

Planning & Development Division

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File Number	PL 20-05	58	Contact		Kyle Deming, <u>kdeming@duluthmn.gov</u>	
Туре	Final Plat		Planning Commission Date		sion Date	June 9, 2020
Deadline	Application Date		May 15, 202	20 60 Days		July 14, 2020
for Action	Date Extension Letter Mailed		June 1, 202	0	120 Days	September 12, 2020
Location of Subject Upper side of 3700-3800 Blocks of London Road (Condon Park)						
Applicant	TJS Cons	struction, LLC	Contact	Contact Ted Stocke		
Agent			Contact			
Legal Description See attached						
Site Visit Date		April 1, 2020	Sign Notice Date		N	A
Neighbor Letter Date		NA	Number of Letters Sent		s Sent N	A

Proposal

Re-plat of 18 existing lots (3.05 acres) into 26 lots to be developed with 13 twin homes (two unit structures that straddle a common lot line) located along a private access road parallel to London Road. A home owners association will manage the private road, parking, storm water treatment, and building exterior maintenance. **Staff recommends** approval, with conditions

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	R-1	Vacant/Undeveloped	Traditional Neighborhood
North	R-1	Railroad, Lakewalk	Traditional Neighborhood
South	R-1 and MU-N	Apartments, One-unit dwelling	Urban Residential
East	R-1	Vacant/Undeveloped	Traditional Neighborhood
West	R-1	One-unit dwelling	Traditional Neighborhood

Summary of Code Requirements

The planning commission shall approve the application, or approve it with modifications if it determines that the application meets the following criteria (Section 50-37.5.H.3):

(a) Is consistent with all applicable requirements of MSA 462.358 and Chapter 505;

(b) Is consistent with the terms and provisions of the preliminary plat approval for the property;

(c) Demonstrates that all required improvements have been installed or that (a) the applicant has signed a development agreement committing to construct those improvements within 2 years after approval of the final plat and (b) adequate security for the construction of the required improvements has been posted with the City pursuant to Section 50-37.1.P.

Once approved, the applicant shall file the plat in the office of the County Recorder within two years or the approval will lapse per Section 50-37.5.H.4.

Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #5 – Promote reinvestment in neighborhoods. Governing Principle #8 – Encourage a mix of activities, uses, and densities.

Governing Principle #12- Create efficiencies in delivery of public services.

Housing Policy #2 - Provide affordable, attainable housing opportunities

Strategy 4 – Foster opportunities for creative housing types and concepts including . . . townhomes Housing Policy #4 – Improve the quality of the city's housing stock and neighborhoods

Zoning – Residential-Traditional (R-1): traditional neighborhoods of single-family, duplexes and townhouses on moderately sized lots. Intended to be used primarily in established neighborhoods. Dimensional standards require development and redevelopment to be consistent with development patterns, building scale, and building location of nearby areas.

Future Land Use – Traditional Neighborhood - Characterized by grid/connected street pattern, houses oriented with shorter dimension to the street and detached garages, some with alleys. Includes many of Duluth's older neighborhoods, infill projects, neighborhood extensions. 4-8 units/acre, mix of housing types (i.e. town homes and 4-plexes).

History:

- 1. April 14, 2020 Variance to reduce rear yard setback (PL 20-016) approved by Planning Commission;
- April 14, 2010 Vacate utility easement in former 38th Ave. E. (PL 20-027) recommended for approval by Planning Commission., City Council consider approval of Resolution 20-0470R;
- 3. April 14, 2020 Preliminary Plat (PL 20-035) approved by Planning Commission, with conditions listed in the "Review and Discussion Items;"
- 4. April 29, 2020 Approval of Wetland Replacement Plan (PL 20-017) by City Land Use Supervisor;

Review and Discussion Items

Staff finds:

- The land was previously platted as 18 fifty-foot wide lots in Blocks 32, 33 and 34 of the Plat of Re-arrangement of Part of East Duluth and of First Addition to East Duluth. The applicant is submitting a final plat to re-plat the 3.05 acres into 26 lots for the development of twin homes (two dwelling unit structures that straddle a common lot line). Lots range in size from 3,800 to 9,227 square feet. Lot frontage ranges from 30 feet to 82 feet.
- 2) The applicant's engineer, MSA, has provided the attached May 13, 2020 memo summarizing their response to conditions the Planning Commission placed on approval of the Preliminary Plat. Below is staff's evaluation of those that have been resolved or are recommended as conditions of the Final Plat:
 - a) The final plat be designed so that all of the lots are compliant with minimum lot area requirements. STAFF RESPONSE: Final plat has been revised to comply with lot standards.
 - b) The utility easement on Lots 14 and 15 be extended eastward at the north plat boundary to connect to the existing utility easement in former 38th Avenue East. STAFF RESPONSE: Final Plat has been revised to include the utility easement extension.
 - c) The utility easement in former 38th Avenue East covered by this re-plat be vacated by the City Council with the vacation resolution filed in the St. Louis County Auditor's office prior to recording the final plat. STAFF RESPONSE: The vacation resolution (#20-0470R) has been filed with the City Council with action anticipated at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting. Following approval, City staff will provide for recording of the vacation resolution. Staff recommends the plat not be filed until the vacation approval is filed in the St. Louis County Recorder's office.
 - d) Prior to tree removal activities, the applicant obtain from the Land Use Supervisor approval of a tree

replacement plan and that trees to be preserved be protected with construction fence, including the area of the trees' dripline. STAFF RESPONSE: The applicant has submitted an updated tree preservation plan proposed removal of 2,354 caliper inches of trees and mitigating the impact, in part, through preserving 69 caliper inches of existing trees and the planting of 191 replacement trees as shown on the attached exhibit. Staff Response: Staff recommends that this continue to be a condition of the Final Plat.

- e) Prior to tree removal and site grading, the applicant obtain required wetland permits and that evidence be provided showing required wetland mitigation. STAFF RESPONSE: The applicant's wetland replacement plan (PL 20-017) was approved April 29, 2020, but wetland bank credits have not yet been withdrawn. Staff recommends this continue to be a condition of the Final Plat.
- f) Prior to issuing grading plans for the private access road, the Land Use Supervisor approve the location of guest parking throughout the site. STAFF RESPONSE: The applicant has provided an exhibit showing guest parking and staff recommends this continue to be a condition of the Final Plat.
- g) The remaining preliminary plat conditions that are not listed above all receive the recommendation that they continue to be a condition of the Final Plat and are listed as such in the "Staff Recommendation" box below.
- 3) Staff finds that the Final Plat conforms to the requirements of Sec 50-37.5 and is consistent with all applicable requirements of MSA 462.358 and Chapter 505.
- 4) The preliminary plat is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan designation of this property "traditional neighborhood." The project will result in a townhome style development that is an extension of an existing neighborhood at 4-8 units per acre. The project implements Housing Policies #2 and #4 by fostering opportunities for creative housing types and concepts and improves the quality of the city's housing stock and neighborhoods. It also promotes reinvestment in neighborhoods and creates efficiencies in delivery of public services by developing housing in the area of existing transportation, utility, educational, and emergency services.
- 5) Public improvements related to the plat include water, sewer, gas within the plat's utility easements and construction of a sidewalk in the London Road street easement from 36th Ave. E. and continuing along the frontage of the London East plat. Per UDC requirements, the developer will need to complete a development agreement with the City in addition to providing financial security for the construction of those improvements. Staff recommends the Land Use Supervisor not sign the official plat document until the development agreement is complete and financial security has been provided.
- 6) The Final Plat was reviewed by City Engineering, GIS, and Property Management staff, who provided comments to the applicant. The applicant has incorporated all comments except one pertaining to line symbols, which the applicant feels are compliant with plat recording standards. No citizen comments have been received to date.

Staff Recommendation

Based on the above findings, staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the application with the following conditions:

- 1. The Land Use Supervisor not sign the official plat document until the development agreement is complete and any necessary financial security has been provided per Section 50-37.5.H.3(c).
- 2. The plat not be filed until the vacation approval is filed in the St. Louis County Recorder's office.
- Prior to recording the final plat, the Land Use Supervisor verify that the Common Interest Community (CIC) Declaration associated with this project includes a clause that requires the homeowners association to avoid altering wetlands identified as being preserved in the wetland replacement plan.

- 4. Prior to recording the final plat, the City Engineer identify any conditions that need to be placed in the CIC Declaration.
- 5. Immediately following recording of the plat in the St. Louis County Auditor's office, the applicant record a restrictive covenant that limits development of the lots into twin homes with proof of recording provided to the Land Use Supervisor. The applicant obtain required permits from MN-DOT for the accesses to London Road, utility work, and sidewalk installation.
- 6. The applicant obtain required permits from MN-DOT for the accesses to London Road, utility work, and sidewalk installation.
- 7. Prior to tree removal and site grading, the applicant obtain required wetland permits and that evidence be provided showing withdrawal of wetland bank credits.
- 8. Prior to approving the storm water permit for the site that the applicant provide evidence to the City Engineer that the culverts near wetlands are place to handle surficial drainage only, in order to prevent the drainage of the saturated soils that create wetland conditions.
- 9. Prior to tree removal and site grading, the applicant provide photographic evidence to the Land Use Supervisor to verify that construction fence was installed around wetlands to be preserved.
- 10. Prior to tree removal activities, the applicant obtain from the Land Use Supervisor approval of a tree replacement plan and that trees to be preserved be protected with construction fence, including the area of the trees' dripline.
- 11. Prior to site grading activities, the City Engineer approves the storm water management plan including the placement of any needed conditions in the CIC Declaration.
- 12. Prior to issuing grading plans for the private access road, the Land Use Supervisor approve the location of guest parking throughout the site.
- 13. The approval of this final plat shall lapse if the applicant has not caused it to be recorded in the office of the St. Louis County Recorder within two years of Planning Commission approval.



London East 3700-3800 Block of Upper Side of London Rd. TJS Construction, LLC

Area Map



Legend

The City of Duluth has tried to ensure that the information contained in this map or electronic document is accurate. The City of Duluth makes no warranty or guarantee concerning the accuracy or reliability. This drawing/data is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. The drawing/data is a compilation of records, information and data located in various City, County and State offices and other sources affecting the area shown and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City of Duluth shall not be liable for errors contained within this data provided or for any damages in connection with the use of this information contained within.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT TJS CONSTRUCTION LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FEE OWNER OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN SAINT LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, CITY OF DULUTH PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DULUTH, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, ON THE ___ DAY OF _____, 20____, PRESIDENT, DULUTH CITY PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY, DULUTH CITY PLANNING COMMISSION ST. LOUIS COUNTY SURVEYOR I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 505.021, SUBD. 11, THIS PLAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF ______, 20_____,

TO-WIT: LOTS 9 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 32, INCLUDING THE THE EASTERLY HALF OF VACATED 38TH AVENUE EAST, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA. ALL IN REARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH. AND LOTS 10 TO 18 INCLUSIVE BLOCK 33, INCLUDING THE THE WESTERLY HALF OF VACATED 38TH AVENUE EAST, EXCEPT THAT SOUTHEASTERLY 40 FEET OF LOTS 10 AND 18, BLOCK 33, PLAT OF RE-ARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER IN AND FOR ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA. AND LOT 16, BLOCK 34, RE-ARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA. HAS CAUSED THE SAME TO BE SURVEYED AND PLATTED AS LONDON EAST AND DOES HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC USE FOREVER THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AS CREATED BY THIS PLAT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF SAID TJS CONSTRUCTION LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, HAS CAUSED THESE PRESENTS TO BE SIGNED BY ITS MANAGER THIS ______ DAY OF ______, 20____. TJS CONSTRUCTION LLC, A MINNESOTA COMPANY

BY:	

TED STOCKE, MANAGER

STATE OF COUNTY OF

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS ______ DAY OF ______, 20___ BY TED STOCKE AS MANAGER OF TJS CONSTRUCTION, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

PRINTED NAME NOTARY PUBLIC, _____ COUNTY, _____ MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

BY: _____

I CURTIS E. SCHLEY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION; THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA; THAT THIS PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE BOUNDARY SURVEY; THAT ALL MATHEMATICAL DATA AND LABELS ARE CORRECTLY DESIGNATED ON THIS PLAT; THAT ALL MONUMENTS DEPICTED ON THIS PLAT HAVE BEEN SET OR WILL BE CORRECTLY SET WITHIN ONE YEAR AS INDICATED ON THE PLAT; THAT ALL WATER BOUNDARIES AND WET LANDS, AS DEFINED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 505.01, SUBD. 3, AS OF THE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SHOWN AND LABELED ON THIS PLAT; AND ALL PUBLIC WAYS ARE SHOWN AND LABELED ON THIS PLAT. DATED THIS ______DAY OF ______, 20____.

CURTIS E. SCHLEY, LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR MINNESOTA LICENSE NUMBER 49907

STATE OF MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA LICENSE NUMBER 49907.

COUNTY OF _____

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20___ BY CURTIS E. SCHLEY,

PRINTED NAME

NOTARY PUBLIC, _____ COUNTY, _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

LONDON EAST

BEING PART OF BLOCKS 32, 33 AND 34, RE-ARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH, LOCATED IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, AND SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA

NICK C. STEWART COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPUTY

ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR

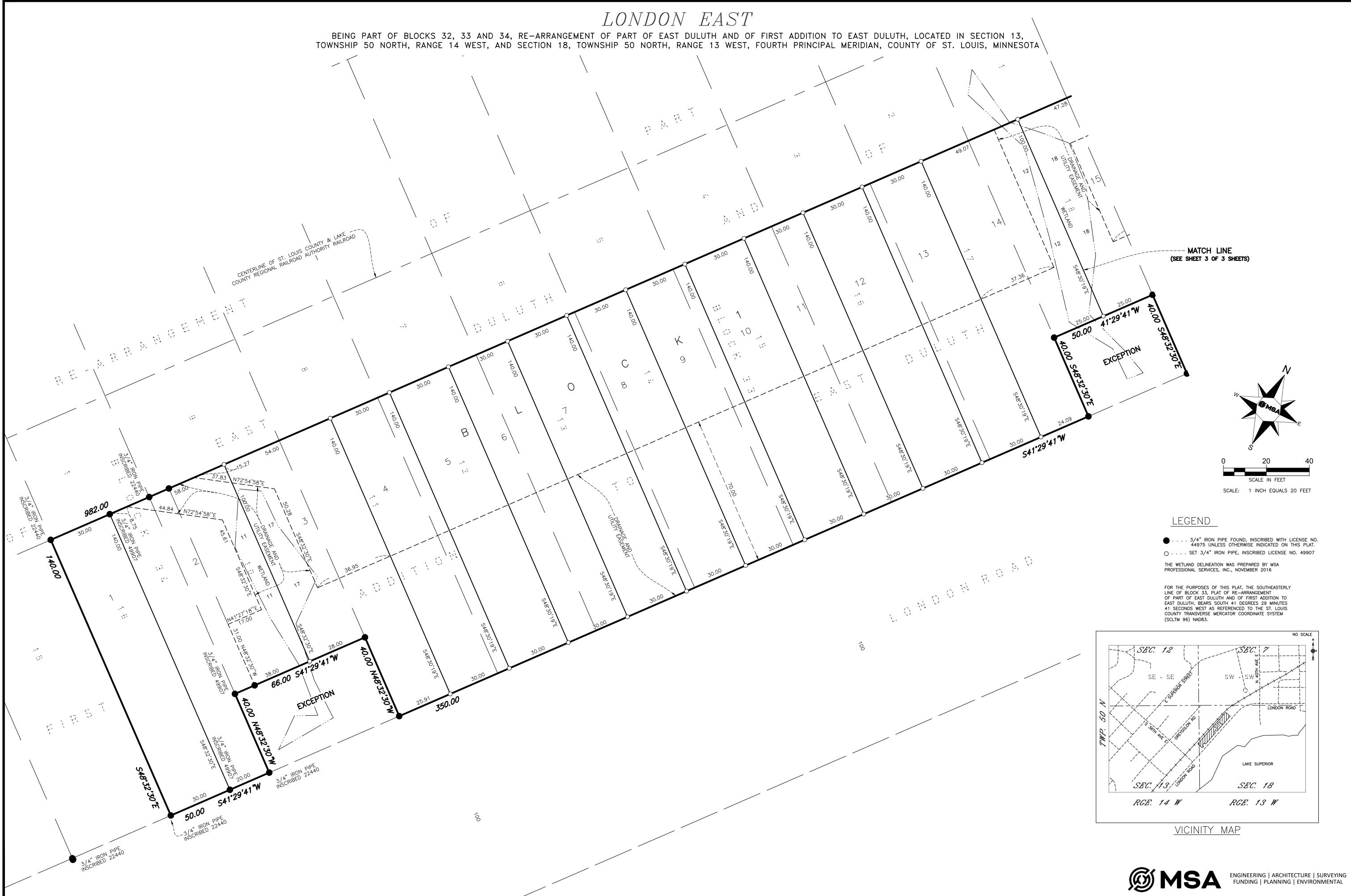
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NANCY NILSEN COUNTY AUDITOR DEPUTY

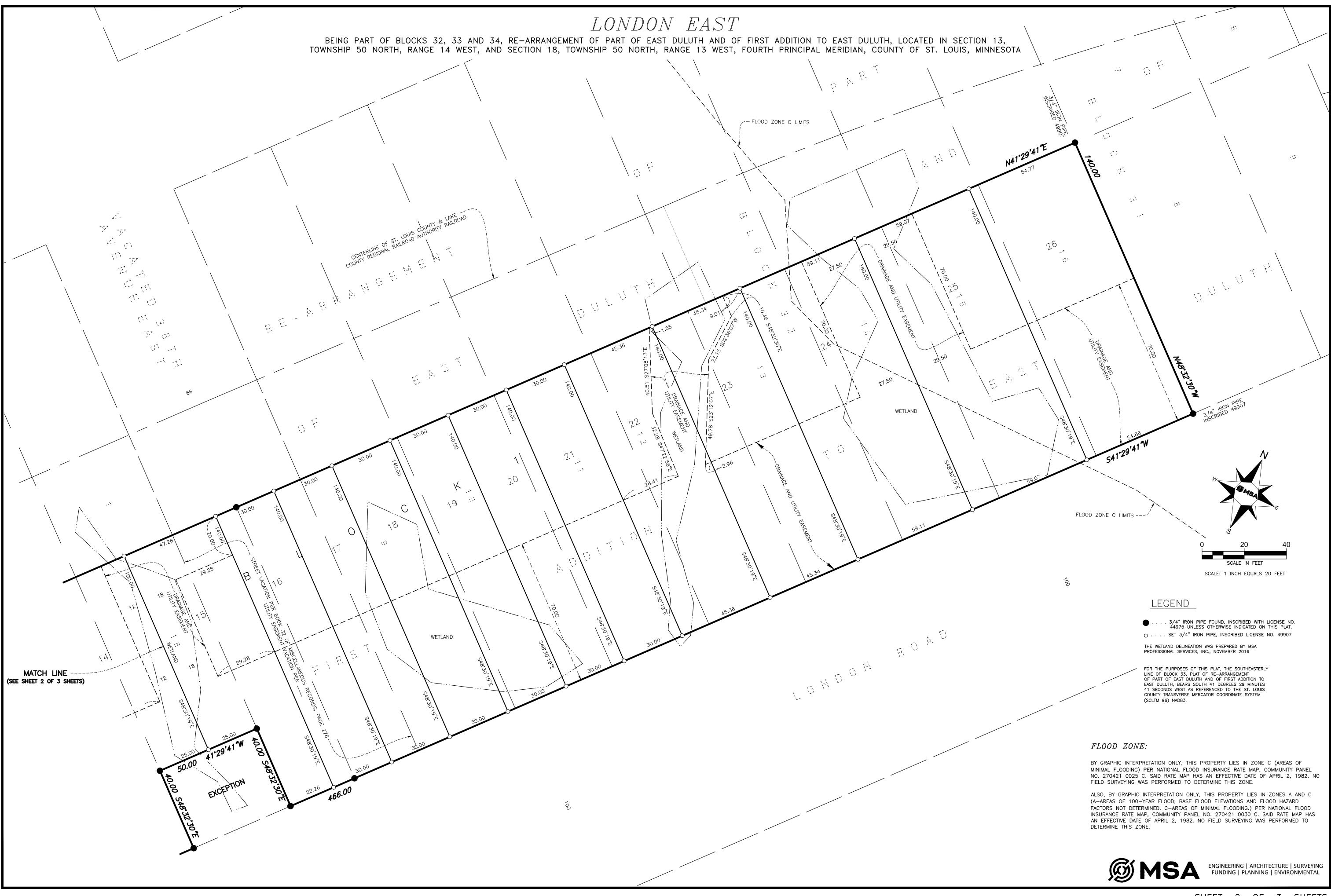
ST. LOUIS COUNTY RECORDER I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT OF MENARD DULUTH ADDITION WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER FOR PUBLIC RECORD ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20___, AT _____ O'CLOCK ___M., AS DOCUMENT NO. _____

WENDY LEVITT COUNTY RECORDER DEPUTY





OFFICIAL PLAT



OFFICIAL PLAT

EXHIBIT A

EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOTS 9 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 32, INCLUDING THE THE EASTERLY HALF OF VACATED 38TH AVENUE EAST, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA. ALL IN REARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH.

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AND

LOT 16, BLOCK 34, RE-ARRANGEMENT OF PART OF EAST DULUTH AND OF FIRST ADDITION TO EAST DULUTH, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA.





То:	Kyle Deming
From:	Andrew Barnebey
Subject:	East London Road Development - Response to Condition of Approval for Preliminary Plat
Date:	May 13, 2020

The Preliminary Plat for this project was approved with the following conditions. Our response to those conditions is in italics after the conditions.

1. The final plat be designed so that all of the lots are compliant with minimum lot area requirements.

This has been done.

2. The utility easement on Lots 14 and 15 be extended eastward at the north plat boundary to connect to the existing utility easement in former 38th Avenue East.

This has been done.

3. The utility easement in former 38th Avenue East covered by this re—plat be vacated by the City Council with the vacation resolution filed in the St. Louis County Auditor's office prior to recording the final plat.

The exhibit for the vacation has been prepared – this will be done.

4. Prior to recording the final plat, the Land Use Supervisor verify that the Common Interest Community (CIC) Declaration associated with this project includes a clause that requires the homeowners association to avoid altering wetlands identified as being preserved in the wetland replacement plan.

This will be done.

5. Immediately following recording of the plat in the St. Louis County Auditor's office, the applicant record a restrictive covenant that limits development of the lots into twin homes with proof of recording provided to the Land Use Supervisor.

This will be done.

6. The applicant obtain required permits from MN—DOT for the accesses to London Road, utility work, and sidewalk installation.

One permit has been acquired, the other permit will be acquired.

7. Prior to tree removal and site grading, the applicant obtain required wetland permits and that evidence be provided to the Land Use Supervisor showing required wetland mitigation.

This will be done.

8. Prior to approving the storm water permit for the site that the applicant provide evidence to the City Engineer that the culverts near wetlands are place to handle surficial drainage only, in order to prevent the drainage of the saturated soils that create wetland conditions.

This will be done.

9. Prior to tree removal and site grading, the applicant provide photographic evidence to the Land Use Supervisor to verify that construction fence was installed around wetlands to be preserved.

This will be done.

10. Prior to tree removal activities, the applicant obtain from the Land Use Supervisor approval of a tree replacement plan and that trees to be preserved be protected with construction fence, including the area of the trees' dripline.

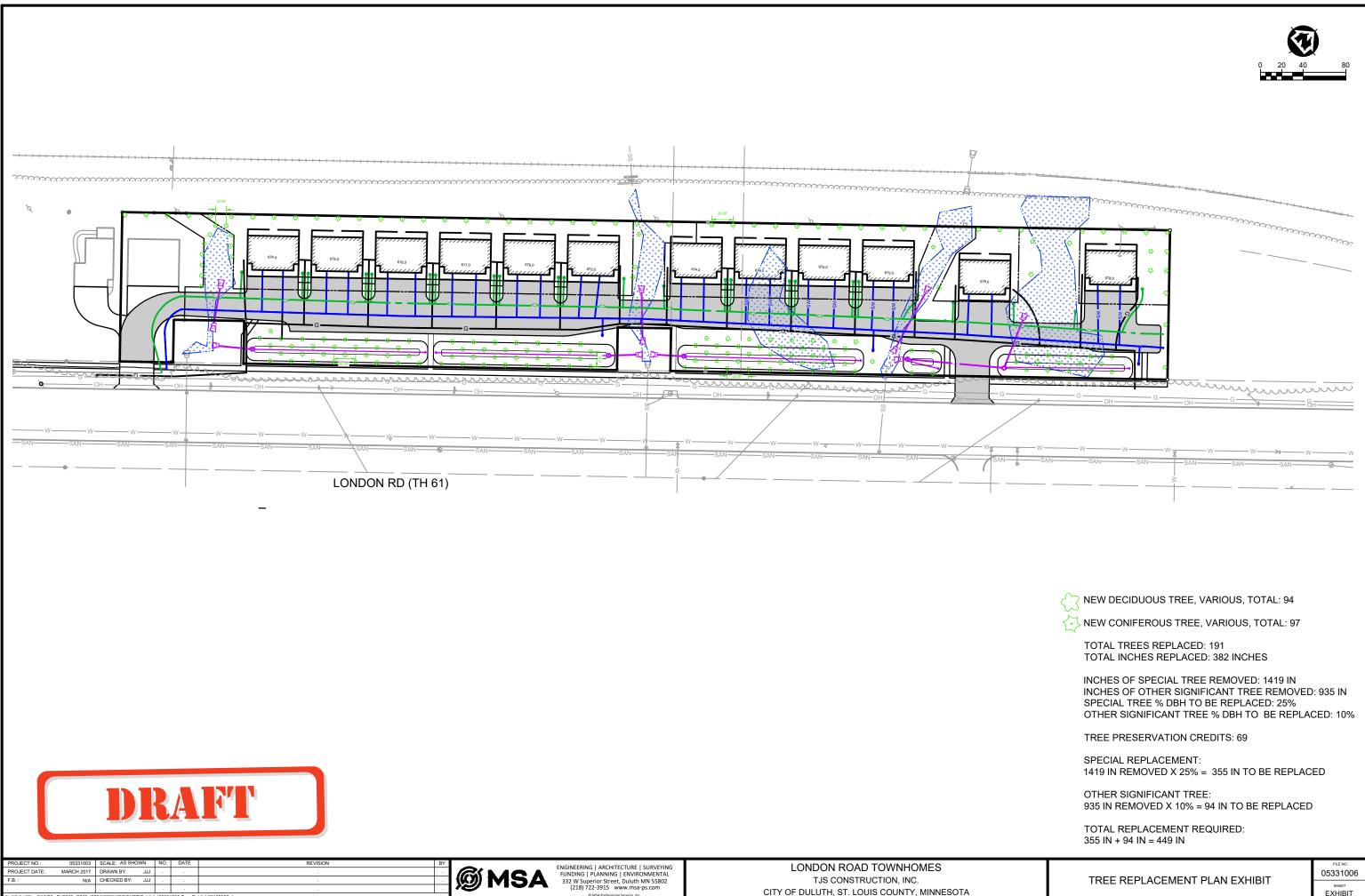
A draft plan has been prepared. This will be done after the plan is finalized.

11. Prior to site grading activities, the City Engineer approves the storm water management plan including the placement of any needed conditions in the CIC Declaration.

This will be done.

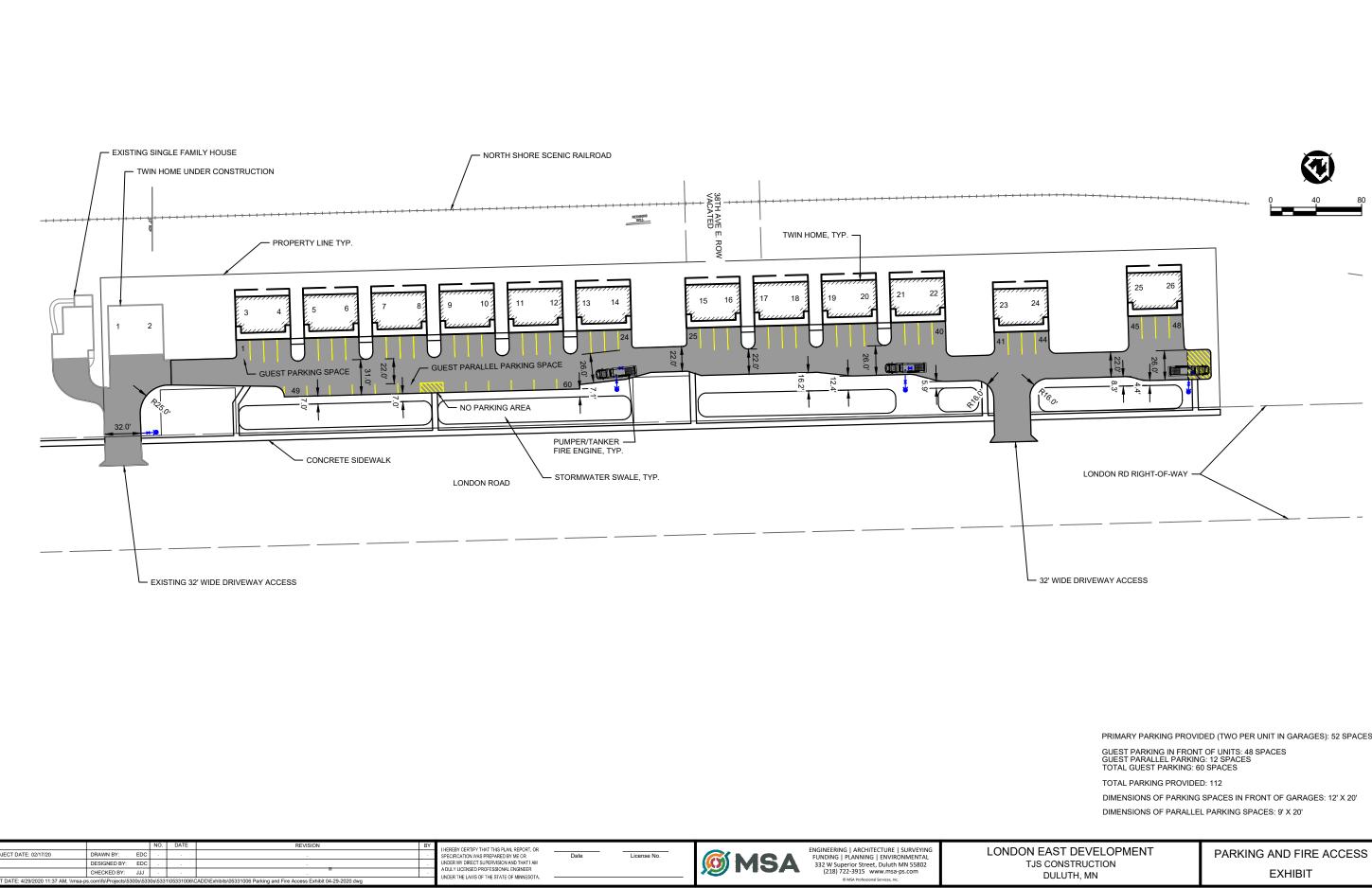
12. Prior to issuing grading plans for the private access road, the Land Use Supervisor approve the location of guest parking throughout the site.

An exhibit has been prepared showing the guest parking locations. This will be done.



CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR

CITY OF DULUTH, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA



	London RD Right-of-way —					
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