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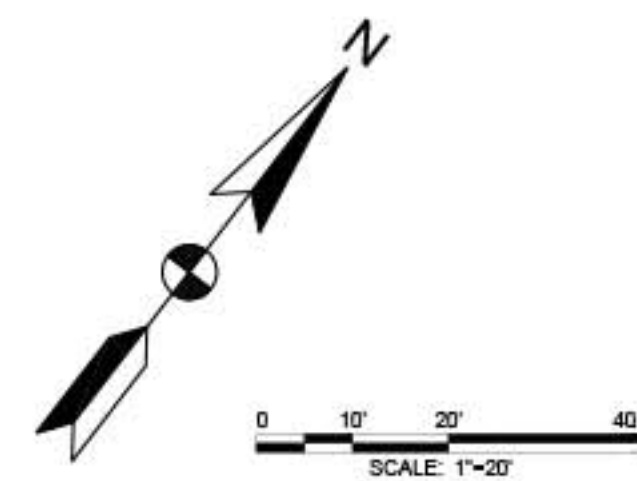
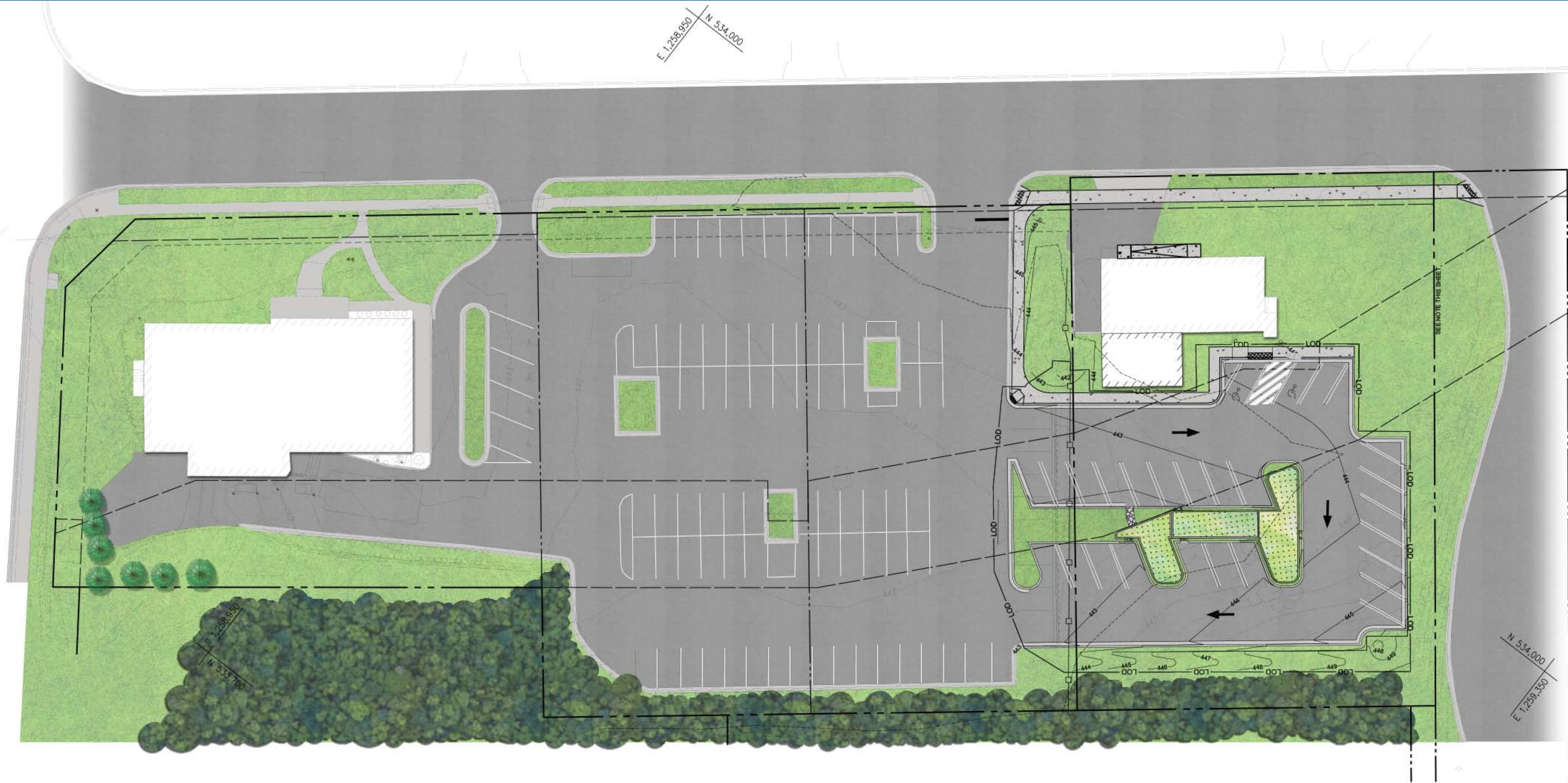
10 & 14 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD

July 16, 2020

Mayor and City Council
SP-8415-2020
Exhibit #16



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LEGEND

- LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE (LOD)
- PROPERTY LINE
- MICRO BIO-RETENTION FACILITY
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- EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
- ADA SIGNAGE
- EXISTING TREE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE MAYOR AND CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct a public hearing on Concept Site Plan SP-8415-2020 on

**MONDAY
AUGUST 3, 2020
AT 7:30 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard virtually by teleconference online and phone.

The applicant requests approval of Concept Site Plan, SP-8415-2020, located at 10 and 14 East Deer Park Drive. The application proposes to convert an existing residential building into a crematorium-viewing parlor and minor site improvements for the Devol Funeral Home at 10 East Deer Park Drive.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by visiting the City's website at:

<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city>.

Jasmine Forbes, Planner
planning@gaithersburgmd.gov
Planning and Code Administration

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CONCEPT PLAN NO. SP-8415-240

DeVOL FUNERAL HOME ADDITION



10 EAST DEER
PARK DRIVE

14 EAST DEER
PARK DRIVE

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- In the first phase, the Applicant proposes to convert the existing house on the Property to a funeral home use, including an approximately 600-SF addition at the rear of the existing house to be used for a viewing parlor and crematory services. The addition will be approximately one story in height.
- The addition will serve the existing clients of the funeral home and is not anticipated to generate a significant number of new families visiting the Property.
- In the second phase, the Applicant proposes to increase the surface parking on the Property from 89 spaces to 111 spaces in order to accommodate the occasions when there is a large funeral. The additional parking would be located to the rear of the existing single-family house such that it is mostly screened from East Deer Park Drive.
- The additional parking will help ensure that there will not be overflow parking from large funerals on adjacent streets.

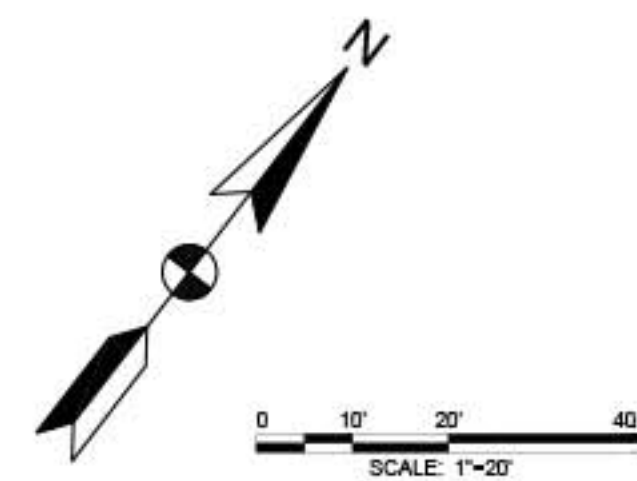
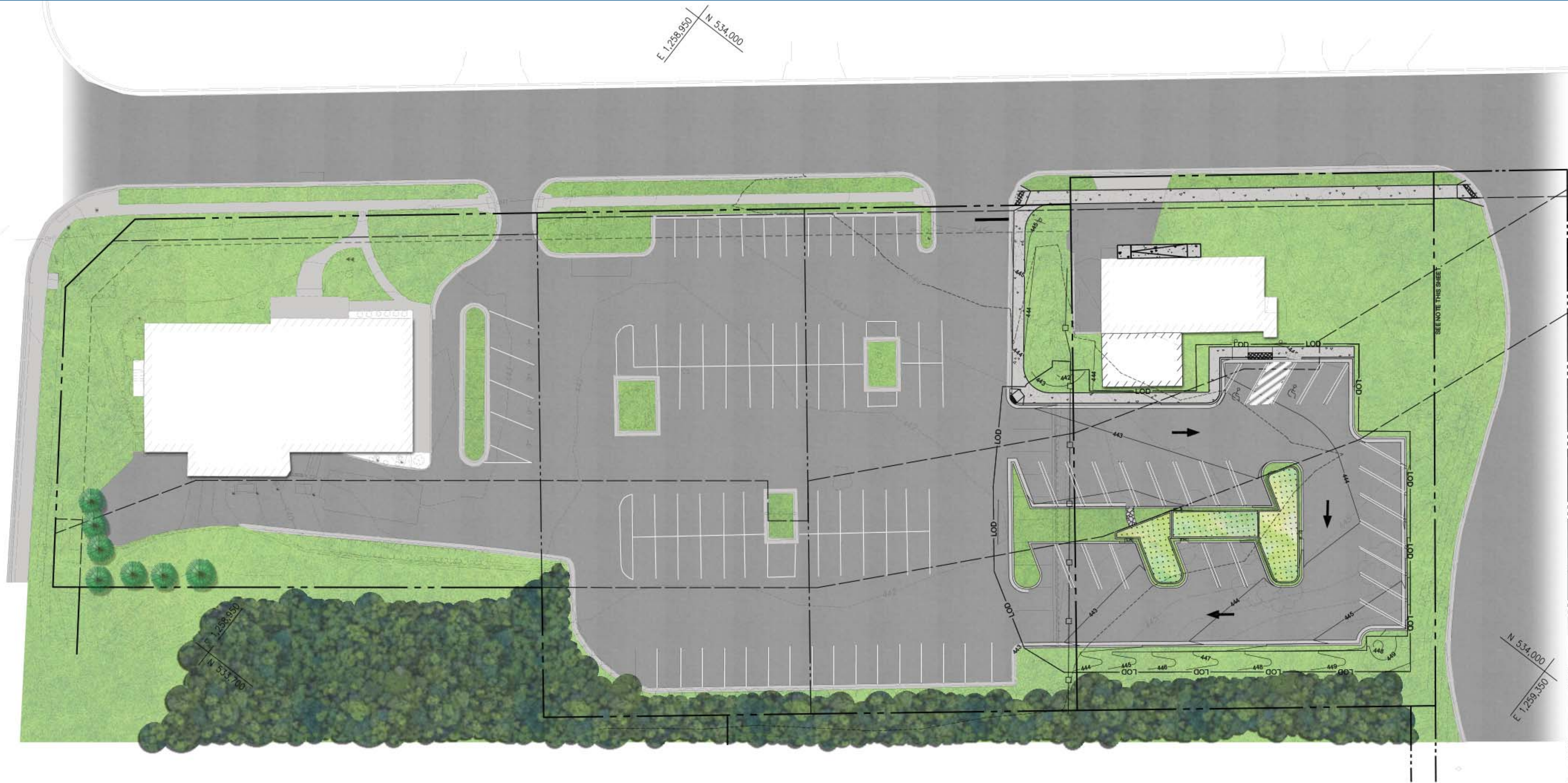
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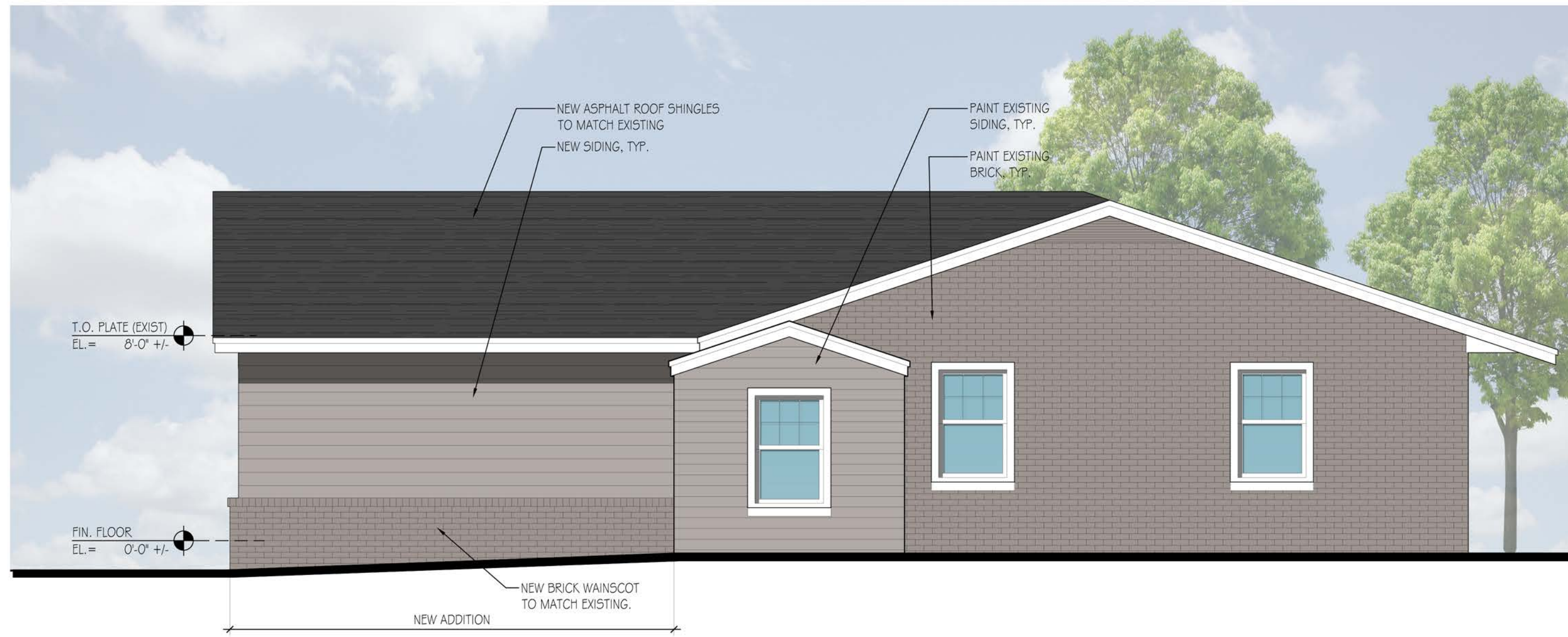


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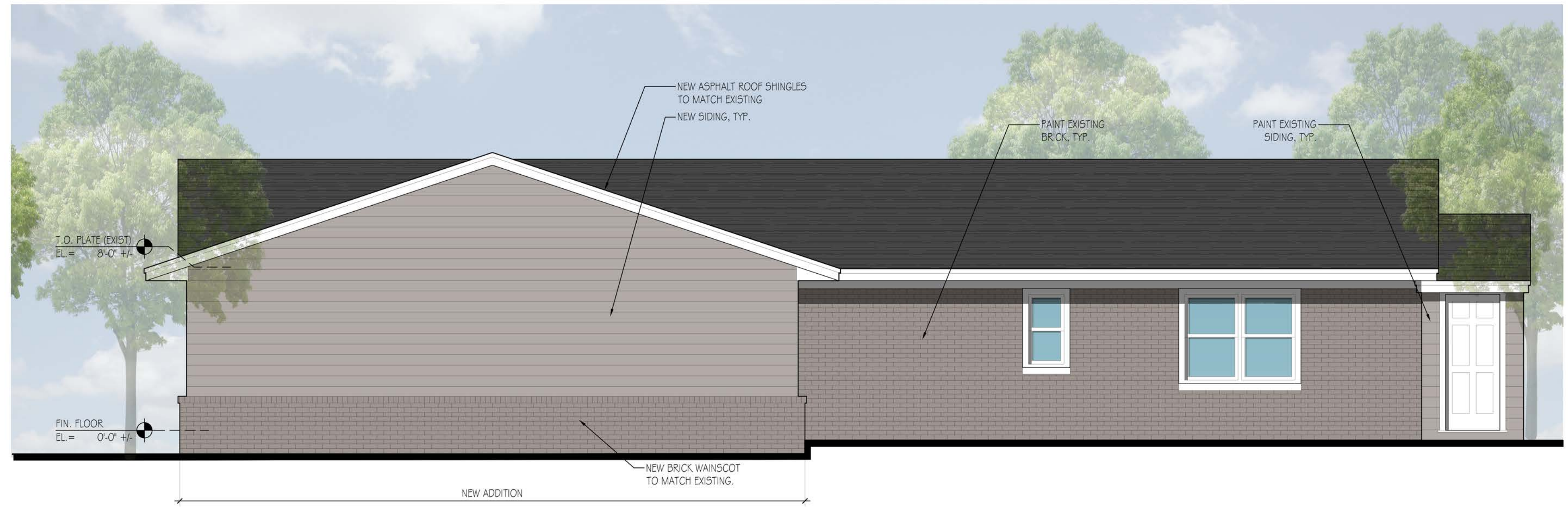


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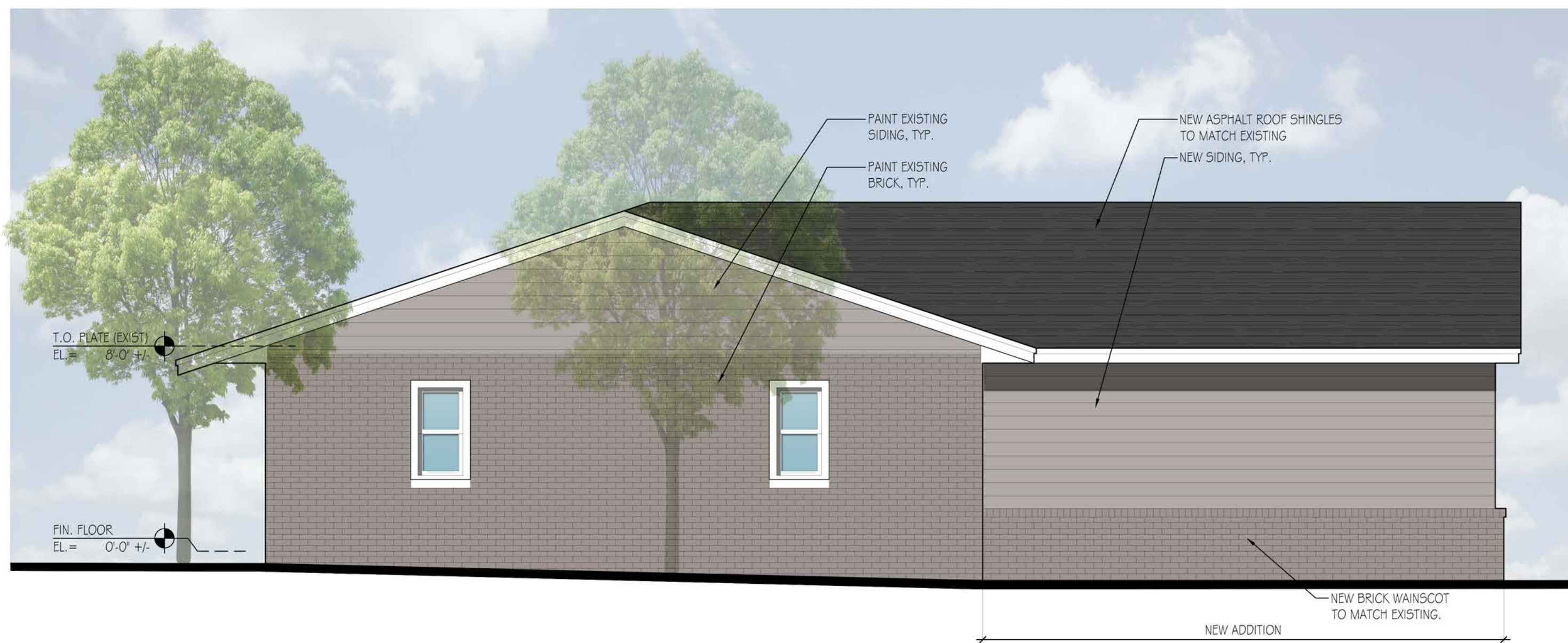
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4 LEFT SIDE (EAST) ELEVATION
Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



3 REAR (SOUTH) ELEVATION
Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



2 RIGHT SIDE (WEST) ELEVATION
Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



1 FRONT (NORTH) ELEVATION
Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"











July 22, 2020

Mr. Robert DeVol
DeVol Funeral Home
10 E Deer Park Dr
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Bob,

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation, this letter will review some facts regarding the common placement of cremation equipment within a funeral related facility.

Matthews Cremation Division has been designing, manufacturing and installing combustion systems for a broad range of industries for over 69 years. We are recognized as the leader in cremation equipment, with over 5000 installations throughout the United States and 50 countries. Our designs have been granted U.S. patents, and have been adopted as industry standards for quality and performance. In addition, we are the largest service and repair organization, servicing all brands of cremation equipment.

Our company has been involved with the various fields of combustion for many years, and directly related to the cremation industry for over 57 years. We are a member in good standing with the Cremation Association of North America, and became its first supplier member over 40 years ago.

As the largest manufacturer of cremation equipment, our company annually markets over 70% of our production to the funeral industry. Most funeral establishments are located in residential communities and/or light commercial areas, since they are there to serve the local population. The cremation equipment is installed within the funeral home and is generally considered by most zoning regulations to be an extension of existing business and/or services.

The equipment operates without smoke or odor, and each and every installation must be permitted by the environmental authorities for the city, state or province in which it is installed. The equipment we manufacture is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed, confirming maximum safety of both equipment and personnel.

In addition, in Canada our equipment is built to the standards of the Canadian Gas Association (CGA), and is inspected and approved by them for safety of both the electrical and gas control systems.

Each model manufactured by our company is tested by an independent testing laboratory against standards set forth by the federal government. Our equipment's emission levels are substantially lower than the allowable standards to ensure environmental quality. Residents of the area will not be aware the equipment is operating.

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All machinery that performs combustion, whether automobiles or furnaces of any type (fireplaces or crematories), gives off byproducts referred to as *particulate matter*. Because of our equipment's high quality standards, these byproducts are not visible, nor is there an odor of the material being combusted. Presently there are approximately sixty-seven (67) of our cremators operating within the State of Maryland. Each has been approved for installation by Maryland's Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division.

The equipment operates automatically and has built-in pollution detection equipment that constantly supervises the operation, safeguarding against pollution and environmental impact. Cycle time is approximately two hours. When this cycle time is multiplied by the annual frequency of use, the actual hours of operation become insignificant.

The present rate of cremation in this country is over 53% and 47% in Maryland. It is of vital importance that these services be locally available to residents of the community, to help minimize cost to them and fulfilling their demands.

I appreciate your interest and concern regarding the basic information surrounding the installation of cremation equipment. Please feel free to distribute this letter of information to any individuals and/or group that might have interest.

Should you or others require additional information or have questions about anything in this letter, please call me using our toll-free number: 800-327-2831.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Barron".

Jeffrey Barron
Senior Sales Representative

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:10 PM
To: 'swhitehurst@gmail.com'
Cc: Jud Ashman
Subject: DeVol Funeral Home- 10 and 14 East Deer Park Drive

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your correspondence related to application SP-8415-2020. Pursuant to the City Code, the notification requirements for a public hearing requires the property to be posted a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting and requires notification postcards to be sent to all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. The Code also requires that information related to the application be posted in one newspaper of general circulation. The notice of the public hearing was posted on the Washingtonian Post legal pages on July 16th and July 23rd. The property was posted and postcards were sent out on July 14th. Notification of the public hearing was also published on the City's website on July 14th.

Information on this application can be found on the City's project page at the following link:
<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive>.

For information about how to participate in the public hearing, please visit the City's virtual meeting page at
<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>

If you have any questions about the application, please feel free to contact me.



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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes
Subject: RE: Crematorium at Devol Site...

From: Shanika Whitehurst <swhitehurst@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Jud Ashman
Cc: Poke Jackson
Subject: Crematorium at Devol Site...

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Hi Jud....

I will reserve my comments about the location of this proposed crematorium for the public hearing. I am concerned about the access being granted to the public. Yes, the city posted signs a couple of weeks ago stating that there would be a hearing and its date and even the specific number for the site plan. My first question is why are the signs only written in English without a Spanish translation at the very least? How are these signs intended to be an example of providing access to the public?

Secondly, when you go onto the city site to put in the number for the site plan, you can't find any information on the project. The only reason I know about the subject of the project is due to a neighbor seeing the sign, looking for posted information online, and then calling the city. They were told that the city usually posts documents a week before the hearing. How does that practice allow for sufficient time for review of what sometimes are highly complicated documents to the layperson? I feel that posting a sign with information that leads you on a bridge to nowhere is disingenuous on the city's behalf. I feel that as soon as the signs are placed the information needs to be made available to the public, otherwise what's the point of informing me of an upcoming meeting where there is no specific information or instructions available.

Needless to say, if the plan is for it to be installed at the end of my block, I am disappointed. Here is yet another example of the "anything goes" mentality that seems to plague this portion of Gaithersburg and backs up the notion of a tale of two cities.

Sincerely...

Shanika and Jennifer

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To err is human. To forgive is divine.