

CITY OF MEDINA

Community Development Department 132 N. Elmwood Ave. Medina, OH 44256 330-722-9023

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2024

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Westview Village Discussion Item

Background

The Westview Village development was originally approved in 2003 and revised in 2017, 2018, and 2020. The currently approved Site Plan incorporates 54 total attached single-family residential and two-family residential units which are predominantly two story. The property was somewhat restricted in development due to the presence of a gas well in the central portion of the site and wetlands in the northwest portion of the site.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing to submit a revised site plan to incorporate additional units in the development. The proposal includes multi-family residential apartment-style buildings, rather than the existing attached single-family rowhouse-style buildings. The proposed buildings are similar in design to existing buildings on the west side of the site, but do not have side-by-side units, individual entrances, and are completely three story buildings.

Parking is shown both adjacent to and under the proposed buildings. Underground parking is uncommon in a suburban setting and is typically cost-prohibitive.

Density

The applicant is requesting to increase the number of units on the site. A letter and plans submitted by the applicant are inconsistent regarding the proposed total number of units indicating:

- "We are requesting permission to develop and build a total of 69 units at the Westview Village Condominium association..."
- "Currently the development has approval to develop and build 55 total units at the site. Developer is seeking permission and variance to develop and build an additional 47 units." (102 total units)
- The submitted conceptual plan shows 94 total units.

The subject R-4 zoning district allows for 49 units on the property. The currently approved 54 unit development exceeds this amount, which may be due to its approval with previous zoning code standards.

The applicant is proposing a substantial density increase, which appears to be approximately *double* the number of permitted units.

Gas Easement

The applicant has indicated that the gas well on the site has been capped and the associated easement has been vacated. At this time, the City Engineer has not received the necessary documentation from the applicant confirming the capping of the well and easement vacation.

Open Space & Landscaping

The most recently approved Site Plan, which was developed by the current applicant, included internal parking lot landscaping and a landscaping buffer, which were not installed. It is unclear why plans were revised to remove internal parking lot landscaping and why buffer landscaping was not installed, as approved by the Planning Commission.

The development is also required to incorporate 25% *usable* open space. Much of the open space for the current development is within the gas easement, which is proposed for an additional building.

Staff Comments

Staff acknowledges the need for affordable workforce housing in the community, however, this need must be balanced with standards ensuring quality developments with reasonable scale, density, open space, and landscaping.

This request is for discussion only and will not include any action of the Commission. For the project to move forward with a formal review, complete Conditional Zoning Certificate, Site Plan, and Variance applications will need to be submitted. Please let me know if you have any questions.

To:

the planning commission of Medina City 132 North Elmwood Avenue, Medina OH 44256

From:

Raj Pawar Westview Village of Medina 4639 Sharon Copley Rd, Medina OH 44256 02/22/2024

Re: Eden Lane Condominium Development

We are requesting permission to develop and build a total of 69 units at the Westview Village Condominium association located at Eden Lane in the city of Medina OH 44256. This project aligns well with the focus Medina City has on the development of the "West" corridor.

Currently the development has approval to develop and build 55 total units at the site. Developer is seeking permission and variance to develop and build an additional 47 units. We envision a new development that will make the city and community proud. Our vision is to provide a modern functional community that attracts great residents to the city of Medina; that includes a 3-bedroom floor plan which is in very short supply in and around the surrounding area, parklike setting, secure and covered parking area, health oriented common areas.

The new development will be a wonderful addition to the community that will bring a great living space indoors and outdoors for the residents to enjoy. We see a park like setup utilizing the common areas to provide a relaxing and playful environment for the residents. The common areas which exceed 5 acres will feature paths and amenities for the enjoyment of the residents. A pet park for animal lovers will provide a fenced in safe area to enjoy pets without disturbing other residents. A ½ mile jogging track/walking park for the health-conscious resident will meander through the common areas and guide residents to the children's playground and on to the picnic gazebo. Pickle ball courts are the newest ask of residents and our community will be able to enjoy all these features in a private drive and development.

Three-bedroom apartment/condominiums/residences are in tremendous short supply. Area manufacturing units as well as surrounding cities are demanding 3 bedroom living quarters. Our development will aim to meet this need and help attract young vibrant "work from home professional" as well as families just starting out. Ground level units are a great attraction for older residents as well.

Our development will consciously look to minimize non pervious areas and keep a park like setting. The increased number of units will not impact the need for utilities the current utilities available at the location will be sufficient to absorb additional units, we will add only one incremental roof in addition to what is already approved.

All in all, the development will be a win-win for the community, city and the condominium association. We request you to grant permission to make this project a reality.

Sincerely

Raj Pawar



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February 28, 2024

Raj Pawar Westview Village of Medina 4639 Sharon Copley Road Medina, OH 44256

Dear Mr. Pawar,

You are receiving this notice as your proposal for additional residential units at the Westview Village development has been scheduled as a discussion item for the City of Medina Planning Commission. The meeting will not involve any action by the Commission and a complete Site Plan application will be necessary for a formal review of the request.

The Commission will review your proposal at their next regular meeting at *6:30 pm on March 14, 2024*. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 132 North Elmwood Avenue, Medina, OH 44256.

Your attendance at the meeting is necessary for the Commission to review your request. At the meeting, the Commission generally asks that you provide an overview of the project and answer questions regarding the discussion item.

Please feel free to contact me at (330) 722-9038 or stome@medinaoh.org if you have any questions or need any further information.

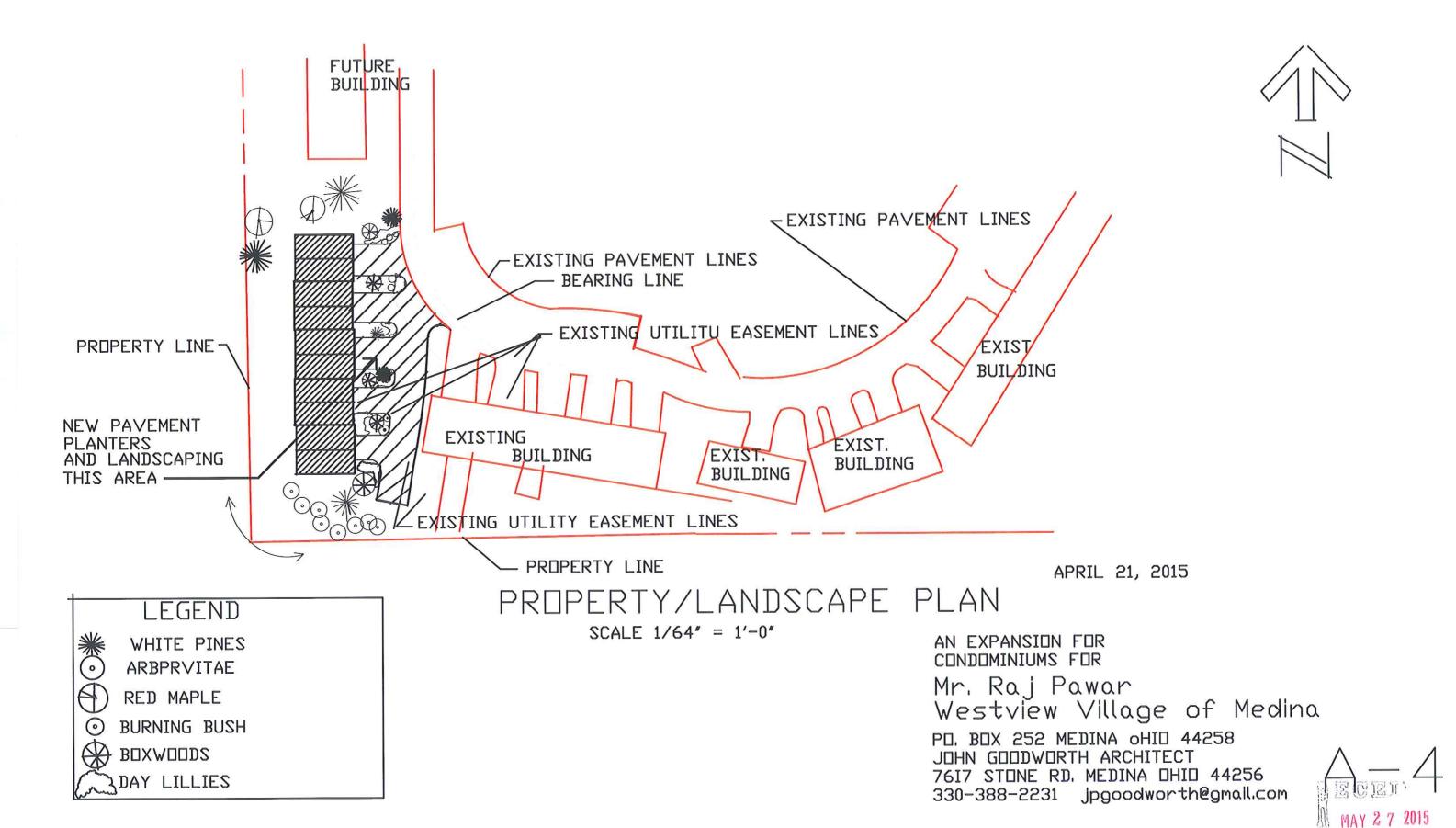
Sincerely,

Sarah Tome

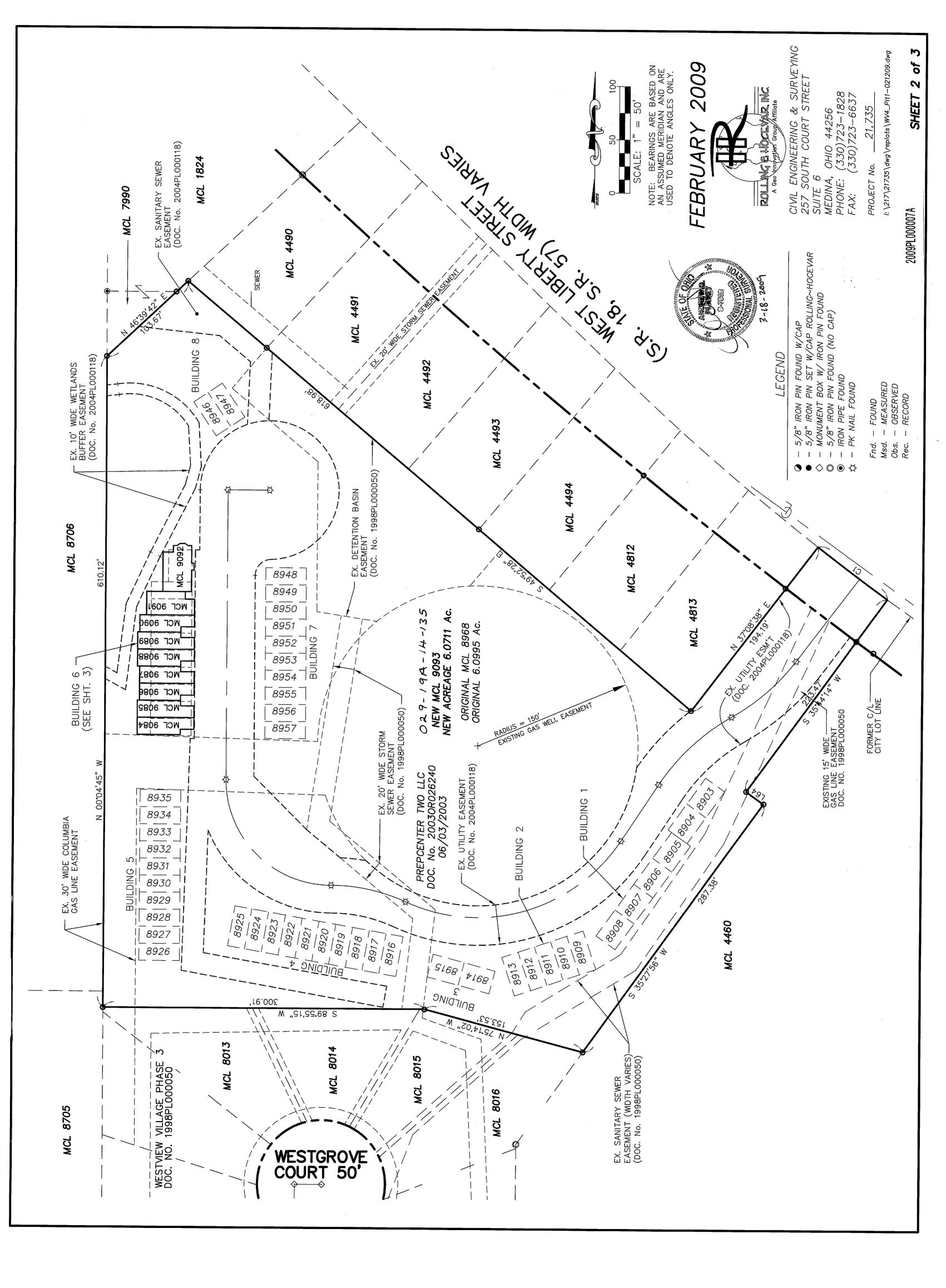
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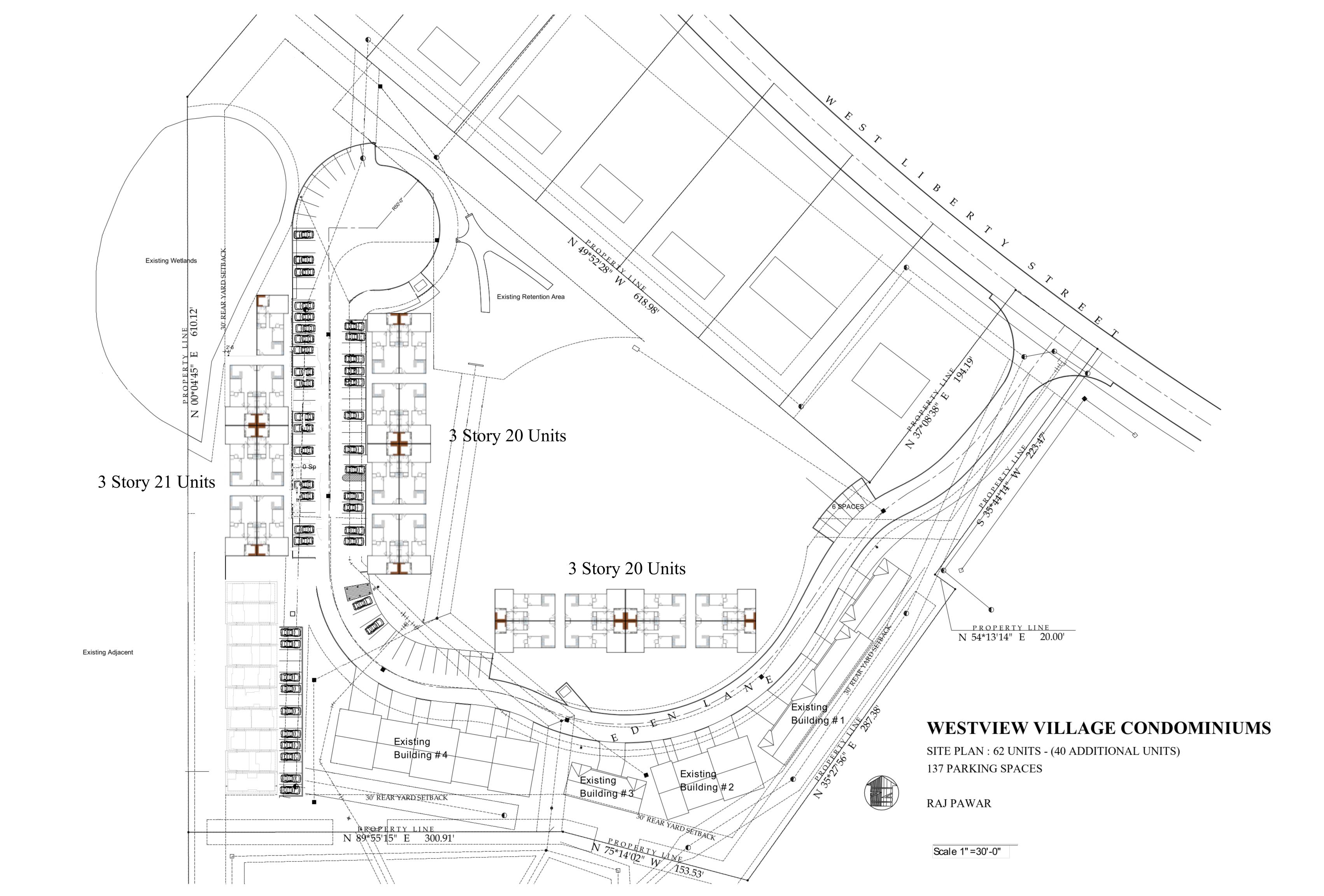
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PROPOSED ELEVATION OF NEW 3 STORY BUILDING(S) TO KEEP EXISING LOOK AND FEEL



scale: 1" = 96.0'

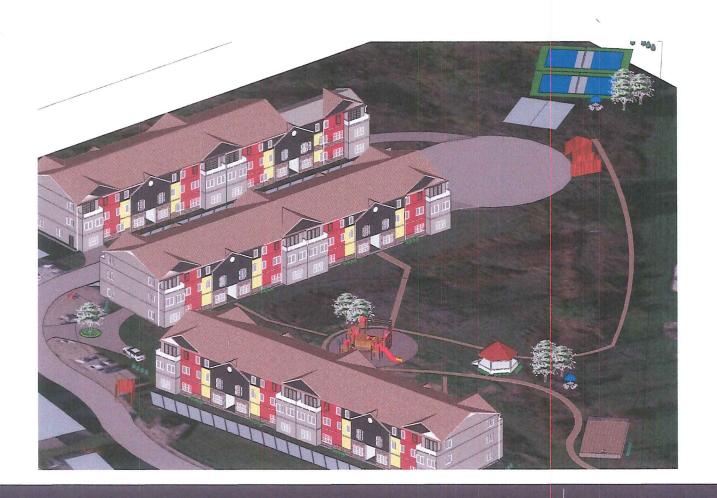


ELEVATION OF EXISTING BUILDING 5.

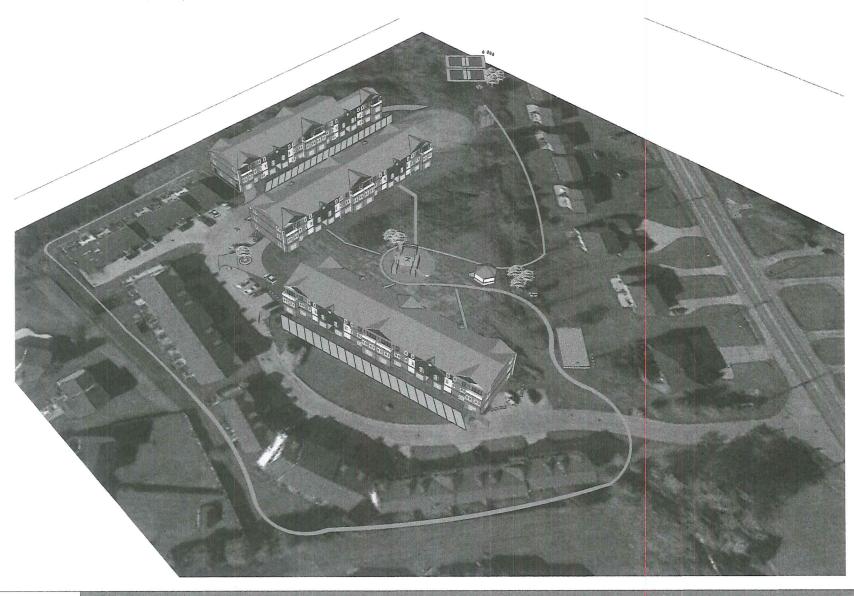
Submission to Medina City Planning Commission

Request for developing and building additional 47 Units at Eden Lane, Medina OH 44256.

New condominium units in multi story setting featuring modern 3 Bed 2 Bath ~1,300 sq ft of living space a park like setup with several amenities for residents.



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SUPERIMPOSED ON CURRENT GOOGLE VIEW OF LOCATION





NORTH VIEW FROM BLDG 5 PARKING FEATURES VISIBLE

- BIKE RACKS

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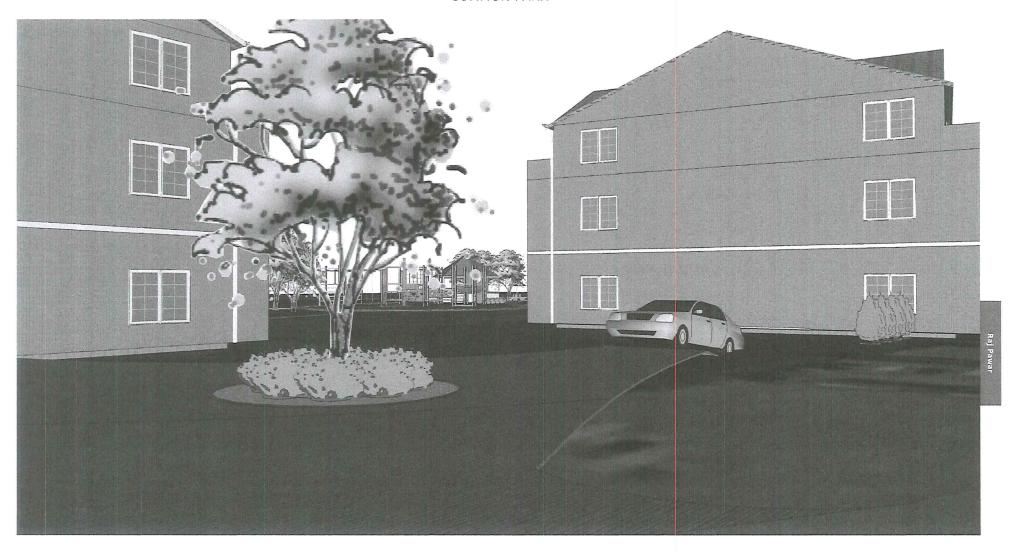
- ARBOR VITAE SCREEN FOR PARKING ENTRANCE
- VEGETATION ISLAND



Project Location | Washing Village Edge In Medina DM 44255 | Sheet | North View from Bldg 5 | A

NORTH WEST STREET LEVEL VIEW FEATURES VISIBLE

- BASEMENT PARKING ENTRANCE
- VEGETATION ISLAND/RIVER BIRCH WITH ARBORVITAE GROUND BUSH
- ARBORVITAE SCREENING FOR PARKING ENTRANCE
- COMMON PARK



February 22, 2024 Project Location | Westview Village Eden Ln, Medina OH 44256 Sheet | Garage Entrance View A | 06

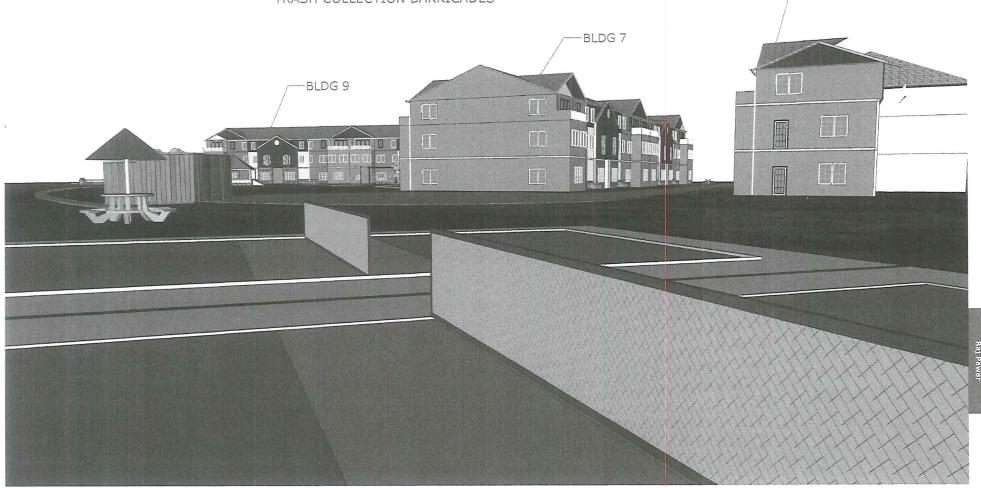
NORTH VIEW FROM BALCONY OF BLDG 6 FEATURES VISIBLE

- PICKLEBALL COURTS
- BLDG 7, 3 FLOOR TERRACES/BALCONIES
- STREET LEVEL PARKING



VIEW FROM PROPOSED PICKLE BALL COURTS FEATURES VISIBLE:

- 2 PICKLE BALL COURTS
- PICNIC TABLES
- COMMON PARK WITH PLAYGROUND
- GAZEBO - TRASH COLLECTION BARRICADES



-BLDG 6



- JOGGING TRACK/WALKING PATH
- CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
- GAZEBO FOR PICNICS
- PICNIC TABLES
- PET PLAY AREA



February 22, 2024 Project Location | Westview Village Eden Ln, Medina OH 44256 Sheet | Park View Entering Eden Ln A



COMMON PARK VIEW FROM BLDG 9 BALCONY



COMMON VIEW FROM BLDG 7 BALCONY

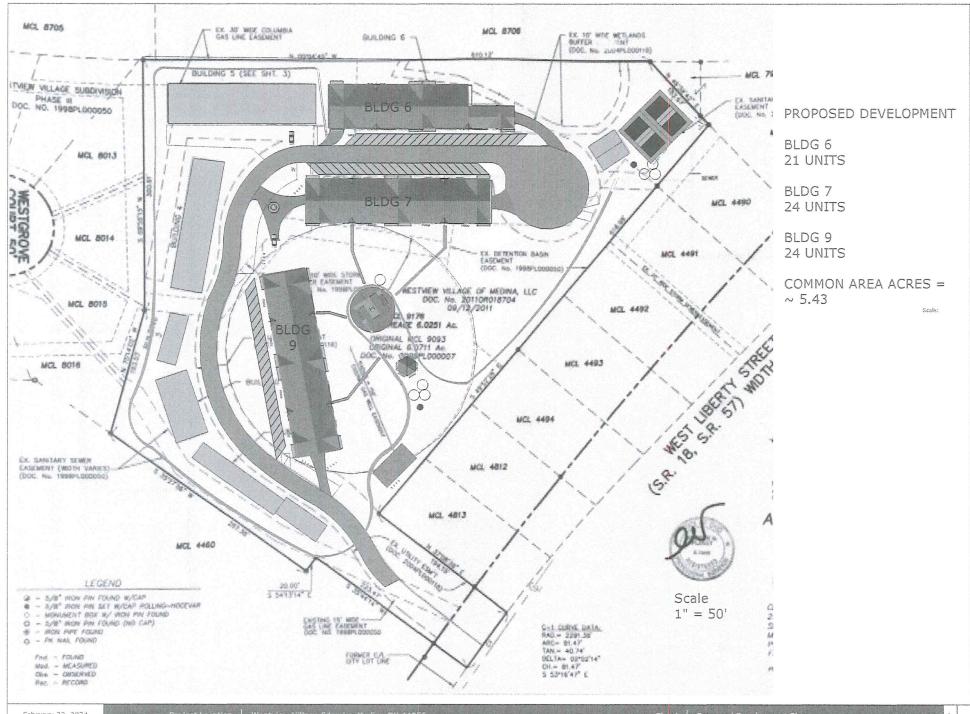


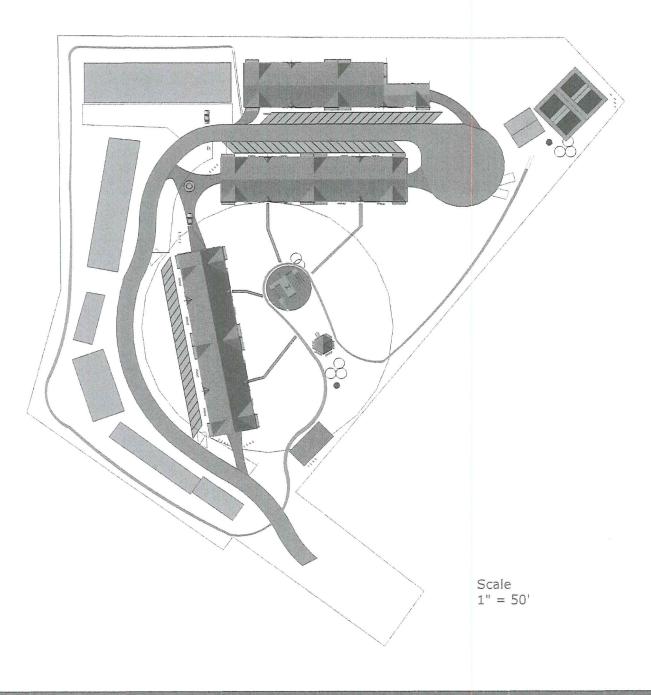


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Project Location

Westview Village Eden In Medina OH 44256

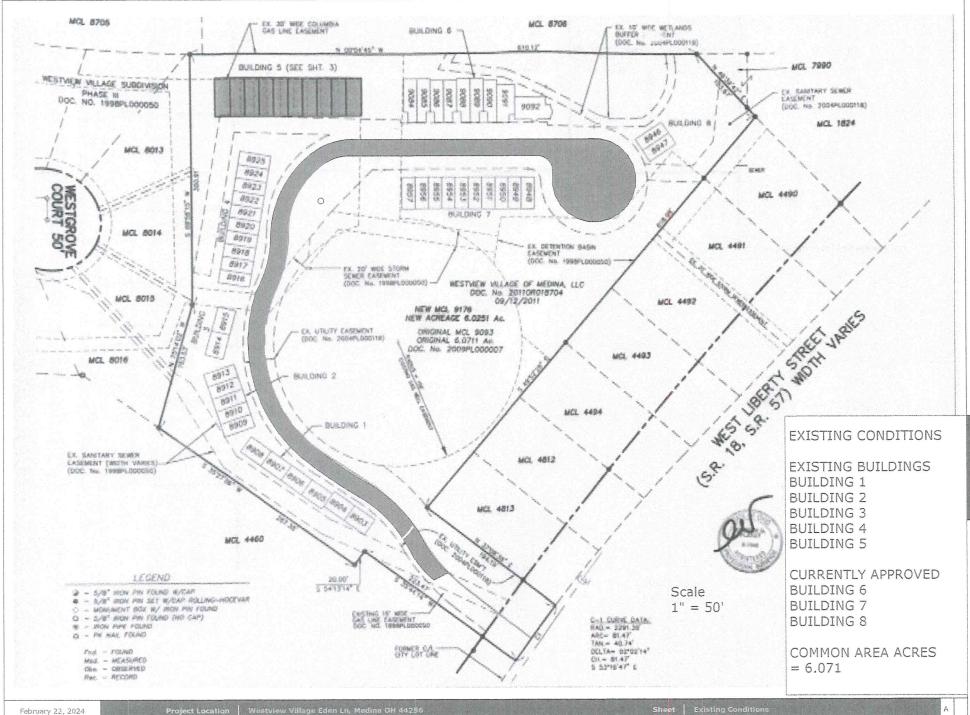


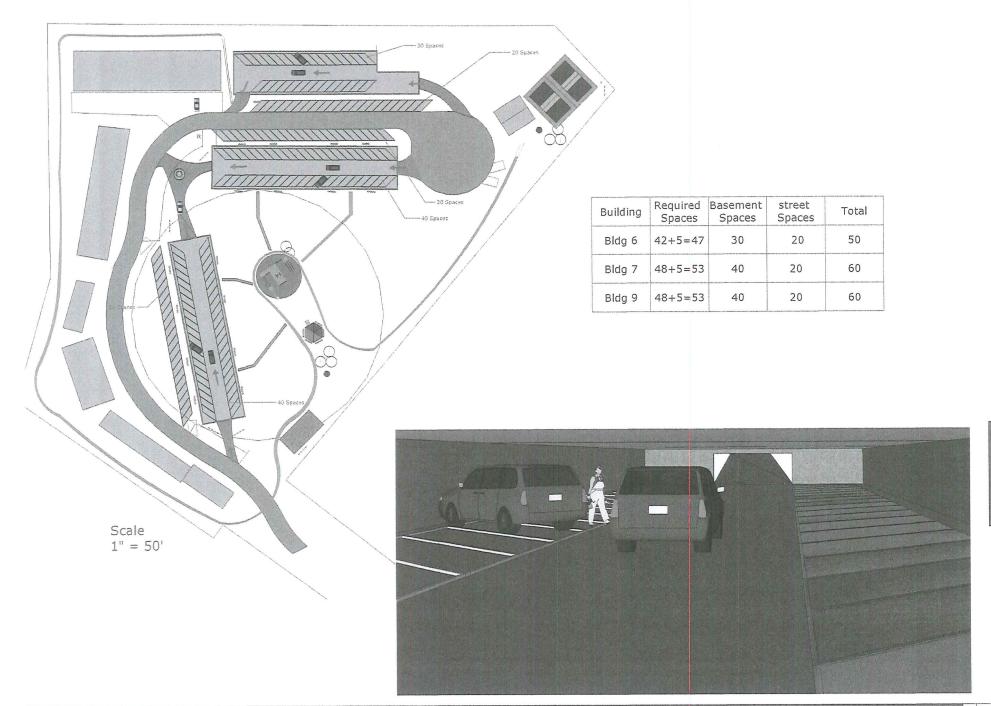




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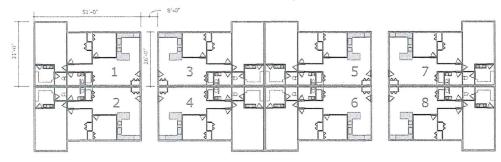








FLOOR PLAN BLDG 7/9



3 BED/2 BATH UNITS, ~1300 SQ FT 8 UNITS ON EACH FLOOR (BLDG 6 HAS 7 UNITS EACH FLOOR - #7 UNIT N/A) MODERN AMENITIES ALL STEEL APPLIANCES WASHER/DRYER IN EACH UNIT ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION

Scale 1" = 20'