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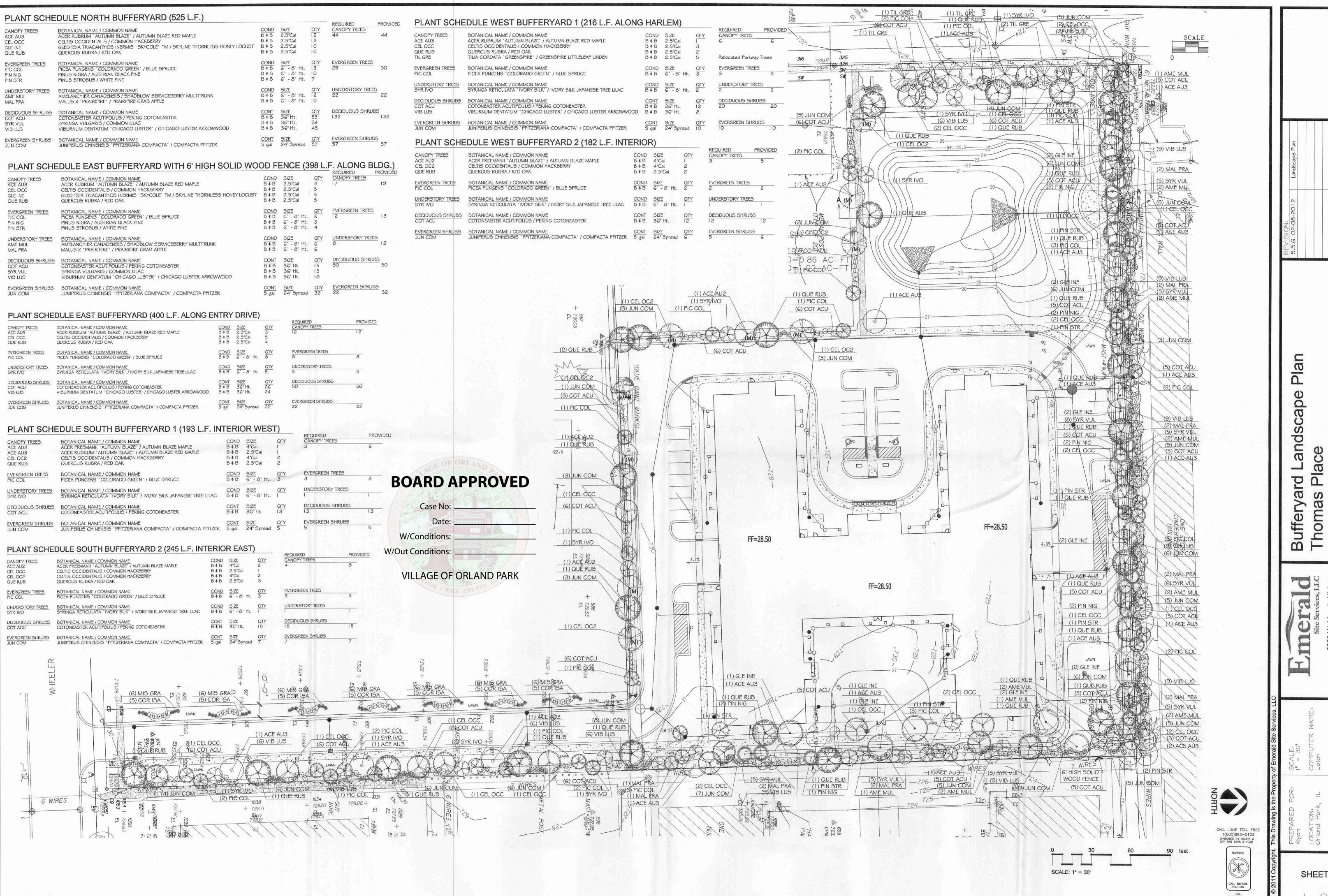
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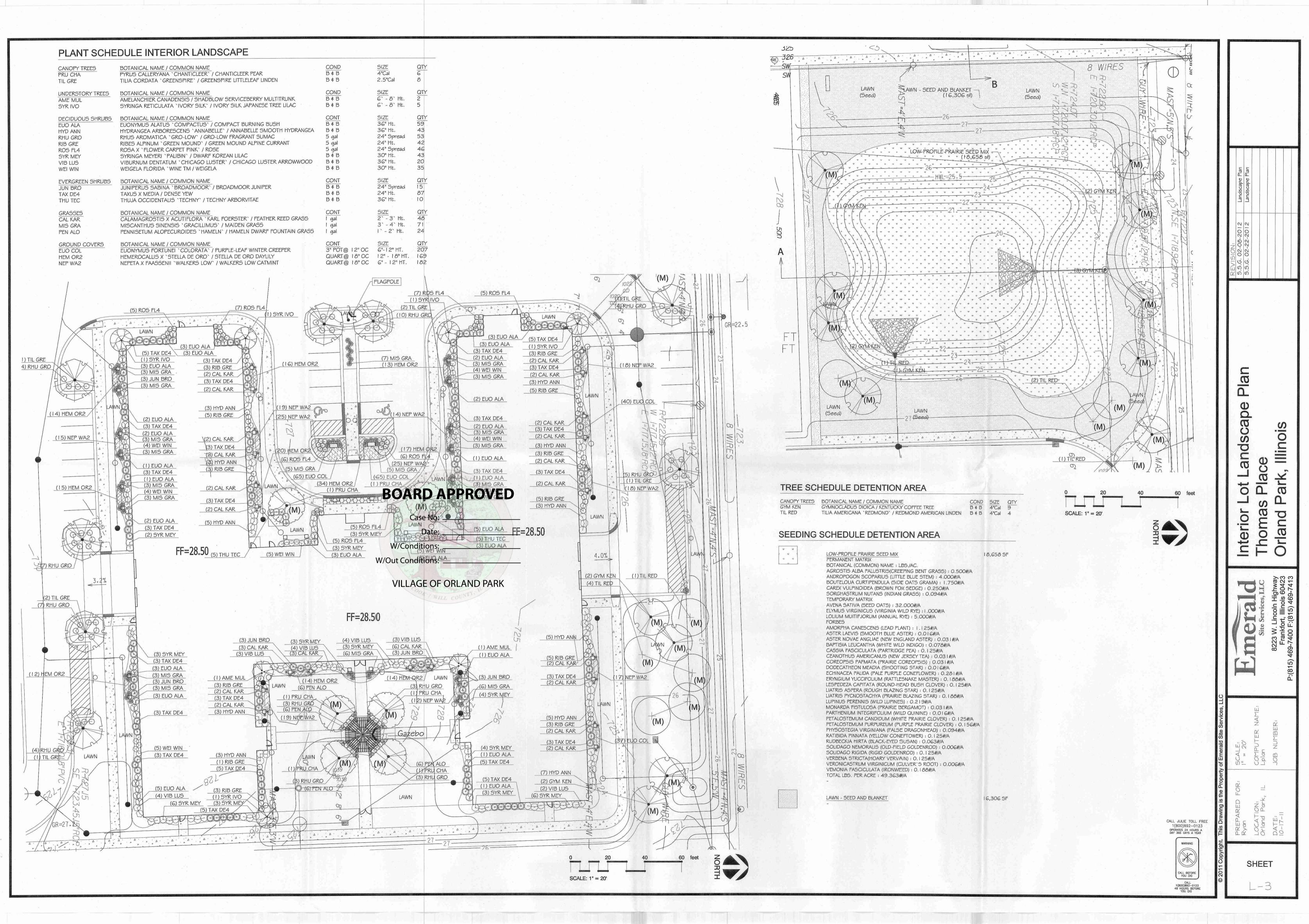
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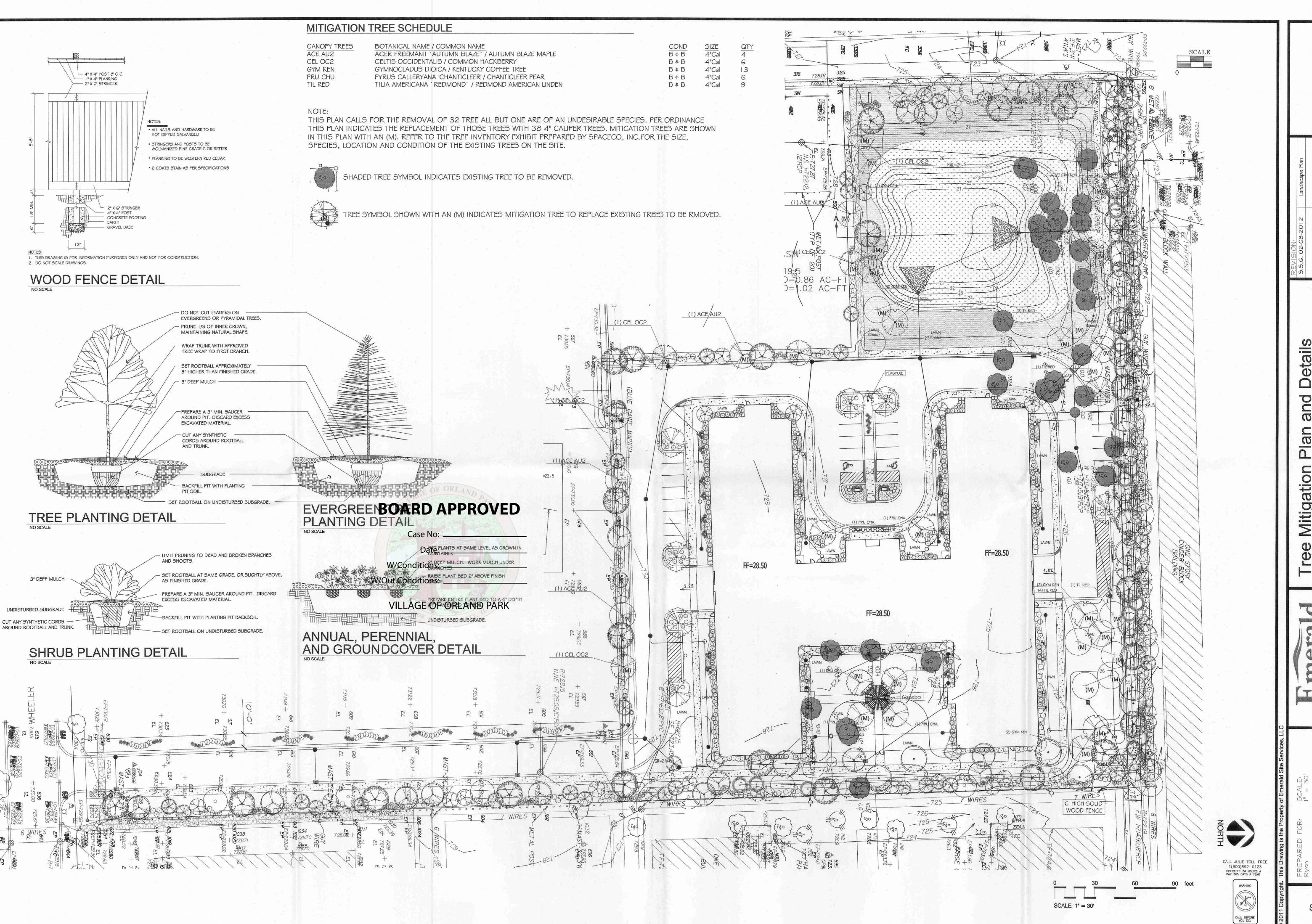
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### SECTION 1.0 NEAR-TERM MONITORING AND REPORTING

## 1.1 Responsible Parties

The owner, TPA Orland, L.P. will be responsible for funding and implementing a three-year "near-term" management and maintenance plan for establishing a naturalized landscape associated with the proposed Thomas Place project stormwater facility. The owner may elect to contract management and maintenance services to a third party to ensure proper implementation.

### 1.2 Monitoring Methodology

Areas of naturalized revegetation will be monitored following methodologies as outlined herein. Meander survey monitoring will be performed on an annual basis for three years after planting is substantially complete, or until the landscape is accepted by the Village. Annual vegetation monitoring will occur in August, September, or early October. Meander survey methodology will involve taking five to 10 representative site photographs and performing a review of at least 20 percent of each vegetative community to identify the following:

- a. the limits of all vegetation areas by general community type and dominant species within each planting zone (e.g., wetland and prairie zones),
- b. all plant species (native and non-native) in each planting zone,
- c. the approximate percent ground cover by native species within each planting zone,
- d. the percent ground cover by non-native or invasive species in each planting zone,
- e. erosion and sedimentation problems,f. water level or drainage problems,
- g. areas of bare soil larger than one square-meter, and
- h. observations on specific management strategies necessary to achieve acceptance requirements.

# 1.3 Reporting Requirements

The owner will provide the Village with notification 24-hours prior to the start of planting installation. Following substantial completion, the owner will document that natural area landscape revegetation has been completed. Nursery packing lists indicating the species and quantities of materials installed will accompany this notice.

In addition, the owner (or their designated representative) will submit an annual monitoring report to the Village of Orland Park by February 28th of the following year evaluating the progress of the naturalized landscape toward design goals. The report will contain a location map, a summary of annual monitoring observations, a description of management performed during the year, a tabular summary of annual progress relative to acceptance standards, and a list of recommendations for management during the upcoming year.

#### 1.4 Acceptance Requirements

Satisfactory landscape development associated with naturalized vegetation in the stormwater facility will be based on the following items. The attainment of these items is expected to result in acceptance of the landscape improvement by the Village of Orland Park.

- Within three months of seed installation (or three months after the start of the growing season following dormant seeding), at least 90 percent of the seeded area, as measured by aerial cover, will be vegetated or otherwise stabilized against erosion.
- Naturalized landscapes shall have more than one square-meter devoid of vegetation, as measured by aerial coverage
- Seeded areas shall have no rills or gullies greater than four inches wide by four inches deep, and basin shorelines shall not have more than six inches of cut as a result of erosion.
- Areas seeded to turfgrass or low-maintenance turf shall have 95 percent ground cover.
- Emergent areas shall have minimum of 35 percent ground cover (avg. 50 percent) and other wetland and prairie areas shall have a minimum of 35 percent ground cover (avg. 60 percent) by species in the approved plant list and/or native species with native coefficient of conservation (C-) values 2 (per Swink and Wilhelm 1994 or more current version).
- Naturalized landscapes shall have a minimum of 30 percent presence by species seeded or planted for the permanent matrix and/or native species with C-value 2 (per Swink and Wilhelm 1994 or more current version).
- Installed woody materials shall be alive, in healthy condition, and representative of the species.
- No more than 25 percent of any specific plant community shall be individually or collectively dominated by non-native or weedy species.
- None of the three-most dominant species may be non-native or weedy, including but not limited to Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), sweetclover (*Melilotus* spp.), Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*) or sandbar willow (*Salix interior*) unless otherwise indicated on the approved planting plan.
- Cattails (*Typha* spp.) do not count towards the 25 percent weed criterion provided they represent no more than 20 percent cover.

Although not acceptance requirements, the following milestones will be assessed for Year 2 natural landscape development to help determine the need for and level of management appropriate to achieve Year 3 landscape acceptance:

- Minimum ground cover of 25 percent by species in the approved plant list and/or native species with C-value 2.
- Minimum presence of 20 percent by species seeded or planted for the permanent matrix and/or native species with C-value 2.

## SECTION 2.0 NEAR-TERM MANAGEMENT FOR NATURALIZED LANDSCAPES

Near-term (i.e., three-year) management for naturalized landscapes associated with the Thomas Place development will involve monitoring and management to promote germination and establishment of desired plants. The following is a near-term maintenance plan for naturalized landscapes associated with the development.

### 2.1 Near-term Management Tasks

For several years after installation, naturalized landscapes will be managed on a regular basis to ensure successful establishment. Site characteristics influence how management and maintenance techniques are implemented. Vegetation management actions may differ from the tasks and frequencies indicated below based on specific recommendations from a Village-approved native landscape restoration specialist.

### 2.1.1Undesirable Plant Control

The owner acknowledges that it is best to perform corrective actions for vegetation management early in the revegetation effort. Aggressive and/or non-native species will be managed such that their presence and density does not threaten the attainment of acceptance requirements.

Depending on the type of plant being targeted, control of undesirable plant species may involve removing all above-ground and below-ground stems, roots, and flower masses prior to development of seeds. Weeding practices will avoid damaging the native plantings and be timed to prevent development of weed seeds. The ability to differentiate between weeds and native seedlings is important. Plants may be left untreated until they can be positively identified.

Various means of weed control will be employed, as appropriate, and may include mechanical control, chemical control, and/or biological control.

Mechanical Control: Mechanical control of nuisance plant species typically includes cutting, mowing and/or the digging up individual plants by hand. In many cases, cutting or mowing a plant before its seeds mature will minimize further spread. Cutting or mowing close to the ground surface with a weed-eater or hand-scythe can be an effective means of control for species such as sweet clover, various thistles, and ragweed. For general mowing of swaths of vegetation, mowers will be set to a height of 12+ inches above the ground surface or to a height that treats weedy species yet minimizes impacts on desirable plants.

For species such as common reed, purple loosestrife, Canada thistle, and reed canarygrass, mowing actually encourages the spread of underground stems. Hand digging these species and woody undesirables such as multiflora rose can result in control if there are fewer than 100 plants throughout the entire site. Where more than 100 individuals of such plants are present, chemical control will be the primary method of control. (Note: Pulling and digging out weeds generally is discouraged because the soil disturbance can uproot desirable plants and encourage the growth of more weeds.)

Chemical Control: When employed in conjunction with prescribed burning and mechanical control, the judicious use of herbicides can be an important component of management programs for controlling weeds. Some weeds such as purple loosestrife, buckthorn (Rhamnus spp.) and honeysuckle (Lonicera spp.), reed canarygrass, common reed, sandbar willow, and cattails are controlled more effectively by chemical treatment than by most mechanical control measures.

# For aggressive weeds, an appropriate herbicide will be applied. Because of the potential for BOARI mag Ao Para it is, the use of preventative herbicides will be limited to problem areas and problem species for which manual control is ineffective. Aquatic herbicides will not be used to treat algal blooms.

Glyphosate herbicide (trade names Rodeo or Roundup) is often recommended for use in relatetized landscape areas. Other herbicides such as Transline, Plateau, and Garlon are also used. The application of herbicides will be performed only by persons licensed or certified in the W/Conditions:

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VILLA Generally wick application will be preferred over spray application, which is less selective. Wicking applies herbicide only to individual plants, using a canvas-covered, perforated, chemical filled PVC pipe. Trained personnel walk the area, swinging the eight foot pipe from side to side above the native plants but deliberately striking invasive species. The pipe strikes and bends the weeds, smearing them with the chemical and destroying them within a few days. If used, spray applications will not occur on gusty days because non-target species could be affected.

Biological Control: An alternative to chemical treatment, use of biological controls for purple loosestrife will be considered provided site conditions are appropriate to support and maintain the insect population. Through this method, host-specific insects (one a root infesting weevil; others are leaf-eating chrysomelid beetles) are released to feed on the roots or leaves of purple loosestrife. If purple loosestrife becomes abundant, biological control can prove a cost-effective means of management.

# 2.1.2 Wildlife Management

It is generally accepted that the long-term use of even the most benign pesticides has effects on wildlife that are still only barely researched. Therefore, pesticides will not be used broadly or routinely at the mitigation site other than for mosquito abatement (should that be necessary). Pesticides will be used only for specific and localized problem areas as determined by a native landscape restoration specialist with experience in installation and development of native plant communities, should such areas occur. Standard application procedures and precautions for chemical application in wetland areas will be followed.

Control of nuisance species such as geese and ducks, which often forage on young emergent wetland plants, may be performed if monitoring indicates such species are responsible for poor plant establishment and performance. The method will be determined by a native landscape restoration specialist

### 2.1.3 Debris Management

Debris (e.g., paper, plastic, metal, concrete, etc.) will be removed from the developed area every other month between March and November. Debris will be disposed of at an appropriate off-site trash receptacle or hauled to an approved dump site.

### 2.1.4Fertilizer Application

For ecological reasons, a conservative approach to the application of fertilizers will be taken. Turf management chemicals will not be used within areas of naturalized plantings unless specifically prescribed by and per the direction of a native landscape restoration specialist. If used, special care will be taken to not apply fertilizers when inclement weather is forecast.

## 2.2 Schedule of Near-term Management Activities

The following text provides a general schedule of management and maintenance tasks for installation and establishment of naturalized landscapes. The actual schedule and tasks performed in any given year may differ from those indicated based on specific recommendations from a natural landscape restoration specialist.

### 2.2.1 Typical First-Year Management Actions

To prevent weed seed development, mowing to a height of 6 inches will be performed when vegetation reaches a height of 12 inches. (Note: Weekly mowing at turf lawn height will NOT be performed, as mowing too often can set-back native planting development.) A rotary or flail-type mower will be used to finely chop the cut material. If clippings shade the ground or smother the remaining plants, they will be bagged for off-site disposal or otherwise dispersed. The last mow will be timed so that vegetation can grow to a height of eight to 10 inches before winter.

Weeding practices will avoid damaging the native plantings and be timed to prevent development of weed seeds. For aggressive weeds, herbicide will be selectively applied (e.g., wick application, not spraying). Turf management chemicals will <u>not</u> be used on native plantings except as directed by a Village-approved landscape restoration specialist.

Debris and litter (e.g., paper, plastic, metal, concrete, grass clippings, brush, etc.) will be removed every other month between 1 March to 31 October to prevent floating materials from clogging the outlet. Debris will be disposed of at an appropriate off-site trash receptacle.

Other potential responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, access restriction enforcement, insect/pest control, erosion repairs, and wildlife management (e.g., control of carp, muskrats, geese, etc. as needed). The need for other management actions will be determined on a quarterly basis when performing general maintenance visits for dam embankments and control structures.

### 2.2.2 Typical Second-Year Management Actions

During the second growing season, the seeded area will be mowed as close to the ground as possible in early spring and the cuttings raked or bagged. If annual weeds remain a problem, an additional mow will be performed during mid- to late June, with the mow height set to 12 inches.

Weed management will emphasize control of biennial and perennial weeds. Biennial weeds targeted for control include sweetclovers (*Melilotus* spp), Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*), and teasel (*Dipsacus* spp.). Proper weed control may require multiple treatments and will be performed at times that will provide maximum treatment effectiveness.

Other management practices will include debris and litter removal, access restriction enforcement, and erosion control and repairs (as needed). Additional management tasks may include insect/pest control, reseeding/replanting in targeted areas, wildlife management as determined on a quarterly basis. If there is sufficient fuel, a prescribed burn may be attempted at the emd of the second growing season, provided proper permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency are obtained and notice is provided to the Village and local authorities.

# 2.2.3 Typical Third-Year Management Actions

Typical management in the third growing season will involve the use of prescribed fire in combination with mechanical and chemical methods for controlling aggressive biennial and perennial weeds.

A permit will be obtained from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency prior to conducting a prescribed burn. The burn will occur between mid-October and April as weather and site conditions permit. Prior to conducting a prescribed burn, notice must be provided to the Village and local authorities. If prescribed burning is not practical, mowing in late fall or very early spring will be substituted for burning. The burn-replacement mow will be done at a height of two inches, with cut material bagged for off-site disposal.

As in the first two years, management of aggressive weeds will continue. Other management practices will include debris and litter removal, access restriction enforcement, and erosion control and repairs (as needed). Additional management tasks may include insect/pest control, reseeding/replanting in targeted areas, wildlife management as determined on a quarterly basis when performing general maintenance visits for dam embankments and control structures.

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