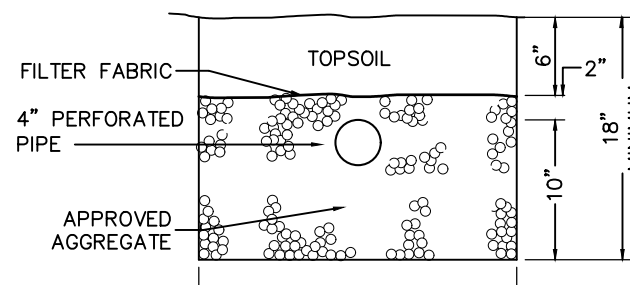


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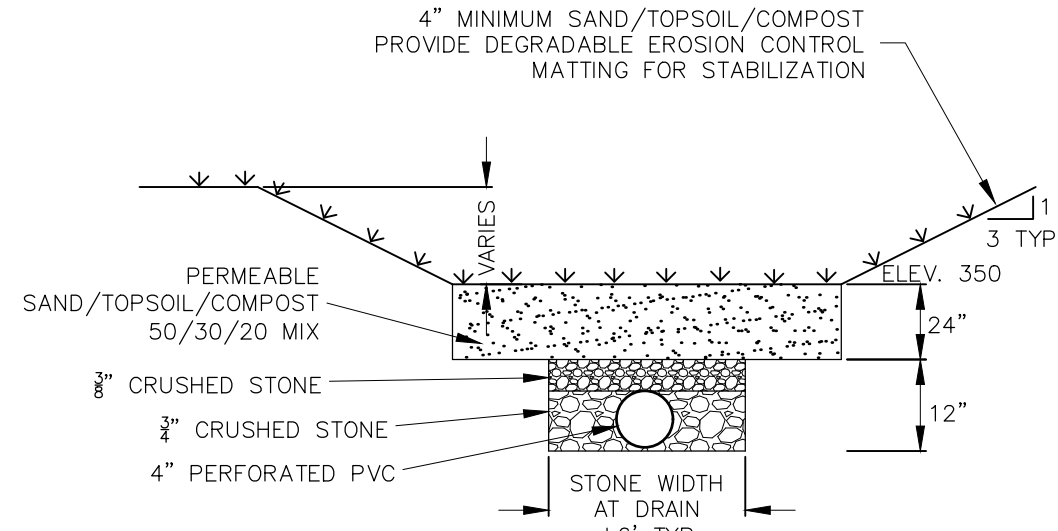
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2 COMPARTMENT H-20 SEPTIC TANK
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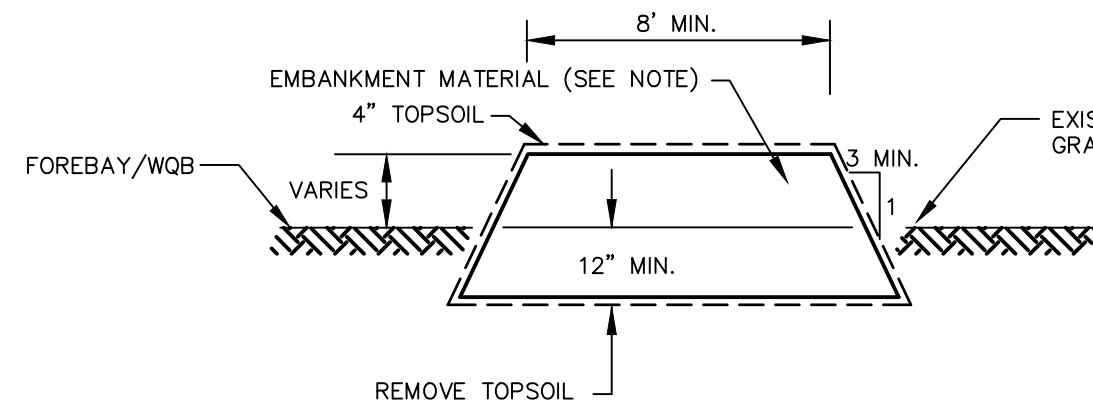
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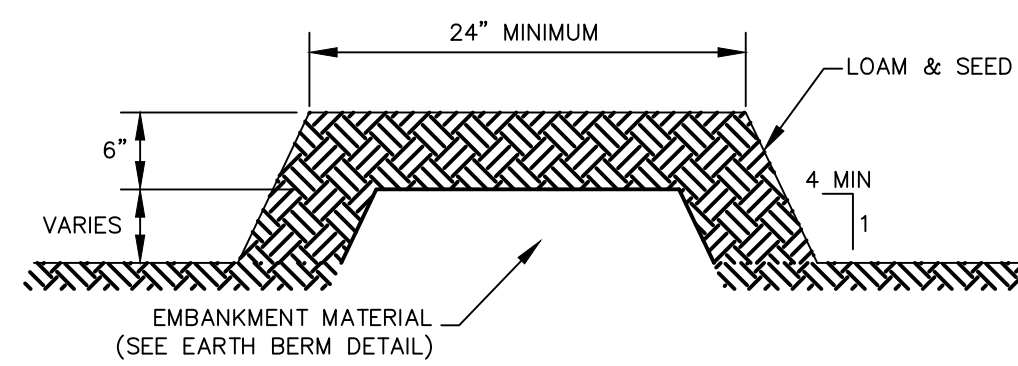
- 1.) SAND/TOPSOIL/COMPOST MIXTURE SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE ENTIRE WATER QUALITY BASIN FLOOR.
- 2.) SAND/TOPSOIL/COMPOST MIXTURE SHALL NOT BE COMPACTED AND THE ENTIRE WATER QUALITY BASIN SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION.
- 2.) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SAND/TOPSOIL/COMPOST MIXTURE IF E&S CONTROLS ARE NOT INSTALLED & MAINTAINED AS INDICATED.

WATER QUALITY BASIN
NOT TO SCALE



NOTE: EMBANKMENT MATERIAL SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST 15% PASSING THE #200 SIEVE AND NOT MORE THAN 50% PASSING THE #200 SIEVE. NO STONES LARGER THAN 6 INCHES SHALL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE COMPACTED EMBANKMENT. WITHIN TWO FEET OF ANY STRUCTURE, THE MAXIMUM SIZE SHALL BE 3 INCHES. CONSTRUCTION SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE DURING COLD PERIODS WHERE TEMPERATURES ARE CONSISTENTLY LOWER THAN 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. EMBANKMENT MATERIAL TO BE COMPACTED IN LIFTS TO 95% MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY.

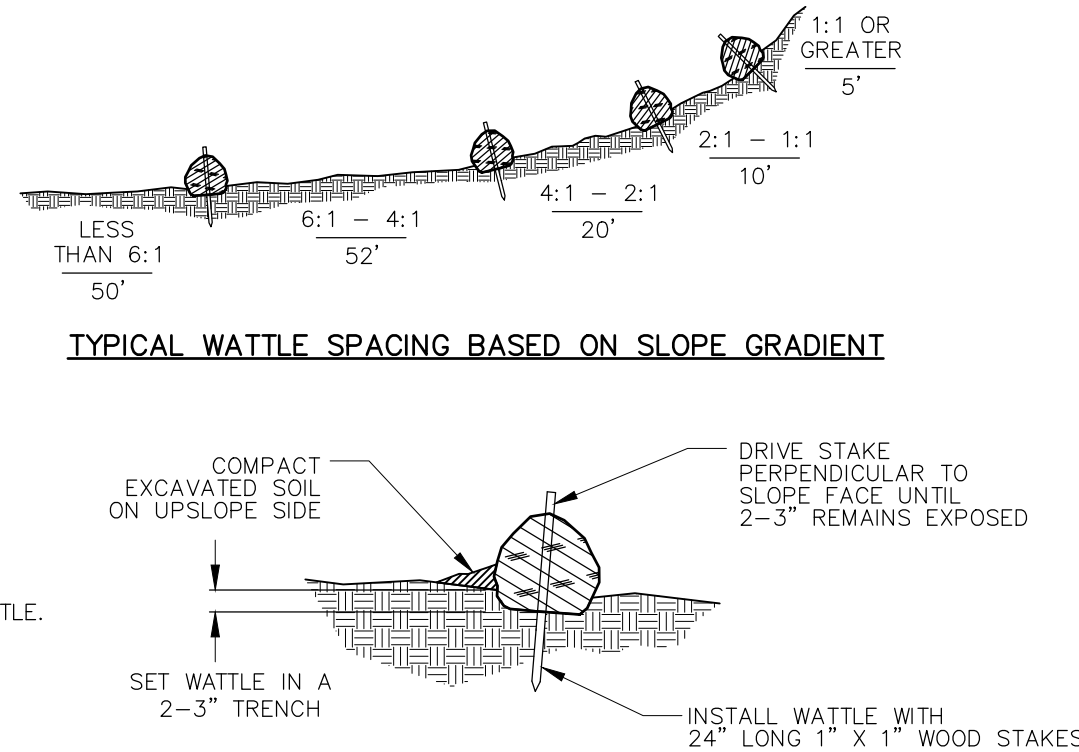
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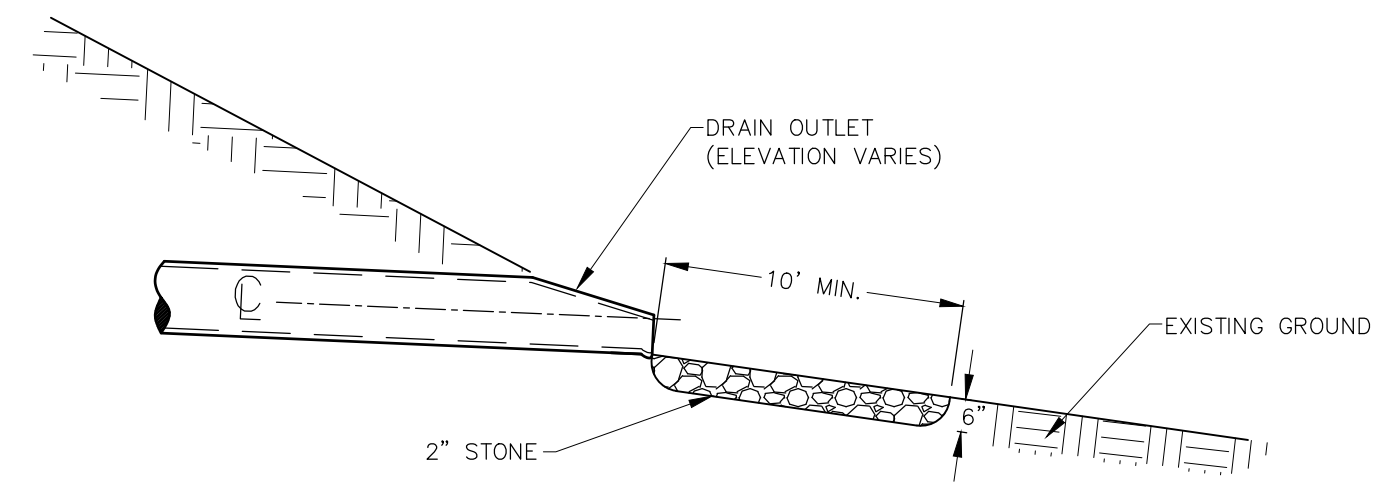
STRAW WATTLE NOTES:

1. BEGIN AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED BY EXCAVATING A 2-3" DEEP BY 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. EXCAVATED SOIL SHOULD BE PLACED UP-SLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
2. PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT THE SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
3. SECURE THE WATTLE WITH 24" LONG STAKES EVERY 3-4' WITH A STAKE ON EACH END. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLES LEAVING 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE. THE WATTLE STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SLOPE FACE.
4. SECURE WATTLES PLACED ON PAVED SURFACES WITH SANDBAGS SPACED AT AN INTERVAL SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF WATTLE AND TO ENSURE THAT ENDS OF ADJACENT WATTLES REMAIN TIGHTLY ABUTTED.



TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING BASED ON SLOPE GRADIENT

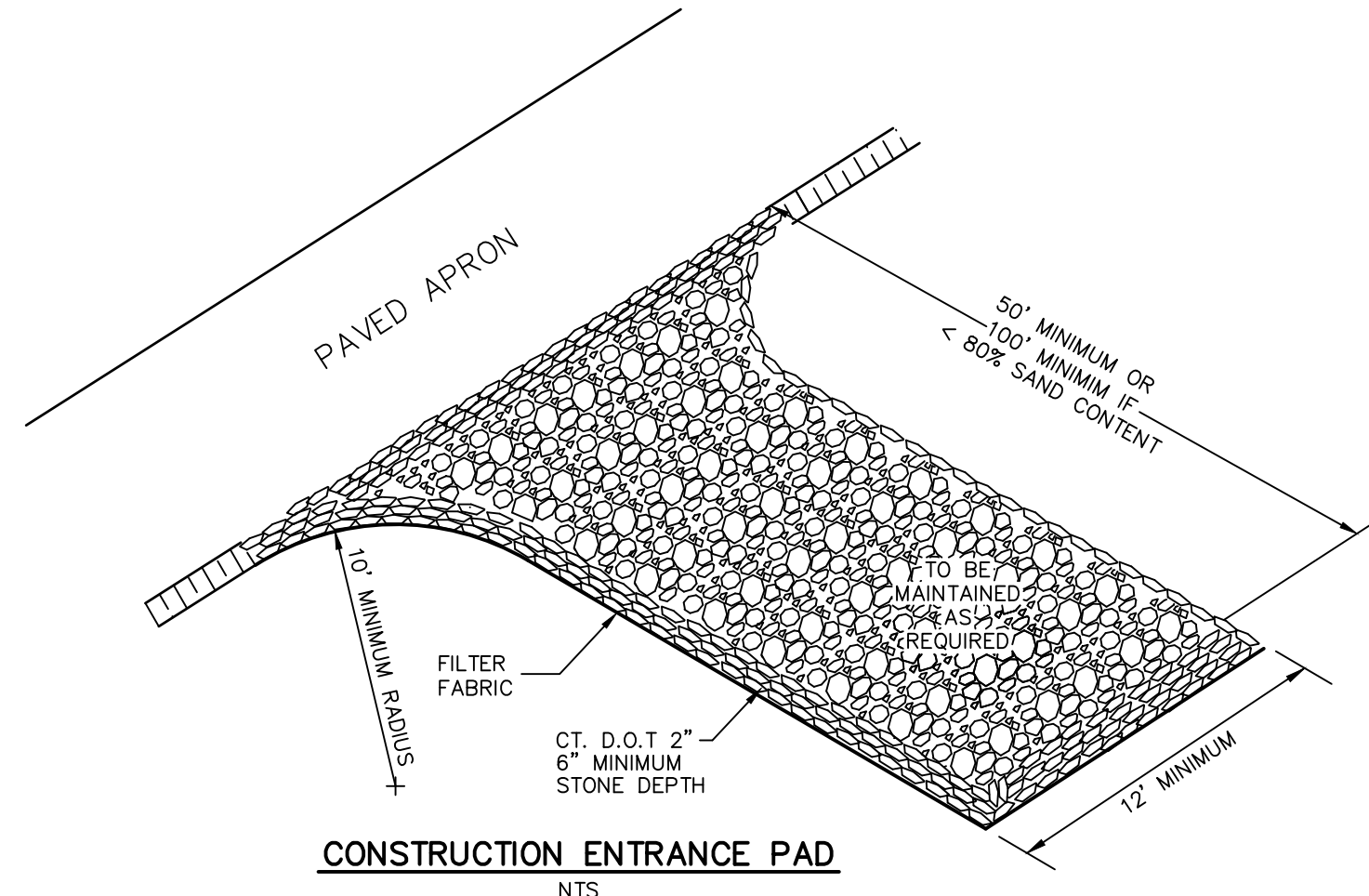
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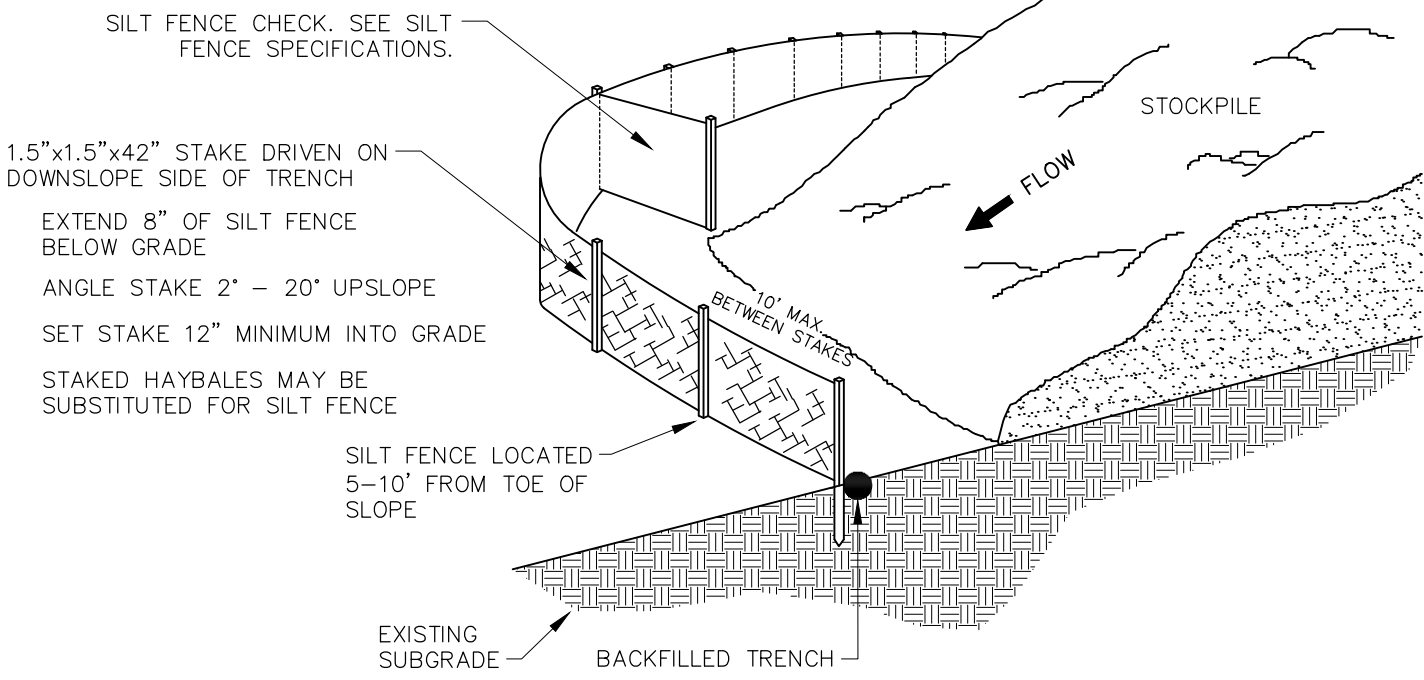
NOTES:

1. OUTLETS TO BE 2' MIN. WIDE AT CULVERT & 12' MIN. AT END OF PAD.
2. INSTALL STAINLESS STEEL ANIMAL GUARD (AGRI-DRAIN OR EQUAL) AT OUTLET

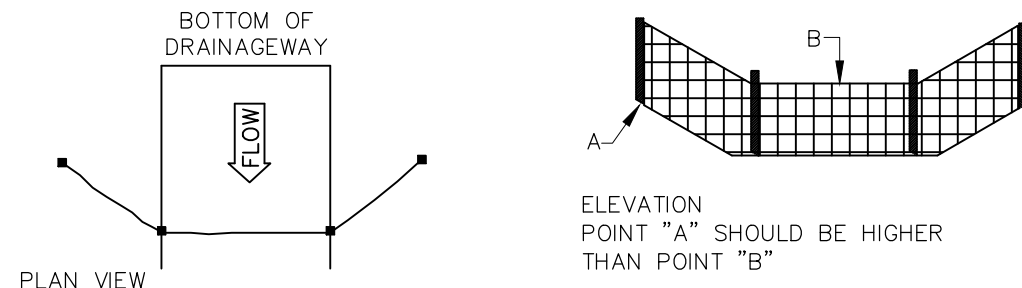
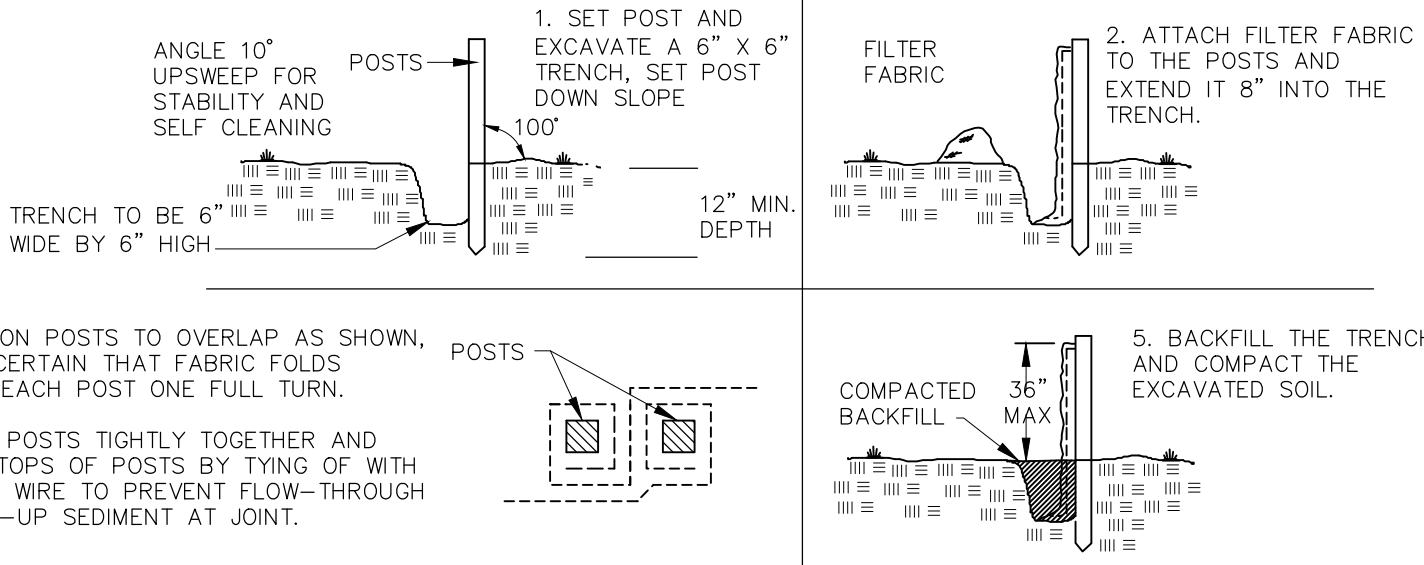
STONE OUTLET PAD
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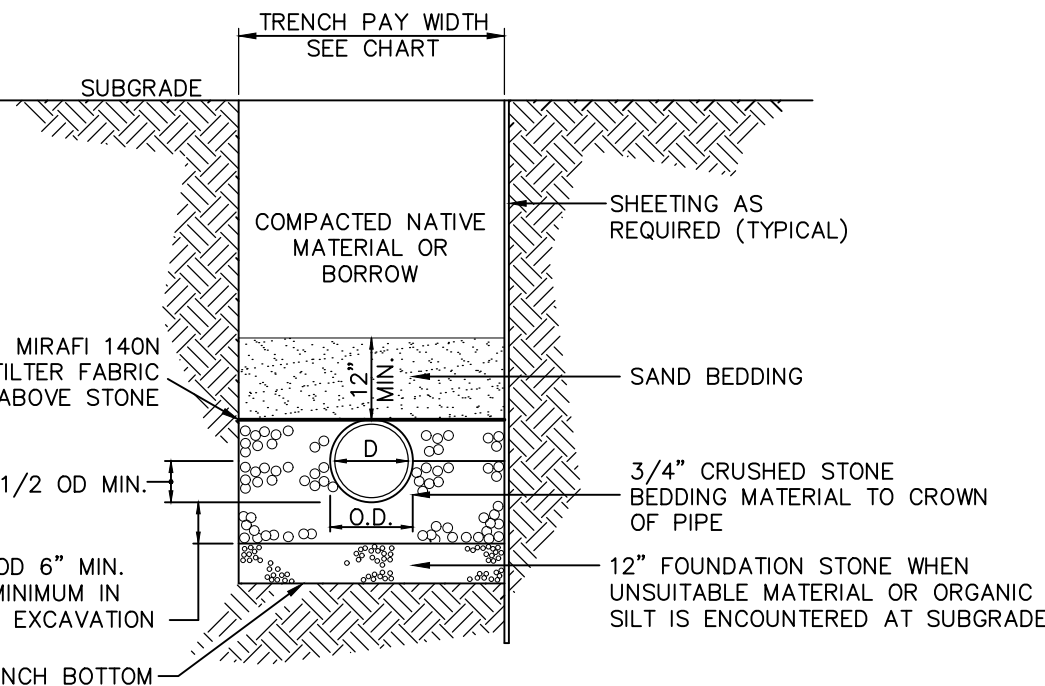
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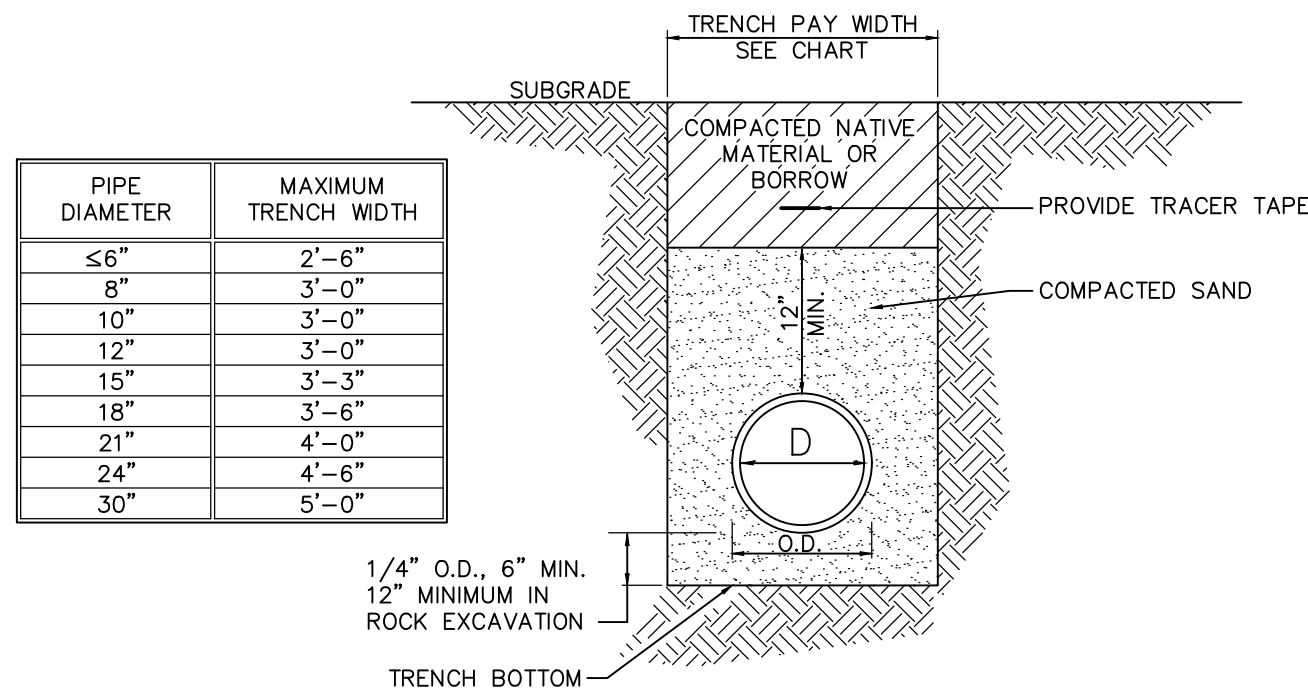
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PLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SILT FENCE
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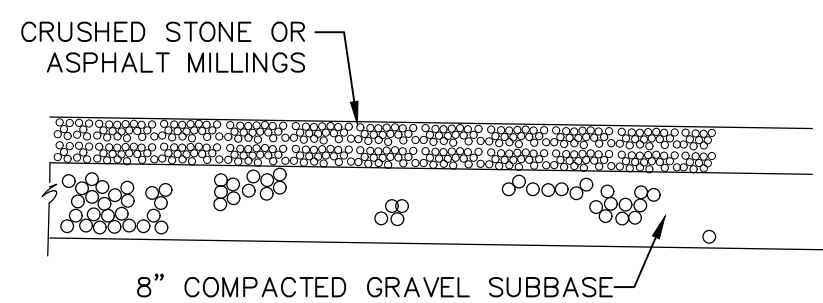


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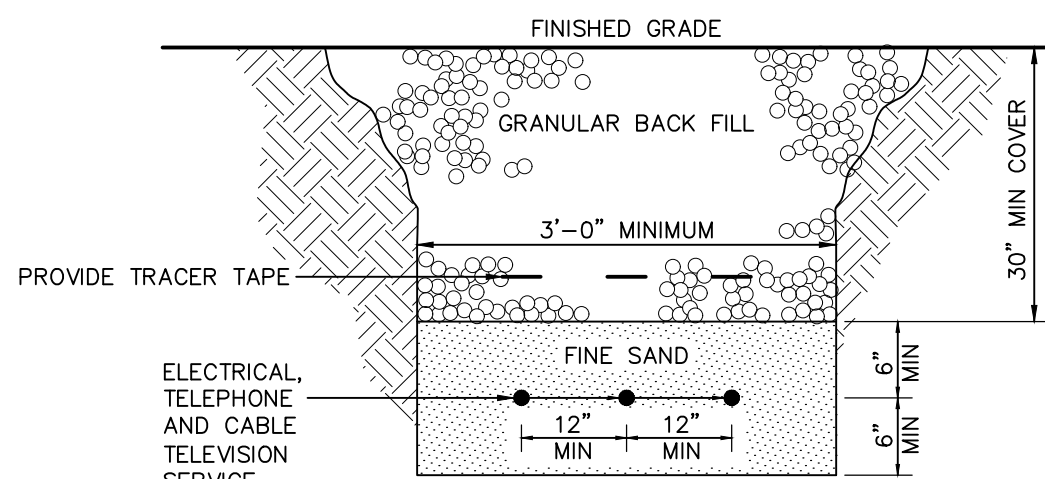


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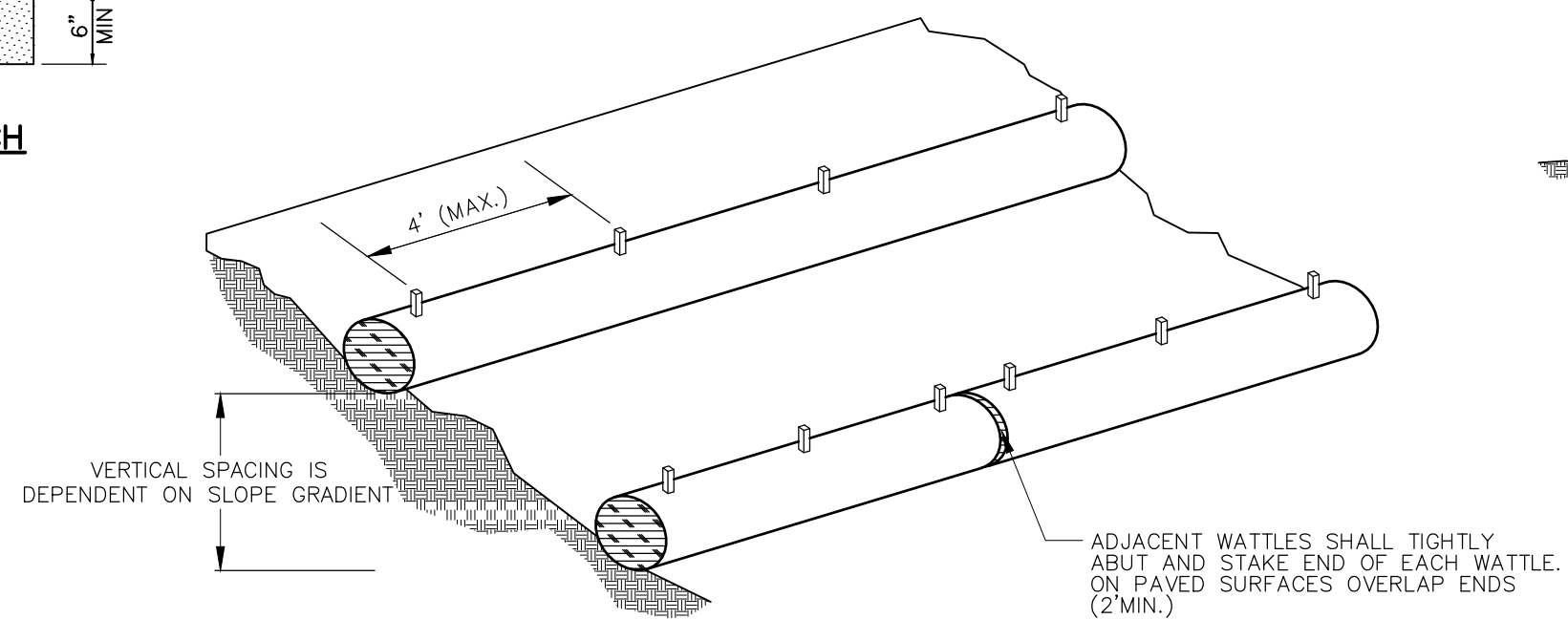
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GRAVEL DRIVEWAY AND PARKING SURFACE
NOT TO SCALE



BURIED CABLE TRENCH
CROSS SECTION
NOT TO SCALE



TYPICAL WATTLE INSTALLATION GUIDE

STRAW WATTLE INSTALLATION
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Name of Applicant Bruce and Kathy Elliott

Applicant's Address 281 Liberty Highway, Putnam CT 06260

Phone # 860-928-2509 Home 860-481-9126 Bruce's Cell 508-769-2702 Kathy's Cell

Owner of Land Bruce and Kathy Elliott

Owner's Address 281 Liberty Highway, Putnam CT 06260

Location and description of proposed activity: Installation of drainage pipe on north side of property.

Pipe to extend from the existing state culvert down to a retention basin to be constructed at the pipe's outlet.

The purpose of these drainage improvements are to alleviate the existing erosion issues caused by the drain water from the state owned culvert. Please see attached for an accounting of the history of the issues with the drainage on our property.

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☐	7 Culverting	☐	G Agriculture, Forestry or Conservation
☐	8 Und. Grd. Util.	☐	H Wetland Creation/Restoration
☐	9 Roadway Construction	☐	I Storm Water/Flood Control
☒	10 Drainage Improvements	☒	J Erosion/Sediment Control
☐	11 Pond Dredge/Dam Construction	☐	K Recreation/Boating/Navigation
☐	12 Activity Buffer/Set Back Area	☐	L Routine Maintenance
☐	13 Other: Please describe: _____		

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APPENDIX A *Continued*

Project Name (if applicable) NA

Estimate of Linear Footage affecting Wetlands 0

Affected number of acres in which Wetlands are part of
the impacted area for Multi-Family, Condos and
Commercial Development NA

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION

Application Number _____ Date of Receipt August 6, 2025

Application Approved (date) _____ CK # 0117' hl

Conditions of approval if applicable _____

Application Denied (date) _____

Reason(s) for Denial _____

Signature of Chairman or Secretary of Commission

Date

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Located just off our property is a drainage culvert that drains water from Rte. 21 onto the property of 287 Liberty Highway currently owned by Gavin Paquette. Historically, the water that drains from this culvert, even in moderately rainy conditions, has created a significant erosion problem on our property, as well as that of Mr. Paquette. The water from this culvert follows the topography of the land, and ultimately finds its way to the wetlands area (for note to the commission, my wife and I are having a soil scientist come in and red flag the actual border of the wetlands in this area so that we may know its exact boundary and so that we can be more definitive about our requested project).

In approximately 1995 or 1996, the state DOT was doing maintenance to the culvert (they were apparently digging it out and clearing the front of the pipe). I went over to the crew and told them about the erosion problem and the damage that was occurring to my property, and they offered to dig a trench from the pipe opening straight away so it would prevent further damage to my property. This trench extends from the pipe opening in the culvert traversing approximately 75-80 feet towards the border of the wetlands (the entirety of this trench exists on Mr. Paquette's property). The only thing that my wife and I do to maintain this trench is to remove the trash and debris that gets washed down the drain and exits through the culvert. The only structural element that we have introduced to this trench over the 30 years that it has been in existence is that we had our excavator (Provost Trucking) dig a large reservoir at the trench's end to abate the water flow. This occurred in 2021, and proved to be ineffective.

As my wife and I started expanding the use of our property (installing a large solar panel array, which is still in process), this drainage water was becoming more of a problem so we reached out to the state DOT and asked if we could meet with the drainage engineer. Norman Miller, now retired, met with my wife and I and he looked at the entire situation and he sent a crew up to clean out the drain on the street and add a couple of check dams to try and slow the water down before it hit the lower pipe. The work that was done did not really slow the water down and we were still getting significant erosion during big storms. In 2024, we called him up again to discuss alternative plans for the excessive water problem from this culvert. We met with Mr. Miller in early December of 2024, and he came with another drainage engineer, Mr. Feliz Orlando (Mr. Miller retired from the state in early 2025, and Mr. Orlando became his replacement). At the time of our meeting, both Mr. Miller and Mr. Orlando said that the only way to control the water flow from the culvert (and to avert any further erosion) was to pipe the water directly from the culvert to a retention pond with multiple check dams that would capture contaminants and pollutants prior to them hitting the wetlands. They also recommended a retention pond at the exit of the drainage pipe with a check dam so that the velocity of the water would be slowed as much as possible before hitting the exiting retention pond. This recommendation from the state DOT drainage engineers came with no offer of providing further work on the part of the DOT or providing any funds to offset the cost of the pipe (\$3,500.00 which was incurred by my wife and myself).

In May of this year, we were notified by the Zoning/Wetlands Officer that he felt we were in violation of a wetlands regulation. We met with Mr. Fitzback in early May. This meeting was comprised of Mr. Fitzback, my wife (Kathy Elliott), our excavator (Mark Provost), John Valente, a former Chief of Environmental Health/Registered

Sanitarian and a wetland's officer of 47 years, and myself. At this time, we proposed to Mr. Fitzback a plan showing the pipe and in addition, a detailed soil erosion control plan with check dams and retention ponds to eliminate any additional sediment, contaminants, or pollutants from making their way into the wetlands (something that has been going on for the last 30 years, and possibly even longer). At this time, Mr. Fitzback agreed to review this plan, and further agreed to review the preliminary plan at an office visit that was attended by my wife and myself all for the purpose of arriving at an acceptable standard that would satisfy Mr. Fitzback as the wetland agent, and to protect the sanctity of the wetlands.

One week later Mr. Fitzback, in a meeting with Mr. Valente, changed his mind and said he wanted an engineer to design the system stating his reason for concern was about Town liability if the pipe were to fail. I will add at this time to the members of the commission that this is the pipe that was recommended to us by the state drainage engineers. They said that the size of the pipe coming out of the culvert was 15" diameter and that any pipe after that had to be 15" in diameter to manage the water that would come out of the culvert pipe.

The scope of the drainage improvement work is as follows: 1) Installation of 175 feet of 15" corrugated pipe and backfill the existing trench. 2) Installation of a retention basin at the outlet of the corrugated pipe. 3) Installation of a rip-rap trench with filter fabric and multiple check dams to control overflow. 4) Silt fence to be utilized during construction to control erosion.