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**TOWN OF ACTON**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720  
**CERTIFICATE 2524**

Pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Historic Districts Bylaw of the Town of Acton, the Acton Historic District Commission hereby issues a

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

For the work described in the Application(s) 2524 requiring approval.

**Applicant (or owner):**

Robert Therrien, Architect

Telephone: 978-391-1230

Address: 249 Ayer Rd, Suite 206, Harvard, MA 01451

Email: [therrienarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:therrienarchitect@gmail.com)

**Property Owner:**

Erikson Grain Mill, Inc.

Cell: 978-549-0220

**Location of Work:**

113 Main St

District: Center    West    South    X

**Description of Proposed work:**

- Repair (removal/replacement) of concrete block retaining wall, which was struck by a truck
- New wall to follow exact location on property
- Not a new intervention nor addition

**Findings, conditions, requirements, recommendations:**

**Findings:**

1. Wall of no historic significance and improperly constructed (not reinforced properly)

**Requirements:**

1. Material and construction shall be executed as outlined in Application 2524
2. Material is charcoal concrete trapezoid block with interlocking backing

When completed, the work outlined above must conform in all particulars to the Application approved on July 8, 2025. The applicant may proceed with the proposed work provided all other approvals have been obtained, including a Building Permit where required. This Certificate is valid for work commenced within one year of the date of issuance. An extension or renewal of the Certificate may be granted at the discretion of the commission. If a property changes ownership during the time the Certificate is in force, a new owner who wishes to continue the authorized work must apply to have a new Certificate issued in his or her own name.

The Decision only applies to those matters within the HDC's jurisdiction. Any action permitted hereunder may still be subject to or require other approval or permits from other governmental boards, agencies or bodies having jurisdiction such as the Building Department, Planning Department, Health Department, Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals, as the case may be.

Application received: 06/26/2025

Date of Public Hearing: NA

Certificate approved by Zachary Taillefer, Historic District Commission.

Certificate Approval Date: July 8, 2025

Copies to: Applicant, Building Commissioner, Town Clerk, HDC File

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Application # 2524

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE**

This information will be publicly posted on the Town of Acton website docushare.

Pursuant to Ch. 40C of the General Laws of Massachusetts, application is hereby made for issuance of the following Certificate for work within a Local Historic District (please check one):  
Cert. of Appropriateness (Building Alteration/Sign/Fence/Change of Ownership) Fee: \$10   
Cert. of Appropriateness (Building Addition other than deck/New Bldg/Demolition) Fee: \$50   
Cert. of Hardship (for either category of Appropriateness) Fee: \$10 or \$50 (as appropriate)   
Cert. of Non-Applicability  No Fee

**Fees waived for non-profit or municipal applicants.**

Applicant: *Robert Therrien, Architect*  
(Agent for the owner)

Telephone: (978) 391-1230

Address: 249 Ayer Road, Suite 206  
Harvard, MA 01451

E-mail: *therrienarchitect@gmail.com*

Property owner and address: *ERIKSON Grain Mill, INC*  
(if different from applicant) *113 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720*  
(PO Box 2263)

Contact information: *Mark Brown*  
(978)549-0220  
*mpbrown@waterviewsllc.com*

Location of Work: *113 Main Street* District: Center  West  South   
No. Street

**Description of Work: (See website Instructions regarding information that is here required)**

*Repair (Removal/Replacement) of concrete block-retaining wall, which was  
stacked by a truck. New wall to follow exact location on property. This is  
not a new intervention nor addition.*

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information on this application and any plans submitted herewith are correct, and constitute a complete description of the work proposed. By my signature below, I acknowledge that this application and all its data will be publicly posted on the Town of Acton website docushare.

Signature of applicant



Date:

*June 25, 2025*

Application received by \_\_\_\_\_

for HDC Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COA approved/CNA issued by \_\_\_\_\_

for HDC Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description:**

The current conditions of the existing retaining wall at the front of the closest building on the property, is not appropriate, nor safe to be left unattended, after having been accidentally hit by a truck. The appropriate repair would consist of removal and replacement of existing concrete blocks that conform the existing retaining wall. New wall will follow the footprint and curvature of the existing wall, which is defined by the pavement. At the highest point barely touching the building the wall is 6'2", at the lowest it is level with the ground. The wall supports the extra parking and the access to the front building. The building and this wall are not attached to each other. The removal and replacement of the concrete block retaining wall is not a new intervention, nor an addition. It is simply proper maintenance of a wall that is now in temporary disrepair due to an accident.

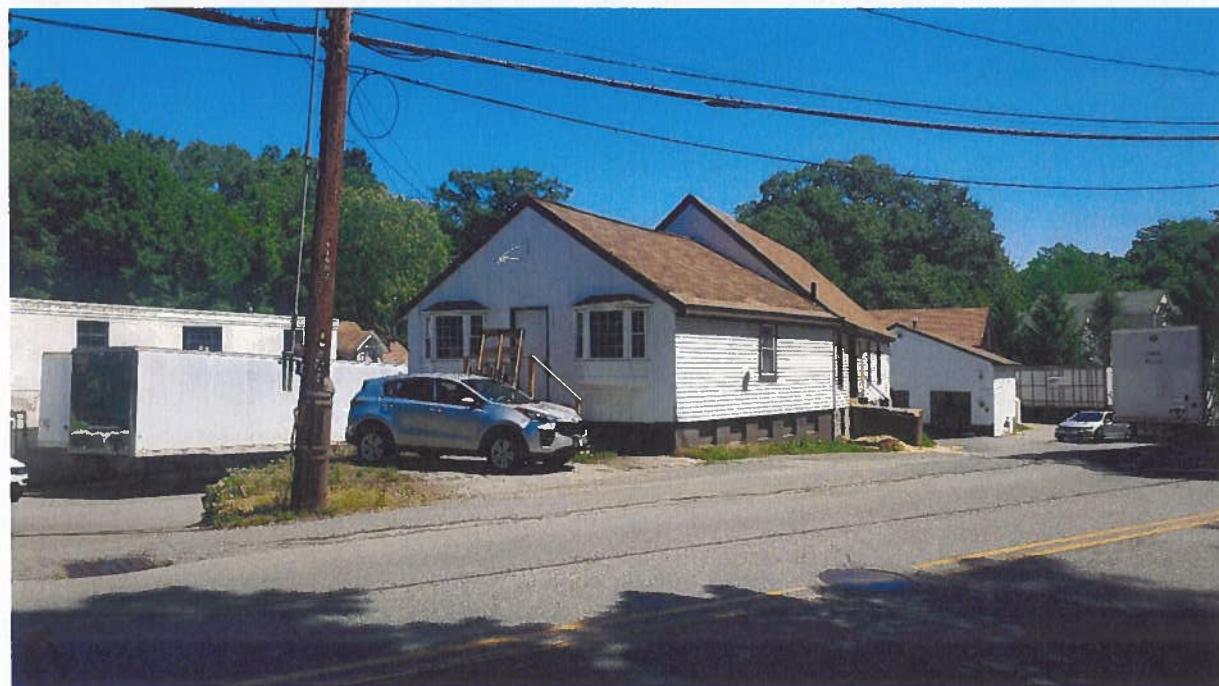
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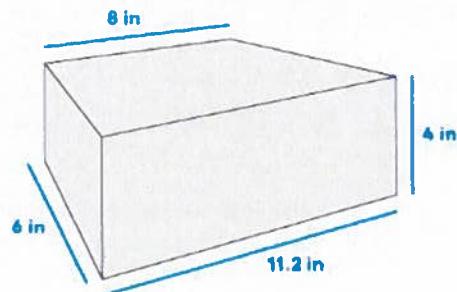


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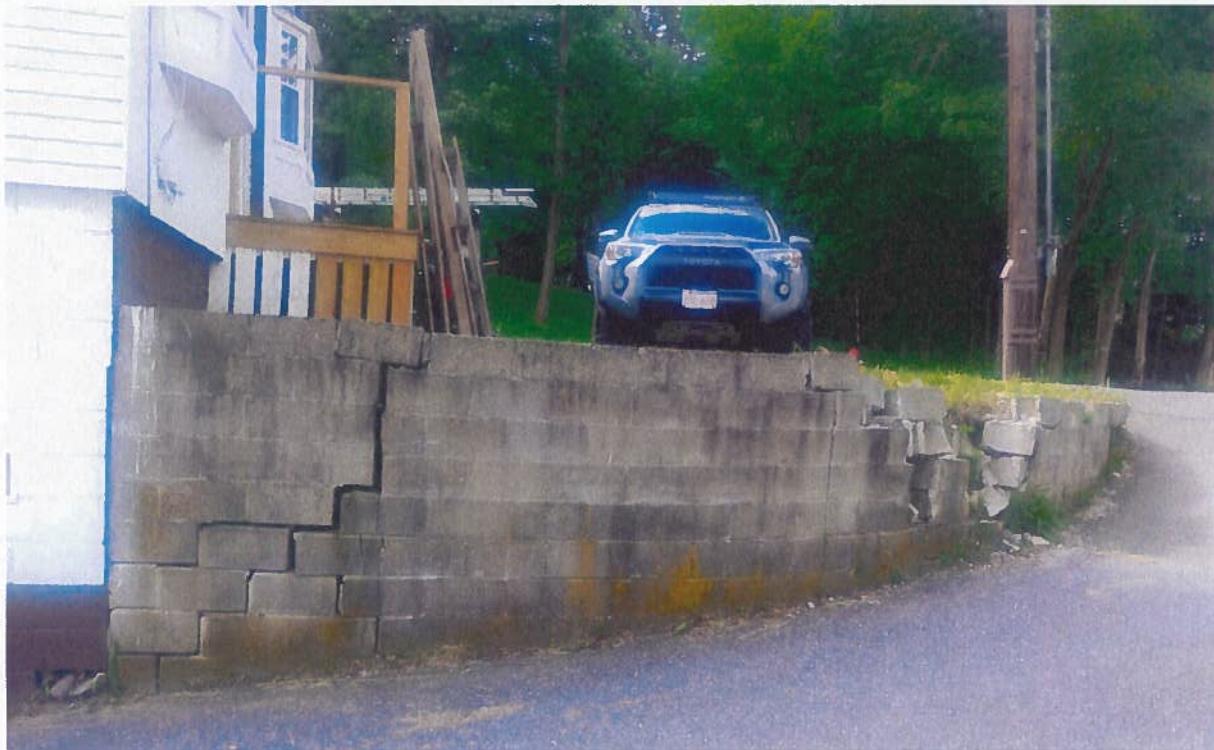
Considering the location of the property on a main road, and the visibility of the wall in question, this would be an opportunity to provide something that is of character to the historical value of the property. While New England is known for its dry laid natural stone walls, which may tumble down in time, there are also other approaches to a different image than cinder blocks.



Sample of Allegheny Concrete Retaining Wall System, which allows to handle curvatures easier than cinder blocks



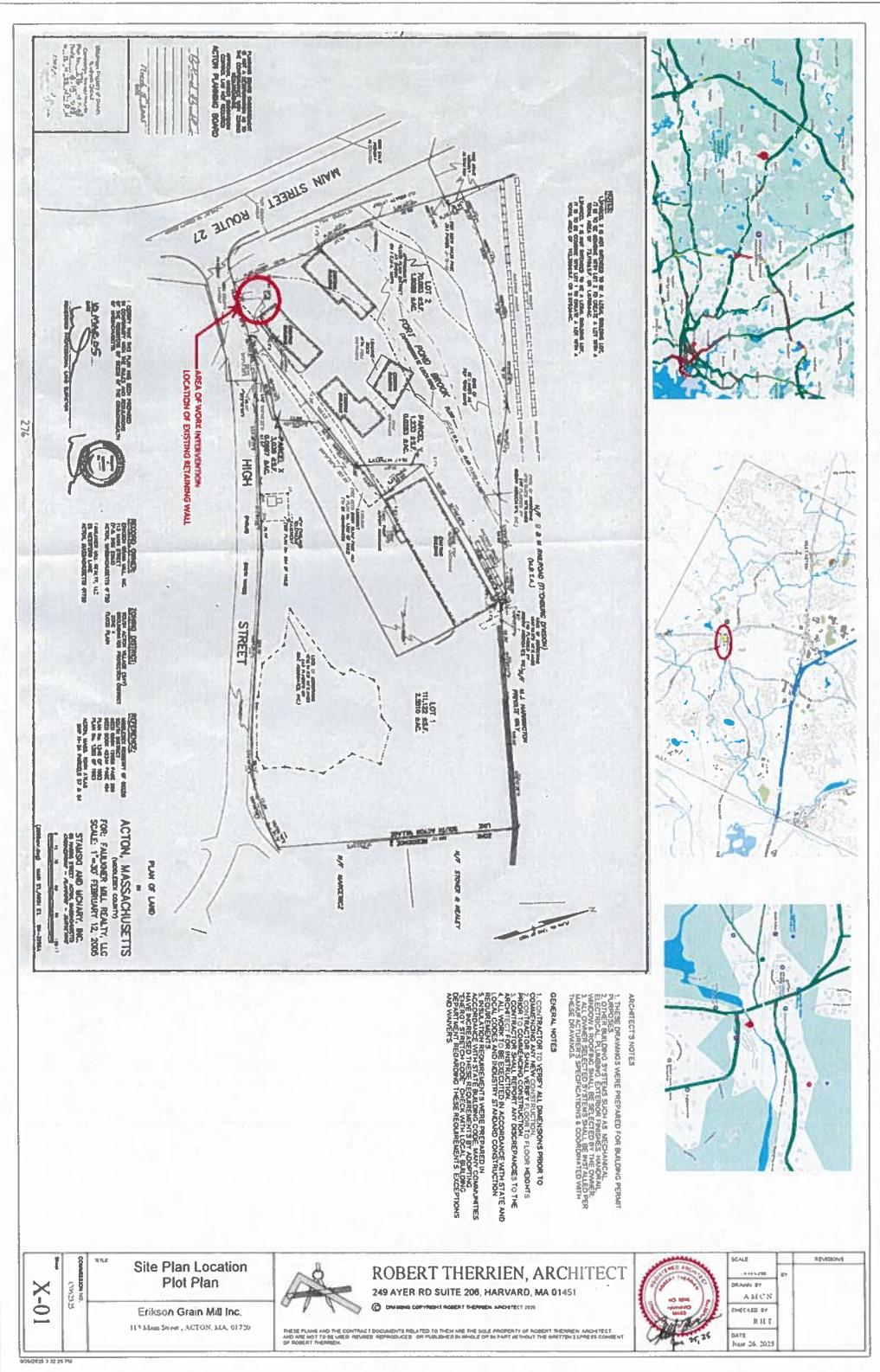
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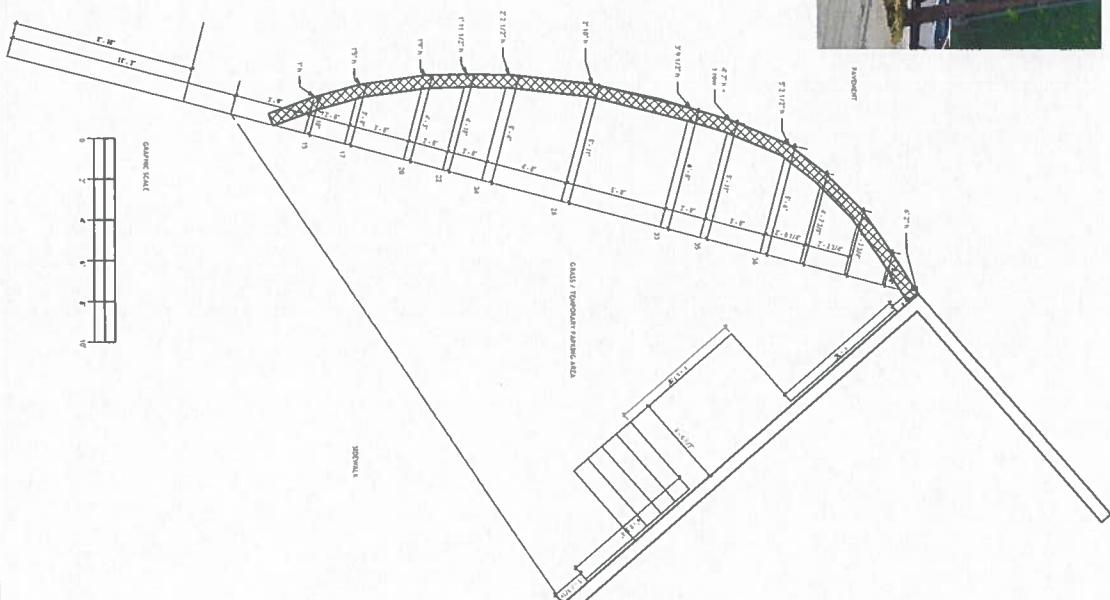


Above: Existing retaining wall

Below: New England's typical dry set natural stone wall, with larger top row as a cap to stop water.

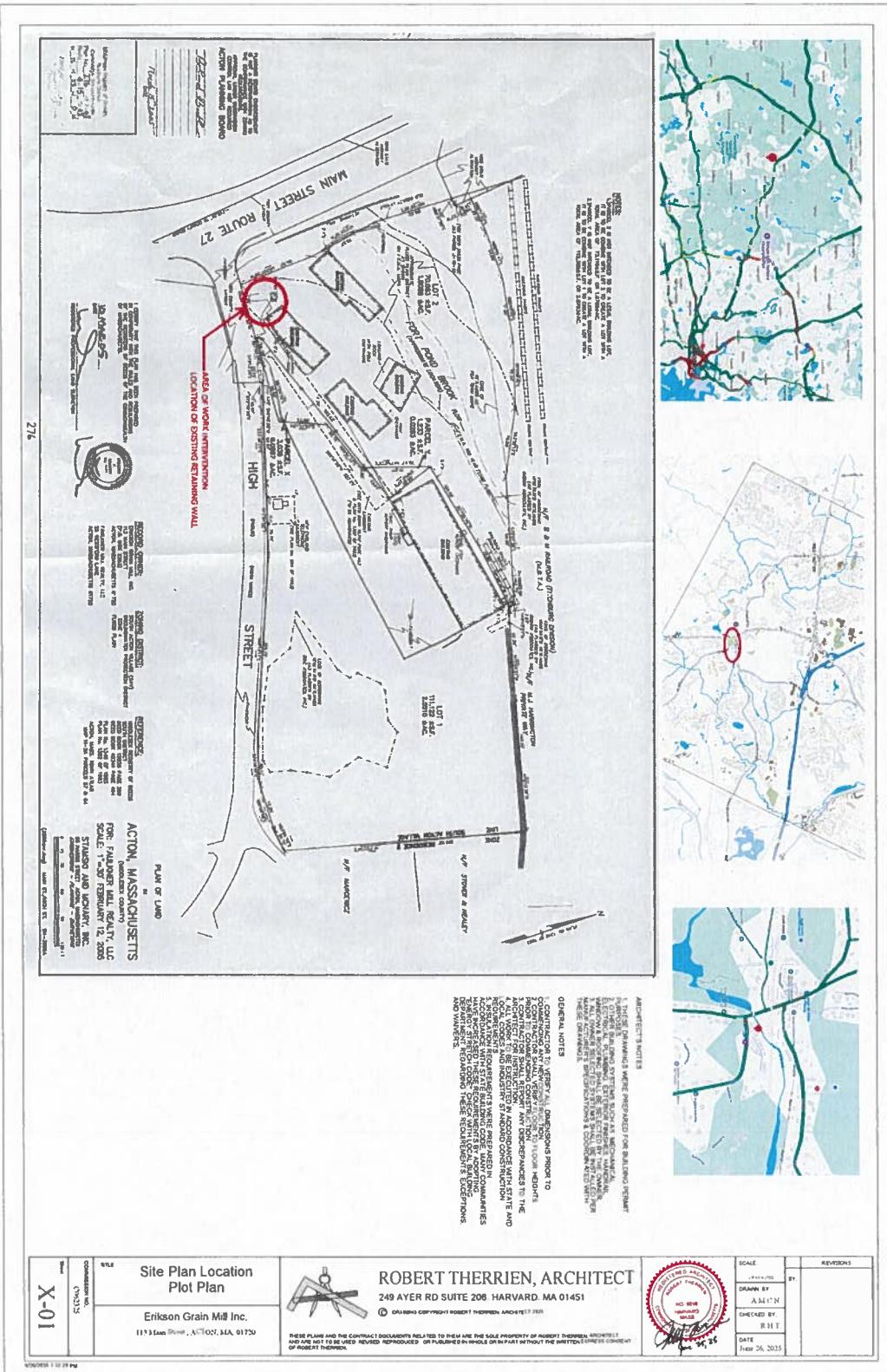


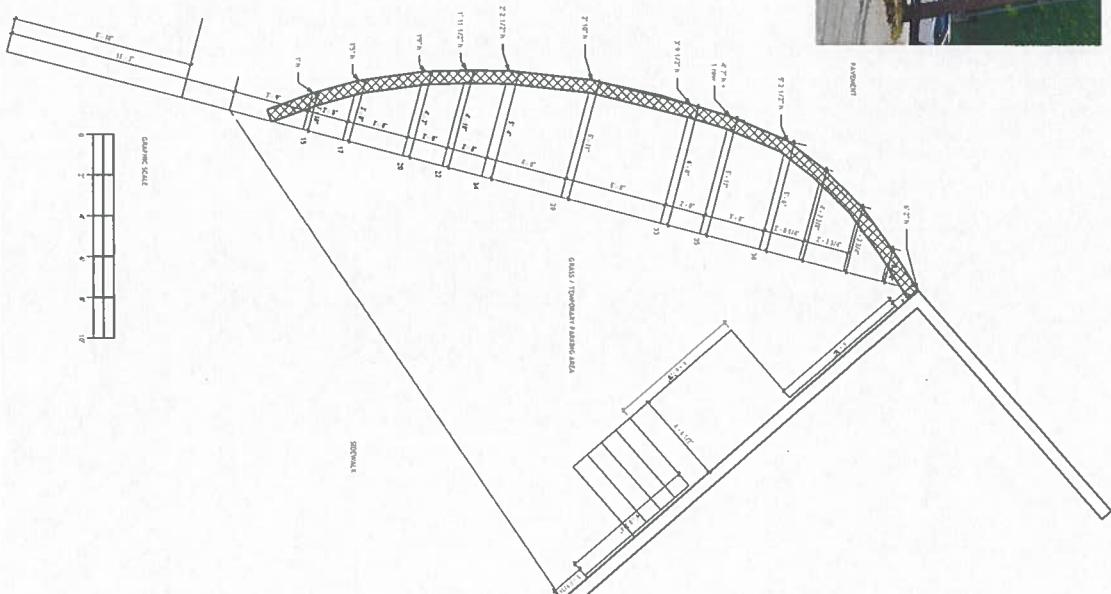




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2. OTHER BUILDING SYSTEMS SUCH AS MECHANICAL,  
ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, ROOFING, INSULATION,  
WALLING, AND CONCRETE SHALL BE DESIGNED BY THE OWNER.  
3. ALL OWNER SELECTED SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED PER  
THESE DRAWINGS. SPECIFICATIONS & CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS.

GENERAL NOTES

1. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS PRIOR TO  
COMMENCING ANY NEW WORK, TRUCKS, LOAD HEIGHTS  
PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION.  
2. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY ROBERT THERRIEN, ARCHITECT  
IF ANY WORK IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE  
DRAWINGS. A CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION  
A. ALL WORK TO BE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND  
LOCAL BUILDING CODES.  
B. INSULATION REQUIREMENTS WERE PREPARED IN COMMUNITIES  
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