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February 13, 2020

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Boston Conservation Commission Mayor's Office of Environment, Energy and Open Space Boston City Hall, Room 709 Boston, MA 02201

Re: **After-the-Fact Notice of Intent Application** DEP File No. 006-1712 + BOS File No. 2020-001 **Vegetation Maintenance and Restoration** 200-232 Allandale Street Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission:

On behalf of the Applicant and Property Owner, Allandale Condominium Trust, LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., (LEC) is submitting supplemental information in response to comments received by the Conservation Commission at the January 22, 2020 public hearing. Specifically, the Conservation Commission requested additional restoration plantings, a property-wide Operations and Maintenance Plan, and additional information on the post restoration monitoring plan and invasive species management plan included in the Notice of Intent Application.

Plan Revisions

Additional Survey

The existing conditions plan has been revised to depict the location of each cut tree/sapling/shrub with a diameter of one inch or greater. Each location was numbered, surveyed, and inventoried for size (i.e., diameter of cut stump), genus/species (if possible), and evidence regrowth. Refer to the attached revised Existing Conditions Plan, prepared by Hancock Associates, Inc., dated February 13, 2020, that shows the extent of cutting and a summary table of the inventory.

Restoration Plantings

LEC coordinated with Paul Sutton, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, to discuss recommended additions to the planting schedule. As a result, the attached revised Buffer Zone & Wetland Restoration Plan, dated February 13, 2020, now includes specimens of pussy willow (Salix discolor) along the bank of pond, Serviceberry (Amelanchiar canadensis) and Black gum (Nyssa sylvatica) within buffer zone and/or wetland, and blue flag iris (Iris versicolor) and swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) to further diversify the wetland planting area. Finally, a wetland seed mix will be added at suitable areas along the southern pond edge generally between flag B3 through B6.

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In addition, the overall quantity of shrub and tree plantings have increased from a total of fifty-five (55) (three (3) trees and fifty-two (52) shrubs) to one hundred and four (104) (twenty-two (22) trees and eighty-two (82) shrubs). A total of thirty-two (32) herbaceous plugs are proposed within the small wetland area. As a taller shrub, the Serviceberry (18-foot tall at maturity) will diversify the forest strata. As a result, the revised planting plan increases plant density and diversity throughout the planting area.

Operation and Maintenance Plan

LEC understands the Conservation Commission is requesting the Applicant to prepare a property-wide Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan so that unauthorized activities do not occur in the future. The information to be included in the O&M Plan will be the topic of discussion at the next public hearing. As part of that discussion, LEC offers the following components of the O&M Plan for the Conservation Commission's consideration/review:

- 1. Overall aerial-based plan that includes:
 - a. Limits of the existing Conservation Restrictions;
 - b. Approximate limit of open space areas outside the Conservation Restrictions. These open space areas include forested uplands, wetlands, streams, and pond; and
 - c. Notes and/or labels that instructs reader to site use/activity restrictions.
- 2. Landscape Management Practices
 - a. Maintenance of existing landscape features, including herbicide and pesticide use;
 - b. Hazard trees; and
 - c. Litter removal.

Once the components of the O&M Plan are finalized, LEC will prepare and submit the O&M Plan for approval by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the Order of Conditions.

Restoration Monitoring Plan and Invasive Species Management Plan

LEC will prepare and submit a Buffer Zone and Wetland Restoration Monitoring Plan and Invasive Species Management Plan in accordance with the Order of Conditions.

Thank you for consideration of this additional information. We look forward to meeting with you at the February 19, 2020 public hearing. Should you have any questions, please contact me in our Worcester office at 508-753-3077 or at akendall@lecenvironmental.com.

Sincerely,

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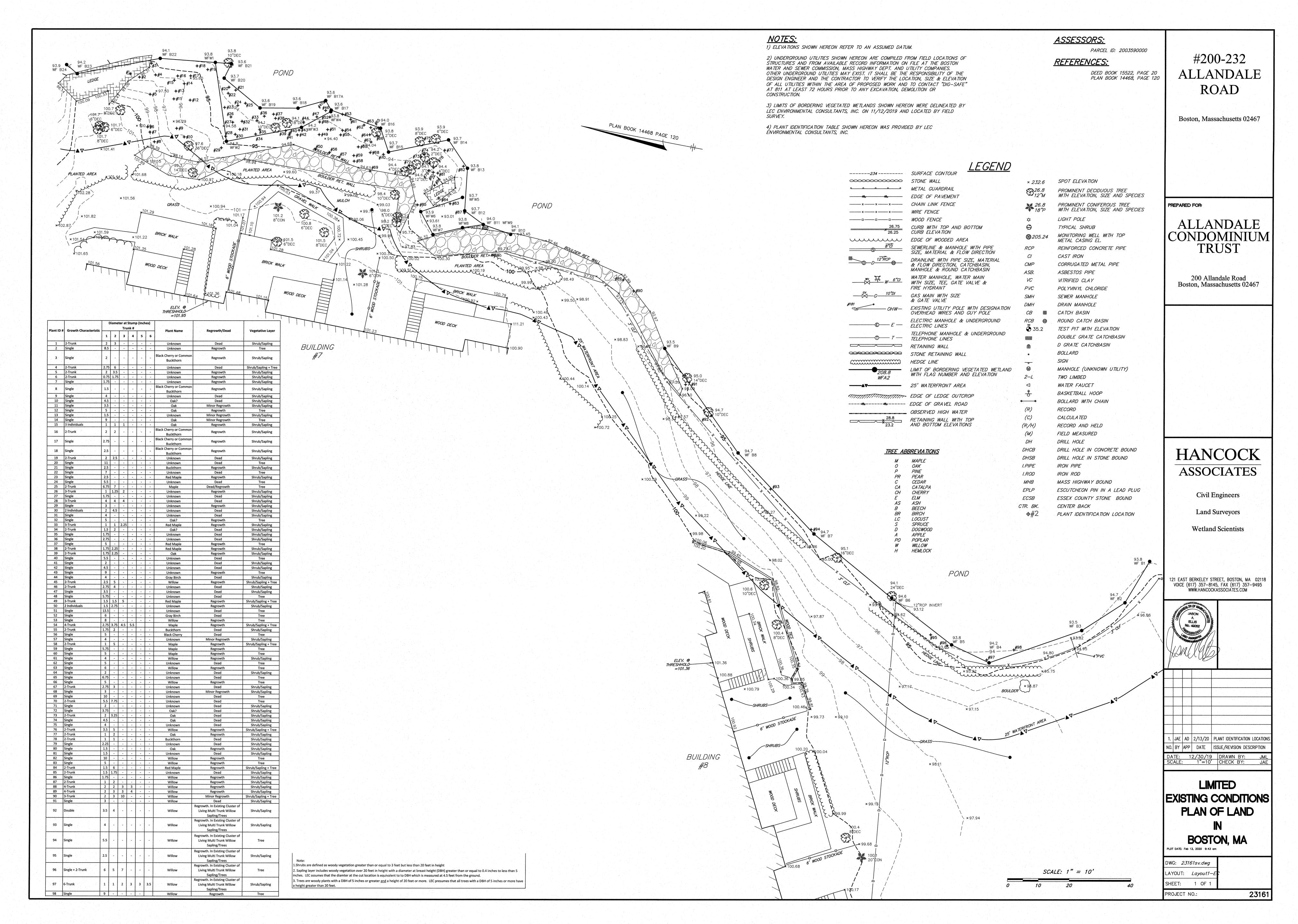
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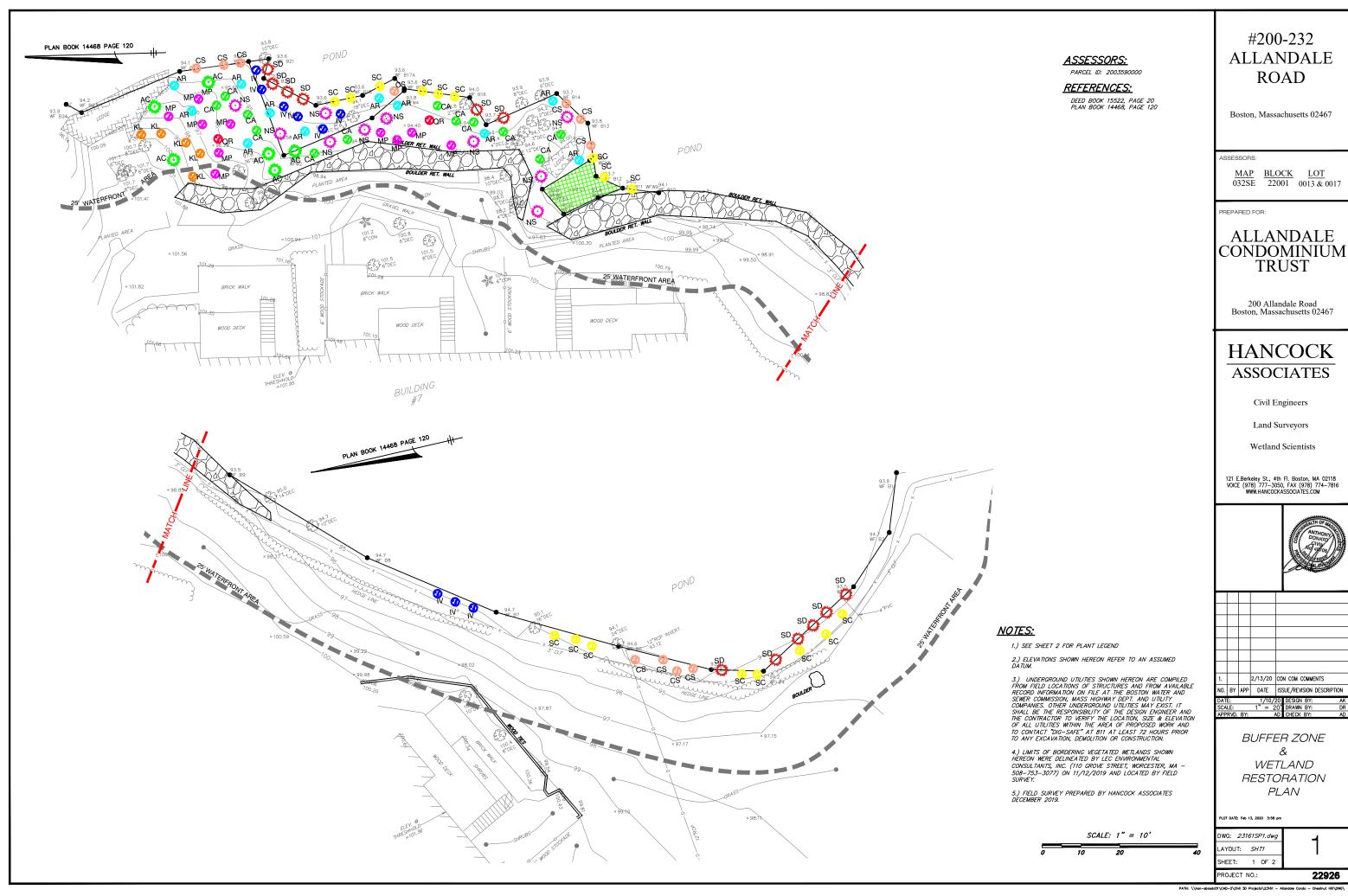
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Attachment

Limited Existing Conditions Plan of Land, 200-232 Allandale Road, revised February 13, 2020, prepared by Hancock Associates

Buffer Zone & Wetland Restoration Plan, 2 Sheets, 200-232 Allandale Road, revised February 13, 2020, prepared by Hancock Associates





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REFERENCES:

DEED BOOK 15522, PAGE 20 PLAN BOOK 14468, PAGE 120

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BUFFER ZONE & WETLAND RESTORATION PLAN

PLOT DATE: Feb 13, 2020 3:09 pm

DWG: 23161SP1.dwg LAYOUT: SHT2

PROJECT NO.:

22926

BUFFER ZONE AND WETLAND PLANTING SCHEDULE

Plant Species (Common Name)	Plant Species (Latin Name)	Plant Key	Abbreviation	Spacing	Size	Quantity
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	Ø	QR	As noted on plan	4-6' minimum	2
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	9	AR	As noted on plan	4-6' minimum	11
Black Gum	Nyssa sylvatica	O	NS	As noted on plan	4-6' minimum	9
Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	O	AC	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	6
Pussy Willow	Salix discolor	Ö	SD	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	12
Winterberry Holly	Ilex verticillata (Male)	Ø	IV	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	3
Winterberry Holly	Ilex verticillata (Female)	9	IV	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	6
Redosier Dogwood	Cornus sericea	6	CS	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	11
Red-berried Elder	Sambucus canadensis	<u> </u>	SC	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	17
Bayberry	Myrica pensylvanica	6	MP	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	10
Sweet Pepperbush	Clethra alnifolia	Ø	CA	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	12
Mountain Laurel	Kalmia latifolia	Ø	KL	5'± O.C.	3-4' minimum	5
Great Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica			1-3' O.C., Clustered	2" plug	8
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis			1-3' O.C., Clustered	2" plug	8
Blue Flag Iris	Iris versicolor			1-3' O.C., Clustered	2" plug	8
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata			1-3' O.C., Clustered	2" plug	8

Apply wetland seed mix (e.g., New England Wetmix available from New England Wetland Plants, Amherst, MA (or equivalent)) to low lying areas downgradient of fence between Bank Flags B3 through B6.

Buffer Zone and Wetland Restoration Notes

- The plant locations depicted on this plan are approximate and shall be finalized in the field by a qualified wetland scientist.
- Plants shall be installed such that the stem and root-ball are flush with the existing ground surface, and irrigated upon installation.
- Cover planting area with on-site leaf mulch only. Do not use bark mulch.
- Additional irrigation to be implemented for the first growing season such that plants receive adequate water (by precipitation or irrigation) 3x per week.
- Installation of plantings in areas where Japanese Knotweed eradication is planned (i.e., largely between Bank Flags B6 and B7) may need to be delayed until eradication is accomplished.