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[Via Email]

Christopher Carthy, Chairman Town of North Castle Planning Board 17 Bedford Road Armonk, NY 10504

Re: BASIS Industrial Acquisitions, LLC Amended Site Plan Application – BaySpace Armonk 100 Business Park Drive (108.03-1-51)

Chairman Carthy and Members of the Planning Board:

As you know, this firm, in collaboration with JMC and SGW Architecture & Design, represents BASIS Industrial Acquisitions LLC ("Applicant"), contract vendee of the property located at 100 Business Park Drive ("Property"), in connection with this amended site plan application. The Applicant is proposing to construct a 146,792 s.f. self-storage/warehouse building with associated off-street parking and landscaping improvements.

We have previously appeared before your Board on September 29th and November 14, 2022. At the November 14th meeting, much of the discussion focused around Jantile's operations and the need for outdoor storage¹, as well as the overnight parking of trucks on the Property.

A. <u>Overnight Parking</u>: With respect to Jantile's overnight parking of trucks on the site, all trucks will be parked in the existing loading dock area. Currently, Jantile has up to six (6)

¹ It must be noted that outdoor storage was originally approved at the Property on October 23, 2017. On May 24, 2021, Amended Site Plan Approval was granted for the construction of a 74,850 s.f. warehouse and associated parking. The 2021 approval maintained the existing outdoor storage that was approved in 2017. It has been asserted that during the 2021 approval process certain representations were made that the outdoor storage would be eliminated once construction of the second warehouse was complete. Not only does the current property owner and occupant dispute that such a representation was made, no condition was included In the Approval Resolution, which would have memorialized and mandated that the outdoor storage be eliminated.

trucks² that are parked on site overnight. Both the previously approved site plan and the proposed site plan show a total of seven (7) loading spaces at the existing warehouse, which is sufficient for the overnight parking of Jantile's trucks.

B. <u>Outdoor Storage</u>: As discussed with your Board, the Applicant's proposal maintains the previously approved outdoor storage area at the rear and side of the existing warehouse building. After discussions with Jantile regarding site operations, it is clear that outdoor storage is necessary for the successful operation of their business.

When materials are delivered to the Property, they are unloaded in the warehouse and then moved outside. This allows for excessively heavy materials to be viewed in natural light, sorted, and safely relocated within the warehouse facility. Further, when materials are ready to be moved off-site, they are placed in the outdoor storage area for pick-up by either rack body or box trucks³ to be delivered to the end user. As shown on the enclosed Truck Turning Analysis plan, both rack body and box trucks can easily maneuver between the existing and proposed warehouse building.

Additionally, as with any tile and stone dealer, having the ability to have their product stored and viewed outside is integral to their operations. This is due to the fact that prior to purchasing tile or stone products, end users require to view the materials in the natural light. This is not unique to Jantile but is something faced by all operators in the stone and tile business.

Again, the Applicant acknowledges that the current outdoor storage has expanded beyond what was approved. However, the Applicant believes that the construction of a new building will eliminate any chance that the outdoor area expands beyond the limits of what was previously approved. Additionally, once the Applicant takes title to the Property, it will diligently monitor the outdoor storage and ensure it is in compliance with the approved site plan.

As previously discussed, in order to mitigate any visual impacts associated with the outdoor storage, a 6' high decorative privacy fence, supplemented by evergreen plantings, will be installed to provide screening from Business Park Drive. This screening is in addition to the evergreens that the current owner of the Property has recently installed on the eastern side of the building, which effectively screens the outdoor storage to and from Interstate 684.

C. <u>Revised Site Plan</u>: Finally, the Overall Site Layout Plan has been revised to identify the existing driveway planters. These planters effectively close off the northern most driveway entrance and the drop-off area from vehicular traffic.

² These trucks include - 1 tractor trailer, 4 rack body trucks, and 1 box truck.

³ Tractor trailers never drop-off or pick-up materials from the outdoor storage areas. Nor do they utilize the rear of the property or the fire access lane.



In support of this application, the following plans are enclosed herewith:

- 1. Sheet C-100A, Overall Site Layout Plan, prepared by JMC, dated September 12, 2022, last revised November 23, 2022; and
- 2. Sheet C-130, Truck Turning Analysis, prepared by JMC, dated November 23, 2022.

We look forward to continuing our discussion of this application with your Board and, if your Board deems appropriate, receiving positive recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please place this matter on the Planning Board's December 12, 2022 agenda.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

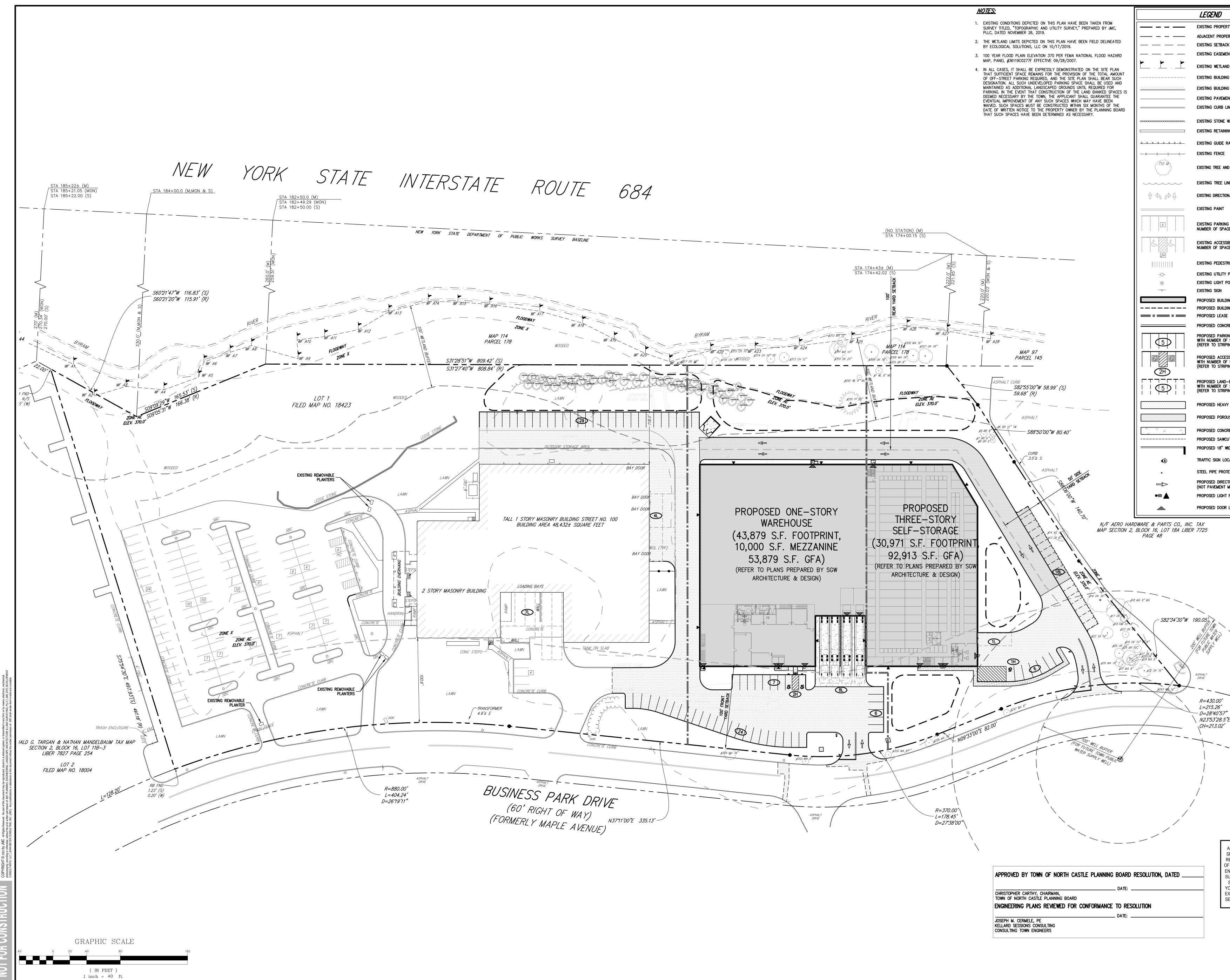
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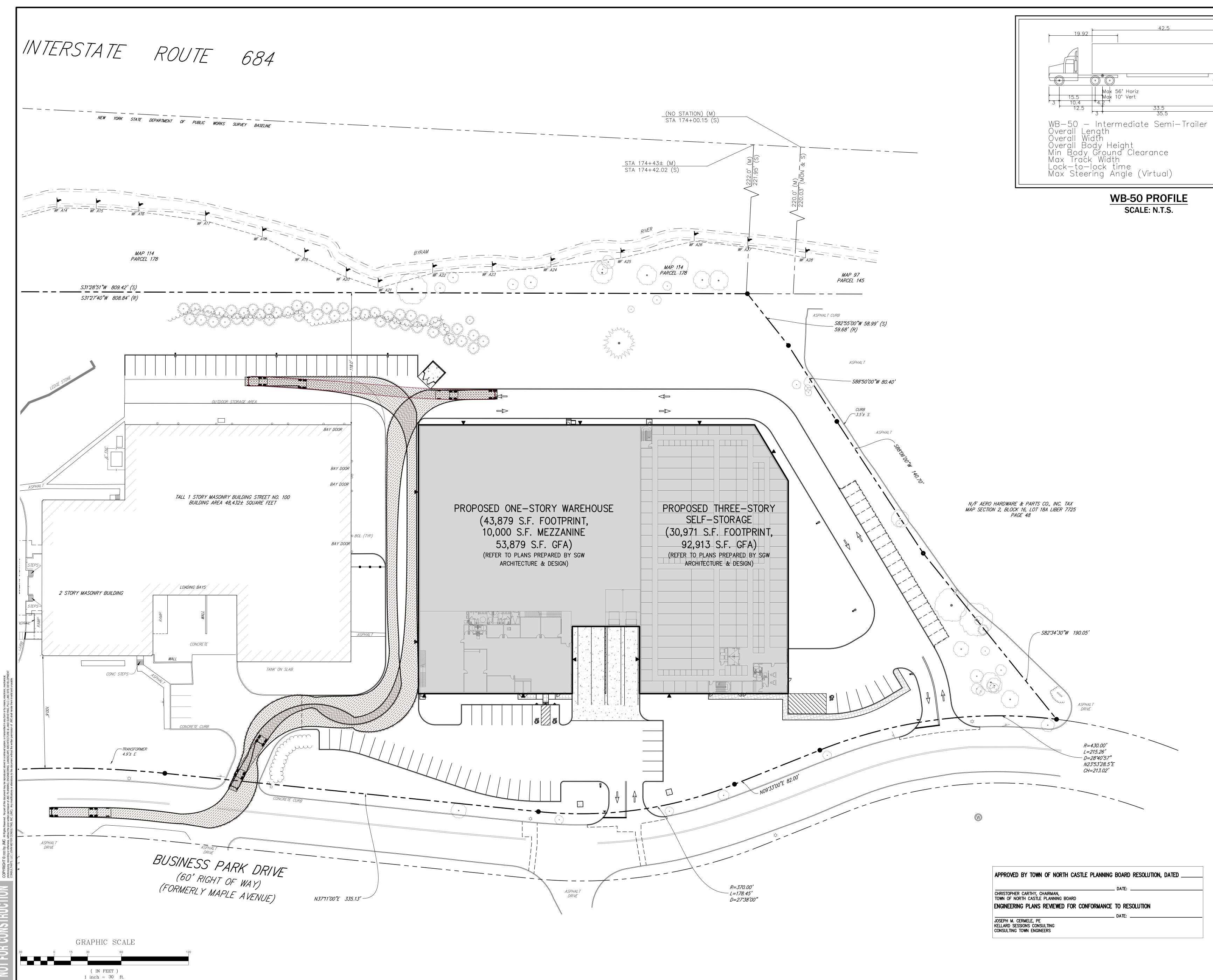
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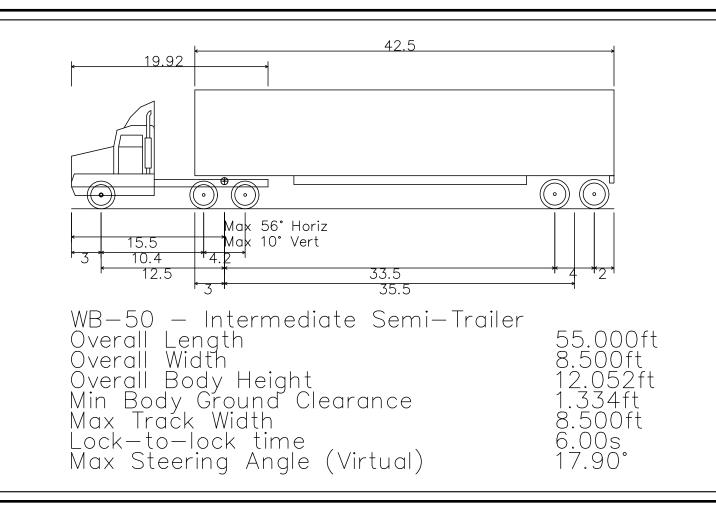
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